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## Sunday Dance to Mark Branch Pond Opening

### Bombers to Meet Dover-Foxcroft

Sgt. Dave Simpson

The Dow Field Bombers, who last Sunday had the misfortune of tangling with the Belfast Coast Guard nine at Brewer Field, will attempt to salvage a win when they meet Dover-Foxcroft next Sunday in Brewer at 3 p. m.

Pumelling fifteen hits off the slants of Vic Branca and Mike Sherneski, the Belfast team leveled the Bombers 13-5. After a two-week layoff the Bombers couldn't get started. They added seven miscues to Belfast's fifteen hits; and four times, just as it looked as if they might come through with a rally, a double play ball bounced into the hands of Greer or Smith.

Belfast pushed over a run in the first, but Dow took the lead in the bottom of the inning when Tobaben led off with a double down the left field line. Toby was out at the plate when Dick Seay grounded to short, following Jay Williams' walk. Seay and Doc Ankrum came in on a balk and a wild pitch. The Bombers added another in the second to make it 3-1 to hold the lead for the last time.

Branca was picked off second to retire the side in the second, and sliding back to the bag he collided with Greer and was badly stunned. He couldn't get the Belfast men out of there in the third as they started to tee off. Four runs came across before the last man went down. Mike Cherneski took over in the fourth, but couldn't stem the tide. The Coast Guard boys added one in the fourth, four in the sixth, two in the seventh and one in the eighth.

The Bombers gathered only three hits from the offerings of Surmacz between the second and the eighth, when they produced their last two tallies.

The score by innings:  
Inning 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 R.H.E.  
B. C. G. 1 0 4 1 0 4 2 1 0—13-15-3  
Dow 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 2 0—5-9-7  
Three-base hits: Tobaben, Smith, Greer.  
Two-base hits: Tobaben, Adams, Greer, Murley, Surmacz. Strikeouts: Branca 3, Cherneski 2, Surmacz 1. Base on balls: Branca 2, Cherneski 0, Surmacz 3. Losing pitcher: Branca.

### 'C' Picnic To Include Orchestra and Beer

Nat Diamond's orchestra, Lobster, Roast Chicken and Beer are the special attractions scheduled for the Squadron "C" picnic, to be held on the shores of Pushaw Pond, Sunday, 1 July. The picnic group, to include members of Squadron "C" and their wives, girl friends and families, will leave from in front of the orderly room at 1:00 P. M. "C" personnel are requested to watch the orderly room bulletin board for further details regarding transportation.

Pushaw Pond, scene of the picnic, is located about 12 miles due north of Dow Field and northwest of Orono. The picnic grounds include a pavilion for use by the orchestra or by the picnickers if the weather should become inclement.

The committee, in addition to providing plenty to eat for the "C" personnel, has plans for competitive games and several surprising events.



A SANDY BEACH and plenty of sunshine make Camp Jordan an attractive place to while away those extra hours. The swimming is good; and the fishing and boating are excellent. Most important of all, your family and girl friends can come along, too. Transportation both ways is on the house.

### Joes, Janes to Jive Tonite At Dow's First All GI Dance

Tonight's regular Special Services dance will be something different! Sponsored by the Wacs, it will be the first all-GI dance to be given by Special Services at Dow Field.

So, brother, cancel any other plans you might have for this evening, because if it's entertainment you're looking for, it'll all be concentrated in Bldg. T-6 between the hours of 8:00-11:30 p. m. Free Beer and tasty sandwiches and snacks will be served to bolster your energies and your party spirits, and the program will be one of lively variety.

In addition to such features as variety dance numbers, "ice breakers," blues singers and a "gypsy fortune teller," Nat Diamond and his Aces will weave their scintillating syncopations throughout the program pattern.

A rollicking good time is going to be had by all who attend—so bring your khaki-clad friends and don't miss out on a sure thing!

### Blinn Blows Bugle Morning and Night

Herbie Blinn, that boogie-woogie bugle boy from Company (pardon) Squadron A, was called to the rescue last week when headquarters broke the only existing recording of their favorite tune. Dashing down to Station WLBZ, Herbie made the required waxing, unadorned by the Blinn jive trade mark. Now, Herbie, in absentia, chafes under the phonograph needle morning and night. When asked how he was able to refrain from adding a few hot licks at the WLBZ wax works, Herbie replied:

"I took along a lemon for company, and kept it handy."

### Friends Welcome Leavitt, Home on Emergency Leave

Friends of Bud Leavitt, who recently returned to Bangor on an emergency leave, expressed surprise and pleasure at seeing him so soon, and voiced the hope that his wife may be entirely well again before long. Bud, in charge of Civilian Personnel at Dow Field until recently, took up an assignment in the Azores last month.

### NCO Club Sponsors 1st Social At New GI Summer Resort

Camp Jordan, GI summer resort on Branch Pond, will be officially opened Sunday night, 1 July, with a big dance sponsored by the NCO Club. The dance, to which all military personnel and their guests are invited, will feature Nat Diamond and his

### No Serious Injury in 8th Reployment

Eighty-seven million passenger miles have been flown in the 8th Air Force redeployment program by the North Atlantic Division of the ATC, with no fatalities or serious injuries to date. Well over 25,000 8th Air Force combat and ground crew men, flying their war-weary Liberators and Fortresses from the United Kingdom over the North Atlantic Route, have returned safely to the states, and another 6000 are somewhere along the route, waiting for better weather.

To date, 1521 tactical bombers have redeployed through the North Atlantic Division, with another 300 bombers in Labrador, Greenland and Iceland, waiting to fly into or over Maine to the Connecticut Base where the returnees will get their furloughs.

Of the total number of bombers redeployed to date, Dow Field has handled close to 20%, or nearly 5000 combat crewmen. Figures are not available for the other continental bases of the North Atlantic Division.

In the 672 hours since the 8th Air Force redeployment began, a tactical bomber has been flown back every 25 minutes across the Atlantic. A man has been flown across every one and three-quarters minutes, in addition to the tremendous flood of cargo and personnel planes now flying the Atlantic on regular schedules.

Altogether, 87,200,000 passenger miles have been flown in this operation in the month since 8th Air Force redeployment began. Only two planes failed to complete the trip, and none of the men on these planes sustained anything more than minor injuries.

In addition to the redeployment of tactical planes, the North Atlantic Division is also carrying on a huge redeployment program by C-54 Sky-master Cargo planes, which will eventually result in a flood of 30,000 men per month being redeployed over the North Atlantic Route to the United States.

### USO Show Plays Here On Independence Day

A six-act comedy, singing and dancing show entitled "Monkey-Shines," will be presented in Building T-6 on 4 July by USO-Camp Shows. Featuring five multi-purpose groups and a singer, the show promises plenty in the way of variety, with 15 people included in the cast.

One duo specializes in comedy dancing; the second does a singing and talking act; "The Three Swifts" are jugglers, and the "Three Kelly Sisters" sing the latest songs. As with most USO shows, a dance line is included, and the director also doubles on the piano.

### Library Closed Sunday During July and August

The Base Library, formerly opened on Sunday afternoons, will be closed all day Sunday during July and August, due to the lack of business at that time. The winter library schedule will be resumed in the fall.



CASTINE CROWD POSES for Pfc.—Wacs and GIs who took the trip to Castine in order to "Know Their Maine," pause in front of the photographer's shop for a picture. Left to right, we honestly don't know who is who, but you've probably got some friends in the group.

Orchestra, playing from 8 p. m. to 11:30 in the Camp Pavilion. Refreshments, including beer, will be on sale, through the courtesy of the Non-Com's Club, whose Board of Governors and Working Personnel are making all arrangements and doing the preliminary work for the gala opening.

Transportation will be furnished for all military personnel and their guests both for the dance and for recreation during the day. Personnel are requested to watch the daily bulletin for exact leaving times on Branch Pond busses.

#### Camp Open Daily

Following the official opening on Sunday, transportation will be furnished through Special Service, on a regular daily schedule for military personnel, both officers and enlisted men, and their guests. For example, a man may bring his wife and kids, his girl friend, or his parents out with him. Facilities for swimming, boating, fishing, and all types of out-door games are available. The lake is large—about 5 miles long, and a couple of miles across. With a shoreline varying from hill-sized rocks to smooth sand beaches, it has almost everything desirable in the way of recreational possibilities.

#### PX to Serve Meals

As soon as possible, a small PX, serving hot meals and selling camping necessities, will be opened. According to Major Roland Murray, Resident Officer in Charge of the project it will be a short while before this is completely under way.

There is still work to be done before the camp is completely livable. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO COME OUT AND HELP SPECIAL SERVICE PERSONNEL COMPLETING REPAIRS AT THE POND. Help is earnestly requested. As soon as the necessary work is completed the camp will be going full swing.

Bangor civic groups have been active in the speeding up of the opening date, and many GIs have already volunteered some of their off time for getting the camp ready.

### Nationwide Program Offers Cash for Jokes

"GI Laffs," a new Columbia Broadcasting System program beginning tomorrow night over a nationwide hookup, is offering \$25 and a \$100 war bond for each joke or sketch sent in by GIs and used on its program. Members of the armed forces, both men and women, are eligible to compete for the prizes.

The program, featuring favorite singing pin-up girls, has William Gargan as MC, and is made up of jokes and sketches sent in by members of the armed forces. Tomorrow's program will be broadcast over CBS at 8:30 P. M., and successive shows will appear each Wednesday evening at 10:30.

Personnel wishing to submit their favorite joke for use on the program should address:

GI LAFFS Program, C. B. S., Hollywood, California.



