

W.A.C. FIRST SERGEANT



Mighty efficient top kick of the WAC contingent at Whitehorse is 1st Sgt. Jane Rowland, who runs her outfit with a strong, but benevolent hand. Here she's checking the final role call before the Wacs take off from Great Falls for Whitehorse. See page 5 for more WAC pictures. (East Base Photo.)

Sourdoughs Surprised By Wac Invasion of Yukon

Old-timers and the Indians around Whitehorse have seen many strange sights in their day—from the influx of gold-mad men heading for the Klondike to a mass immigration of GIs and civilian workers pushing through the Alcan Highway. But more than one old sourdough was surprised to see an invasion by the Women's Army Corps, at the ATC Base. These are the first to be stationed in Canada and as yet none are in Alaska.

The first group of wide-eyed Wacs hopped off a C-47 Sky Train around midnight, and it was 2 o'clock the following afternoon when the last plane taxied up the ramp.

Against a backdrop of snowflecked mountains, 1st Lt. Gladys Bauer, detachment commander, stepped from the plane and was welcomed by Lt. Col. Ralph J. Gibbons, Base CO, and Wing Commander Gordon T. Steves, commandant of the R.C.A.F. base across the field.

Reporting for Duty
"Sir, I am Lt. Bauer reporting for duty," the WAC officer said, as she saluted, and then introduced her executive officer, 1st Lt. Kathleen J. Curtin.

As the enlisted Wacs, clad in alpacalined olive drab fatigue uniforms, filed from their ships, they were greeted by the smiles of a group of GI Joes.

A team of five sled dogs being trained nearby for Search and Rescue work barked out a welcome which, of course, caused a ripple of excitement.

Sightseeing at Once

Soon the Wacs were off on an unofficial inspection trip of the Highway, which stretches through the field, and on to their quarters, which they agreed were "okay."

The GI-gals who made the rough, 1,300-mile trip northward from Great Falls, stopping briefly at several stations, were the first Wacs assigned to foreign service in the Alaskan Division. Among them were the first of their number ever sent outside the States for duty with the AACs.

Important Posts

The newcomers will serve as clerk typists, radio operators, teletype and

telephone operators, postal clerks, chauffeurs, Link Trainer operators and air operations specialists.

But these jobs don't take up all their time, figure the men. So Whitehorse soldiers held a "Circus" dance at the Base Theater at which the Wacs were guests.

Five Whitehorse Men On Way to Paratroops

Five Whitehorse men will soon be on their way to Fort Benning for infantry conversion training to be followed by paratroop training, reports Division Personnel. The men already on orders are Pfc's: Robert Johnson, Richard Ruscher, Harold Steidle, William Sloboda and Fred Emory.

These applicants are the first group of Division men stationed outside the States to be approved by Washington. About 150 applications are now under consideration in Washington.

Vets Get Preference In US Property Sale

War veterans are given preference in acquiring surplus government property to be used in establishing and maintaining small businesses and professional and agricultural enterprises under a bill recently passed by Congress and signed by the President. The bill also gives the discharged serviceman a preference in buying surplus Government real estate for agricultural, residential or small-business purposes.—CNS.

Division Basketball Tournament Set for Fairbanks March 2-5

AER Requests Loan Payments

Army Emergency Relief can more adequately fulfill the mission assigned to it by the War Department if those who have obtained Army Emergency Relief loans repay them in accordance with their original agreement, declared General H. H. Arnold in a letter from AAF Headquarters.

"It is believed that all borrowers have the desire to fulfill the obligation they incurred, but that some have failed to remit because of lack of adequate information as to the repayment procedure to be followed when stationed at a camp or post other than where the loans were originally obtained," the letter stated.

(Second Lt. Mitchel Donato, Division Personal Affairs Officer who supervises AER loans, states that full information may be secured from base personal affairs office.)

"It is requested," the letter concludes, "that the serviceman be requested to make repayment of a loan which was contracted by his dependents unless he has knowledge of the loan."

Northway's Gripers Tell It to the Captain

Gripping at Northway is no longer considered just a leisure sport, for recently a weekly complaint Hour was established.

Soldiers with suggestions and criticisms may present them to Capt. Sid Spear at an announced time each week. The conference is confidential. Meanwhile, Northway's newspaper, "Nebesna News," runs a Gripe Session column to which the men contribute.

Forget Xmas Gift? Order It by Mail

It's not too late to buy that Christmas gift you just couldn't get or that slipped your mind.

As a service to Division men in the more isolated northern stations, Eaton's and Hudson's Bay at Edmonton are offering a Christmas shopping service. You select the gift from the catalogue or gift list, available at your Special Service Office, fill out an order blank, enclose sufficient money (figured in Canadian amounts, but American currency is okay) and the name and address where the package is to be sent. Always include a second, or even a third choice, in case your first choice is not in stock.

The shopping personnel of either store will do the rest—select, wrap and mail your choice. Check with your Special Service Office for details.

Photo Contest Prizes Soon Go Up in Smoke

All men at Grande Prairie need is a camera, some film, a nose for pictures and they have a golden opportunity to supplement their cigarette ration.

Every month the "Dusty Digest," Grande Prairie's newspaper, gives to the two GIs submitting the best pictures for publication each a carton of his favorite brand. The pictures must have plenty of reader appeal to win these prizes. Only glossy print photos are considered, since negatives cannot be used.

'SPICE OF LIFE' TOURS BASES



Now touring Division stations on the line is Jack Pepper's "Spice of Life Review," a USO Camp Show. Emceed by Pepper, who last summer traveled with Bob Hope through Iceland, England, Africa and Sicily, the six-man review is a fast-moving variety show with no shortage of gags. The troupe comes direct from rehearsal in New York and Division GIs are the first to see it. It's one of the best shows to ever hit the Division.

A gal to look for is pretty Amy Arnell, vocalist with Tommy Tucker.

From "Club 18" in New York City comes Ed Lord, master of the gag. Dance specialties are presented by Jane Fraser, tap, and Betty Lou Holt, acrobatic. Emil DeSalvi handles the accompaniment with accordion and piano.

Pepper recently finished his own summer radio show over CBS and previously worked on a radio program featuring Connie Boswell and Paul Whiteman.

Seen above are Jane Fraser, left, and Amy Arnell.

With about every base in the Division planning a basketball league, the hoop game will be the thing this winter. Improved facilities will make for more and better basketball in the Division than ever before.

The No. 1 attraction of the season will be the Alaskan Division Championship Tournament to be held at Fairbanks March 2, 3, 4, and 5, according to the Division Operational Planning section, now in charge of athletics.

The winners in three Division sectional playoffs plus teams representing the Alaskan Department and possibly Northwest Service Command will compete in the tournament.

Sectional Playoffs

Sectional playoffs will be held at three bases: at Fairbanks, northern sector; Whitehorse, central sector; and Edmonton, southern sector, on February 26, 27 and 28. These playoffs will be on a single elimination basis.

Alaskan bases will compete in the northern sectional playoffs at Fairbanks, with teams from Nome, Galena, Northway, Tanacross, Big Delta and Fairbanks. In the central playoffs teams from Whitehorse, Watson Lake, Ft. Nelson and Ft. St. John will tangle at Whitehorse. At Edmonton, quintets from Minneapolis, Great Falls, Seattle, Calgary, Grande Prairie, Division Headquarters, Namaso and Edmonton will battle in the southern sector playoffs.

Battle of Giants

Then the winners in all of the three sections will go to Fairbanks for the championship finals. Although there has been no announcement concerning the method of tournament play that will be used in the finals, it is quite probable that the tourney will be conducted on a double elimination basis.

Officers will not be allowed to play on EM teams. Officer teams may enter the sectional playoffs, but an officer team cannot represent a sector in the finals. Squads for both the sectional and the finals will be limited to 11 players and one coach. No limitation has been placed on the number of

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Gold Rush Relics Decorate Chapel

Ten stained glass windows which have been gathering dust in a local storehouse since the Yukon Gold Rush of 1898, and a 2-foot cross fashioned from the wreckage of an A-20 Havoc bomber, adorn the new chapel at Whitehorse base of the Alaskan Division, Air Transport Command, USAAF.

During the gold rush, a band of prospectors built a log chapel on the shore of Lake Bennet, half way between here and Skagway, Alaska. The windows were ordered for the structure, but before they arrived the gold rush had collapsed and most of the Lake Bennet treasure seekers had departed.

The windows stayed here until they were recently offered to Captain Walter C. Lundberg, air base chaplain, of Worcester, Mass., former pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Portland, Maine. The log chapel for which they originally were intended still stands beside Lake Bennet.

Sgt. Percy Owens of Buena Vista, California, made the cross from a section of armor plate salvaged from the bomber. It is set in a piece of oak planking taken from a beached Yukon steamer which used to ply between Whitehorse and Dawson City when the gold rush was at its height.

Watson Lake's Pioneers Lick 7-Day Pass Problem

By Sgt. R. Filer

Far removed from the glare of the big city's lights several of Watson Lake's pioneers have solved the seven-day pass problem by heeding the call of the North's wild woods.

Taking a seven-day pass in the vicinity of an isolated post seemed preposterous to EM and still does, for that matter, to many who can't see a good time unless they are surrounded by street lights and neon signs. But not to Pfc. Gus "Hobnail" Guthrie.

New Jackets? Yes..But When?

Division men will be issued the new olive drab, wool jacket, to be worn in place of the blouse, according to the Division Quartermaster, but it is a question of when they will be available.

An order for the jackets was placed, but Washington cancelled the order until it was determined what theaters would be supplied first. When this priority is established, Division Quartermaster can better estimate when the jacket will be issued in this Command. An important factor, of course, is the time needed to manufacture the jacket.



