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I & E, Athletic Programs Being Stepped Up

'Varsity Athletics Will Be Stressed' Declares Lt. Doran

"Army athletics will increase during the coming months both in number of activities and in participation," declared Lt. Doran, military training officer, in a recent interview. "Greater stress," he said, "will be placed on voluntary participation in athletics, and plans are being formulated for varsity athletics in all of the major sports."

Increased athletic activity on Dow Field is in line with the increasing use of spare time in athletic activity in the European theater, where men who are needed for policing duties will be able to participate in "United Nations Olympic Games," among all of the nations and separate European commands.

Elaborating on his initial statement, the lieutenant declared that there would probably be more inter-base contests similar to inter-college athletics in civilian life, where team spirit is emphasized and good will promoted between fields of the various flying commands.

Present athletic schedules at Dow Field call for two softball leagues to begin play on the first of June: the National league, composed of civilian teams, and the American league, an all-soldier group. Dow's baseball team, rained out in its two home games with rival bases, will continue to urge GIs to attend the games when they are played at Brewer.

The athletic area, located on the parade field, will be officially opened on 1 June, date of the first softball game. Two volleyball courts, several horseshoe pits, a basketball court, and a softball diamond are being set up for the use of all personnel. A swimming project which all personnel may take advantage of is being considered, and further details of this will be published later.

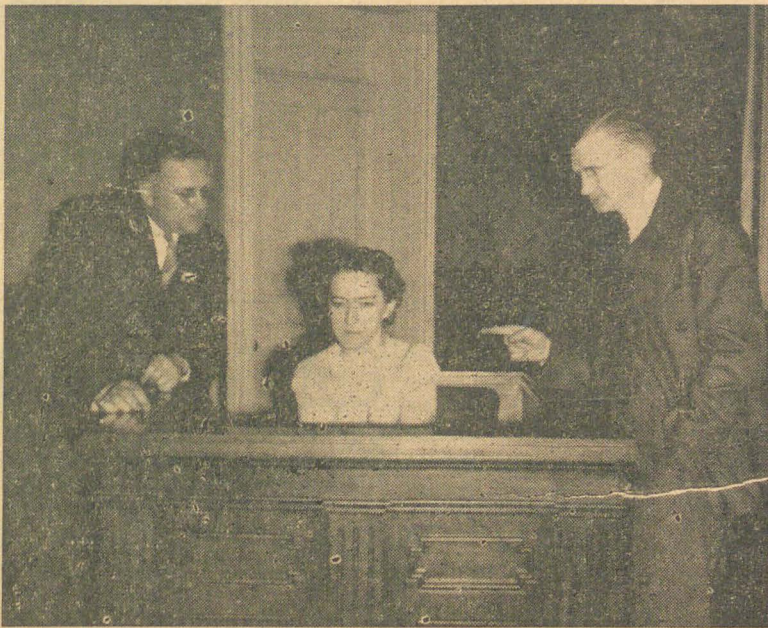
Lt. Van Peurse, PT Officer, now at PT school, has plans for a track team during the coming summer, and in the fall touch football teams will be organized.

Softball Players Are Urged to Sign As Season Starts

In preparation for the softball season, which begins 1 June, barring heavy snowfalls or a quick freeze, squadron and civilian teams are being recruited by 1/sqts. and department heads.

Men who wish to play during the coming season are being urged to sign up on squadron bulletin boards or with the department for which they work. The cold weather has been a factor in dampening the spirits of would-be softballers, but with plenty of action assured on the two diamonds available to Base teams, a good turnout is expected by personnel of the Base gym for the opening of the season.

'Trial of Mary Dugan' Plays at T-6 Monday



A dramatic moment in "The Trial of Mary Dugan."

Squadron 'F' First to Top Quota In Seventh War Loan Drive

By buying 101.7% of its war bond quota in the 7th War Loan Drive, the Medics of Squadron "F" are the first outfit to go over the top in the present drive. The Medics have purchased a total of \$1,484.50 in bonds to date. Squadron "B," with 77.5% of quota purchased to date, is right on their heels. Here are the remaining squadrons, in order of percent of quota achieved:

Squadron G	61.1%	\$1,631.25
Squadron A	59.7%	3,652.50
Squadron C	37.9%	2,835.75
Squadron E	45.0%	1,635.00
135th	24.9%	510.00

Total military purchases to date are \$17,542.75, or 56.8% of quota. Officers have purchased a total of \$6,056.75 to date, or 27.6% of their quota. But they are coming up strong, and are expected to go over the top with a bang.

