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DOW FIELD

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OBSERVER

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3 NEW MAJORS APPOINTED

Dow Field officials announced the promotion of 3 Captains to the grade of Major.

The three officers appointed are former Captains Howze, Ford and Kantor.

Major Charles M. Howze, a graduate of West Point, in the class of '31 is the quartermaster of the Air Base. First assignment was Fort Benning for four years, then 2 years service in the Phillipines. In 1937 he was transferred to Mitchel Field before coming to Bangor.

Major Robert Ford who is Base Administrative Inspector at Dow Field has also been advanced from Captaincy. Prior to the current war, Major Ford was a reserve officer, having served in the 1st World War and when called into active service was assigned to Dow Field.

Major George J. Kantor formerly of New York City was a reserve officer and general practitioner. Graduated from the School of Aviation Medicine at Mitchel Field with the degree of Flight Surgeon. He is now in charge of the Flight Surgeon's office and Chief of the Medical Staff.

The Dow Field Observer extends its best wishes to the new officers.

HURRY HURRY HURRY

CONTEST CLOSES

June 8, 1942

There's still time to get in your entry. Any name can win. Entries are being received daily. Now is the time to jot down your choice. Remember no wrappers to save, nothing to buy, just write a name for this paper. Prize is a carton of cigarettes.

DOW FIELD NEWSPAPER CONTEST



TALK ON JAPAN MONDAY NIGHT

Dr Marion J. Bradshaw, of the Bangor Theological Seminary, will give an illustrated talk on Japan and Its People, Monday, June 8, at eight o'clock in the Recreation Hall. Dr Bradshaw is a writer of travel books and an expert photographer; he knows Japan from wide travel there. A knowledge of the Japanese is particularly timely and should prove interesting to all men.

Foreign Born Men Naturalized. Men receiving final papers are: Sgts. Messing & Paschkes, Pfc's Saffran & Sucher, Pvts. Delaney, Richards, Simpson. & Messana.

KNOW YOUR Commanders



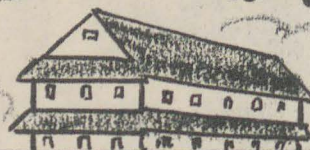
Lt. Col. R.L. Vandewater, Commanding Officer of the 7th Air Base Sqdn. Service prior to last war, Hamstead L.I., N.Y. C.O. 802 Tank Destroyer div. Graduate officers Chemical School Edgewood arsenal Maryland.



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BARRACKS NEWS



Pvt Robert Smith wonders if he's the oldest draftee in point of service on the Base. He was called on Jan 15, 1941. Any older ones?

Sgt Warren Smith of the Public Relations Office has been advanced to Staff Sgt. under Capt Wm. B. Collette.

An entertaining and hilarious impromptu show was the feature attraction at Ward I Base Hospital Wed. night spotlighting Pfc Jimmy Lewis as the dynamic MC. Staged for patients with the sun parlor as backstage and cots for seats a complete revue was given by Pfc Joe Moss (former nite club operator) and plenty of enthusiastic cooperation was given by Pfc E. Perry 1st Sgt James Ross, Pvt Johnnie Leak, Pvt James Prendergart, Pfc Mitaroton-dao, Little Angie and Bob Closkey provided the music. Entire program was unrehearsed and built around an imaginary sponser of G.I. soap. Ten shows to date have been presented at the Ward I nite club and their efforts have

received the whole-hearted support of Nurses Hunt & Fitzgerald. Announcement of new shows gets around by the grape-vine system. Last attendance reached a record high of 100. There's real Army spirit fellas. Keep up the good work fellas.

An interesting letter from Pvt Fred Hartt now at Miami reads in part: "We are now quartered in pup tents in a cow pasture with chow and latrines $\frac{1}{4}$ mile away, across a creek, and only one shade tree in the whole place. 12 men can stand under it at a time. The other fellows stand in line waiting their turn for this treat.

Readers are urged to send in letters from boys at foreign and domestic fronts.

Acting 1st Sgt Frank Powloski became 1st Sgt of the 7th Air Base Sqdn. June 1. The entire group known as Sections I, II, & III are now under his supervision. Best of luck Frank.

