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Uncle Sam Outlines Objectives On Fourth War Loan Drive

The Fourth War Loan drive is shooting high and needs your help. Here's the way the War department sizes up the situation:

1. To have 90% of civilians to sign up for 10% of their pay in Class "A" Pay Reservations.
2. To get military personnel who haven't ever started, to get their John Hancocks busy. For those who have made the leap, to start practicing higher dives.
3. To secure at least one cash purchase bond from each commissioned and warrant officer and from each civilian. (Denomination unspecified; \$100 bond expected from officers and high-classification civilians.)
4. To provide the opportunity for each enlisted man and woman to buy at least one cash purchase bond.

Dow Field says: "Just walk into the Finance Office, hand out the pay lettuce, and you got yourself a bond. That's all brother."

Air Service Command Described As the World's Biggest Business

The problem of keeping Uncle Sam's fighting planes and men up in the air is the job of the Air Service Command and to keep this guardianship the men of the organization have been enrolled in the largest business on the face of the earth.

Described in a recent Time magazine article as "the world's biggest business," the ASC stocks ten times as many catalogue items as Sears, Roebuck. It has a larger civilian payroll than General Motors and runs a bigger teletype system than any U. S. press association.

Longest Freight Line

Recently the ASU, the department store, garage and mail-order house of the Army Air Forces, proudly announced its own air freight line. It is, properly, the longest in the world: 14,000 miles from ASC HQ at Patterson Field, Ohio, to Karachi, India.

A big Liberator cargo plane (C-87) made the first round-trip run in 12 days. Outbound it carried 8,300 lbs. of fuel pumps, starters, magnetos and other critical replacements for the China-Burma-India theater. The return load was mainly damaged parts for rush repairs at the 300-odd

depots and sub-depots in the U. S.

Power Behind the Scenes

Maj. Gen. Walter H. Frank, Commanding General of the ASC, gave the reason for the establishment of this huge organization in the statement which follows:

"We feel that our job is an inseparable part of every air battle fought by American airmen throughout the world. It is our duty to keep America's airplanes combat-worthy, to guarantee our fliers that when they go into battle their planes are in top condition.

"We are the power behind the scenes without which there could be no air power. We are in a sense the guardians of the 'aces'—the unseen protectors of the men who wear the silver wings.

To maintain their pledge to "Keep 'Em Flying," the ASC furnishes supplies for all AAF planes throughout the world; repairs, overhauls and rebuilds these planes here and overseas; trains the necessary personnel; prepares all American and lend-lease planes for shipment overseas; gives final inspection and makes necessary changes and repairs on these ships; furnishes supplies and routes and handles all the air freight for the AAF.

Tremendous Power Bazooka Rocket Created By Safe Blowing Professor

Gym Crew Plans Tough Training Schedule

Today the entire base starts on a new and strenuous training schedule to keep you in trim. S.-Sgt. Eddie Thomas has just announced some of the features.

There will be plenty of muscle-building calisthenics, double-time running exercises, basketball, volleyball and soccer are in the line-up. Further plans are being made to construct an indoor obstacle course.

To give you a double-check on your place in the schedule, here are the gym hours for each group.

Aviation Squad. 8-9 a.m., 2-3 p.m.
Air Base Squad. 9-10 a.m., 1-2 p.m.
Officers 10-11 a.m., 4-5 p.m.
Medics 11 a.m.-12 noon, 3-4 p.m.

All personnel unable to attend the early classes can make it up in a special class from 5 to 6:30 p. m. Each man is required to have a minimum of three hours a week. Classes will be held Monday through Thursday. The gym, however will continue to be open every day for those who care to use of the facilities.

Corporal
portal

Back in 1900, a Columbia University Chemistry professor, Charles E. Munroe, was testing safes. He was experimenting on methods to build safes that would take plenty of punishment. He discovered that a given charge of explosive, in solid form, did not damage a heavy steel plate at all. But the same charge arranged in the form of an open cylinder with one end placed against the plate blew a hole clear through it. These tubular charges proved to be ten times as destructive as solid charges.

Nazis Try to Patent Idea

The Professor reported his discovery in a magazine article. The next year, 1901, and again in 1911, German interests tried to pirate his idea by patenting it in their own name but were unsuccessful. In 1939, both the United States and the Nazis dug up the idea again and put it to use. The United States' version is called the Bazooka. It is small wonder that the bazooka is able to blast through the heaviest tank armor, setting the entire interior afire; it's no wonder that one enemy tank officer mistook a bazooka attack for the fire of a 155 MM Howitzer and promptly surrendered his group.

The idea of a rocket gun, however, is not a recent discovery. As a matter of fact, a projectile that fired its target under its own

years older



CAPT. YORKE'S MEDALS COME HOME—Yesterday at Dow Field at a special ceremony before two platoons of troops and under the flag for which he died, Capt. Richard A. Yorke's medals were presented to his father. At the close of the ceremony Major William Berman, executive officer, Dow Field, Col. S. F. Landers, commandant Dow Field, commiserate with Carl A. Yorke, Capt. Yorke's father and his mother (back to camera), Lieut. Cleveland Barker who escorted them to the ceremony stands at the right.

What Is the Difference Between Red Cross Directors and Officers?

First Beano Game A Big Success

S.-Sgt. Lewis Licurgo

Beano being one of the most fascinating, and interesting games of today, celebrated its introduction at the Base Recreation Hall T 15 last Tuesday night under the guidance of our congenial Base Hostess, Mrs. Madeline Shaw. The main event of the evening was the Free Game which was played to get everyone in the swing of it, and it was won by Chaplain Waite our Base Chaplain. There were many cash prizes, and among those who won prizes are: Miss Charlotte Mulherin, Miss Mary McGee, Miss Charlotte O'Donnell, Miss Rosa Young, Miss Edith Mallett, Miss Joan Mutty, Sgt. Hardesty, Cpl. Graven (who had never played before,) Pfc. Brill, Pfc. Bredosky, Pfc. Rivord, Pfc. Devine.

Refreshments were served, and dancing and games followed, with the charming hostesses furnished by Mrs. Shaw.

We were very happy to have Chaplain Waite with us, and also Cpl. Duane Hazel, who handled the calling off of the numbers, and doing his bit to see that everyone enjoyed themselves.

A good time was had by all I am sure, and we are looking forward to many more of these Beano parties.

Old Favorites Most Popular at Com. Sing

"The old songs never die" was the theme song of the community sing last Thursday at T-15.

Chaplain Waite led off with such old favorites as "I've Been Working On the Railroad," "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," "Casey Jones," and "My Wild Irish Rose."

"Let Me Call You Sweetheart" was No. 1 on the sing parade. To end the evening the sing was concluded with the inevitable "Pistol Packin' Mama."

Pvt. Pohlman of the Medics played the musical background. Hot dogs, coffee and cookies were served, dished out by Mrs. Made-

"Neither afoot nor on horseback" is a term commonly applied to Red Cross Directors because of their resemblance to commissioned officers.

The first time we saw one we could have sworn he was an officer, and we started to salute. He was certainly dressed like one, and yet he wore no bars of rank.

We asked the Dow Field Red Cross Office to give us the dope on just where the dividing line was. Here are the answers:

Red Cross Field Directors wear complete Army Officers' Uniforms from O. D. blouse to G. I. shoes and khaki socks. A clothing allowance is provided for this purpose.

Field Directors wear no insignia of rank, no badge of authority, no Army Unit patches except when overseas and assigned to an outfit—division, company, etc. Instead, Red Cross insignia, worn in exactly the same fashion as that of the Army, is pinned to the uniform.

WHAT ABOUT SALUTING?

Field Directors never institute a personal salute but must always

Red Cross

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Buchanan and Richards Become U. S. Citizens

Last Wednesday morning Sgt. Paul Emile Richards and Pfc. Malcolm Buchanan were sworn in as American citizens in the Bangor Federal court. Sgt. Richards, a dental technician, was born in Canada. Buchanan, a Headquarters clerk was formerly a native of Scotland.

Two witnesses were necessary to vouch for each of the applicant's conduct. First Sergeant Philip D. Shapero and Sergeant Carl Sundberg did the honors for Sgt. Richards. Chaplain Lucius Waite and Lt. Cleveland Barker vouched for Buchanan.

As both men have excellent records the army helped to speed their admittance to the status of citizenship.

Justice Frank Fellows presided at the special "naturalization day" session which included several University of Maine students as well as civilians.

Medals Awarded To Carl Yorke For Son's Valor

At a military ceremony at the Dow Field Gym yesterday morning, presentations were made to Carl A. Yorke of Kingfield, Me., of decorations posthumously awarded to his son, Captain Richard A. Yorke. Before a color guard and two platoons of soldiers, Colonel S. F. Landers, commanding officer of Dow Field, presented to Mr. Yorke, who was accompanied by his wife, the following awards. The Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal for extraordinary achievement while serving as a First Lieutenant and two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters were added as second awards for meritorious service while serving in the rank of Captain. These decorations were earned by Captain Yorke for continued air transport service in combat zones over mountainous, rugged terrain in the Assam-Burma area.

Lt. Lawrence Fitton commanded the two platoons while Lt. Cleveland Barker escorted Mr. and Mrs. Yorke to the Colonel.

Major William Berman, base executive, read the citations.

Color bearer for the ceremony was T.-Sgt. William Toles, the Color Guards were Sgt. Clarence Riley and Pfc. Goldwire Simmons.

The following men represented the Air Base Squadron in the first platoon: Sgt. Kenneth Hardesty, Sgt. Melvin W. McConnell, Sgt. Russell H. Swickard, Sgt. Francis Reddy, Sgt. Harold Lynton, Cpl. Kenneth Bishop, Cpl. James E. Casey, Cpl. Raymond A. Johnson, Cpl. Kirtley B. Warner, Cpl. George F. Connors, Cpl. Lee Delecky, Cpl. John F. Clifford, Cpl. Cecil Harrison, Cpl. Frederick M. Snyder, Pfc. Malcolm Buchanan, Pfc. Reuben Bredosky, Pfc. Joseph C. Hammond, Pfc. Harold Rasmussen, Pfc. Gerald L. Browne, Pvt. William B. Craig and Pfc. James Ray.