Wearing of the jacket is optional with the individual. It is not known whether or not men desiring the jacket will have to turn in their blouse, the Quartermaster stated.

The wool jacket is not to be confused with the field jacket of wind-resistant, water-repellent cotton cloth. The design, whether for officers or EM, is the same as pictured above, modeled by Sgt. Lamar Aderholdt.

For enlisted men it is made of wool serge, 18 to 22-ounce material, the same shade as the blouse. Officers' jackets may be of the same cloth as for enlisted men, or of any of the fabrics authorized for officers' winter service coat. (International News Photo.)

EM TROUNCE OFFICERS

A pickup team of enlisted men took three straight volleyball games from an Officer team at Tanacross recently. The first game of the series was the

Guthrie, dubbed "Daniel Boone" by his barracks buddies, took a seven-day pass recently. For several nights in advance he carefully prepared his pack. Then one morning he slung his pack, picked up his trusty shootin' iron and struck out into the bush. At a designated point he met an Indian, Tom Allen, who was to share the hunting trip with him. For the next seven days Guthrie's hobnail shoes were not heard.

Tells Tall Tales

Guthrie returned with tall tales of his colorful exploits. However, it has been confirmed that he dropped an enormous bull moose in its tracks and presented it to his Indian friend who promptly cured and stored it for coming winter months.

"We walked 32 miles back into the bush and then pitched camp," Gus said out of one side of his mouth, a cigar being constantly gripped in the other side. "One morning we saw a big bull moose come out on the other side of a small lake. So we opened up on him. He was dead in two minutes. We went over to skin him and found he was as big as any horse I have ever seen."

Name "Gus Lake"

Then since the little lake had no name it was christened "Gus Lake" in honor of the first white man to shoot a bull moose there. (Historians take note!)

"Hobnail's" successful journey has not failed to attract attention among other sharpshooters, and now another woodsman, Pfc. Jim "Gabby" Hartnett, can be seen almost any evening striding toward the surrounding hills with his puny .22 to pit his skills against the squirrels. As yet no bushy tails adorn the cap of this mighty hunter, although underneath this cap are many bushy tales.

You Supply the Voice, NBC Gives Auditions

Radio-struck GIs who think they are potential Sinatras are being given an opportunity to demonstrate their abilities at free auditions of the National Broadcasting Company in New York. Reports on the tryouts are sent to the network's affiliated stations nearest the GIs' homes, and recordings of the auditions together with experts' ratings are filed for possible future reference. They also are available to the servicemen's local NBC outlet station upon request.

The auditions have been planned especially for soldiers returning from overseas and for servicemen in New York on furlough. Applications should be mailed in or filed in person. Mail should be addressed to "Welcome Home Auditions," National Broadcasting Co., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, 20, N.Y. —ANS.

closest with the EM squeezing out a 25 to 23 win after the Officers had tied the score at 21 all. The second and third games were comparatively easy for the EM, 21 to 12 and 21 to 14.

AIRBORNE STAGE SUCCESSFUL

ALASKAN DIVISION AIRBORNE THEATRE



About an hour before this picture was taken, that fancy stage was just a 300-pound box on the plane. A little teamwork and the Seven-Penguins, who recently toured the Division, have the stage set up and they are ready for action—and we do mean action. The three in front are Pvt. Frank Marcovecchio, Pvt. Jack Mitchell, and T-5 Edwin Birr. In the back are Pvt. Bill Perkins, Pvt. Irving Weinstein, and Pvt. Herman Scallan. (Fairbanks Photo Section.)



the Tanacross Players

By Pfc. Wayne Swanson

An old friend of Laurance Sutton of Tanacross tells me that 30 years ago when Sutton was born, he got right up and walked down the street to the nearest theatre, went back stage and started performing. He evidently liked it, for he's been in show biz ever since.

Unlike other children who used the conventional rubber rings for teething, Sutton used the toe-end of the Stage Manager's shoes. It seemed that the guy would always get in the way when directing scenery shifts, and the kid would bite to keep the bloke from blocking his view of the actors. The kid could tell a baby spot from a Kleig, the proscenium arch from the wings when he was one day old.

At the advanced age of one year, he developed a testy dislike for directors. One of them had told him he couldn't play the juvenile lead opposite Ann Harding, because he looked too young. With characteristic Sutton suddenness, he determined to direct his own shows. The proof that he was good has been demonstrated over and over to Tanacross. The personnel at this Base loses sleep regularly every Thursday nite to listen to the mysterious "DARK OF NIGHT"—a half-hour show, written, produced and directed es-



In the throes of rehearsal are the Tanacross players, from left to right: Ellen Sigars, William Blythe, Lee Freideman, Jean Fuquay, Paul Gattoni, Mary Sigars, Art Goldman, George Hicks, and Jim Adamson. The gory spectacle facing the others is your old "mousetrap." Laurance Sutton.

pecially for the Base by our Wellsian GI.

Last Thursday nite, owing to a slight gig, I was listening in at the Barracks instead of the village PX Bar. In that half hour the emoting of "THE TANACROSS PLAYERS" had sent no less than 20 guys near me to the phone to ask whether or not Tanacross was really threatened by the volcanic eruption coming in on the air waves. There we were again. Great Gobs of Hair Oil! It's real "scripting" and real acting when you can get a local GI radio audience to believe your story-telling.

The Special Service program of Tanacross is greatly aided by the efforts of THE TANACROSS PLAYERS. Practically everyone is a tyro with no back-

ground of theater at all, yet the energy of its radio director, Sutton, has converted AMs, O55's, etc.—with race track speed—into a skilful, talented, technical producing unit. A big percentage of the Base takes part in the work. And Sutton writes his material (from blank page to presentation in two weeks' time) around the actual characters he finds about him in uniform. This lends an authenticity to the script which can never be approached by one of the "canned" shows.

Each program is built up with local advertising featuring the MESS HALL, QUARTERMASTER, DISPENSARY, UNIT SUPPLY, PERSONNEL, ETC. This slant brings belly-laughs from everyone, and warms remote corners of the heart of the coldest base in Alaska.

Training Units To Tour Bases

Mobile Arctic training units will tour bases of the Division in the future as a result of the transfer of the Arctic Training School from Buckley Field, Colorado, to the Alaskan Division.

The School, which many Division GIs attended, has been taken over by the Division and all personnel and equipment have been transferred to this Command. Temporarily, until more suitable locations are found, the technical phase of the school—aircraft winterization courses—will move to East Base and the Arctic living and survival sections will be located at Namao airport in Edmonton.

The Arctic Living School will be broken up into mobile training units and will travel to each base presenting lectures and demonstrations to enlisted men and officers during their off-duty hours, according to Capt. William Welsh, Operational Training Officer.

These units will be assigned to the flights of the Search and Rescue Squadron. In addition to their teaching duties, the men will participate in rescue operations. Winterization courses will be taught by highly-specialized mobile units from the technical phase of the school. The School's major task will begin next March when rotation is resumed and training of the many new men will begin.

Mail Christmas Gifts To States by Dec. 5

If mom, pop, and the little woman back home are to receive their Christmas presents on time, Division men should get them in the mail by December 5.

Division Postal Officer warns that delivery by Christmas cannot be guaranteed for packages mailed after December 5. A shortage of post office personnel in the States, lack of sufficient transportation facilities, plus the great burden caused by the war makes necessary early mailing of gifts.

If packages are to be delivered in good condition, they should be carefully wrapped and addressed accurately. Christmas mail is never handled too gently.

NEW UNIFORM?



Hey, fellows, aren't you out of uniform? No? Oh, you're furnishing the color at the Whitehorse Circus Dance, given in honor of the newly-arrived WAC contingent. The lovely lady is Cpl. William Maag and her escort is Cpl. Francis O'Brien. (Whitehorse Base Photo.)

Watson Lake Soldiers Haul in Fish, Prizes

Fifty dollars in cash prizes have been awarded five Watson Lake GIs and an RCAF Airman who won the Watson Lake Fishing Contest conducted during the summer.

Cpl. Giles and Sgt. Ofstedal copped the \$15 first prize for the heaviest fish—12 pounds, 10 ounces. Second prize of \$10 went to Sgt. Watts. LAC Denne of the RCAF landed the longest fish (40 inches) and took the \$15 award, with Sgt. Leaper and Sgt. Bromby coming in second.

There were other entries but because these fishermen were not permanently stationed at Watson they could not be counted, according to contest rules. The largest fish caught this season measured 38 1/4 inches and weighed 33 1/2 pounds. Prize money was donated by Capt. Payne and Mr. Joseph of the Post Engineers.—Cpl. Sandy Sanders.

EM Organization Formed at Galena

To serve as the voice of the enlisted man, Galena men have organized the "Enlisted Men's Organization."

Under the chairmanship of Sgt. Robert McGraw, the Organization promises to lead in co-ordinating EM affairs and suggestions.

Cpl. Albert Warner was selected secretary. Representatives include Pvt. Albert Drew, Sgt. Jack Pugh, Cpl. Amerigo Fucci, Sgt. Norman R. Chaffin, Sgt. Gus Flesor, Sgt. John Arnold, Pvt. Hubert Adams, Cpl. Hubert Level, Sgt. Ralph McKenzie, and Robert Vaughn.

New Paper

Sponsored by the EM council, a weekly newspaper, "Yukon Floes," will be published at Galena. Sgt. Robert T. Seitz, editor, will sweat over the four pages of news of each unit, shows, and radio programs.

