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## EDITORIAL

Most of the personnel at Dow Field are more than busy, but there are some GI's who swear that they have "nothing to do". In the opinion of this writer, these GI's are missing the boat, if they can't find anything to do.

The Special Service Section is putting out a good recreational program, through the theater, the recreational hall, the library, travelling USO shows, and an active sports schedule. We have a darn good library, with plenty of excellent books. We have a fine gymnasium, with facilities for every type of health-building game and exercise. We have competent instructors to supervise athletics and physical training.

Going even further, the Information and Education Officer is all set to help you select courses which you may study during some of those slack hours, with textbooks being provided free by the base. He will help you line up some high school or college credit--he has helped some men get a high school diploma through their army experience.

If you're still not satisfied with the recreational facilities on the base, get out and see some of the beautiful country around here. Castine, Rockland, the Penobscot Bay Region, Mount Katahdin, Moosehead Lake, Eastport, Augusta, Boothbay Harbor, and a host of other places that civilians pay a lot of money to visit, are all within weekend or three day pass distance. Get out and see this beautiful Maine country while you can.

Bangor has an excellent library--one of the best in the country for its size. It also has a fine musical record library, covering everything from swing to Beethoven. The Bangor USO has excellent facilities for having a good time.

What do you mean you've got nothing to do? There are so many things to do, that you should have a hard time choosing between them. Make every minute count, whether you are getting out of the army soon or not.

## CHRISTMAS DANCE TO BE BIG EVENT

December 21st is the date for the big All-Base party--for all military, civilian and officer personnel of the base. It will be held in the City Hall Auditorium, and will feature the music of Norman Lambert and his orchestra.

Tickets will be 50 cents a head--with everything over the actual cost of the dance going to door prizes--IN WAR BONDS. First prize will be one of the new \$200 Franklin D. Roosevelt Bonds.

If 2000 people come (and the general public will be invited too), about \$900 in bonds will be handed out as door prizes.

Ticket buyers will get in on the door prize raffle even if they are not there personally--so when the tickets come out, buy them like hot cakes.

Another important angle of the dance, which is being sponsored by the War Bond Council, is a special Auction, at which merchandise donated by local businessmen, will go to the highest bidders IN WAR BONDS PURCHASED ON THE SPOT.

If you've got some loose change floating around, you can get some fine prizes by buying your big war bonds at the dance that night. But more details later.

Don't forget that this is an All-Base Victory Bond Dance--for GI's, Officers, Civilian Employees, and their friends. You may bring your buddies along--and the more the merrier.

It's Friday, December 21st, and it's going to set you back only 50 cents.

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There will be a dance held at Bldg T-16 Wednesday evening, November 23rd. USO hostesses will be on hand to be swung and swayed. Music will be by Cpl. Bob Lindeman and his orchestra who will play from 8:30 to 11:30 pm.

All enlisted men on the base are invited to attend this dance except those enlisted personnel who don't like good popular music, dancing, or nice pretty USO Hostesses.



## FOR WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN AMERICA LET US BE TRULY THANKFUL

There is a prayer we would utter now, as Thanksgiving comes again to America. A prayer we live and feel and know--but cannot find the countless words--the million tongues and voices to repeat.

It comes from the centuries that have molded this nation--and made her great and strong.

It is the Heart of a Nation--giving humble thanks for the blessings we cannot measure. It is a people aware, as never before, of the greatness of their nation--giving thanks to a beneficent God for His gifts.

In a world, long suffering, we have lived in a land of peaceful sky and earth. No despot ever tried to rule, that our children might starve and die.

We are free, free to live and speak and act and work and worship as we choose. And for all these, we give thanks to God, and pray that He may guide us in the exercise of this freedom.

This, then, is the Greatness of America. And in our prayer of thanks--there would be the voices of all who share this nation's glory. All who have worked--saved--and fought as one--that no power, however great, may ever be allowed to assault or plunder this freedom that is our lives.

The Padre-James T. Kilbride

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## VICTORY BONDS TODAY

Today at 12:00 noon, the weekly bond raffle will be held in the lobby of Base Headquarters, instead of at T-6 as previously announced. Winners will be announced on the PA system, and names of the winners will be posted on the bulletin board in the main PX.

