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5 Million See Mightiest Naval And Air Display

NEW YORK—America's sea and air power in majestic panoply provided the setting Saturday in which President Truman solemnly called upon the peoples of the United States, Russia, Britain, France and China to take the course of current history into their own hands and mold it in a new direction—that of continued cooperation.

This daring appeal to the common men and women of the great, victorious powers came as the highlight of a tremendously impressive observance of Navy Day here, in the course of which more than 5,000,000 persons cheered the Chief Executive and the grim ships and planes that he reviewed.

There are no irreconcilable conflicts of interest among the powers that fought the war to a victorious conclusion side by side, the President declared in his address, made before a Central Park gathering estimated by the police to number more than 1,000,000 persons. But he warned that a combination of firmness and forbearance would be needed to solve their present difficulties.

Warning to Imposing Powers

As a guide to achieve his goal, Mr. Truman offered the most explicit statement of his foreign policy advanced since his succession to office. He laid down a twelve-point program that will be studied with closest attention in every chancellery in the world. Its most striking note was that the United States would not recognize any government imposed upon a nation by any foreign power.

Stern and weighty as his words were, however, they provided only one element in the soul-stirring drama of the day—a drama so filled with sights and sounds to thrill the hearts of the millions of American men, women and children who witnessed it that it will be remembered down through the years as New York's greatest spectacle.

Missing Choppers Gum Up Discharge

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — When Pvt. Worth B. McMurty, Co. A, Repl., ETS, heard his name called for discharge he could only stand there with his mouth open. In fact, he couldn't even answer to his name and so got scratched off the list by the hard-boiled NCO.

But blame not this sad-event on poor McMurty, now awaiting new orders for separation.

McMurty just couldn't talk, for his false choppers were missing when the call came.

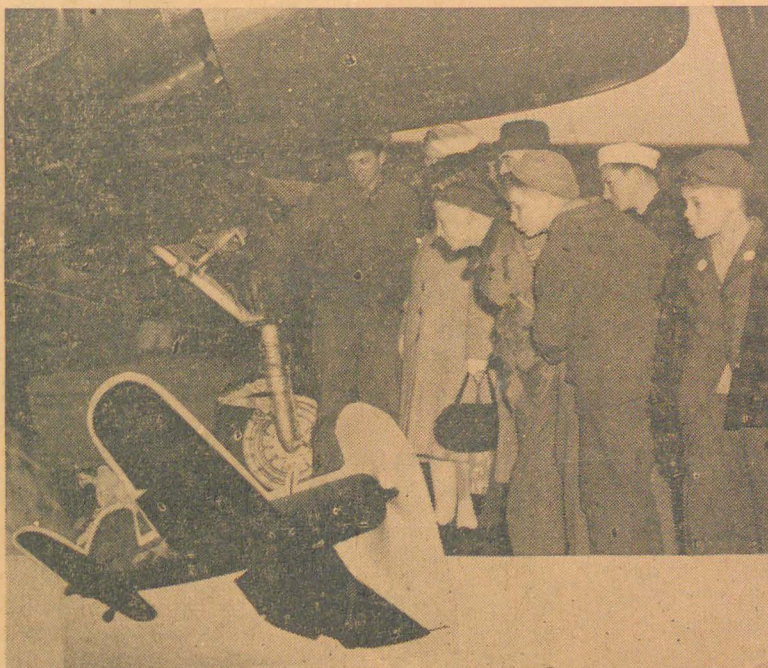
Now he goes to bed with his plate fitted securely and the rumor is he talks in his sleep.

Admiral Now Second Looie

HEADQUARTERS, 13th AIR FORCE, Philippines. — The Navy might not like this, but we must report that Admiral D. Spiker, Jr., of Chariton, Ia., has been promoted from flight officer to second lieutenant.

Admiral, of course, is Spiker's first name.

Maine Weather Licks Navy Air Show



EAGER KIDS, thousands of them, inspected the Corsairs, Hellcats, Avengers, and Helldivers of Fighting Squadron Eighty One. Navy men were more than willing to tell the visitors all about the planes. To the disappointment of everyone, rain grounded the 500 mile an hour fighters. Insert: One of the Corsairs in flight the day before, when they flew over most of the State of Maine.

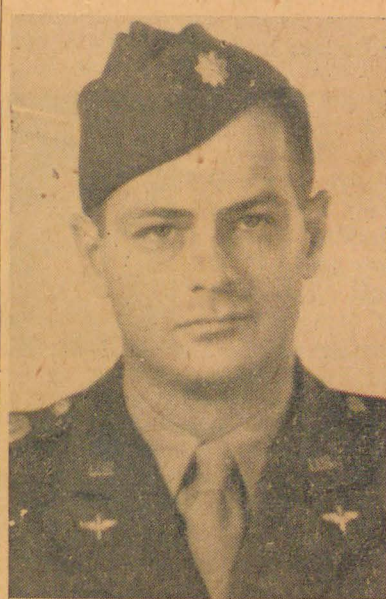
Lt. Col. Edward J. Soulliere New Director of Supply and Service

Lieut. Col. Edward J. Soulliere, now Director of Supply and Service, has a vast background of experience for his present job, after three years of continuous overseas service as Adjutant, Executive Officer and (for a month) Commanding Officer of the 37th in 1937, running a filling station for a while, and later operating a Service Group. The old 37th, which eventually became the nucleus of the 525th Air Service Group which arrived in force at Dow Field this summer, took care of the first American bombardment unit to operate in Europe, the 15th Bomb Squadron, and kept right on punching in England, Algeria, Tunis, Italy and France till the job was done.

In a real sense, Colonel Soulliere's story is the story of the 37th Service Group. With relatively little recognition in the form of decorations, citations or glory, the work of the 37th was very vital to the war effort. Working night and day, with the one objective of getting the job finished, the men of the various service group units saw much more combat action than the much decorated ground echelons of the famous Fifteenth Air Force.

Colonel Soulliere and Major Ralph Reed, who left Dow recently for separation, are the only officers in the original 37th Service Group who stuck it out to the last, and came back with the unit.

"The job of the Air Service Group," according to Colonel Soulliere, "is to supply, repair the planes and equipment, and render all necessary service to the various bomb groups in a large combat unit. In order to do that, we had a headquarters squadron, a service squadron for each bomb group we took care of, truck companies (for hauling supplies), ordnance companies (for handling bombs and ammunition and doing automotive repair and maintenance), quartermaster companies (for supply), signal companies (Continued on Six)



LIEUT. COL. EDWARD J. SOULLIERE, former Executive Officer (and for a while Commanding Officer) of the 37th Service Group, now Director of Supply and Service. The decoration on his right pocket is the insignia of the 6th Spahi Cavalry, which made the Colonel an Honorary Lieutenant.

Didn't Like It

SANTA ANA, Cal. (CNS)—M/Sgt. John Westervelt, 77, who is the oldest soldier in the United States Army, at last has had enough. He's quitting after 47 years of service "if I've got the points."

The weather was fit only for ducks, confirmed Ganderites, and fishermen on the Grand Banks. What had been scheduled as a mighty demonstration of naval air power fizzled out into a ground exhibition of Navy fighting craft, including three Corsairs, a Hellcat, a Helldiver, an Avenger, and two PBV's (borrowed from the NAD PBV fleet).

Predicts 95,000 Jobs By 1950

CHICAGO — Americans have learned to fly too soon.

Although 995,000 men have received transport-type training in the air forces, there will be no more than 95,500 jobs in civilian aviation by 1950, the magazine "Flying" predicted this week. And that figure includes personnel now in aviation and others who will receive training in civilian schools.