Pvt Berton Schaperow member of the Post Band was a sax and clarinet player for the "Blonde

Bombshell", Ina Ray Hutton, and toured the eastern coast with her band.

Cpl John McNaught ass't to 1st Sgt Powloski of the 7th Air Base was promoted to a sergeant. He used to be an electric power man. More power to you Mac.

The famous WLS Barn Dance Program will be presented June 16 at the Recreation Hall, T-6.

Pvt John Gannett of the Ordnance Div. is the son of a prominent newspaper publisher, but John is mechanically inclined, now experimenting with models of railroad trains. Here's a chance for railroad enthusiasts to get together.

Sgt Earl Blecher of the 4th Lighter Sqdn. put the bee on the other contestants at the USO spelling contest and was awarded a free call to any point in the U.S. that he wished.

Pvts. Gatti, Sargent, Manning & Cooper are off to Portland Cooks & Bakers School to find out what cooking. Keep 'Em Frying boys.



NEWS OF THE OFFICERS

icer of Section II, 7th Air Base Squadron.

Aviation Cadet Russell Knox formerly of Dow Field is being graduated as a 2nd Lt. at Turner Field Training School. He will celebrate by singing the wedding march to Miss Dorothea Goode, a librarian of the Bangor Public Library. They are booked for a happy life.

Capt Nicholas Famalaro of the medical corps just named athletic director of the hospit-

al group. Teams and league are being formed.

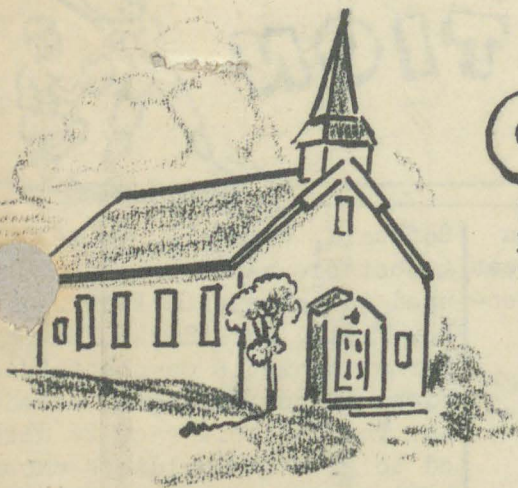
Lt Solomon recreational director of the 4th Fighter Sqdn. is active in organizing a table tennis tournament between enlisted men and officers.

Lt John Kennard bringing Mrs Kennard to Bangor from Manchester N.H. to set up housekeeping here.

News items about officers will be appreciated by the Observer.

Congratulations to Maj. and Mrs Kantor on a bouncing 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. baby girl. Major Kantor is a camera enthusiast & also a fisherman, but his hospital duties are getting first call on his so called spare time.

A hearty welcome to Captain Theobald new commanding off-



THE CHAPEL SPIRE

1st Lt. John P. Fellows
Protestant Chaplain
Services:

10:00 AM Sunday
8:30 AM Wednesday

1st Lt. Alfred J. Carmody
Catholic Chaplain
Masses:

9:00 AM Sunday
11:30 AM Sunday
6:30 AM Daily

Catholic Confessions at 3:30 to 5:30 PM and
7:30 to 9:00 PM Saturdays, and before each Mass.

Chaplain Storaasli, chief of the 1st Air Force Chaplains Corps, visited Dow Field last week-end, attending all religious services. He expressed satisfaction and gave Chaplains Fellows and Carmody the benefit of his long experience to guide them in the future. Special music at the Protestant Sunday Service at 10:00 AM will be a baritone solo by Pvt Clark. Pvt Levine will accompany him on the organ. Chaplain Fellows will read on "The Sources of a Soldier's Joy". The Soldiers Chorus will sing "Now Thank We Our God".

extract from a recent 1st

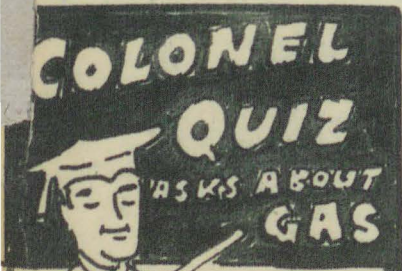
Air Force Hq. Directory reads: "The problem of church attendance on Sunday due to the 7 day week schedule may be partially solved by the holding of services on weekday mornings, early enough to not interfere with routine duties. Men shall be permitted to attend in fatigue clothes, so as to not lose any more time than is necessary. Commanders should have no alibi for not arranging schedules so as to enable their men to attend religious services at least once a week."