# Bond Drive Goes Into Last Lap With 79.6% Batting Average

The Civilian Personnel end of the 7th War Loan drive goes into the last lap this week, with 79.6% of the \$90,000 quota achieved. Only one Division is actually over the top—Embarkation-Debarcation has 114.4% of its \$377 quota. The Post Exchange, with a \$4,775 quota, has \$4,739.48, or 99.3% of quota. The Hospital, with a \$3,800 quota, has \$3,729.55, or 97.4% of quota. Finance has 95.5%, Purchasing and Contracting has 91.7%, and many others are in a high bracket. Here are the complete figures to date:

Division	Coll.	Quota	%	\$ to Go
PX	\$ 4,739.48	4,775	99.3	\$ 36
Base Maint.	15,182.74	15,300	66.2	7,748
Gr. Safety	126.25	126.25	58.7	89
Finance	253.15	253.15	95.5	12
Signal	482.52	482.52	74.8	163
QM	2,022.00	2,022.00	55.0	1,658
Transp.	278.79	278.79	53.6	242
Emb.-Deb.	377.56	377.56	114.4	Over
Civ. Personnel	1,304.81	1,304.81	60.7	846
Motor Pool	3,230.56	3,230.56	60.0	2,155
Ordnance	2,128.79	2,128.79	47.3	2,322
Prov. Mar.	1,726.38	1,726.38	56.3	1,334
Airc. Maint.	16,497.88	16,497.88	60.0	11,033
A. C. Supply	3,954.05	3,954.05	47.2	4,426
B. and F.	190.02	190.02	46.3	220
P. and T.	168.81	168.81	36.3	297
Radio Maint.	1,078.18	1,078.18	68.6	492
Base HQ	1,024.09	1,024.09	66.3	646
Pur. & Cont.	385.04	385.04	91.7	35

From Raffle on Open H'se 2,816.00 (These totals do not include payroll deductions for the coming payroll.)

Military personnel have exceeded their quota by a considerable sum, so now it is up to the civilians to do their part. Amounts needed to meet the quota for each Division are shown above.

## Famous Order



"POP" GOULDING, who with "Scoop" Mikelk, was active in the social life at Gander, Newfoundland. "Pop" was Supreme Knight of the Order of the Pseudomous Salinaria. The order was presented to Sgt. Stanley Mikelk at Gander, when he was made a salted member in recognition of his outstanding oral gymnastics on the subject.

## 1000 Superforts to Be Thrown at Japan Daily

WASHINGTON — The House appropriations committee approved a \$38,500,285,951 supply bill for the War Department recently to help the Army carry out its plans to devastate Japan "at the earliest possible date."

With an expression of hope that the appropriation for the 1946 fiscal year may be the last "big money" measure of the war, and a note of caution against overoptimism, the committee made public testimony of Army leaders disclosing plans to send waves of 1,000 Superforts (B-29s) daily over Japan by the end of this summer and to hurl 166,000 tons of bombs at the enemy monthly starting next March.

"I fainted. They brought me to. So I fainted again."  
"Why?"  
"They brought me two more."

## 200 CAP Cadets Will Train at Dow

Two hundred Maine CAP cadets will come to Dow Field sometime next month for a two weeks training encampment, it was disclosed by the Civilian Air Patrol Headquarters recently. The press release stated:

"Living the existence of GIs, the cadets will receive 12 days of highly interesting Army training on one of the most active Air Transport Command bases in the country."

Dances are being held in several Maine cities for the purpose of defraying the cadet's expenses.

Meanwhile, local GIs are speculating on the possibilities of any of the trainees pulling KP or doing guard duty. One veteran declared:

"It wouldn't be Army life without time spent on one or both of these specialist courses. They can trade with me any time."

## 16-Year-Old Bangor Girl Wins \$1,000 Bond Prize

Caliope Mourkas, 16-year-old Bangor girl, whose father is proprietor of the New Atlantic Restaurant, won the grand prize of a \$1,000 bond at the Open House Raffle held last Thursday afternoon. Of the 18 winners, 11 were Dow Field personnel. Three of the 11 were GIs.

The complete list of winners follows:  
**\$1,000 Grand Prize**  
Cally Mourkas, New Atlantic Restaurant.  
**\$500 Bond Winners**  
E. Lounsbury, Aircraft Maintenance.  
Viva E. Cummings, Air Supply.  
Kenneth H. Doble, Aircraft Maint.  
**\$100 Bond Winners**  
Nathan E. Leeman, 73 State St., Brewer, Hospital.  
L. F. Peterson, 205 Birch St., Bangor.  
Cpl. Skinner, Radio Maintenance.  
Maxine Jellison, 20 Allen St., Bangor.  
Sam Harvey, Post Exchange.  
Richard G. Baker, 29 Palm St., Bangor.  
Janice Donlin, 281 Forest Ave., Bangor, Ordnance.  
Miss Norma Marsh, Coe Building, Bangor.  
Junior Burleigh, Phillips Lake, Maine.  
Peter Bernard, Radio Maintenance.  
**\$50 Bond Winners**  
S/Sgt. John Shough, Aircraft Maint.  
D. E. Stevenson, 345 Ohio St., Bangor.  
Sgt. M. H. Goulding, Intelligence and Security.  
George LeBreton, Aircraft Maintenance.

been carrying on relief feeding include the Philippine Islands, other South Pacific Islands, and certain areas of liberated Europe.

### Army to Take 15%

Military requirements are expected to take about 15 per cent of the country's 1945 food output. Civilians are expected to get between 70 and 75 per cent, with the remainder going to lend-lease countries, commercial exports, and foreign relief agencies other than the Army.

## Army Meat Supply Cut For Next Two Months

The military will cut its purchase of meat sharply during the next two months, leaving more available for home front channels, according to the Associated Press.

Federally-inspected packing houses, which provide the government's needs, were ordered to reduce the amount set aside for the Armed Forces and other federal requirements.

The reduction in the Armed Forces' meat demand comes at a time when marketing of meat animals is usually at its lowest level. When more cattle and hogs go to market in the Fall, the military will resume heavier buying.

### Beef Supply Cut

Under an order signed recently by War Food Administrator Marvin Jones, the proportion of beef which federally-inspected slaughterers are required to set aside for the government was reduced for July and August.

The new set-aside will be: Choice, good and commercial grades of beef, 30 instead of present 50 per cent.

Canner and cutter grades—65 instead of the present 75 per cent.

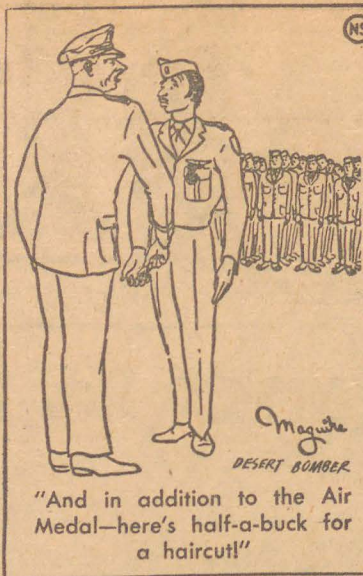
Meanwhile civilians in the eastern section of the Nation will get more poultry. Instead of taking the full production of an area which includes parts of Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia, the Army, after July 1, will allow 30 per cent of the poultry to go to civilians and hospitals.

### Not All Meat to GIs

Not all the meat and other foods bought by the Army goes to GI Joe and his officers.

Latest official information states that 1.6 per cent of total Army purchases of all foods is used to supply civilian employees of the Army in this country—particularly employees at military posts and bases—and an identical percentage is used to feed civilian employees abroad.

About 18 per cent is used for relief of hungry civilians in zones of Army occupation and zones of military operation. Areas in which the Army has



## Maul in Plans Release For Cartoon Figures

NEW YORK (CNS)—Boyish Sgt. Bill Mauldin, creator of Willie and Joe, figures in his "Up Front" cartoon in Stars and Stripes, plans to bring his grimy heroes back to the States and civilian life. So he told reporters who met him on his arrival here from Europe.

"I think it wise," the 23-year-old Pulitzer Prize winner said, "to follow them through and see what happens to them. They experienced induction, training, and a long period of war and now they are coming home."

Time magazine quoted him further on the subject:

"They (Joe and Willie) don't need pity because you don't pity brave men. They simply need bosses who will give them a little time to adjust their minds and their hands, and women who are faithful to them, and friends and families who stay by them until they are the same guys who left years ago."

Willie and Joe have been slicked up and shaved. Their point totals have not been revealed, but Mauldin himself has 131. When he was decorated recently with the Legion of Merit, he intimated to Gen. Joseph T. McNarney that he would apply for a discharge. How the Army will feel about that remains to be seen.

If the Army declines to release the young artist, and sends him to the Pacific to record the war against the Japs, another question arises. Will he have the same freedom in portraying the bitterness and misery of war and Army life as he had in Europe?

## 135th Tops League With 2 Softball Wins

With three games marking the week's softball activity, the 135th AACs team emerged as leader in the eight-team league, though it has won only two games, its total played to date. Two other teams, meanwhile, Squadrons "E" and "B", remained idle with a per cent of 1,000, while the Medics and the 8th Weather ten each won and lost a game. The Officers failed to come through in their game, dropping their percentage to .500, one win and one loss.

### Everything But . . .

Throwing in every man they could find to stem the tide of Medic hits, the Officers even, it is said, requested the services of an 80-year-old man passing by, but failed to stop Squadron "F" batsmen, who pounded out a 6 to 3 victory on 12 hits. Lt. Blau, pitching for the losers in the second inning, gave up four runs, enough to decide the game. McFarland pitched 7 hit ball for the winners.

### 8th Bats Around

Eighth Weather, in its tilt with the McFarland men, tallied four runs in the first inning, one in the second and batted around in the third for nine runs. Wardwell, feeding "F" batters, yielded 13 runs, just one under the required total for a tie. The game, lopsided in the third inning by a difference of 11 runs, became more interesting as the game went on, with the Medics scoring 1 in the fourth, 6 in the fifth and 3 in the sixth. Wardwell held them in the seventh, and saved a game he should have had in the bag.

### Lance Spears One

Sgt. Lance of 135th speared himself a victory at the expense of the plucky 8th, who fell behind in the third and never quite recovered. Wardwell allowed only 8 runs in this game, but his mates had no such walkaway as they'd had in the Medic game, and lost, 8 to 4.

Team standings as of Sunday, 24 June:

Team	Won	Lost	Percent
135th AACs	2	0	1.000
Squadron B	1	0	1.000
Squadron E	1	0	1.000
Officers	1	1	.500
8th Weather	1	2	.333
Squadron F	1	2	.333
Squadron C	0	1	.000
Squadron A	0	1	.000

Games scheduled for the coming week follow:  
Wednesday, 27 June—Sq. A vs. B.  
Thursday, 28 June—8th Weather vs. Sq. E.  
Friday, 29 June—Sq. F vs. Sq. C.  
Monday, 2 July—135th vs. Sq. B.  
Tuesday, 3 July—Officers vs. Sq. A.  
Wednesday, 4 July—OPEN DATE.