Total civilian employee purchases to date include \$24,273.19, or 26.56% of the big quota. Here is the entire roster:

Post Exchange	36.1%	\$ 1,722.72
Base Maintenance	25.2%	5,786.48
Ground Safety	16.2%	35.00
Finance	46.0%	121.89
Signal	23.3%	150.02
Medical	35.0%	1,338.84
Quartermaster	16.4%	602.10
Transportation	17.8%	92.52
Embark. Debar.	33.7%	111.28
Civilian Personnel	21.5%	462.93
Motor Pool	17.7%	952.63
Ordnance	24.1%	1,083.78
Provost Marshal	30.4%	931.32
Aircraft Maint.	27.9%	7,680.10
Air Supply	21.5%	1,805.18
Budget and Fiscal	27.7%	113.76
Priorities & Traffic	24.2%	112.53
Radio Maint.	28.9%	453.16
Headquarters	30.3%	506.93
Purchas. & Cont.	50.0%	210.02
Total	26.56%	\$24,273.19

Sergeant Gets 158 Points Highest In Nation

ATLANTA—Sgt. Ibry Garner, 31, of Andalusia, Ala., amassed 158 points—highest thus far for the nation—to win discharge from the service under the new point system. He had:

- 55 months' service since Sept., 1940, 55 points.
- Three dependent children, 36 points.
- 27 months overseas combat service, 27 points.
- Bronze star medal, 5 points.
- Seven battle stars, 35 points.

Local Talent Appears In Famous Stage Play

"The Trial of Mary Dugan," three-act play with a cast made up of members of the Old Town Little Theater Group, will be presented by the Old Town Rotary Club at Building T-6 on Monday evening, 21 May, at 2000 hours. Directed by Verne Hardy, the scenes of the play, which has appeared many times on Broadway, are laid in a courtroom, where the fictitious "Mary Dugan," an actress, is on trial for the murder of wealthy Edgar Rice, her "sugar daddy." Admission is free.

The cast of twenty-three is headed by Miriam Stover as "Mary" and Casey Spearin as "Jimmy," her boy friend. Mr. Hardy appears as the district attorney, while other members of the cast portray Follies girls, members of the police department, witnesses, and courtroom attaches.

"The Trial of Mary Dugan," with the same cast, appeared for three performances in Old Town.

Dance At T-6 Tonight

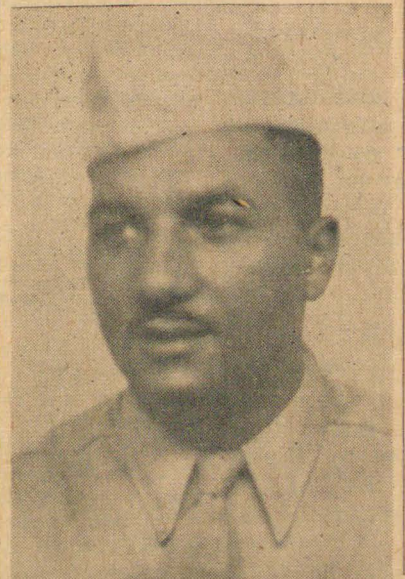
Tonight's bi-weekly dance at Building T-6 will feature the music of Sgt. Herbie Blinn and his orchestra. Scheduled to begin at 2030, when girls from the USO in town will arrive at the Base, the dance will continue until midnight.

Simpson Tops in PT With 90 Points; Squadron 'E' Places 3 Men in First 5

Pfc. Maceo Simpson of Squadron "E" bested all other PT contestants in the current quarterly tests by a score of 90 points. In addition, Squadron "E" men took second honors when Harding "Deane" Good garnered 85 points, while "E's" Haywood Torrence split third place with "Buddy" Adams of "A." Each had 78 points. Captain Hugh Beaumont was fifth man with a score of 74.

High men in each of the squadrons were: Sgt. Vincent Quinn of Squadron "B," 66 points; Sgt. Robert Vaughn, Squadron "C," 70 points; Cpl. Lloyd MacFarland, Medics, 70 points; and Thomas Butterworth, of 135th AACs, 66 points.

Complete PT figures will appear next week.



PFC. MACEO SIMPSON

Correspondent Must Go Back to America

PARIS—Allied Supreme Headquarters discredited John Groth, artist and writer serving as war correspondent for the American Legion magazine, and ordered his return to the United States today because he made an unauthorized trip to Berlin soon after it fell to the Russians.

Groth and Seymour Freidin of the New York Herald Tribune were suspended by SHAEF when they returned from the German capital. Freidin visited Dow Field in August, with the N. A. D. press tour.

Dow Personnel To Be Surveyed On Education

The information and education program at Dow Field, in line with national planning for the soldier after the war is over, has announced the beginning of a non-military educational program which will be inaugurated by the distribution of an "Educational Interests Checklist" to the orderly rooms this week. In addition, present Base recreational problems will be studied by means of a Service Club questionnaire, to be distributed soon. In the future orientation programs will stress various aspects of a soldier's life not generally covered by other means, as well as the usual subjects included in the six objectives of the program.

Quick Replies Desired

Answers to the "Educational Interests Checklist," which deal with individual, classroom and workshop study, are desired as soon as possible, in order that the needs of the Base in regard to educational desires may be studied and acted upon. The list contains such subjects as Accounting, Typewriting, Economics, Education, Journalism, Psychology, Public Speaking, Art, Building Construction, Machine Design, Printing, Music, Refrigeration, Agriculture, Chemurgy, Radio, and Languages. Teaching ability is inquired about, and the soldier's preference in magazines and books requested.

All officers are requested to return a filled-out questionnaire to the Personnel Services office.