The Protestant answer to this is a Morning Prayer Service each Wednesday morning at 8:30.

The services will last a half hour. the 3rd open discussion on "Marriage Problems of Service Men" will be held in the Chapel Thursday at 7:00 PM. Chaplain Fellows is in charge with all members taking part.

Sacred Heart Devotions Friday night, with confirmation instructions following. Any man who has not been confirmed will be welcome to attend at the Catholic Chaplains office.

1st Sgt Talsky, of the Quartermaster Dept., is altar boy at the six-thirty Mass each morning. Sgt John Wunderly of the M.P.'s who assists at the 11:30 Mass Sundays is also a regular.



1. What peculiar odor has mustard gas?
2. What gas is known as the "Heat"?
3. What gas neutralizes the gas as mask?
4. How do you discover a leak in a gas mask?
5. What gas gives off a yellow smoke?

ANSWERS ON
THE BACK PAGE

DOW FIELDS POST PERSONALITIES



PRIVATE JOHN
"SNUFFY" SHERIDAN
ONLY 106 lbs - 5 FT 2 IN TALL
PLAYED SEMI-PRO FOOTBALL
AS A HALFBACK!



EXPERT 2ND SACKED
FOR MALDEN



ALMOST
GOLDEN
GLOVE
CHAMP



STAR PLAYER
IN RUNNING
BACK PUNTS

—FAST AS A BULLET



SPORTS SECTION



TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The play-off in the 4th fighter Sqdn is off with a bang among the enlisted men. Qualifying contestants are: 1st Sgt Roedema, Cpls. Price, Bowman, & Pownal, Pfc Wagner & Pvt Friedman. The winner will meet the champ of the officers group in the finals. Do we hear any challenges from the other Squadrons?

We'd like to hear from men who have had a sports career. See Pvt. Kennedy of the Special Services Office.

Pvt Saladino, captain & mgr. of the QM baseball team reports that out of 6 games, they have had 6 straight wins. That's a nice record to shoot at.

Softball, baseball, volleyball & obstacle races will be held in the sports line up at Dow Field. Pvt 'Russ' Kennedy, former athletic coach of Dracut High, is now arranging schedules. The obstacle race is designed to give the soldiers experience in overcoming difficulties similar to front line attack.

ARMY ANTICS



Honeychile: If you park this car I'll get hysterics.
Soldier: Honest, honey, I don't have them.

A jeep was hitting on all tires (now and then). The driver said to his pal: I know every bump in this road.—Came a crash, "There what did I tell you, There's one of them now."



Moneybags, a former banker, became a pilot in the Air Force. His plane landed in the lake, and he tried to swim. Up came a lifesaver who yelled: "Can you float alone?" "Yes, yelled Moneybags, "but is this the time to talk business?"

HOW TO IDENTIFY

Insignias



ORDNANCE
DIVISION

Supplies all armament and munition in the Army. A flaming low bomb is their insignia.

COLONEL QUIZ SAYS:

1. Garlic or horse-radish.
2. Thermite.
3. Lime carried in the canister.
4. Make an S curve in the tube and breathe in.
5. Adamsite.



Soldier: "I just heard my dachshund died."
Buddy: "Too bad, what happened?"
Soldier: "He met his end going around a tree."

PRIVATE ZOOM .. PINS DOWN A GAS ATTACK

GEDEN

PREPARE FOR A
GAS ATTACK!

NOW-WHERE
DID I PUT IT?

WHERE'S
YOUR MASK?

I DON'T KNOW-
BUT I HAD TO
DO SOMETHING