## Dow Talent Featured At Army-Navy Ball

Sgt. Nat Diamond and Pfc. Arthur Johnson shared musical honors with their orchestras at the Army-Navy Ball held last Thursday evening at the Bangor Auditorium, while four other Dow Field personalities added their talents to that of four civilian entertainers in the floor show sponsored by Special Service.

Sgt. Herbie Blinn, master of ceremonies for the show, introduced Pfc. Don King, Pfc. Ralph Miller and Cpl. John Gabriel, as well as Miss Lila Williams, tap dancer, and "The Three Gems," a girl trio.

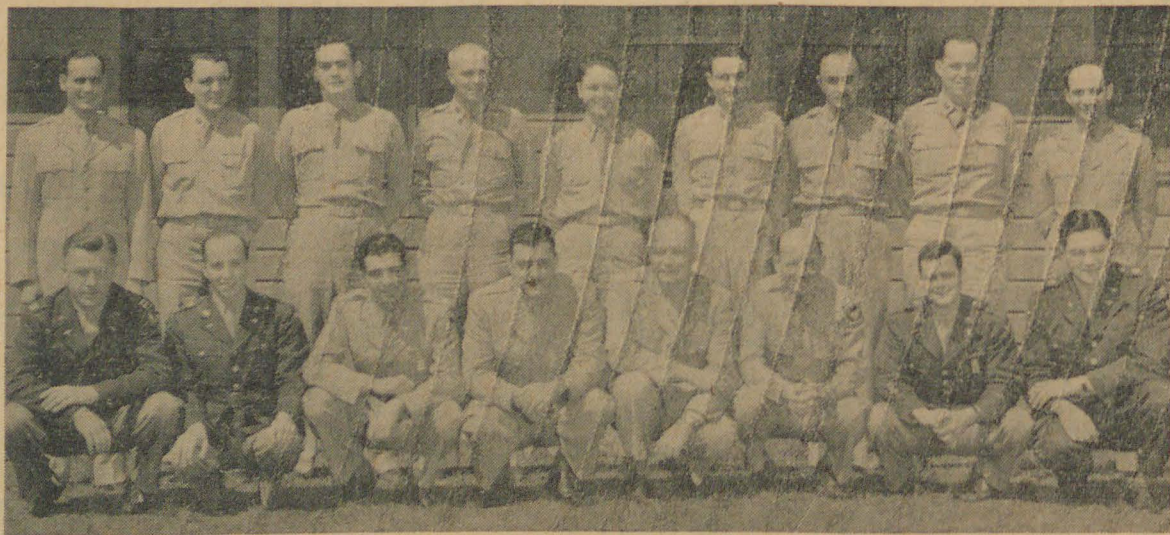
King, in his popular slap-happy style, talked his way into the funny-bones of the audience; Miller, with his guitar and his corn, sang original parodies and told old jokes; and Gabriel, in the usual Gabriel way, gave an outstanding performance in novelty drumming.

The band and entertainment personnel are to be commended for having donated their services absolutely free for the benefit of the 7th War Loan Drive. Over 2000 people agreed that the music and floor show was "superb"

## Baby a Whistling Prodigy

DENVER, Col. (U.P.)—One-year-old Ivan Samuel Parr is one of the most enthusiastic whistlers in South Denver. He started his whistling when only 6 months old, much to the surprise of the child psychologists in the neighborhood.

## Organizational Planning Conference



NORTH ATLANTIC DIVISION Organizational Planners confer at Dow Field. 19th, 20th and 21st June were big days for these officers, who came from all over the Division to spend three days in conference about the organizational problems of their various bases. Front row (left to right) are Capt. George E. Hodsdon, Presque Isle; Capt. James H. Garvin, Bermuda; Lieut. Col. Angus Sandell, Goose Bay; Maj. Fritz Weitzel, Organizational Planning Officer for the Division; Maj. J. A. Mayo, from Division Headquarters; Maj. George F. Bryon, Dow; 1st Lt. William S. O'Connor, Greenland; and Maj. Jack E. Horsley, Iceland. Standing are 1st Lt. Samuel L. Hinson, Jr., Dow; Capt. W. H. Kimball, Manchester; Capt. W. M. Pike, Presque Isle; Capt. Hugh W. Stephens, 1391st AAF BU; 1st Lt. Robert Allen, Dow; Capt. Bertram W. Ames, Gander, Newfoundland (formerly of Dow); Capt. Samuel Vrablick, Jr., Grenier; Capt. William B. Pugh, Jr., LaGuardia; and 1st Lt. Lionel M. Goldberg, LaGuardia.



## NCO Clubrooms Open Sunday Night

Although the NCO Club will be out in full force at Branch Pond on Sunday night, their regular club room at Dow Field will remain open to members. Music will be available via juke box and refreshments served until 11:45 p. m.

## A Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I'd like to ask for the changing of a rule which affects my gang, and which, if changed, would help fill the theater which is run by Special Service, your department.

Here's the deal. Our working hours at the line have been changed so that we must go to work at 4:30 instead of five o'clock. If we dress up to go to the movies in afternoon, we won't be able to get to work on time, and besides that, many of the guys haven't the ambition to dress in the afternoon just before work anyhow, and being one of them, I don't blame them.

Since most of the men going to the show in the afternoon are black-collar men, who are on second or third shift, and since at training lectures at the theater, fatigues are in order, why doesn't it make sense to have afternoon shows with fatigues allowed?

It does to us, and we'd like to know a reason if it doesn't make sense to you.

Of course, we'd like to have the shows start at two o'clock, if it could be arranged, because that would give us more time between movies and work, and we could stay for long pictures, too.

We're the guys for whom afternoon movies were started. If they are put on so that we cannot get to them, then you might as well cut them out altogether. They have been successful in the past, we know, so how about it. Can something be done?

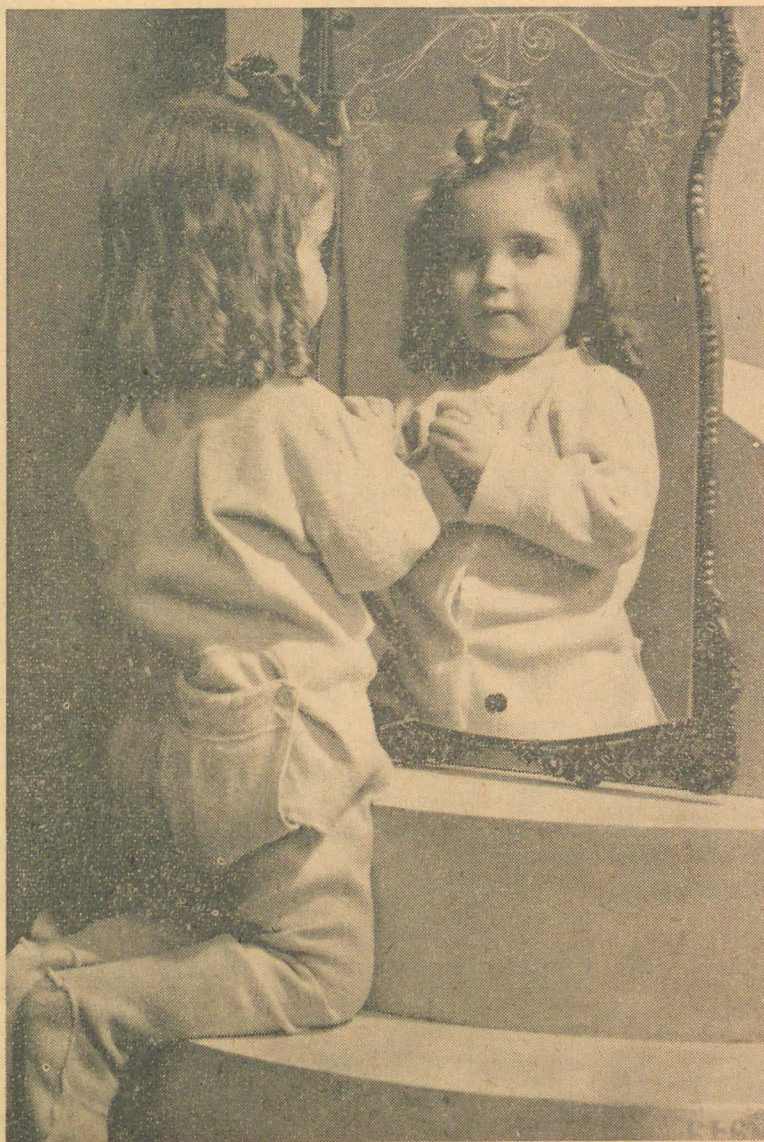
Signed: Three Showloving Mechs.

A lad from Brooklyn turned up in a mess hall in a Texas camp holding the rattlers from a rattlesnake.

"Where'd you get 'em?" a KP asked.

"Offa big woim."

## Prayer for Daddy



SHERRY SIMS, niece of Pvt. Inez Campbell of Base Personnel, prays that her daddy, with the 9th Air Force in Germany, may be coming home soon. Sherry lives in Waterloo, Iowa.

## Glee Clubbers Sought To Augment Quartet

Now that the Dow Field Quartet has successfully completed performances, Sgt. Herbie Blinn, director of the four, is seeking men who want to join a glee club. Blinn has many Fred Waring arrangements which he is anxious to try out, and invites all interested, whether good singers or not, to see him at the Special Service Office, T-6.



"You'll have to check with the old man."

## Army Adopts Policy To Retire Officers

WASHINGTON—The War Department said recently that Army officers who were eligible by age for retirement, will be relieved of duty by 31 Dec. except those deemed essential to the war effort or in special positions.

The War Department said the exceptions to the general policy would be made in the cases of general officers upon specific approval of the department "in each case where retention is deemed essential to the war effort."

The Army said that "the cessation of hostilities in Europe is a factor permitting the adoption of the new policy."

The statutory age for retirement is as follows:

For officers other than chaplains, Medical Department professors at the United States Military Academy and general officers, 60 years.

For brigadier generals of the line, 62.

For chaplains, Medical Department professors at West Point and all general officers except brigadier generals of the line, 64.

## Aided by German Overseas Service, Bill Fleming Improved Civilian Morale

Few men, in the history of the NAD, have been charged with building the morale of the folks at home, and few, if they had carried out such a mission, could have accomplished the good which Pfc. William Fleming of Flight Control, in his spare time, was able to perform. Stationed in Gander, Newfoundland, Fleming was the cause for bringing happiness to the families of 200 American prisoners of war in Germany by the simple and thoughtful act of writing to wives or parents whose addresses were broadcast by the German Overseas Service beamed to America and the North Atlantic.

