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Grenier Field Will Separate NAD Personnel

Three Squadrons Merge Into One Unit

Each Old Outfit Throws Party

Remnants of Squadrons B and C consolidated with Squadron "A" the latter part of last week to form one big happy outfit. The three independent squadrons all threw parties to mark the termination of their individuality—and to be certain that money remaining in unit funds was spent on themselves.

Biggest of the three parties was Squadron B's, held in the Bangor House on Thursday night.

On the same night Squadron "A" held its party in the NCO Club.

A little late on the draw, Squadron C's swan song was held on Monday of this week in the NCO Club.

Chair Corps Party

Squadron B had been known as the Chair Corps because it originally was composed primarily of clerks working on the hangar line. Later Squadron D, an MP and guard outfit, was consolidated with it. At the party Lt. George Doran, B's CO who is receiving a point discharge, acted as master of ceremonies during the dinner. He introduced visitors, including Chaplain Paul F. Ketchum, Major Lloyd B. Smith, Capt. John Fischer, Capt. John Ostrem, Lt. Orie Wilson, and Lt. Edward Capp, former CO of the Squadron. He also introduced First/Sgt. Gerald L. Bryant and Cpl. Emil Salkey who each said a few words.

Squadron "A" formerly was a headquarters outfit, while Squadron C was a line outfit whose function was to handle aircraft.

Army and Navy Urge More Dough for EM

WASHINGTON (CNS)—A joint Army-Navy Board in charge of the enlistment program submitted a number of proposals to boost voluntary enlistments in the regular Army and Navy to the House Military Affairs Committee. The idea is to make continuance of the draft unnecessary.

Among the suggestions: permit EM to vote on whether they prefer family allowance or cash payments in lieu of quarters for dependents; increased overseas pay on a graduated scale beginning at 20% and increasing 5% annually up to a maximum of 35%; liberalized allowances for the lower 4 grades; continuance of free postage; liberalized retirement policy; payment of mustering-out pay to men discharged for reenlistment in the Regular Army; payment of transportation and subsistence during reenlistment furlough.

Congress would have to approve these proposals to make them effective.

DANCE IN T-6 TONIGHT

The weekly dance, sponsored jointly by the Park Street USO and Special Service, will be held in Building T-6 tonight. USO hostesses will be present and dancing will start shortly after 8 p. m.



Capt. Charles Horvath

Capt. Charles Horvath Heads United Outfit

CO of the new consolidated squadron is Capt. Charles D. Horvath, whose primary duty has been Troop Commander. He came here on 7 April 1944 after a 19-month stay at Gander, where he was a squadron adjutant.

On arriving here he became CO of Squadron B, and in February of this year became Troop Commander. At present he is on about 17 committees and boards at Dow Field.

From Pennsylvania

Capt. Horvath entered the service from his home in Allentown, Pa., in 1941 and worked at the reception center in New Cumberland, Pa., for about nine months. In September of the same year he entered Aviation Cadets but washed out after three months.

He went to OCS at Miami Beach in April 1942 and graduated in June. He was then assigned to Houlton Army Air Base, where he was squadron adjutant until he shipped to Gander about three months later.

Married in February

Last February he was married to the former Miss Louise Cleary, of Newport, Vt.

A graduate of Franklin and Marshall College in the class of 1940, he expects to return to his old job with the B. F. Goodrich Company in Philadelphia after his discharge.

Rumor Spiked Regarding Oldsters' Separation Pay

There is no foundation to the rumor that men applying for discharge on age will forfeit mustering-out pay, according to Lt. Irving S. Blau, Personnel Affairs Officer of Dow.

The latest change to the regulation concerning mustering-out pay on file here makes this clear. It is change 5 to AR 35-2490, which states:

"Enlisted personnel discharged solely by reason of having reached a certain age, as provided in War Department directives, are entitled to mustering-out payment if otherwise eligible. . . ."

Top Kick of 'A' Is 30-Year Man

A 30-year man, 1st/Sgt. Gerald L. Bryant, is top kick of Squadron A, the outfit which recently absorbed Squadrons B and C.

Sgt. Bryant came here last December after a 28-month stretch at Gander. While there he had been first sergeant of Squadron B.

The first day for registering under the selective service act, 16 October 1940, Bryant enlisted in the Army, probably figuring they would get him sooner or later anyway.

His first station was Mitchel Field, N. Y., where he remained until October 1941 when he shipped to Grenier Field, N. H. After 14 months at Grenier, he shipped to Gander in July of 1942 and remained there until coming to Dow.

Sgt. Bryant, whose home is in Mt. Morris, N. Y., smiled when asked what he intended to do on leaving the service. He said:

"I'm staying in."

Assisting Bryant in the consolidated orderly room are Sgt. Sidney Wilson, acting chief clerk, and Cpl. Carlton Hammond, both old "A" men; Cpl. Emil Salkey and Cpl. Idelia "Montana" Schleusner, formerly of B, and Cpl. John Martin and Cpl. Stella Stappler, of C.

