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EDITORIAL:

Well, this edition is a little bigger, but we humbly realize that we're a long, long way from our printed Observer. We're still waiting and hoping for money to revert this back to its glorious state of legibility with pictures and all. Any ideas where we can get the necessary funds would be appreciated.

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COMMENDATION OF THE WEEK:-

This week we salute the Priorities and Traffic Section for so ably handling the emergency landing of 10 C-54's. Over 200 passengers cleared U.S. Customs under the direction of Captain Robert S. DuBois who pleasantly and efficiently answered 23,911 questions. Also commendable were the efforts of Cpl Neal E. Johns, Cpl John L. Jonking, and Cpl Colin A. Williams, passenger handlers, and Millie Allen, who ran from typewriter to telephone.

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SEMI-MONTHLY DANCE

Bldg. T-16 was the scene of the regular semi-monthly enlisted men's dance Tuesday night with Bob Lindeman's orchestra furnishing the jive for the USO hostesses and GI's. Refreshments were served by members of the B'nai Brith Auxiliary of Bangor. Approximately 100 people attended the dance sponsored by Special Services. Entertainment was provided by Mr. Richard Wells and Corinne Sweeney.

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- POST THEATER SCHEDULE -

Today-Nov. 16, HOLD THAT BLONDE with Eddie Bracken and Veronica Lake
Saturday, 17th, THE ENCHANTED FOREST with Edmund Lowe and Brenda Joyce
Sunday-Monday, 18th & 19th, PARDON PAST, Fred McMurray and Marguerite Chapman.
Tuesday-20th, FOLLOW THAT WOMAN, with William Gargan and Nancy Kellou
Wednesday, 21st, BRING ON THE GIRLS, (Revival) Eddie Bracken, Veronica Lake.
Thursday-Friday, 22nd & 23rd, SAN ANTONIO, with Errol Flynn, Alexis Smith

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WINNERS OF BOND RAFFLE

The first weekly bond raffle was held at Bldg. T-6, Thursday, November 8th. Winners were as follows: \$100 bond, Mr. Oscar G. Ingraham, Aircraft Maintenance; \$50 bond, Lt. Leroy Donnelly, Quartermaster; \$50 bond, Mr. Freeman Bamford, CPO (Bucksport), and \$25 bonds went to each of the following: two to Charlotte Robinson, Aircraft Maintenance; Major James R. Bivens, Air Supply; Mary Wallbridge, Post Exchange; Mary Richardson, Civilian Personnel; Nathan King, Air Supply; Emily Simpson, Air Supply; Owen Finnigan, Post Exchange; Lena Bell, Aircraft Maintenance; W.H. McLaughlin, Quartermaster; Dean Haydon, Aircraft Maintenance; and Janet M. Reid, Civilian Personnel.

Tickets are available at the candy counter in the main PX and on sale by all Minutemen. These raffles will be held on each Thursday during this Victory Loan drive. Get your tickets early!

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C-54's LAND AT DOW

Monday, to the few who worked, was a day of intense anticipation and excitement. At ten the word was flashed that Gen. Eisenhower might land here, but he finally landed in Massachusetts.

However, about noon the first of ten huge Skymasters landed, forced down by weather. By four o'clock all ten planes had landed, and their approximate 200 passengers spilled into the Priorities and Traffic building.

Passengers were mostly war veterans returning to the states for separation, furlough or PCS. The ETO, CBI, Asiatic-Pacific Theaters of War were all well represented. We saw a Croix de Guerre, the Merit Commercial; many with Air Medals, DFC's, Presidential Unit Citations and a few Purple Hearts.

There were interesting non-Americans too-Captain Wu Sho-Ju, Assistant Air Attache of the Chinese Embassy, Mr. Pedro Russ of the Venezuelan Parliament, Mohammed Ardalan, naval attache of the Iranian Embassy and Mr. Max Gross from Palestine.

DON'T BLAME BANGOR!

Maybe it's because you read THE STRANGE WOMAN - at least if you didn't someone told you about it. So you came to Bangor, heard of its questionable glories, and went downtown where you cast a speculative eye. What you expected you found. It is not improbable that Bangor even exceeded your expectations.

Eventually you came to the conclusion there aren't any nice girls in Bangor; Bangor is a city of loose girls who want to be married or married women who are whiling away their time and allotment checks. Brother, about the Bangor women you're wrong - I cannot vouch for the drifters who came here for one reason - you!