Citing figures of the U. S. Department of Labor, "Flying" estimates that five years from now there will be 37,000 pilots employed in civilian aviation, while 190,000 men have received multi-engine transport training in the services. Opportunities for men with fighter training only will be still fewer. The figure for maintenance men is even less promising. A maximum of 49,000 will be required, while the ground forces have trained 570,000 men. Other tasks will employ about 9,500, while miscellaneous functions required 235,000 men and women in the armed forces.

GIs Will Spend \$30 For First Civilian Suit

LOS ANGELES (CNS)—When GI Joe checks in as a civilian, his first thought is clothes, according to a survey by a national magazine.

When they shop around, they want the price tags to read from \$30 to \$40 for suits. Comfort and variety are musts, with emphasis on sports shirts and slacks. As for ties, the 4-in-hand rates first.

The dough-foots have learned to take care of their feet and they plan to coddle them with 2 and 2/3 pairs of shoes annually at \$9 per pair. Comfort and variety again get top billing here, so they've included sports shoes. Socks must be self-supporting and as for unmentionables, cotton shorts and T-shirts are preferred for both winter and summer.

'Hump' Air Route To Be Discontinued

The "Over the Hump" Air Route from India to China, where Lt. Col. Edward Tindell, 1st Lt. Harrison Willoughby, 1st Lt. Arthur Bowel, Capt. Melvin Caldwell, Capt. John A. Fischer, Lt. Curtis Patterson and other Dow Field Officers won war honors, will be discontinued by 15 November, the Air Transport Command announced recently.

The line is being maintained only long enough to bring out Americans stationed in China. About 70,000 were in the area at the close of hostilities. Approximately 15,000 were flown out last month and an estimated 30,000 will make the air trip in October. Another 20,000 will leave by way of Pacific ports.

But in spite of the lousy weather, in spite of lack of the biggest attraction, thousands of people came out anyway, including swarms of kids of all sizes, shapes and ages. Navy airmen were hard put to answer some of the tough questions put to them by the smart young kids, who seem to know more about aviation than many of their elders. The kids were everywhere, climbing up on the ramps and looking down into the planes; climbing up on the wings, peering closely at the rocket rails, ammunition racks and other combat paraphernalia of the Corsairs; and in general having a lot of fun.

A program of speeches which had been scheduled, was called off due to the weather. The undelivered speeches contain many interesting points.

Councillor Harold Worthen, representing Governor Horace Hildreth, pointed out that Fighting Squadron Eighty One's show was the first appearance of a squadron of Navy planes in this part of Maine. He pointed out:

"The record compiled by the Wasp and her pilots includes over a million tons of enemy shipping sunk or destroyed, and 641 enemy planes destroyed in the air or on the ground."

"Governor Hildreth recommends, and I heartily concur in his recommendation."

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Weapons to Make U. S. Invulnerable

WASHINGTON—The Army now has in operation a program to develop new radio fuses and other electronic weapons which, if successful, will make the U. S. invulnerable to attack, Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson disclosed Tuesday.

Under supervision of the National Bureau of Standards, the program was devised last October and put under way on V-J Day.

The Bureau said its basic function is to provide the nation with the best weapons and counterweapons ever devised, "so that no other nation would ever dare entertain the idea of an attack against us."

Enemy War Prisoners To Be Gone By Spring

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The last of the German, Italian and Japanese prisoners of war now held in the United States will have been returned to their home nations by spring, it has been announced by the War Department. There are now 417,034 of these POWs in the United States. Many of these prisoners have been used to do agricultural and factory work and labor at Army camps, taking up some of the slack due to shortage of American labor. Release of Americans from the Armed forces has provided the manpower required to carry on this work in the future, so the prisoners of war will be shipped out of the country.

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Little Businesses

One of those solemn sociological reports which pour unceasingly into newspaper offices gravely declares that "quite a number of discharged soldiers announce their intention of going into the diaper-service business."

Lots of comments suggest themselves. However, such intentions shouldn't be disparaged. When all's said and done, they are in the grand American tradition of starting at the bottom.

Military Papers Hard to Replace

Discharge papers are of the utmost value to the veteran. The time and red tape required to replace them will give you gray hairs, so it is much better to have them recorded and duplicated as soon as you can after your discharge.

The first step should be the recording of your Discharge Certificate (or Certificate of Service if you are on inactive duty), in the official record books of the county in which you live. The county clerk, recorder, or other designated official or your local county courthouse will do this for you.

It is also a good idea to have a photostatic copy made of the original. This can be done by any photostat company. Be sure to have any photostatic copies notarized. The cost is nominal.

There are a lot of other papers and documents, military and otherwise, which should be kept together in a safe place where you can lay your hands on them easily and quickly. Whenever possible, duplicate copies or notations should be kept in a place equally as safe.

Victory Medal for All

According to a TWX just received from the Adjutant General, a Victory Medal is to be awarded to all soldiers, Wacs and officers who have served in the Army at any time between 7 December 1944 and a date not yet announced. That means every soldier now at Dow Field, at any rate. The ribbon has a red center, with narrow white borders, flanked by narrow double ribbons in juxtaposition. Priority of supply on the ribbons will be given to Separation Centers. Just when some of these will arrive here is not known.

Victory Loan Dollars Urgently Needed

The nation was poised this week in enthusiastic anticipation of the Victory Loan which began Monday, the 29th, as more than six million volunteer workers, through their leaders, promised a smashing climax of the end of the war and predicted an oversubscription of the quota needed for disabled veteran rehabilitation, retraining of others, hospitalization, and other costs attending the peace.

The national quota is smaller than in the Mighty Seventh War Loan, which was \$14,000,000,000.

The overall sum asked by the Treasury for the vital peace-time program is \$11,000,000,000.

DOW FIELD CROSS SECTION DOW FIELD

Many a GI would give an armful of stripes to trade places with the happy assortment of GIs cornered and interviewed for this week's inquiry. In varying degrees they are, or will, be civilians within a week or two. Everybody asking everyone else, "Whatcha gonna do when ya get out?" prompted the question of EM going through pre-separation processing:

"Have you definite plans for the future, now that you're practically a MISTER?"

T/Sgt. A. L. Thurston answered:



"I expect to get back to the hotel business. I was manager of the Blackstone Hotel in Washington before getting into the service. I'll probably go to Miami Beach for the winter and sweat out an application I filed with the government to manage a hotel in Hawaii or the Canal Zone. Also have an application with the Pan American Air Lines for the same purpose."

S/Sgt. James Volz answered:

"My brother at the present moment is trying to find a location for a gas station for me. I have the funds for opening a good one. If it turns out to be a sound investment I'll stick with it. If not, I'll go back to my brother's textile manufacturing plant in Philadelphia. I'm a weaver by trade."



Cpl. Victor Branca declared:



"I'm going home for a couple of weeks, then come back here for a couple of weeks, then going back to Rhode Island for a couple more weeks, then going south to play baseball. I played for the Providence Grays. But first I'll stay with a friend in Allentown, THEN go south to make contact with Class C League. If I show promise I'll move up to Class B ball and so on. I'm a pitcher."

Sgt. Harold B. Bender said:

"Going back to previous occupation as tool and gauge maker in Detroit, Michigan. Two of my buddies own the shop and were kept out of the service due to essential nature of work. They are doing 100% government work. I'm also going back to a four-months-old son I've never seen."



Sgt. Arthur Hennessey surprised us with:



"I'm going to re-enlist as soon as I can, then go to Germany or France. I have 25 years in the service and in five more years I'll be a very happy civilian. I found the service O. K., except for the last four years. I'll be a supply man in QM—or picking up cigarette butts in Santa Maria."

Hennessey didn't have his hash marks on because he couldn't find anyone to sew them on.

If there are any pertinent questions hiding deep down inside your chest that you'd like to have aired out—cough them up and get them over to the Observer office to use in this column.—The Editor*

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Did you two hear any good radio programs tonight?"