Ex-GI Heads Red Cross Here



Mr. Hobart H. Conover

Mr. Hobart H. Conover, who has succeeded Ellis Dana as Red Cross Field Director, is the first ARC man at Dow Field with a military background in this war. He sweated out a year and a half with the Coast Artillery, serving at Camp Edwards, Camp Davis, N. C., Suffolk Army Air Field, Long Island, Camp Hahn, Cal., and Fort Dix, N. J., where he was given a medical discharge for a chronic sinus condition. A corporal (Continued on Four)

Monday Set For Opening Of Center

Tentative plans call for the opening of an AAF separation center at Grenier Field, N. H., next Monday, where all NAD personnel will receive discharges, according to Major Lewis W. Graham, Base Director of Personnel and Administrative Services. Until the opening of that center there will be no further shipments to separation centers from Dow Field.

7-Day Week Planned

Arrangements call for Grenier to start out by handling 50 separations daily, on a seven-day week basis, with all discharges being NAD personnel.

Those who applied for discharge under the 12 May and the 38-year regulations will be shipped from here before those who applied under the 2 September regulation. But within each of these groups the following priority plan will be used for shipments from Dow:

Dependency Discharges will receive highest priority.

Point Discharges will be second with those having the highest number of points receiving priority.

Age Discharges will be next with priority going to those having the greatest number of points.

At present there are approximately 105 men here eligible for discharge under the 12 May regulation, and about 139 sweating out discharges under the 2 September regulation.

According to Major Graham, all plans for handling discharges are tentative, but changes will be published in the Daily Bulletin.

Second Lt. Clarence Peterson, Jr., assistant Personal Affairs Officer here, is expected to go to Grenier to aid in setting up the separation center.

Winning All-Star Nine Has 3 Men from Dow

The Eastern Maine League All-Stars, who walloped the Piscataquis County All-Stars 20 to 8 in a post season baseball game last Sunday, was managed by a Dow Field GI while two others were in the line-up.

Managing the team that made the fine showing at Dover on Sunday was Cpl. William "Bud" Mitchell; S/Sgt. Toby Tobaban played center field, and M/Sgt. Mike Cherneski played left field. The trio were from the Dow Field "Bombers", top nine of the Eastern Maine League.

Of 23 men selected in the Eastern Maine League to form the All-Star team, 18 played in Sunday's game. The all-star selections were made on a basis of position performance, batting average, and as all around baseball men. Cpl. Mitchell, who selected those to play against the Piscataquis club, stayed on the bench himself in order to give more men a chance on the diamond.

Score by innings in the game was:
E. M. L. 4 2 0 2 5 0 3 0 4—20
Dover 0 0 3 0 0 5 0 0 0—8

Number of Men and Miles Jive In Plan for Reducing ATC

By one of those weird coincidences, ATC's personnel is scheduled to be cut from 210,000 to 80,000 by 1 July 1946, and from 180,000 miles of airways to 80,000 by the same date. Personnel, equipment, bases—all the elements which went toward building

up the world's greatest transportation system within a little more than four years—will be quickly curtailed.

ATC's transport fleet of nearly 3,000 transport planes will be cut to 650. Large numbers of C-54s and C-47s are already being released to be disposed of as surplus property, and a great number of the planes to be released will presumably be made available to civil airlines.

Nothing has been said yet as to the immediate future of the North Atlantic Division bases.

ATC will continue to conduct through service between the United States and American occupational forces overseas. On the Atlantic side, the Command will continue to fly from New York to Paris and will operate limited service through Europe, including a route from Paris through Rome, Athens and Cairo until American civil carriers certificated to service that route are able to render the required service. ATC also will operate to Berlin and Frankfurt as a part of its through service, if this operation is deemed necessary by the theater commanders.

Plans for Pacific Area

In the Pacific area, activities in the occupation of Japan, redeployment of forces out of China and the continuing evacuation of wounded from for-

ward areas will require a large volume of transport services for some time. It is contemplated, however, that local or intra-area services will be transferred to the Supreme Allied Commander in the Pacific, leaving the ATC responsible for the long haul through route services.

The opening of a port on the East China Coast is expected to eliminate the Hump run, and that within a few months ATC's operations in the CBI theater will be limited to through services required by military and other governmental agencies, and for the return of personnel from those remote areas.

The Green Project was discontinued as of 10 September. Return of high point American military personnel from the two western theaters will continue by normal ATC service and by sea transport. Increased availability of shipping space has improved the estimated rate of return by this means.

When ATC operations in the Caribbean area and in South America are drastically reduced, certain air bases will be operated on a standby basis by skeleton crews to meet the needs of our forces still overseas. Large percentages of the personnel at these posts will be returned to the United States by ATC planes.

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Editorial Comment

It's Your Baby Now AN EDITORIAL FOR CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

THE SEEMINGLY ENDLESS FLOW of money from the Post Exchange, which has kept the Dow Field "Observer" going, is drying up. Curtailed PX operations are expected to show a considerably lower profit than ever before—with the result that little or no money will be available for the publishing of the "Observer."

Up till now, the "Observer" has been a soldier financed proposition, and civilian employees have been on the gravy train by getting the paper without contributing toward its support. Now, with an increased emphasis on civilian population in the base, the financing of the "Observer" is going to become a civilian problem.

Civilians are going to have to decide whether they want the "Observer" continued, and if so, how they are going to finance the paper.