Bangor has a thousand nice girls - girls like your sister or girl friend back home, but would you expect to find your sister nightly in the beer emporiums, or among the slightly snottier versions in the cocktail lounges? No, they are waiting for you because you'll be looking for them there, and they've got what you want - and I hope that's all.

Where are the nice girls? Try the USO! Most of the nice girls in Bangor belong - girls who can take you home to Sunday dinner - girls who like clean, wholesome fun - dancing to a GI band on a smooth dance floor, playing pingpong, checkers, cards, or shooting pool, listening to a concert or a movie, enjoying a "sing" or a beano game, and girls who enjoy a chocolate milk or a coke at intermission instead of sharing a bottle in the back seat of a car. Or try some of the entertainment programs of the various Bangor churches or the YWCA, to which all soldiers are welcome.

What you hunt for, you'll find, and it's a gauge of your character to see what you've found while you've been in Bangor.

So, my GI feathered friends, I'm pushing the responsibility right back into your nicely pressed khaki lap. I'll be glad to hear what you have to say on the subject -

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Bldg. T-15 is being renovated, and will be opened in the near future as a recreation hall for all enlisted personnel. Features will be pool tables, ping pong tables, a hobby and crafts section, and a dark room (photographic).

LIBRARY

OUR WEEKLY SERIES OF RECORDED MUSIC, held in the Base Library, Building T-33, is holding its own among the other activities offered the men of this base. If you have never attended one of our Monday evenings, won't you join us any Monday evening at 9:00 o'clock? Recorded classics, old and new - and we are open to any suggestions as to the program.

NEW BOOKS

HISTORY OF WORLD WAR II by Francis Mille. Magnificent historical account of this war plus a pictorial history.

EVER AFTER by Elswyth Thane. Historical romance set in New York, Williamsburg, and London and Cuba.

NOT IN OUR STARS by Greene. Absorbing tale of a dairy community.

REPENT IN HASTE by John P. Marquand. His trip to the West Pacific in this war.

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TARGET FOR TONIGHT!

Tonight at 8:00 the Dow Field Bombers play the Winter Harbor Navy Team in the base gym. Both military and civilian personnel are invited. Civilians should pick up a pass at the gym to permit them on the base at night.

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NEWS OF BANGOR USO

Tonite, 16th - Movie A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN

Saturday, 17th - "Salute to the Marines" party. Dancing 8:30-12:00. Bob Lindeman's orchestra

Sunday, 18th - Breakfast at the snack bar. Sunday papers - Coffee Hour 4-6 PM with more snacks. "Sing" at 8:00 PM.

Monday, 19th - Game Nite. Partners of your selection and games of your choice. Ceramics Class (making and baking clay jewelry), knitting instructions for GI's and wives.

Tuesday, 20th - Beano nite-cash prizes.

Wednesday, 21st - Informal open house - use all club facilities

Thursday, 22nd - Thanksgiving Formal Party. Dancing to Bob Lindeman's orchestra. Floor show and refreshments.

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THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving this year should be twice for our Victory. Have you bought a Victory Bond yet?

POST ENGINEERS

by Theresa O'Brien

Now that the holiday season has passed, we can settle down to work (?). Mr. McDen, Mr. Willey, Mr. Clark and Mr. Preble are out trying their luck with the deer again. We hope they come through.

George Nuhall, who transferred from the Base Hospital, is certainly welcome in our time-keeping section. After trying out in practically every other organization on the base, he has finally decided that the POST ENGINEER is the place for him.

Mr. Arey's son has recently come to us from the Navy - good looking and intelligent. He's been every place the Navy has, I guess. Well, girls, the line forms to the right.

Milton Plummer has volunteered his services to the Azores. We are all sorry to lose him, especially Mr. Hutchings, who will find it difficult to replace him. Good luck, Milton. Remember all of us to the Major and Lt. Berger.

Mr. Louis has started to work in the electric shop after a stay in Texas. He says there's no place like Maine. We agree with you wholeheartedly.

Mr. Tuscan is still on sick leave. His condition, however, is reported much better.

Prospects look good from this angle, Mr. Barton. We all agree that if we could induce Uncle Sam to part with Pvt. McNally, our sign painting problems would be over.