The following men represented the Aviation Squadron in the second platoon: Sgt. James Baysmore, Pfc. Cicero Gaskin, Pfc. Booker T. Halsey, Pfc. Thomas Noble, Pvt. Audie Brown, Pvt. Roscoe Simmons, Pvt. Joseph Snowden, Pvt. Julius King, Pvt. Henry Holden, Pvt. Gilbert Taliaferro, Pvt. Damon Muckelory, Pvt. Charles Wortherton, Pvt. Timothy Watkins, Pvt. John Jones, Pvt. Joseph Lindsey, Pvt. Clyde Turner, Pvt. Granville Witherall, Pvt. James A. Walker, Pvt. Henry A. Walker, Pvt. Edward L. Mason.

Promotions

AIR BASE SQUADRON
TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT
S/Sgt. Frederick W. Neuman
S/Sgt. Irving L. Berkson

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT
Sgt. Leroy E. Rodman
Sgt. Irving N. Meltzer

TO BE SERGEANT
Cpl. Francis Reddy
Cpl. Harry J. Richardson
Cpl. Duane A. Hazle
Cpl. Harold S. Lynton
Cpl. John J. Horodysky

TO BE CORPORAL
Pfc. Frederick M. Snyder
Pfc. Joseph W. Devine
Pfc. George F. Connors
Pfc. Edward M. Weidner
Pvt. Mason Burcham
Pvt. Lee Dalecky
Pvt. Mark G. Kumis
Pvt. Vernal T. Yealock

AVIATION SQUADRON
TO BE SERGEANT

Cpl. Ancey Y. Boyd
Cpl. Joseph C. Cooper
Cpl. Leroy Fields
Cpl. Arthur P. Harris
TO BE CORPORAL
Pfc. Vincent A. Earle
Pfc. Haywood B. Flower
Pfc. Elmer G. Green

Promotions

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Promotions

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- Pfc. James A. Green
Pfc. Jobe Huntley
Pfc. Harold T. Miller
Pfc. Alma Moyer
Pfc. Antonio M. Strong
Pfc. James A. Tompkins
Pfc. Harold B. Walbey
Pfc. Samuel L. Westcott, Jr.
Pfc. Harry P. Woodson, Jr.
Pfc. Melvin W. Carey, Sr.
Pfc. John Dukes
- TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
Pvt. James F. Adams
Pvt. Oliver Austin
Pvt. Fred Broadway
Pvt. Audie Brown
Pvt. Larne Chestnut
Pvt. Marron Darton
Pvt. David C. Davis
Pvt. Michael Dwight
Pvt. Lawrence T. George
Pvt. Fred N. Hopkins
Pvt. Costello Howe
Pvt. John W. Hunter
Pvt. Clyde P. Johnson
Pvt. Orlando Johnson
Pvt. Robert D. Johnson
Pvt. Elijah W. Jones
Pvt. Oswald K. Jones
Pvt. Alfred F. Lanier
Pvt. Loren A. Lobban
Pvt. Willie Mack
Pvt. Richard Bullocks
Pvt. James L. Moore
Pvt. Veneable H. T. McFarland
Pvt. John Parker
Pvt. William Patterson
Pvt. Richard E. Pollard
Pvt. Guss S. Reid
Pvt. Frank Reiss
Pvt. Michael Powell
Pvt. Goldwire Simmons
Pvt. Chester L. Smith
Pvt. Henry L. Smith
Pvt. Joseph C. Snowden
Pvt. Ernest R. Walton
Pvt. John A. Warren
Pvt. John Wilder
Pvt. Elmore A. Williams
Pvt. Leroy S. Williams
- TO BE SERGEANT
Cpl. William A. Clark
- TO BE PFC
Pvt. Lawrence L. Burgess
Pvt. Herbert S. Fennell.

Red Cross

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return one, from General right down to buck private. Army personnel frequently institute a salute from confusion, respect for Red Cross, or a number of other reasons.

Field Directors overseas are considered part of the Army more so than in domestic work. They are standardly equipped with steel helmets, blanket rolls, barracks bags, gas and dust masks, fatigue clothes etc.

The only time that a Red Cross field man gets a rank is when he is captured by the enemy. At that time he assumes the rank and receives the pay and treatment accorded a Captain. Should he be captured by the Navy, this does not apply.

Red Cross is paid by Red Cross, not by the Army. Field men are not eligible for income tax exemption, GI insurance, or Army dependency allotments and allowances.

Base pay is between that of a first and second lieutenant, with allowances granted for maintenance. Overseas pay like the Army is the basic 10 per cent increase granted Army officers.

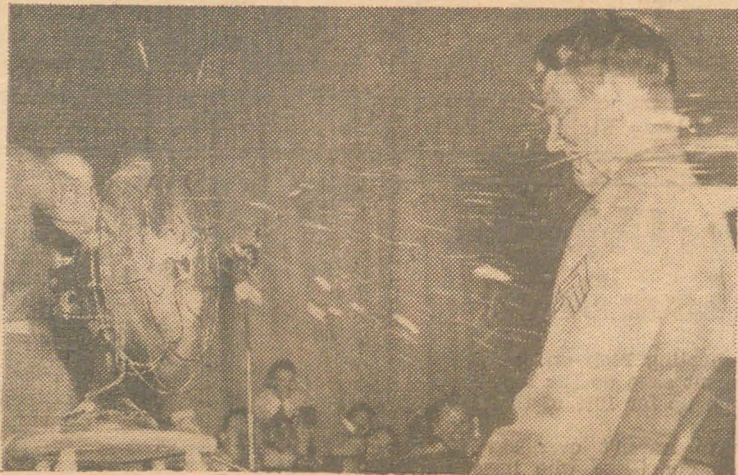
Red Cross field directors are granted the same privileges as that of United States Army officers—living in the B. O. Q., unless married and off the post—eating



CLOSE SHAVE: Shorn GI Joe gives the barber a trimming.

AP Features

FIGHTING men always dream of things they'd like to do, to make up for the warrior's life. And now it can happen here. With War and Navy Department approval, soldiers and sailors are permitted to have a dream come true on Kay Kyser's college of musical knowledge program. The show visits various bases. If they answer questions correctly, they do as they please, as these pictures show. Officials have found the stunt helps morale, doesn't hurt discipline.



SCRAMBLED EGG: A Sergeant learns what it is like on the receiving end when an egg is tossed into a whirling electric fan.



THREE-IN-ONE: Gals, a "top-kick" fanning and a foot-bath.

in the officers' mess, etc.

CAN BE AWARDED MEDALS
Field men can and have been decorated by the Army for heroism under fire. Purple Hearts, Silver Stars, Navy Crosses—all of these may be won and awarded.

Red Cross field directors work most consistently with the morale officers of a unit or on a base—the chaplains, the special service officers, and the company commanders.

The taking off of uniform is governed by the same conditions as that of Army officers—off duty and in the presence of less than two, civilian clothes may be worn; overseas, the uniform is never taken off.

Red Cross field directors serve as do Army officers at all posts, domestic and overseas, with combat and limited service outfits, on beachheads, in jungles, in recreation centers behind the lines and with the troops on advanced positions under fire.

Red Cross field directors do not serve as officers of the day, but nevertheless, maintain their own 24-hour-a-day coverage, with the shifts this necessarily entails.

The only titles applicable to a Red Cross field man are field director or assistant field director as the case may be. Mister is generally used.

Bazooka Rocket

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The first rocket was an incendiary arrow which took off by itself when an unnamed Chinese soldier, shortly after the year 1200, made the mistake of adding saltpeter instead of salt to charcoal and sulphur, thus producing gunpowder in place of the incendiary mixture customarily applied to fire arrows. For the next 700 years, war and fireworks rockets alike were fueled by an unsatisfactory coarse-grained gunpowder, essentially the same as the Chinese mixture.

Rockets Puzzle French
In 1799, the British began to experiment with rockets. The official experiments were failures, but a Colonel William Congreve, working by himself, devised a weapon that became the terror of Europe for 50 years. It also found its way into the Star Spangled Banner.

In 1806, the British tried out their Congreve rocket in a surprise attack on Boulogne harbor. Picked British tars slipped into the harbor by night in rowboats equipped with the ladder-like launching racks from which the Congreve rocket was fired. The usual number of unexpected incidents occurred, but the French were taken by surprise nevertheless (they puzzled for weeks over the mystery of how large missiles could be fired from rowboats) and considerable property damage was done. The next year, 1807, Congreve incendiary rockets really went to town. In one operation intended to eliminate the non-belligerent but pro-Napoleon Danish Navy from the Napoleonic

struggle, the British bombarded Copenhagen with 25,000 Congreve rockets. These not only sank the Danish fleet but burned the city to the ground.

The British reorganized several field artillery units as a rocket brigade after the success of Copenhagen.

Star Spangled Banner Gets Words

When the British invaded our Middle Atlantic states in 1814 in the course of the War of 1812, they brought with them units of the rocket brigade and half a dozen small men-of-war fitted as rocket craft. The rocket brigadiers played a decisive role in the Battle of Bladensburg, causing two of our regiments to break and flee and thus precipitating a general rout. Our defeat at Bladensburg led to the capture and burning of Washington.

A month later, in September, the British attacked Fort McHenry in Baltimore harbor as a preliminary to the similar capture and burning of Baltimore. The rocket ships were used in the bombardment of the fort. These, however, were unsuccessful, one being sunk with all its hands by a hidden United States' battery. The rest retired, but not before Francis Scott Key, watching the battle, had written "rockets red glare" and "bombs bursting in air" into the Star Spangled Banner. (The word bomb was synonymous with rocket in those days).

Russian Professor Finds Answers.

Practical rocket arms have been a long time coming, in part, because the principle of the rocket was not correctly worked out until 40 years ago by a Russian mathematician. The principle of the gun, by contrast, has been known since 1400. A great many misconceptions about the rockets are still in circulation in fact, such as the belief that it is propelled by the push of its awesome tail jet against the air.

Our Allies and enemies and we have turned to the rocket because the shell which carries its firing chamber itself and requires no initial explosion in a gun to send it on its way eliminates the problems of recoil and gun-barrel tube. Thus the rocket makes possible extraordinarily light arms which may be grouped in masses and fired at rates unheard of for conventional arms. Recent advances have reduced the rocket's traditional inaccuracy sufficiently to permit these advantages to be exploited. It will be surprising if more rocket weapons are not on their way.

Did you hear about poor Miss Lamson?
She was kissed five times in a hansom;
When she insisted on more,
A weak voice from the floor
Cried: "The name is Simpson,
not Samson!"

Instead of putting so much fire in their speeches, some politicians should put more speeches into the fire.