On the six to eight page basis, the "Observer" has been costing about \$550 per month. Most of the cost is basic; cutting down the circulation will decrease the cost but slightly. The printing cost, exclusive of cuts for pictures, is \$12 per page. Pictures bring the total price to about \$550.

A four-page paper could be published weekly, provided civilian personnel were willing to kick in from 25 to 50 cents per month each for its continuance. This could be handled as a monthly donation through the present Minute-man organization. Each department could be assigned a quota and be required to dig up its share. The departmental share of the cost could be raised by raffles, by dances, or by any other means. But the money would have to be raised.

The exact amount of cost per person would depend on how many pictures you want in the paper, and how many pages you want in the paper. The cost could be cut in half by making it semi-monthly, rather than weekly.

There are other alternatives. A paper could be mimeographed weekly without assessing anyone. But a mimeographed paper at best is unsatisfactory in appearance and appeal. Furthermore, the amount of news it could carry is limited.

A mimeographed paper might be issued weekly on a free basis. A slick paper magazine could be issued once a month for somewhere between 25 and 50 cents. But there would have to be a guarantee that the copies would be sold in advance.

The paper could be sold for cash, at 10 to 15 cents a copy. But again, there would have to be some guarantee somewhere of a certain income. The printer cannot work on the hope that he will be paid.

Another possibility is that one of the local newspapers might be interested in publishing a regular page or two of base news one day a week. If so we would purchase that paper heavily at the PX on the day the news appeared.

The paper could conceivably be financed by a monthly dance or other social affair, in which all base personnel participated. Any type of money raising plan is satisfactory if it raises the money.

So, Civilian Employees, the "Observer" is now your baby. Do you want it continued? The new "Observer" would be slanted along civilian lines because eventually you will represent the majority on the field. And how do you want to finance the paper?

Tomorrow a meeting will be held with the Commanding Officer to decide what to do about the future of the "Observer." Your action is necessary today.

DOW FIELD CROSS SECTION DOW FIELD

Many service men and women are now contemplating civilian employment. In an attempt to discover if being in the Army effected the preference of jobs, all civilian work was divided into three major categories when the following question was asked:

"When leaving the Army do you hope to work for a large organization; a small organization, or for yourself?"

First Lt. Merlin C. Benninger, assistant adjutant, whose home is in Wisconsin, said:



"For 11 years before entering the Army I was with Civil Service as a bank examiner, so naturally expect to return to that work. In fact, I had the job 11 years to the day when I entered the service. It was 12 October 1931 when I started with Civil Service, and on 12 October 1941 I entered the Army. I'm an examiner for about 50 banks in three Wisconsin counties."

Cpl. Jay C. Kemper, recently-assigned assistant librarian, came to Dow after serving in Bermuda. He stated:

"Wishful thinking enters into my answer. After leaving the Army I expect to finish college at Columbia School of Commerce. Then I'd like to work for myself. I'd like to go into taxation or tax law. In that way my own efforts would be rewarded. I don't think I can get any place by working for a large corporation."



Pfc. Donna Purdie, a clerk in Squadron G orderly room whose home is in Racine, Wisc., said:



"When I get my discharge I expect to go to school to study aeronautics. Then I'll try to get a job along that line and would like it to be with a small organization rather than a big one. In a small one you get to know everyone, and to know more about every phase of the business. You can't do that when you are working for a big outfit where you only do your own particular job."

Sgt. Lester F. Sorenson, a laboratory technician at the Base Hospital who comes from Kansas City, Kans., said:

"It depends on what experience a man has had whether he should go in business for himself or work for a large corporation. I've had 15 years experience as a pharmacist so feel qualified to go in business for myself. But I'd work for a large corporation if offered the right job. I feel that only a person with the proper background should go in business for himself, and that big corporations offer more opportunities than small ones."

Pfc. Odysseus A. Liakakes, a cook at the hospital mess, stated:



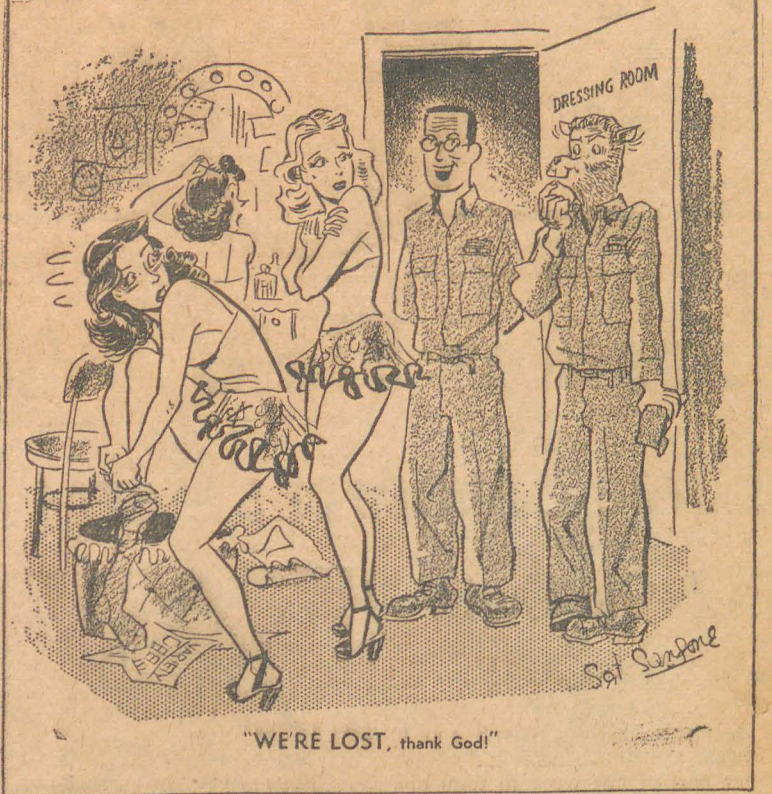
"I would like to go in business for myself, but if I see competition is too keen I'll work for someone else — a large or small outfit, it makes no difference if you are working for others. I want to be my own boss so I can use my own initiatives. If you are not your own boss you have to take orders, and I want to get away from regimentation."

