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EDITORIAL:

This is an extremely sawed off edition of the Observer, but we hope our readers will bear with us. Lack of funds and personnel (the last editor went on a very sudden furlough) make it impossible to give you any more than this in the first mimeographed issue.

Attempts are being made to work out a plan for securing steady funds. If this can be done, the Observer will again become a weekly printed paper. If not, it will probably continue as a mimeographed sheet, with a monthly slick paper issue.

This isn't the last word. Further details will be furnished as fast as definitely known.

Bear with us—when we get personnel and funds, the Observer will go to town again.

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50 POINTERS MIGHT OUT

Fifty point men attended a meeting Monday where Lt. Col. George Byron outlined their possibilities of separation. Men who are now surplus (not in base job numbers), or who are declared surplus in the future, can be declared available for separation, if they have 50 points and two years' service.

Men in regular base jobs with 50 points will have to wait till a civilian is hired to fill the job, till one of the thousand GI's coming from the Azores can take over, or till the job is declared surplus by their officers in charge.

The point total still stands at 60, but the AAF permits separation of SURPLUS GI's with that figure. To be sure where stand, see the OIC in your department.

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- THE DOW FIELD OBSERVER -

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BOMBERS PLAY AT CASTINE:

The Dow Field bombers will be seeking their first victory in the current basketball season when they engage the Maine Maritime Academy team at Castine Thursday nite. The Bombers opened the year with the same Maine Maritime club, and came out on the short end of a 54-32 score.

The mariners were much too seasoned and full of reserves for the Bombers. Scoring first blood the Academy players romped away to a comfortable lead and were never topped throughout. McGuire and Aucoin stood out for the winners with Huber and Graf leading the Bombers in scoring.

The Bombers have some good material in Capt. Bettman, Lt. Quattrociochi, T/5 Huber, Cpl. House, Cpl. Graff, Sgt. Sullivan, Lt. Craven, Lt. Carpenter, Cpl. Ihle, S/Sgt Gilmore, and Cpl. Domygal. Lt. Mullen, coach of the Bombers, is looking forward to some tabulations in the win column as soon as his crew can get into condition and "acquainted" with each other's style of play.

The Bombers next game will be November 16th against the highly touted Winter Harbor Navy crew. Winter Harbor nosed out the Maritime Academy 52-50 in a recent photo finish.

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LIBRARY NEWS

by Cpl. Clarke Kemper

On Tuesday evening, Nov. 18, at 2100, our weekly hour of recorded classics will be held in the Base Library, T-33. This is a weekly feature of the base library which is normally held each Monday evening, but due to the Armistice holidays, will be held the next evening. Everyone connected with Dow Field is invited to attend our Musical Evenings. Remember - Tuesday evening, November 13th, at 9:00 o'clock.

NEW BOOKS

DAYS AND NIGHTS by Simonov - this tells of the siege of Stalingrad and of the 76 nites.
SAINTS AND STRANGERS by Willison - a rollicking tale of the Pilgrim Fathers.
THE EGG AND I by Betty MacDonald - a hilarious book dealing with problems of buying a chicken or egg ranch.
THE PERENNIAL PHILOSOPHY by Aldous Huxley - an anthology containing excerpts of philosophical writings and notations by the author.

-LET'S GET 'EM BACK -

When the Japs sneaked up on us at Pearl Harbor, we didn't need much encouragement to buy Defense Bonds. We knew that to save our skins we didn't dare not to buy those bonds to produce munitions, ships, tanks, and to train the boys and to send them overseas to fight for our protection.

Well, the boys went, and later, as we began to get on our feet, we bought War Bonds - be brought the war right back to the doorsteps of our attackers.

Now the boys we sent over to protect us have won that war, and they're sitting there waiting to come home to us. What are we going to do? Let's buy Victory Bonds and LET'S GET 'EM BACK!

Besides getting Johnny home we want to help all the Johnnys stand on their feet - mustering out pay, education, loans and the general administration of the G.I. Bill of Rights.

Let's have a Victory Christmas. Let's buy that son, or husband, or brother, one of the new Roosevelt Bonds - \$150 for a \$200 stake in his, and your future. This is your last chance to participate in a bond drive, so let's go all out, and LET'S GET 'EM BACK!

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THINK WELL ON IT

This is not a sales talk. I am not the enlistment officer, but I do think that the question is so important that a few more words are not superfluous. Here it is; take it or leave it, but before you leave it, THINK WELL ON IT.

Many of you are awaiting discharge from the army. You have looked forward to this for a long time. For those among you who plan to continue your education, you can stop right here. I am thinking more especially of those who have no jobs or who have never worked before their enlistment. Have you digested all the information that has been offered about remaining in the Army?

