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## Privates Club Set For Opening Soon

A Privates Club, new to Dow Field, will soon be established on the site of the present Squadron E Service Club. Similar to the NCO Club, the Privates and Pfc's Club will be for the benefit and use of the sixth and seventh graders and their wives. All of the facilities of an NCO club, including beer, juke box and snack bar, will be available to members.

### Dues and Guests Tentative

Though it is not expected that privates will be required to pay dues at the new club, definite arrangements will be made on club policy in the near future when a board of directors is elected. The problem of guests other than wives and girl friends will be "hashed over" at meetings to be announced soon.

### Bartenders Needed

Men desiring to work as bartenders at the new club will be paid wages equal to those at the NCO Club and Officers Club. Men interested in this type of work in the evening are requested to contact Capt. Charles Horvath, Squadron A Commanding Officer, in charge of club affairs.

## Last Bond Drive To Begin at Dow

The Victory Bond Drive, last war loan campaign of the war, is under way at Dow Field. The first meeting of the Victory Loan Council took place on the 19th, under the leadership of 1st Lieut. Irving Blau, War Bond Officer. Other members of the Council are: Lt. Col. George F. Bryon, Capt. John Pesch, 1st Lt. A. G. Thompson, Capt. Charles Horvath, Capt. Fillmore Frye, Ed Cronin, Charles Johnson, R. S. Pinkham, Clarence Ryer, and John Mullaney.

Among the ideas suggested and discussed at the first Bond Council meeting were a Victory Bond Dance, Bond Raffles, a Football Game to promote Bond sales, a possible Boxing Match, and a number of other plans.

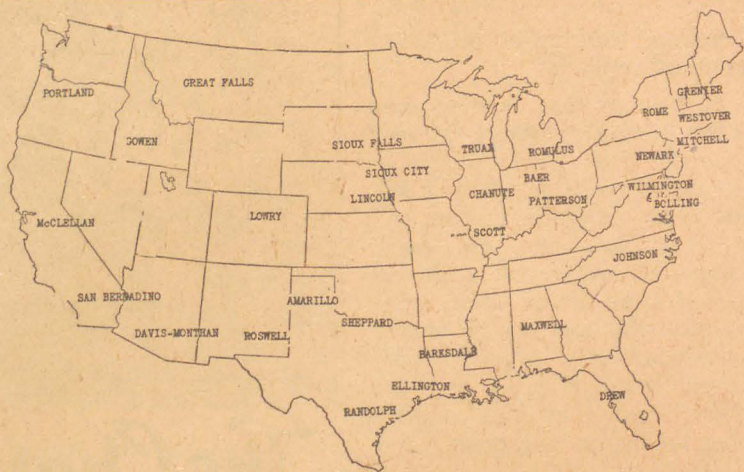
The Military end of this Victory Loan drive will be under Captain Charles Horvath, who is setting up a Minuteman Organization for the new Squadron setup here at the base. The civilian end of the drive will be supervised by Ed Cronin, who already has a first rate Minuteman organization functioning.

The Victory Loan Drive scheduled for November and December should rightfully be termed the "THANKSGIVING LOAN DRIVE". Not because Thanksgiving day comes during the period drive, but to give the Drive a real impetus by developing an awareness and appreciation of just what it means and represents.

## 10,000 Americans To Get Canadian Bonus

OTTAWA, Canada (CNS)—Nearly \$2,000,000 is awaiting about 10,000 Americans who served in Canada's armed forces during World War II. The Veterans Affairs Department announced that the men are entitled to a gratuity of \$7.50 for each 30 days of service, plus .25 for every day served overseas plus 7 days pay for every 6 months overseas.

## AAF Separation Centers



THE AAF SAYS that there are 45 AAF Separation Stations either already in operation or scheduled to open within a very short period. It is planned to discharge through these stations at least 75,000 men a month. This does not include an equal number being discharged as they return from overseas through the normal Army Service Forces channels. As of 31 August 1945, there were two and one-quarter million men in the AAF. The size of the post-war AAF, interim AAF or peace-time AAF is still a matter of conjecture. AAF men in the ETO are being discharged in this country on a point-score basis only and not according to specific numbers. Four classifications are still considered critical: Transmitter attendant, Fixed Station, Electro-encephalographic specialists; Orthopedic mechanics and acoustic technicians. However, none of these men, despite need for them, may be retained in the service beyond a period of 60 days, if they have the necessary points for discharge.

## Six Dow Fielders Reenlist; White and Kamler Head List

Six Dow Field GIs, in the van of the group expected to sign up soon, have volunteered to remain in the Regular Army, and signed for another hitch with Uncle Sam. Two of the men, T/Sgt. Charles F. White and S/Sgt. Leo F. Kamler were the first to join with 17 and 15 years, respectively, already served. M/Sgt. William F. Brockman, S/Sgt. Robert R. Whisler, and Pfc. Charles E. Johnson, having nine years, three years and three years, in that order, signed up after the old-timers. Sgt. Ronald J. Brady, the only man to sign for less than three years, has two years and eleven months service. He elected to remain another 18 months.

Each of the men reenlisting received his present rank as a permanent. (Continued on Back Page)

## YANK Subscribers To Receive Refund

Subscribers to Yank, the Army weekly, will be reimbursed by mail for that part of their subscriptions which may be undelivered when the publication suspends with the issue of December 28, the War Department has announced.