Our warehouse force, in the past badly in need of help, has been strengthened by Mr. Antone and Mr. Meher. We hope Mr. Chamberlain will teach them how to write so we in the Property Section can read it. No offense - just a broad hint.

Miss Carson couldn't wait any longer. She flew off to Manley as soon as she could. Well, girls, it looks like "Glory" is certainly hooked.

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VARIETY SHOW TALENT HUNT

A talent hunt is being conducted by Lt. Joseph Marshall, Special Service Officer, and Mr. Edwin Cronin, Civilian Personnel Employment Relations, for a civilian-military variety show to be given the second or third week in December. The gala program will feature dancing and a variety floor show. If you have any talent, or know of anyone with entertainment ability, contact either Lt. Marshall, extension 514, or Mr. Cronin, extension 452.

QUARTER ASTER by Marie Pecorelli

It is safe to say that no office on the Base is now suffering more from vacanciness than the Q. (Don't get me wrong, I mean in the sense that the majority of our personnel have left, not that those remaining are vacant -- naturally).

Three of our members, John Furey, Barb Lampher, and your reporter left temporarily over the weekend to celebrate the holiday in Boston. Mr. Furey held his own at the Rockingham races, we hear, but our other racing enthusiast, John Lucsey, has completely lost confidence in his own betting ability and remained home to study up on the likely looking horses before trying again.

The Commissary has gained two new employees, Arthur Saucier and glamorous Gloria Woodward. We regret losing one of our oldtime warehousemen, Ernest Johnson, whose place is being filled by George Dionne.

Our two Q. officers, Capt. Busick and Lt. Donnelly are still following the summer sport of golf, coached by that able sportsman, Ray Jordan. So far, we have never seen any scores posted, but it is rumored that they have asked Mr. Lucsey for the loan of one adding machine for the purpose of scorekeeping. Our chief clerk, Mike Quinn, from an unorthodox, semi-crouched stance produced the remarkable score of 50 for 9 holes in his first attempt in 10 years.

Several former Q. G.I.'s have visited us recently on their return from overseas. In spite of repeated warnings from Jordan, Lucsey and Quinn, they have immediately embarked on matrimonial careers.

For the first time Q. came through at the bond raffle with Wallace McGlaulin winning a \$25.00 bond and Lt. Donnelly walking away with one of the \$50.00 ones, no less. This has given the rest of us courage to try again as we were beginning to think fate was agin' us.

AIR SUPPLY

by Ann Fisher

Coming back to work after our long weekend is really hard. One would think everyone should be all rested and raring to go - but as I look around everyone looks sort of worn out.

Some events of the weekend --- Ariel Merrill went hunting and is now limping around. Sophia Gass went to Boston and reports a marvelous time. Gladys Taylor went to Portland, Arthur Leech went to Boston and Francis Kearns went hunting. Red Johnson is in Millinocket attending a christening. Those Polish christenings are really something, they say. Arlene DeRoche went to Mexico - had three flat tires and came back without a deer. Barbara Magee and hubby went to Portland.

Things we wonder about --- Freddie Cole and Jerry Willard aren't back from the long weekend yet. How Reggie Russell sprained his hand? How come Francis Kearns is now being called Frank Sinatra? What does Sam Wilson want a bull dog for - company or protection? What Gladys Taylor and Sophia Gass were up to on the train from Portland to Bangor? Who has the new nickname BVD - and just what it means??? Where does Bonnie carry her atomic bomb? Some say Ma Brochu knows the answer. Why does Ariel Merrill spend so much time in the Whse.? Ask Sam Wilson. What happened to Elaine Caron that she couldn't get back to work after the long weekend?

Just news --- Ma Brochu is waiting for her son to come home. Last reports were he had left China. Avis Elliott has been out on leave. Her son has been home on furlough. Joan Moran, a former employee, is moving to Manchester. Her husband, Major Moran, has been transferred to Grenier Field. We hope you like your new home, Joan. Vic Hanna and her two brothers were recently united for the first time in nine years. John Ward is out on vacation for a week.

Picked up here and there --- Wanted... one dinner gown for Sophia Gass. Why does Billie keep Elaine out so late?

Your reporter (?) has a sprained thumb and no more questions as to how I got it. Gotta go now.

AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE by Cecilia Riley

Bit by the hubbub bug this week were: Eddie Andersen, Johnny Ryder, Ray Sherwood, Stan Loftus and Warren Daniel... and all they got was soaking wet. Kay Spencer and Shirley Day of Parachute dressed up in red flannels and took to the woods, but all they saw was the tail of a deer... such luck... maybe in due time our hunters will have some luck... there's George Cunningham and Bud Ryder yet to be heard from.

Condolences and congratulations go to Francis Webster of Drafting. Condolences on the death of his mother and congratulations on the birth of a baby boy... Dean Francis Webster.

Congratulations to Forrest Clancy of the Alert Crew as he's the proud daddy of a ten-pound baby girl.

Marise Smythe's husband, Stuart Smythe, is out of the service and working on the base... we're happy to welcome Stuart back into the fold. He used to work at Priorities & Traffic prior to joining the US Navy.

To say that bulletin put out by the MCO's on Tuesday, Nov. 6th, is causing a hubbub among the girls is putting it mildly... they say it's vice versa.

Sick List: Arden Brittain, Kay Spencer, John Rodgers, all of Parachute, and Amasa Sherman of Electrical.

Visitors: Mr. Chester Dolan looking snappy in civvies... he was formerly Captain B.R. Dolan of Acft Maint... Pfc Mary Cockson, a former co-worker, but now of the US Marines... and Lt. Harley Toomey, formerly S/Sgt Toomey of Acft Maint. We were pleasantly surprised and happy to see these visitors.

Sheets was mighty peeved when he went to the Allen St. pump the other evening and found the handle broken. He promptly reported it to the police. The moot question is... wasn't it Sheets who broke the handle and doesn't he know it costs the taxpayers money to keep that Allen St. pump repaired?

At lunch time the other noon we thought sure there was a radio in the building but upon investigation discovered that it was our Electrical girls who were blending in song so melodiously.

THE CHAPEL SPIRE

It may be of interest to many to know that on the casualty list issued by the Adjutant General's Office, the Chaplain's Corps is well represented. As of October, 1945, 167 chaplains of the Army and Navy have been killed in action (93) or have died from various other service-connected causes (74). On the missing list three are still to be accounted for.

With the great number of casualties in a corps consisting of about 12,000 chaplains in all branches of the service, it is only fitting to recall the fact that almost 10% of the entire corps have received decorations of one kind or other. 1,112 chaplains have received 1,446 decorations, including 18 foreign decorations.

It is with pride that these figures are brought to your attention. Personal acquaintance with many who have been so honored for their deeds of valor in conflict only enhances this pride.

Chaplains' Assistants were also prominent on the Valor List.

It is not to be thought, that only those rewarded, alone merited the prize. The chaplain who is sincere in his task knows that the great "Rewarder" does not miss a thing -- that a greater reward from the Man Above is his for a job well done.

We chaplains are proud of the corps. The writer met a chaplain at school this past summer who was the recipient of 11 different awards. He is the most decorated chaplain of the group and the least publicized -- and the happier for all that. He knew the Master knows all about it.

The Padre-James T. Kilbridge

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THE DOW FIELD OBSERVER

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AACS

The 6th and 8th AACS Wings were consolidated into one wing with headquarters at Fort Totten, N.Y., and with geographical boundaries to include the North Atlantic, South Atlantic and Caribbean area. In the North Atlantic area, the wing will operate with one group headquarters at Grenier Field and three squadrons: 135th at Dow Field, 136th at Stephenville, and the 137th at Week's Field.

At this headquarters, as a result of the stepped-up demobilization plans, S-1 has a gargantuan task of processing some 330 men in the 40-59 point categories to look forward to. Practically all 60-pointers are on their way out, except those at isolated Arctic stations.

To add to S-1's woes, its sister squadron in the 66th group-- the 136th at Stephenville--is also supplying potential discharges through Dow Field. Some even trickled in from the 67th Group (Greenland and Iceland).

From Presque Isle last week came Captains John P. Heffernan and Joseph K. Wetherill, Chiefs S-1 and S-3 sections, respectively; Lieutenants Huston E. Mount, assistant S-3 and Nicholas J. Proferes, air inspector; C/Sgt Devere Lundeen; Sgt Malcolm Dantzler; Corporals Don Allen, Fred Boettger, Joseph Kullen, Winfred Thacker; and Pfc's Calvin Delay, Robert Duggar and Richard Harrison.