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Questions to be asked in this column are being sought. If you have one you'd like to have answered, call Ext. 281, or send it to the "Observer" and we will use it if suitable.)

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by Sansone

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The Party Is Over, but the Mess Remains

By Chaplain Paul F. Ketchum

Three years or so ago you accepted the kind invitation of the President of the United States to become a member of the Armed Forces. Now the party is over, you are ready to go home. The hour is late and you are tired.

Unfortunately, there is a hitch in the proceedings. You are learning to your disgust that it was a great deal easier to get in the Army than it is to get out. You are facing another "sweating-out" period and the prospect is irritating. Someone has said that "misery loves company," but obviously that individual was not familiar with military life. It is no consolation at all to know that thousands, nay, millions are in the same predicament. Every man has his own peculiar problems and to him they take precedence over all others.

The question in the minds of most is "How can I speed up the process of my discharge?" The answer is "Nothing." You have been a soldier long enough to realize that the Army acts in its own solemn and not always impressive way. Hence, the problem, "How am I going to face the inevitable?"

You can face it in a variety of ways. You can assume the go-off-in-a-corner-and-sulk attitude. This involves a policy of fighting the Army on your own, of refusing to cooperate with the authorities, of having your own way no matter how anyone else is affected. By so doing, you will probably over-indulge frequently, spend more money than you can afford, and make yourself generally miserable. You will discover that you are beginning to turn into an individual that you don't like very well. Neither does anyone else. You may even find yourself in the guardhouse, complaining about the unjust treatment you have received.

The sensible attitude is to accept gracefully what you cannot change. There is no point in beating your head against a stone wall. Everyone knows that it is not easy to hang around doing nothing, to "made" work, to labor when you feel the job

is no longer necessary. However, if you have any respect for yourself, you will do your work well, no matter how important or unimportant it may seem. You will use your free time wisely. Those who have little to do have a more difficult problem. Nevertheless, you in this category have sufficient brains and ability to find positive and creative outlets for your energy and time.

Remember that the Army will not be hurt by anything you do. You alone will suffer or benefit by the attitude you adopt. The weakling will give way to the pressure from without; the man with intestinal fortitude (guts) will rise above it.

Restriction Lifted On Downtown Section

The area of Bangor near the railroad station, long restricted to military personnel, is no longer off-limits. GIs need not stay out of the district east of Exchange street, bordered by York street on the north and Washington and Hancock streets on the south.

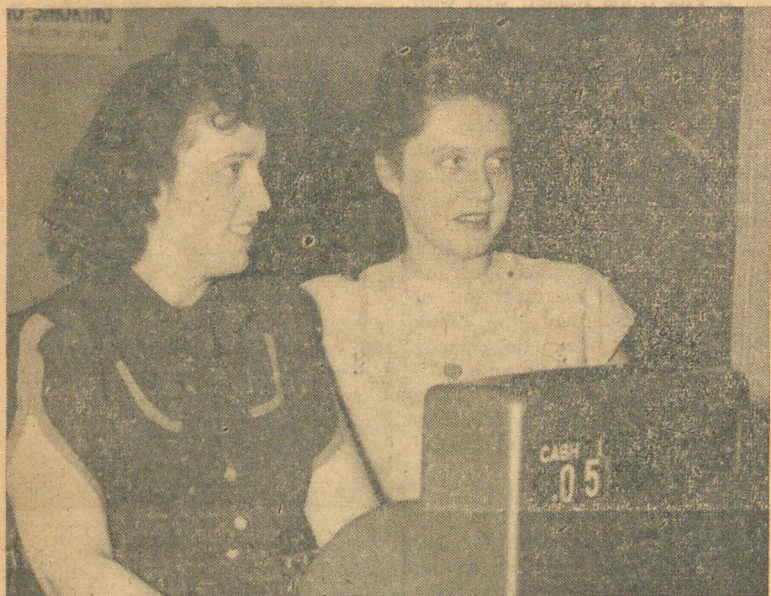
The argument between the conductor and Sandy MacTavish over the matter of whether the fare was 15 or 20 cents waxed hot and heavy, until finally the conductor grabbed the Scotchman's suitcase, and threw it off the platform. The train was passing over a bridge, and as the suitcase hit the water, Sandy screamed:

"Hot, mon! Isn't it enough to try to overcharge me, without trying to drown my little boy, too?"