SEVENTH HEAVEN

SGT. HARRY RICHARDSON

The first comment this embryo columnist would like to express is to wish well to all the friends and members of the Air Base Squadron who have departed since the activities of this Squadron has last been heard from.

Now that the excitement has died down, we can recall some of the more funny aspects of the leave takings of our various friends. All the WACs seemed to adopt a picnic attitude in their remaining last few hours. But to mention one would be to mention all, so enough said—a new year has dawned so let's face it (from the picture of the same name).

Lefty Hazle (now Sgt. Hazle and congrats) is going around these days with a lost look around the circles. Wonder (redhead) why? The only time he smiles now is at mail time.

Anytime you might be interested in the plight of firing a boiler about 4:00 a. m., of a very cold morning, contact Private Smith. Whew! Congratulations to our new First Sergeant Tom Shanley, who is doing a fine job according to all reports.

Our new Mess hall is quite a change over from the larger General Mess, but it makes for much more sociability. Charles Hart is ensconced at the door holding his hand out to the more reluctant of the Sep rat boys.

All the groaning and moaning you might have heard last week emitting from barracks 217 and 219 was caused by a vacancy order and the subsequent rush to find new quarters. Last reports have most everyone settled down comfortably with the exception of an unlucky few, and their bodies are still lying in the barracks.

If any of the readers of this column (about 1) have any suggestions or remarks they think

would be appropriate for the betterment (no doubt) of this column, please send them in.

Word Department: enthymeme? Look it up.

S-Sgt. Julian Caesar not only supplies clothing and such, but he also dispenses dialects. He says he can give out with Italian, Polish, and Hebrew. He can say "no" in every language.

Corporal Joe Devine, slick personnel clerk, has come out from under a crop of upper lip grass. His infectious smile now beams out in full glory.

Lastly, we wish to congratulate the various new ratings that have suddenly appeared in our midst. May they wear well.

HJR.

QUARTERMASTER SECTION

Timely thought: Sgt. Robert Roe storked up on a new baby boy on New Year's day. Little 1944 weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces. Congratulations to both the Sergeant and the Missus.

CHEMICAL SECTION

Lt. Herman Lose has just been appointed the Base Chemical Officer. To coin a phrase, now we can't LOSE.

REAL CHAMPION

"He: "And I've got a gold medal for running five miles, an' one for ten miles; a silver medal for swimming; two cups for wrestling, an' badges for boxing an' rowing!"

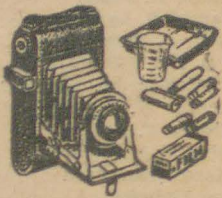
She: "You must be a wonderful athlete."

He: "Athlete? I run a pawnshop."

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"This ride sure brought
us together!" the soldier
sez t'me



And it's true that this particular soldier, as well as a lot of sailors, marines and civilians, was in my hair and breathin' down my neck all that long crowded trip.

But, in spite of everything, we're tryin' to give service men more than an even break. However, what with war - workers, com-

muters and more people than ever before takin' the bus to save rubber, there's bound to be more crowdin' and delay.

We all know there's a war on. And us Greyhound folks hope that you won't forget that bus travel used to be fun—and will be again when the Nips and the Natties are licked.

Bill-the bus driver

TAKE A LOOK AT A BOOK

By MRS. ALYCE CONNOR

For you men who prefer staying in these cold evenings, the library is the ideal place for you. All the latest magazines newspapers and all the writing materials needed to write that letter home. You must have received lots of Christmas gifts, so don't forget that each one requires a thank-you note. After writing your letters or reading you might like to play a game of checkers or chess.

Of course there must be many outdoor men who in contrast prefer to ski and skate these cold winter days. For you we have many books on these arts, so improve your technique by reading one of these books on skiing and skating.

**ARMY AIR FORCES
ARMORED FORCES
COAST ARTILLERY CORPS
CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

These four books arrived last week and give a condensed version of what each one does and how it functions. Many good illustrations and if you want a quick insight into other divisions of the Army,

ask for these books the next time you come to the library.
LATE AND SOON

by E. M. Delafield
Valentine Arbill, a lovely widow in her early forties, a survival of traditional England, meets Rory Loneragan again after many years have elapsed. They fall in love and then Valentine finds out Rory is in the midst of an affair with her own daughter. A complicated situation that finally rights itself.
RIVERS OF GLORY

by F. van Wyck Mason
One of Mason's best adventure stories and historical novels. A story about the Revolution and is filled with intrigue, humor and adventure.

**TWELVE MONTHS THAT
CHANGED THE WORLD**

by Larry Lesueur
This is the story which the Moscow correspondent of the Columbia Broadcasting System brought with him from Soviet Russia. The 12 months in which the Red Army dominated the war picture. A book about the Russian people and a way of life that will enable Americans at last to understand the Russians.

Why Don't You Do Right?

MRS. MADELINE SHAW



PETS AND MASCOTS

You've heard the old saying "A man's best friend is his dog," but here at Dow Field there are many exceptions to the rule.

Just the other day a great big black coon cat came in T-15 to call, bearing the "dog tags" that show he was the mascot of the Aviation Squadron. The whole squadron seems to have a natural love of pets of all kinds.

The Guard Squadron boasts of two pet foxes. They are adorable. Capt Waldron used to take them on a collar and leash just like a dog. They loved to tease his cat. He claimed they were more playful than any kiten he had ever seen.

Billy the goat is a familiar figure around the base. Now Billy loves his beer, and when he is absent for a day or two, one would immediately think, Billy is sleeping off a hang-over. Billy don't mind who he chases or teases. The station complement will vouch for that. Billy actually chased four brave souls upstairs when they shook the broom in his face. On the way upstairs, those who didn't move fast enough were aided by a gentle push by Billy. Were their faces red!

Buster, a spitz pup, won sergeant's stripes for his cute ways. But due to an unfortunate accident in the C. O.'s office, Buster was made a buck private. Private or sergeant, the boys love their little Buster.

Many transient crews have had me find pets for their mascot. Dogs seem to be their favorite choice. I have found Scotties, Spaniels, and Chows, plus a dog whose heritage was definitely unknown.

A recent magazine carried the story of Lady Moe. Only six months old, she has been written up by Stars and Stripes. Her pictures were widely printed in British

War and Yanks Adding Words To Dictionary

OXFORD, England — Spokesmen connected with the world's No. 1 (Oxford) dictionary, said that the war, plus American genius at coining words, are packing "a terrific wallop on the English language."

The dictionary lists "Mae West" as "an airman's life jacket," then passes on, somewhat hurriedly, without further explanation other than that the source is a "person." But "Mae West" is given a sound chance of being known to posterity. Even "jeep" is going to make the grade, at least for the moment.

"Blitzkreig," said the spokesman, will be one of the war's "musts" for historians.

Finally they apply the acid test, "Will it live?"

"If it passes, it probably will be accepted," said one official of Oxford's Clarendon Press, "but we have to be careful in war not to saturate the dictionary with words which will go out of use."

He said the pronunciation Naa-zi (Churchillian) for Nazi probably will win out in the end over Nah-tsi (the German way).

"That, primarily," he added, "is due to Mr. Churchill, who studiously avoids the foreign pronunciation of words and in this case makes Naa-zi sound like what it is—something bad."

The spokesman said every word included in the dictionary is traced to its source if possible, but whereas "E-boat" in this war was found officially to mean nothing more than "enemy boat," there is still one unsolved hangover from World War I.

No one—yet—has explained satisfactorily from whence came "blimp."

papers as the mascot of a Flying Fortress. At Christmas time, she even played a reindeer with antlers tied on her head. She panicked the home base by sticking her hairy head out of the window of the plane. Lady Moe is a donkey.

On Tarawa, a Marine mascot named Siwash made a personal attack on the enemy. In fifteen minutes he knocked the stuffings out of a Jap rooster and routed a Jap pig, showing no battle strain at all. Siwash is a duck.

No matter what you may choose for a pet, you soon grow fond of the animal, and defy anyone to harm it. They certainly are a lot of company too.

You Said It

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

You Never Can Tell

At mess the other day a sergeant was overheard giving some fatherly advice to a private. "The trouble with you is," he said, "you have no 'esprit de corps'."

"Aw, usin' hair tonic ain't gonna get me no promotion," the private replied.

Back In 1943 A. D.

Lonely on the shelves of books for sale in the merchandise PX is a copy of "A Guide to O. C. S." A last year's calendar seems more useful.

Turn About

For a day or two last week a private on this base was the boss of a master sergeant. The private, Lee Dalecky, as one of the assistant managers of the Base Theater, was the boss of M/Sgt. Stephan Lubich, a ticket cashier in the theater. The set-up no longer exists because shortly after the arrangement started he was made a corporal. (Dalecky, not Lubich.)

Beware!

If you are one of those persons who gets a phrase or verse running through his head and can't get it out, don't read the following out loud and rapidly a time or two:

Mares eat oats
And Does eat oats
And little lambs eat ivy;
A kid'll eat ivy too.
Wouldn't you?

The darn thing was sung by Ozzie Nelson on the radio last week and has probably driven a million people nuts since.

Martial Spirit

And while on the subject of things one repeats over and over: There is talk that General Marshall may be made a Field Mar-

Bulgar 'Badoglio'?



Nicholas Mushanov, above, Bulgarian opposition leader and former premier, was reported from Sweden to have led a pro-Allied coup d'etat aimed at overthrowing the Premier Dobri Bozlov cabinet, making peace with the U. S. and Britain and setting up a "Badoglio government." Bulgaria still maintains relations with Russia.

shal. He would then be Marshal Marshall.

With all due respects to the big boss, it sounds like one of those songs such as "Joseph, Joseph" or "Reuben, Reuben."

Could Be

Two transient officers sat in the PX the other day when one was heard to say to the other, "You've got about as much chance of doing that as you have of flying."

The officer he addressed wore the wings of a senior pilot.

Holiday Aftermath

Pity the poor men on the trash detail during the past week. Added to their regular burden was all the refuse of Christmas and New Year's. Discarded Christmas trees presented quite a problem to them because in most cases they'd frozen to the ground. (The trees, not the trash men.) One lad sweated (despite the freezing weather) for fifteen minutes to detach a tree from the ice. Finally he gave up because the tree was part of the landscaping. But doubts will probably haunt his dreams till spring.)

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Editorial:

OLD HANS BUYS BONDS ... FOR DESTRUCTION

They tell the story of a couple of old timers in Germany who were getting pretty well fed up with the Nazi Regime. As they stand in the city Square, they are discussing Goebbels' latest campaign to raise some dough.