Pfc. Fleming had been at Gander for several months when he heard on the German station, the name of a man from his home state, Pennsylvania. Writing to the Glen Lyons address given by the enemy, Fleming received a warm thank you for his kindness, and is still corresponding with the couple whom he helped. The former prisoner arrived home on 9 June.

### A Spare Time Job

"More to occupy myself and to have something to do than with too much of an idea of helping anyone," as Fleming puts it, he continued taking addresses and received messages from the people at home that told him what a fine thing he was doing. Many offered to send him gifts, but Fleming said:

"Since I'd need a request and wasn't doing it to gain anything, I had to refuse their offers."

In all, there were about 200 men whose folks received the first word of their capture from Bill Fleming, and who continue to remember him while their loved ones are freed and arrive home.

### Remembers Three

Fleming remembers three people particularly to whom he had written.

The first was a California woman whose son had been killed in the Marianas and the following week she received word that the other was missing in action. Three months later she heard from Bill, who told her that the second son was a prisoner of the Germans. Recalling her letter, Fleming said:

"She said that she was very glad to hear her son was safe, and that she didn't know how she could thank me for telling her. That made me feel very good."

A woman in Mulberry, Illinois, had seven sons in the service and five overseas. Fleming's message comforted them a great deal, for they'd been informed that their son was missing in action. A woman in Pittsburgh (Fleming's home town) wrote, telling him that he could consider her house his second home.

### Busy at Flight Control

But Pfc. William Fleming, these



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days, is not writing the letters he once did, when his mail kept the Gander post office busy. Instead, Flight Control keeps him busy making progress reports on the planes flying for the ATC. Meanwhile, he dreams of civilian life with his wife and 2½ year old daughter living in Pittsburgh.

Fleming expects to meet someone someday, who'll walk up to him and say:

"You know, Bill, the other day I overheard an oldish lady talking to a friend. And she mentioned your name, and I want to know what she meant. She said, 'I owe part of my happiness to William Fleming and the German Overseas Service.'"

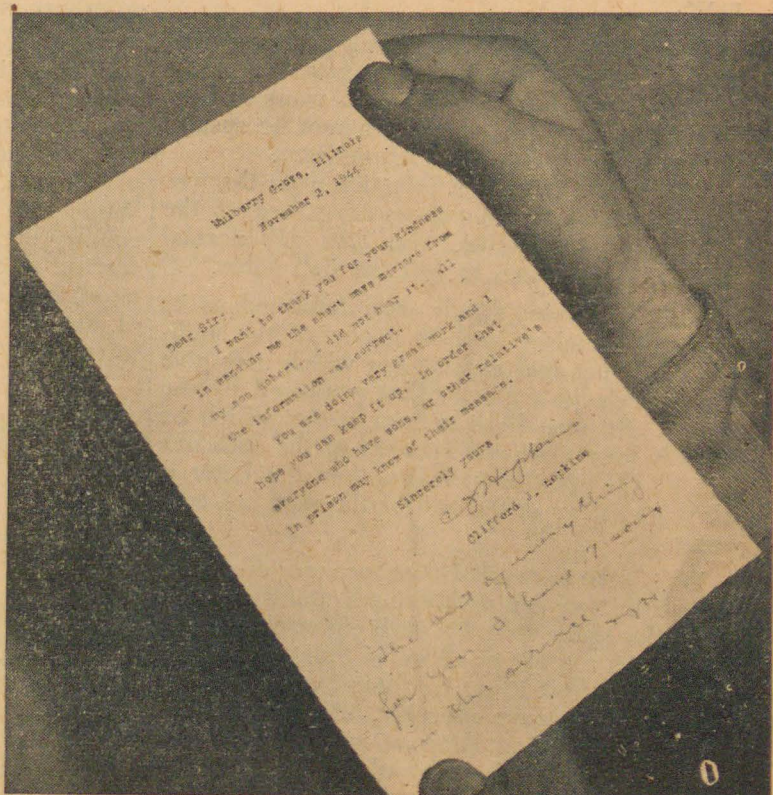
## Americans Smuggle Food From Canada

TORONTO—Large purchases by United States citizens of meat and other foods in Ontario border cities continued to be reported today despite restrictions. In the Windsor area officials said smuggling was a major problem.

An embargo has been put on exports of meat and some rationed goods in Windsor, and in recent weeks Royal Canadian Mounted Police have halted United States citizens, seeking to take home ten crates of eggs, \$50 worth of meat and \$9 worth of soap, police reports said today.



"I'm happy to announce, sir, that ALL resistance on this island has stopped!"



THE LETTER ABOVE, sent to Pfc. Fleming after he'd informed Clifford Hopkins that his son Robert was a prisoner, is typical of the 200 answers from grateful relatives he received while stationed at Gander.



## DOW FIELD OBSERVER

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### Editorial Comment

#### One Hour a Week

The pattern of orientation at Dow Field falls into two classes, that of the well-known, traveled or versed lecturer whose remarks, because of his experience, are listened to with attention; and that of the discussion leader chosen from among his fellow soldiers, who, unfortunately, is sometimes incapable of presenting an interesting discussion, not because he is stupid, but simply because he lacks the experience and ability in that particular line which separates him from the polished lecturer.

The first, who needs no "compulsory" on the posters announcing his arrival, and who leaves his audience thinking, needs no further discussion. Needless to say, these men or women are welcomed whenever they can appear, and attentive audiences greet them each time they speak.

The second class of orientation representative, the discussion leader, often fails to satisfy his audiences, who, soldierlike, attend orientation simply because it is compulsory, and try either to needle the speaker with difficult questions, or leave him pitifully alone to speak his piece and pass the hour away. That this type of orientation is a waste of time, no one will deny.

#### Why do these men fail?

The first and most obvious answer is that their audiences are often far ahead of them because the speakers either do not understand the subject or do not present it in the right way. Some speakers are not at all convinced of what they are saying and the least argument can throw them off.

Secondly, discussion leaders often state facts at variance with popular belief or the press, and make no attempt to prove them, leading those in the audience to mistrust any statement made, and to determine not to bother listening any more.

Third, too many leaders, being unprepared, read their topics from the sheet provided. Most soldiers know how to read, and want to hear from someone who "knows" whereof he speaks.

Fourth, the program is compulsory.

Last of all, by having orientation on the free time of the soldier, questions are stilled on the lips of the inquisitive, who, like any normal human being, wants to "get the hell home."

A GI audience is only as uninformed as its cleverest member, and each one of the audience, too, has had experiences which may give him knowledge equal to that possessed by the leader. No man likes to hear things which he already knows. If one member of the audience can tie the speaker in knots, then the latter is all done as far as the rest of the men are concerned.

What's the answer? Guest speakers, of course, whenever they can be obtained. But more than that, the realization by each discussion leader that his is a great privilege of doing good, and an honest effort to do that good or to step out in favor of someone else. Mr. Adler proved that an hour can be an informative period of time, and that 52 such hours would lay the groundwork for a real knowledge of the workings of democracy. GIs want that knowledge. Is there any reason why they should not have it?

## DOW FIELD CROSS SECTION DOW FIELD

The question of how to remain in readiness for any future eventualities has brought up the subject of a peacetime draft all over again in the council chambers and in the press of the United States. In order to obtain an idea of what Dow Field personnel, who have service in the Army, think of the compulsory training plan, the question was asked:

"What are your chief reasons for favoring or opposing compulsory military training in peacetime?"

Cpl. Leon Tarien, editor of the year-old "Mud-Gutter Gazette," answered:



"I am not in favor of compulsory military training as I believe it would be administered. I don't think it advisable to devote an important year of a person's life to strictly military discipline. If the one year was coupled with an education in humanity also, it might be worth the effort."

Sgt. Stanley Mikelk, Information and Education NCO, did not beat around the bush. He stated:

"Pearl Harbor opened my eyes. At that time I was one of the 130 million Americans whose eyes were opened to the realization that if we had had training then we would have been better off. I still feel as I did then. I am decidedly in favor of peacetime training."



Sgt. Carleton Cummings, Chaplain's assistant, answered:



"I do not favor the plan. It did not prevent this war, for both the Germans and the French had compulsory military training. It did not save the French. I'm sure it would help to start a rearmament race. I believe that they are trying to get the law through now because they don't believe it would pass in peacetime. I don't believe Army life makes a man either healthier or a better citizen. He should learn these things in the home."

S/Sgt. Millard Meier, working in Squadron A orderly room, replied:

"I think it is a good thing, because a year's training won't hurt anyone. The training that the Army gives is good preparation for civilian life. While men from all over the country exchange ideas in the service, the country is prepared for anything. The health of the nation should rise due to training."



Pvt. Doris Ramer, of Squadron G, opposed the plan. She said:

"I'm against it. This is supposed to be a war to end wars, and by training we're admitting defeat and preparing to defend ourselves all over again. A large Navy and Air Force composed of men who volunteered would solve the problem, and if the Army offers good pay and worthwhile training, men won't have to be forced to join. Compulsion is against all of the principles for which we fought in this war."

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"What difference does it make how we pair off?"

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### JEWISH

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

## The Line of Discovery

Selected by Chaplain E. D. Viser

One of the finest tributes ever paid to a man was that made by John V. Morely in his biography of Gladstone, Premier of Great Britain in the nineteenth century: "He kept himself on the line of discovery." And he did. At the times when most men are satisfied to sit in the corner and reminisce about the "good old days," Mr. Gladstone kept going. He was Prime Minister when he was in his eighties.

### So It's Stripes You Want

When a limited number of promotions are made it's natural that there's some griping from those remaining in grade. Some of the griping is justified, but none of it is justified to the attitude of:

"I didn't get a promotion, so to hell with everything; in the future I'm going to goof-off."

Darn few of us are in the Army because we want to be. We're in it because there's a war. It would be more pleasant to aid the war effort while wearing an additional stripe, just as it would be more pleasant to aid it in a high-paying civilian job.

There's nothing very fair about war from beginning to end. To goof-off isn't going to make the unfair situation end any quicker. (It might make it last long enough so that those who want additional stripes more than the end of the war have a chance to receive them).