A real executive is a man who can hand back a letter for the third typing to a gorgeous blond stenographer.

DOW FIELD CIVILIAN CHIT-CHAT

Better Be Careful When Dating PX Gals



CAN YOU TELL the mother from the daughter? At the left is Mrs. Lee Owings; her daughter, Miss Lorraine "Pete" Peters, is on the right.

Air Supply

By Charlotte O'Donnell

This is the week of separations . . . Jimmy Viola left to work at the "News" . . . Louis Podolsky left to work at Braveman Tire Co. . . . Harold Delano left to put his full time in his furniture store . . . Jerry Page left by plane for an unannounced destination, and upon his return, he plans to train in beauty culture . . . Clarence Eddy left to become a painter—his old trade . . . Leo Sullivan left to return to his farm and raise a victory crop—farm produce, we mean . . . Dumb Dora of Dow left to replace the Belle of Baffinland. We wish her loads of luck—she's a nice girl and deserves the best . . . Her supervisor, Kay Marston was transferred to the Petroleum Division, T-108, telephone extension 320. We miss Kay like heck, but glad to see her get the break . . . So with DDD and Kay transferred, Unit 4 has been broken up and divided among the rest of the office, who are delighted with the new classes assigned them.

Laura Nash has been assigned as poster to Unit 3 and Muriel Merrill assigned as poster in Unit 2 . . . Pop Drew has returned after several days of vacation—comp time. Pop's looking for chocolate bits—his wife makes delicious sugarless cookies. For the exchange of bits, Pop'll give cookies, and maybe even the recipe . . . Orrin Page is out ill—pneumonia feared. 'Twas about this time last year he was so ill with it. We hope you're better very soon, Pagie . . . Where were Vic Hanna and Helen Howells headed up Main Street the other night?

Seems they wanted to get rid of a certain party in the Supply Office, and failing all other devices, they took her desk and chair and shipped them to Grenier. She took the hint . . . Francis Kearns is requesting competition for a horseshoe pitching contest. He is far and ahead the champ at Supply, having competed against such able pitchers as John Finnigan, Don Chase, Cliff Wetmore, Arthur Leech, Ancel King, and Reginald Russell. Never mind, boys, maybe you're better at pitching other things.

To that gal in I & S who transferred from QM—you hurt Freddy's feelings dreadfully by your denials. There is them as is glad to comfort him, though . . . Did you see Harriette's picture in the paper—married Saturday, she was. Lovely bride.

Johnny Ward has discovered an automatic radar set in the office. Wonder what he means . . . Who do you suppose will catch Carol's bouquet? Wedding is Monday morning at eight in St. John's.

Well, it's finally been decided on. Our Supply party is being held tomorrow night at the Bangor House. It promises to be a bang-up. Dinner

at 6:30, strictly Supply, with entertainment and dancing afterwards. Guests of Supply personnel may be invited in after the dinner. Wonder if anyone will be in T-133 for work Friday morning. Here's your chance, Mike.

Next week this column will be willed to two aspiring authoresses—Elaine Caron and Ann Fisher. (Takes two people to replace the present). Also willed to Elaine are the 121 Forms. It's been a full year now I've put my telephone number on the Shipping Tickets and had not one response. Hope you have better luck, Elaine.

Now that the time has come to say Good-bye to Supply, it's a little sadder than I expected. The whole crowd will be missed terribly. The gang in the warehouse has been grand to work with and the office crew has been lots of fun. Until you leave Supply, you don't realize what a splendid bunch of people they are. It is hoped that DDD may be missed a little—even as a toothache. Good luck to the new scribes.

Radio Maintenance Da-Dits

By Kathleen Jones

With the cold weather fast appearing, someone should notify James Harris that it's time to start warming his hat before venturing out of doors these chilly mornings.

We all know now why Peter Bernard has been whistling "White Christmas"—the secret is out. It's like this—the citizens of Howland, Maine, have been complaining of the loss of many fir trees from their property and we hear from different sources that Pete is taking orders for Christmas trees.

Well, we found out what all the excitement was during lunch hour—Frank Plantamura figuring out the "Wishing Well" fortune. So heed the advice, Frankie; remember the old fable, "Faint heart ne'er won fair lady."

There was much concern regarding the whereabouts of Bud Kelley: Time, 13th of September, but all was forgiven when he arrived safe and sound, even though his mission hadn't been completed.

There certainly is something mysterious surrounding Virgil Hatch's past, present and future, as we have been unable to "dig" up any gossip on him as yet. Watch your step, Virg; "Still waters run deep," we'll get you yet.

Sailor: Sir, may I have your daughter for my wife?

Her Old Man: Bring your wife around and we'll see.

Mother and Daughter Look Like Sisters

Customers of the PX who are not in the know would never suspect that two attractive women who serve them are a mother-daughter combination. Working side-by-side until a week ago, they more resembled sisters. The mother, Mrs. Lee Owings, is cashier at the restaurant section; working near by at the restaurant counter was the daughter, Miss Lorraine "Pete" Peters.

Mrs. Owings An Oldtimer

Mrs. Owings, who was then Mrs. Peters, started working in the main PX about two years and three months ago, and since has served in most departments.