"We should buy more bonds, Otto, don't forget the government is back of ever run of them," Hans was saying.

"Ach, but suppose the government should flop, vot then?" Otto objected.

"Isn't it worth it?" Hans asked hopefully.

Who can blame Hans for becoming discouraged with an outlook in life. It's like paying for oats for a dead horse. In the United States, we buy bonds—not with the hope of destruction, but with a constructive purpose.

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There's no doubt where we are headed—straight to victory. To get there, we'll need transportation and those war bonds are coming in mighty handy as magic carpets. Climb aboard, take a seat; and put that Fourth War loan off to a good start on the road to victory.

Pvt. Joe Ersatz Conducts Dow Poll Gets Answers On Leap Year

Our mythical character Pvt. Joe Ersatz is on the prowl again. This time in search of information of that eternal question—"What kind of gals do men prefer?" So now we find our happy little fellow armed with a pencil, some paper and a couple of pin-up girls (for inspiration) and a few pertinent questions. Below you will find the questions and some of the soul-searching answers. Pvt. Ersatz asks:

Q-1. "Do you prefer blondes, brunettes or redheads?"

A-a. "Gimme Brunettes." 3% (all married to blondes).

b. "I prefer Blondes." 3% (all married to brunettes).

c. "Redheads." 3% (all married to redheads).

d. "Gr-r-00000" 91% (mostly unmarried).

Q-2. Would you date a girl who eats onions?"

A-a. "Sure I like onions." 4% (their taste was all in their mouth).

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b. "... as long as its a girl." 75% (food means nothing).

c. "Yeah... I got a colt in my dose." 20% (they just got to Bangor).

d. "I'd consider it if she served hamburgers too." 1% (mostly chowhounds).

Q-3. "Do you prefer jitterbugs?"

A-a. "Now you're getting hep." 11% (the khaki zoot set).

b. "No—it's just like going out with a P.T. instructor." 11%.

c. "Don't dance." 3% (we just pried them off the wallpaper).

d. "As long as they can intermission." 75% (same group as question 2 answer b.).

Q-4. "Do you prefer the type of girl who invites you to her home for the evening?"

A-a. "As long as the family is out." 14% (bashful, no doubt).

b. "No. I prefer to spend money on them and show them a good time." 1/2 of 1% (guess we wandered into Section 8 by mistake).

c. "Are you kidding?" 85% (they learn fast).

Q-5. "What color eyes do you prefer?"

A-a. "Who looks at their eyes?" 10%.

b. "What color are Betty Grable's eyes?" 1% (we never noticed them before either).

c. "As long as they got two—who cares what color." 89%.

Q-6. "As this is leap year—how do you propose to defend yourself?"

A-a. "Retreating forward" 95%.

b. "Oh, I thay—they really don't bother me at all." 1/2 of 1% (Oh, Oh—Section 8 again).

c. "Let 'em fight it out." 4 1/2% (conceited type).

WAY THEY COULD GET A TRANSFER

Hollywood—Doris Rhodd, 17, and Betty Reeves, 16, were in love with the same married man. One night, armed with knives, they met in the moonlight with seconds to fight a duel for his affections. Doris was stabbed in both arms. Betty in the face. The man over whom they fought, a bus driver, said he hardly knew either girl.

Medical Corps

CPL. ED LYONS

Hello, Folks! We bring you greetings once more from the Home on the Hill. We were sorry to have neglected our reader(s), but due to the reorganization of our department and saying goodbye to so many of our boys who are now bidding their time at Mitchell Field, N. Y., our super snoops never seemed to find time to compose all of the available scoops.

We wish to extend condolences to those who departed as the grapevine advises us that they are busy doing K. P. and Guard duty, plus chopping kindling wood to keep the tents warm.

Credit must be doled out to the few remaining Medics as each man is doing multiple duties in order to keep the hospital running at its accustomed high level.

Now the swindle column...

Doff your garrison hats to 1/Sgt. Shapero and Cpl. Marks, who adorned the fingers of their respective girls with huge rocks. Both engagements took place during the New Year weekend.

The "booby prize" this week goes to Pfc. Brown, who scrubbed his office diligently only to have the inspecting party discover the secret of his success with the fair sex. For clarification of this item contact Pfc. Brown, as censor's snippers deleted what we specifically refer to.

The pastry has excelled Oscar's the past few days, due, no doubt, to the return of Palasek's true love.

Cigars were passed out by several of our crew because of the order outlawing the "T" from all grades. The unexpected increment permitted the boys to splurge.

Becoming fathers proved disastrous to the health of two of our complement as Cpl. Korman and Pfc. Simmons were hospitalized for several weeks after their wives presented them with offspring. It is father who pays!

We have a terrific argument raging at present over the merits of the young girls (10 to 18) as against the matronly group (40 to 60). Hamburger and Hirsh are constantly extolling the younger set while Marcus and Farkas, both having prominent bald spots, like to mingle with the older set. Both sides have their pros and cons and so far no side will concede the other one an inch, but possibly we will have a decision by next Monday, so watch this column for further developments. Both sides would appreciate aid in their arguments so, dear reader, please impart any knowledge you may possess on this subject to the above-

'Brush-Off' Club Grows



The Algiers chapter of the "Brush-Off" Club, composed of servicemen given the air by the girls they left behind them, gets a new member as Lieut. Russel Brickell of Ft. Worth, Tex., adds his name to the roster. Capt. Howard Hammersley of Roanoke, Va., applies the whisk-broom, symbol of the organization.

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DOW FIELD'S POST PERSONALITY

Pvt. Lee Dalecky, Basketball Star Almost Became a Pilot in the Navy

For one month Pvt. Lee Dalecky was in training as a pilot. He ran into difficulties when it came to landing the plane. He soon gave it up as a bad job. The Army, however, benefits by having Dalecky on their side when it comes to basketball. In this department Lee not only can make 2 point baskets but play all around the opposition.

During the past basketball season, tall blond Dalecky has consistently outsmarted his opponents on the courts.

As we turn back the pages of time and look at the Dalecky family album we find these fascinating facts. The first picture on the right is Dalecky the boy. He had a fine head on him—was the head of his class—and why not—he came from Milwaukee, the BEER city.

The next picture shows Dalecky the athlete. The pennant you see back of him reads west division and refers to high school. He had his choice of north, south and east divisions but he preferred Horace Greeley's advice—"go west."

ALL CITY FORWARD

The next photo shows a group of very grouchy men with pencils in their ears. These are the sports editors getting their noggins together to decide the all-city basketball team. Out of this historic huddle—you guessed it—came the all city forward—Lee Dalecky.

The next picture in the album has a bashful scrawl under it reading "the sweetest little honey in the world." Anyone can see that it's Lee's childhood sweetheart and the present Mrs. Dalecky.

mentioned Casanovas and it will be duly appreciated.

This column is being written by a tyro so don't be too harsh in your criticism but follow it regularly and see if the writer improves. Who knows, another Ernie Pyle might be in the making.

Goodbye and 30.

Cpl. Ed. Lyons

Next week we turn the page and find Lee playing Boy Scout at Lake Mills—"roughing it." He had forgotten his toothbrush.

On the opposite page Lee is sweating it out for Schuster's department store checking up on stock. They had told him it was an easy job—but he hadn't taken any stock in the information.

A quick thumbing through reveals Lee in shorts with "Stevens Clothing" in big letters over his manly chest. No—he is not a store dummy—he's playing basketball for them. The other photo shows he was in much demand—"Greenbaums Tanning" this time.

CARROLL COLLEGE

This very studious personality is Dalecky going to college—Carroll college. You'll notice the odd conformation of his jaw at this point. This is a result of his selling space in the college paper. You try pronouncing HINACAKA (the name of the paper) and WAUKESHA and see what happens to you.

The next to the last picture shows that he has his jaw back in shape and now we find him named as "the opponent we would not like to have play opposite us." This album favorite is inscribed "Great Lakes Naval Station Basketball Team."

The last picture shows Lee in his full glory as a member of the Maine Service champs—the Dow Field Bombers. Dalecky has just been named captain. Pvt. Lee Dalecky is a physical instructor and member of the gym crew at Dow Field.

Since we wrote this article he has become a corporal.

Texas Sergeant Switches Bandage, Fools Hospital

Sergeant John W. Palmer of Texas, was convalescing in a North African hospital with a fractured arm when his outfit, the 36th Infantry Division of the Fifth Army, was alerted for combat duty. The soft bed and crisp sheets lost their appeal. He wanted to be with his buddies when the "push" was made.

The result was a miraculous "recovery." When X-rays were taken the following day, the developed plates revealed that the broken bone had healed perfectly.

Sergeant Palmer was discharged promptly and had ample time to rejoin his outfit and take part in the invasion of Italy.

Now that it has served its purpose, the secret has been revealed by Sergeant Palmer. He had simply transferred the bandages from his fractured arm to the other, which was X-rayed by busy hospital attendants—while Palmer held his breath.



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By Lt. Dave Breger



"Ah, this museum's so restful, after facing officers all week!"

KHAKI KOMICS

A sergeant in Ordnance Maintenance very carefully placed a block of wood against a metal frame in order to straighten it. Calling a yardbird over the sarge told him to pick up a nearby sledge hammer. The yardbird obliged.

"Now," said the three-striper, when he had the block placed to his satisfaction, "When I nod my head, you hit it."

He hit it.

A private and his topkick were walking along the road on a hike. After a while the yardbird asked, "What's the purpose of our taking hikes?"

"I don't know," the sergeant replied.

A little later the private queried, "Why do we have inspections on Sunday?"

"Search me," answered the sergeant.

"Say, sarge . . ." began the rookie, "oh, never mind."

"Go ahead," the topkick urged. "Ask me questions. How else you gonna learn?"

The sergeant was explaining the simple things of life to his rookies.

"Remember," he said, "that while you are in the Army money is not all. It is not money that will mend a broken heart or reassemble the fragments of a shattered dream. Money cannot brighten the hearth nor repair the portals of a broken home."

Pausing for breath, the sarge continued, "I refer, of course, to Confederate money."

Gob: My brother is a panhandler.

Gal: Really?

Gob: Yeah, he's a hospital corpsman.

Just Habit

WAC No. 1: "He's so romantic—he addresses me, he always calls me 'fair lady.'"

WAC No. 2: "Force of habit, my dear. . . . He used to be a street-car conductor!"

At Long Last

It happened during the rush for gasoline ration coupons, and the scene was an American high school. The white-haired teacher at the table looked up and grinned at the man standing before her, application in hand.

