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3 Dow Officers Receive Decorations

Awards Made in Gym To Hump Fliers

Three Dow Field Officers, veterans of the India China Hump run, and the parents of a flyer killed in action, were honored Saturday by the presentation of decorations at the base gym. All squadrons participated in the ceremonies.

The parents of 1st Lt. Donald H. Huff of Kennebunkport received a Distinguished Flying Cross, an Air Medal, and two silver and four bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, which had been posthumously awarded to him. A P-47 pilot, and flight leader with the 368th Fighter Group, Huff was killed in action over Luxembourg on February 16th of this year.

1st Lt. Arthur E. Bowen, 1st Lt. Harrison D. Willoughby, and Capt. Melvin G. Caldwell received decorations originating with the India China Division of the ATC, where they flew as pilots over the Hump run to China. Collectively, they had over 200 crossings of the world's highest mountains. Citations for all of them were almost identical:

For meritorious achievement by participating in more than 300 (to 450) hours of operational flight in transport aircraft as Pilot . . . over the dangerous and difficult Assam-China air routes, where enemy interception and attack was probable and expected. Flying at night as well as by day, at high altitudes over impassable, mountainous terrain through areas characterized by extremely treacherous weather conditions, necessitating long periods of operation on instruments, often encountering severe icing conditions and mechanical difficulties requiring courageous and superior performance of your respective duties to overcome, you accomplished your missions with distinction. Your achievement in the face of the hazards and difficulties faced regularly and continuously with steadfast devotion to duty, reflect much credit on yourself and the Army Air Forces of the United States."

Captain Caldwell received the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal, Lt. Bowen the Distinguished Flying Cross and Lt. Willoughby the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal.

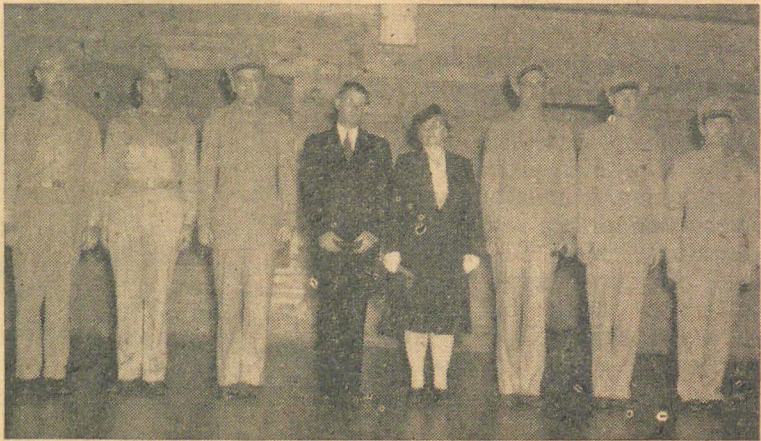
Two other Dow officers were to receive decorations, but were unable to be present. 2nd Lt. Edward C. Price is on temporary duty at Goose Bay, and Captain Willie R. Smith is in the hospital.

Best USO Talent Goes Overseas

The lack of "Punch" in the USO show, "Who Goes There," at T-6 last Thursday evening is evidence of the fact that many of the better acts have been transferred from domestic to foreign duty with Overseas Victory Units, and that from now on, the quality of the shows in the United States will not be up to par.

Soldiers all over the world, including occupation troops, will be the audiences for the Overseas Units. Consequently, the best is being sent to them, and those that remain are booked for appearances in the States.

According to some observers, presentations of the type appearing in T-6 last week might better have been left at home.



DOW FIELD OFFICERS DECORATED. Three Dow Officers were decorated Saturday for flying C-46s over the Hump run into China. Two others were supposed to receive decorations, but were not able to come. Left to right: Lt. Col. Edward F. Tindell; Capt. Richard Boyd, Assistant Adjutant; 1st Lt. Robert Craven, escort; Mr. and Mrs. W. Huff, who received 15 decorations won by their son, 1st Lt. Donald H. Huff, killed in action; and those decorated: 1st Lt. Harrison D. Willoughby; 1st Lt. Arthur E. Bowel; and Capt. Melvin G. Caldwell.

Mr. Fischer, Once of Dow, Tells How He Got That Title

A recent letter from Mr. Ed Fischer, former Dow staff sergeant, throws so much light on the mysteries of final discharge that we are taking the liberty of reprinting parts of it for the enlightenment of others who are expecting to follow him into civilian life. Most Dow Field men and women will remember Ed as the gangling morning report specialist in Headquarters. Writing to his old colleagues from his home in Jefferson City, Mo., where he is now in civvies, his comments on final separation were:

"Went out to Jefferson Barracks Sunday afternoon. They make up rosters of 30 or 40 men to be processed at a time. First they get your name and other information they need and then a quick once-over of your clothing and then assign you to a barracks. Nothing more happened till Monday morning at seven when we went to a building for three films—Insurance, GI Bill of Rights, and one on returning to civilian life.

