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MORE GLIDER PILOTS NEEDED



CALLING ALL TALENTS-

If you can dance, sing, mimic or act, in fact, do any form of entertaining, here's a chance to put your talent to work.

"Thumbs Up", a Dow Field Show is in rehearsal, and you are invited to get in the cast. Get in touch with Pvt. Stevens of the Special Service at once.

An unusual opportunity for the Flying Service is open to men between the ages of 18 and 35, but who are unable to qualify as Aviation Cadets.

Increase in pay, the chance to earn a commission and training to fly a light plane are included in the many advantages. There are two types of applicants, classes A and B.

QUALIFICATIONS, CLASS A:

a) Applicants must be able to pass a physical exam of flying duty as Class II or better. Visual acuity for the Class II physical may be 20/40, without glasses, correctable to 20/20.

b) Applicants must be able to pass or have passed either the Army General Classification Test with a score of 110 or more; or the Aviation Cadet Qualifying Exam (AC 10-2) with a minimum score of 75; or the Aviation Cadet Qualifying Exam (AC 10-B) with a minimum score of 65.

c) Applicants must possess aerial experience.

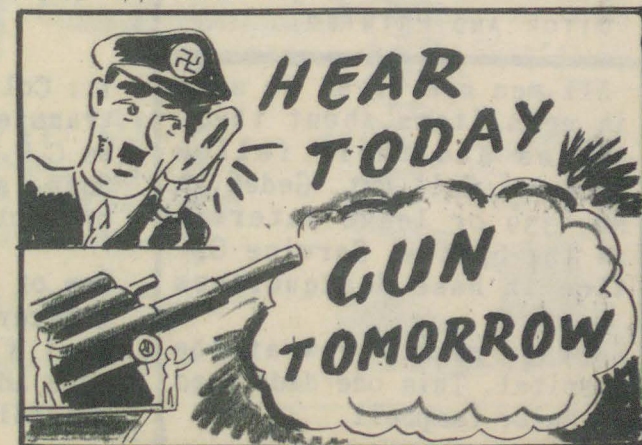
QUALIFICATIONS, CLASS B:

Same as Class A, except that no previous flying experience is necessary. All applications to unit Commander.

KNOW YOUR Commanders



RICHARD I. BOHANNAN
Major, M.C., Base Surgeon and Senior Flight Surgeon, formerly operating surgeon and obstetrician at Langley Field, Va., and Ft. Jay N.Y. A graduate of Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., in 1939.



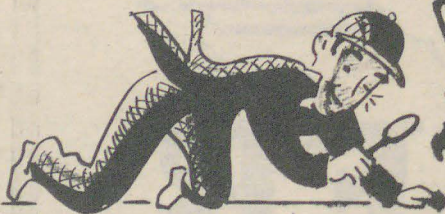
**HEAR TODAY
GUN TOMORROW**

NEW GAS CHAMBER BUILT

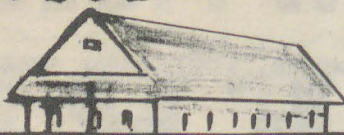
A chamber built to hold 25 persons and equipped with gas-proof curtains and surrounded on the outside with sandbags, has been designed to train soldiers in gas technique. Each soldier goes thru the tear gas filled chambers 3 times. The first with his gas mask on, the second, removing it as he leaves, the third, putting it on as he enters.

Each visit lasts from 3 to 4 minutes. All soldiers will be given this training.

**DON'T FORGET THE
ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF**



BARRACKS NEWS



Pvt. Elisha Perry of Company M has now in his possession the manuscript copy of his own composition, "What Is Love I Say?" which he received from the U.S. Patent Office Saturday - and it is now being popularized by a prominent publisher. You may be hearing it soon on your favorite program - We'll be listening Elisha.

Sgt. John Phillips of the 851 Signal Corps puts in his claim for the oldest draft-ee in point of service on the Base. He was called on Nov. 19, 1940 - looks like a record thus far.