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.

Thanks a Million

I think it is time someone told you who are leaving the service that you did a good job and that the nation is grateful for what you have done. You've been kicked around a long time since you got back from overseas. Not intentionally, but just the mass kicking around that comes naturally when you're just a number in an outfit that musters in the millions. You shouldn't leave the service feeling that your work in it was not appreciated. When you get home you won't have much left to remind you of the job you've done. You can't pin your ribbons on your business suit or overalls. Your friends will probably forget that you once wore khaki. Your wife will treat you quite normally,—let us hope—unless she has been delving too deeply into the nonsense our better psychiatrists have been writing on, "The Care and Feeding of the Returned Serviceman." But that, too, will wear off. Only you will remember what you have been through. Remember when you went to those bleak and northern islands? There was not in those days, as there is now, an overwhelming superiority of men and equipment and skill. You found out that it takes a lot of hard work to win a war. Because of your blood and sweat, and yes, even tears, where formerly there were only barren wastelands, bases bloom today.

But you have skill, or you were taught one and the country needed that skill. You gave what you had. Some of you gave in such great measure that skill can no longer be used by you. All of you gave something that cannot be replaced—good mature years—of your life. You leave the service now, older, wiser, and I hope not embittered.

Take heart and courage from the example of a Man who wore Himself out for others, who gave His youth, His vigor, His skill, that you and I might live—and died not knowing the gratitude of man. All He had was the realization that He had done a good job. That was part of the source of His strength. LET IT BE YOURS ALSO.

Let me say quite simply, what every American should say to you as you leave, "Thanks a lot, Old Pal. It was swell knowing you and working with you. Good luck and God bless you."

The Padre,
James T. Kilbride.

Nov. 3 Nite of Fun For PW Guards

The PW Guards of the Guard Detachment, SCU 1119th POW Branch Camp have decided to have one big happy family affair before all their personnel have scattered to the four corners of the USA, what with discharges, etc., staring everyone in the face and will proceed to let their hair down and have fun at their company party Saturday, Nov. 3rd.

Their Day Room will serve as diner and dance hall and the four walls will echo the gaiety produced by the 45 EM and officers and their invited guests—wives and girl friends.

Music, (juke box and radio) dancing, chicken dinner (if they can round up the chickens), cokes and beer will be on the entertainment bill of fare.

It's the Guard Detachment's first party and quote, "hope it'll be our last" . . . unquote.

SEATTLE—When a sailor fell into the harbor, a woman passerby rushed to his rescue. She pulled him out, then discovered he was wearing no pants. So she pushed him back in again and walked away.

Psst! -- No Hush-Hush at Base Library

By Alyce M. Connor

The interior of the Dow Field Library, which you see pictured on this page, is a far cry from the internal appearance of the one which was occupied in 1943. At that time, the inside was a dreary affair with window bare—bookcases that rocked back and forth when a book was removed—and drab walls which greeted new acquaintances.



MRS. ALYCE CONNOR, Librarian, showing Lt. Marshall the latest book on post-war jobs.



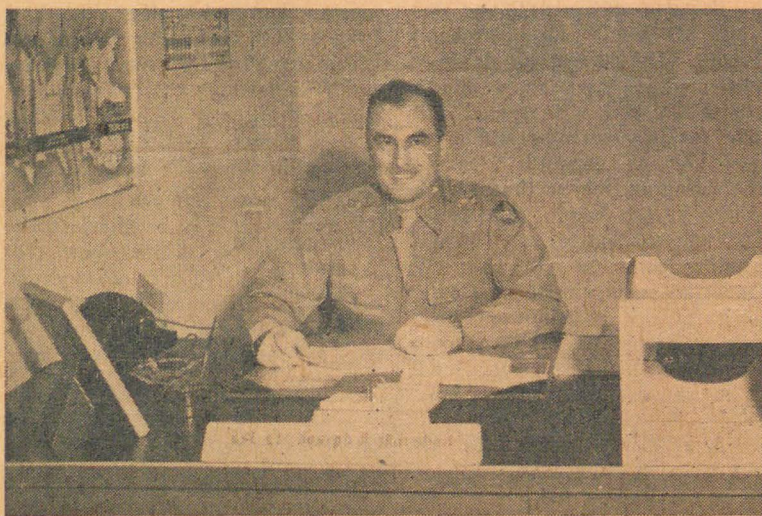
ATTRACTIVE CORNER of Library with men enjoying reading and music.



Unusual USAFI exhibit.



INTERIOR OF LIBRARY showing adequate reading and writing facilities.



Lt. Joseph J. Marshall, Library Officer

But, in January 1944, money was appropriated by the First Service Command to renovate the Library, and it immediately had a favorable effect. New books were added, current and popular magazines including 68 Technical magazines graced the shelves, and all in all, the enlisted personnel expressed keen pleasure and satisfaction as they entered the newly redecorated and better equipped premises.

The Library is not just a place to check books in and out. It is also a place where you can write letters on stationery which is furnished free. There are comfortable chairs and lounges—modern writing tables and facilities for writing or reading, and other encouraging items conducive to loll and be at home. A combination phonograph-radio is available including a fine collection of albums containing classical recordings—as well as records of modern jazz and swing, which the boys are free to play at any time. Every Monday night the Library sponsors a classical music concert via recordings—and you are invited to attend.

There is a complete exhibit of interesting and informative USAFI material for those who want to continue their education while in the service. Since V-J Day, the trend of reading and information desired has been for post-war planning. Many new books have been purchased to supplement the collection on jobs and careers and only recently, complete information concerning surplus government property for veterans was made available at the Library to Dow Field personnel.

A year ago last June, the Library catered to so many people that it became imperative to increase the staff. A call for help was made and the Junior Welfare League of Bangor offered their services which was gratefully accepted. These women have been coming in every afternoon except Saturday and Sunday and also come in three evenings a week to assist in the Library. Members of the Junior Welfare League have certainly performed a magnificent job, and it is largely through their voluntary effort that the Library staff is able to give better service to those stationed at Dow Field.

The Dow Field Library, a function of the Special Services Division under 1st Lt. Joseph J. Marshall, is a friendly and cheerful place to spend your leisure time. A place where you will receive a cheery "hello" and a friendly smile. It offers you the best in reading—and it is recognized as one of the finest libraries for a Base the size of Dow Field. Come in and visit us, won't you?

Enlistments Approved For National Guard

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ALNS)—Enlistment in the National Guard has been authorized by the War Department, effective immediately. Enlistment will be for three years, and will be under the military authorities of the several states. Enlistment cannot be made, however, by men still in active federal service in the armed forces.

Should Have Secretary

Several GIs at the field went into the supply room one day. The only attendant was sitting comfortably behind the counter. They waited. Nobody came to wait on them.

"Can't you wait on us?" one of them finally managed to ask.

"Can't you come in some time when I'm standing up?" was the indignant reply.

Most Joes are anxious to get something off their chests—dog-tags.

George Asserts Vets Will Get Tax Relief

WASHINGTON — With the Senate strong-minded on the need of tax relief for veterans, Sen. Walter F. George, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, this week declared that if veterans' exemptions are not cleared in time for passage with the present streamlined bill, they will be taken up in the general tax bill which will immediately follow.

Slated for favorable action, according to Senator George, are four measures which would:

1. Extend servicemen's exemption of \$1,500 for one year after discharge;
2. Eliminate 6 per cent interest penalty for veterans requiring six months to pay their accumulated tax arrears;
3. Remove requirements that veterans fill out tax returns when they do not owe government taxes.
4. Relieve American prisoners of war from paying high surtaxes on service pay given them in a lump sum on being freed.

The Senator said the tax measures when passed would be effective retroactively with refunds being made to veterans who had already paid taxes.