"Then medical exam and it was very thorough with plenty of opportunity to discuss with the doctors anything that might be wrong with you. (No need of that though for the civilians from ATC.) Then counseling where you supposedly can get information on any problem that you have. They also check information that goes in your final records.

"In the afternoon you go to a sewing room where the discharge emblem is sewed on your shirts. Incidentally, when you arrive if your uniform is dirty or worn out you can exchange it at clothing issue for a new one.

"Tuesday at 7:00 to finance. Sign final papers and payroll; check the correctness of your discharge and then get paid. \$50 in cash, all other money due you in a check. Then to a theater where a Chaplain says a few words and gives you the discharge certificate. At 9:50 on a bus for Union Station or the bus depot.

"The whole thing is very efficiently handled.

"One thing that surprised me at J. B. was the lack of military discipline. When we were wanted a fellow came to the barracks and said, 'Will you fellows fall out in the road?' There was no 'TEN-SHUN,' or 'Forward MARCH'; the fellow said, 'Let's go.' Nobody said

anything about picking up cigarette butts or about cleaning up the barracks. You could smoke in any building, although in several they did ask if we would please use the butt cans. Quite a difference from J. B. as I knew it three years ago. GI prisoners were the KP's at the mess hall."

Ed has already taken a job that promises to be "attractive." With regards to all his old friends, he signs himself:

"Just plain—
Ed Fischer
400 E. Ashley St.
Jefferson City, Mo."

The formal Japanese surrender fell on the sixth anniversary of the start of hostilities in Europe.

Post Exchange Will Operate As Long as Base Functions

The Dow Post Exchange will not close so long as the base is operating, in spite of rumors to the contrary, Lt. Frank Obermeyer revealed in an interview last week. Even though only civilians were to remain on the base, the restaurant branch of the PX would be open to feed them.

The Logical Way

A more logical process of cutting down, the PX Officer declared, would come about by the transferring of the main store to the restaurant section. Luxury items like jewelry would be cut to a minimum for the soldier's use, a toilet articles counter would be added to the restaurant branch, and both civilians and GIs could continue to purchase food and beverages. In other words, PX operations will be curtailed commensurate with the reduction of personnel, but the PX would continue to function. Possibly the lack of Sunday business would necessitate closing of the restaurant. The main store is already under that ruling.

As matters now stand, Lt. Obermeyer stated, no change is planned

Dow Cops League Title By Beating Bucksport

The heavy-hitting Dow Field Bombers, never giving up their early season lead in the Eastern Maine League, clinched the top spot on Labor Day with a twin win over Bucksport at the latter's home grounds. The first game was forfeited by the hosts when they were unable to appear, and the high-flying Bombers took an easy 9-3 victory in the second scheduled contest to prove their right as victors in league competition.

Gen. George Sees ATC Reduced To 500 Planes

Air Transport Command should be able to cut down to 500 planes or less within one year if commercial air lines expand as rapidly as expected, according to a statement made to the New York Times recently by Lt. Gen. Harold L. George, Commanding General of the ATC. A nucleus of the command will remain as a permanent part of the post-war Army Air Forces.

The general believes that the post-war ATC can be useful primarily in three ways:

- (1) To advance special research which will be useful to military air transport;
- (2) To encourage the commercial companies to incorporate any features of potential military usefulness into the designs of their craft, where it can be done without hampering the commercial operations;
- (3) To provide special air service for the occupied countries and for out-of-the-way bases in instances where it would be uneconomical for the commercial lines to meet the needs.

There are far-off military bases both in the Atlantic and Pacific which probably will be maintained, Gen. George pointed out. It was inconceivable, he said, that there would be any demand for commercial airlines to operate into some of these spots; therefore, this would be a possible future job for the military.

All these future decisions, of course, Gen. George pointed out, were speculative and depended on what action is ordered by the War Department, with the approval of Congress.

The trio of Green, Tobaban and Crooks were the spark plugs for the soldiers as they scored two in the first, three in the second, and staged another three run rally in the fifth.

With 12 wins and only 1 loss—to the Brewer Athletic Club—the Bombers stood far ahead of their nearest rival as league competition ended. Brewer ended up in the second berth. Other teams in the league include "Twin City," "Eastern Corporation," "Bangor Red Sox," "Ellsworth," "Bucksport" and "Old Town."