Discontinuance of the magazine after three years of publication was announced recently.

## Navy Show, Open House This Afternoon at Dow

### 'No Pickup' Rule Explained to GIs

Soldiers were being urged, last week, not to feel angry because they are not picked up by civilian drivers, now the only group working in the Dow Field Motor Pool. The drivers, due to lack of understanding, receive a good deal of unfavorable word of mouth publicity by their failure to stop for men downtown wishing to return to Dow Field.

In explaining the reasons for the no pickup rule, the drivers' representative declared:

"The drivers have specific orders not to pick up soldiers or civilians on the way to the base. The only persons allowed in the vehicle other than the driver are those referred to in the trip ticket.

"Secondly, a driver operating a government vehicle may be sued for any injury incurred by unauthorized passengers. It may seem unusual for a man who receives a ride to sue the driver, but this has happened too many times to be far fetched. No government vehicle is insured.

"Thirdly, men on the mail run cannot pick up passengers under any condition, due to the nature of their cargo."

In a concluding statement, the representative said:

"The drivers hope that a little favorable publicity will bring a better understanding of their position to Dow Field soldiers. No driver likes to leave men in town while he's wheeling an empty car or truck, but he doesn't want to lose his job either, and must choose between the two."

The Bangor Daily News reports:

"The wife of another shoe worker says, 'Most everything in the paper interests me except the ads. They are boring.'"

Well, why not cut them out, then?

A Navy fighter squadron, whose veteran pilots fought the Japs from Guadalcanal to Tokyo, will feature this afternoon's Dow Field open house to the public. A free air show will highlight the day's events, with a formal address by the Governor of Maine, Horace Hildreth. The Navy's representative, Lt. Commander MacNair, City Manager Horace Estey and Lt. Col. Tindall will also speak.

### Gates Open at Noon

The public will be able to walk onto the field at noon without passes or tickets. Most of the installations open to the public on other open house days will be available to sight-seers, and a refreshment stand, through the courtesy of the Post Exchange and the Post Engineers, will be set up in a convenient spot.

### Speakers at 1:30

At 1:30 sharp, formal addresses by Lieut. Col. Tindall and City Manager Horace Estey will welcome the Navy and the guests. Lieut. Commander MacNair and Governor Horace Hildreth will also speak. Governor Hildreth is a half-brother of Major Bob Simons, former Director of Operations at Dow Field, now a civilian, so he has long been interested in Dow Field.

Also on the speakers' platform will be George Varney, President of the Maine Senate; Harold I. Goss, Secretary of State; George Wentworth, Chairman of the Governor's Council; members of the Bangor City Council and their wives, and members of Colonel Tindall's staff and their wives.

### Air Show at Two

The air show, including demonstrations of formation flying, carrier landings and takeoffs, aerial dog fights, ground strafing and combat acrobatics, will begin at two o'clock. The planes, 24 sleek Corsairs, are capable of flying eight miles a minute.

### Planes Arrived Monday

Monday, 11 Grumman Avengers, flying in close formation, roared over the field and gradually peeled off for landings. A little later in the day, 24 eight-mile-a-minute Corsairs, billed as one of the fastest fighters in the world, rolled over the field again and again in a closely packed mass. Flying in tight formation, and making precision turns, the naval pilots demonstrated the fine coordination and perfect flying required for

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## Bombers Basketeers To Tour New England

New England will be the playground for the new Bombers Basketball team in the process of formation at the base gym. The first practice session is scheduled for Monday evening, 29 October at 7:00 p. m., with subsequent practice sessions set for each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Basketball men are urged to try out for the team.

Under the direction of Lt. Dick Mullen, the Physical Training Section has mapped out a 30 game winter month schedule. Almost all team positions on the Dow Field Bombers are vacant due to separation and transfer of personnel.

## WE TAKE IT ALL BACK

The front page picture on the 15th Air Force Grass Cutting Squadron stirred up a lot of controversy last week. With a cutline starting out: "Two years overseas service in North Africa and Italy and 85 points are necessary before a man becomes eligible to mow the lawn at Dow Field," the story was immediately picked up by a lot of people as untrue. The Editor immediately began doing a little research, and found out that only one of the five men in the picture had 85 points, Pfc. Harold Van Daveer, who topped the list with 88. Since everyone else with his point total was long ago offered a furlough, his only reason for still being here was that he preferred sweating it out at Dow, rather than accepting the furlough and going home.

Of the other four men in the picture, three are in the sixty point group, including Jack Ross with 67, Bill McGaughey with 67, and Pfc. Arvayo with 61. Clarence Dyer has a total of 77 points.

The picture indirectly conveyed the impression that Dow Field's personnel section has not done a good job on Separations. Actually, a check with Major Lewis W. Graham, Director of Personnel and Administrative Services, reveals that the personnel sections have been working night and day, and doing one whale of a good job. Since V-J Day, 450 enlisted men and 45 officers have been sent out for separation, and 90 enlisted men are now on furlough, pending orders to report direct to separation centers. All of these men are expected to be separated by the end of the month.