1000 A Day Join Regulars

WASHINGTON — Enlistments in the Regular Army are now averaging 1,000 a day, Brig. Gen. Robert W. Berry, deputy assistant chief of staff, G-1, told the Senate Military Affairs Committee this week.

During the last two weeks, Berry said, 18,000 were recruited.

Of those enlisting 64 per cent were fifth grade or higher, 9.7 per cent were privates first class and 26.4 per cent were privates.

USO Show Due Nov. 7th

It's been a long time since an orchestra has come along with as lavish a stagemore as Ray Kinney's which is presented by USO-CAMP SHOWS on Nov. 7th at T-6.

Kinney brings with him not only his famed Hawaiian orchestra, which has broken all records in its six seasons in the Hawaiian Room of New York's Hotel Lexington, but also his crew of outstanding entertainers. Ray himself is one of the biggest-selling vocalists on Victor and Decca phonograph records. With him are Meymo Holt, Alfred Apaka and his Five Aloha Maids, Leimomi, Lehua Leinaala, Leilani and Nani.

Ray sings in a rich, rhythmic tenor and is familiar to millions as a result of hundreds of thousands of records he has made, and his 800 or more broadcasts over the NBC and Blue Networks.

Alfred Apaka, baritone, sings songs of the Islands. The Five Aloha Maids do their famed dances in combination with the romantic rhythms of Ray's orchestra. They have packed the Hawaiian Room of the Hotel Lexington nightly and were featured with Ray in the Olsen and Johnson Broadway sensation, "Hellzapoppin," dropping out only when the orchestra left New York for its 14,000 mile tour.

A courtship is that period in which the gal decides whether she can do better or not!

Doing nothing is so tiresome because you can't stop and rest.—The Bulletin, USN Amm. Depot, Mifflin, Pa.

What D'You Know, Joe?

Q. What are the chances for an ex-serviceman in the movies?

A. The movies operate with limited personnel, and most positions require years of experience and training. A large percentage of the movie people were overage or were women, and consequently, the industry has not been severely hit by the draft. MGM informed CNS: "We do not plan any post-war expansion which will create jobs for veterans. . . . If there is any expansion at all, it will be only to take care of former MGM employees now in service, which will, of course, be done in every instance." Paramount says the employment possibilities are "unfortunately very slight." Other companies concur.

Q. My dad wants me to enter his real estate business when I get out. Have you any information about the post-war possibilities?

A. The main divisions of the business are buying, renting, selling, man-

aging property, property development, tax specialization, and kindred government work. There are no special requirements, but education, ability to get along with people and to manage your own time are useful and knowledge of real estate law, taxes, and engineering would help. The field gives one an opportunity to use his abilities for all they are worth, but it is hard work. Earnings are based on commissions, and therefore may be high one year and low the next. The National Association of Real Estate Boards, 22 W. Monroe St., Chicago 3, may be able to provide general information, or refer you to a source in your community.

Q. How many Negroes have graduated from West Point?

A. Ten. The ranking Negro West Pointers are B/Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, USA, and his son, Col. B. O. Davis, Jr., AC.

Q. Will a serviceman who applies for and gets a dependency discharge because of hardship conditions at home be barred from veterans' rights because he asks for his discharge?

A. No. His discharge will be honorable and he will not be barred from any rights.

Air Show

mentation, that we support and maintain an adequate Navy and Air Force to demonstrate to the world that we are prepared for any contingency, so that we will not again be subject to attack."

City Manager Horace Estey, reminiscing on Bangor's contributions to Naval History, pointed out:

"It is not at all unfitting that Bangor should be the scene of a Navy Day ceremony. At one time, the greatest lumber port in the world, many of Bangor's men have turned to the sea, and our list of seafaring men includes such people as Admirals Bryant and Holden and Captain Boutelle."

Lieut. Col. Edward F. Tindall, commanding officer, praised the close liaison between the services throughout the war:

"Close cooperation between the Army and the Navy has been a real phenomenon during this war. In combat, each branch of the service, including the Marines, is essential to all the others. Each branch of the service has a specific job to do—and they have all done it well. Sometimes, in the stress of wartime exigencies, great modifications had to be made in procedures and plans, in the interest of a combined victory. But nowhere has there been closer coordination and cooperation than in the use of joint air-power."

He pointed out how Dow Field units fought side by side with men from the Carrier Wasp in the Pacific.

"There, the planes of the famous 43rd Bomb Group, the pride of Dow Field during 1940 and early 1942, fought side by side with the men of the Carrier Wasp—in the Philippine Invasion, at Okinawa, in the battles against the Jap mainland, and at many other points. The men of the 43rd had the same targets, but with heavier planes they had different objectives. But the ultimate objective of the air forces of both the Army and the Navy was the same—complete and overwhelming victory against our enemies."

Captain John O'Connell, liaison officer with the Navy for the Air Show; Lieut. Commander Martin MacNair, commanding officer of Fighting Squadron Eighty One; Lieut. Dolph Hugon, navigator of the Navy Squadron; and Major Alfred Dehle, Director of Operations, expressed great disappointment.

"I'm sorry that we had to cancel the flying," said Commander MacNair, "but there was nothing else to do. Squadron Eighty One is proud to have had the privilege of representing the Navy in this demonstration. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the officers and men of Dow Field for their hearty and enthusiastic reception, for their help, and for their hospitality."

The Corsairs finally took off at 11 A. M. Saturday, and played a part in a thousand plane reception to the President, in honor of Navy Day in New York. The ground crewmen spent the weekend at Dow Field, and left on Monday.

"This Is The Army" Ends 38-Month Run

HONOLULU, T. H.—After an overseas run of 39 months, "This Is the Army," greatest camp show of World War II, was closed this week after appearing before a total audience of 2,500,000 servicemen.

Wearing a World War I uniform, Irving Berlin flew from the mainland for the show's final performance. More than \$19,000,000 was netted for Army-Navy relief.

The judge finished his lecture to the defendant in a divorce action saying: "I've decided to give your wife \$40 a month."

"That's swell, judge," said the ex-husband, "I'll try to slip her a couple of bucks, now and then, myself."

Trick Cartoonist Has Officer's Number

How to figure out an officer in a hurry is an easy trick—if you happen to be a chalk-talk cartoonist.

Sgt. Joe Beaudoin is just that and while explaining that, "for the average officer you don't have to count any higher than seven," Joe made lightning fast strokes on paper to show what he meant. Jotting down numerals up to seven, the sergeant,



by adding a few meaningful lines, produced the bit of art shown here.

Just returned from 28 months overseas, for separation, Beaudoin was a Tech Supply clerk in the CBI with the 1303rd AAF BU China India Division of the ATC and was, through his knack for cartooning and trick pictures, put on detached service with the Tony Martin shows in Calcutta. He served with Martin for three months and entertained GIs in forward areas in China, bringing him at times within 60 miles of the Japs.

The sergeant has a long line of interesting patter to go along with his surprise-ending cartoons and is looking forward to entertaining the natives of Brunswick, his home town, but many of his best tricks will have to be censored before being aired.

He is already booked for the Lion's Club in Brunswick.

Keep 'em smiling Joe.

Army's Peace Plan Outlined

WASHINGTON. — Recision of \$30,903,090,564 of the money available to the Army for the present fiscal year was recommended to the House Oct. 17 by its Appropriations Committee.

The reduction was a part of a \$524,000,000 slash in government expenditures recommended by the committee as a result of Japan's surrender.

The Army cut recommended was \$2,200,000,000 more than the Administration had proposed and was applied to many branches, biggest cut being in pay of the Army to force speed-up in discharges (see demobilization story) and in Air Forces and subsistence.

Lengthy hearings preceding the reporting of the bill brought General Marshall, Arnold and Somervell and Secretary of War Patterson before the committee to explain their post-war plans.