"Well," she said, "after all these years, I'm finally able to give you an 'A'!"

Pleased All Parties

Excited Young Father: "Quick! Tell me! Is it a boy?"

Nurse: "Well, the one in the middle is."

A Popular Song

After Hitler's death the No. 1 tune on the Hit Parade will be "Oh, What a Beautiful Mourning."

Familiar Ground

Guide: "This castle has stood for 300 years. Not a stone has been touched, nothing altered, nothing repaired or replaced."

Tourist: "They must have the same kind of landlord we've got!"

ANIMALS AS FLAME THROWERS SECTION VII

Latest G. I. suggestion to come out of the Burma theater of war is the following:

"Why not borrow a few trained elephants from a friendly Maharajah and teach them to spit flames at the Japs through their trunks?"

IS IT ILLEGAL TO PLUCK A CHICKEN IN A TROLLEY?

A little town in the State of Minnesota seems to feel it is. For in this town a lady was arrested for eliminating the feathers from an 8-lb. chicken for Christmas dinner while she was on the trolley. (The claim was that it is unsanitary).

ALWAYS A GENTLEMAN

An arena in Mexico City put on a wrestling bout between a man and a woman. The man lost in six minutes flat, when he was caught by a flying tackle. Here was his alibi:

"Mixed wrestling bouts will never work. A man hasn't got a chance; you simply can't forget you are a gentleman. I had her in the first 60 seconds with an arm lock; but, heavens, what man can break a lady's arm and think nothing of it?" Gads, he's right!

SHOOT THE TURKEYS

Yank Marines holding a jungle outpost received their Christmas turkeys via cannon fire. A small charge of gun powder shot several roast birds over the tree tops into the Leathernecks' position. (No stuffing, though.)

BEAR VERSUS TIRE

BIG SPRING, Tex.—When a tire blew out while he was transporting a bear from San Antonio to Phoenix, Ariz., the driver of the car applied to the local ration board for permission to buy a new tire. The board chairman refused his request, claiming that the transportation of bears was not essential. "OK," said the driver, "I'll turn the bear loose." He got the tire.

Whether it's on the road or in an argument, when you see red, STOP.

Headquarters

By T/Sgt. Freddie Neumann

Started the New Year off on the wrong foot. Excuse, please, for missing last week's issue. It wasn't the fault of what you'd like to attribute it. Anyway, Happy New Year—folks!

Where to start? Let's just note a few of the changes that have taken place recently. We lived through the holidays in a state of uncertainty, but managed to celebrate nevertheless. Over the Christmas weekend, we noted many of the headquarters fellows dining with the WACs. It was very fitting that many of us should share a farewell dinner. Now they're gone, and we do miss them. Way back last April we couldn't imagine women taking over headquarters. Now we find we must continue without their presence.

Then there was the New Year's eve party at the NCO club. Such celebrities as S/Sgt. Meltzer and wife, S/Sgt. Rodman and wife, Sgt. Lynton and wife, M/Sgt. Hanes and wife, M/Sgt. Lubich, T/Sgt. Berkson, S/Sgt. Stubbs and wife, S/Sgt. Wood, Sgt. Jackson were present to welcome in the New Year. That paper sure did tangle up everyone. Yes, it was fun. Wasn't it Dottie?

And during all this many of our officers left us for new assignments. Such oldtimers as Major Shothaffer, Major Ford, Major Theobald, Capt. Waldron, Capt. White, Lt. Ormiston, Lt. Hurwitz, and Lt. Cross bade Dow Field and Headquarters farewell. With them went our sincere best wishes for happy landings.

With the departure of the WAC's, it was necessary to replace them with fellows. And so, we welcome all the newcomers to our family, and hope you make yourself at home.

Friday night at the NCO club a few of the headquarters personnel gathered to enjoy an informal get-together. Among those present were M/Sgt. Hanes, S/Sgt. Wood, Sgt. "I'm bashful" McConnell, Sgt.

Extra Beautiful

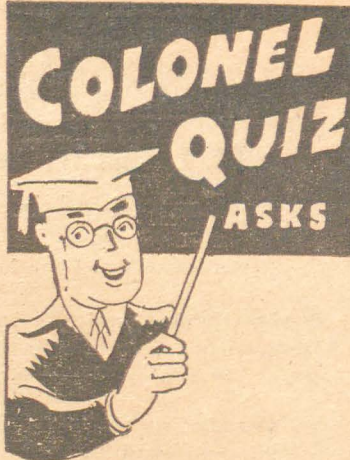


Meet Hollywood's "Most Beautiful Extra Girl of 1943 and the One Most Likely to Succeed in 1944." The lengthy title was voted to red-headed 19-year-old Muriel Kearney, above, by movie cameramen.

Swickard, Sgt. Hazel, Dottie Bates and Shirlee Knight. More fun.

Yes, headquarters has certainly changed. What next! Well, we'll let you decide that. In the meantime, heads up and be seeing you.

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1. Calamity Jane was a pistol-packin' mama of the 1870's, but what was her occupation?
2. Does the burning of grass actually increase the growth during the coming season?
3. The Government is issuing stamps in honor of each country overrun by the Axis. What is the price of the stamps?
4. Do any two people in the world have the same number of hairs on the head?

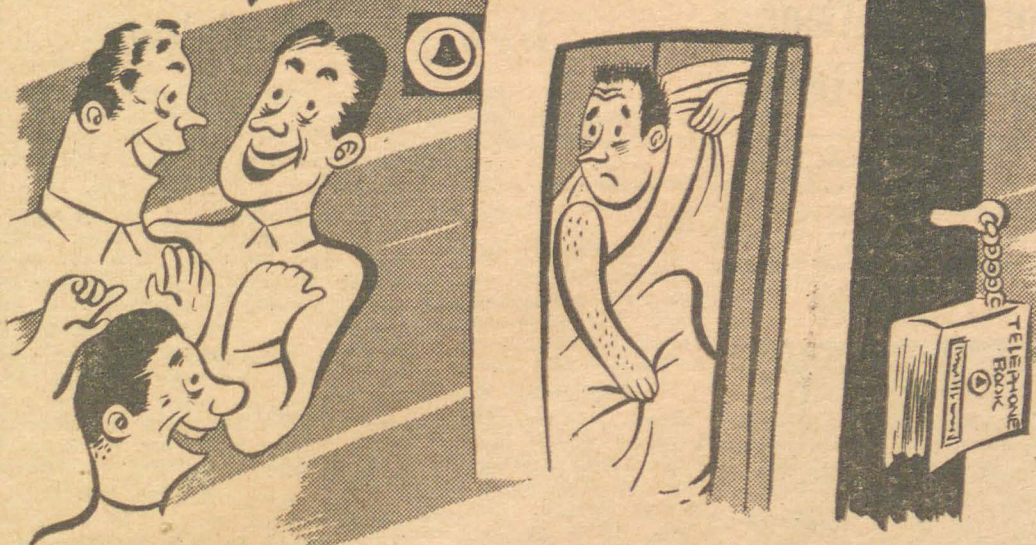
Answers on Page 7

In a British Government restaurant, the average price of a meal is 20 cents, including coffee and tea.

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'Taint funny when it happens to you. Makes you feel like freezing onto a telephone until "Taps" . . . doing a little short-sheeting yourself.

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tive of Worcester, Mass., started
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high school Lt. Fitton attended
Clark university, majoring in geol-
ogy. Meanwhile he was filling so
many band engagements that he
decided to make a full job of it.
Later he returned to college, en-
rolling in Colby here in the State
of Maine, majoring in English.

In his senior year he enlisted in
the Army. His first field was
Bradley where he became a mem-
ber of the Signal Corps.

He was transferred to Fort
and the First Service Group was
formed. This group trained other
outfits to go overseas. Lt. Fitton's
organization was transferred to
the Orlando School of Applied
Tactics in Florida and shortly
afterward he applied for OCS at
Miami Beach. After finishing the
first half of the course he was sent
to Harvard university to study sta-
tistics. He was commissioned a
Lieutenant on April 12, 1943 at
Harvard university.

His hobbies are music and fly
fishing.

At present Lt. Fitton is com-
manding officer of the Aviation
Squadron, Base Statistical Officer
and some 28 lesser duties to look
after.

tain note and really lead. To be
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Pvts. Elmer Green, Harold Mil-
ler and Forrest Harris, Aviation
Squadron.

ROBBERY WITHOUT FIREARMS

Soldier (to taxi driver): "Home,
James."

Driver: "What d'ya mean —
'Home James?' This is a public
taxi."

Soldier: "Oh, very well, home
Jesse James."

Lined up outside sick call, await-
ing another of those dreaded inocu-
lations, the soldier next up drawled
in a meaningful tone:

"When I get out of the Army,
if anybody comes at me with a
needle, he better have it threaded
cause all he's gonna do is sew on
a button!"

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What's Doing This Week For Service Men In Bangor

A Weekly Calendar of Events for the personnel of Dow Field pre-
pared 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, read-
ing 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.

Services: Information service, room and apartment registry,
bundle wrapping, mailing service, stamps, checking service—free
lockers, USO Service stationery, typewriter, local phone calls, letters-
on-a-record service, religious literature, individual personal services.

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, Jan. 10

Ping Pong. The players at T-15
are very confident that they can
beat those who challenge them.
This is the time to prove your abil-
ity. Come to T-15 and beat the Ex-
perts.

Tuesday, Jan. 11

Beano. Since the party last week
was such a success, here we go
again. The game will start at 9
o'clock, informal dancing and re-
freshments will follow.

Wednesday, Jan. 12

Special Letter Writing Night.
Have you written home this week?
NO!!! Why?? Here is the ideal
place to write, plenty of material,
stamps and all. Also this is the
time. Come to T-15 and write
your letter home tonight.

Thursday, Jan. 13

Card Night. Card games of all

types are planned and available to
all. If you like to play cards, here
is an open invitation to you to
come to T-15 and enjoy yourself.

Friday, Jan. 14

Puzzle Night. So far no-one has
solved the Brain teaser puzzle that
we boast of. Can you solve it?
Other easier puzzles and games are
waiting for you to solve at T-15.

Saturday, Jan. 15

Relaxation Night. Come to T-15
Saturday night. Listen to your
favorite radio program, read an
interesting book or one of the
latest magazines. Just relax and
enjoy an evening, just like home.

Sunday, Jan. 16

Open House. All G.I.'s are in-
vited to T-15 to enjoy its many
comforts and opportunities. The
Welcome Mat is always out to
each and every one.