Essential war workers who strike for more pay are considered pretty low by the average soldier. The soldier who only works because he might get an additional stripe isn't a darn bit better.

If you feel you are getting a raw deal, take a look at the one-stripe Marines and Infantrymen returning after three or four years of combat. Or go up to the hospital and look at the returnees with more stripes—sewed on a single sleeve.

Now I lay me down to snore  
Insured for \$5,000 or more;  
If I should die before I wake  
My wife would get her first real break.

about the "good old days," Mr. Gladstone kept going. He was Prime Minister when he was in his eighties.

We all begin on the line of discovery. In early youth the magical storage battery of curiosity makes every day a new adventure and fresh delight. Then often we sink down into a lack-luster routine. A man in a story of O. Henry's said of his town, "The trouble with this place is that everybody in it goes to sleep when he gets to be about twenty-five, and just tosses around and snores the rest of his life."

The first name to be given to Christianity was "The way." It states Christian discipleship in the right manner, in terms of motion. It keeps men on the line of discovery.

There is the big enterprise of the discovery of ourselves. Often men never discover their real selves or their real powers because they do not put themselves in situations where the best will be brought out. If we never tackle anything bigger or more exciting than "feathering our own nest" we will never get anything more out of life than a "nest." And a "nest" can be an awfully small place! Put yourself into a job worth doing, one that means something to a lot of people, and you will discover a bigger self than you ever knew you had.

Then there is the discovery of our world. Every man has, in a real way, to be his own Columbus—he has to discover the world. We ought to widen the areas of our awareness so that we have a real knowledge of what is happening, where the evil forces of the world are at work, and how they may be overcome.

Then there is the discovery of God. Prayer is one avenue to this discovery; doing God's will is another.



## Squadron 'G' Presents:

### Cpl. Myra Harris of Base Library, Always Well Groomed, Always Busy



By Pfc. Constance Klink

She's one of the brand new corporals you are seeing around the base this week. A small, trig figure; chic, perfectly groomed, and always, busy—that's Myra V. Harris, the gal from Elbert, Colorado, who is assistant base librarian.

Cpl. Harris arrived at Dow Field 28 August 1944, immediately following her basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. Attached to Special Service, she assists in the enrollment for the USAFI courses, and also teaches the illiterate classes every Monday and Tuesday afternoons in Building T-6.

Her interest in these Americanization courses was aroused when she first arrived on the base because at that time the majority of the illiterate group was composed of Portuguese, Spanish and Mexican GIs. As a teacher in civilian life, Cpl. Harris had taught in Arizona, where many of her pupils were Mexicans. There she gained a knowledge of these people—their habits and customs, and their way of thought and expression. This, combined with her knowledge of Spanish, made her an asset to these Dow Field classes.

Cpl. Harris's civilian background was the perfect preparation for her various duties with the Special Service Division. Holding a B.S. from the University of Colorado, an M.S. from Colorado State College, she is also a graduate dietitian of the Colorado General Hospital. An instructor in Chemistry, Science and Home Economics, in civilian life, she taught in high schools throughout Colorado, South Dakota, Montana and Arizona.

Her hobbies are reading, sports, swimming, fishing, mountain climbing, music and dramatics.

Myra has nothing definitely planned for her post war work. She said:

"Perhaps I'll teach as that is the field in which I am best prepared to earn a living. But if I do go back to my former profession, it will be to some school in the west. I like Maine very much, but the west is my first and last love."

Orientation Leader: Which is the most informed nation on the war, the United States or Japan?

Cpl.: Japan.

O. L.: Why do you say that?

Cpl.: They're nearer to the war than we are.

## News of Bangor USO

WEDNESDAY, 27 June

Informal open house—use of all club facilities.

THURSDAY, 28 June

Craft night—prang textile painting, shell jewelry—try your hand at place cards with shell flowers.

FRIDAY, 29 June

Photography class with Pfc. John McNaught as instructor. Movie, "Slightly Honorable," starring Pat O'Brien, Edward Arnold and Ruth Terry—the year's most exciting and different murder mystery!

SATURDAY, 30 June

"Cheer a Hero Party," with dancing from 8:30 to 12. Radio broadcast at 10:15. Refreshments served on the roof "on the house." Enjoy that special rhythm of Pfc. Arthur Johnson's orchestra!

SUNDAY, 1 July

Breakfast at the Club after church—or read the Sunday papers in our quiet lounges—or plan a bicycle party, using the Club cameras.

Join in on our coffee hour at 4 p. m. Delicious food provided by a Bangor club.

Cash prizes for our Sunday night quizz at 7 p. m.

Community sing at 7:30, followed by a feature movie at 8:30.

MONDAY, 2 July

Your chance to learn Contract Bridge, with Miss Evelyn Goulette as instructor. Duplicate Bridge in play, but list your reservation early in the day at the USO Club for table arrangements.

TUESDAY, 3 July

Bingo, with lucky hostesses for partners, not forgetting the eight cash prizes! Try "Jitterbug Reeling" with the aid of the Juke Box! New supply of art materials for our Servicemen and women artists!

WEDNESDAY, 4 July

Fourth of July special dancing party—Sgt. Herbie Blinn's orchestra, floor show, cabaret style—don't miss it!

## Observer Hodge-Podge Section

ANYTHING GOES in this feature of the "Observer." Poetry, drawings, photographs, fiction and fact will be welcomed. Bring your stuff in to Building T-6 or send it to the Hodge-Podge Editor.

### A Hanley Selection



LT. PAUL J. HANLEY, Assistant Post Engineering Officer, decided that he'd end competition for the prettiest pin-up once and for all by submitting a picture of his fiancée, Lt. (j. g.) Gladys J. Ryder, N. N. C., U. S. N. P., Pre-Flight School, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Movie stars may as well keep their pin-ups when we receive pictures like the one above.

### 99% of American PWs Will Return from Germany

WASHINGTON — More than 99 per cent of American PWs taken by Germany have survived and are gradually returning home, American Red Cross announces.

The high percentage of returning prisoners, the Red Cross said, is attributable "in great part to the correct observance by the American Army of the Geneva convention."

### Lack of Interest Dulls Ping-Pong Tourney

Lack of interest or the fact that the men cannot readily contact one another to schedule matches, has resulted in the playing of only six of the 28 scheduled games during the first two weeks of the Ping-pong tourney. All players are being urged to contact their rivals in order that the tournament may be played as scheduled, and the winner determined as soon as possible.

With two easy victories and no defeats, Lt. Horn of AACs rates as high man thus far in the tournament, even though any of the contestants, being unknown to the others, may pose a potential threat. Some of the entrants signed up for the contest merely for the exercise, but the majority of the 15 engaged in play are out to take as many games as possible.

When enough games have been played, weekly standings will be published.

### Correction

In last week's promotion story, the following names were unintentionally omitted:

NEW SERGEANTS

Squadron F—Cpl. Albert E. Korman and Cpl. Joseph A. Shue.

NEW CORPORALS

Squadron F—Pfc. Emmett H. Brady, Pfc. Charles P. Dana, Pfc. Joseph F. Green, Jr., Pfc. Calvin E. Lewis, Pfc. Philip G. McCullough, Pfc. Andrew J. Schoendienst and Pfc. Howard D. Snyder.

Cpl. Harold B. Walbey and Cpl. Harry P. Woodson, who made sergeant in Squadron E, were classified under Squadron F.

### There's No Telling What Will Happen

A gud del haz bin sed, and wizly, to, a gud dele haz bin left unsed, abowt the merit ov fonetic speling. Nevertheless, in repli to questyuns razd on the subject, we submit the foloing artiel for yuer inspectyuns.

Fonetics, according to Webster, is the sienc ov sownds, espeshaly ov the hooman voic. Now we ar not deleing with the hooman voic, I mene voic, but with the uc ov fonetic speling in riteing and in awl that kind ov stuf. Do u folo us so far, hmmm. Bi the wae, that hmmm shud onli hav wun em. And what gud in wun em, wheras with ten em's u hav a gud dae's KP groop, espeshaly if thae are al pfc's.

So the next time u wish to rite a leter, don't forget to uz this tipe of speling. In this wae, if the leter iz riten to a gerl, she wil not understand what u ar saeing and u won't get in truble, and if it is riten to yuer draft bord, nun of them wil get angry with u becawse u mite nede sum frends after the war iz over.

Next weke the discushun groop wil consider the problem ov peple who don't like to werk, a mineor mater in thez timze, but ful of potenshealitez for groop discushun. (Ed. note: Any mistake in speling or punctuashun is the fawlt of the tipe setter. (Typesetter's note: AW, NUTS!))

### A GI Poem

I go to sleep in a GI bed,  
On a GI pillow I rest my head;  
My blankets, they are GI too,  
Then GI sleep and dream of you.

A GI bugle wakes me up,  
I drink coffee from a GI cup;  
The powdered eggs are GI too,  
But GI wish I were with you.

Sitting on my GI bed,  
My GI hat upon my head;  
GI razor, GI comb,  
GI wish that I were home.

I go on GI bivouac,  
Equipped complete with GI pack;  
Get GI blisters from a GI shoe,  
But GI walk and think of you.

If I come down with GI ills  
They stuff me full of GI pills;  
Ointments and drops are GI too,  
But GI'd heal just seeing you.

I'll freeze in a GI hut in Nome  
Or roast in a GI shack in Rome;  
I'll hear the GI rain there, too,  
But GI'd rather hear from you.

I'm getting tired of GI drill,  
Of GI food, I've had my fill;  
Of GI clothes I'm tired, too,  
But GI'd never get tired of you.

At night my GI prayer I say  
To win the GI war some day,  
And when this GI war is through  
This GI will return to you.

GI stands for "Government Issue"  
And, my darling, GI miss you;  
And GI wish you'd miss me too,  
For GI love you,—GI do.

—Anon.

### Sgt. Barton Calls Bangor "Paradise by Comparison"

Sgt. George Barton, like most Dow personnel who have moved out in the past few months, ended up in an isolated island base, and from there he dashed off the following letter, giving a bit of information about his new camp and the feelings of the boys overseas on the subject of Dow Field. Here is his letter:

"Hello Walsh and Gang:

"We arrived O.K. The censor won't let us say much about the place. However, it's not too bad a place. There are a number of boys from Dow here so we feel at home.

"Bangor and Dow Field are paradise by comparison.