The prizes are one \$100 bond, two \$50 bonds, and twenty-five \$25. bonds. Raffle tickets for fifty cents each may be purchased from any Minuteman, or from the candy counter at the PX. Just ask Mac or Charlie - they'll be glad to oblige.

Next week's raffle will be held on Thursday as usual. Buy your ticket now!

## IN THE GUTTER

with Mike Quinn

The second round began on Tuesday night last in the pin-and-ball league (not to be confused with those machines in the PX) at the Chateau alloys, with the following results: Rocky Inman's Jeeps from the Motor Pool took three pins from Henry Law's Hangar boys while losing one; the Fighting Quartermasters led by Wally McGlaufflin did the same to the howling Sharpies from Civilian Personnel. Plant's Machine Shop Gnomes split two and two with Joe Watson's Post Engineers from away across the base and Rogan's Hangar Wolves copped all four from the once high and mighty scottotto from Air Supply led by Louie Gould.

So you can see that the second round in this man's league (wait a minute - Plant came up with a lassic as a part of his team) can be won by anybody. Even Civilian Personnel has a chance as long as the Army decides that Sergeant Joe Harrington is a necessary and indispensable asset.

The Thanksgiving prizes last week were won by Frank Earnings of Air Supply who walked off with a turkey (or its equivalent of \$7.00); Sterling Dymond, Jr. of the Quartermaster team who received a chicken (\$4.00 in cash to you), and the consolation prize of \$2.00 to Vic Johns of the Motor Pool.

The weekly prize of \$6.00 this week went to Base Maintenance as the team having the highest number of sevens. It is rumored that Joe Watson helped no end in getting those fancy sevens, although George Barton was no hindrance due to a lack of spares and strikes.

## NEWS OF BANGOR USO

Tonite, 23rd - MOVIE- "Girl Trouble" starring Don Amecho, Joan Bennett

Saturday, 24th - Dance honoring SPARS from 8:30-12:00, Bob Lindeman's orchestra

Sunday, 25th - Breakfast after church Sunday papers, coffee hour 4-6 PM "Sing" at 7:30 and movie previews at 8:30.

Monday, 26th - Ceramic Class for Xmas gifts, knitting instructions for attractive bed socks by Annette McCarthy

Tuesday, 27th - Beano-cash awards

Wednesday, 28th - Dance at Base, open house at USO, use all club facilities.

Thursday, 29th - Shellcraft with Marion Quinn and charcoal portraits with Miss Georgia Horster sketching.



## AACS

Scores of potential discharges stream into AACS's public relations office daily to have home town press releases written.

Here's a round-up of their post-war plans:

S/Sgt Bob Senser, now interned in the station hospital, intends to either (1) work for a big city newspaper, preferably the South Bend, Indiana, Tribune or (2) attend college.

Pfc Andrew Misthos, who in three years in the army was an aviation cadet, weather observer, and lately an AACS teletype operator, will continue his education now that he can doff his GI uniform.

T/Sgt Harold Benenson, holder of a B.S. degree from the University of Alabama, wants to take a college refresher course.

Sgt Harry Morris, a veteran of 19 months at Goose Bay as an air-ground radio and teletype operator, plans to return to his CAA job in Chicago.

T/Sgt Byron Hutchinson, radio operator and mechanic, says: "I'm going to be a radio engineer for station WAGM in Presque Isle".

Sgt Adolph Diers, who spent 44 months in Presque Isle as a crypto, will return to his pre-war farming occupation at Cawker City, Kansas.

S/Sgt C.J. Pelezynski, radio maintenance man, has the right idea. "I intend to put my army experience to good use by going into the radio service business", he says.

Notes: Approximately 75 GI's from the 135th's Grenier Field and Presque Isle detachments are going through pre-separation processing...Sgt Malcolm Dantzler has taken practically every USAFI course in accounting...Captain Richard Frizzell, former Bermuda crypto officer, is the new squadron security, historical and public relations officer.

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## NEXT WEEK'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Tuesday the Bombers are to be pitted against the Bangor Independents, here.

Wednesday the Belfast Coastguard tackle the brawny Bombers at the base gym.

Friday, Peak's Island at Portland.

## POST ENGINEER by Theresa O'Brien

With snow on the ground and the Thanksgiving season at hand, it is most difficult to concentrate on this column with thoughts of turkey and all.

Mr. Hall, chief property clerk, has taken the Thanksgiving week off. We certainly will miss him when problems come up.