Monday's game:

DOW FIELD				BUCKSPORT			
	ab	r	h		ab	r	h
Green lf	5	2	0	Holmes	4	1	1
Cannon ss	5	2	2	Doucette	4	1	0
Tobaben cf	5	1	2	Neary	4	0	0
Brogden lb	4	1	1	Granville	4	0	0
McKit'ck rf	4	0	1	Gross	4	0	1
Crook 3b	4	1	2	Shirley	3	0	0
Cher'ski 2b	4	1	1	Willette	3	0	1
Quart c	4	1	0	Smith	3	0	1
Branca p	4	0	0	Wentworth	3	1	1
Kissler ss	2	0	0	Remick	0	0	0
				Boterf	0	0	0
Totals	41	9	9	Totals	32	3	5

Dow Field 2 3 0 0 3 0 0 1—9
Bucksport 0 2 0 1 0 0 0 0—3
Errors—Green, Chermeski, Mitchell, Cannon, Holmes 2, Doucette, Gross. Two-base hit—Shirley. Strikeouts—Shirley 2, Branca 7.

Camp Jordan to Close On 15 September

Camp Jordan, GI Summer Camp on Branch Pond, will close officially on 15 September. Sports equipment has been moved back to Dow Field, and Major Roland Murray will no longer live at the camp site.

Last Monday's NCO picnic marked the final large outing held at the Pond. The club sponsored the opening night dance on 1 July; several other groups, including Squadron E, F and B, have sponsored outings during the summer.

Special parties may still use what facilities the camp possesses, and if enough people remain at Dow Field during the winter, skating and ice-boating trips may become regular occurrences at Camp Jordan.

The camp was loared to Dow Field for the summer by the Bangor Y.M.C.A.

Capt. Beaumont Ties Lt. Mullen in PT Test

Listed too late for publication last week on the PT record books, Capt. Edmund B. Beaumont tied for first place in the tests, with a total of 80 points. The Captain, 38 years old, scored 114 sit-ups and 16 pull-ups and ran the shuttle run in 51 seconds. The newly released figure puts the Captain in a first place tie with Lt. Dick Mullen.

This Issue Four Pages Because of Budget

Due to budget commitments, this week's issue of the "Observer" contains only four pages. Next week's paper will return to the normal sized issue of six pages.

DOW FIELD OBSERVER

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Pencil Stripe and Felt Hat

Because of the timeliness of the following article by Chaplain Paul F. Ketchum, it is appearing in the editorial column rather than under "Chapel Spire."

So you're going to be a civilian! Well, that shouldn't be hard to take. It's what you have been looking forward to for a long time. However, before you get that little white paper in your hand there are a few things you ought to think about.

Life is going to be rather different than it was when you went home on furloughs. You won't be wearing a uniform anymore. In civilian clothes you will look like the ordinary, garden-variety of man. The general public won't know that you have served in the Army unless you wear that lapel button and even then few will recognize its significance.

You have ceased to be a member of the privileged class—the armed forces. There is no one to look after you but yourself. Entertainment is not provided for you. You find your own and you pay for it—full price. The PX with no tax on many articles is not at your disposal any longer. Food, clothing, quarters are now your problem. Once again you pay taxes. A three-cent stamp is required on every letter.

For a short time you will miss the benefits of the privileged class to which you once belonged (believe it or not), but the greatest blow will come when you discover how quickly the public ceases to regard you as a hero. You may have expected to be welcomed with open arms into a \$5,000 a year job. Many of you will be fortunate to find work at \$1,500 a year. Although you have given three of your best years to the Army, people in general are not going to feel that you deserve a lifetime of special privileges or the choice jobs in the country. And if you will be honest with yourself, you know that they are right.

In other words, don't expect too much. The novelty of being a civilian will soon wear off. You are going to have to work. You will compete for jobs with millions of veterans like yourself. Many of you will have to be content with small salaries and wages. The American way of life is the competitive way. It is a challenge to the best that is in you. The men who are willing to pay the price of success in work and sacrifice of many pleasures will go to the top. Others will earn a mediocre salary because they are willing to do only a mediocre amount of work. At the bottom will be the immature who are content with achieving nothing.

You have fought for the right to live the American way and have won. You have the best half of your life to live that way. Now it is up to you to assert your best possibilities. You alone will determine your own future.

Order of the Wedgies

Many a hero at home is a heel here.

Merely being in the Army and getting an honorable discharge makes a GI a hero at home. Here he's considered a heel—no matter how many ribbons he wears—if he ends his stay the way a group did last week.

Before leaving for separation centers this group felt a celebration was in order. No one blames them for that. But when the celebration included wrecking a day room, they were enrolled in the Order of the Wedgies—big heels.

Even if they had previously wrecked Ploesti, the Ruhr, and Tokyo, they are still not heroes here.

Others sweating out discharges had to clean up the mess in the day room. Depleted squadron funds may not be able to meet the expense of reconditioning the facilities. Restrictions may be placed on other recreational facilities.