Handling separations here has been complicated by the fact that Dow Field had an unusually high percentage of high-point men, due to the presence of the 451st Bomb Group and the 525th Service Group. Further complications have come through the assignment to Dow of Maine men for furlough, and later for assignment to separation centers. The large number of men recently returning from the Azores hasn't simplified matters any.

The Editor takes this opportunity of correcting a misunderstanding aroused by the grass-cutting picture. Personnel has done an excellent job on separations.



## DOW FIELD OBSERVER

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### They Don't Want Pity

Many recent articles in newspapers and magazines have dealt with the problems of the returning wounded soldiers. Some of the articles have been fair and realistic—others have conveyed the impression that the wounded soldier is something to be pitied.

For many months now, returning veterans with such deficiencies have tried to correct the "poor boy" impression that many civilians have regarding returned "cripples." They did not regard themselves as "pitiful sights." These men, many of whom are home now, wanted to be regarded as human beings with the capabilities of an average man. If their right arm is missing, they possess two eyes, two ears, an intelligent brain, and the common sense to regard others like them as normal human beings. If both legs were missing, they could type, think, read, talk, write, and walk. If they have lost both eyes, there are other talents to make up for the loss.

But as long as people will insist on regarding men without the normal number of hands and feet as "pitiful sights," just so long will it take them to recover fully from the war just over. The strong of heart will read this article and forget it. Those normally self-conscious men will look upon it as one more indictment of them in their new role in life.

Let those who write or talk save their pity for themselves or for people who want and appreciate it. A man is a cripple only in his mind. Articles like the one mentioned can help him achieve that end.

### Editor Says Good-bye

Wiping a crocodile tear from my bloodshot eyes, I hesitate to dash off this bill-e-dieux lest I be misunderstood. Since this is my last issue as a GI editor (I hope) it is altogether fitting that I should do this.

But don't get me wrong. I'm not crying because I have to leave the Army. God only knows I've wanted to often enough, when representatives of that good book known as the "Articles of War" bore down upon me like an eagle swooping on an unsuspecting mouse. But it's so confounded much trouble moving again, just when I thought I'd got settled, that I just have to wipe away that tear. Pardon me.

But Dow Field, after 20 months on "the rock," was like eating a turkey dinner after several hundred lunches of K ration. No, it wasn't tough in Iceland, but coming home to a wife and eating real food is a little different from dropping into the sack surrounded by seven other GIs who know, like you, that tomorrow is just another day, and that there are plenty of tomorrows ahead.

Maybe that's why I liked Dow Field. But maybe, too, I liked it because there were some swell people here (aw, go on) and because most of the time chicken was only served on Sunday.

So, in my own screwball way, I'd like to say good-bye to ev and eachy one of you, but, wiping a bloodshot tear from my crocodile eyes, I'll just say: "Thanks for saying you liked the paper. Fritz and I enjoyed working for you."

—Cpl. J. Burns.

### Victory Loan Drive

The last Bond Drive of the war is about to begin. Buy with all the money you have, and more. If you have done your share in preceding war loans—do more than your share this time. Let's go overboard for the last one. Keep your pay reservation account in force. Let's wind up this drive in a blaze of glory—for yourselves—for everybody—for your own satisfaction in years to come—FOR THANKSGIVING.

## DOW FIELD CROSS SECTION DOW FIELD

The recent sharp rise in the number of automobile accidents throughout the country has caused official and amateur speculation on the causes of the accidents themselves, but more than that, the realization that all of the deaths occurring in these accidents could have been prevented. All writers are obliged by the public nature of their jobs to bring this question to the fore. This week "Cross Section" asks:

"What do you regard as the cause or causes of the recent sharp increase in the number of automobile accidents?"

Mrs. Frances Copolino, working at the Post Exchange Soda Fountain, replied:



"I believe that carelessness is the greatest cause of the recent high death rate in auto accidents. People are living so fast that they don't stop to think. Then, too, old cars using old equipment, such as second hand brake parts, will increase the number of automobile fatalities. A good many people feel as if they'll live for today, since they don't know what tomorrow may bring."

Cpl. John M. Skube, of 135th AACS Headquarters, answered:

"The poor condition of automobile tires, the age of automobiles now on the road, coupled with the relaxation of the 35 mile per hour speed law and the de-rationing of gasoline, has led to many of the recent accidents. Then, too, I'm afraid that with the war over people are night clubbing quite a bit, and driving none too carefully when they should not be driving at all."



Cpl. James C. Cowles, an AACS Headquarters man, declared:



"Money, liquor and poor cars. I simply feel that the high number of accidents is due largely to the fact that people have more than the usual amount of money, cars are in mechanically poor condition, and large numbers of people are mixing alcohol with their gasoline. Gasoline is plentiful now, consequently there is more travel and at a higher rate of speed."

Mrs. E. Earle Brown, at the Tailor Shop, said:

"Technically, the recent accidents are caused by bad tires and the increased speed of automobiles. I don't believe that returned combat men are more reckless than others, and accident records indicate that they are not. The 35 mile per hour speed limit should remain in effect as long as cars are in such poor condition."