During the winter of 1943-44, two radar B-17s, "Pistol Packin' Mama," and "Shack Rabbit," were stationed here. One of the crew members was S/Sgt. Everett "Stud" Owings. When the planes left here in February, he was with "Pistol Packin' Mama." "Shack Rabbit" crashed in New Jersey and the entire crew was killed.

Sweating It Out

After leaving New Jersey, "Pistol Packin' Mama" was stationed in Newfoundland. Five months later, with Dow closed in, a plane circled the field. Mrs. Peters was waiting for it to land because she knew "Stud" was on it. The field didn't open; the plane flew off, and Mrs. Peters went home to sweat it out.

She hadn't been waiting long when her telephone rang. It was "Stud." He was in Presque Isle. Would she come up . . . and marry him?

Would she! She hopped the next train and they were married that night, 30 October of last year.

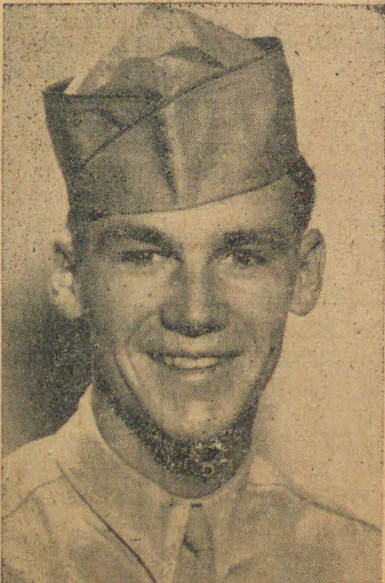
It's Mr. Owings Now

Sgt. Owings then shipped to CBI, where he received his discharge on points in July. He is now Mr. Owings, aircraft mechanic, in Bangor No. 1.

Miss Peters started working for the PX about a year and a half ago. She was in the main PX for about three months, then worked in the transient PX, Building T-106, until about three months ago when she returned to the main building at the restaurant counter. Last week she started working in the merchandise section.

The family of Dow employees, Mr. and Mrs. Owings, and Miss Peters, reside in Bangor.

Paperweight



THIS, FELLOW CITIZENS, is Charlie Marston. Charlie is a paperweight in Unit 4, and his Ma, Kay Marston, is a heavyweight in the same unit. He is a twenty-year-old technical sergeant and a top-gunner on a B-29 in the 20th Air Force, stationed on Saipan.

Pin-Up Gal



Sharon Lee Sherman, two-year, four-month-old daughter of A. C. Sherman, of Electrical Branch, Aircraft Maintenance, is the ideal pin-up gal, according to F. C. Sherman, of Headquarters, who submitted the picture. According to an accompanying note, Sharon Lee has blonde curly hair, hazel eyes, and is as sweet as her picture.

PX Force Presents Gift to Pfc. Wilder

Working conscientiously and regularly during the past year at the Post Exchange, thus winning the admiration of his fellow employees, Pfc. John Wilder, of Squadron E, was presented an engraved bracelet a few nights ago by the Exchange night force.

The presentation was made by the night manager, "Bill" MacManus, who said that Pfc. Wilder's service was of such nature as would qualify him to work in any capacity in the Exchange or "all over the house."

Pfc. Wilder has worked during his off-duty hours. Normally he is a guard.

A native of Aliceville, Ala., he was educated in the public schools of that city. He is married and the father of two children, Lillie Mae and Joseph M. Wilder.

Camp Jordan Benefactors Entertained at Pond

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Edward F. Tindall entertained about forty-five guests at Camp Jordan one night last week—the civilians from Bangor, Bar Harbor and Castine who have given their money and time to get Camp Jordan's boats, fishing tackle and other equipment. The evening featured boating, ping-pong, hiking in the woods, and a delicious supper dreamed up by WAC Cpl. Carol Kasey, caterer deluxe.

Guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Roland Chandler of the Y.M.C.A., Mr. and Mrs. Al Bowron, Mr. and Mrs. Gus D'Amico, Mrs. Robert Ames, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Leen, Welden Dunnett, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Van de Bogert, Mr. and Mrs. Donald McLeod, Ellis Dana, Charles McGee and Hobart Conover of the Red Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cort, and Horace Hilton.

Assisting in entertaining the guests were Lt. Col. and Mrs. David H. Bulough, Major and Mrs. Lloyd Smith, Major Roland Murray, 1st Lt. Joseph Marshall, 1st Lt. A. G. Thompson, and Miss Pat Glidden.

66 Recruiting Stations To Be Established

NEW YORK (CNS)—Brig./Gen. Harold N. Gilbert, head of the Army's recruiting campaign prior to the war, has been given the job of heading the new drive for soldier volunteers. He will work through 600 recruiting stations in all parts of the world.

Ordnance

Here's the Ordnance Bee Buzzin' again with scoops—

Yes, excitement it was, and then some! Credit is given to Mrs. Frances Hoffman, "Pike" Beaulieu and George Doll for doing their bit in aiding great assistance to distinguishing a blazing scooter that up and caught fire unexpectedly just outside the Ordnance Base Shop.

What—a girl mechanic still about? Yes, and a very good one too. None other than Mrs. Evelyn H. Clish who is doing a marvelous job putting the parts together as well as any girl could apply a good job of make-up.