"We have a lot of fun trying to understand or talk to local boys. None of us get very far. As for the girls, they will never have to worry about faithful husbands. The girls are mighty few and not worth a second look.

Best to all,

George Barton."

St. Peter: "Who's knocking on the pearly gates?"

Gabriel: "Some Dow Field soldiers want to get in."

St. Peter: "Oh, well, let 'em in. They'll want a transfer in three months."

## Squadron E

By Sgt. Joseph C. Cooper

Much, it seems, has happened during the past few days. So much, in fact, that it becomes increasingly difficult to recount the varied experiences of our fellows. Some organization in the way of gathering and releasing news must be effected immediately if we are to keep abreast of the times. The Grapevine Press is outmoded, but def.

Seems that F/Sgt. Trott and T/Sgt. Toles went to Orrington a few nights ago and spoke to an interesting and appreciative audience on the San Francisco Conference. Sgt. Chester C. Sutton, of the Orientation section, left for Projectionist school in Boston.

The congratulatory department discovered that Pfc. Gabriel M. Watkins marched down the aisle a few days ago with a young lady from Holyoke, Massachusetts, and that Sgt. and Mrs. Alvin Carter became parents yesterday morning of a little baby girl. Our best wishes to you both. Next, please.

The First Sergeant gently reminds us that nothing definite in the way of picnics for the current season has been worked out yet. And the softball team reports that so far they have suffered no defeats and that they intend to keep it that way. That's the spirit, boys.

Seems that Pfc. Dell Rice has been unusually successful at fishing recently. The same is not true with Pfc. Theodore R. Street, in spite of his elaborate preparations for the season. Patience, however, is one of Street's virtues and all things come to those who wait. (Or do they?)

S/Sgt. Alex H. Caywood returned from New Jersey recently; Cpl. James Keeling returned from Washington (DC), Pfc. Solomon Brown returned from Virginia, and Pfc. Clarence Hawkins returned from Baltimore. They report extraordinarily warm weather and a helluva time. Incidentally, Mrs. Keeling accompanied her husband to DC and back. And Cpl. Leon Wilson expects Mrs. Wilson momentarily. That should boost the morale meter, huh Wilson?

Odd, isn't it, that three enlisted men in Military Personnel should suddenly don the title of "Mickey"?



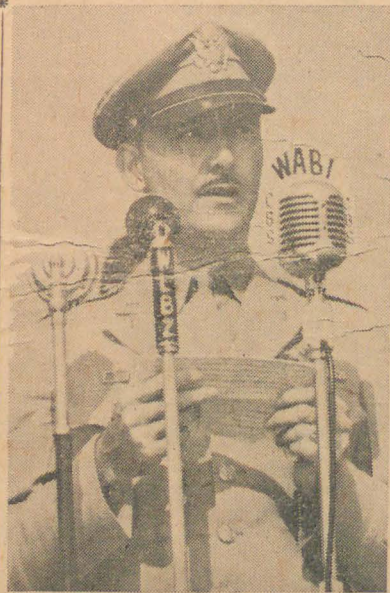
# 40,000 Attend Dow Field Open House

## Every Minute Filled With Activity From 1 p.m. Opening to End of Ball

By a Staff Writer

Nearly 40,000 people attended the big Airborne Attack Show and Open House held last Thursday, according to Public Relations Officers of the big Troop Carrier Command show. Radio and newspaper estimates varied between 30,000 and 40,000—but all we know is that there were a lot of people here, and that it was one big day. From the time the gates opened at one o'clock, through the \$20,000 lobster dinner, to the last notes at the big Army-Navy ball, every minute was filled with activity.

The Airborne Attack Show, even without the much advertised Paratroop Attack, was a whale of a performance. Dow Field's connection with the magnificent achievements of the TCC was highlighted by Lieut. Col. Edward F. Tindall, in his welcome speech, when he said:



LT. COL. Edward F. Tindell, Commanding Officer of Dow Field, speaking briefly to the gathering in front of the hangar just before the Airborne show began.

ly, and the officers, enlisted men and civilian personnel who worked so hard to put this whole program across."

Interesting features of the show were the visit of the Navy Blimp from Massachusetts, which cruised over the field for an hour; the buzz jobs performed by Navy fighters from Brunswick; the fine performance of Priorities and Traffic and Operations, which carried on their normal work under exceeding difficulties; the Air Evacuation demonstration by Major Howard Allen and his Medic personnel; the bonafide departure of evacuees in a C-47; the arrival of a C-54 with litter patients right after the show was over; the arrival during the show of 28 war-wearies from Europe, giving the audience a whale of a thrill; the Penobscot Indians and their war dance for the Bond Drive right after the show—

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the men whose hard work made this fine show and Open House possible, the members of the Bangor Junior Chamber of Commerce, the office and supervisory personnel in the 7th War Loan office, the newspapers and radio stations who publicized the affair so generous-



LINED UP at the door of a C-46, civilians wait their turn to enter and look around. Most GIs were hesitant about entering, probably figuring that the "big boid" would take off for more northern climes once they were inside. The crowds continued to queue up for a glimpse of the interior most of the afternoon, and came out satisfied with what they saw.

there were too many interesting features to describe.

### Personnel Commended

Captain Merwyn Davis, flying Liaison Officer for the entire Airborne Show, and 1st Lieut. A. G. Thompson, Public Relations Officer, were commended for having done good work by Lieut. Col. Edward F. Tindall.

Congratulations on the show as a whole were tendered by Colonel James Briggs, Deputy Commander of the North Atlantic Division; Brigadier General George M. Carter, Adjutant General of the State of Maine; Colonel Howard W. Nester, representing Major General Sherman Miles of the First Service Command; and Colonel Charles L. Stephenson, liaison officer of the First Service Command.

Particularly noteworthy was the fine way in which traffic was handled, with orchids to Captain Glenn McInery, Provost Marshal, and 2nd Lieut. John Thompson, Assistant Provost Marshal. Assisted by a large group of amateur MPs, they did an exceptional job of handling traffic, with the result that one hour after the show was over, the base was cleared of traffic. They received fine cooperation from Bangor and State Police.

### Operations Praised

Orchids are also due Major Barnie McEntire, Jr., Director of Operations, for the smooth running operation along the flight line. With more problems than a dog has fleas, Major McEntire kept operations functioning at top efficiency all afternoon. Major John S. Rushing, Director of Personnel and Administrative Services; Lieut. Col. David H. Bullough, Director of Supply and Services; and Captain Eric Forrester, Director of Priorities and Traffic; all deserve plenty of credit for the fine exhibits and demonstrations put on by their various divisions. In the final analysis, however, the most credit of all goes to the GIs and civilian employees who worked so hard to put the whole affair over, to make our guests feel at home, and to make the Open House a success.

"In all of the cities in which we have played," said Lieut. Col. Kenneth Holbert, CO of the Airborne Show, "we have never found such outstanding cooperation as we have received at Dow Field. I am proud to visit such a fine base, with such

## What D'You Know, Joe?

Q. Before induction, I took a federal civil service exam. Now I understand that veterans are entitled to a 5-point credit in the federal civil service. When I am discharged, and become a vet, can I get those 5 points added to my score on the exam?

A. Yes, provided the list of eligibles for the job you're trying to get is still in existence.

Q. I am being discharged on that over-40 regulation. Do I get my mustering-out pay?

A. Yes.

Q. I am married and have two children. If I am killed in action, could my wife who is 28 years old waive my insurance and hold out for a pension?

A. She would be entitled to both. In your case, the pension would be \$78 a month, \$50 for your widow, \$15 for the first child, and \$13 for the second. If you are carrying \$10,000 in insurance, she would also receive monthly checks for \$55.51 for 20 years.

Q. I was inducted in California, although my home is in Ohio. Will I have to go to California to cash in on the GI Bill of Rights?

A. No. The GI Bill is federal and not state legislation.

Q. I was a PW at Christmas time and never got the presents my family sent me. Some of them were pretty valuable. What to do?

A. They should have been marked "Prisoner of War," and returned to the sender. If they were not, sender should obtain Form 1510 from the post office and file claim.

Q. My dad is raising hell to get me to take out a family allowance payable to him so that he can save \$50 a month for me. I get little enough as it is. Can he get the Army to make me come across?

A. Family allowances are paid to Class B dependents (parents, grandparents, etc.) only when the EM OK's the allotment. The EM's consent is not required in the case of Class A dependents (wives and children).

wonderful help and cooperation from everyone concerned."

### Dinner a Success

The \$20,000 lobster dinner was a success, attended by well over 200 people. Over 2000 civilians, soldiers, sailors, and their girl friends, attended the big Army-Navy Ball at the Municipal Auditorium. With attractive decorations worked out by the Bangor Junior Chamber of Commerce, with soft lights and everything that goes with it, and with an atmosphere of color such as has never been seen before in Bangor, the party was a huge success.

Nat Diamond and his Aces, and Pfc. Arthur Johnson and his Rhythmaires, provided some of the finest music ever heard by Dow Field personnel. A floor show, announced by Sergeant Herbie Blinn as MC, featured Lila Williams, Pfc. Donald King, Pfc. Ralph Miller, Corporal Johnnie Gabriel, and the Three Gems, beautiful Bangor girl trio. All of the above donated their services for the 7th War Loan Drive.

The Grand March at the Ball was led by Brigadier General George M. Carter, Adjutant General of Maine, and Mrs. Carter; and Colonel Howard W. Nester of the 1st Service Command, and Mrs. Nester.

All in all, June 21st was a big day.

A boy and girl were out driving. They came to a quiet spot on a country road and the car stopped.

"Out of gas," the boy said.

The girl opened her purse and pulled out a flask.

"Wow!" exclaimed the boy. "What is it?"

"Gasoline," replied the girl.



PART OF THE CROWD of 40,000 which came out to Dow Field to witness the Airborne show and find out what makes the ATC tick. Most of the crowd gathered near the runways (upper right) to watch the C-47s and 46s of the Troop Carrier Command, but a good many were interested in seeing the C-46 and the C-54 at right center. Personnel of the medical detachment demonstrated methods of moving wounded to and from the stretcher-bearing Skymaster.