The advantages that are yours today are not to be sneered at. So my advice is to weigh your chances outside with all that is offered to you, even in the short term enlistments. Think this question out. Make your own decisions for yourself, but THINK WELL ON IT.

The Padre - James T. Kilbride

AACS

BY T/Sgt. H. P. Blunt

I'm a guest columnist and not because I want to be. A nice voice called up on the telephone last night and said they wanted a column for the paper. I told the voice that it would be impossible since our regular columnist was on furlough and she said "Phooey." I said, "We have a lot of work to do, turning out discharge stories on our boys who are going home in a couple of days." She said "I have about 200 stories and this paper to get out." I was snowed, so here I am. Don't blame me, blame the Public Relations office. (The phone just rang, and she wants the blamed thing already.)

With all the boys getting out of the Army this old Squadron is leaning on its last legs, practically. Approximately 60 60-point men are leaving this week which will leave some 10 to go and then "Oh, glorious day" maybe a few of us 50-pointers can don our red suspenders.

With the cut in the functions of the ATC comes a cut in AACS also. The 6th Wing at Manchester and the Caribbean Wing AACS have been combined with Headquarters at Fort Totten. 66th AACS Group Headquarters formerly located at Presque Isle has moved to Grenier Field. Some personnel formerly assigned to the 66th Group have joined this Headquarters to help fill our depleted rank. It seems that as fast as we can get someone in to do a job some others disappear and we are right back where we started.

The voice gave me ten minutes to do this and I've taken a half hour already and said nothing, so it's best I leave. See you in Los Angeles!

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YOU'RE NEXT!

Lt. Irving S. Blau has notified us that all men with ASR points of 60-69 at Dow Field, have been given individual Educational and Vocational interviews and assistance in converting their personal affairs from a military status to a civilian status.

For this purpose, Lt. Blau has conducted a vocational guidance school for six newly acquired civilian employees, of which two are discharged Army veterans, and one a discharged Navy veteran. An unusual amount of interest has been shown in the activities of the Personal Affairs office in aiding men who are able to be separated.

AIR SUPPLY

by Ann Fisher

There is either so much going on around here that I can't keep up with it, or else there is nothing. This is one of those weeks.

Halloween is over for another year; we were definitely not on the beam, or we would have had one of our parties. Everyone knows that Supply parties are news - and lots of fun. Some of our people did celebrate - at least they looked sleepy the next morning. Eleanor Savoy, Dot Thibodeau, Freddie Cole, Francis Kearns, and Bud Kelley were out dancing; Maxine Powers was at a masquerade party with that dashing Lt.; Arlene DeRoche and hubby entertained Lewis Gould and wife.

The office has welcomed a new member - Barbara Szczesny. Barbara just returned from Venice, Florida, and we love to hear that charming drawl. She is assigned to Unit I as poster.

Jerry Willard is expecting her hubby any day now; Estelle Cassell hopes Bill will arrive sometime this month; and finally Barbara Magee's came home. Harold Annis is out on leave - his son is home with a discharge and Harold is some happy.

The Men's Bowling league lost this week, but the Women's took three points. Now isn't that something! It has been suggested that the women bowl the men. How about that, fellows?

Arthur Leech and wife celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary on October 27th by holding open house. Dave Richardson is on vacation in Canada. It's reported that he wants to buy some land up thar.

Another mystery has been solved - Ira Hart has been growling lately; the solution - he's been eating Bear Meat!

Ray Torrey took Vi Cummings home to lunch the other day, and she had to walk part of the way back. Is that nice, Ray? It was the old standby - he ran out of gas.

Moving will start here again next week. Warehouse #2 is moving back to Warehouse #1 just like in the good old days.

Everyone around is selling war bond tickets. Freddy Cole dashed over to QM and sold them all before Mike Quinn even had a chance. Freddy is right in there pitching. Here in our office, Sophie Gass was the winner. They were playing King Bee for tickets, and the places she went, and the things she did on that five dollars!

QUARTERMASTER

by Marie Pecorelli

Inasmuch as the civilian branch of the "Fighting QM" seems to have been sadly neglected during the past few months, I humbly submit what bits of news I can gather concerning what few of us hardy souls we have remaining.

QM gained one score recently as a certain smart, sweet, and shapely stenog, namely, Virginia Wood, has deserted Budget and Fiscal for our humble quarters.

Two of our QM property gals departed for new worlds to conquer. Dottie Howard left to bury herself in the briny atmosphere of Salt Lake City, and Franny Moore (the BODY - remember?) leaves soon for New York City, where she plans to join another former QM employee, Ruth Dunton.

The Jordan-Johnson feud seems to be at an end. Eva, who vowed she'd never speak to Ray again, was seen sipping coffee with him in the PX. Ray says the public may consider them in love once more.

John Furey has been attending the races again. Barb Lanpher arrived at work one morning with two bags under her eyes (one apiece) which took several hours to erase.