It's damned tough sweating out a discharge; under these conditions it is tougher.

DOW FIELD CROSS SECTION DOW FIELD

A recent article in the "Saturday Evening Post" declared that returning soldiers are not taking advantage of the Education provision of the GI Bill of Rights, but could advance no reason for it except that the men did not want to go to school. The question this week, asked of men under 25 when they entered the Army, is:

"What are your reasons for going to school or deciding not to go to school after you are discharged?"

Sgt. Thomas J. Kelly, a 15th Air Force man with 99 points, is awaiting discharge. He answered:



"I'm going to school for a short period of time because I don't have a trade and would like to learn something along engineering lines, probably air conditioning. I intend to work on the side to help pay for my education, since the money that the government allows will not be enough, but it will be a big help. No, I'm not married."

Sgt. Carroll Daugherty, another 15th AF man, is 23 years old has 98 points. He replied:

"Being a married man, I intend to return to my old job with the railroad so that I won't be going to school. If I could go to school I'd probably be better off in the long run, but I don't believe that being married and going to college would work very smoothly. If I worked out to help pay expenses, I'd probably flunk out, too, so I'm passing it up."

Sgt. Joseph Jenyk, working in Operations, does not expect to get out right away. He declared:



"With the start that the government gives a single man under the college plan, I can't understand why more aren't going to take advantage of it. Many men have already gone through college with no income at all, except for what they could make doing part time work, and that's what I'll do to add to my income. It shouldn't be too difficult under those conditions to make a go of it. The advantages of college now should show up in a few years."

Cpl. William J. Murphy, another man waiting for discharge, is 22 years old and has 95 points. He said:

"I don't think too much of the bill because it would cost more than \$500 for an education at a good technical school, like Parks Aviation College in Illinois, for instance. There, \$3,500 for two years would be a normal expense. Besides, \$50.00 a month would only take care of clubs and sororities. I'll probably get a job when I get out. The GI Education Bill is okay for short term technical courses, but not very good for a complete college education."



Sgt. Gerard Steltz, well-known at the consolidated pool and the troop commander's office, whose picture appears in all barracks as The Model Soldier, replied:

"You place me in a very embarrassing position. After spending two calendar years in the North reaches, I find myself unable to cogitate calmly for any length of time on a given subject, and, with this thus affecting my powers of concentration, I'll be unable to derive any concrete benefits from attendance at one of the higher institutions of learning placed strategically about our fair country. You may quote me."

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Who dealt this hand?"

The Chapel Spire

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CATHOLIC

Sunday—In Base Chapel, Masses at 0730 and 1100.

Daily—In Chapel, Masses at 1230.

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

PROTESTANT

Sunday—In Chapel, Services at 1000. In Hospital Rec. Hall, Services at 0900.

JEWISH

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

An Editorial; Sunshine Soldier

At various time in our limited Army career we've come across items in the newspapers or magazines which tell about groups who are to go to camps and "undergo rigid Army training for a period of three days," or "get a taste of real Army life so that they will understand the soldier's problems," or have "eaten in the same mess hall as the GI, and having shared his food, know what he must face."

The seasoned soldier, no matter how long he is in service, does not forget his first days in camp, when things were new, and he was meeting new friends. Under those conditions he did not have time to study the Army objectively, and as a rookie he knew nothing of the problems of soldiers who had been in the service for some time.

The man who must pull KP for three days knows that at the end of that time he will be getting off and be able to take it easy. Such is the case with the "rigid trainees" who take it all in the spirit of a holiday and suffer the hardships like campers who must sleep on the hard ground for a night or two. They never feel the monotony of everyday living, and might as well have stayed at home for all the feeling they can muster in thinking as a soldier does.

We'd be willing to bet that few visitors to Army camps in a chow line have looked at cold cuts or corned beef. Somehow or other, whenever visitors arrive, good food arrives with them. No one will deny that the ordinary Army fare is as good as a civilian receives, in domestic camps at least, but soldiers realize, too, that the impression visitors receive of a camp being always excellently fed is, if not exactly "all wet," at least a little on the damp side.

And to understand the problems of a soldier, the visitor must, like the GI, be taken into the service when he was enjoying civilian life, and be indoctrinated into the idea that perhaps he may never see home again. He must wait for letters that never

seem to come, and go to sleep at night lonesome for those he loves. He must stand in line for chow day after day, suffer inspections of the most personal nature, get shots, drill for six hours a day and then parade afterwards, be restricted to camp, go on sick call and be given pills which should help but sometimes don't, and wait for ratings while others go ahead and the whole world seems to be against him.

That's the Army most GIs know, and they didn't learn it in three days.