His assistants are Sgt. Spencer Beckley, S-Sgt. C. Miller, S-Sgt. Mike Veselenik, Pvt. Al Grove, Sgt. Robert McGraw, Cpl. Sol Seltzer, Sgt. Gus Flesor, Pfc. Ralph Smith and Sgt. Lester H. Persells.

Privates' Club

But these aren't the only EM who are on the ball at Galena. The privates and Pfc's, not to be outdone by the NCOs, are working hard on a club where they can enjoy themselves during the long winter nights. A large membership is expected.

Meanwhile, the NCO Club elected Sgt. Robert McGraw as president. Sgt. Robert J. Greenway and S-Sgt. Keith G. Bull were elected to the board to fill other vacancies.

After the grand opening, the Club developed into one of the finer things on the Base. Although all the furniture has not arrived, but who cares—a very attractive bar has been installed.—Sgt. John Arnold.

GI BILL OF RIGHTS

More than 5,000 veterans of this war already are attending schools and colleges at government expense under the educational provisions of the GI Bill of Rights, B-Gen. Frank T. Hines, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, revealed recently.—CNS.

Officers Attend Training Confab

All bases of the Alaskan Division were represented at the recent conference of Directors of Personnel and Administration Services which was held at Edmonton from October 11 to 14. Purpose of the training conference, which was directed by Lt. Col. A. L. Pearl, Asst. Chief of Staff Personnel, was to discuss the many Personnel and Administrative problems at the various bases with the newly appointed Directors of Personnel and Administrative Services.

The meeting was opened with an address by Brig. Gen. Dale V. Gaffney. Assisting as instructors in the four-day conference were Lt. Col. John Mee and Capt. George L. Markley from the Office of the Asst. Chief of Staff Personnel, Headquarters, ATC. Additional instruction was provided by members of the Division Headquarters staff, assisted by five Base Directors of Personnel and Administrative Services who had recently returned from a worldwide ATC conference at Grenier Field, New Hampshire.

The duty of the Director of Personnel and Administrative Services, a position recently created under ATC Regulation 20-4, is to supervise all administration at Base level, to include Military and Civilian Personnel, Adjutant, Legal Officer, Intelligence and Security, Finance, Medical Department, Public Relations and Unit Administration.

Rec Hall Named 'Parka Palace'

"Parka Palace" was selected as the name for the new theater and recreation center at Tanacross by a vote of the Tanajoos, headlines a recent issue of "Tanatimes," a lively, professional mimeo newspaper.

Other titles considered were "Tanacross Playhouse," "Ramblin' Rec," "The Pastime," and "Tanana Wreck Hall." The winning name was suggested by S-Sgt. Fred Mackemull, who stated, "The name came to me in a blinding flash of light, out of the clear blue I was inspired by angels."

One wing of the Parka Palace is dedicated entirely to theatrical events. The auditorium, with a seating capacity for several hundred, is equipped with the latest sound and projection equipment and a new and modern projection screen. This Wing is also the home of Radio station WXLZ, the "Voice of Tanana Valley." The large, well-built stage is used for radio shows and for local talent productions and traveling shows.

In the other wing resides the library and lounge with plenty of overstuffed furniture for real comfort during off-duty hours.

SERVICE BARS GO OVERSEAS

The Quartermaster Corps is shipping to overseas theaters of operations the newly-approved overseas service bars, more than 5 million of which were delivered by contractors.—CNS.

And a chow hound is the man who came to dinner—for the duration and six months.

HANDICRAFT HERE TO STAY



Handicraft is here to stay, judging by the enthusiastic reception Cpl. Joe Corey received when he toured Division bases. Corey is traveling the line again—teaching craft work on leather, wood, beads, plastic, ivory. Pictured in the Nome craft shop are Sgt. Percick, working on a beaded belt, Cpl. Moag, linoleum Christmas card block, Cpl. Corey, and Cpl. Giunup, leather cigarette case.

RETURN TO RUSSIA VIA ALDIV



Standing alongside a C-47, emblazoned with the Red Star, members of the Russian delegation returning from the Dumbarton Oaks conference pose at East Base for a final picture before leaving the States on their homeward journey to Moscow through the Alaskan Division (Aldiv). In the group are, left to right, Professors Sergei Krylov, Simeon Tsarapkin, Grigori Dolin, Valentin Berejkov, Major General Nikolai Slaviv, Professor Sergei Golunski, Rear Admiral Konstantin Rodionov, Arkodi Sobolev, Capt. Benkousky (Russian pilot), and Capt. H. E. Novinger (US pilot). (East Base Photo.)

Personnel Encourages EM to Apply for OCS

Although competition is tough and only a limited quota of OCS appointments is allotted this Command, Division EM aspiring to become officers are encouraged to apply for OCS, states Division Personnel. (In August 11 men went to OCS and 13 more will soon leave for training.

Substantial encouragement comes from AR 625-5 which states:

Edmonton Archbishop Says Mass at Base

For more than a month, Archbishop John Hugh MacDonald, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Edmonton, has been saying Mass every Sunday at the ATC Base there. Major R. L. Blaisdell, Division Chaplain, recently disclosed.

The Archbishop has been serving in the place of Captain John Glennon, base chaplain. Captain Glennon, a Redemptorist Father from St. Louis, is on temporary duty at Ladd Field.

The Sunday after Chaplain Glennon flew north, worshippers at the 9 o'clock Mass in the base chapel were surprised to find his role taken by a grey-haired clergyman wearing the scarlet of an Archbishop. The Archbishop has been driving from his residence to the air base so unostentatiously that few Edmontonians outside his Cathedral staff have known of it.

"Ever since the U.S. Air Forces came to Canada, Canadian clergymen of all denominations have been most generous in conducting services for our men."

"All warrant officers and enlisted men who demonstrate outstanding capacity for leadership and who possess those high qualifications desired in an officer will be encouraged to apply." (For information on how to apply for OCS see your base Personnel Office or check AR 625-5.)

In general, an applicant must be between 18 and 35, have qualities of leadership and a good character. He must be able to fulfill service, citizenship, physical and mental requirements, and score 110 or better on the AGCT and 115 or better on the officer candidate test.

Soldiers may select an OCS from the 15 that are now in operation, according to WD Circular 367. These include AAF Administrative, Armored Force, Chemical Warfare Service, Field Artillery, Engineer, Finance, Infantry, Judge Advocate General, Medical Administrative, Military Police, Ordnance, Quartermaster, Signal, Transportation and WAC.

DIRECT COMMISSIONS FOR CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS

EM qualified by education and experience as clinical psychologists may now apply for direct appointment as second lieutenants, Division Personnel announced recently.

The War Department defines "clinical psychology" as psychological work involving direct contact with individuals or investigation of individual behaviour such as psychological testing, mental hygiene work, counselling, guidance, assembling and analyzing case histories, college psychology teaching, or care of the mentally or physically handicapped.

Minimum education requirements is a bachelor's degree in psychology, sociology, or educational or industrial psychology.

Men wishing to apply should complete WD AGO Forms 0850 and 0850-1 (Personnel Qualification Questionnaire). Applications will be forwarded through channels to the Officer Procurement Service for consideration by the interested organization or for filing against future requirements for officer personnel.

EDMONTON MEN TO ADOPT KIDS

Men at Edmonton are planning to adopt three more children this year in addition to playing Santa Claus to hundreds of patients—children and adults—in Edmonton hospitals.

Last Christmas little Billy, a seven-year-old Indian orphan, was adopted. A complete new outfit of clothing and all the toys and candy he wanted were given him. At the same time GIs laden with clothes, toys, candy and gifts, visited patients of all city hospitals. The

PX Staff Has Headaches, Can't Get Enough Stock

Next to the Chaplain, the PX staff probably hears more moaning and groaning than any outfit around these parts.

"What, no Luckies! . . . Out of Kleenex! . . . And why don't you have size 44 shorts? . . . What kind of a joint is this anyway, no Hershey bars, no Pepsodent, no film . . . (and so on through the night)"

A quick trip through most Division PXs will convince an observer that Division GIs have a legitimate gripe. No matter how the stock is displayed, the shelves are never filled and time and time again dogfaces seeking a bottle of shampoo or a pair of shorts return from the PX emptyhanded. This condition has been increasingly evident the last few months. Previously, there have been no kicks coming.

Armed with two .50 mm lead pencils and 100 rounds of questions, the "North Star's" trouble-shooting newshound infiltrated toward Division Headquarters to get the lowdown on the PX situation. **Have Some Aspirin?**

He was, however, quickly disarmed by the frankness of Major Donald C. Graves, Division PX Officer. And before the reporter left the PX office, he was offering to bring the Major a new TS Card and a giant-size bottle of aspirin.

"Since July, 1944, we must order 95 per cent of the merchandise through Quartermaster, instead of ordering from the Exchange Service in the States as well as from the Quartermaster," explained Major Graves. "We place an order for every item that is in demand, but frequently our orders are not filled or are greatly delayed.

"In addition, we may order certain brands of candy, but receive some other kind instead. The Quartermaster must substitute because he can't get a sufficient supply of certain brands of candy bars, hair tonics, shampoos and dozens of other items."

Share the Wealth

There is such a great demand for merchandise by the armed forces that it must be allocated in limited amounts, the Major said. And the amounts allocated to foreign stations by Washington are far from supplying our needs, but this is necessary if all theaters are to receive an equal share.

Examples of PX quotas:

Kleenex, 144 boxes per 1,000 men each month; shampoo, 72 per 1,000; good fountain pens, 21 per 1,000; gum, 6,240 per 1,000; cigarette lighters, 30 per 1,000.