Mr. V. W. Lenfest, a shift man for the Penobscot Bus Company, opined:



"Although in different accidents varying causes might be found, people generally are driving too fast with the worn-out tires on their cars. I wouldn't say drunkenness was to blame because I've seen people that could drive better drunk than sober. A lot of accidents are caused by young kids who don't know the meaning of fear. Thirty-five miles per hour is the speed limit in Maine and a person can be arrested any time for reckless driving if he exceeds that limit."

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"This'll make the fifth wedding we've gone to today. Know of any more?"

## The Chapel Spire

Captain James T. Kilbride, Base Chaplain  
Telephone Ext. 215

### CATHOLIC

Sunday—In Base Chapel, Masses at 0730 and 1130.

Daily—In Chapel, Masses at 1230.

Confessions Saturday night from 1930 to 2030 and before each Mass.

### PROTESTANT

Sunday—In Chapel, Services at 1030. In Hospital Rec. Hall, Services at 0900.

### JEWISH

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

### Let the Child Choose

Sometimes you run across a couple who have agreed that their children will not be brought up in any religion, but shall be allowed, when the time comes, to choose their own religion. This sort of agreement shows either a great deal of stupidity or a determination to conquer the world for Beelzebub.

A great deal of stupidity, for if they know anything of human nature and its perversity, if they know anything of man's proneness to sin, if they know anything of man's age old eagerness to justify his sins, they surely cannot escape seeing the inevitable outcome; the child growing up with no knowledge of God, with no restraint upon his evil inclinations, with responsibility to no authority but human authority.

Why not decide to bring up your children with no knowledge of this glorious country of ours. Tell them nothing of our heroic heritage, keep them from the knowledge of our freedoms, of our liberties, of our laws, and customs, and of the constitution upon which our freedom and liberties are based, and then when they have reached the age of puberty let them decide whether they would rather be a citizen of America, or of Germany, or of Oman or of Japan.

This idea seems ridiculous, for a man loves his country and wants his children to do the same, and remain true to that country and enjoy its great blessings.

How vastly more should a man love his God, and want his children to do the same, remain true to God's laws, and enjoy the blessings and graces God has in store for them.

Of course parents who do not bring their children up with a knowledge of their religion, have really lost their faith, if they ever had any. They have thrown away "the pearl of great price." They have stolen from their children the supernatural gift of faith.

Described as "just the thing for the hunting season," K rations (ugh) have gone on sale at the Base commissary. Including one Breakfast unit, one Dinner unit and one Supper unit, the ration sells for 95 cents.

### Navy Show

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carrier flying.

Military personnel watched the Corsairs fold up their wings while coming around the last turn in the runways. Taxiing up with wings folded, the planes packed together like sardines.

### Fought on Wasp

Fighting from the deck of the carrier Wasp, members of Squadron 81 at Dow today participated in the powerful air war over the Philippines, Iwo Jima, Indo-China, Hong-Kong, Okinawa, and finally the battle torn air over Tokyo itself. The planes which were flying then were an older model Corsair, but the spirit that motivates the squadron now is the same fighting spirit that carried it through battle then.

Fighting Squadron 81, with a veteran air and ground crew, is here to tell the public about naval accomplishments in this war. Navy Day is Saturday, and naval air power will very definitely be in the public eye all week. Naval officers will make talks to local organizations.

The sleek Corsairs will fly all over the State to demonstrate their wares—mostly in tightly packed formation flights. On Saturday, the entire unit will fly to New York City, to participate in a thousand plane welcome to the fleet as it sails into New York harbor.

### Definitions:

Barracks—A type of habitation which, after being thoroughly scrubbed for two hours, looks twice as unappetizing as it did before.

Restricted—A piece of inside news you get from a civilian.

Permanent—A highly indefinite status, generally of short duration and subject to change without notice.



## Post Exchange Officer Participated In First Daylight Raid on Berlin

Veteran of 26 bombing missions over Germany and Occupied Territory, in the first wave of Allied planes to bomb Berlin in daylight, and an internee in Switzerland for five months, 1st Lt. Edward J. Bartlett, now Post Exchange Officer, may rightfully be called one of the "front" men in the battle of Germany. The slightly built, 24-year-old navigator, track star in his home city of Lynn, Massachusetts, has first hand information on the difference between the strength of the Allied air fleets on 4 March 1944, when they pulled off the first daylight raid on Berlin, and later on, when the American and British bombers struck Germany at will.

The lieutenant recalled:

"The stout-hearted 95th, of which I was a member, started out with 17 B-17s from our own group and 12 from another. The rest of the 8th Air Force, hampered by soupy weather, went home, and flying at 24,000 feet, far above our usual altitude, we completed the raid. P-51s accompanied our bombers. With no oxygen left for the return home, we flew in at 12,000 feet and lost three planes in the channel due to lack of gas. Of the 29 planes on the raid, 19 returned safely to England. We received the Distinguished Unit Citation for that trip.

"The next day Life magazine came over to take our pictures, and we were excused from flying. On that day the 8th Air Force suffered its heaviest loss, 87 planes."

### Passed Through Dow

Before he went to England, Lt. Bartlett was processed through Dow Field with his crew on 5, 6, 7 and 8 of December 1943. Leaving on the 8th, they stopped at Goose Bay, and then went straight to Prestwick, Scotland, one of the first groups to make the long over-water run. He joined the 95th Bombardment group on Christmas Day.