All the game in the woods had better hide over the weekend because practically all our expert marksmen are setting out in search for deer and bear meat.

Mr. Antone has left for distant shores. We barely got to know his name before he left. Too bad; he was rather nice wasn't he, girls?

Our sympathy certainly is with Mr. Chamberlain. Every time he gets a warehouseman on the right road and learning the fundamentals of the business, suddenly he is left out in the cold again. Better luck next time, Mr. Chamberlain.

Announcing our new messenger: A bit of the "ole South", Mary Ables is blonde and beautiful. Wait a minute--her husband is also stationed on the base. My, he's handsome! Some people have all the luck.

Another addition to our office staff, Frances Golub from New York, also has a handsome husband on the base. Welcome, Frances--we hope you will like working for the Post Engineer.

Here is one for the books--Our prominent electrician, Mr. Hutchings, was recently taken for a gangster by the State Police. "Hutch" has such a pleasant disposition and kindly face, we can't understand how such a mistake could happen.

The POST ENGINEER wishes you all a happy Thanksgiving Day!

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## CUB SCOUTS AT DOW

Today at 2:00 pm, about twenty cub scouts, under the direction of 1st Lt. Bruno Pietromarchi of Base Training. The scouts will visit the Link Trainer Dept Parachute Department, the main hangar, Major Repair, and other places of general interest.

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## LOOKING AHEAD WITH HEADQUARTERS

by Dorothy Bates

Greetings--the silence from this direction didn't mean we had all been asleep--just sorta in a whirl due to the many changes in personnel.

We are happy to welcome the following personnel to our fold and hope they enjoy working here as much as we do--first on the list are our returned "Vets" - Ex-Army men are Eddie Collins and Bob Crabb, in the Air Inspector's Office, Jim Tardy in Organizational Planning, Cecil Finch in Stat Control. Tom Scott, working in the Air Inspector's Office, is an ex-Navy man. From Virginia we have Mrs. Margaret Day, who is now working for the Adjutant; the petite brunette in the Message Center is Shirlye Berger. Air Supply's loss was our gain when Mrs. Meath was transferred to the Tech Order Section of the Air Inspector's Office. Once again Harry Nelson is back in Hq--this time he's in the Air Inspector's Office.

We all wish S/Sgt Tom Mowdy, our new Sgt Major, the best of luck in his new job. He was Mr. Mowdy in charge of Central Files until last Saturday when he signed up for another hitch.

M/Sgt Martin Hanes is now on his way south for a 90-day furlough--yes, he reenlisted again--wonder if he'll miss us as much as we'll miss him. He was one of the few "old timers" left on the Base.

S/Sgt Bill Henley and Sgt Burwell McNeil have been glimpsed, but briefly, busily turning in clothing and equipment--they're leaving us too. Good luck, boys, and don't forget us.

One of our charming young ladies received a birthday present from an admirer the other day--a huge bottle (looked like a pint) of Chanel No. 5. We are all envious and sorta wish we had a generous admirer. However, she has agreed to wear the perfume to work so we may all enjoy it.

The busiest person in Hq these days is Louise Foster in the S&S Office. We understand she has moved into a new apartment, and we're all eagerly awaiting an invitation to the housewarming--how about it, Louise?

Wonder what the noon-day bridge club will do now that "Red" Ryder is leaving? Have you received any applications yet, Bettes? In closing--hope you all enjoy your Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixin's.

## AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE by Cecilia Riley

"You know the best Christmas present of all is a Victory Bond"--says Harry Swan who is doing a super job as a minuteman in this drive. Speaking of bonds, several persons in this department are believed that Olin Brown found his lost War Savings Bond. Don't ever scare us like that again, Brownie.

Eddie Meara's suspicions are aroused due to the Electrical gals' sudden interest in dancing at the New Chateau. Confidentially, Eddie, they're checking up on our Frank Sinatra. Didn't you notice the envious glances as you danced all evening with just one femme--a pretty brunette. The gals all swoon over Eddie, but, like Sinatra, his head isn't turned a bit.

Thomas Scott bid us adieu to accept an important post in the Air Inspector's office. We're going to miss this genial gentleman.

Joe Axelson, the Woodshop foreman, spent a very pleasant and profitable Armistice weekend at his hunting lodge in Glenburn.