It looks as if the QM bowling team could still head the league even if Mr. McGlaufflin were to show up each Tuesday night alone and bowl with five dummies. Let his remarkable score speak for itself. 330, 349, etc., in three strings.

This week Dodie Moran left Ray Jordan's fatherly care for a new job under the wing of that good Irishman, John Luosy.

We regret that our famed QM parties, (which hotel managers shudder to recollect) seem to have become a thing of the past. Plans were started for one, but fate stepped in and scattered the gang to far corners.

Because of her ability to remain forever calm and placid amidst the recent turmoil of clearing practically every EM and officer from the base, we wish to recommend that our "laundry woman" extraordinary, Ethel Wheeldon, be awarded the Flying Laundry Medal of Honor.

If any of you were scared by a supposedly grownup goblin last Halloween, it was probably none other than our chief property clerk, John Luosy scurrying around like mad searching for Jack O'Lanterns the day before Halloween!

AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE

by Cecilia Riley

Congratulations to Henry Law, our chief inspector. He and Mrs. Law celebrated their silver wedding anniversary by holding open house October 27th.

Kermie Clements purchased a Piper Cub so any day now he'll be seen buzzing Clementsville. "Clem" got his pilot's license recently and talked himself into buying a plane.

Harris Mower is looking for a Piper Cub too, and he regrets he didn't see "Clem's" first. Harris used to own a cub, one he won in a "Tums" contest when Dow Field was little more than a hayfield. At the start of the war the government took it over, and Harris is now looking for another.

Keith Googin's young son is improving at EMGH after a bike accident - the result of riding without holding the handlebars.

Seems to be a hunting epidemic in this department...Danny Berninger came back with a bear and a deer...Celeste DeMardi got an eight-point buck on the same date he shot one last year...Art Haywood says he can prove he shot a deer at 400 yards...Ken Karnos is going a hunting to get him a deer...one that someone else shot and hung up...Bud Ryer left Wednesday for a ten-day hunting trip. Sam Laskey's son is coming home on furlough, and Sam wants to know where he can get some 32 special shells for the boy. Alta Edgecomb and your correspondent are reminding the hunters that we lo-o-o-ve deer steak and chops.

Congratulations to John Spinney-- he and Gertrude Wood were married Monday evening. Congratulations also to Winfred Lane on his ninth child, a 9 lb. 10 oz. girl.

Irving Hoisey is taking a correspondence course on how to fix cars and he borrowed a book on motors from Keith Googins (which Keith would like to have returned sometime). Hoisey spends his spare moments underneath his limousine and things are coming to a point where he'd be tickled pink to have any of our good mechanics offer to put the car back together again.

A post card received from Cpl. George A. Anthony reveals that he is now well on his way to enjoying the Four Freedoms.

Dick Rall and his wife entertained about twenty neighborhood kids at a Halloween party, and a whooping good time was had by all.

POST ENGINEERS

by Theresa O'Brien

Our roster has been enlarged since last issue with Rita Clark, who transferred from Petroleum to Property. Miss Soucie has decided to stay here for good instead of those frequent short visits. Mr. Sheehan from Base Ordnance Shop has joined forces with Mr. Peters in the Inventory Department.

James Preble has left to become as good a sailor as he was an electrician. Congratulations are in order for Mr. Savage. He's the father of a son. Mr. Henderson, once messenger and assistant time keeper has transferred to the drafting department.

Gloria Carson has been daydreaming over and above her quota; we're all wondering when the glad day will arrive. Yoeman L/c Manley Webb is the Prince Charming. Mrs. Stuart has just returned from a short stay in Quebec and Ann Violette just returned from a vacation in Frenchville.

Three hunters, Mr. Noden, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Hutchins went hunting. Tired and wet, Mr. Noden and Mr. Hutchins fell asleep in the car, and Mr. Clark went out again and came back with two beautiful birds.

We just received a letter from Lt. Berger. He is in the Azores with Major Warner. Lt. Hanley, our former Supply Officer, has departed for Grenier Field for separation. Captain Chenell has just returned from Engineering school in Colorado. Already he is doing a super job of taking over where Lt. Berger left off.

Flash and apologies! Our hunters have come through. All is forgiven.

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NEWS OF BANGOR USO

Friday, November 9 - Movie of the Week "Wing and a Prayer" starring Don Ameche and Dana Andrews

Saturday, November 10 - Barn Dance - special novelty planned by the Hostess Committee. See the electric cow dispenser!

Sunday November 11 - Breakfast after church. Coffee Hour from 4 to 6. "Sing" and a movie starting at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, November 12 - Game night
Tuesday, November 13 - Beano night and Juke Box dancing

Wednesday, November 14 - Armistice Dancing party from 8:30 to 12:00. Bob Lindeman's orchestra.