Service Club Questionnaire

The Service Club questionnaire deals with the problems of recreation on the Base at the present time, and has for its purpose the acquiring of data which will inform the personnel services office of the desires of personnel along recreational lines. The questions deal with need for a service club, adequacy of present facilities and the desires of personnel for specific off-duty facilities. Personnel are asked to return these, too, to the orderly rooms, as soon as possible.

Special Orientation Speakers

This week's orientation program, called "Straight Dope for Soldiers," introduces experts in their particular line to personnel, and though it isn't planned that special speakers will be featured each week they have become a part of the orientation program. From time to time speakers important to the news world will address the groups, as they have in the past.

Blessings Shower GI Here On Eve of V-E Day

Sixty-seven points don't quite allow a man to get out of the Army, but Pfc. Chester Williams of Squadron "A" didn't know that when he asked the new Mrs. Williams to be his wife, nor when he married her, either, on 7 May, the day before V-E Day.

Uncle Sam must have figured Chester deserved to get out, and so gave him a wedding present, and now Williams has 103 points and is well ahead in the demobilization race. His bride was a widow with three children under 18 years of age.

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Editorial Comment

"Scoop"

The meaning of the word "censorship" is well known to G. Is. Almost all of us here have put in a stretch overseas. We learned from personal experience what the Army meant when it said, "Button your lip, soldier—the lives of your buddies are more important than your need to tell wifie how many airplanes pass through your base."

That was censorship. But it was common sense, too, and we accepted it as one of war's necessary evils.

Now let's change the scene a moment.

Three weeks ago Senator Tom Connally got a hunch that it was about time for the war in Europe to be over. A supposedly reputable News agency, the Associated Press, blew this hunch up into a "scoop" and newspapers from coast to coast were plastered with the headline: "Germany Surrenders." Millions of Americans were lifted up only to be cast down when the fake was exposed.

That's only the half of it. The worst was yet to come.

In Reims a week later, American generals were negotiating the surrender of Germany's armed forces. The negotiations were not yet final; they were still to be officially ratified by the Red Army in Berlin. Our Army generously permitted 16 correspondents to attend these preliminary negotiations. En route to Reims the newspaper men were pledged on their honor to withhold the news temporarily.

Fifteen correspondents kept their pledge. One deliberately broke it. He was Edward Kennedy, representing the Associated Press.

What was involved in this violation?

Well, for one thing, the completion of negotiations in Berlin was endangered. For another, the orderly and effective announcement of the surrender by Truman, Churchill and Stalin was thrown out of gear by this cheap "scoop". When President Truman made his proclamation over the radio its edge had been effectively dulled.

Now for a bit of straight talk:

The Associated Press is not a struggling little infant enterprise. It is America's biggest news monopoly. How many times has our Government attempted to impose certain news restrictions in the interest of military security, only to be met by the indignant screech of the A.P.—"You can't touch us! It would destroy the freedom of the Press!"

Freedom is not irresponsibility. We have free speech, but we can't irresponsibly shout "FIRE!" in a crowded theatre. Should a news agency be "free" to demoralize the home front, endanger negotiations with the enemy, weaken our Allies' faith in us—all for the sake of a profitable "scoop"?

When a G.I. risks his buddies lives by busting a military censorship, he's guard-house-bound.

Any restriction, limitation, fine, penalty or outright ban that the Army may impose on the Associated Press will be just jim-dandy with us.

The Dow Field Cross Section

The proposed application of the 11:30 pass rule to the Base, as a result of the rise in the number of cases of VD reported, brought many comments from GI personnel. To obtain a cross section of GI opinion on the subject, a question was asked: "What is your reaction to the proposed 11:30 limit on passes to enlisted personnel living on the Base."

In the interest of fairness, the question and the following answers were submitted to Lieut. Col. Schurter. His comments follow:

"On reading this week's Cross Section, I get the distinct impression that our men consider possible pass restrictions in the nature of a punishment. This is far from true. It is possible that we may have to adopt pass restrictions, to protect the health of this command.

"We do not believe in widespread sexual indulgence, nor do we think that more than a small percentage of our men are involved in this sort of thing. But because of these few men, it is possible that action may have to be taken on the group as a whole.

"We believe that if by making it difficult for soldiers to get mixed up with the wrong type of girl late at night, we can reduce the amount of venereal disease—we are helping the enlisted man. We are not trying to punish anyone. We are merely trying to reduce the possibility of contracting venereal disease. Actually, if our men will be careful about the girls with whom they go out, and use the facilities of the Pro Station on State Street when necessary; venereal disease among our men can be eliminated.

"Every day lost through venereal disease is just as effective to the enemy as if the soldier had been wounded in battle. As soon as our men become conscious of the hazards of carelessness—there would be no need for restrictions. We are not punishing anyone—we are merely trying to make every soldier conscious of the dangers of venereal disease."

Colonel Schurter informs the Observer that no decision has been reached as yet about imposing pass restrictions. We are quite sure that no soldier wants them—let's cooperate on this matter.