For Your Information

Q. Is there any limit to the
number of letters a soldier may re-
ceive from his family while he is
stationed overseas?

A. No, there is no limit to the
number of letters which may be
sent to a serviceman. However, the
government has asked the corre-
spondents of soldiers to use V-mail
whenever possible because it takes
up so much less cargo space than
ordinary letters.

Q. I am a warrant officer in the
Coast Guard. Is my wife eligible
to join the SPARS?

A. Yes. The qualifications for
service with the SPARS have re-
cently been relaxed so that women
whose husbands are serving in the
Coast Guard as enlisted men or
warrant officers now are eligible to
join.

Q. Is the Good Conduct Medal
worn to the right or to the left of
service medals?

A. AR 600-40 provides that the
Good Conduct Medal shall be worn
to the left of service medals.

Q. Are the wives of sailors per-
mitted to join the WAVES?

A. Navy wives may join the
WAVES provided their husbands
are enlisted men. They can't join
if their husbands are officers. The
WACs, however, have no restric-
tions on the admission of Army of-
ficers' and men's wives to the
Corps.

Q. Is it true that an enlisted
man wearing the Congressional
Medal of Honor is entitled to be
saluted by officers?

A. This is an old Army custom
and is observed in many stations
both in the USA and abroad. There
is nothing in Army Regulations,
however, that requires an officer to
salute an EM wearing the Medal
of Honor.

NEW WRINKLE

We just heard about a soldier
on furlough who applied for "some
extra gasoline coupons."

"What kind of car have you?"
the ration board asked.

"Oh, I have no car," he replied,
"but I find it easier to get 'hitch-
es' if I wave a few coupons!"

Sgt.: "Say, got a cigarette?"
Yard Bird: "Yeah, but they are
all promised."

Fraternity Man's Motto: If the
shoe fits—borrow it!

The Chaplain Comments

CHAPLAIN LUCIUS WAITE

It was a new book last winter.
It was the thing to read it then
for everyone was reading it. It
received acclaim and vituperation.
"One World" by Wendell Willkie
is its name. A great many people
agreed with its theme and that
to have a just and durable Peace,
the nations of earth would come
to agree with it. What so many
overlooked is that a much older
book voiced the same sentiment
many years ago. In the Bible we
find, "God . . . has made of one
blood all nations of men for to
dwell upon the face of the earth."

It is indeed a far cry from A.
Hitler standing near the Rhine at
the head of a great machine
equipped to kill and maim and de-
stroy, to a Prophet of religion who
stood by the sea of Galilee; one
saying he is the saviour of Ger-
many and of the world and the
other saying quietly to twelve men,
"The field is the World."

"The most hopeful sign," says
Robert T. Allen, "as we see it from
the Nation's Capitol, is that we are
mobilizing for peace even while
the cannon roar." The recent con-
ferences at Teheran, Cairo and
Moscow indicate that the great
leaders realize that understanding
and good will must be the condi-
tions for a lasting Peace. Every
man everywhere does not realize
this however.

Blueprints will be drawn in in-
creasing numbers this coming year
showing all kinds of ideas for the
peace. But the peace will not be
built with blueprints but with
the nations of earth. I have in my
mind and on some few drawings my
plan for a perfect home which
some day I hope to build. But un-
less I can translate the plan into
bricks and mortar and wood it
will never be a home. Very wise
men long ago wrote a "Republic"
and a "Utopia" and the plans were
very good but never in world his-
tory have they been accommodated
to the life of a nation that the
world might behold a true repub-
lic or a utopia. Only a few under-
stood. What I am saying is that
the future Peace for which we all
yearn will not be built with plans
however good they might be but
with living men and women of all
the earth. Those plans will have
to be "humanized" so that we can
live them.

To do this the fabric of the peace
will be woven from the threads of
a multitude of individual lives. To
keep harmony then these multi-
tudes will have to understand what
it is that is being built with their
lives. In the past this has always
been difficult, to educate any con-
siderable number in abstractions.
For instance, when the fighting is
all done, many will only be con-
sidering where they may be filled
with bread; they will not be search-
ing for long range peace plans.
They will be considering the now
and not the future.

The educating for the peace must
begin now. The leaders must de-
fine their aims. They must co-
ordinate their aims. They must
get out in front and sound a cer-

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THE
**Bangor
House**

Dining Room

Cocktail Lounge

Horace W. Chapman, Prop.

174 Main St.

Bangor

CIVILIAN SLANTS

Medical Dept.

5 January 1944

Mrs. Cynthia Colpitts has received word that the jewelry her husband sent her from the Southwest Pacific was made in India. The bracelet and pin are hand beaten, hand spun and of solid silver.

Mrs. Madeline St. Peter spent the weekend with her son and family in Gardiner.

The New Year was celebrated in the Hospital Mess with a dinner fully as good as that served on Thanksgiving and Christmas. The menu consisted of Turkey, dressing, gravy, white and candied sweet potatoes, tomato and lettuce salad, rolls, celery, olives, cider, coffee, ice cream and candy.

Congratulations are extended to 1-Sgt. Phillip D. Shapero whose engagement to his "Bunny" was announced New Year's night at a formal party in Boston. (To the feminine contingent at Station Hospital may we say that engagement was announced via formal invitation. A small silver heart carrying the words "Bunny and Phil" was joined to a "diamond" engagement ring, both of which were tied with silver ribbons to a corsage of green and silver.)

Miss Rose Lavoot's sister has received a letter from her husband, Sgt. Harry Winkeller who last July was reported missing in action after a raid over Berlin and subsequently was found to be a prisoner of Germany. This is the first direct word received.

Miss Mary O'Connell is back to duty after being confined to her home for several days by illness.

Joseph Cullinan is also busily at work after winning a bout with a bad cold.

Supply

The following Supply employees received their diploma as supervisors this week: Harold Shepley, Sam Wilson, Ed Cronin, Charles Johnson, Francis Jordan, and Raymond Torrey.

Plans are underway for the great minstrel show taking place in February. We hear that "Phil" McKen will be one of the high lights of this affair.

What caused the failure of the D. B. C. Club?

We are sorry to hear that "Bunny" Meath's son has a severe cold. All hoping for a speedy recovery as "Bunny" is being missed by all.

Ann Bois is back with us again after being sick with the flu. It is good to see her pleasant smile around the warehouse these days. Are you missing Charlie, Ann?

Congratulations Harold Annis, we're hoping that you like your new home in Warehouse No. 2.

Evelyn Downes has taken up new duties in the Shipping Department. Good luck!

Earl King and Len Jordan left us this week to take positions in private industry. We are all wishing you the best of luck in your new undertaking.

Sophia Gass has taken up her new duties as supervisor of the Property Branch, and Sophia be to "Vic" and "Webb."

We're all sorry to hear about Bertha Collins leaving Supply. Her pleasant smile and pleasant disposition will be greatly missed by all of her co-workers. We want to wish you the best of everything, Bertha.

MAINTENANCE

Without question, something new is being concocted by the Sub-Depot Welfare Association for 1944. The opening event of the new year will be a semi-formal dance scheduled for the latter part of January, and interest is mounting steadily in the minstrel show scheduled for February. Rehearsals have been underway since December and much Sub-Depot talent has been unearthed.

Walter Pearson is back from Togus where he had a serious varicose vein operation performed on his legs. We're happy to see you back in the Engine Installation Unit, Walter, and hope you are feeling hep again.

We would give much to see our former foreman of Armament, "Herbie" Day, washing pots and pans at Ft. Devens. Wonder what he did to deserve so much K. P.??

"Marge" Miles' husband, Seaman 1c Alvin Miles, phoned her all the way from San Diego, Calif. . . .

which accounts for her high spirits the other day.

The ski-tow at Kings' Mountain is said to be near completion.

We welcome back "Kate" Smith, one of the hangar nurses, who has been out ill for so long.

Harry Millward, formerly of our Propeller Branch, is reported to be doing very well in the Navy and is now 1c Petty Officer.

Sorry to learn that George White's mother-in-law is so seriously ill. Due to the shortage of domestic help, he has been obliged to stay home for four days.

We hear that Leonard Brodsky, formerly of the Airplane Assembly Unit, is taking his primary flight training at San Antonio, Texas.

Can anyone tell us just why "Joe" Murray is in the proverbial "Dog-house"?

"Peg" Harnum has discovered that plain, ordinary dinner plates may be used for other purposes than serving meals. Just ask her—she may explain!

News from Parachute & Clothing Branch: Ruth Dunkelberger is back with us after being out a week caring for her grandmother. . . . We're glad to have you back, Ruth, and happy to hear your grandmother is feeling better. . . . Shirley Day finally got back to work after missing her train and staying home another day. . . . 'spose? . . . Why is a Zombie? . . . that's what Lois LeMay and Jean Way are asking since New Year's eve!!

Headquarters

We are glad to see Major Mackey back with us after spending a few days at home ill with the flu.

Bror O. Hultgren, Jr., left us this week to take up new duties at the Civilian Personnel Office. You are being missed by us all here at headquarters but we also want to wish you the best of luck and what have you and drop in and pay us a visit once in awhile, huh?

"Becky" Libby is back with us again after being out sick the past week. Hope that you'll be feeling much better.

A dinner party is being held Thursday evening at the Penobscot Exchange hotel honoring Evelyn Bragg and Roberta Curran who have recently left Headquarters office. Headquarters and Maintenance girls are planning on an evening of much enjoyment.

"THE SICK AND THE WORRIED"

CORPORAL ALBERT KORMAN

A most entertaining show was provided for the recreation of the S & Ws by our new convalescent training officer, Mr. Campbell. He persuaded the USO Travelling Show No. 42 to put on a special performance for the benefit of the patients on Sunday afternoon. The show was exceptional and kept the audience in an uproar throughout the performance. James Richards, the M. C., displayed unusual talents in dancing, humor and songs. The highlight of the program was Christine Cabot's singing. I'm sure all the S & Ws sighed when she stopped. Pvt. Simmons and Cpl. Raymond, two of the S & Ws showed their practice and aptitude on the dance floor by jitterbugging with the dancers of the cast. Was their face red when they received their reward? (In all, a good time was had by all.)

One of our S & Ws is planning to become a photographer. Ask Neff to show you some of his snapshots.

Chaplain Waite, looking at the new library provided for the S & Ws, remarked that the encyclopedias looked new. Miss Stetson of the Gray Ladies remarked they have never been used. The chaplain wanted to know if it was possible that the S & Ws were looking up their ARs instead of worldly subjects. (Is that what the Army does to you, fellows?)