Pvt. Fred Newman was sent by Sgt. Smith to bring back a five gal. paint can to be used as a sand pail. Soon, back he came - but with a FULL can of paint. How he got it away when the painters weren't looking remains a Dow Field mystery - but if the side of a ~~barracks~~ remains unpainted we'll know.

Pvt. Ted Johns recently of the M.P.'s just got a transfer to the Q.M. Corps. Ted is a crackerjack type-writer mechanic - and now he's found his type.

Special Corps Area Air Corps Detachment - A new group has been formed for the men who have qualified for Aviation Cadet Training, but who have not as yet been sent to school. 55 men are so far eligible and will continue their regular duties until called. Lt. John L. White is C.O. of the new group.

Sgt. Parker of Chemical Warfare is supervising the installation of the new gas alarm system. Twenty small alarms and a main one are being placed in strategic places throughout the camp. Each alarm is equipped with a stricker to sound the warning in case of a gas attack. Sgt. Parker, however, warns that they are not playthings and are used only

in the line of duty.

BENEFIT PERFORMANCES OF "THE FLEET'S IN"

Synday afternoon and evening performances at the Post Theater of "THE FLEET'S IN", will be shown for the benefit of the ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND. The first performance will be shown at 3:30 PM, and the two evening shows will be at their regular times. All funds derived from these performances will be turned over to the ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF. Your attendance at any of these shows is requested as your contribution to this worthy organization.

A rip-roaring revue, given by the WLS BARN DANCE SHOW at the Rec Hall Tuesday, draws our thanks to the USO for a grand show.

FREE! - The GREAT SANTINI, magician, will appear at the Rec Hall Tuesday, June 23, 7 & 9 PM! FREE!!

This paper is edited and published by and for the personnel of Dow Field. PVT. PAUL J. GEDEN, EDITOR. PFC. DAVID V. TODD, ASS'T EDITOR AND PRINTER.



NEWS OF THE OFFICERS

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All men are urged to send in news items about themselves and their fellow workers. Call Pvt. Geden at No. 339 or leave material at the Special Service Office in Base Headquarters.

Another grand show at the hospital. This one dedicated to Major Campbell.

Lt. Col. Vandewater has been transferred and his duties as C.O. of the 7th Air Base Sqdn. are being taken over by Captain Nelson.

One of the former Commanding Officers of Dow Field, Col. Carl W. Connell, has just been advanced to the rank of Brigadier General.

Seven new officers have been added to the Staff of Dow Field.

Four of them have been placed with the Seventh Air Base Squadron. Welcome is extended to 1st Lieutenant C. Key, and 2nd Lieutenants Dick, Ormiston and Sand. Major Campbell is a new member of the Medical Detachment.

1st Lieutenant Buell L. Harvey of Texas, has been placed with communications.



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:

6:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM
SUNDAY, 7:30 AM DAILY.

Catholic Confessions at 3:30 to 5:30 P.M. and
7:30 to 9:00 P.M. Saturday, & before each Mass.

Sgt. Jimmy Ross of the 366th certainly made music at the Protestant Service last Sunday morning, ~~staging "Today" as a solo~~ and taking "~~Deep River~~" melody on the choir's choral selection for the day. Chaplain Fellows preached briefly on "Endurance", to be followed this coming Sabbath with the theme "Loyalty". There will be special music this Sunday also, but what it will be is a deep secret at present.

The Protestant Choir learned two new selections - and sang them a capella - in one evening this week.

Dr. Levine, director of both the Protestant and Catholic Choirs, leaves Friday to be married in New Haven Conn. Saturday. His place will be taken Sunday at the Protestant Service by Harold Boer.

The Utilities have designed a regimental Chapel Bulletin for Chaplain Fellows, similar to one at Fort Bragg. They have also installed a new cooling system that is as attractive as it is effective.

The Jewish men, plus Dr. Levine and Mr. Kaminsky, had their pictures taken last Friday at their worship hour.