The answers to the original question follow:



Pvt. Fred Gaymon



Sgt. "Tex" Grant

Sgt. "Tex" Grant of Transport Maintenance declared: "It is unfair for the entire Base to be punished, and those who have contracted VD should be the ones to suffer for it, since they received ample warning. I believe a fair test to see whether men have a venereal disease or not should be given to everyone, and those who contract it after this test is taken should be severely dealt with. With that knowledge the men would be more careful."

Pvt. Fred Gaymon, Squadron E, answered:

"I think that the person who has the disease, and not the whole Base, should be punished. If the whole Base were to be punished now, I believe that when they do get out again, then it will be that much harder to prevent the same thing happening again. Punishment and the toughness of curing VD should be stressed in lectures before it happens."

T/Sgt. Robert Miller of the Motor Pool replied:

"Though there are many things to consider in this problem, I do not believe that a curfew would reduce the problem at all, for men who are inclined that way will be satisfied just the same as ever, by going out a little earlier than usual, and being less particular. In the end, the other men and not those directly concerned will be most affected. In addition, all the men will be anxious to leave the Base early and will become clock-watchers."

Pfc. Frank Dillon, Base Ordnance, said:

"In the VD program, so little stress is placed on the moral viewpoint, and the idea of pleasure, of something for nothing, is always brought out. Maybe this 11:30 pass idea would help to make men realize that side of it, and perhaps keep them out of trouble. Still, it's hard on others who are not responsible. The extra hour change ought to have some effect in the long run. If there were some place to eat on the Base after a show or dance in town, I wouldn't mind a change very much."



Sgt. Joseph Milanese



Pfc. Frank Dillon

The Wolf

by Sansone



Cpl. Moulton First Dow Man Released Under Point System

"When the Army really DOES make up its mind, things certainly start moving fast," said Cpl. Aubrey Moulton of Squadron "A," the first Dow Field soldier to be discharged under the new point system.

Cpl. Moulton, who had accumulated as many as 116 points, had felt that he would be eventually discharged under this new plan, but did not reckon with the quickness of the whole procedure.

A resident of Bradford, Moulton was spending the weekend with his wife and family there when he learned the news. He and his wife were attending the movies on Sunday night, and on the way home stopped in around 10 o'clock at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moulton. Here he was told that a car had been sent out from Dow Field, and that they "were looking for him."

"My first reaction was 'What have I done now?'" said Moulton. When my wife and I arrived at our house a staff car was waiting for us. Pfc. Roland Sanford, of the Dow Field Motor Pool, walked up to Moulton and said, "I want to be the first to congratulate you."

"Even then, I didn't get it!" said Moulton.

He and his wife were driven into Bangor, where he was informed officially of the news. He will leave this week for Fort Devens Separation Center, where he will receive a portion of his mustering out pay, and will be restored to the status of a civilian.

Cpl. Moulton's discharge terminates nearly five years of Army service, a large portion of which he spent at Dow Field.

He enlisted on 8 August 1940 in Bangor, going to Fort Devens for his basic training. From there, Moulton proceeded to Westover Field, Mass., where he was stationed for six months, working in the Quartermaster Corps. He was transferred to Dow Field on 26 April 1941 and was assigned to the Motor Pool, where he drove all types of vehicles. While at Dow he was sent on detached service to Westover Field to attend Cooks' and Bakers' School. Upon his return he worked in General Mess, until the end of his first Dow Field stay.

After 18 months at Dow he was shipped overseas to Newfoundland, where he remained for 25 months, assigned to the Gander Motor Pool. Returning to Dow Field in January of this year, he has been a driver in the Motor Pool.

"Where do we go from here?" is not a question that bothers Moulton.

He plans to return to his former job of truck driving in Bradford. "Either that or work in a mill, perhaps," he said. He is married to the former Miss Iona Dunbar of Lagrange, Maine. They have one child, two-year-old Sharon Anne.

Asked how it felt to be returning to civilian clothes and ways, Moulton admitted it "all seemed pretty wonderful."

Det. 135th AACS

S/Sgt. L. W. Johnsen

Restriction after V-E Day prevented any big AACS celebration, but after the restriction was lifted the celebrating was done in good fashion, though quietly.

Coming from Texas, Cpl. John Matthews couldn't believe that it could snow in May and was quite happy on leaving Maine for a furlough in that good old Texas sunshine.

When you have two Wacs working with you with almost the exact name it creates quite a problem trying to tell one from the other. Just the same, we would rather tackle that problem than see one get shipped. Thus we mourn the departure of Pvt. Josephine Gagliano, who is going to Presque Isle upon returning from furlough. Both Pvt. Josephine Gagliano and Pvt. Josephine Gagliano entered the Army the same day and have been together ever since, and it's too bad they have to be separated.

Some of the AACS men escorted local belles of Bangor to the high school alumni dance at the Bangor House this week.

Since our squadron fund has been held up temporarily, it is suggested that we run one by ourselves and any suggestions or help can be and will be greatly appreciated. Any party will naturally have to be financed by the men and Wacs. A picnic has been suggested, but all ideas will be accepted.

Greetings

MANILA — Jap propaganda is nothing if not thorough. Enemy leaflets found near Manila were addressed: "To Dead American Soldiers."