On 24 April 1944, on his 26th mission, over Frederickshaven, Lt. Bartlett parachuted out of his damaged ship and eventually wound up in an internee in Switzerland. He recalls:

"The Swiss people seemed to like us well enough. A clean, spotless country with a wonderful railroad system, Switzerland made a favorable impression on me, though my term in the camp at Waumiler, described by 'Yank' as worse than some PW camps in Germany, was far from pleasant. I was there for three months after two unsuccessful attempts to escape.

"This camp included on its roster 1,400 8th Air Force men, 50,000 Poles, 2,000 Russians, 10,000 Yugoslavs, 15,000 Italians, a full French infantry division, and many political exiles from Germany. Every nationality in Europe, and even the Japanese, were represented there.

"At other times we enjoyed skiing, hiking, swell beer and adequate food, though the lack of mail from home made us want to get out of there fast."

Davos-Platze, on the Austrian border, was the internment camp for most of the 8th Air Force. Watches and cameras were plentiful, and on a two-day spree, Americans expended \$80,000 on these items. There the men stayed in unheated hotel rooms with hot water for bathing one day a week. The Air Force orchestra was popular with the townspeople, who turned out for all of its concerts and dances. Old American movies with German explanations were booed by the Americans, much to the annoyance of the townspeople.

### Escape

On the 1st of October, Lt. Bartlett escaped into France on his third attempt, and meeting an advanced patrol of two Americans in a jeep, he was back once more in the Allied camp.

Married to Miss Marie Boutin on 24 February at Ellington Field, the lieutenant came to Dow in July of this year. He was connected with Purchasing and Contracting for three



1st Lt. Edward Bartlett

months.

Before his enlistment on 17 July 1942, Lt. Bartlett was a newspaperman and sales representative. He would like to return to newspaper work, but expects to remain at Dow Field for a few more months, and is living on Ohio Street with his wife. He holds the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the ETO Ribbon with three Battle Stars.

## Kinney USO Show Billed As Special Event

Billed as a "Special event of USO-Camp Shows," the Ray Kinney Hawaiian Orchestra will appear at T-6 on 7 November in two performances. Included in the Kinney cast are the Wayne Merlin Trio, an acrobatic dance team, and Ray and Harrison, comedians.

Kinney and company, veterans of six seasons in the Hawaiian room of the Hotel Lexington in New York, is made up of a five girl dance group, Alfred Opaka, baritone, and Kinney, a tenor and the orchestra. Ray has made more than 800 broadcasts over NBC, and made thousands of phonograph records for Victor and Decca.

The only difference between some CO and a tombstone is that the latter has a good word for a man when he's down.



**ON HER OWN** — Screen beauty Hedy Lamarr has secured the screen rights to the Ben Ames Williams best-seller, "Strange Woman," and will shortly place the picture in production in association with Hunt Stromberg for United Artists release.

# Dow Field Civilian Chit - Chat

## Air Supply News

By Elaine Caron

Supply Office is really very quiet this morning. Even Ann has deserted us today, and no Ann means no news.

Sophie certainly has got to get more sleep. She came to work the other morning with two different kinds of shoes on. Speaking of getting more sleep, Estelle looks as though she could stand a little, too. These parties must be terrific.

Ann Fisher, Eleanor Savoy, Muriel Merrill, Millie Maher and Mr. Ames have all been out sick. Vi Cummings is out having her glasses fixed. Wonder how they got broken. You wouldn't be keeping anything from us, would you, Vi?

Bonnie is turning the tables around. Ray sits on her knee now. Trying to guess his weight, Bonnie?

Frannie Flynn spent an enjoyable weekend in Boston. She went by plane.

Captain Seidl is leaving us. He is going to Miami. We're all sorry to see him go. He has been with us for quite a while and has made a great many friends.

A wheelbarrow is missing at Supply. The only one we can think of to blame it on to is Eleanor. After all, the rest of us all have rides home at night. Who carries it, Eleanor?

Air Supply bowling team is still leading in the Men's League. Keep up the good work, boys. You'll come out on top yet. The girls lost last week to the Glemings. Better luck next time, girls.

Avis Elliott expects her boy home the first of next month. We are still waiting for Barbara Magee's husband to come home.

Vic Hanna has a new way of getting home now. She gets a ride as far as the bakery and the smell just draws her in, so she has to hitchhike the rest of the way. That is, she stands and Elaine uses her thumb. O, what times we people do have.

If anyone needs fuel oil contact Arlene DeRoche. She is quite the saleslady. Three chances for a quarter.

Freddy Cole is out for a couple of days. He is taking flying lessons. Which one of the girls are you going to take up first, Freddy?

Capt. Robert Leezer, one-time Adjutant of the old Sub-Depot, was a visitor at Supply this week. He is attached to the Statistical Control Section at Rome. Speaking of Stock Control, our rating has gone up to 93%.

Pvt. Phil McKeen, a former Supply employee, is home on a ten-day furlough. He will report back to Utah.

Les Simpson has gone on a trip to the coast for the weekend.

Vic Hanna is getting prepared for hunting season, red shirt and all. She fired one shot last week to practice up and her arm has turned black and blue. Wonder what she will look like after a real hunting trip. Time will tell.