U. S. Veterans Invited To Live in Australia

With the proclamation of V-J Day, the Australian Government reminds GIs of its decision to waive all migration formalities for United States servicemen who wished to settle in the Commonwealth.

Prime Minister John Curtin said that all former United States servicemen would have to do to be given a landing permit to enter Australia would be to show that he had been honorably discharged from the armed forces; he was healthy, and that he was able to earn a living.

Australian Minister for the Interior Senator Joseph Collings, Minister in Charge of Migration, said:

"These men feel Australia has untapped wealth which they could pioneer as their forefathers pioneered America. Americans will be welcomed in Australia because they can be easily assimilated. Not only do they speak our language but they are bound to us by common sacrifices of war which will make them good Australians."

Eight Civilians Win Total of \$735 For Aircraft and Furnace Inventions

Eight civilian employees, six of them from Aircraft Maintenance and two from Base Maintenance, received cash awards totalling \$735 last Wednesday for ideas submitted in the Suggestion Contest. Bertram Cummings and Frank Clark of Base Maintenance



TWO TOP WINNERS of awards totaling \$735 made to civilian employees. They are Frank T. Clark, wearing dark glasses, and Bertram Cummings.

won top prizes of \$150 each, the highest ever paid at Dow Field, while the Aircraft Maintenance men received awards ranging from \$130 to \$25.

Cummings suggested a side drain on the stick gauge pipes on airplane gasoline tanks, and Clark developed a stoker agitator for furnaces and boilers, making possible the elimination of hand firing.

In the Aircraft Maintenance division, Henry Smiley, a \$130 winner, developed a preoiling unit for airplane engines; Orland Lyons, winner of \$100, invented a pressure gauge on filling lines; Frank Towle received \$80 for a test set or a flux gate compass; Emile Rubey developed a static line for life rafts and received \$75; Ezra Clewly received \$25 for inventing a magneto holding jig; and Harry Frost fashioned a tool used to remove carbon from spark plug threads and won \$25.

In presenting the awards at Hangar No. 1 and the Base Maintenance Office, Lt. Col. Edward Tindell, commanding officer, declared:

"It is a pleasure to present these awards to you. Men who are interested enough in their jobs to work overtime to improve and simplify the systems with which they work deserve a lot of credit."

With Col. Tindell was Maj. Ralph Reed, chairman of the Civilian Award Committee.

The high cash awards were possible because of the value of the inventions in saving time and equipment and in reducing the possibility of accidents.

Lts. Simmons and Beserosky Don Railroad Tracks

First Lt. Sidney Beserosky, Adjutant of the Base Hospital, and 1st Lt. Roy Simmons, Base Ordnance officer, added another bar to the one they already possess. Both officers arrived at Dow Field in February of 1944.

NOW THAT IT'S OVER

Joes who owned tan suits before entering the Army should arrange a swap system with guys who had blue suits before going in the Navy.

The Ford Motor Co. plans to produce more than 80,000 passenger automobiles and sharply increase its truck schedule during the final months of 1945.

From an ad in a local newspaper:

NOTICE AROOSTOOK FARMERS FOR SALE

Ain't that slavery?

believe everyone should have a social life, but when the gals just can't get up to come in to work next morning—even on their overtime day—well they need a little less social and a little more life.

We enjoyed the civilian meeting at the gym last week—gives us off-the-basers a chance at the soda fountain and we get back same time as the base bus—or am I revealing hidden secrets? That Airborne captain seen about the warehouse must belong to somebody—or is it Finder's Keepers? And who was it Lieutenant Maxine Powers was out with Friday night? We know there's a man shortage (and how we know it!) but Freddy Cole carries things a bit too far. Formal proposal ceremonies have taken place with a QM gal, while he goes steady with two at Supply. Give the returning veterans a chance, Freddy. Warehouse personnel are wondering how Jerry Page manages all those vacation trips and still draw his pay. Inspector Louis Gould and Class 13 Sammy Wilson are on vacations. Like a toothache, we miss the cigars.

Well, guess we'll quit and go to lunch—see you next week.

Two Wards



Johnny Ward of Air Supply submits this picture. Johnny says, "GIs and girls are not the only ones that have pin-ups—how about us old married men?"

Here's Johnny's past (safety) pin-ups, Joan Marie, six, and John 3rd, 3½.

Proud Papas and loving Mamas, let's see what you've turned out in the past few years.

Air Maintenance

By Cecilia Riley

With deep regret we said farewell to Captain C. R. Dolan, Maintenance Executive Officer. The amiable Captain packed his grips and took off for Fort Totten, N. Y. for a new assignment.

"Bud" Ryer, our superintendent, has had the misfortune of running into things. Last weekend he ran into a rusty nail, driving it into his wrist and out through the palm of his hand. Then at the Pushaw Conference he ran into poison ivy and now is having the scratchiest time. Cheer up, "Bud," things might be worse.