Library News

By Alyce M. Connor

NEW BOOKS

Yellow Magic by R. D. Ratcliff

The miracle drug which now saves thousand of lives annually is described in its discouraging up-hill development. Its use and treatment and cure of many once incurable diseases, its relation and comparison to the sulfa drugs and its promise of hope for the future are told in a straightforward, factual manner.

Wars I Have Seen by Gertrude Stein.

Written in France during the Nazi occupation, this story begins in 1943 as a rather random set of reminiscences and reflections on wars that the author has read about or lived through. Gradually the air of detachment is replaced by a more pronounced feeling about the war as it is happening around her. An exciting climax comes with the Americans landing in Normandy and the joyous sight of American soldiers.

American Guerrilla in the Philippines by Ira Wolfert.

Three years of guerrilla warfare on Leyte from the fall of Corregidor until the return of MacArthur. A vivid grim story of a navy lieutenant who elected to fight from the ambush rather than surrender.

PX Open Evenings Until 2300 Hours

The cafeteria section of the Post Exchange will be open up to 2300 hours in the evening until further notice, it was announced recently. If the volume of business recorded from 2200 to 2300 hours each evening warrants it, then the PX will continue to remain open for the extra hour, but if the amount of trade during these hours is not sufficient the PX will return to the old schedule.

'Austere' Program for Krauts

GERMANY—Germany will be re-educated with a very "austere program" minus entertainment, comics and lighter newspaper and radio features for at least six months, according to OWI officials. "We are not trying to make life pleasant for the Germans," the OWI said. (No commercials, either?)

Personnel With Critical Jobs Out of Luck on Point System

Here is a list of men who can't get out of the Army RIGHT NOW, even if they have enough points to sink a battleship:

Baker 017, Blacksmith 024, Train Crewman 033, Bricklayer 034, Cable Splicer 039, Marine Engineer 080, Engine Man Opera-

tor 081, Instrument Repairman 098, Structural Steel Worker 100, Marine Oiler 141, Repeaterman Telephone 187, Rigger 189, Shoe Repairman 204, Surveyor Topo 230, Lineman Tel. and Tel. 238, Tool Room Keeper 242, Key Punch Machine Operator 272, Classification Specialist 275, Refrigeration Mechanic 322, Fire-fighter 383, Clerk Typist 405, Calculating Machine Repairman 425, Bandsman Flute or Piccolo 437, Bandsman French Horn 438, Petroleum Storage Technician 485, DFO Center Operator 510, Ground Observation Aircraft Warning 518, Guard Patrolman 522, Fabric and Dope Mechanic 548, AP Woodworker 550, Engineer Supply Technician 583, Leather and Canvas Worker 609, Finance Typist Clerk 623, Radio Repairman 648, Tel. Cell Repairman 665, TP Cable Mechanic 689, Radio Operator HS Automatic 777, Weather Observer-Teletype Technician 790, Bugler 803, Radar Mechanic RCM 852, Surgical Technician 861, Munitions Worker 901, Weapons Repairman Small Arms 903, Anti-Aircraft Repairman HV AAC 915, Dir. Repairman Mechanic HV AAC 917, Fuel Induction Repairman 926, AP Carburetor Repairman 956, AP Electric Instrument Repairman 957. Officers who cannot get out RIGHT NOW include:

Radar Maintenance and Repairman 0145, Message Center Crypto 0224, TE and Tel. Opr. 0400, Trl. and Tel. Opr. Issue Pl 0410, Radio Opr. VHF 0503, Weight and Balance Officer 0911, Priorities and Traffic Officer 9013, VOC Educ. Guide Officer 2235, Psychologist Avn. 2251, Communications Inspector Officer 2680, Mess Supply and Transportation Officer 4113, Procurement Pln and CNT 4319, Maint. Rep. Air. Squ. EQ 4402, Signal Equipment Maintenance and Repairman 4415, Engineer Supply 4470, AUSS Maintenance and Repairman 4805, Armory Maintenance and Repairman Officer 4807, Engineer Equipment Repairman 4880, Orientation Officer 5004, Auditing Officer 6110, Finance Officer 6200, Finance Disbursing 6201, Statistician 6400, Photo Equipment Engineer 7052, Topo Engineer 7915, Airport Engineer 7970, Aerial Photographer Interp. 8503, Military Police 9110, Crypto Officer Gen. 9600.

Top Military Men Praise Women's Corps On 3rd Anniversary

WASHINGTON—Wacs around the world got a pat on the back from top military leaders on the third anniversary of the Women's Army Corps.

In a message of congratulations, Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, said the Wacs were performing vital jobs and were helping to speed victory.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur called them "good and faithful soldiers in the onward march to victory," and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said the corps had "built for itself an impressive record of conduct and of service and given the womanhood of America every right to be proud of its accomplishments."

Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the air forces, praised the "outstanding performance" of the corps and predicted it would play an "increasingly important role" in the war against Japan. From Gen. Mark Clark in Italy came this compliment: "I wish we had many more Wacs serving with the 5th Army."