The Gray Ladies and the Red Cross have done a splendid job of equipping the new rec hall. It's open at all times for you S & Ws to use. A beautiful library has been provided with all kinds of books, magazines and local newspapers. Make use of it, it's yours.

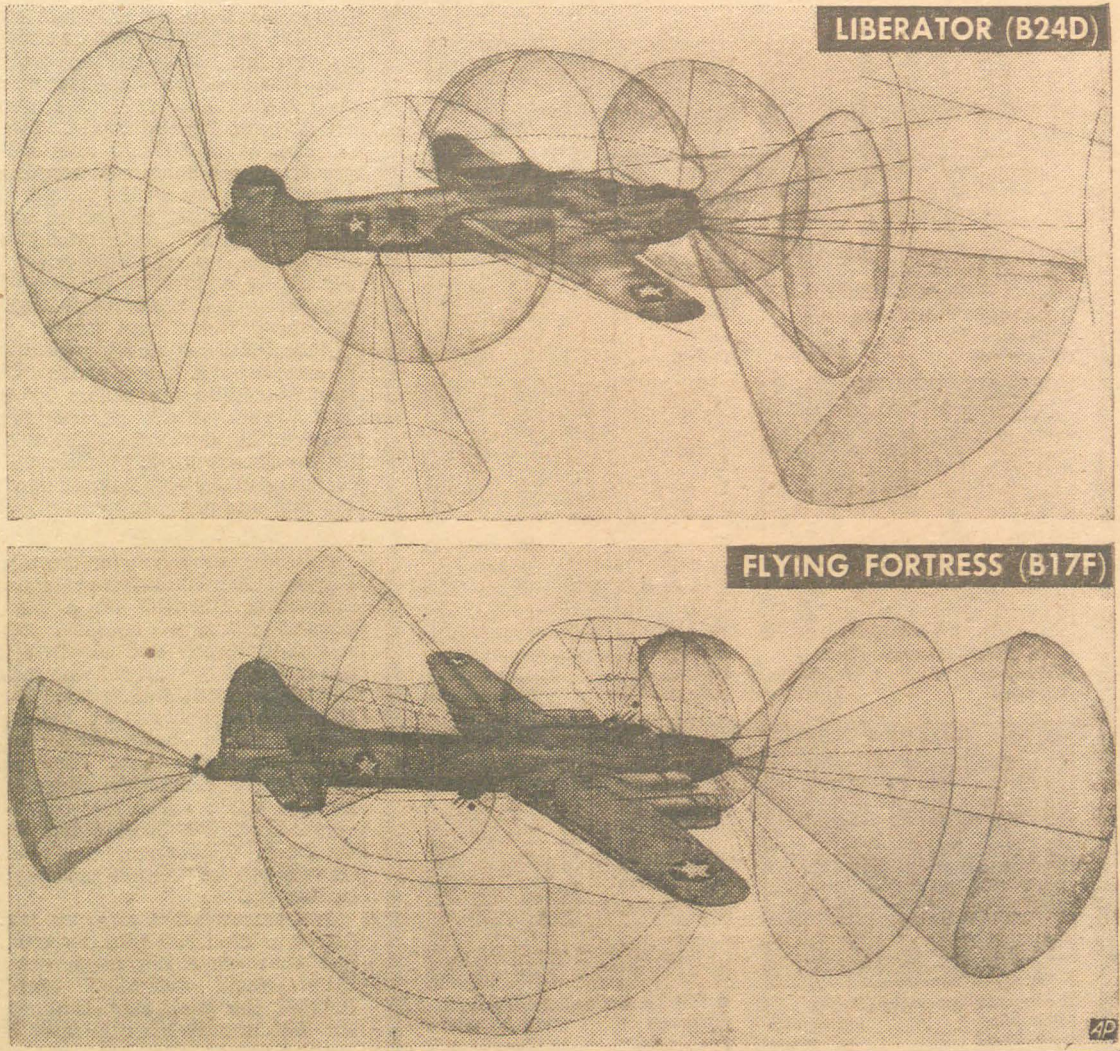
Congratulations and sympathy to Pvt. Coffin of IV who got married and two days later was admitted to the hospital with the grippe. (Was it too much for you, Larry?)

There's a rumor afloat, probably

AP Features

THESE pictures show what a German fighter pilot probably thinks about when he sees two types of U. S. heavy bombers in action. Taken by American troops at a captured German base in Italy, the drawings show

the locations and maneuvering ranges of the bombers' guns—areas where the Nazis probably learn they should not dare to tread. The plane types diagrammed are still in service but are not the latest models.



LIBERATOR (B24D)

FLYING FORTRESS (B17F)

Photog Dislodges Exploding Bomb In Nick of Time

The tiny propeller of a 20-pound fragmentation bomb, which was lodged in the bomb bay framework of a United States Army Fifteenth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress, was spinning its 47-second interval before the fuse would be set.

Seconds—any second now—and the bomb would become a machine of destruction, a thing so delicate that the slightest jar would release hundreds of steel fragments in a deadly detonation.

A combat photographer, Staff Sergeant George A. Streetman, 28 years old, of Harlem, Georgia, his attention attracted to the impending disaster by frantic signals of the radio operator, went to work with no regard for his own safety, the War Department disclosed today.

Abandoning his camera, Sergeant Streetman had a difficult choice. He could race seconds and knock the fragmentation bomb loose, or hesitate and leave it a thing of death.

Sergeant Streetman took off his oxygen mask, since its hose connection would not reach to the bomb bay.

"My first instinct," he related later, "was to run to the tail of the ship, but I knew if I did a lot of boys would be hurt—maybe killed. I just stopped breathing, wrapped my legs around the catwalk and

originated in the new latrines of the rec hall, that the S & Ws were going to relieve the WACs for active service. (Ask the Chaplain about it, S & Ws.)

A certain poem without sense is: "A" cannon ball, one bloody day Took a poor soldier's leg away; And, as on his comrade's back he made off,

A second fairly took his head off. The fellow on this odd emergency Carries him pick-back to the surgeons.

Z—ds! cries the doctor, "Are you drunk

To bring here a headless trunk?" A lying dog! cries Jack, he said His leg was off, and not his head.

Another Washington rumor was that a Western Union messenger entered the vast new War Department building on Friday morning. He emerged on Monday as a Lt. Col. (It can happen here, too.)

Well, I'd like to wish all the S & Ws whose birthday it is, "Best Wishes and Happy Returns of the Day." And if any readers know of their buddies in the hospital, visit them. It gets lonely at times. (I ought to know. I just got out.)

Until next week

tried to work the bomb out. It was stuck tight. The little propeller was still spinning, and I figured I had a few seconds left. I dashed back to the radio compartment for a spare gun barrel. Back in the bomb bay I jabbed four times at the tail of the bomb. It fell out."

Sergeant Streetman shuddered as he told his story, "I could see hundreds of pieces of metal flying through the Fort from that bomb."

The incident took place during a Fortress attack on the Eleusis Air-drome at Athens, Greece, on November 18.

GUESS WHO?

You shouldn't have any trouble deciding the "Guess Who" personality of the week. Take each paragraph and see if you can beat us to the answer. Okay. Start here and guess who.

1—Born on Oct. 31, 1887, as the son of a little known farmer he has today reached the position of an international figure.

His earliest ambition was to become a military expert and he didn't waste any time getting started. He became a member of a school taught by his traditional enemies. Today many of his former classmates may be his bitterest foes. GUESS WHO?

2—A famous doctor and a revolutionary expert influenced his next step. He became the right hand man of the doctor and together they struggled through many stormy years. After the doctor's death in 1928 he became the strong man of the revolutionary forces.

Not only a man of force, he also became the center of one of the world's tenderest romances. It was a case of a poor unknown boy and a rich aristocratic girl. Her mother, especially, objected to the whole affair but our hero triumphed in the end. GUESS WHO?

3—In 1939 he was a central figure in a kidnapping episode that startled the world. When he was finally released his lovely wife rushed to his side despite family entreaties.

Because of his wife's faith he was converted from the religion of his ancestors, and embraced the Methodist religion in 1930. GUESS WHO?

4—Today he is regarded as a world figure of tremendous importance in world councils. As a member of the Big Four he has contributed many vital suggestions to the cause of beating the Axis. His titles include Head of Supreme Defense Council, Head of the Military Council and, finally, President of his country. His initials are C. K. S.

The answer: GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

COLONEL QUIZ ANSWERS

1. She was a "girl scout"—fighting Indians with General Custer. She saved the life of a Capt. Egan in the Battle in Powder River country. She also carried mail for the privately operated Pony Express.

2. No.

3. Five cents.

4. Yes. Since there are more people on the surface of the earth than there are hairs on the surface of one scalp, there must be two people with exactly the same amount of hair.

People who go to barber shops and beauty parlors don't need newspapers.

Many people itch for what they want, but they won't scratch for it.

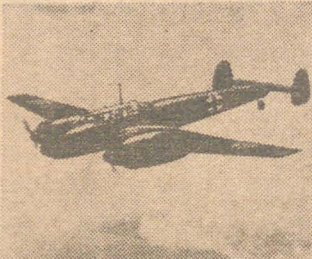
Santa Claus is the only one who can run around all night and never get talked about.

Hotcha Chile



When they saw the pin-up gal snapshot of herself that Conover cover girl model Chile Williams is holding, servicemen applauded and Warner Brothers awarded her a screen contract. She's pictured in New York, aboard Hollywood train.