Lt. Denning's three week old baby boy was Baptised in the Base Chapel, Wednesday, at 3:00 P.M. by Chaplain Carmody.

Change in Masses: Sunday 6:30, 9:00, 11:00
Daily Mass - 7:30 AM.

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Chaplain Fellows suggests that a better attendance on the part of the Protestant men in camp would be greatly appreciated.

COLONEL QUIZ



ABOUT

STATES' NICKNAMES

1. What state is called the "Pine Tree" state?
2. What is the "Buckeye" state?
3. What is the "Empire" state?
4. What is the "Old Dominion" state?
5. What is known as the "Nutmeg" state?

ANSWERS ON
THE BACK PAGE!

DOW FIELD'S POST PERSONALITIES



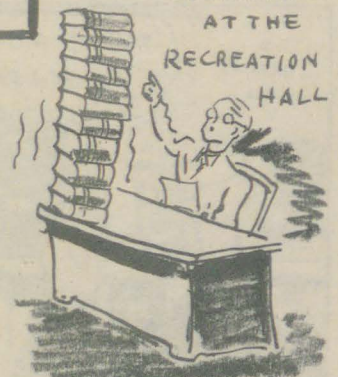
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6 FOREIGN COUNTRIES
SPEAKS 4
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"PVT. BILL"
RUFF

13 YEARS - ENGLISH PROFESSOR
AT YALE UNIVERSITY

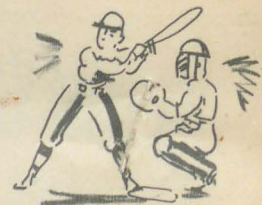


NOW
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RECREATION
HALL





SPORTS SECTION



Last Sunday the baseball season started with 4 scheduled games in the Dow Field league.

The Medical Detachment turned in a good performance to defeat a hastily gathered nine of the 754th Ord., 9-0. The Medics slammed the ball all over the lot. Private "Lefty" Zwirecki sparking his own game with two home runs, and Pvts Vinglish and McNamara following through with one apiece. For the losers, Mgr. Sgt Levenhagen stood out with a triple and Pvt Campbell and Pfc Wellington are credited with a single each to represent the

teams three hits.

On the Union St. Field, Co. K of the 366th Inf., defeated the 7th A.B. Independents, 10 to 6, behind the able pitching of Pvt A. Valentine, who added to his laurels by hitting the teams lone home run. Sgt McKeithen of the winners gets credit for 2 doubles and a triple and for being an important factor in the boys' double play combine. For the losers Pvt Miller's home run and 2 singles, and a double and a single by Pvt Don Mallory helped build up the score. Pitcher Flint of the 7th is hailed for a swell try. Two other scheduled games

were cancelled.

Games Next Sunday

7TH AB IND. VS 754TH OR
MED. DET. VS 851ST SIGNAL
901ST QM VS. 7TH AB REGS.
Co. K 366TH INF VS SUB DEPOT

Former professional baseball players at Dow Field:

Cpl. Mike Smith, 7th AB Sq. pitched in WESTERN & TEXAS leagues.

Pvt W.K. Marles played outfield in the KITTIE league.

Pvt Henry Flint pitched pro ball in the SOUTHERN league.



KHAKI KOMICS



A Sgt. died and a Corporal asked the C.O. at the funeral, "Would you mind my taking the Sgt's place?" "Why no", said the C.O. "Just see the undertaker"

The Jap ships are a complete luxury - parlor, bedroom, and it sinks.



Sgt: "I'm going to fine you a dime every time you swear."
Pvt: "Okay, if you'll give me a dime every time you envy me for doing it!"

COLONEL QUIZ SAYS:

1. Maine
2. Ohio
3. New York
4. Virginia
5. Connecticut

HOW TO IDENTIFY



Insignias
BAND

A GOLDEN LYRE FOR MUSIC.

PRIVATE ZOOM - WATCH HIS SMOKE

GEDEN