Maxine Powers is watching the obituary column rather closely. If anyone should see her name there please notify her. First, she is afraid it will be there and then she is afraid it won't be.

Well, must sign off again, hoping you're not too bored.

## Stefonowicz Named Deputy Commander At Grenier Field

Colonel Leroy L. Stefonowicz, former C/O of the 451st Bomb Group, is now Deputy Commander at Grenier Field. A veteran of both the Pacific and the European Theaters, he is credited with sinking a Jap destroyer in the Pacific. He holds two Air Medals from the Navy, a DFC and Bronze Star and three battle stars from the Pacific Area. In the European theater, he was awarded the Silver Star, DFC and Bronze Star, four additional Air Medals and six battle stars.

## Down the Alley

By Mike Quinn

Standing as of 22 October

	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Q. M. ....	13	3	.813
Air Supply .....	9	3	.750
Machine Shop....	11	5	.688
Acft. Maint. 2....	8	4	.667
Motor Pool .....	7	9	.438
Base Maint. ....	4	8	.333
Acft. Maint. 1....	2	10	.167
Civ. Pers. ....	1	14	.125

Ordinance threw in the sponge this week—their reasons are neither here nor there, they simply quit. This reduces the league to the normal eight teams and eases the work of yours truly who makes up the schedules. So instead of having a team sit out each week, from now on all eight teams will bowl every week. For the remainder of the first round the team that was scheduled to sit out will bowl in the place of Ordinance.

Schedule for 30 October is as follows:

Motor Pool vs. Quartermaster.  
Civilian Personnel vs. Air Supply.  
Machine Shop vs. Acft. Maint. 2.  
Acft. Maint. No. 1 vs. Base Main.

Among the remarkable scores posted last week, 113 for George Grant and 50 for Lt. Donnelly. Oh, well, everybody can't be on top all the time. Don't let too many additional duties interfere with your bowling, Lt.

The suggestion has been made that mixed bowling teams be allowed in the league. While some of the senior wolves favor the plan, it has been found that, like alcohol and gasoline in driving, the two just don't mix on the bowling alley. The committee is always open, however, for reconsideration of the matter and any comments would be welcome.

Aircraft Maintenance No. 2 won the prize last week for having the greatest number of strikes and spares. That makes two different winners in the last two weeks. Maybe there'll be a third new winner 23 October.

The league is beginning to warm up and next week will have completed the sixth week. By that time individual averages for the year begin to level out, so we'll publish the figures for a goodly number of bowlers.

### ARMY AIDS CHRISTMAS RUSH

WASHINGTON (CNS)The Army will help out the Post Office Department during the Christmas mail rush by providing EM and used trucks, when they are available, and where civilian manpower and equipment do not meet requirements.

## Aircraft Maintenance

By Cecilia Riley

Hallowe'en is in the air and there is some talk of a party. So far the details are rather hazy . . . but we'll keep you posted.

Since purchasing that farm in Orrington, Frank Crymble is beginning to see the light . . . all is not so rosy in these days of hard-to-find equipment. At the present writing he is in need of a watering trough and a bath tub . . . an oversized wash tub will do, says Frank.

Ezra Clewley is the object of good-natured ribbing. He took off a week to paint his domicile but it rained throughout the seven days.

One bright sunny morning this week an electrician went over to his work bench, pulled out a drawer, and lo and behold there were three newly born mice. The girl electricians have named the triplets, Eddie, Amasa, and George, but the male electricians claim their names are Irene, Betty, and Claire. You can take your choice.

Romance is in the air in Electrical these days . . . Ingrid Peterson and Arthur Jenkins (Inkie & Art) make a very happy twosome . . . while Claire Herbert is dating Sgt. Herbert Clark . . . a pair whose names are rather synonymous, don't you think?

Transfers: Donald Snow from Welding Unit to Oxygen Unit . . . Charlie Robinson from Welding Unit to Engine Build-up.

Sick List: Joe Danforth, Harold Sheehan, and Bud Ryer, all suffering with severe colds and sore throats.

Resigning: Walter Brooks . . . who plans to spend the first thirty days hunting in the wilds of Maine. Lucky guy!

Kermit Clements is learning to fly. His friends declare that "Clem" will have to buy himself either a plane or a magic carpet if he expects to get in all his flying time. Heisey also is taking flying lessons and—believe it or not—is doing right well.

We're all glad to learn that Harry Oppenheim is out of the hospital and on the mend.

Would you like to know why one of our foremen is wearing a black mourner's band around his arm? Well, it's because of the departure of a certain femme.

## News of Bangor USO

WEDNESDAY, 24 October

Welcome to the Navy party—a warship arrives in the Penobscot river—a prelude to Navy Day. Dancing, 8:30 to 12:00. Variety show. Special refreshments. Music by Cpl. Bob Lindemann and his orchestra.

THURSDAY, 25 October

Arts and Crafts Night includes ceramics, shells and portrait sketching, with Miss Georgia Wooster.

FRIDAY, 26 October

Movie of the week: "Four Jills In a Jeep," starring Alice Faye and Dick Haymes, with Jimmy Dorsey and his orchestra. Jeeps of Joy for the boys and you.