Anna Martin submitted her resignation coz her hubby is on his way home from overseas. Anna says it's wonderful to be expecting your husband home by the hour and not by the year.

Our mechanics are noted for their various accomplishments but a "first" happened this week when they removed and installed four engines on a C-54 aircraft. Many times they have been called upon to remove and install two engines but this is the first occasion when all four engines had to be changed at one time.

Missed among us are the following who were lost by transfer: Marion Dickson to the PW section, Lynn Ceaser to the Provost Marshal office, Sadie Ladd to Civilian Personnel, and Donald Merrill to Quartermaster.

"Slick Top," otherwise known as George Raft, was the recipient of a gift from the Engine Build-up Crew. His eyes lighted up when he gazed through a transparent box housing an innocent appearing brown and white mouse cavorting around a chocolate peppermint. Those Engine Build-up boys are quite playful, thinks "Slick Top."

It isn't Spring but it might as well be for Mae Beaulieu who can't seem to concentrate on her work in Production Control these days. Could it be that new flame, Mae?

A definite sign the war is over... the removal of blackout paint from the numerous window panes in Hangar No. 1. We've got a little light on the subject now.

"Ted" Cary, a former employee in the Welding & Heat Treating Unit, showed up at the Pushaw Conference. Home on Navy leave he seemed

Name for Page To Appear Next Week

Judges are considering entries submitted for naming the civilian section of the "Observer"; and the winner will be announced next week. A prize of \$5 in war stamps will be given to the civilians who submitted the name selected.

According to Mr. Edwin Cronin, of Employee Relations who is chairman of the committee to select the name, about 60 have been sent in.

The winning name will appear on the civilian section next week.

happy to see us and we were all glad to see "Ted" once more.

Congratulations to Orland Lyon and Frank Towle of Instruments, Emile Dubey of Parachute, Henry Smiley of Maintenance Control, Ezra Clewley of Engine Unit, and Harry Frost of the Machine Shop. The story of their inventions will be found elsewhere in this edition.

A closing thought... pedestrian hazard of getting off the base these nights is really something. What is needed at 5 p. m. is a good traffic cop with a whistle!

'Tentative' Key Word In 'Observer' Stories

The unsettled conditions of peace at Dow Field have brought one word into key importance in the vocabulary of the "Observer" reporter. That word is "tentative."

According to Webster, who should know, "tentative," means: "Experimental."

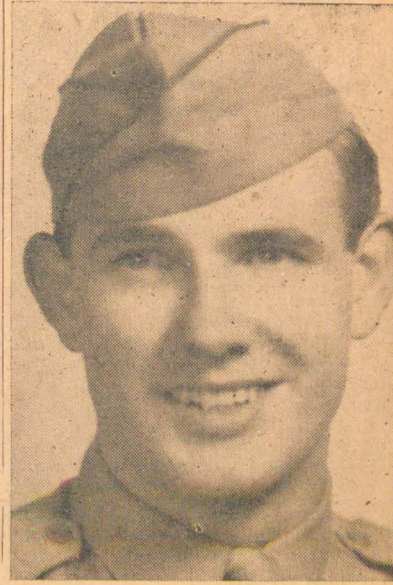
According to reporters, who don't know any better, it means:

"Liable to be changed, and probably will be, at any time, so don't pay too much attention to this article but keep an eye peeled for a late deviation from the schedule listed here."

Now, when the busy "Observer" scribe sits at his typewriter, he's more than likely to write in the following manner:

"The new class in English is tentatively scheduled to meet tomorrow evening in a place to be announced later. Tentative arrangements have been made for the tentative appearance of a University of Maine professor. The class is tentatively set up for grammar students, though tentative arrangements are being made for classes in correspondence."

Pin-Up Boy



Civilians have come into their own! We now have our own page to do with what we will. Pin-ups have always been devoted much time, space, and admiration by military personnel, while we civilians have longed to place our pin-ups on display. Therefore we hereby initiate a pin-up section for civilians. Send in your pictures—male or female. Judges will select the most attractive picture of the week, so your pin-up is bound to be the most attractive some week. Be sure to label your picture so that it may be returned and send to Mr. Edwin Cronin of Employee Relations in Civilian Personnel.

For this week's pin-up, Charlotte O'Donnell sends in her Pfc. Robert P. Sauzek from Wichita, Kansas. Bob was formerly stationed at Dow Field as a Link Trainer Instructor and is now with the Infantry in Northern Luzon.