Genevieve Marcus went and did it--she sold her house trailer just when the gang<sup>front</sup> talked her into throwing a trailer tea party.

Congratulations to Hollis Parker of Airborne Section--it's an 8-lb. boy. Hollis and Forrest Clancy, another Airborne dad, are comparing notes on their new off-spring.

Hunters' Luck: Yes, Ken Karnes got his deer--Bud Ryder came back with a buck--Vinal Lobley's hunting trip was rudely interrupted when two lost Massachusetts' hunters became deranged and started shooting wildly--believe me, Vinal made a fast exit. John McMillan, the old veteran, didn't do so well but was useful in holding up the camp owned by Laurice Hatt--Whassa matter "Mac", can't you take it?

Sick List: Russ Whitney of Stock Traders<sup>ers</sup> ing, who is reported to be in the ENCH<sup>an ex</sup> for a check-up.

Moot Questions: What was George Wilson buying in Freezes the other evening? Who is Lloyd Goodwin's new housekeeper and is she good looking? Wouldn't Henry Reid of Crew #7 be better off if he turned his car in for a helicopter?

Here's hoping everyone will have a big corn-fed turkey for Thanksgiving!



## OVERSEAS PARCELS CAN BE BIGGER

An increase in size and weight limitations on parcels which may be mailed to American troops outside the United States is now in effect.

Upon request from the overseas soldier, packages up to 42 inches in length or 72 inches in length and girth combined and 11 lbs. in weight may be mailed, as against the former limitations of 15 inches in length or 72 inches in length and girth combined, and 11 lbs. in weight.

It is still necessary to have a specific request in writing from the soldier overseas in order to send any package weighing over 8 ounces. There has been no change in the policy with respect to sending articles up to 8 ounces as first class mail without a request.

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## POST THEATER SCHEDULE

Today-Nov. 23, SAN ANTONIO, with Errol Flynn and Alexis Smith.

Saturday-Nov. 24, PURSUIT TO ALGIERS with Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce.

Sunday-Monday-Nov. 25 & 26, WHAT NEXT, CORPORAL HARGROVE? with Robert Walker and Keenan Wynn.

Tuesday-Nov. 27, ALLOTMENT WIVES, Kay Francis, Paul Kelly.

Wednesday-Nov. 28, PILLOW OF DEATH, with Lon Chaney, Brenda Joyce (No matinee)

Thursday-Friday, Nov. 29 & 30, CONFIDENTIAL AGENT, Charles Boyer, Lauren Bacall.

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## PARACHUTE DEPARTMENT

The Parachute Department welcomes its returned veteran—Francis McKenny. Hope you enjoy working with us.

Gladys Richardson is spending the Thanksgiving holidays with her aunt in Dover-Foxcroft.

Shirley Day is also traveling north to snow-bound Arcostock to spend the holidays with her parents. She usually manages to get snowed in for an extra day at home.

The rest of us have to be contented with staying at home, with the exception of Isabelle Martin who strikes south (Augusta).

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There are just 26 more shopping days till Santa is due with his bag. What would you like in your Christmas stocking?

## LIBRARY NEWS by Cpl. Clarke Kemper

Don't forget our weekly Musicals held every Monday evening at 9:00 PM. Listen to your favorite classical recordings. These concerts are proving to be very popular so plan to attend next Monday evening at the Library Bldg, T-33.

## NEW BOOKS:

"THE PEACOCK SHEDS HIS TAIL" by Alice Hobart--the new and ancient forces at work in Mexico, told in a novel way. This best seller novel is a must in reading.

"UNDERTOW" by Howard Maier. This is the story of one boy's lot in the army and the psychological facets revolving about him.

"BURNING GOLD" by Andrews. This is a historical novel in the 1800's, a story of two kinds of piracy.

"THE WEST WINDOW" by Hartley, is a novel of this age, laid in England and dealing with alternate love and hate in one strange family.

## LOOK FORWARD TO:

"THE ARCH OF TRIUMPH" by Renarque, who gave us "All Quiet on the Western Front", should make wonderful reading for all.

"THE MANATEE" by Nancy Bruff, the new historical novel which is currently being groomed to become a second "Forever Amber"

"THE YELLOW ROOM" by the American master of mystery, Mary Roberts Rinehart, is in the true Rinehart style and will delight all her fans.