Say, what's this about Pat Novak getting a long distance phone call collect from a Sgt. Novak in Massachusetts? She sure did, and even though her hubby is in Goose Bay, it was nice to have a stranger call her from Massachusetts, bringing her news from her hubby up North! But, oh, what a let-down. Better luck next time, Pat.

The "Jumping Jiving" upholstery boy, little Francis Daily, has been transferred to parts unknown. Your job was well done, and our luck goes with you wherever you may be.

Looks like the drinks are on you, Cornelius "Nick" Noddin, for not having those safety chocks on all vehicles during a recent inspection of the shops. Nick is ready to pay off Capt. Simmons, are you ready to collect?

Not only is he tops in Physical Training or as a basketball player, but he also proves himself A-1 as a mechanic. He was recently added to our crew of "grease-balls," by participating successfully in the undertaking of various repair jobs in the Ordnance Base Shop—none other than Lt. "Dick" Mullen.

Station O-R-D . . . signing off until next time.

Command's Football Team Named 'ATC Rockets'

A world-wide contest among Air Transport Command personnel, judged by leading Eastern sports editors, named the command's 1945 football eleven the "ATC Rockets."

The football name committee at Washington Headquarters submitted the ten best names to sports editors of newspapers in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Nashville. "ATC Rockets" was first choice of eight of the 15 sports editors responding.

The winning name was submitted by seven members of the ATC, representing five different divisions.

Mrs. Bull's Jim



RUTH BULL, of Air Supply, sends in her husband's picture—Sgt. James Bull, of Bangor. Jim's been in the Army three years and is now stationed on Oahu, in the Hawaiian Islands, with the 3609th Ordnance Bn.

Things Ain't as Tough As Army Coach Says

Colonel "Red" Blaik, coach of the Army eleven, is complaining that he can field only two "regulars" from last year's championship team. They are Johnny Green, 190-pound guard, and Dick Pitzer, 195-pound end.

The joker is that Glenn Davis and "Doc" Blanchard, stars of the 1944 combination, will perform again. But while their feats were the despair of opponents throughout the season, both these undebatable All-Americans were members of the "second team," last year. Most of the 504 points rolled up during the season were tallied by them, with the able assistance of Al Nametz, and Herschel Fuson, tackles, Hank Foldberg, end, and DeWitt Coulter, center, all of whom return this fall.

While slightly weakened in reserves, the West Pointers appear the outstanding team in the country.

The AAF Personnel Distribution Command of Louisville, Ky., loaded with pro and college stars, provides the opening competition on 29 September.

To the coaches of Wake Forrest, Michigan, Duke, Notre Dame, Penn and Navy, all scheduled to meet Davis, Blanchard & Company—pleasant dreams.

OWI Activities Halted By Presidential Order

WASHINGTON — Operations of the once-vast Office of War Information ground to a virtual halt Saturday.

While a presidential order put the agency out of existence at midnight, actually its official business already was at an end.

Elmer Davis, who has resigned as OWI director, closed his office Friday night.

Ex-GI Heads

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when he got out of the Army last year, he worked as an anti-aircraft 50 caliber machine gunner, as a supply clerk, and as an operations clerk.

Syracuse Graduate

A native of Gloversville, N. Y., he graduated from Syracuse University in 1935 with a BS degree. In 1939 he came back for an MS degree in education at the same college. While at Syracuse he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho fraternity, a member of the University and ROTC bands, and active in intra-fraternity basketball.

Since graduating from Syracuse, he has been vice-principal of the Wheatport (near Auburn, N. Y.) High School. On leaving the Army he volunteered for American Red Cross work and received his training in Washington. He spent two weeks at Camp Shanks, a Port of Embarkation near New York, and was then sent to Presque Isle. After three months at Presque Isle, he came down to Dow Field.

He said:

"I like this part of Maine. The natural beauty of the countryside, the well kept appearance of the buildings and farms, and the loveliness of the coastline, combine to make this a grand area in which to work."

Conover will take over the extensive territory covered by his predecessor—including all Army and Navy establishments through almost half of the state. His own Army background will make him sensitive to the needs of the soldiers here.

Ellis H. Dana, outgoing Red Cross Field Director, has resigned to accept a position as Executive Vice-President of the Wisconsin Council of Churches.

"Well, well," the GI said as he leafed through notices, lists and posters tacked on the bulletin board. "Whatya know . . . I shipped out last week."

Capt. Maer Replaces Major A. H. Moore As CO of AACS



Capt. Claude M. Maer, Jr.

The 135th AACS Squadron, vital link in the North Atlantic communications chain with headquarters at Dow, has a new commanding officer today. He is Capt. Claude M. Maer, Jr., who formerly was assistant officer-in-charge of a radio station in the Azores and also was commander of the AACS detachment at Presque Isle for a year.

Old CO Leaving Army

Major Albert H. Moore, a pioneer in the Army Airways Communications System, is the officer whom he replaces. CO of the outfit since 30 March, Major Moore is being discharged after more than four years on active duty, with 16 months of it in the South Pacific. Major Moore was squadron commander of the 20th AACS Region, which he helped build from nothing to a network of stations on New Caledonia, New Hebrides, New Zealand, Guadalcanal, and other islands.