SATURDAY, 27 October

Navy Day dance, honoring the men who have fought on the seven seas, "From the shores of Normandy to the beaches of Guam." Dancing, 8:30 to 12:00. Broadcast and variety show at 10:00 p. m. Prize of the evening, free long distance call for the sailor with the longest service.

SUNDAY, 28 October

That same good hot coffee with rolls or doughnuts after church, and the quiet, comfortable lounges afford leisurely reading of the Sunday papers, too! Coffee hour at 4:00 p. m. with home-made cakes and sandwiches donated by community organization. Request numbers a specialty with Fred Collins on the sing program at 7:30, followed by a feature movie.

MONDAY, 29 October

Game night includes partners for any game you might wish to play. "Learn-a-lingo" is new and lots of fun!

TUESDAY, 30 October

Bingo, interesting and remunerative. Hostesses Jean Libby and Gwen Ayers calling those lucky prize winners.

WEDNESDAY, 31 October

A gay Hallowe'en costume party and dance—spooks and goblins, cider and doughnuts; Cpl. Bob Lindemann's orchestra.



# U. S. Civil Service Offers Jobs, Vacations, Security

By Camp Newspaper Service

The biggest employer in the country is Uncle Sam himself, and there's scarcely a skill or a trade which he cannot use. Which is a fact of importance to job-seeking ex-servicemen, especially since veterans receive preference in the employment of civil service personnel.

Before the war there were 1,000,000 federal employees, and during the battle the numbers rose to 3,000,000. The number is presently decreasing with the liquidation of war agencies, but the chances are there will be more federal employees after the war than there were before. This is because government regulation of many activities is here to stay; this is admitted by many who do not approve of it.

## 500,000 Jobs in 2 Years

Specifically, Commissioner Arthur S. Flemming of the U. S. Civil Service Commission states that 500,000 jobs will be filled in the next two years.

Some 95% of federal workers are in the "classified service," which means that jobs are competitive, and are filled by examination under the merit system. To find out what vacancies there are, qualifications, pay, location, and other information, a job-seeker should visit or communicate with Civil Service offices in these cities: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington, Winston-Salem, Atlanta, Cincinnati, Dayton, Detroit, Chicago, St. Paul, Omaha, St. Louis, Kansas City, Dallas, New Orleans, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver, Salt Lake City. Also: Honolulu; Balboa Heights, C. Z., and San Juan, P. R.

If these offices are inconvenient, try any first or second class post office.

The federal service is especially attractive to disabled vets, because special efforts have been made to place them in jobs which they are able to handle (there are 5,000 such positions), and because they receive a 10-point bonus on the scores of their civil service examinations. Other vets receive a five-point bonus. Furthermore, when vets entitled to 10-point preference cannot qualify for a job because of a service-connected disability, their wives receive those valuable 10 points. Unmarried widows of veterans get the same break.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission is accepting applications for jobs today from veterans only. Details of the advantages veterans receive may be found in the commission's pamphlet, "From Military Service to Civil Service," available at any commission office.

## VA Has Good Jobs

The biggest opportunities at the moment, according to Commissioner Flemming, are in the Veterans Administration which is in desperate need of the following: contact representative, training officer, physical director and recreational aid. Gen. Omar Bradley, VO boss, expects to have 120,000 employees on his staff, mostly vets. The Treasury Department needs qualified veterans to carry on the war against income tax

evaders and black market operators.

Federal employment is not restricted to Washington, though, of course, there are many openings in the capital.

Here are some of the typical jobs: postmaster, railway postal clerk, rural carrier, postal clerk, electrician, photographer, compositor, lithographer, elevator operator, custodian, stenographer, secretary, clerk, weather observer, forest ranger, engineer, architect, draftsman, nurse, accountant, auditor, statistical expert, information specialist, librarian, investigator, customs inspector, and literally thousands of others.

The federal service offers its employees several advantages. Tenure of employment is unusually great. There are ample opportunities for promotion, sick leave and annual leave provisions, and a retirement plan.

It's something to look into.

## Post Engineers

By Louise O'Brien

We hope there will not be an emergency call for Mr. Hutchings over the holiday. The electrical shop will try its technical skill at the barrel of a 30/30 instead of a generator.

Mr. Arey was seen this week trying to locate a water main with a ouija board.

Good news. Mrs. Addison is now the proud wife of a civilian. Her husband, George Addison, Headquarters, has recently been discharged. We are all waiting to see him in civilian clothes. How about it, George?

Helen Six's husband, Sgt. William Six, will be known as Mr. Bill Six after Wednesday, the 24th. Coming home hopes. With all

## First GI Barber



A CIVILIAN BARBER with his own shop in New York City for 12 years, Cpl. Joseph Camuto is the first GI hair stylist to take over part-time duties at the Dow Post Exchange shop. Joe barbered at Presque Isle for 11 months; and in Santa Maria in the Azores for 18 months, from whence he has just returned, he built a shop with another barber before going about his business, barbering.

Since the pay on the new job is commensurate with a barber's skill, Joe, a fireman in Building T-31, likes his new job. Other barbers interested in this work, paying more than the rate given unskilled workers, are urged to see the Post Exchange Officer at Building T-4.

these handsome heroes returning home, practically every girl in the office is dreaming of home life and all. Referring, of course, to Lorrain Gifford and Gloria Carson.