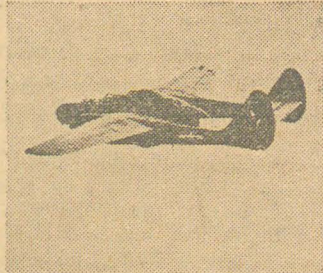


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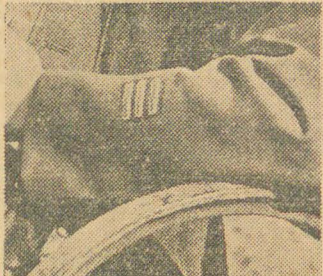
1 When in trouble, Durante calls on friend:  
(a) Yehudi (c) Umbrigo  
(b) Inka-dinka-doo (d) Garry Moore



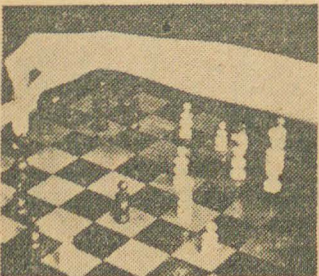
2 New night fighter with a deadly sting:  
(a) Black Spider (c) Shooting Star  
(b) Black Widow (d) Ascender



3 Call ballet dancers' wispy tulle skirt a:  
(a) frou-frou (c) meringue glacé  
(b) tutu (d) hooplet



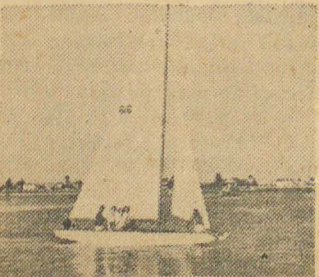
4 Each gold stripe is awarded GI's for:  
(a) battle wounds (c) a campaign  
(b) 6 months' overseas service (d) heroism



5 The unseen player moves in a game of:  
(a) backgammon (c) checkers  
(b) gin rummy (d) chess



6 Her picture decorates a:  
(a) 1-cent stamp (c) \$5 bill  
(b) War Bond (d) hunting license



7 Tell this racing sailboat's class by the:  
(a) star (c) number of sails  
(b) number 616 (d) number of people



8 Minus the curls and dimples, recognize:  
(a) Baby Snooks (c) Margaret O'Brien  
(b) Shirley Temple (d) Jane Withers



9 The medical corps' symbol is called the:  
(a) aesculapius (c) cobra  
(b) scalpel (d) caduceus



10 Stepping lightly on her shapely legs is:  
(a) Marlene Dietrich (c) Rita Hayworth  
(b) Mae West (d) Betty Grable

## PHOTOQUIZ ANSWERS

1—(c) Umbrigo. 2—(b) Black Widow. 3—(b) tutu. 4—(b) 6 months' overseas service. 5—(d) chess. 6—(a) 1-cent stamp. 7—(a) star. 8—(b) Shirley Temple. 9—(d) caduceus. 10—(d) Betty Grable.

## Oldest Son of Gen. Fritz Dies

MANCHESTER, N. H.—Lawrence G. Fritz, Jr., 18, oldest son of Brigadier General and Mrs. Lawrence G. Fritz, died recently at the Grenier Field Hospital after an illness of five months duration.

The son of the Commanding General of the North Atlantic Division of the Air Transport Command was born in Dearborn, Michigan, and had lived in Kansas City, Missouri, and Washington prior to coming to Manchester. Besides his parents he is survived by two brothers, James and John, and a sister, Mary Ruth Fritz. Funeral services were held at the Bowers Funeral Home in Marine City, Michigan.

## Japan, Like Okinawa Will Cost High Price

(From N. Y. Times)

OKINAWA—Out here in Oinawa where this week we won our greatest victory but paid the highest price for any island yet taken in the Pacific war the soldiers and marines who fought the action, and with whom this correspondent has talked, believe that several truths are self-evident from any reading of the eighty-two-day record of this campaign.

These, in the order of their importance, are:

(1) The war with Japan may well last for years, instead of months as some optimists hope. However soon it is won, the cost in life blood and money will be high.

(2) Final victory over the Japanese can be achieved only by ground action. Large-scale bombing and fleet action unquestionably will reduce the enemy's power of resistance, they believe, but when his soldiers and sailors hole up in caves, as they did on this island, they can be flushed out and killed only by foot soldiers supported by tank and flamethrowers.

(3) There is virtually no evidence, soldiers and Marines have told me, that the will to resist of the average individual Japanese soldier is weakening. The record number of prisoners taken in the final days of this campaign can be considered only a minor gain for our psychological warfare efforts when it is measured against the unabated fanaticism with which the enemy fought.

There are too many crosses in the seven divisional cemeteries on Okinawa for anyone to say that disposing of the Japanese is a one-handed job requiring only a 50 per cent home-front effort, now that Germany is out of the way.

Polygamy is defined as trying to get more out of life than there is in it.

## Cigar Smoking, Booming Voiced Quinn Known as 'Great White Father' at QM

"Mike" Quinn, whose official title is Administrative Assistant of Base Quartermaster, keeps a guiding hand on all activities of this Division and is often referred to unofficially as "The Great White Father." Mike has worked at the Base for the past three years and his ever-present cigar and booming voice have become standard equipment at the QM office.

When asked about his job, "Modest Mike" says, "Oh, I watch over the employee relations and welfare of our office personnel." Sounds very simple but his job actually required a lot of careful planning. He's responsible to the Station Quartermaster for the coordination of the various sections including Property, Procurement, Salvage and Reclamation, Laundry and the Commissary Section. As immediate supervisor of approximately 65 civilians and 70 enlisted men, Mike arranges the schedules so that everybody has a day off once in awhile.

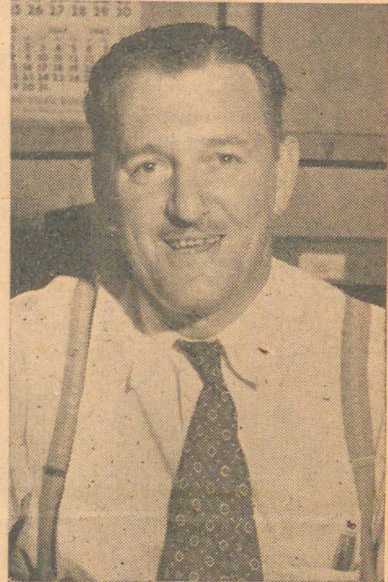
### Previous Experience

A long time employee of Uncle Sam, having worked under three departments of the Government within the last ten years. He was Educational Advisor for a C.C.C. supply company under the Department of Interior and also a Clerk in the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department for several years. Previous to his transfer to Dow Field, Mike was Administrative Assistant in the Forestry Service which comes under the Agricultural Department.

While working as Branch Manager for the Goodyear Tire Company, Mike spent three years in Brazil and also traveled considerably in Cuba, Mexico, and the West Indies. Of the many fascinating places he visited in his travels, Mike remembers Natal as a sleepy little coastal town in Brazil, which is now the headquarters for one of the largest American ATC bases.

Bowling and softball rate high on his list of sports and he's been president of the Dow Field Bowling League for the past two years.

At the present time, Mike lives with his wife and four children in GI Village and occasionally takes a jaunt to the old home town—Newton, Massa-



"Mike" Quinn of QM

## A Reader Wants Returnees to Speak

Dear Editor:

After seeing all of the returnees at Dow Field from the CBI, I often wonder why, at our orientation classes, we continue to hear guys reading from papers who often don't understand what they're reading, but worse still, make little or no attempt to put it across. Sure, some of the guys are okay, but you know as well as I do that when guys like Margolin and Adler talk to the men, no one is fidgeting around or reading a paper on the side. Those guys were good, and everybody knew it.

So how about trying out some of these returnees from China. Maybe they can't speak too well, but they know what they're talking about anyhow, and if my case is any example, the men who listen will get more information from the real McCoy in 5 minutes than in an hour from the boys with the papers. Besides that, when we ask them questions, they won't have to look up the answer, they'll know it, and they'll know all of the angles, too. That's what I want, because if I wish to find out some paper work, I can read "Time" or go to the movies. Give them a chance. I'm for it, and I'm just wondering about how the rest of the guys here feel.

Signed: Hungry for Knowledge.

First Cow: "What do you think of the new hired man?"

Second Cow: "I think he's an awful jerk!"

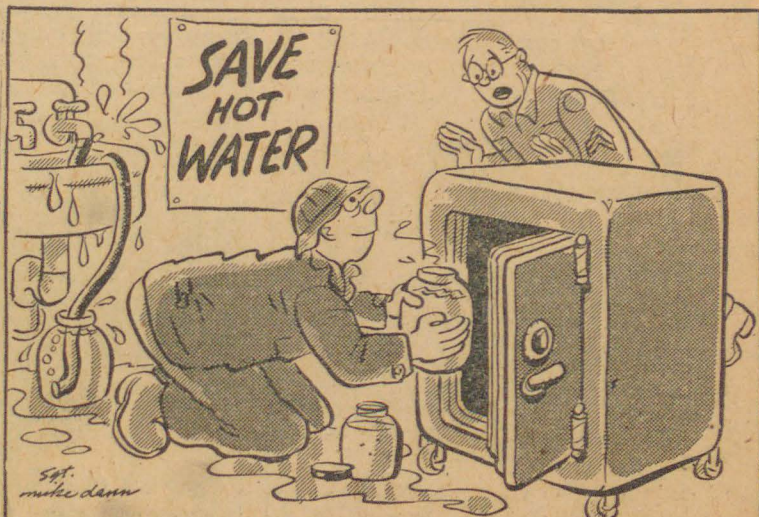
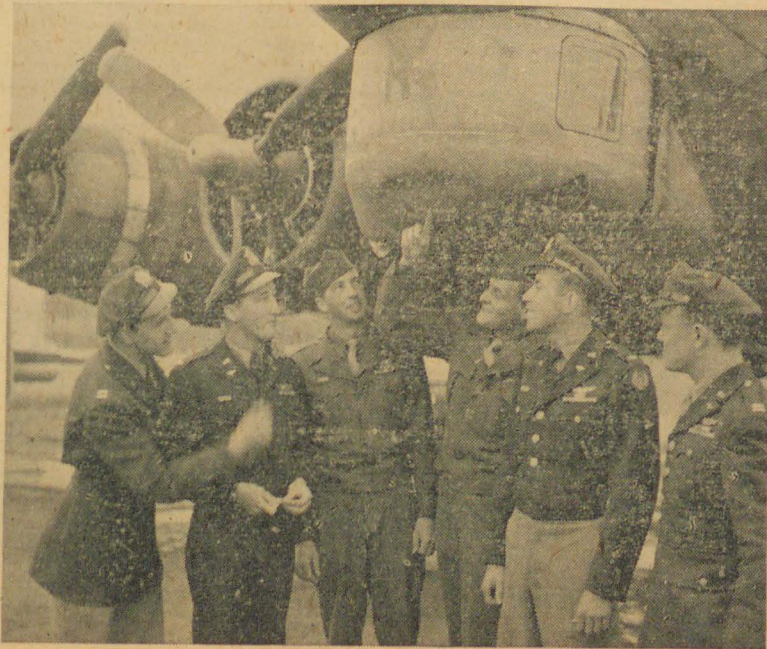
Observer Reporter: I'm sorry, chief, but we won't have a very good paper this week.