General Marshall, under urging by the committee, declared that, depending on many factors, he foresaw an Army of 1,050,000 two years from now.

This force would be 900,000 less than that planned for July 1, 1946. The comparative figures are:

In Japan and Korea on July 1, 200,000, of which 30,000 would be air; two years from now, 150,000.

Elsewhere in the Pacific, 200,000 of which 120,000 would be air; two years from now, 150,000.

Europe, 370,000 on July 1; 150,000 two years from now.

Other bases, 100,000 on July 1; 75,000 two years hence.

Operating U. S. installations, 360,000 on July 1; 175,000 two years from now.

Training, in hospital, in transit, etc., 200,000 on July 1; 150,000 two

Down the Alley

By Michael F. Quinn

The Dow Field Bowling League went into its fifth league last Thursday and the standing after the night's festivities on 23rd October is as follows:

	W	L	Pct.
Quartermaster	17	3	.850
Aircraft Main. No. 2.....	12	4	.750
Machine Shop	14	6	.700
Air Supply	9	7	.563
Base Maintenance.....	7	9	.437
Motor Pool	8	12	.400
Aircraft Main. No. 1.....	3	13	.187
Civilian Personnel.....	2	18	.100

To arrive at those figures it was necessary for QM to take all four points from the Odlin Road Supply men while Rogan's Hangar Team No. 2 did likewise from the down-trodden Sharpies from Civilian Personnel. At the same time the Engineers from across the Base were taking three points from the Motor Pool and the Machine Shop boys were giving the same dose to Curly Cronin's hangar boys. Wally McGlauffin of JM came up with a lollapalooza at 349 for the evening to offset Looie Gould's fancy 315. By a strange quirk of fate, ye correspondent had to sit out the third string as low man, after an amazing second string of 79 (shades of Maynard White and the CO's ex-chauffeur, George Addison.) (Which leads us to believe that the bar is a bit too close to the alley.—Ed note.)

More bowlers can always be used and an invitation is extended to the boys from the Azores—now that you're back in God's country and have had the chance to get Santa Maria and Laggins out of your system. If interested, call Ed Cronin at Ext. 452.

Son's Haircut Causes Mother to Sue

At Pocatello, Ida., Mrs. L. L. Hatter sued for \$50 damages charging that George Senes, a barber, clipped all the hair off her small son's head when she sent the youngster to the barber's shop for an ordinary haircut. Senes said he only did what the boy told him to do.

(Must've been an ex-GI barber.)

There's the sagging skin of a Rhino
The pendulous stern of a coot
But from here to Wrangel
There's nothing can dangle
Like the trap-door union suit.

years hence.

Strategic force of five divisions, etc., in U. S., 200,000 on July 1; no reduction planned.

Arnold outlined a plan for about 70 air groups, calling for a personnel of slightly under 700,000 on July 1. This strength would include 69,230 officers. The Air Force now has about 329,000 officers. Eventual post-war plan of the Air Force calls for about 500,000 men, Arnold added.



"No—it's not that I'm married—I—I just don't want to—that's all!"

AACS

By S/Sgt. Bob Senser

The special orders cut at AACS headquarters might well be called discharge orders. Practically every paragraph refers to men being discharged or being ordered to headquarters for pre-separation processing.

Since service records and allied papers on men in all the detachments are kept here, every man in the 135th eligible for release (except those travelling by private conveyance) is funneled through this headquarters. On one day last week 31 men from the Goose Bay, Presque Isle, and Grenier detachments were ordered to Dow so that the separation section can give them the works.

Detachments all over the squadron are becoming mere skeletons of their former selves. The Dow Field detachment, which once had a roster between fifty and sixty strong, will shrink to less than forty men soon.

Getting men out of the isolated Arctic stations, such as Mecatina and Lake Harbor, is a problem. AACS and the ATC are putting their heads together, however, to figure out a way by which eligible men can be removed by the first of the year.

With so many men being reconverted into civilians it's only natural that among the men remaining the favorite topic of conversation is "What I'll do when I get out." Here's a cross-section of personal projects:

In the statistical control section, T/Sgt. Hank Findorff has the right idea. "I'm going to retire," says he; "I'm going to retire to bedroom slippers and bathrobe."

Sgt. Richard W. Berg, who in the absence of furloughing M/Sgt. Ed Trontel is headquarters sergeant major without portfolio, says: "I think I'll go to Harvard or Yale."

T/Sgt. James Herkimer, who is detachment NCOIC, has a job as a machinist all lined up.

Cpl. Robert E. Mahoney, the lad who blazes a hitch-hiking trail to Waterville every weekend, hopes to hit the road for his home in Detroit soon so that he can enter the tool and die-casting trade.

Cpl. Eddie Baran, ex-radio operator and now a discharge specialist, plans to (1) make his fiancé his bride, (2) accept a job with the California State Police as a radio dispatcher.

The real estate business in Colorado beckons Lt. Oral Holm, detachment cryptographic security officer.

S/Sgt. James B. Gill, who attends classes at the University of Maine three mornings a week, plans to enroll in St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn.

This columnist hopes in the near future to transfer from GI periodicals to a civilian organ, even if it is only a weekly college sheet.

Library News

By Cpl. Clarke Kemper

TO ALL MEN RECENTLY ARRIVED AT DOW FIELD, welcome to the Base Library. Our library is located in Building T-33 and contains many volumes on many subjects. Visit us and enjoy books, writing facilities, games, or just relax and listen to our recordings.

NEW BOOKS

"Cherokee Strip" by Marquis James. This newest of the Pulitzer Prize winner James' works is partly autobiographical and is a tale of a boyhood spent in Oklahoma.

"A German Talks Back" by Hauser. This is the much talked of book which is causing much controversy as to whether it should have been published.

"Franklin, Life of An Optimist" by Andre Maurois. The author presents an intimate view of Franklin in such aspects as the public never gets. This is definitely a new twist on the Colonial Father.

"The White Deer" by Thurber. This is another of Thurber's worlds, a fairy-tale dealing with Kings, Princes and the enchanted deer, beautifully illustrated.

"A Treasury of Satire" by Johnson, the world's greatest satirist, comic and tragic from antiquity to the present.

LOOK FORWARD TO:

"Hercules, My Shipmate" by Robert Graves, the rich and ribald story of Jason and the Golden Fleece.

"Undertow" by Maier, the story of a soldier who couldn't take it, among thousands of his fellows who could.

"The Gauntlet" by James Street, an absorbing American novel of marked social and deep religious feeling and importance.

"The Perennial Philosophy" by Aldous Huxley, plus "Mansions of Philosophy" by Will Durant, is as complete a set of elemental philosophy as you could find.

"The Egg and I" by McDonald, the story of what happens when a returning vet wishes to buy and operate a chicken ranch with his wife.

"The Arch of Triumph" by Remarque, a stirring war story concerning a refugee doctor seeking refuge in Nazi-torn Europe.

"One Nation" by Stegner, a book about some of the minority peoples who have meant so much to American culture.

Each Monday evening at 2100 hours, a program of recorded music will be given at the Base Library. We are open to suggestions for any particular favorite you would like to hear or any ideas concerning this program. This is your hour of music.

Life Hangs On Nylon

CHICAGO—Peter Prenta, a window washer in the 41-story Bankers Building here, claims the distinction of being the only one of his calling who uses a nylon rope on his safety belt. The rope was given to him for experimental purposes by a tenant in the building who intends to manufacture nylon ropes.

"It's real sturdy," Prenta said, "and I've used it for two weeks now. I'm not worried if it breaks because I'll get a new one free of charge."

Here lies the bones of Johnny Jay
He died defending the right of way.
He was right, dead right, as he sped along,
But he's just as dead now, as if he'd been wrong!