Furloughs and Passes For Jewish Holidays

Jewish personnel may be granted furloughs and passes to attend the New Year (Rosh Hashanah) services commencing on Friday evening 7 September and continuing until Sunday evening, 9 September. The Day of Atonement begins Sunday evening, 16 September and continues until Monday evening 17 September. Services in Bangor and on the base will be announced in the Daily Bulletin.

Lt. Blau I & E Officer

Lt. Irving S. Blau has replaced Capt. Manuel Korn as Information and Education Officer. Capt. Korn, veteran of two years at Cander Bay, is being discharged under the point system. Lt. Blau's primary duty is with Personal Affairs.

News of Bangor USO

WEDNESDAY, 5 September

At Dow Field: Base dance. Music by Cpl. Bob Lindeman and his orchestra. At the USO: Use all our club facilities.

THURSDAY, 6 September

Arts and Crafts night: Shell jewelry, woodenware, leathercraft, finger painting, charcoal sketching, and water colors.

FRIDAY, 7 September

Movie of the week: "Birth of the Blues," with Bing Crosby, Mary Martin, Brien Donlevy, "Rochester." Also Jive Records on the Juke Box for the Jitterbugs.

SATURDAY, 8 September

North-South Party, honoring the servicemen and women from both sides of the Mason-Dixon line. Music by Pfc. Arthur Johnson and his Rhythmaires. Variety show and Radio Broadcast at 10:00 p. m.; dancing 8:30 to 12:00 p. m.

SUNDAY, 9 September

Breakfast served at our Snak Bar at 9:00 a. m. Rolls, doughnuts, coffee. Big community songfest, 8:00 p. m., with Frederick Collins at the piano. Feature movie at 8:30 p. m. Enjoy our comfortable lounges all day for reading the Sunday papers or writing that letter home.

MONDAY, 10 September

Game night. All the facilities for bridge, chess, cribbage, checkers, darts, ping pong, or pool.

TUESDAY, 11 September

Bingo night. Cash prizes to be distributed; loads of fun. Also brand new records for the juke box devotees.

WEDNESDAY, 12 September

V-G Day Dance at the USO. On this day in 1944 the American Army invaded Germany. Music by Cpl. Bob Lindeman and his orchestra. Dancing 8:30 to 11:30 p. m.

WES-talk

Short-Sheet: Quartermaster spokesman, 1st Lt. Robert Henry and Cpl. Saul Smolker, sheet-dispenser (hey, printer, follow copy!) at Consolidated Supply, assert that the luxury of receiving clean sheets regularly was complicated by the arrival of troops at Dow for redeployment and also, as a result of the recent switch by QM to another laundry. Spare sheets were distributed to incoming personnel, most of whom are waiting for discharge instead of re-deployment as originally scheduled. This created a greater work-load on the commercial laundry which is undermanned but operating at full capacity. But it is expected that deliveries will soon improve to the extent where some soldiers will be able to sleep between two clean sheets while others will sleep between midnight and morning.

Sgt. Mikelk Goes to Washington: After pouring some ketchup on his shoe-laces and tying knots in his spaghetti, "Scoop" Mikelk took off to The City Bureauful for ten days to help I & E Headquarters set up a film library and circuit for distribution among ATC bases of Educational and Vocational films.

A Year Ago This Week: On this, the 5th Anniversary of World War II, the American First Army entered Belgium north of Sedan. Finnish hostilities ceased with Russia 4th September. Russia considered it no longer possible to maintain relations with Bulgaria and declared state of war existed between them. Gen. Patton's Third Army meets strong opposition northeast of St. Mihiel. Allies advance in Western Burma in pursuit of Jap forces retreating from India. Allied planes bombed Palau, a Jap naval base in the Carolines.

Thought for the Day: To get anywhere, strike out for somewhere, or you'll get nowhere.

Then There Was the soldier who called on his girl in Old Town one night and her father jerked him into the hallway and said: "Young man, what are your intentions regarding my daughter?" Just then his daughter called down from upstairs: "Father, that ain't the one!"

Character Becomes Civvie: For three years she was GI through and through, and although she confessed she should have been more tolerant, she just didn't like civilians. Even when the Post Engineers came to fix the plumbing it made her mad because they were not in uniform. Very often she would bark at them, but she would never bark while biting. If you ever followed her around for a day and watched her carry on with Rascal, Payroll, Furlough, Sunny, Candy and other dogs on the base, you'd know why she was anxious to hit the sack when taps blew. She often got as "dirty as a dog" but who wouldn't up here in Maine when it's muddy? The greatest sacrifice she made for her country was when she let them spade her so she wouldn't go around having pups all over the barracks. Character made a lot of friends in the Army during her travels, though her romances were of a temporary nature with some of the