Chief: Why not?

Reporter: I lost the scissors.

I used to bully the office boy  
Poor little Benjamin Howe,  
But never again will I yell at Ben,  
The kid is a colonel now.

CREW MEMBER of the "Nine O Nine," on a Dow Field runway, points to a crease made by a German 88 mm shell in the chin turret of the Fortress. The plane's record, even with near calamities such as this, includes 140 consecutive combat missions without a turnback despite weather, enemy action, and mechanical trouble. Once it ran out of gas after unloading on the target. The plane outlasted six crews, flew two diversionary missions to snafu enemy radar, and flew three missions to rescue prisoners of war. The Nine O Nine, an 8th Air Force plane, spent a month at Dow Field in 1942 with the 91st Bombardment Group.



"No, Horwath. You've misunderstood the idea entirely."



## Squadron B



## Squadron C



CHUNGKING, China—Headquarters of Lieut. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, United States commander in China, gave some details recently of the activities of American ground forces in China.

American forces, the announcement emphasized, are not primarily combat troops. They are at present engaged principally in training Chinese soldiers in the use of modern weapons and equipment and in keeping open the lines of supply.

"On the other hand, these United States troops are not rear echelon soldiers, for they go into action with Chinese units that they have trained, serving in an advisory capacity," the announcement said. "But the actual ground fighting in China is being done, for the present, at least, by Chinese troops."

Sgt. S. J. Westcock

From Sgt. Jack May, Overseer of D.R.O.'s at General Mess, and through the Air Inspector's Office, we learned the reason why you have been directed to a specific table during mess-hours. Regulations state that G.I.s will be seated at clean tables only, so, by following the directions of your D.R.O. you will not only eat in a cleaner atmosphere but may save on cleaning expense. One more thing. It isn't unusual when a couple of 2-legged chow-hounds dash through the door leading into the mess hall at breakneck speed, but when 5 dogs crash the gate AHEAD of the GI line, Sgt. May thought something should be said about the animals that perspire through their pants. "I wish the boys would cooperate and help us keep all animals out of the mess hall," he said. "It is unsanitary and creates a hazard whenever food is dropped on the floor. Besides, a regulation is in effect, making us responsible for keeping animals out of the mess hall at all times."

While all of us may not concede that by picking up a starving dog and making him prosperous he won't bite you . . . as man does . . . you can feel confident that none of the dogs on Dow Field are starving!

Movement of traffic and parking of cars during the Airborne Show fell to Capt. Horvath, Capt. McNery, Lt. Thompson and Lt. Doran. Helping them and the regular MPs who put in a long stretch and stand that day, were several chairtroopers from this Squadron, who were assigned as "auxiliary" MPs to teach the drivers of vehicles that the longest way round was the shortest way home. T/Sgt. Garbo, Sgts. Friedhoff, Tucker, Scherer; Cpls. Brown, Carolus, Kingsley; Pfc.'s Garcia, Kicklighter and Wilson . . . didn't have whistles while they worked but they were all good natured about their chair-less assignment.

*Oddities Gleaned and Beamed:* Cpl. "Tempus Frigit" SUZAN . . . now plying his wares and cares in Transport Operations . . . SGT. RALPH W. AUSTIN, Jr. . . . just returned from ETO and assigned to his squadron . . . PFC. JOE TODD . . . cutting up a watermelon at the main gate which he ate at 8 . . . S/SGT. ROBERT HARRIS . . . back from Greenland after "Icing It Out" for 2½ months . . . S/SGT. JOHN D. VINEYARD in short-wave talk-fest with SGT. AUGUST SHANER, who is stationed in Newfoundland . . . While cleaning the area around his bunk, SGT. EICHENBRENNER found a Class "A" pass belonging to CPL. WILLIAM "BARLEYCORN" HAYES, who says he is looking for a job as life guard with the Consolidated Pool . . . S/SGT. THOMAS B. GILMORE . . . married while on furlough and expects to lay down the law to his wife and accept all the amendments.

According to Sgt. James Corcoran, the latest figure to become a floor-walker and father of a newborn baby is T/Sgt. Roy G. Dattman. "Daddy" Dattman is said to

## GIs Prefer Class or Workshop I & E Questionnaire Reveals

Most GIs and gals prefer study with a group or practical experience in a workshop to individual study, according to answers given on the I & E questionnaire filled out by Base personnel last month. Accounting, Bookkeeping, Business Law, Typing, Psy-

have gone through the "usual" ordeal . . . while waiting for the stork to tip-toe through the window with his first, a baby daughter named Karen-Marie, who will, in time, first be taught to talk, and then spanked for not being silent?

Whereas, several men in the squadron have "neglected" their Physical Training and Orientation, the CO has instructed S/Sgt. Schmidt and Sgt. Trombley to warn all delinquents not to bother to come in for their passes if they didn't make an effort to improve their future score. A word to the wise should be weighed and not counted . . . !!

Pfc. Bert Kelly, most sought-after bachelor among us, receives anywhere from 25 to 50 phone calls per month from gals who believe he is burning with love and will some day make a fuel of himself!

Believing in breath control, no garlic will be planted in the Dow Field Victory Garden this season. About 1500 cabbage plants were just added to the collection of vegetables. Captain Zitnick and Lt. Nay, under whose supervision several chairmen from Embarkation & Debarcation are learning how to raise something besides their hat, have practically convinced the "GI" farm-hands that the best way to raise cabbage isn't with a knife and fork. Only trouble with planting is that by the time your back gets used to it your enthusiasm is gone!

2nd Lt.: "Private, what did you do before you came here?"

2nd Lt. (sneering): "White collar job, eh? Mending pages, dusting desks and sharpening pencils, I suppose."

Pvt.: "No, we kept an old 2nd Lt. for those chores."

chology, Public Speaking, Languages, Carpentry, Music, Auto and Airplane Mechanics, Air Conditioning, Electricity and Radio were the subjects most desired by those questioned.

The study of Geography, Poetry, Parliamentary Procedure, Metalry, Printing, Chemurgy, General Science and Geology were low on the list of preferences.

Subjects like City Government, Sociology, Health Education, and Salesmanship were added to the list by individuals interested in these subjects, while everyone expressed a desire for information regarding the study of at least one subject listed on the questionnaire, and each subject had someone interested in it.

## Many Qualified to Teach

According to their answers, many persons were qualified to teach certain subjects and indicated an interest in teaching them to GI pupils. Hobbies covered a wide range of subjects, reflecting the different sections of the country from which Dow personnel are drawn, as well as varied education.

Library Well Attended

Most personnel who live on the base, according to the questionnaire, visited the library one or several times a week. Few additions were requested for the library, and many spoke with satisfaction on the number and variety of books obtainable there. Records of dance orchestras, light classics, and folk songs were listed in the requests for music, though several emphasized the fact that the library should be a quiet place, with no music.

### Classes Planned

The results of the questionnaire are being studied with a view to the opening of practical classes in those subjects most desired. Tentative plans call for free classes, with texts provided for the students. It is hoped that the funds will be made available to pay qualified teachers.

*This Week at the Base Theater*

WEDNESDAY, 27 June—MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS (revival in technicolor) with Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien and Mary Astor. Also "Bands Across the Sea," a Melody Master Bands Feature.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 28 & 29 June—THRILL OF A ROMANCE, with Van Johnson, Esther Williams and Lauritz Melchior. Also "Movietone News."

**SATURDAY, 30 June**—**HITOHHIKE TO HAPPINESS**, with Al Pierce and Dale Evans. Also "What, No Cigarettes?" with Edgar Kennedy, and "Community Sing #13."

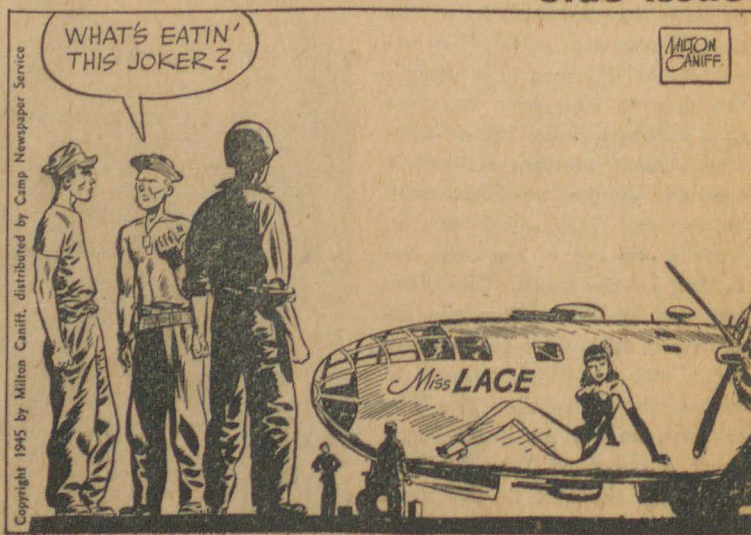
SUNDAY & MONDAY, 1 & 2 July—CHRISTMAS IN CONNECTICUT, with Barbara Stanwyck, Dennis Morgan and Sydney Greenstreet. Also "Movietone News."

**TUESDAY, 3 July**—**THE CHEATERS**, with Joseph Schildkraut and Billie Burke. Also "Popular Science" and "Hatful of Dreams," a puppetoon.

WEDNESDAY, 4 July—TWO O'CLOCK COURAGE, with Tom Conway and Ann Rutherford. Also "Coney Island Honeymoon," "Tee Trick" a sportscope, and "Birthday Party," a Little Lulu cartoon.

## Male Call

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



## Side Issue