A shoulder strap is a piece of ribbon worn to keep an attraction from being a sensation.

P & T Director Dubose To Stay In Uniform

Captain Robert C. Dubose, Director of Priorities and Traffic, is a regular Army man, and intends to stay in the service after the war. After graduating from the Nederland (Texas) High School moving picture house in the old home town, he enlisted in the army in 1939. Assigned to Lowry Field, Colorado, he became NCO in charge of routing all army traffic, including freight and personnel, through Denver, for the Transportation Corps.

In December, 1942, as a Master Sergeant, he was sent to AAF OCS at Miami Beach, where he graduated in March, 1943. Because of his transportation experience, he was assigned to the Priorities and Traffic School at the New York Athletic Club, operated by American Airlines. Forty days later, having completed the school, he was assigned to duty at Presque Isle as P & T Officer.

Nine months later, he was sent to Gander Lake, Newfoundland in the same capacity. He sweated out twenty-two months at Gander, before coming to Dow Field in September of this year. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant in November, 1943, and to Captain in March, 1945.

At Gander, he managed the Baseball Team and the Bowling Team. The Gander baseball team won the island championship this summer.



CAPTAIN ROBERT C. DUBOSE, Director of Priorities and Traffic, and longtime veteran of P & T in Gander Lake, Newfoundland.

Minute Men Gird For Bond Drive

The Dow Field civilian personnel Minuteman organization, under the leadership of Ed Cronin is getting under way in the Victory Loan Drive—the last bond drive of this war. With a \$48,000 quota, they figure that they have a rough battle ahead, and they expect to work hard to make the quota.

Base Maintenance Minutemen include John Mullaney, Edward Conely, George Avery, Frank Clark, Louis LaPointe, J. A. Cunningham, W. F. Bradbury, Carl Hutchings, George Barton, Roy Bard, A. F. Chamberlain, Charles Turner, Seth Libby, Walter Nadeau, and Joseph Watson.

Motor Pool Minutemen include George Cameron, Daniel Leavitt, Daniel Scribner, Lester Vasseur, and Floyd Sanborn. Radio Maintenance includes Clarence Corder, Kathleen C. Jones, Donald Berry, and Gerald Milheron. Hospital Minutemen are Mary O'Connell, Laura M. Parker, John A. Perry, Catherine I. Saunders, Eleanore McInnis, Norma D. Staples and Dorothy Carmicheal.

Air Supply bond salesmen are John J. Ward, Jr., John Finnegan, Frances Flynn, Elsie Bonneau, Sophie Gass, Victoria Hanna, Gladys H. Taylor, Estelle Cassell, Samuel P. Wilson, Orrin Page, Harold Annis and Oliver L. Simpson.

Provost Marshal Minutemen include Sgt. Earl G. Burke, Thomas E. Mayo, Hartland H. Stuart, Dennis J. Aucoin, Arthur L. Blackman, John E. Lamson, George E. Currier, and Ralph N. Mann. Ordnance Minutemen include John L. Graham, Francis Betters, Cornelius Noddin, Fern Clendenning and Patricia Nowak. Quartermaster Bond Sellers are Michael F. Quinn, Alice Gallagher, John Lousey, John Furey, Howard Graham, and Raymond Jordan. Civilian Personnel Minutemen include Avery C. Hammond, Betty L. Browne, Marjorie Talbot and Janet M. Reid.

Aircraft Maintenance has a long list of Minutemen, including Frank Crymble, Thomas Russell, Johannes Axelsen, Anthony Herbert, Warren Daniels, Harry Swan, Samuel Maurer, Amasa Sherman, Ralph Decrow, Daniel Berninger, Irving Heisey, Harold Cox, Everett Nowell, George Cunningham, Francis Albert, John

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Dow Field Civilian Chit - Chat

Air Supply News

By Ann Fisher

This is the place of never ending changes. There are so many vacant places now that it makes us feel sort of sad and lonesome. Pretty soon there just won't be anyone left to write about.

Louie Gould, one of our oldest employees, has been transferred to the Petroleum Branch on the Base. Louie's going is a great loss to us. We are all very glad for you Louie, and we want you to know that no one can ever take your place. Louie's winning smile and grand personality has won him many friends. Since coming to Supply way back in 1941 Louie has held many positions, excelling in them all. Starting in the Receiving and Shipping Department, then to Warehouse Superintendent, and finally into the Inspection Department. The best of luck Louie.

Bunny Meath has transferred to the Air Inspectors Office. We were so happy to get Bunny back—and now she has gone again. We shall miss that laugh of Bunny's—it always gives us such a lift.

Thelma Annis (Thallie) is now located at Headquarters. Thelma has been our "A O C P" girl, and has done a swell job keeping those planes a-flying. Good luck to you Thelma.

Mildred Maher of Unit I leaves us to take a new position in Boston. Guess we are sort of envious—up there in the big city where they have all those bright lights, and excitement is plentiful. Millie is a quiet little gal, but she's right on the beam, and we shall miss her too. After all she is the only one that always has matches.

Things we wonder about... Where did Bert Leen disappear to on the afternoon of 24th of October? Why is it that it rains every time Arthur Leech takes a day off, and he is always late coming back? We thought that you never went out Bonnie??? Where was Vic Billings' mind the other morning when he got on the bus to go to work and asked for a transfer? What certain person lost their car after a certain birthday party? How does Bunny like Pushaw?

This is the week that... Vic Billings and Eli Daigle set a new record—they got double skunked in a cribbage game the other day. Louie and Sammie are still the champs. Sammie is trying out new partners now. Without Louie it will not be so easy. Winnifred Springer was seen in town the other night, and reports that she is very happy in her new position at Greenville. John Finnigan is having a two day vacation. Maxine Powers and Freddie Cole are on the "outs" again. Dorothy Thibodeau thinks Francis Kearns' wavy hair is very nice. The Navy sure made a hit with Supply while they were in town. All those mysterious phone calls resulted in smiling faces—only one conclusion—Dates. Both the Women's and Men's Bowling Leagues lost this week. The Women's League has a new member—Bertha Collins, an old Supply employee. Bertha's husband is home now, and a civilian. Ray Torrey kicked (?) Vic Billings the other day, and in the struggle broke Vic's glasses. Now Vic cannot see a thing. These playful boys.

Our former Assistant Supply Officer, Capt. St. John, is northern bound.



"For the next few minutes, corporal, please don't swallow." (Wings, RCAF)

Good luck in your new assignment Captain.

Dame rumor reports that Captain Fred Talbot is soon to be a civilian. Captain Talbot was our "boss" for a long time, and one swell guy that we will never forget.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Fred Clancy over the loss of his brother.

Sophie's brother, Julius, yeoman, 1st class, has been discharged from the service, and is now home.

Frannie's brother, Lt. (j.g.) Raymond Flynn, has recently arrived in Japan. Frannie says she hopes to join him for Christmas. Well, we said hopes.

It is kind of late, but certain male employees want to know how come L. Bean had an addition in his family (a girl too) and never passed any cigars around.

A housewarming party was given to Ann Bois the other night at her new home by some of the girls. It was a complete surprise to Ann—and for once she was almost speechless. Yes, I said almost. Everyone had a grand time. Poker, bridge, rummy, and more poker were played. Of course, Kay Marston won all poker stakes. That girl sure is lucky. Why one time she tried to tell us that she had five aces—did you ever hear of such a hand? We should have more of these parties girls, they are fun. Who's going to move next?

Colds seem to be the popular thing right now. People enjoying them are: Major Bivens, Maxine Powers, Eleanor Savoy, and Sophie Gass.

My thanks to Elaine Caron for writing the news last week.

All run out folks—see you next week, if I am still here.