"But often we are unable to fill even these quotas," Major Graves said. "If our allotment is not delivered one month, it is not accumulated in future shipments—we lose that month's quota."

Christmas Stock

"We are allowed to augment the Quartermaster allotment with purchases in Canada, but only a little is available, the Major said. "We are trying to get stock for Christmas, but can't guarantee a thing."

The shortage of cigarettes, candy and gum is a reflection of the situation in the States and thus, a rationing system is necessary. The daily ration consists of one pack cigarettes, two bars of candy or two packs of gum and one box of candy every four days. Ration cards have been distributed to GIs and American employees at all Canadian stations.

"This in part is due to the 'bootlegging' of cigarettes by GIs—selling or giving cigarettes away. A survey revealed that about eight packs were being bought daily per man," Major Graves pointed out.

GI General Store

"The PX is a soldier's store and shouldn't be abused. In many ways we are well off—sufficient beer, cigars and so on. Watches can be bought, but PXs in the States haven't had any for a long time. Shoes aren't rationed and we do receive good shipments of film, although it is sold very fast."

PXs are limited by regulations in taking special orders for men. Special orders are defined as items of personal military necessity not usually carried in stock.

"Men may send the one-pound boxes of chocolates home for gifts, as well as other PX stock—as long as it is not rationed at home, like shoes," Major Graves concluded. "Tobacco, however, may not be shipped to the States."

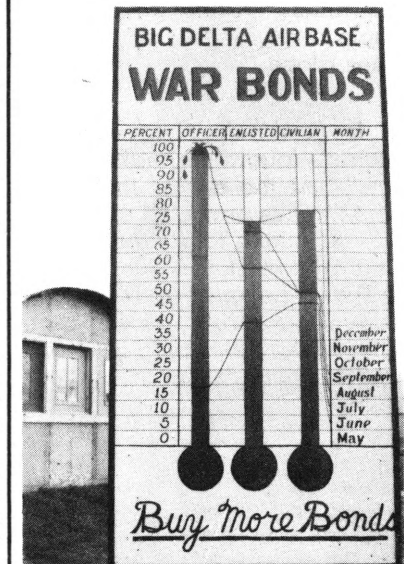
Base orchestra added cheer to the event.

Hospital officials and the nuns of St. Joseph's declared "It was the best Christmas many patients had ever witnessed. We are looking forward to another visit by the Yanks this year."

They won't be disappointed. Already donations are being dropped in collection jars placed on the Base, and the men are digging just a little deeper this year.

The need will be greater, for three youngsters, in addition to Billy, will be adopted—a seven-year-old blind boy, a little boy paralyzed from the hips down, and a three-year-old baby who can't speak, see or hear.

OVER THE TOP



As you can see by the impressive sign, the men at Big Delta are going over the top in their war bond purchases. Already the officers (God Bless 'em!) have subscribed 100 per cent, and the civilian personnel are not too far behind. The GIs are still bringing up the rear, but they are breathing hard on the civilians' (Mostly the females') necks. This sign is roughly 10 feet high, 4 feet wide, stands in back of the orderly room, and when the wind blows, it sways gently. According to Division Headquarters' Officers, Big D is doing the "finest bond job" in the Command, having increased bond allotments from 36 to 78 per cent in 3 months.—Sgt. Seymour Solomon.

Northway NCO Club Elects New Officers

Sgt. Robert Williams has been elected president of the Northway NCO Club and he will be assisted by S-Sgt. Charles Dietrich, Vice-President; Cpl. Leo Arnstein, Secretary; and Sgt. Roy W. Rogensues, Treasurer. On the Board of Governors are T-Sgt. Alex Largo, S-Sgts. William Traylor, Sumner Talcott, Paul Keating, and Charles Lord, and Sgt. Francis Collins.

After an afternoon of bombing, in a small English town, a doctor opened the door of an air raid shelter and called: "Are there any expectant mothers in there?" After a pause, a feminine voice called back, "Not yet, we've only been here a few hours."

Twin beds and prohibition are alike in one respect—it'll be a terrible thing if they ever go into effect.



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WAR 1970 -- Will we be in Uniform Again?

Will a World War III follow World War II?

Will we again be wearing a uniform in 20 years? Will the nations of the world again fight a war to end wars?

The answer, of course, is not a clear-cut "yes" or "no." It is "maybe." It depends!

We know we will win this war.

Will we win the peace?

As citizens of a great nation we are called on to fight in war. As citizens it is equally our duty to fight for peace.

Despite what the cynics say, our democratic government listens to its people. Only when its people are confused or silent do our leaders decide issues alone.

In 1917 our fathers—and many of them now in uniform—fought "to make the world safe for democracy." At the end of that war the President of the United States proposed and helped organize a world-wide institution to prevent future wars. The peoples of the United States, after a fierce campaign, repudiated this League of Nations. (Opponents of the League fought our participation in it because they believed the U.S. would lose too many of its sovereign

rights.) The fruits of victory were lost.

Whether right or wrong, the people's voice was heard, and in recent years the opinion of the people has played an increasingly important role in the nation's affairs.

Soon we shall again be called upon to decide grave issues.

How stern should be the punishment of Germany and Japan?

Should compulsory military training be adopted by the U.S. during peace?

Should a world security organization (Dumbarton Oaks Plan) be completed and adopted before the war is over?

Should the smaller nations be given greater power than is proposed at Dumbarton Oaks?

Should the six smaller nations, non-permanent members of the Security Council, be allowed to out-vote the "Big Four?"

Should one of the Big Four (permanent members) be entitled to veto the action of the Council, even when the permanent member itself is involved in the dispute?

How much responsibility and authority would the U.S. grant its representative in the Security

Council? Would we have to get permission each time from Congress before he could approve the use of economic sanctions or force against aggressors? Or should he be given this opportunity in advance to use the forces of the U.S. to smash any potential aggressor as determined by the Council of The United Nations?

How much sovereign power are we willing to give to an international organization with the promise that peace will be kept?

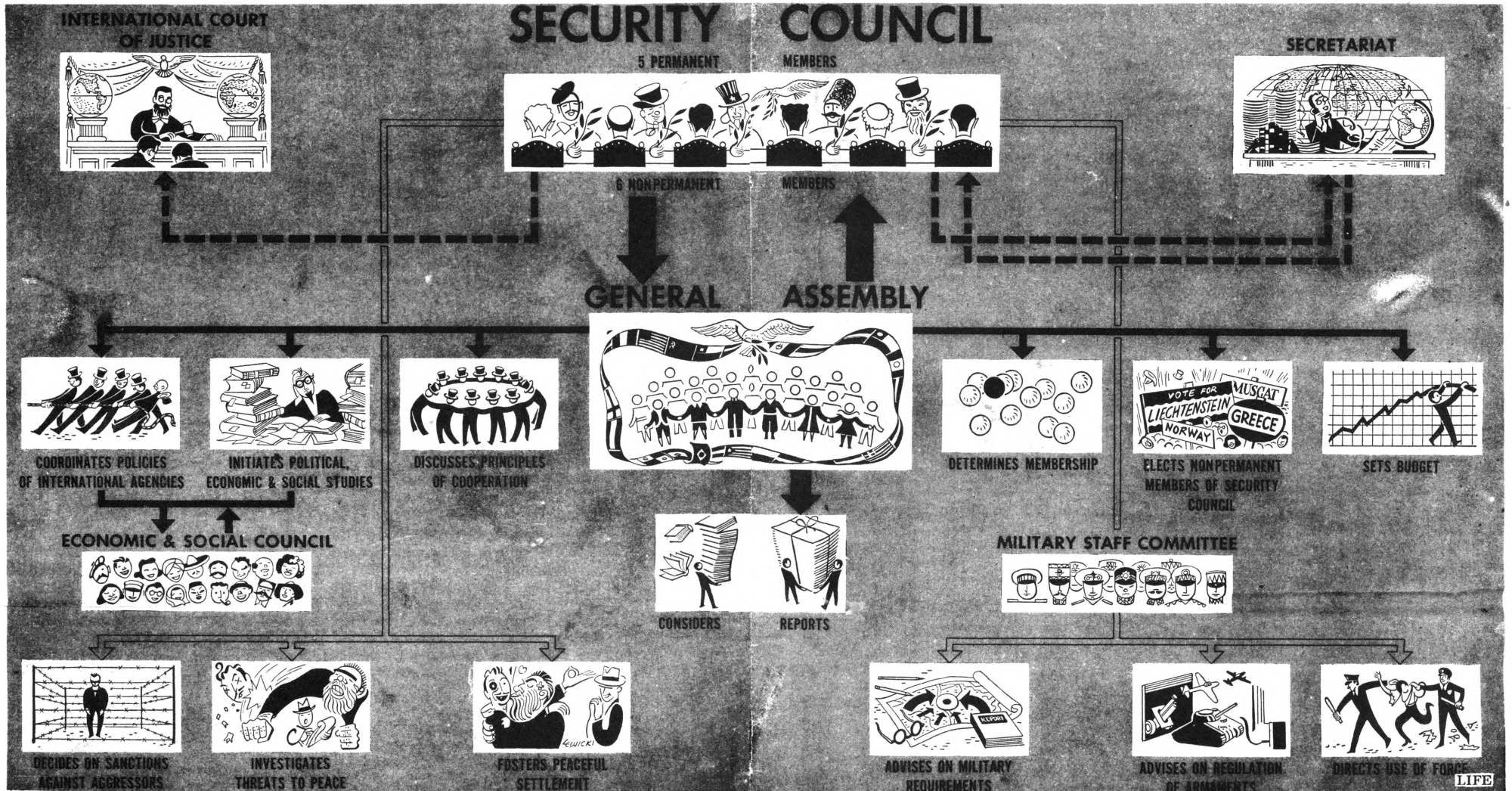
These are only a few questions we will face.