Squadron E --- Dow Field Softball Champions



SQUADRON E SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS, left to right, first row: T/Sgt. William Toles, New York; Cpl. James Green, Philadelphia; 1st Lt. Harold L. Little, New York; Pfc. James Bright, Pittsburgh; 1st/Sgt. Henry Trot, Jersey City; T/Sgt. Lester Grant, Pittsburgh; Pfc. Horace Cranford, West Virginia. Second row, reading from left to right: Pfc. James Massey, Washington; S/Sgt. Clarence Riley, New York; Pfc. Elmore Williams, New York; S/Sgt. Joseph Brooks, Norfolk, Va.; Cpl. George McMullin, Philadelphia; Pfc. Louis Brown, Virginia. Third row, reading from left to right: Cpl. Charles Monroe, Virginia; Pvt. Charles Stuart, Newark, N. J.; Cpl. William Mitchell, Philadelphia; Pfc. Orlando Hughes, Kentucky. Members not on hand for the photograph: Pfc. Fred Gaymond, Pfc. Harold Miller, Pfc. Forrest Harris, and Pfc. Edward Tedder.

handsome canine swain. She collected rare insects which could match the collection of the best entomologist in the country, but this didn't bother her as much as the absence of curbs at Dow Field, deciding that a reasonable number of fleas was good for a dog because it kept her from brooding over being a dog. The very thought of leaving the Army and GI chow gave her gastronomic reactions when she looked back on her PCS record, which included Camp Dix (birthplace), Camp Shanks, Presque Isle, Houlton and Bangor. Having no choice in the matter when Sgt. Moore (her last official caretaker) sent word that he didn't have room for her in Boston, Character was given to Mr. Claude Snyder (ex-Mess Sgt. at Dow), who took her to Canton, Ohio, where she (not Mrs. Snyder) will pick up a pension or a bone and spend her declining years as she started out, a true blue Army gal with a hashmark and an ETS (Expiration Term Service) certificate.

Opportunity: Are you suffering from poison ivy? Do you need extra points? Can you spot a civilian at 60 paces? Do you worry about keeping the wolf away from door after you become a civilian? If so, we have a perfect door for you! Call Ext. 314 for information about additional ways of earning extra money through education.

AWARD OF THE WEEK: For outstanding devotion to duty by voluntarily risking a flat tire, an empty gas tank, while rushing to the Electrical Shop after working hours to obtain three light bulbs for the stage at Bldg. T-6 in time for the second USO Camp Show on 28 August 1945; for achieving above what is normally expected of anyone who wears brass and successfully completes a uniquely outstanding mission for better vision by causing three incandescent lamps connected in series to light

ATC Eleven Faces Navy Team In Opener on 15 September

The Air Transport Command football team, which will represent this base and all other ATC installations, opens its season 15 September when it takes on the rugged Naval Amphibious Command eleven in Dudley Stadium, Nashville, Tenn.

Travelling in the fast company, the newly formed ATC team will seek the championship of the rough AAF Football Conference, including the Training Command (last year's Randolph Field team which won the service championship), First, Second, Third and Fourth Air Forces, and the Personnel Distribution Command.

A redistribution of players this year has brought several members of last year's famed Randolph Field team to the ATC camp in addition to an

abundance of former university and professional players.

Coach of the ATC eleven is Capt. Richard H. (Dick) Emerson, former Washington State star and later frosh coach there. Capt. Eddie Davidson, onetime coach of the St. Louis University team is line coach for the ATC while the backfield coach is T/Sgt. Erny Pinckert, former grid great of the Pacific Coast Conference and later with the Washington Redskins.

The ATC team will be the home team in all games played at Nashville, Dallas and Washington since ATC installations are located in these cities. Its team is based at Nashville to effect an equal geographical distribution of all AAF teams in the conference.

An all-electric airplane, the first to achieve acceptance, is in production in England, according to Flying.



This Week at the Base Theater

WEDNESDAY, 5 September—BARBARY COAST (revival), with Edward G. Robinson, Brien Donlevy, Joel McCrea and Miriam Hopkins. Also "Film Vodvil," and "Mouse in Manhattan," a cartoon.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 6 & 7 September—DUFFY'S TAVERN, with Ed Gardner, Marjorie Reynolds and Guest Stars. Also "Army-Navy Screen Magazine," and "Movietone News." Running time: 2 hours, 5 minutes.

SATURDAY, 8 September—THE FALCON IN SAN FRANCISCO, with Tom Conway and Rita Corday. Also "It Shouldn't Happen to a Dog," with Leon Errol, "Popular Science," and "Tops in the Big Top," a Pop-eye cartoon.

SUNDAY & MONDAY, 9 & 10 September—MEN IN HER DIARY, with Jon Hall, Louise Allbritton and Peggy Ryan. Also "Army-Navy Screen Magazine," and "Movietone News."

Male Call

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



Ay, There's The Rub!