Capt. Maer is no newcomer at radio either. He began operating his own amateur radio station when he was 12 years old. After five years in the Texas National Guard and a year in the Army (as a technical sergeant), he became a communications cadet in 1941. At Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., he took over the job of a communications officer, a post which he held until December 1943, when he was shipped to the Azores.

He now assumes command of a squadron with seventeen stations in Eastern Canada, Labrador, Maine, and New Hampshire.

USO Camp Show Booked For T-6 Next Week

An orchestra, comedians, a dance team and singers will form the USO Camp Show, "Riffs and Rhythms," to appear here on Friday, 28 September.

The band will be Jeter-Pillars orchestra. Apus and Estrellit form the comedy team; Sandra Lee is booked as a deep resonant singer, while the Three Cabin Girls sing as a vocal trio. Vernie and Hutchie will dance.

Squadron 'G' Presents:

By Pfc. Constance K. Klink

One of the unforgettable characters of this WAC detachment at Dow Field is Pfc. Doris Ramer, who with her friend, Pvt. Rosie Granieri, forms one half of a terrific team.

The fact remains, however, that Doris doesn't need to be part of a team anymore than Rosie does, in order to be long remembered. She stands as an individual and exudes personality on her own.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Jay Ramer of New York, Doris is a New Yorker in every sense of the word. She typifies a certain sort of girl long identified with the "little island". A dashing brunette, smartly groomed, she wears her uniform with an "umph" and a swish, and moves with that swiftness which identifies New Yorkers from one end of the world to the other.

Enlisted in July '44

She enlisted in the WAC in July 1944, going to Oglethorpe for her basic training. She remained at the Georgia Training Camp for three more months, attending typing school, and then was assigned for active duty at Newcastle, Delaware. From Newcastle, she was transferred to Grenier Field, and then to Dow in May of this year, where she is a stenographer in Navigation & Briefing.

For two years before entering the service, Doris was employed by the World Broadcasting System (a subsidiary of Decca Records) at 711 Fifth Avenue. Here she worked in the testing department, where the acoustics of all original recordings were tried out. Prior to that, she had worked at a number of jobs, modeling suits and doing commercial modeling work, posing for illustrators.

Matrimony will probably be Doris' career after she resumes the life of a civilian, but she refuses to make further comment. Asked why she was prompted to join the Women's Army Corps, she answered:

"I saw the flags waving along Fifth Avenue every morning—what else could I do?"

Quote of the Week

(CNS)—"Those who do not understand the true intentions of the Japanese should go to Hell."—Radio Tokyo, 1 Feb. 1942.



Pfc. Doris Ramer

Library News

By Alyce M. Connor

NEW BOOKS

500 Postwar Jobs—A book listing alphabetically 500 different kinds of jobs, prepared by experts in employment and job analysis. Each job is analyzed in the following ways: Present outlook, earnings, job description, requirements, advantages, disadvantages, advancement opportunities, and where to apply.

Pattern of Soviet Power, by Edgar Snow—Presents a picture of Russia as it emerges from the war, taking into consideration social developments, such as the revisions in marriage and divorce laws, as well as politics and foreign policy.

Male Call, by Milton Caniff—Book of your favorite GI comic strips.

OTHER NEW BOOKS

My Indian Family, by Werhar. **Spies and Traitors of World War II**, by Kurt Singer.

The White Tower, by Ullman. **Patterns of Negro Segregation**, by Johnson.

Wine of San Lorenzo, by Gorman. **Hunky Johnny**, by Nichols. **Against These Three**, by Cloete.

News of Bangor USO

WEDNESDAY, 19 September

At Dow Field: Base Dance. At the USO: Use of all club facilities.

THURSDAY, 20 September

Arts and crafts night: Make an attractive box of shell jewelry creations for Christmas presents. Instructors on hand to make it easy. Also woodenware decorating or facilities for sketching and water colors.

FRIDAY, 21 September

Movie of the week, "Miracle of Morgan's Creek," with Eddie Bracken, Betty Hutton, Brian Donlevy, and Akim Tamiroff. On the juke box, jitterbug records for the jivesters.

SATURDAY, 22 September

States' and cities' song night—all the songs the service folk love from the Maine "Stein Song" to "San Francisco." Dancing, 8:30 to 12:00. Variety show and radio broadcast, 10:00 p. m. Music by Cpl. Bob Lindeman and his orchestra.

SUNDAY, 23 September

Breakfast served at the snack bar at 9:00 a. m. by women of St. John's P. T. A. Big cartoon song slide singfest at 8:00 p. m. Feature movie at 9:00 p. m.

MONDAY, 24 September

Game night: Pool tables newly recovered. Come in and try your skill. Also ping pong, darts, bridge, chess, checkers, and table games.

TUESDAY, 25 September

Bingo night: Meet those girls with the cash prizes, Gwen Ayers and Prudy Libby.

New records on the juke box for slow and fast dancers.

WEDNESDAY, 26 September

Salute to the RAF Dance, commemorating the turning back of the Germans by the Royal Air Force in the Air War, 1940. Dancing, 8:30 to 11:30. Music by Cpl. Bob Lindeman and his orchestra.

Male Call

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



Permanent Party Game