Reserve Officers To Be Promoted

WASHINGTON—The War Department has announced that qualified reserve officers who have not received a promotion while on active duty will move up to the next higher grade as they go on terminal leave.

These officers must have served at least two years in their present grade since Sept. 16, 1940 and must have an efficiency index of at least 35 in order to be eligible.

These promotions are designed to rectify any injustice that may have been done by holding an officer on an assignment where the chance for advancement was poor.

At the end of their terminal leave, officers who request and receive commissions in the organized reserve corps will revert to inactive status subject to recall to active duty at the new rank in the event of an emergency.

The automatic boosts do not apply to promotions above the rank of colonel.

Aircraft Maintenance

By Cecilia Riley

The Navy took over this week... although the girls have always thought the Army boys pretty nice... they now seem rather partial to the men in blue!

Exception to the rule that "it's the uniform that makes the man" was proven when Norman Senerchia walked into the office, in civvies, on Navy Day. He always looked snazzy in uniform but we'd say he looks more streamlined in civilian clothes. Back in '42 and '43, Norman was a Master Sergeant in charge of enlisted men in Aircraft Maintenance. Since then, he has spent nearly two years overseas. We were very happy to see Norman and his familiar easy grin once again.

Raymond Sherwood of Hydraulics likes to be different... everyone else is going deer hunting but "Ray" went bear hunting. Bears are plentiful this season too but he didn't have any luck.

Alta Edgecomb and Mae Beaulieu are full of zest about horseback riding after their initial try last Sunday. The mares were so ancient that a slow walk was all they could manage... even so the gals have some pretty sore muscles.

Not everyone has a pet like Carl Libby's... evenings when he gets home from work there's a tame skunk sitting on the top step waiting to greet him. It's okay, Carl, as long as the neighbors don't object.

Sick List: James Cameron and Herbert Mott... "Jimmie" is suffering with an infected ear... Herbert was released from the EMGH recently.

Resigning: Richard Moody of Instruments... his dad is a jeweler in the fair city of Waterville and the sign on the shop door reads "Irvin Moody & Son"... well, the son is returning.

Why did "Curly" Cronin jump up from his desk and make a mad dash for the Machine Shop on Navy Day? It wasn't on business, as he'd like us to believe, but rather in pursuit of a pretty red head who stood out conspicuously in the crowd passing by. We'd suggest that "Curly" borrow some of Thomas Scott's hair before Speaking of wolves, Harold Cox soon will have to get his hats remodeled to give more room for his ears... if he doesn't watch out.

We wouldn't advise anyone to accept a ride home with George Stover of Instruments... that is, not until he gets the timing fixed on his car.

Letters received from Emily Burnett and Evelyn Bull reveal that the Burnetts are the proud parents of a 9 lb. baby boy... and that the Bulls are in Texas but expect to be back home soon.

News of Bangor USO

WEDNESDAY, 31 October

Halowe'en party and dance—spooks and goblins, cider and doughnuts. Cpl. Lindemann's orchestra. Dancing 8:30 to 11:30 p. m.

THURSDAY, 1 November

Arts and Crafts Night, with Mrs. Noah Bryan instructing in ceramics, Miss Georgia Worster sketching portraits, and Miss Marion Quinn instructing in shellcraft.

FRIDAY, 2 November

Movie of the week, "Johnny Apollo," starring Tyrone Power and Dorothy Lamour. A drama you shouldn't miss

SATURDAY, 3 November

Saturday night dance: Dancing 8:30 to 12:00.

SUNDAY, 4 November

Breakfast at our club after church—comfortable lounges for reading of Sunday papers and that important letter writing. Coffee Hour from 4:00 to 6:00, with home-made cakes and sandwiches contributed by the Business and Professional Women's Club. "Sing" at 7:30 with Fred Collins at the piano, followed by a feature movie at 8:30.

MONDAY, 5 November

Game Night—all the old popular ones and something new in a "Crime Jig Saw-Jig Solv." You'll like it!

TUESDAY, 6 November, and WEDNESDAY, 7 November

Hobby Show for service men and women and members of the community. Maine crafts are outstanding. You're sure to enjoy this exhibition.

PRETTY LINDA DARNELL, who stars with Greg McClure, wears this striking burlesque queen costume in one of the big dance sequences in "The Great John L," the Bing Crosby production now being released through United Artists.

Col. Soulliere

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(for communications), and engineer companies (for construction and fire-fighting). Our job was to get the supplies at the ships and the main depots, and to deliver them to the air fields and stations where they were needed by the combat units we serviced. We also handled the 3rd echelon airplane repair on the fighters and bombers, the communications and most of what we here call base functions. We were the housekeeping unit for the combat forces."

Colonel Soulliere, an insurance broker in Worcester, Mass., in civilian life, was commissioned a 2nd Lieut. in the Cavalry when he graduated from Massachusetts State College in 1936. Six months later he was transferred as of the date of the original commission, to the Field Artillery, but when he was called to active duty in Denver, in May, 1942, he was assigned to the Air Corps as a 2nd Lieutenant.

He went overseas in what seems record time. He spent only three days in Denver, and was assigned to Savannah, Georgia, where he joined the 37th Service Group as Adjutant. Four hours later, they pulled out for the Port of Embarkation at Fort Dix. They just missed their boat, the Queen Mary, otherwise they would have been on the high seas, less than a week after the Colonel joined the army. In another week, in a slower boat, they were sailing over the bounding main, heading for Scotland. They landed 12 days later.

Serviced First Air Combat Outfit In ETO

Their first job was taking care of the A-20's of the 15th Bomb Squadron, the first American combat group in England. They started work on July 4, 1942. Later, they took over the care of the 97th Bomb Group B-17's, the first heavy bombardment unit to get to England by flying the ATC North Atlantic route.

The 97th Bomb Group was stationed at Dow Field in 1942. Two other groups serviced by the 37th, the 1st Fighter Group and the 303rd Bomb Group, were both stationed at the Atlantic and becoming part of the 8th Air Force.

The 37th stayed in England till October, and sailed late in the month for the African invasion. They landed

in the 2nd or 3rd element of the Center Task Force, about the 19th of November. Their first African station was about 70 miles away from their landing spot, at Relazane, Algeria, where they serviced the 60th Troop Carrier Group, which was flying Anti-Aircraft and Infantry personnel replacements to the front line.

After about two weeks, they moved to Biskra, Algeria, where they began servicing the famous 1st Fighter Group (formerly at Dow Field), which was flying P-38's. The 1st Fighter Group, together with the B-17's of the 97th Bomb Group, was the first unit to fly the Atlantic over the new air route to Europe, crossing from Goose Bay in June and July, 1942. The 37th Service Group also took over the servicing of the B-17's of the 301st Bomb Group, part of the 319th Bomb Group (B-26's), and the 52nd Fighter Group (Spitfires).

The landing strips were very primitive—literally cow pasture fields, which bogged down when the rains came, and were a sea of mud. The move to Biskra, in dry desert country, was an attempt to eliminate mud conditions. The engineers picked a spot in the desert—levelled out the dry sandy soil, and that was all that needed to be done to make a make-shift runway usable immediately.

Bombed Heavily By Jerries

The men of the 37th were bombed frequently by the Germans, who were still very strong in Africa. Air raids by the JU 88's were frequent, and life was definitely on the rough side. The men lived under combat conditions, with inadequate food, equipment and protection, and with none of the comforts of life. Bombing losses in property and men were high.

Finally, because of increasingly hot winds, and an ever growing dust problem, they were forced to move from the desert base at Biskra. The dust grew so bad that each time a plane went up, they had to wait ten minutes for the dust to clear, before they could send up another bomber. The group finally moved to Chateau-Dun, also in Algeria, with the base being located in the plateau between the mountains. There, they continued to handle the planes of the 1st Fighter Group and the 97th Bomb Group, and picked up two new units, the 2nd and the 99th Bomb Groups—both flying B-17's.