NOTES: 11/Sgt Edward Trontel, a headquarters sergeant major, is on his way to Pueblo, Colorado, to become a civilian after 42 months' service, 36 of which were spent in Presque Isle... he will be replaced by Sgt Richard W. Berg... Captain Michael P. Yopchick, squadron C-47 pilot, is doubling as security and public relations officer... Cpl Murray Rosenblatt is mailing out inquiries to 10 Eastern colleges... And with the Christmas season just around the corner, Cpl William Zander is busy making model Santa Clauses.

DOW FIELD EXCHANGE

Marilyn Pidgeon sure gets that green-eyed look if a certain captain, on leave, even walks past her counter --- must be the way he smiles or something. . . .

Madeline Wallace just can't seem to concentrate on her work if the juke box is running --- rhythm in her veins instead of blood, I guess.

A certain attractive young lady from here was rather in a pickle on a Navy date when she came face to face with the past two men in her life. Guess who!!

Mrs. Talbot walks with that light step because the man in her life (that handsome son of hers) is on his way home.

Mr. Pinkham is now about again and very spry, too --- maybe we all should try Arcostock air for our ailments --- could be he may have had a little more than air, but who are we to question the effects of fresh air and sleep?

Mrs. Walbridge has a certain effect on a few individuals here --- I still think it's plain old fashioned INSOMNIA.

Jackie Hoylo and her hubby took off over the weekend for a few hours in little old Rhode Island.

Arlene Wood will have real cause for those little songs and dances as her hubby will be home soon.

The Restaurant has a lot of news hidden away, but not one from the whole crew will give us any for print. Is it that good?????

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- THE LOCKED DOOR -

Adventure called to me from out her high Stenetower, and her voice was like a flame To heat my blood with reckless thoughts of fame.

My yearning spirit strained to do or die, To climb the lofty cliff with lusty cry. And thus with eyes of eager youth I came To scale the jagged peak, the summit claim, with all its crystal dreams gold cannot buy.

I cleared the buttress wall, the castle gate; I raced thru halls that boasted battle lore And past old armor pierced in some last stand,

Then up the winding staircase, but too late For then it was I reached the locked iron door,

Impassible. The sword fell from my hand.

--Private Neil Horgan

LATEST This Week's Bond Winners -

Observer presses were stopped for a flash from Mr. Edwin Cronin, Civilian Employee Relations, for the latest winners in Thursday's (yesterday) bond winners. This week the winner of the \$100 bond was Mr. Joseph W. Rolland of Aircraft Maintenance. The two \$50. bonds were won by Mr. Howard Watters of the Ordnance Shop, and Mr. W. G. Craven of Aircraft Maintenance. The \$25 bonds were won by Mr. Louis Vardanis, Aircraft Maintenance; Miss Claire E. Herbert, Aircraft Maintenance, Mr. Sterling Dymond, Jr., Rail Transportation; Mr. Bruce H. Sherwin, Civilian Personnel (and from where we sit, it looks like Janet Reid was running a monopoly); Mr. Charles Fromble, Quartermaster; Mr. Ken Harz, Aircraft Maintenance; Mr. F. G. Rogan, Aircraft Maintenance; Miss Gloria Woodward, Quartermaster; Mr. T. Corrigan Mishou, Civilian Personnel, Mr. Harold J. Cox, Aircraft Maintenance, Mr. C. H. McLaughlin, Aircraft Maintenance, and Captain Howard C. Williams, of Signal.

Please note that out of fifteen prize aircraft Maintenance won over half!

Because next Thursday is Thanksgiving the drawing will be held the following afternoon, November 23rd, at 2:00 PM at T-6. All available personnel are invited to attend.

Tickets for next week's raffle will be on sale at the candy counter of the PX or from any Minuteman this morning. Buy your early - the Supply is limited. You may be the lucky winner of a \$100 bond, for buying a ticket costing only fifty cents.

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The Observer couldn't seem to procure copy from Civilian Personnel, Headquarter and Squadron A, but they all have promise to have material in next week's issue. Anyone with items for the Observer, please have them at the Public Relations Office by Tuesday.

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas party for children of Dow Field's military personnel will be held again this year. Military personnel with children near Dow Field are asked to submit names, ages, and sex of children they wish to attend to the Special Service Office today.