Second Dow Picture Makes National Show

A second entry submitted to the First Service Command Army Arts contest from Dow Field will be shown at the national exhibit in Washington, according to announcement just received. In addition to S/Sgt. Rene H. Rosner's oil painting, "Bucking,"—grand prize at Boston, a photograph by S/Sgt. Guido J. Harman, of the Base Photo Lab here, will be displayed in Washington. The photograph, "Home Front," was one of the series taken by Sgt. Hartman when Dow Field enlisted men fought the fire that threatened Bangor's business district during sub-zero weather last winter.

Today's Issue Small For Several Reasons

There are several reasons why today's "Observer" is smaller than usual.

Two of the squadron columnists have left and other writers are busy, due to increased activity, necessitating the cutting out of their columns for this issue. Secondly, with twelve-page issues and two-page spreads the cost of printing goes above the allotted sum, and therefore a cut must be made somewhere. Finally, in order to fill eight pages, the makeup department would have to add a good many "fillers," of little or no interest to personnel. Next week's issue will have eight pages again.

Watch Out for Swindlers

Hang on to your money. The public is being warned to be on the alert against individuals and groups who are selling schemes, using Army casualty lists as a basis for fraudulent exploitation.

One scheme is to write to next of kin of soldiers and sailors whose names have appeared in published casualty lists, and solicit funds for publishing "hall of fame" or "hero's memorial book" publications.

The catch is that once the promoters receive the money, in advance, they disappear and are never heard from again. This is an old racket, with a new twist, making capital of the sorrow of a soldier's family. The public is urged to report such cases to the proper authorities.

Dow Civilian Personalities

By Marjorie Talbot

Mr. Cameron Plays Nursemaid To 300 Motor Pool Vehicles



MR. GEORGE CAMERON

This distinguished looking gentleman with the "Ipana" smile is George Cameron, Senior Motor Vehicle Dispatcher of the Base Motor Pool. His job consists in part of checking on the location and operating of the motor vehicles and supervising the work of section maintenance men, dispatchers and drivers.

All vehicles used on this field, with the exception of those at the hospital, are dispatched from the Base Motor Pool. It's no small job to see that 300 vehicles—including everything from a scooter to a two-ton truck—are kept in perfect operating condition. An inspection of the tickets used for these trips are made each day by Mr. Cameron. With the critical shortage of gas and rubber, any excessive gasoline consumption or unnecessary mileage must be checked.

Checks New Employees

Mr. Cameron also handles the personnel work connected with the hiring of new employees for this section. Each prospective driver must pass a rigid eye and ear examination and also a driver's test in order to be licensed. A fifteen-day course is given to all new employees to acquaint them with the operation and maintenance of any vehicle to which they may be assigned.

All requests for sick and annual leave are reviewed by him and daily time cards are checked with a view toward determining the status of absences. He makes up the schedule of shifts and days off for all employees of this section. Investigating accidents, holding weekly meetings with the men and making arrangements for quarters and rations for driver personnel on long distance hauls are all part of his job.

Sports Minded

There's one thing to be learned in this business of "writing up personalities" and that is that all men are sports minded to the core of their hearts. Mr. Cameron is no exception.

Upon discussing his pet hobbies, sports were predominant. Back in the days when Mr. Cameron was a young "whippersnapper," he was widely known in this sector as a semi-pro baseballer. According to some of his close associates, he possessed a mean ability with a baseball bat which led to many home runs. And another thing, Mr. Cameron is no exception when it comes to whipping a bamboo fishpole on some secluded stream. It wasn't too many weeks ago that he led a party into the hinterlands which resulted in hours of walking and one member being hospitalized the following day due to over-exertion.

According to the gals of Dow Field, with the exception of one other person, he has the nicest looking head of grey hair on the station.

give to servicemen, while Capt. Kilbride, Chief Chaplain at Dow Field, has for his subject "The Captain's Work in the Army."

Byron Twice Blessed With Bride, Promotion

S/Sgt. James Byron of Squadron "A" was twice blessed recently and on almost the same day, when, in addition to taking Miss Beverly Joy of Sullivan as his bride, he made staff sergeant.

Married in the afternoon at the Base chapel by Chaplain James Kilbride, the newly be-striped Byron and his wife are spending a honeymoon at an unannounced destination and on their return will make their home at 20 Adams Street, Bangor.

Soviet Union Silent On Yank War Prisoners

RHEIMS—Nearly half of the estimated 200,000 British and 76,000 American prisoners of war still in Germany are believed to be within the Russian zone of occupation and Supreme Headquarters has twice requested a meeting or an agreement to arrange for their return.

So far there had been no reply from Marshal Konev, to whom the requests were addressed, one through the 21st Army Group and the other through Moscow. Presumably, the war prisoners still are waiting in the camps.

Speakers Will Discuss Soldiers' Problems

In the first of a series of orientation meetings entitled "Straight Dope for Soldiers," three speakers will lecture on various phases of a soldier's life on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Building T-6. Capt. Osmon, Base Legal Officer, will discuss civil law and its meaning to the soldier. Mr. Dana, Red Cross Director, will speak on the aid which the Red Cross can

News of Bangor USO

WEDNESDAY, 16 MAY

Base dance, music by Sgt. Herbie Blinn and his orchestra. Hostesses meet at the USO at 8:00 P. M. for convoy to the base.