Are we prepared to answer these questions? Will we be by the time the issues finally arise?

To fight a war we must arm ourselves.

To fight for a lasting peace we also must arm ourselves with facts and conclusions determined by a study of all available evidence. We know it's a helluva lot more fun reading a gag story or looking at pin-ups than reading the discussions printed below on Dumbarton Oaks. But we must be informed—we must make every effort to arrive at correct answers.

If we don't want to wear a uniform in 1970, we must accept our responsibility to help prevent another war. If we fail, we must place the blame on our own shoulders!



Blueprint for World Security Organization Pro & Con

After a seven-week conference at Dumbarton Oaks, a palatial estate in Washington, representative of the Big Four—the United States, Great Britain, Russia and China—have unveiled the blueprint of a world security organization empowered to use armed force to preserve world peace.

Called simply "The United Nations," the proposed organization would have a general assembly open to all "peace-loving" nations, a security council, an international court of justice and a permanent secretariat. Its most powerful organ would be the security council composed of representatives of the big four as permanent members and representatives of six other nations elected in rotation every two years by the general assembly.

The Security Council, a far more stream-lined body than anything in the old League of Nations, would be entrusted with the preservation of peace and would have at its disposal armed forces from the United Nations as a whole. The council would be given broad powers to intervene in any situation which might lead to a breach of the peace and to employ any means, diplomatic, economic or, if necessary, armed force at its discretion.

The United Nations is still only a blueprint. It contains several unresolved problems which the State Department indicated would have to be ironed out by the chiefs of the four states themselves or by their foreign ministers with full power to act. After final agreement, a more detailed draft would have to be drawn up for submission to a conference of all the United Nations and then approved by the parliaments of each nation. In the case of the United States, the draft would be in the form of a treaty and would have to be approved by a two-thirds vote in the Senate.

Among the questions left undecided in the Dumbarton Oaks draft is the voting procedure in the Security Council. At issue is the question of whether a nation involved in a potential breach of the peace should be allowed to vote on that particular question. Another question still up in the air is whether the Little Six on the council should be allowed to outvote the Big Four. The Big Four, according to the Dumbarton Oaks draft, would "in due course" become the Big Five with the admission of France as a permanent member.

The Little Six on the council would be elected by the General Assembly for two-year terms, with three nations retiring every year. They would not be immediately eligible for re-election, although presumably a nation could get back after a two-year lapse.

To insure prompt and effective action, the United Nations would confer on the council's primary responsibility for keeping the peace. The council could thus take action without consulting any states not represented in the council. All members of the United Nations would be obligated to accept the council's decisions.

The Security Council would be empowered to exercise any diplomatic, economic or other measures short of war against a potential aggressor and call upon all members of the United Nations to carry them out. Such measures would include interruption of rail, sea and air service, postal, telegraphic and radio communication and the severance of diplomatic or economic relations.

If the council decides on force, "It should be empowered to take such action by air, naval or land forces as may be necessary to maintain or restore international peace and security," the draft states. "Such action may include demonstrations, blockade and other operations by air, sea or land forces of members of the organization."

The armed forces would be provided by all members of the United Nations, each presumably chipping in according to its means. Each nation would hold

a certain number of troops "available" for use by the Security Council. They would not be brought together, however, into a unified international army, and their numbers and types would be determined by special agreements between the nations involved. The chiefs of staffs of the Big Four (or in due course, Big Five) would form a military staff committee to advise the council on the requirements or tactical employment of the troops.

The importance of air power in the plan is indicated by a separate paragraph, which is more specific and far more forceful in language: "In order to enable urgent military measures to be taken by the organization there should be held immediately available by the members of the organization national air force contingents for combined international enforcement action."

The General Assembly of the United Nations would contain representatives of all the United Nations. The assembly would be the policy-making body and would have far less actual power than the Security Council. It would rather consider general principles concerning international co-operation, make recommendations on matters before the Security Council, and initiate studies in political, social and economic fields.

It is empowered to admit new members but only upon recommendation of the Security Council—presumably after passing on the "peace-loving" qualification which is the requisite of membership. This phrase excludes Japan and Germany for some time.

One of the assembly's few real powers is that it elects the six non-permanent members of the Security Council. The political complexion and diplomatic alignments of these six, which would wield a potent bloc of votes, would do much in influencing the decisions of the council.

The international court of justice would be the principal judicial organ of international society. Conferees at Dumbarton Oaks were undecided as to whether the present World Court (Permanent Court of International Justice) would be taken over and modified or whether a whole new judicial organ should be set up.

The Dumbarton Oaks draft also proposed an Economic and Social Council to carry out recommendations in economic and social fields by the assembly and also to make studies in those fields for the use of the assembly and member nations.

Presiding officer of the United Nations would be a secretary-general who preside over meetings of the Assembly, the Security Council, and the Economic and Social Council and would make an annual report to the assembly on the work of the organization. He would be the chief administrative officer of the body.

A separate section of the draft states categorically that the organization's charter should not interfere in any way with "regional arrangements or agencies" already in existence, providing their purposes did not run counter to those of the United Nations. This presumably leaves the Pan American Union free to deal with hemispheric problems.

The disputed points were left to the chiefs of the Big Four. When they are cleared up, and a completed draft presented, a conference of all the United Nations will be called to draw up the charter. Then the charter will be submitted to the respective governments for approval. The State Department disclosed that the over-all document charter of the United Nations would comprise one treaty, and the numbers and composition of United States troops and air forces to be held available for the international body would be drawn into a separate treaty.—ANS

There has arisen the criticism that the plan as it exists would allow the President to put this country into war, an action which the Constitution allocated to the Congress. It can be argued that what the President would be empowered to do would be to engage this country in a police action and not in war in the accepted sense. —"New York Times."

F.D.R. AND DEWEY

In declaring in favor of organizing international machinery for peace while hostilities are still in progress, President Roosevelt is in agreement with the position taken by Governor Dewey.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

"The Council of the United Nations must have the power to act quickly and decisively to keep the peace by force if necessary," the President asserted. "A policeman would not be a very efficient policeman if, when he saw a felon break into a house, he had to go to the Town Hall and call a town meeting to issue a warrant before the felon could be arrested."

"It is clear that if the world organization is to have any reality at all our representative must be endowed in advance by the people themselves, by constitutional means through their representatives in Congress, with authority to act."

"If we do not catch the international felon when we have our hands on him, if we let him get away with his loot because the town council has not passed an ordinance authorizing the arrest, then we are not doing our share to prevent another world war. The people want their Government to act, and not merely to talk, whenever and wherever there is a threat to world peace."

"We cannot attain our great objectives by ourselves. Never again, after co-operating with other nations in a world war to save our way of life, can we wash our hands of maintaining the peace for which we fought," President Roosevelt declared.



After days and days of processing, part of the contingent of Wacs take time off to pose for a picture before leaving East Base for Whitehorse.

G. I. Jane Goes North



Those last few hours before taking off are usually anxious hours, but these Wacs aren't losing any time. Bridge is the game and the participants are, left to right, Cpl. Elizabeth Davis, Lt. Gladys Bauer, Cpl. Kathryn Winger, Pfc. Betty Jo Leffel, 1st Sgt. Janie Rowland and Cpl. Ethyl Goldman.



No, not in a can of sardines, they're packed into a C-47 and all set for the long jaunt. If you don't think the gals can take it, ask their pilot. The trip was mighty rough—and they griped like all GIs—but they proved they could take it.



A whistle blows, and the Wacs answer another roll call. As 1st Sgt. Rowland looks on, Pfc. Leffel checks off the names of the GI Janes whose plane is being warmed up for the Whitehorse trip.



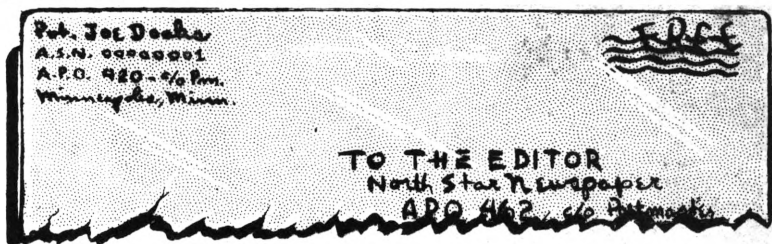
Striding up the ramp towards hot food and bed are four of the first group to arrive at Whitehorse. They are (left to right) Pvt. Ruby Davis of Dallas, Tex.; Pvt. Rosaline Kunstler of New York City; Pvt. Aletha Jane Hand of Hardeeville, S.C.; and Pvt. Jean Kendrick of Charlotte, N.C.



Many of the women had never flown before, so the Division booklet on what to do in an emergency held their interest. The earnest readers are, from left to right, Cpl. Shirley Kase, radio operator from Brooklyn, Pvt. Frances Woodly, clerk from Jacksonville, Fla., and Pvt. Virginia Carey, clerk from Farmington, Conn.



Chow! A hot meal was waiting for the Wacs. Pictured soon after disembarking from a plane are (left to right) Pvt. Winnie Harrison of Ft. Worth, Tex.; Jean Kendrick of Charlotte, N.C.; Pvt. Wilma Chancellor of Moss, Miss.; Madge Franklin of Taft, Ore.; and Pvt. Lorraine Genser of Chicago. (East Base and Whitehorse Photo Sections.)



NOME MEDICS UNDESERVING?