They were part of the 12th or Northwest African Air Force, com-

manded by General Carl Spaatz, who flew on a lot of combat missions with the men. At that time, General Doolittle was CG of the 12th Bomber Command, but later, when Spaatz was moved up, Doolittle took over the Air Force command.

The entire unit was following in the rear of the British 1st Army—moving forward to eventually pen the Germans into a small sector of the northern tip of Africa. Colonel Soulliere became executive officer of the group in April of 1943.

The 37th left Chateau-Dun in July, 1943, and went to St. Marie du Zit in Tunisia, where Von Arnim's army had surrendered a month before. They were then taking care of the 97th and 301st Bomb Groups and the 14th Fighter Group, which was flying P-38's. The bomb groups were members of the 5th Bomb Wing, organized in January, 1943.

No Gertie From Bizerte

Later, the group was shipped to the Port of Bizerte, where the Colonel swears they couldn't find the famous "Gertie". They sweated out their voyage to Italy, and in October, the entire group shipped. Some of them went by boat, and some went by air, but they all wound up at Bari.

There, they set up their headquarters, and helped establish General Depot No. 5, the AAF Depot which serviced the 12th and 15th Air Forces.

"On December 2nd, 1943, Bari got a terrible bombing," said Colonel Soulliere. "Most of the bombs dropped in the harbor, where the Germans sank 19 of our boats. We were about a mile and a half away, watching the show, and not knowing, of course, whether our turn was coming next. Two of our men who were downtown at the time, were wounded."

The 37th went into field operation on January 6, 1944, and was then assigned to the newly formed 15th Air Force. The headquarters of the 37th was set up near Foggia, and the 451st, 461st and 484th Bomb Groups were ordered to work with the Group. The various service units of the group were spread out wherever the bomb groups were located.

Bomb Service Groups Battle Over Battle Stars

The set-up was peculiar, particularly from the decorations point of view. The service group, located at the same bases as the bomb groups, got relatively few decorations, citations or battle stars. The Bomb Groups were given battle stars and citations for the various air engagements in which the groups participated. The ground echelons of the combat groups got the same battle stars which the air crew men won. This led to a setup where the men who did the 1st and 2nd echelon work on the planes got many battle stars and citations; while the men who did the 3rd echelon work on the same planes, at the same place, under the same conditions, got practically nothing.

The 97th Bomb Group won, for example, 17 or 18 battle stars; the 1st Pursuit Group got about the same; the 451st, 461st and 484th Bomb Groups collected from 10 to 12 battle stars. At the same time, the 37th Service Group, which took care of all



A "SIGHT-UNSEEN" ROLE — Pretty Shelly Mitchell, one of the most popular blondes in Hollywood, got a big surprise when asked to report for a role in Ernie Pyle's "The Story of G. I. Joe," a United Artists release. They wanted only her voice — to speak the lines of "Axis Sally." So, when you hear her voice in this Lester Cowan picture, you'll know what she really looks like!

of them, got only three battle stars.

None of this became very important until the point system of discharges was set up. Then, the differences in battle stars and citations became a matter of griping among the men.

Bombers Become Supply Ships In France

In 1944, the 484th Bomb Group, and parts of the 451st and 461st Groups, converted many of their B-24's into cargo planes, and helped supply the AAF units in the 6th Army Group around Dijon and Lyons, France. Colonel Soulliere was in France for a while at that time, taking charge of a detachment of men who were picking up wrecked aircraft and equipment, and coordinating supply requests and deliveries.

Colonel Soulliere was commanding officer of the 37th Service Group for a month or so during 1944. His promotions came regularly. Starting as a 2nd Lieutenant, he made 1st in November, 1942; Captain in June, 1943; Major in July, 1944; and Lieut. Colonel in May, 1945.

He wears the Bronze Star, the ETO ribbon with 3 battle stars, the American Theater Ribbon and the Regimental Insignia of the 6th Spahi Cavalry Regiment, a French Arab outfit which made him an Honorary 2nd Lieutenant. The Spahis used to patrol the outer perimeter of the Algerian bases, supplementing the guard work of American Infantry and Anti-Tank outfits.

After V-E Day, all the high point men in the 37th were placed in a newly created unit, the 525th Air

Minutemen

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Ryder, Edmund Acher, Carl Libby, John L. Miller, Henry Smiley, and Cecilia Riley.

Post Exchange, which has always run far ahead of the base as a whole, has R. S. Pinkham, John Cowan and Charles Vigue as Minutemen.

Dorothy Bates represents Command; Annette Curran, Legal; Mrs. Swickward, Military Personnel; Shirley Knight, Adjutant's Office; Miss Amatruza, Military Training; Miss Wentworth, Personnel; Miss Montgomery, Message Center; Alden Lancaster, Inspection; Mrs. Turtelot, State Control; Bette Taylor, Organizational Planning; Esther Smith, Personal Affairs; Margaret O'Leary, Purchasing and Contracting; Lucie Davis, Information and Education; Eleanor M. DeGrasse, Finance; Eva Johnson, Intelligence and Security; Francis B. Webster, Publications; Barbara Keegan, Commissary; Thomas C. McCann, Budget and Fiscal; Blair Stevens, Ground Safety; Louis Gould, Petroleum; Victor H. Leville, Priorities and Traffic; and Edward L. Cosgrove, Transportation.

1st Lieut. Bruno Pieromarchi has been named War Bond Officer, replacing 1st Lieut. Irving Blau. The War Bond Council held another meeting this week, and discussed a number of plans for promoting war bond sales—many of which will be revealed very soon.

The essence of the whole program, however, is to keep right on buying bonds through payroll deductions—and to purchase all possible bonds for cash between now and the end of the year.

Draft Board Stops Until Strikes Stop

WASHINGTON COURTHOUSE, Ohio—Asserting that "in all fairness to those who served, are serving and are to serve in the armed forces," it felt justified in its action, the Fayette County draft board has notified State headquarters of Selective Service that it would not induct any more men until necessary action had been taken to stop all major strikes within the United States.

In announcing that men already called for induction were being sent home, the board pointed out that under the Selective Service System thousands of these men now on strike were granted deferments for health, welfare and safety of the people of our country."

When a girl sneezes, it's a sign she's catching cold; when she yawns, she's gotten cold.—Flight Time, Goodfellow Field, Tex.

Service Group, for shipment back to the States. Colonel Soulliere was made executive officer of this outfit, and after a 30-day furlough at home, came with his men to Dow Field.

Lieut. Col. D. H. Bullough, former Director of Supply and Service, has been separated from the Army and is now MR. BULLOUGH.

This Week at the Base Theater

WEDNESDAY, 31 October—DON'T FENCE ME IN, with Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. Also "Double Honeymoon" and "Popular Science No. 1."

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 1 & 2 November—AND THEN THERE WERE NONE, with Barry Fitzgerald, Louis Hayward, and Judith Anderson. Also Movietone News No. 15.

SATURDAY, 3 November—SONG OF OLD WYOMING, with Eddie Dean and Al La Rue. Also "Hot and Hectic," Modern Guatamala City, and Daffydilly Daddy.

SUNDAY & MONDAY, 4 & 5 November—SHE WOUDN'T SAY YES, with Rosalind Russell and Lee Bowman. Also "Cured Duck," and Movietone News No. 16.

TUESDAY, 6 November—SUNBONNET SUE, with Phil Regan and Gale Storm. Also "A Gun In His Hand," and Athletic Items.

WEDNESDAY, 7 November—A GAME OF DEATH, with John Loder and Audrey Long. Also "A Miner Affair," and Community Sing No. 2.

Male Call

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

Selective Service Entrance, Bub