THURSDAY, 17 MAY

Craft Night under the direction of Miss Georgia Worster. Try your hand at shellcraft, woodenware decoration or designing with plastic relieve. Planned program of Classical Recordings in the music room 8:30—9:30.

FRIDAY, 18 MAY

Movie "The Sullivans", starring Anne Baxter with Thomas Mitchell. The Story of the Year about the Family of the Year.

SATURDAY, 19 MAY

Cinderella Frolic (postponed from May 12 because of VE Day Announcement). "Cinderella" will be given not a pair of glass slippers but Gold, and she and "Prince Charming" will lead the grand march.

SUNDAY, 20 MAY

Breakfast after church, served by members of St. John's P.T.A. Coffee hour 4 to 6—delicious homemade cakes and sandwiches donated by B'nai B'rith Auxiliary.

Community Sing at 7:30 p. m. followed by movie at 8:30.

MONDAY, 21 MAY

Game night—the game of your choice with USO hostesses for partners. That finished photograph can be tinted too.

TUESDAY, 22 MAY

Bingo—your chance to win one of eight cash prizes.

Make a letter on a record for the folks at home with the aid of Hostess Connie Beal.

WEDNESDAY, 23 MAY

Mid-Week dance with music by Sgt. Nate Diamond and his Aces.

The Chapel Spire

Catholic Chaplain

Capt. James T. Kilbride

Protestant Chaplain

Capt. Edmund D. Viser

Telephone Ext. 215

CATHOLIC

Sunday—In Base Chapel, Masses at 0730 and 1100. Hospital Rec. Hall, Mass at 0945.

Daily—In Chapel, Masses at 1700.

Confessions Saturday night from 1830 hours and before each Mass.

PROTESTANT

Sunday—In Chapel, Services at 1000. In Hospital Rec. Hall, Services at 0900.

Wednesday—In Chapel, Choir practice at 1845.

JEWISH

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

GIs Find Thumb Travel Worthwhile in War Time

Many a weary GI, contemplating a long journey south by train, looks longingly at Route 2 on the Boston road, wondering whether he dares trust to Lady Luck and the kind hearts of "those guys" "Experience" was called on to reply, and she answered:

"Hit the road, soldier, for the weather is fine and your friends are many. You'll find a new friend on every mile of your trip, willing to serve his country by serving you."

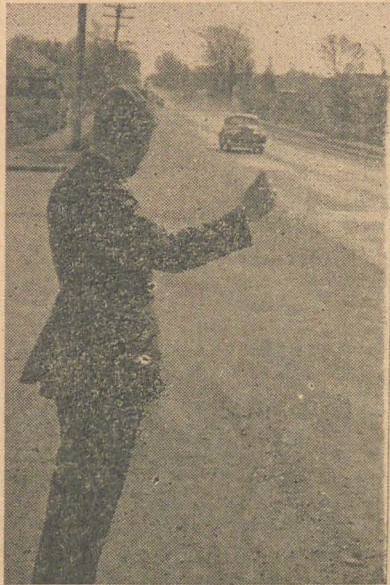
The repeal of WD circular 93, which came about much like the demise of the 18th amendment, saw a sharp curtailment in the sale of peanuts. How else could the road-bound GI explain the waving arm than to bring forth a handful of nutty nuggets and say that he was throwing them over his shoulder for luck? But that's over now, and thumbs of all sizes and shapes wiggle hopefully in 48 states.

From the statistical files of the hitch-hiking soldier, tucked cosily in the back of his road-conscious brain, the following facts came forth like large size corn out of the popper down at the summer resort, anxious to be picked up by someone who could make use of it.

The paramount rule in the soldier's thumbbook makes note of the fact that no driver likes to pick up anyone at night. Travel in daylight, therefore, if you possibly can. People are wide awake then, eager for company, and unafraid. When waiting for a ride, stand at the top of a hill or in such a place that the driver will feel the least inconvenience in picking you up. If the lights turn green, as he approaches you, then the driver may not stop. Give a driver plenty of chance to see you before he reaches your section of the highway, so that his conscience can begin to work. Many an operator, after passing a man whom he saw as he rounded a curve, has muttered to himself, "I should have picked him up. Oh, well, too late now."

In wartime, drivers tell us, service people become primary objects of civilian morale. Most drivers, whether they nurse the big ten-wheelers over the highway or watch the world from the comfort of a '41 Buick, feel that it is their patriotic duty to help us to get there, wherever "there" is. "I feel obliged to pick up servicemen," drivers of both sexes have revealed, "though I wouldn't pick up a civilian." Some operators like conversation from their companions, while others would just as soon swear at roadhogs and cuss red lights. Often they'll place their GI charges in a convenient spot for the next pick-up, taking him through the city at which they intend to stop, or putting him in the most travelled part of the highway.