EDITOR:

In reference to the "North Star's" article concerning the generous new Division Manning Tables, Stripes Unfrozen, we of the Medics at this Base think we have a legitimate gripe.

A little more than a year ago we were considered an outpost, at which time it was impossible for any of us to receive higher ratings. Now as we are becoming one of the larger bases in the Division, we still carry the same grades, something which none of us has been able to understand or has never been explained to us. For your information and possibly others, some of us here have been in grade from 8 to 20 months inclusive. Now, then, are we the forgotten outfit of this Division or aren't we "deserving men," quoting from your article.

It seems that the boys at other Bases throughout the Division have already taken up all the Medical Department ratings leaving us with our highest rank, which is that of corporal, for some reason which is beyond our imagination.

How, if at all, does this new Manning Table effect us individually? After reading your article thoroughly we have found no mention of our particular department. We have come to the conclusion that our ratings have not as yet "thawed out." When do we board the gravy train?

Medical Department, Nome.

(After a short investigation of this truly legitimate gripe, the "North Star" can offer no hope to the competent, deserving medicos at Nome. Our advice, if we wanted to be humorous, would be to see Mr. Anthony or the Chaplain. But we know their stripe situation is not funny.)

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE BULL SESSION COLUMN

EDITOR:

Yes, I know there are two sides to your story, one as you call a plug, which is misinterpreted to be a dig and the dig itself. (Re: Sept. 25 Column which asks that Casuals, particularly from the Aleutians and isolated stations, receive better treatment in Casual Squadrons.)

You are as much to blame as your colleague (Cpl. John Haverstick, "Yank" Correspondent) from whom you so generously gathered your misleading material.

As for your learned friend, the rash treatment he was given was no different than that of the other casuals. Our policy has been to process these men and send them on as quickly as possible. To co-operate with us in every way is essential to maintain a steady flow in every respect. When a person such as your friend, comes in here, declaring himself to be a reporter and refuses to submit his papers, he cannot expect us to welcome him with open arms. We don't take it upon ourselves to make a person miserable. We show them the greatest respect, and in return, we would like the same treatment.

I still fail to see your point when you say "treat GIs like human beings rather than cattle." These men here are not cattle; their privileges are the same, one and all. Those that arrive here from the States are automatically confined to the area till they've completed their seven-day physical, after which they are granted a pass. Their needs are taken care of within this area and we take it upon ourselves to see that the Golden Rule applies to them. Treat others as we expect others to treat us.

Let me emphasize a strong point handed down to us which we must carry out, now and in later life. It's courtesy and discipline, which so many have suddenly forgotten. They assume that the rule doesn't apply to them, because of their misfortune in being assigned to an outpost where things of that nature are laid aside.

We, the permanent party men, are not tough, but patient individuals listening to gripes eight hours a day, offering to do more than lending a helping hand. We establish priorities, get transportation and give them the advice they seek. Of course we don't expect them to go chasing all over the field annoying various offices with their wants. That wouldn't be so good, would it? No, we're not the Johns you cut us out to be, but a part of the backbone which makes Casual Dept. function properly.

The question of details sorta stands out like a sore eye. If you call taking a rake and cleaning up a harsh piece of work, I fail to see it. You, yourself, must meet with certain duties that must be performed each day, such as cleaning around your bunk and policing the area around the barrack. This routine must be carried out if we wish to make the base one of the outstanding fields in the Division. Work never did kill a person and the little amount that is assigned to the casuals can be done with the least amount of effort. I assure you the work is not overburdening.

Let not words flow from the tongue condemning us upon the say so of a few individuals, but give credit where credit is due. It is easier to find fault through the words of others than to see it for yourself.

Casual Party Men,
Edmonton Air Base.

Has Edmonton's Casual Squadron been misrepresented? With no further arguments, Bull Session rests its case and turns to the jury—Division GIs. For conclusive testimony ask any soldier who has spent time in Edmonton's Casuals what he thinks. Apologies to East Base and other Casual outfits which have changed "policy" in recent months. TS cards aren't needed while a Casual is at East Base.)

CANUCKS LIKE THEIR NAMES IN PRINT TOO

TO THE NORTH STAR:

... I was interested in your column ("How About That," by Cpl. Jay Bresler) on page 8; and I think you handled (the) delicate matter of (the) American GI's unwarranted resentment of the comparatively scanty coverage given U.S. war activities in the Canadian press) with a great deal of skill and commendable directness.

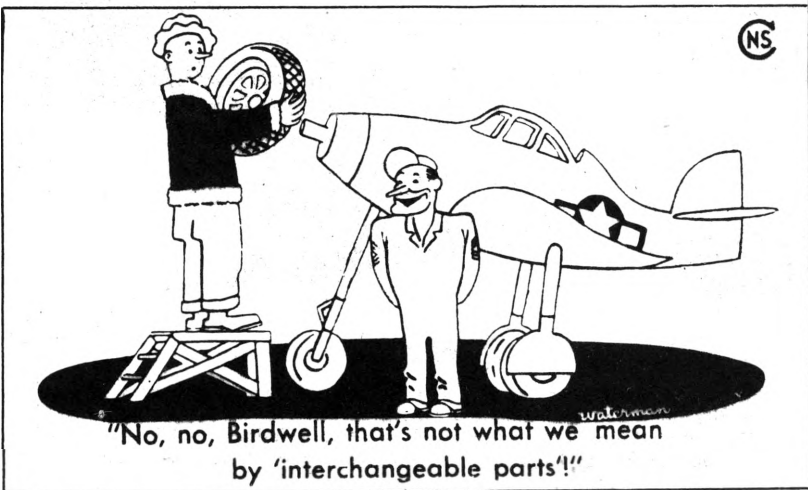
The situation with which your column deals is duplicated with the Canadians in Great Britain. Over there we maintain a not insignificant Air Force; bomber, fighter, intruder and patrol squadrons. These squadrons operate entirely as Royal Canadian Air Force units. Nevertheless the British newspapers never refer to the R.C.A.F.; and always lump our boys' operations in with those of the R.A.F. This gets under the hides of the Canadians over there. But the answer is precisely the one which you have set out so well in your "North Star" article.

Finally, I would like to compliment the entire staff of the "North Star" upon turning out a first class job of information and diversion.

Yours very truly,

W. B. Herbert.

Executive Secretary,
The Canadian Committee,
Ottawa.



The Voice Returns

BUT IT'S DROWNED OUT BY SQUEALING FANS



Times Square, New York, host to many a mob scene, rocked to the squeals of thousands upon thousands of bobby-sox fans recently when swoon-crooner Frankie Sinatra, "The Voice," returned from Hollywood to appear on the stage of the Paramount Theater.

Packed four deep in a line three blocks long and at one time numbering well over 20,000, the teen-agers created intricate traffic problems and plenty of trouble for 150 policemen, 17 squad cars, and 10 lady cops assigned to handle the idolators. Some of the "Voice's" fans had waited all night in front of the box office to be first for the front row swooning perches. Others rose with the milkman, brought their lunches. All brought their autograph books, bobby sox, short skirts, sweaters and noisy ecstasy. The record fan showing was made on Columbus Day, a holiday which closed the schools. It was a day of imprisonment, however, for Sinatra, who chose to spend the entire day in his dressing room rather than face the howling mob of adolescents.



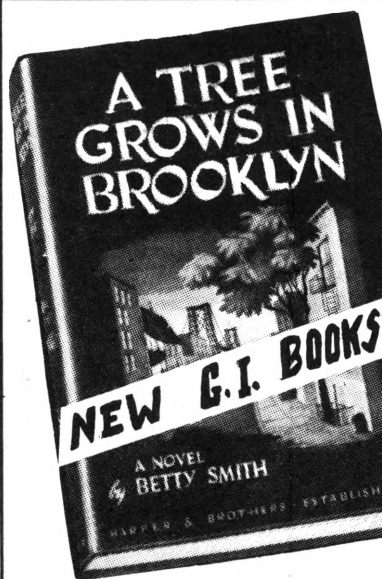
New York's teen-age brigade locked to hear its beloved Frankie "The Voice" Sinatra croon his tunes. While Frankie sings, no sound is heard but his. Girls stare and sigh and dream and, yes, even swoon, as his melodies linger in their ears. This unposed pic, taken while The Voice was doing his stuff shows a segment of a typical Sinatra audience—eyes closed, holding hands, listening enthralled and enraptured. (Acme.)

When the theater's doors opened at 8:30 a.m., only 3,600 of the screaming soxers could be wedged inside. Some remained the entire day. Others for only two shows. While outside, the noisy mob tried everything from feigned fainting to flying wedge rushes to get past the cordon of cops who held them in check. The phoney swooning trick worked wonders for one 16-year-old who was taken into the theater's first aid room for treatment—and stayed to see her crooning hero. Subsequent street swooners were told to go home. The flying wedge rush fizzled, stopped dead by the hard-bitten cops whose only comment on the demonstration was that no one can fathom the strange ways of women.

Inside the theater, The Voice didn't do so well, either. His mere appearance on the stage called for juvenile bedlam. When he did sing, only a few could hear him for the applause and shrieks. He perspired through his healthy tan makeup. Time and again they called him back for encores. It was that way all day—for five shows—and far into the night.—ANS.



Sequel to the bobby-sox riot at the Paramount was an egg-throwing episode by Alexander I. Dorogokupetz, a self-described former "Sinatra-hater" who now says he's a neutral. Then came a tomato-throwing melee (above) indulged in by a handful of sailors who missed the egg-throwing episode. The sailors shelled Sinatra's picture during the early hours on Saturday morning. (NY Daily News Photo.)