PHOTOQUIZ



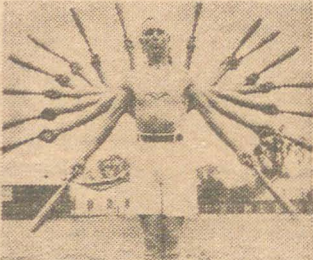
1 Duck into a foxhole when you see a:
(a) Messerschmitt (c) Zero
(b) Geronimo (d) Boston



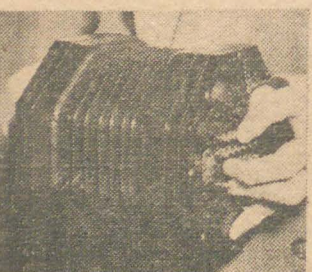
2 High-ranking man on the high seas is:
(a) Halsey (c) Mountbatten
(b) King (d) Land



3 Senorita's head is swathed in a lace:
(a) castanet (c) mantilla
(b) bassinet (d) tortilla



4 Toughen up for Uncle Sam with these:
(a) dumbbells (c) rolling pins
(b) baseball bats (d) Indian clubs



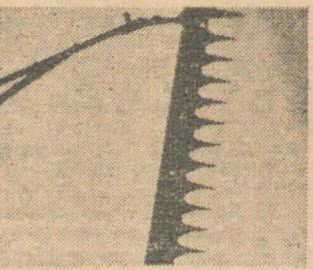
5 At your next jam session play this:
(a) accordion (c) concertina
(b) clavichord (d) concerto



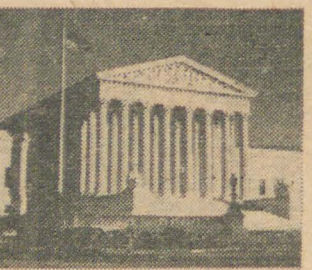
6 Their lips seem beautiful to male:
(a) Ubangis (c) fuzzy-wuzzies
(b) Shawnees (d) Powers models



7 In disguise and about to yodel is:
(a) Charlie Chaplin (c) Fred Allen
(b) Harold Lloyd (d) Adolf Hitler



8 This striking silhouette is part of a:
(a) mowing machine (c) razor
(b) buzz saw (d) fence



9 This stately setting is home for the:
(a) Senate (c) President
(b) Treasury (d) Supreme Court



10 Here in a pensive mood is vivacious:
(a) Betty Grable (c) Theresa Wright
(b) Jennifer Jones (d) Barbara Stanwyck

PHOTOQUIZ ANSWERS

Count. 10—(d) Barbara Stanwyck.
Court. 10—(d) Supreme Court.
1—(a) Messerschmitt. 2—(b) Admiral King. 3—(c) mantilla. 4—(d) Indian clubs. 5—(c) concertina. 6—(a) Ubangis. 7—(b) Harold Lloyd. 8—(a) mowing machine. 9—(d) Supreme Court. 10—(d) Barbara Stanwyck.

Dow Field Diary

S-SGT. PAUL GEDEN

MONDAY

Mystery of the week. What happened to the Khaki Komiks? Frankly we don't know—we thought we had them all set up—but where they finally landed???? We promise it won't happen again. It's a surprise to us to find how many people missed them. A couple of fellows asked us where we get the gags. Well, we'll let you in on a secret—we don't make them up. Practically any magazine or paper containing a joke is checked—except, of course, the Readers Digest. Everybody would spot those.

Almost all the camp papers we receive have a gag column. One frankly admits the source by the title Scott Field Broadcaster's "Playful Plagiarism". Others call their columns G. I. Humor, G. I. Gags and Bioya—we haven't figured the last one out yet.

TUESDAY

Our post personality of the week, Corporal Lee Dalecky, reveals an interesting sidelight on a Hollywood star. Lee was treasurer of his college fraternity and his first job was to collect \$104 from brash movie tough-guy Fred MacMurray. MacMurray had boarded at the fraternity house but didn't come through with the cash. After seeing Fred toss around the dumb bells in "No Time for Love" we can appreciate why Dalecky didn't press the issue. MacMurray was finally thrown out of Carroll college for cutting up.

Just discovered a note we made during a Charlie McCarthy broadcast that got a big laugh out of their studio audience. Charlie Ruggles, the guest star, is showing the cast around his side-show and they stop at the bearded lady. Quips McCarthy, "Oh my, she must be the pin-up girl in the House of David." Ruggles gags back: "She grew her beard on the installment plan." McCarthy asks, "How was that?" Ruggles puns, "Oh a little down every week."

WEDNESDAY

Every time we pick up a magazine lately we find another exclusive slant on Sinatra. We understand that the booby sock set are thinking of revising the classics for the VOICE... such as... Beethoven's Moonlight Sinatra. Our research department unearthed these vital statistics which we pass along to you. The natives of a South Sea island use stone coins up to eight feet in diameter. Imagine—you can toss to see who pays for lunch and do your Physical Training at the same time.

As the New Yorker would say—raised eyebrow department. A western firm wrote to the National Selective Service Board and asked "Please assist us in retaining our man a little bit longer. He is the only man in the firm and he is carrying on with 15 girls." Gosh—in the office—don't they get jealous or nuthin'!

THURSDAY

Eddie Cantor's slogan on the waste paper drive is "Don't forget Hitler was a paper hanger—so save

your paper and let it hang him."

Ever since we've been in the Army we're always puzzled over Red Cross Officers. We finally cornered Mr. Griffin, Asst. Field Director, and he outlined the major differences.

The bazooka article is sort of Reader Digest-ed from the January Infantry Journal. The original article is crammed with technical discussions but a quick skimming revealed some very interesting facts.

FRIDAY

Some time ago in a War Department release, the statement was made that the youngest general in the Army was in the Air Forces. His name is Brigadier General Edward Timberlake and he became a general at the age of 33. His command is a flock of Consolidated B-24s famed as "Ted's Travelling Circus". They chase all over Europe and Africa on the toughest and most perilous jobs. They have hit the Axis from more directions than any other unit in the war. Their most spectacular feats have been the smash at Ploesti oil fields and the raid on Rome.

His two older brothers are also Brigadier Generals so it is apparently a family tradition.

A Jap philosophizing on the reason the world is at war came to these conclusions, "The Jap fights for Emperor and Dai Nippon; the Englishman for King George VI and Country; the German for Hitler and the Fatherland; the Russian for Stalin and Mother Russia; but the American fights for souvenirs and the hell of it." Among his souvenirs... Japan and Germany—huh?

Aviation Squadron

SGT. JOSEPH COOPER

We have experienced an unusual holiday season. For many of us it was the first of such seasons in the service. The numerous gifts, greetings, given by friends and charitable organizations, coupled with the general exuberant Christmas spirit and excellent meals, served to make the holidays quite enjoyable. The season brought with it the usual glad and sad occasions, visitors, marriages, and even illness. From Cape Charles, Virginia, came Mmes. Evelina B. Monroe and Mrs. M. Jeanette Monroe, mother and wife respectively of Corporal Charles W. Monroe to visit for the holidays. We enjoyed having them and we hope that they enjoyed their visit. The holiday season also rang wedding bells for Private Lester H. Logan. On the night of December 31, 1943, Private Logan and Miss Sarah Brown said the usual "I do's". Congratulations are extended to the happy couple. As for illness, it sought to disrupt the smoothness of the furloughs two of our men were enjoying. Pfc. William E. Davis and Pfc. Velmer Byrd were the unfortunate victims. We are happy, however, that they are much improved.

Reports from the First Air Force Camouflage school for NCO's as relates to members of this organization are encouraging and highly gratifying. In almost every instance the ratings for the approximately 30 NCO's who were fortunate enough to attend were Very Good, Excellent and Superior. The Squadron's bulletin board

proudly displays a letter from the school commander commending S/Sgt. Lester Grant, our Supply NCO, for a superior average throughout the entire course. Now that the school has closed, we are grateful for the opportunity of having attended there, and for the opportunity to enhance our military knowledge.

And speaking of schools, the Squadron is well represented in schools throughout the country. During the past week we have seen ten of our valuable men leave for various schools. We are happy that they have qualified to take advantage of these opportunities. We feel that they will succeed. They will be missed not only for the fine quality of work that they performed in the Squadron, but they will also be missed for the excellent association that their companionship has rendered here in the Squadron. Those leaving for Radio Operator and Mechanic school were Cpl. Francis M. Tilley and Pvt. Luther McLean, Jr. Among those leaving for Machinist and Sheet Metal Workers' school were Pfc. John D. Tanner, Pfc. Vanhook Jackson and Emmett S. King. Cpls. Edward F. Wood, Louis A. Womble, Pfc. Dell H. Rice and Pvt. Orlando J. Hughes also left for a course in Airplane Mechanic.

Always and always there is turnover in the Squadron. No sooner than men leave for school and elsewhere, than they are replaced by new men in the Squadron. We are happy to welcome all of the new soldiers to our big family. Have you noticed the radiant faces of all the fellows returning from those well-earned furloughs? Many of them were fortunate enough to spend the holidays with their respective families, too.

And so... until another week, Sgt. Joseph C. Cooper

A medical soldier asked his GO why he was always detailed to taking blood types.

"Well," explained the officer, "we heard you were a former newspaperman, and figured you were used to getting all the gory details!"

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Flesh and Fantasy
Charles Boyer
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Wed., Thurs., Fri.
The Falcon and the Co-eds
Tom Conway, Jean Brooks

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BANGOR

Today, Tues., Wed.
Old Acquaintance
Bette Davis, Miriam Hopkins
Gig Young

Thurs., Fri., Sat.
Happy Land
Don Ameche, Frances Dee

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Today and Tuesday
THEY ALL KISSED THE BRIDE

Joan Crawford, Melvyn Douglas
—Also—
MEET THE STEWARTS
William Holden, Frances Dee

Wed.-Thurs.
THANK YOUR LUCKY STARS
Humphrey Bogart, Bette Davis
—Also—

HITLER DEAD OR ALIVE

Friday-Saturday
TORNADO
Richard Arlen, Nancy Kelley
—Also—
FRONTIER LAW

Russell Hayden, Fuzzy Knight

Captured Nazis Admit Things Are Going Tough

Even the most close-mouthed German prisoner taken by the Fifth Army in Italy are contributing disclosures about conditions within the Third Reich, the War Department disclosed this week.

Among prisoners taken recently by the 36th Infantry Division, for example, only those who had served previously on the Russian front were wearing winter uniforms. Replacement soldiers coming

direct from Germany were wearing overcoats over summer uniforms.

The traditional German half-length black boot is vanishing, for Nazi captives taken in more recent stages of the Italian campaign were wearing ankle-high black shoes into which they tuck trouser cuffs.

One prisoner, more loquacious than most, told the Americans he had requested a winter uniform and was informed that "if he hadn't received a winter uniform yet, he wouldn't get one."

Another story was told by a German soldier who, when captured, wore no helmet. The reason became clear when it was observed that the Nazi had a head so large that no standard-size helmet would fit him. Before his capture he had served in the front lines for three days without a protective head covering.

The incident, unimportant in itself, assumed greater proportions after the 35-year-old prisoner admitted he had been accepted for service only recently after having been deferred on several instances because of his abnormally large head.

In such manner is information concerning behind-the-line drains on Nazi resources revealed.

It often shows a fine command of language to say nothing.

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