So, you train-tired troops, turn your toes toward some well travelled thoroughfare leading in the direction you want to go, and when the screech of brakes tells you that Lady Luck is on your side, leg it to the vehicle, climb in with a "Thank you," and meet a new friend.



GOING MY WAY?

ATC to Give Aid In Transfer to Pacific

Facilities of the globe-girdling AAF Air Transport Command will be utilized to the utmost to supplement surface transportation in transferring America's war might from the European theater to war fronts in the Pacific, the War Department announced on V-E Day.

To speed the defeat of Japan, ATC is being called upon to transport thousands of battle-wise troops and to supervise the ferrying of tactical aircraft slated for further service in combat or for training and salvage purposes in the United States.

Although details of these projected movements are undisclosed, it can be said that they will flow westward through the United States and eastward through the Mediterranean.

Utilization of air transport in the redeployment of U. S. fighting forces, planned long before cessation of hostilities in Europe, is in keeping with War Department policy of permitting no delay in marshalling full strength against the Japanese.

Aside from the part it will play in redeployment, ATC will bear the continuing responsibility of aerial supply to those American forces remaining in Europe.

Faced with such an increased workload, Lieutenant General Harold L. George, Commanding General of ATC, has cautioned the 160,000 officers and enlisted men of his Command that the present high standards of safety and service must and will be maintained. Release of ATC personnel, he explained, can only be accomplished when replacements have been made available or have been trained to the standards necessary for continued efficient operation.

Where's Joe?

"That's strange. Joe was around this morning and he didn't mention anything about a three-day pass or leave. Perhaps the first sergeant can tell where he is. Go ahead, sarge."

"Well, fellows, Joe's in the hospital. No, he wasn't hit by a truck, nor has he got appendicitis. What he has got is the result of his own foolishness. You still can't guess what? Well, it's syphilis. Yes, good old-fashioned venereal disease—the sucker's disease."

"It burns me up to slap you with his dirty work, but we have a schedule to live up to. I'm afraid that Joe will not be popular around here from now on, but that's his hard luck for breaking training."

New Dischargees Get Uniform and \$100

Soldiers being discharged at Fort Devens under the new Army demobilization point system are entitled to take home one complete uniform, which they may wear for a maximum of 30 days. They are encouraged to don mufti as soon as convenient, and to wear the gold eagle discharge button on their civilian clothes.

The men draw any back Army pay up to the date of their discharge and also may draw \$100 of their \$300 mustering out pay on the spot. The rest of the mustering out pay is mailed to them.

If Your Picture

Has ever appeared in the "Observer," you can probably get a copy by calling at the office during the day. Though some shots are not processed through the office, others, like "Cross Section," are always sent to us. As a result, our files contain a backlog of pictures which may be of use to those who appear in them.

Slick Chick



Tuff Stuff

1/Sgt. Kelley, while training the boys last week, saw that one of them was marching out of step. Going to the man as they marched, he said, diplomatically, "Do you know, bud that they are all out of step but you?"

"What?" asked the man innocently. "I said they are all out of step but you."

"Well," was the retort, "you're in charge. You tell 'em."



This Week at the Base Theater



(Note: Two shows at night: 1800 and 2000. If the first show runs over two hours, running time is indicated below from which the start of the second performance can be estimated. Matinees Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday at 1430 and when announced.)

WEDNESDAY, 16 May—GENTLE ANNIE, with Marjorie Main, James Craig and Donna Reed. Also "This is America," on Guam, and "Screen Snapshots."

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 17 & 18 May—CONFLICT, with Humphrey Bogart, Alexis Smith and Sidney Greenstreet. Also "Army-Navy Screen Magazine" and Movietone News.

SATURDAY, 19 May—CRIME INC., with Tom Neal, Leo Carrillo and Martha Tilton. Also "Circus Band," "The Talk of the Town" and "Land of 10,000 Lakes."

SUNDAY & MONDAY, 20 & 21 May—SEE MY LAWYER, with Olsen and Johnson and Grace McDonald. Also "Fall Guy," Movietone News and "Donald's Crime," a cartoon.

TUESDAY, 22 May—MURDER, HE SAYS, with Fred MacMurray and Helen Walker. Also "Alaskan Grandeur" and "Rockabye Rhythm" with Frankie Masters.

WEDNESDAY, 23 May—COUNTERATTACK, with Paul Muni and Marguerite Chapman. Also "Gabriel Churchkitten," a noveltoon, and "White Rhapsody," a Grantland Rice Sportlite.

Classical Music Hour To Begin at Library

A weekly feature of the Library is being planned to include an hour in the evening for you GIs to gather 'round the phonograph to listen to music by your favorite composers.

In the past these musicales have been very successful and well attended and we hope there is an interest now. You don't have to be "long-haired" to enjoy these concerts but just have at least an ear for good music whether it be the melody or the tempo.

It will be up to you to make these weekly concerts a success, as the interest you manifest will be the deciding factor whether we continue with them.

Thursday evening, 17 May, from 8:00 to 9:00 will be our first musicale. All suggestions are welcome. Is this a good night? Is the hour convenient?

Male Call

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

You Never Know Where the Front Is