In addition to "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," one of the best sellers of the year, the latest set of Armed Services Editions includes:

Clarence Day, "This Simian World;" Don Marquis, "The Old Soak;" Jack London, "The Call of the Wild;" G. B. Stern, "The Dark Gentleman;" Max Brand, "The Secret of Dr. Kildare;" MacKinlay Kantor, "The Noise of Their Wings;" Walter Beebe Wilder, "Bounty of the Wayside;" Eugene Manlove Rhodes, "Stepsons of Light;" Ernest Hemingway, "Short Stories;" Robert Bright, "The Life and Death of Little Jo;" Charles H. Snow, "Rebel of Ronde Valley;" Henry Beston, "The St. Lawrence;" Stewart H. Holbrook, "Ethan Allen;" Ernest Haycox, "The Wild Bunch;" Thorne Smith, "The Stray Lamb;" and O'Henry, "Short Stories."

Meyer Berger, "The Eight Million;" Willard Robertson, "Moon Tide;" Antonio de Fierro Blanco, "The Journey of the Flame;" T. R. Ybarra, "Young Man of the World;" Mildred Walker, "Winter Wheat;" Henry Seidel Canby, "Walt Whitman;" Marquis James, "Andrew Jackson: The Border Captain;" Sinclair Lewis, "Babbitt;" Yankee Lawyer, "The Autobiography of Ephram Tutt;" Herbert Asbury, "Sukker's Progress;" Lloyd C. Douglas, "The Rôbe;" Betty Smith, "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn;" Oliver Gramling, "AP: The Story of News;" Carl Van Doren, "Benjamin Franklin;" Laurence Sterne, "Tristram Shandy;" and Albert Spalding, "Rise to Follow."

Musical Forecast Bright for Winter

Preparing some hot (and sweet) entertainment for the cold winter nights to come, orchestras at every base up and down the line, with one exception, are rehearsing and preparing for a busy season.

"Things are looking up in music circles in the Division," reported Sgt. Alfred Urbach, Division music director, upon returning from his first tour of the line. "Two Canadian bases—Watson Lake and Grande Prairie—already have choral groups organized, and Ft. Nelson is well on its way."

Sgt. Urbach is again on the road, concentrating on the bases farthest north. His job is music—and all music. So, if you like symphony and fugues, or jump and jive, or opera, or barber-shop singing or cowboy sings, talk it over with Sgt. Urbach on his next visit to your base.

Enlisted men taking leadership in musical recreation are: Nome: Sgt. Jack Kirstein, Pfc. William Foster and S-Sgt. Joseph Berger. Galena: Pvt. John Pogan, Sgt. Harold Cobble, T-5 Dominic DeBenedictis and S-Sgt. John Buchanan.

Tanacross: Cpl. John Stair, Sgt. Arthur Goldman, Pfc. Robert Benedict and Pvt. Charles Haun. Northway: Cpl. Virgil Johnson, T-Sgt. John Bass, Sgt. Gordon Maxcy and Sgt. Max C. Miller. Big Delta: Cpl. Aristide DePippo and Cpl. Paul Hershkowitz. Fairbanks: Sgt. Herbert Schroeder, Pvt. Joseph Jandecak, Pfc. Andrew Andrea and Pfc. Narvin Peel. Whitehorse: Cpl. Francis St. Clair. Watson Lake: Cpl. Donald Read and Sgt. Edward Bromby. Ft. Nelson: Cpl. Edson Page, T-Sgt. Sam Schwartz and Sgt. Gordon Hill. Ft. St. John: S-Sgt. William Basham. Grande Prairie: S-Sgt. Paul Miller.

G.I.: "May I take you home? I love to take experienced girls home."

Girl: "But I'm not experienced."

GI: "You're not home yet."

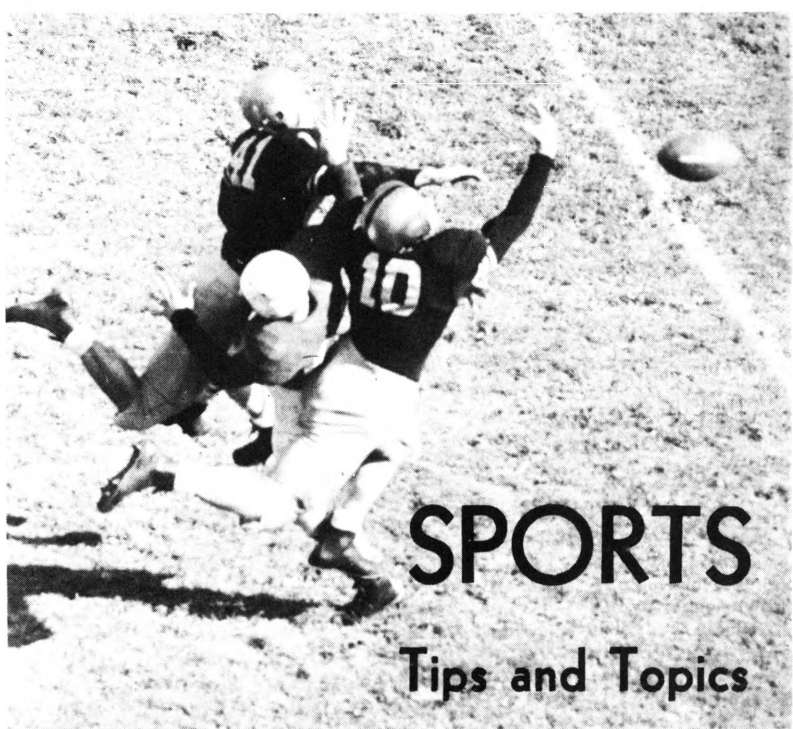
"Don't you ever shoo flies around here?"

"No, we just let them run around barefooted."

FOR POSTWAR FAMILY JAUNT



It looks coy enough for a Sunday afternoon jaunt and that is just what it is for. This neat model was drafted by Donald J. Wheeler of Seattle, Boeing Aircraft Co. engineer. Wheeler predicts that private plane buyers will seek a ship much like the P-38 fighter with four-passenger capacity and a speed of at least 130 m.p.h. The range will probably be 500 miles and the price from \$1,500 to \$3,500. Evidently, the public isn't hep for the helicopter after all. (International News Photo.)



SPORTS

Tips and Topics

By S-Sgt. Francis Rosa

Judge Kennesaw Mountain Landis, High Commissioner of Baseball, was hospitalized. Rumors circulating in the States said he was through as Czar of Baseball. One rumor attracted international attention: in the event the major league club owners are unable to decide who shall be the new Czar, the matter will be placed before the President of the United States. Great! It seems rather facetious for a group of alleged adult business men (and owning a ball club is a business) to appeal to the President to select a successor to Judge Landis.

Coach Ed McKeever of Notre Dame will probably be one of the most sought coaches in the professional football world after the war. Papers in the States are giving Ed most of the credit for Notre Dame's high standing and it hardly seems possible that McKeever would be willing to be Frank Leahy's assistant again.

When handing out the bouquets for the Fighting Irish, don't overlook the fact that Adam Walsh is working with McKeever. Walsh formerly coached football at Bowdoin College (Maine) and his opinions are highly respected. Incidentally, Notre Dame squeezed by Illinois a couple of weeks ago 13 to 7, but the score hardly tells the story. The "Illini" outrushed ND 343 yards to 132, and it took a 71-yard lateral-pass play in the period to give the South Bend boys their victory. Notre Dame was down to face an improving Navy team Saturday in the No. 1 game in the country.

Army and Ohio State were among the unbeaten, untied teams a couple of weeks ago as the cadets knocked off Duke 27 to 7 and Ohio State soundly thrashed Minnesota 34 to 14. Villanova and Indiana were the next opponents for Army and Ohio State respectively.

Dave "Sweeney" Schriener celebrated his return to Major League hockey recently, after a one-year lay-off, by sparking the Toronto Maple Leafs to two consecutive wins, 2 to 1 over the Rangers, and 11 to 5 over the Chicago Blackhawks. The big punch in the latter victory was carried by a line made up of Schriener, Lorne Carr and Gus Bodnar. Schriener and Carr both formerly played with the defunct New York Americans. Also, the Boston Bruins, once the most feared club in the National Hockey League, dropped their first two games of the new season, 7 to 1 to Detroit and 3 to 2 to the Montreal Canadians, Stanley Cup winners last season.

The Sugar Bowl program this year will probably include only a football game. The Navy is using Tulane's gym and the Army is using the City Auditorium. Ray Dumont, the mastermind behind the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress, is making plans for a post-war amateur baseball world series in New York. Eight teams from the various sections of the States and entries from Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and Central America will make up the field. The series will be played on a double elimination basis.

When Notre Dame beat Dartmouth 64 to 0 at Boston, it was the worst beating a Dartmouth team had taken in 60 years. Pepper Martin asked for and got his unconditional release from the St. Louis Cardinals, recently. Pepper is looking for a managerial post in Double-A ball.

The selection of Bobby Doerr and Marty Marion for the most valuable player awards in the American and National leagues caused plenty of eyebrow raising, especially the selection of Doerr. The Red Sox second-sacker was pacing the AL batting parade with a .325 average when he was inducted. Some of the sports writers in the States were tooting the horn for one of Detroit's hurlers, Hal Newhouser or Diz Trout.

A new betting record for seven races was set at Jamaica, October 28. A crowd of 34,046 waged \$3,461,406. That compares with the \$3,618,846 bet at Belmont Park for eight races a month ago.