"THE WISDOM TREE" by Hawkridge, a book which reveals the great and emotional parallels of religions.

"THE SMALL HOUSE OF TOMORROW" by Williams, a book which needs no introduction to the reader seeking aid on building.

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## BOMBERS BLITZED AGAIN!

Tuesday night the Dow Field Bombers played the Bucksport Boys' Club in an exciting game in the base gym. The final score was Bucksport Boys' Club 26 to Dow Field Bombers 23.

May we hasten to add that the Bombers won a bitterly contested basketball battle Monday afternoon playing against the Maine School of Commerce. Final score was Dow 57, and MSC 27. However, this was a practice game.

Tonite's game at the base gym at 8:00 is with the Bangor Renaissance Team.



# QUARTERMASTER by Marie Pecorelli

Word reaches us via the grapevine that Phil Burby finds so many romantic interests on his trips with the laundry to Bar Harbor, Presque Isle, etc., that he has to seek Ethel Wheeldon's aid and advice in untangling his affairs. As soon as his marriage to that Bar Harbor gal he tells us about takes place, we all expect an invitation to his party at 31 Margin St., as we have been waiting for the big event for a long, long time now.

A certain GI has been seen regularly reserving a table for Mae Sweetser at the PX each noon for the past few months. Such service is hard to find.

We are glad to hear that Dustin Syde, after months of searching, finally found a housekeeper. Eva Johnson, of I & S, was being considered for the job, but it took her too long to make up her mind.

Who delivered the surprise package of winter unmentionables (king size) to Dodie Moran's desk last week? A certain Radio Maintenance man is being held for questioning in the matter.

It is reported that bond tickets may be purchased wholesale from Linwood Jones at bargain rates of two for 50¢. This has Mike Quinn worried for fear he will be forced out of business.

What we want to find out is where can we find this Yukon Trail where James Shine is reported to shine (pardon the pun) each pay-day. Must be some place in Bangor we never heard about.

Holding forth in our clothing warehouse are two discharged veterans, the Dionne twins. George, ex-Army, returns after three years in Camp Hood, Texas, and Charlie saw service in the Navy in the Pacific for three years. (He also worked in QM as a civilian, way back before the war). Although they claim they're not related (what's in a name, anyway?), Mr. Furey announces he is still waiting for the other three Diones to appear.

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This issue was promised a column from the Modics, but all that was offered this week was a really sad tale. Seems the poor Modics are essential and don't get these rapid discharges the AAF is getting. When you're sweating out a discharge, think of the poor Modics up on the hill.

# AIR SUPPLY by Maxine Powers

Sorry to report that our gal, Ann Fisher, is ill today, and hope she will be well and back with us soon. But in the meantime the news must go to press so will do my darndest to substitute for her this week and get out those choice bits of gossip.

Seems as though some of the gals and guys have been hearing the "Call of the Wild" and taken off for the great open spaces to do a little deer hunting. John Ward just got back from his little trip but reports no luck due to an unsteady aim. Was it that cold in them thar woods, Johnny, or just plain Buck Fever? Francis Kearns says all he got was a cold. Just where does Joe's Can-teen fit in the picture, Kearnsie? Ruth Bull is back from her vacation, and we gather that she had an enjoyable and successful hunting trip.

Supply sure goes in a big way for selling tickets for the Bond Drive and so far we've done all right. It is getting to be quite a race between John Finnigan and Major Bivens to see who can have the most tickets in the raffle. It is still about even, I guess. Our h are off to Frannie Flynn as she invests in a \$1000 bond, and that sure is a great help toward our quota. Great going, Frannie.

Lots of our gals seem to be getting over anxious for the return of their hubbies and sweethearts. Estelle Cassell received the disappointing news that her better half won't be coming home as soon as she expected. But it's good news for Gerry Williard, and she has dashed madly for Boston to meet him. Can't blame her for being excited and stuff like that as it's been a long, long time. Eleanor Savoy is also on the waiting list and very anxious for her B.F. to return to her. Aint love wonderful?

Freddie Cole is back with us after a brief illness and we all missed her. Just a few days seems like years with our Freddie.

Everyone seems to be greatly interested in why Ira Hart was buying those cokes for the gals the other day. Can't anyone get big hearted without so much ado.

Well, space is all taken so, so long until next week.