Well, don't be discouraged Mrs. Stewart, it will soon be your turn.

The Federation of Federal Employees will celebrate the holiday at an outing, football game, and dinner. Wish you were going? Perhaps there are still a few tickets left.

Winter's drawing closer to us. Don't believe it? Mr. Bard's crew have finished tuning up the plows and Mr. Bradbury is pretty busy giving batting instructions to those on the Roads and Grounds roster. SURPRISE! Our sportsmen, in-

cluding the Messrs. Noden, Willey, Clark and Cunningham, came through this time. Mr. Noden came back with one bear to his credit; "Buster" Clark, one, and Mr. Willey lead the foursome with two. Mr. Cunningham brought back regrets and says "next time." Mr. Hutchings should consult these hunting geniuses and find out the secret of aiming the gun at the right target and bringing down a bear.

## Reenlistments

(Continued from One)

nent grade in the Regular Army, \$50 bonus for each year of active duty already served, and mustering out pay in a lump sum. Travel pay of five cents a mile will be paid to the enlistee's home from Dow Field. Each volunteer enlistee is receiving a 90-day furlough and travel allowance to his home from Dow Field. Dependents' allotments will continue for the length of each man's reenlistment.

### Advantage of Three-Year Hitch

Under the one year, 18-month, or two-year enlistment period, the enlistee has no guarantee that he will remain in the United States, and must enlist in the Regular Army Unassigned. Men joining for three years can choose their branch of service, and may remain in the United States or choose the overseas theater to which they want to be sent. Persons reenlisting in the grade of private will be raised to Pfc. after six months of active duty provided they are otherwise qualified.

At Dow, Capt. Wilson is in charge of Army Recruiting at the Court Martial Room, across from headquarters.

## AACS

By S/Sgt. Bob Senser

You'd think that with the war over the boys could sit around and twiddle their thumbs occasionally. But at the 135th AACS headquarters, which observes no 40-hour week minimum, the S-1 division is swamped with more business than it ever had before V-J Day.

"This is a madhouse," an inmate reported last week, as he tweaked his nose and twisted his left ear.

The discharge section was an especially hectic spot. Separation bases continued to wire clearances speedily—sometimes so speedily that men were unable to depart on pre-separation furloughs.

Galley FIVE

To handle all the men processing through headquarters, S-1 has set up an assembly line system within itself. Men pass from the records section and sergeant major's desk to the discharge and furlough section, payroll section, and then to classification.

If points continue to drop at the rate of ten per month and if all stations in the squadron remain open, S-1 will have difficulty in finding manpower. Of the 135th's 780 enlisted men, 182 have from 50 to 59 points, and 149 fall into the 40-49 category. Among all the men in headquarters, only one is eligible for foreign service (less than 25 points).

The detachment commander, already "signed out for" eight buildings with AACS equipment, both on and off Dow Field, is now responsible for a ninth one.

Operations moving into the main hangar has enabled the detachment to spread out into the whole of Building T-121. The Detco now occupies the office evacuated by the Director of Operations. The message center now has more elbow room, too. The only ATC men working in the building now are the flight control personnel.

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Voted as "Man Most Likely to Succeed" among the Dow Field AACS men: smooth-talking Cpl. Jerome G. Davis, a cryptographer by Army profession, a "trade analyst" by vocation, a writer by avocation, a handwriting expert by inclination, a salesman by nature. Davis, who in Bermuda made a hundred and some dollars by selling seashells from the seashore (after painting them fancily) is peddling soldier and sailor statuettes. Among Go-Getter Davis' other projects is one to blanket Maine stores with plaster Santa Clauses.

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Two robust racqueteers, S/Sgt. Frank Wilhoit and Sgt. David Lance, staged a post-season tennis/tilt one sunny afternoon last week. By the time they battled through one set of the match, they were exhausted, because the set was somewhat prolonged by extra games. Final score of the set: 21 to 19, in Wilhoit's favor.

"Well, bless my wool," said the ram as he plunged over the cliff. "I didn't see that ewe turn."



## This Week at the Base Theater



WEDNESDAY, 24 October—STRANGE CONFESSION, with Lon Chaney and Brenda Joyce. Also "Star in the Night," a Featurette; "Champion of the Cue," a sports short, and "My Man Jasper," a Puppetoon.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 25 & 26 October—THE SPANISH MAIN (technicolor), with Maureen O'Hara, Paul Henreid and Walter Slezak. Also "Movietone News."

SATURDAY, 27 October—(Double Feature) WANDERER OF THE WASTELAND, with James Warren and Audrey Long. Also THE TIGER WOMAN, with Kane Richmond and Adele Mara. Running time: 2 hours and five minutes.

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, 28 & 29 October—TOO YOUNG TO KNOW, with Joan Leslie and Robert Hutton. Also "The March of Time," entitled "American Beauty," and "Movietone News."

TUESDAY, 30 October—SHE WENT TO THE RACES, with James Craig and Frances Gifford. Also "Musical Novelties," and "Screen Snapshots" of radio characters.

WEDNESDAY, 31 October—DON'T FENCE ME IN, with Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. Also "Double Honeymoon," with Leon Errol, and "Popular Science."

## Male Call



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



## Braille Detail