Two Ladd Men Win At Calgary

Cpl. Charles McGowan and Pfc. George Coleman of Ladd Field, winners in the Alaskan Division Golden Gloves boxing tournament held in Edmonton last May, came through with victories in an RCAF Invitational Tournament held in Calgary last month. Pfc. Armand DeMatteo, another Division title holder, also from Fairbanks, was the third man in the Division to participate in the Calgary bouts, but he dropped a three-round decision.

Pfc. Billy Peterson lost a 3-round decision to F/O Babe Curry from Winnipeg. DeMatteo ran into LAC Viv Florence, a 142-pound aggressive Australian

youth, and lost a three-round decision. DeMatteo weighed in at 147.

McGowan had too much power for LAC G. E. Howard of Ontario, and scored a knockout in the third round. McGowan peppered Howard with body blows in the second round, and just at the bell Howard went down for a brief count. In the third round McGowan cut loose and after a barrage of hard blows, knocked out the Ontario lad.

Pfc. George Coleman had too much ring savvy for LAC Sy Walliser and easily won a three-round decision.

Cage Tournament Set for March

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teams that a base may send to the sectionals.

LADD CAGE LEAGUE BOASTS OF 24 TEAMS

Take Fairbanks for example. With Ladd Field now boasting its own gym, three leagues will operate at Fairbanks with 24 teams participating. League A will have eight teams, League B 10 teams and League C eight clubs. Following an elimination tournament to determine the makeup of each league, the Ladd loop was scheduled to open today. Fairbanks will probably have to conduct an elimination tournament of its own to determine the teams that will compete in the sectionals.

Ladd Field, of course, is probably the basketball hotbed of the Division. But just about every base will operate some kind of league.

Grande Prairie will have a league; nothing as elaborate as Fairbanks, but nevertheless a league. As a matter of fact in a recent game at Grande Prairie the Weather Squadron routed the ATC boys 38 to 4.

AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE LEADS NORTHWAY FIVES

At Northway a seven-team league is already in operation and the Aircraft Maintenance five is setting the pace with an undefeated Record. Administration is in second place, the Officers third and the Civilian quintet in fourth place. Top scorer in the league is Sgt. Art Carniero of Maintenance with 94 points, while the runner-up spot goes to Cpl. Arky Holleman with 58 points. Two games are played each Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights.

An All-Star base team, composed of players in the league, will be selected to represent Northway in games outside their league.

At Nome nine teams have already started playing in the farthest north basketball circuit. Two Post teams are included in the league which boasts more than 100 players.

BASES IN CANADA PREPARE FOR SEASON

At Whitehorse, plans are under way to supply the Hangar gym with a new collapsible hardwood floor. Last season Whitehorse operated a two-league, 15-team program. However, chances are that only one league will function this season.

Watson Lake men are holding practice sessions in their gym and a base league will be functioning soon. The Watson Lake teams will probably feature fast-break attacks because the low-hanging girders make long arch shots impossible. To counteract the low beams, the quintets will show plenty of dribbling and passing.

At Edmonton, the boys will play in a 10-club all-service league, including Canadian service quintets.

And so it goes up and down the Line. Although there are no complete reports available from some bases, all indications point to basketball as the standout sport of the winter months with every team gunning for the Division championship at Fairbanks in March.

WHY NOTRE DAME IS HOT



Three "little" reasons why Notre Dame is enjoying such a good season. Left to right, Frank "Boley" Danciewicz, quarterback from Lynn, Mass., Bob Kelly, Chicago halfback, and J. R. Gasparella, a quarterback from Vandergrift, Pa., refresh themselves with ice cream bars between halves of a recent game.

Alaska Clippers' Record Shows Three and Three

Three wins and three losses is the record now sported by the Alaskan Clippers, the Edmonton football team. After dropping their two opening games, 12 to 7 to Ft. Richardson and 6 to 0 to the sailors from the Butte, Montana, School of Mines, the Clippers easily trampled an inexperienced and weak Great Falls team 25 to 7, squeezed out two victories over Ft. Richardson 8 to 7 at Edmonton and 7 to 0 at Calgary, and dropped a close one to a V-12 unit from the University of Idaho, 7 to 6. Yesterday the Clippers were scheduled to play the University of Nevada.

The Idaho game was probably the best game of the season. Early in the first period the visitors took the ball on downs at the Edmonton 40 and marched for their touchdown. Dick Lazzarini and Dale Case, two slippery Idaho backs, ripped the Clippers' line to shreds as they alternated carrying the ball to give the sailors a first down at the Edmonton 11. Then Case circled his own right end to the two-yard line and on the next play knifed his way off tackle to score the touchdown. Ted Diehl place-kicked the extra point and the Idaho eleven had a 7 to 0 lead.

Later in the first half the Sailors again threatened to tally, going all the way to the Edmonton 6-yard line before losing the ball on a fumble. Another fumble set the stage for the Clippers' touchdown near the close of the first half.

Rocky Jarorowski, Edmonton tackle, recovered a Case fumble of a punt at the visitors' 28. Bobby Burch then skirted his right end for 11 yards and a first down at the 17. Johnny Galvin, the outstanding ex-Purdue backfield star, tossed a nice pass to Burch at about the five, and Burch scored standing up. Galvin's attempted placement was unsuccessful and the Clippers trailed 6 to 7.

That was all the scoring for the day

although Edmonton had two opportunities in the last period. With Galvin passing to Luskin and Andrews for two consecutive first downs, the Clippers had a first down at the visitors' 12, but lost the ball on downs. A few moments later the Clippers recovered a fumble at the Sailors' 20-yard line, but an attempted fourth-down field goal was blocked.

SPORTS CHATTER

Madison Square Garden has just declared a dividend of two bits a share which is more than some of those summer fight programs were worth. . . . Jesse Owens, who was reported from Europe as being in the Army there and set to run in a track meet in Paris, turned up at the Ohio State-Missouri football game and reported that he'd been working in a Detroit defense plant for two years. He's never been near Europe since he took Adolph's boys over the coals in the Olympics. . . . All baseball fans aren't limited to the sport. In Hibbing, Minnesota, where the Chicago Blackhawks hockey team stage two practice sessions, a day, they cut it to one and in the morning, so when the series started the boys could get to a radio for the St. Louis classic.

Smokey Joe

By Merrill Waller

In the legends of the Northland there's a mighty sourdough Who is known to all and sundry by the name of Smokey Joe. There was never such a hero—ask the lads who ought to know—

As the Search and Rescue leader—bold, intrepid Smokey Joe!

Say you're forced to make a landing
North a thousand miles or so,
Where there's nothin' all around you
But the mountains and the snow
And the forests and the muskeg
And your ration's runnin' low,
And you've got a broken ankle
And a busted radio,
And the temperature has settled down
At fifty-five below,
And you're countin' up your mortal sins
And guessin' Where you'll go—
Cheer up, brother, and remember
That you've got another throw!
(Cheer up, brother, and remember
That there's always Smokey Joe
With his parachutes of malemutes
And medicos in tow!)
Just sit tight and count to twenty—
Sniff the air a time or so—
You can smell him from a distance
With his big cigar aglow!
See that cloud on the horizon
As he waits it to and fro?
That's a smoke-ring that he's blowin'
And behind it's Smokey Joe!
(He's a-comin' to the rescue
Just as fast as he can go!)

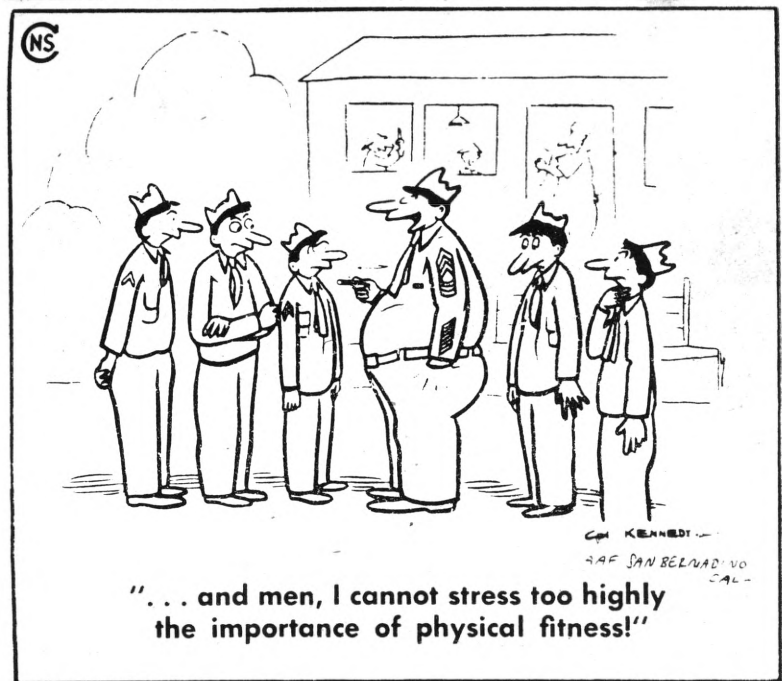
Once upon a ceiling zero
Joe himself went down, you know—
Forced to make that old crash landing
In the wilderness below,
Did we waste our time and effort
Huntin' for him high and low?



Major Joseph F. Westover, Alias "Smokey Joe"

No, by gosh, all Search and Rescue
Knew exactly where to go!
(We just looked for clouds and muttered
"Where there's smoke, there's Smokey Joe!")
Sure enough we found a nimbus
Like a smoke-ring he might blow,
And on close investigation
Who was it but Smokey Joe!
Did we hasten then to drop him
Food and medicine? Oh, no—
We just dropped a box of stogies
To maintain his status quo—
Just a box or so of stogies
With a nonchalant "hello!"

"Where there's smoke there must be fire,"
Some folks say, but they don't know—
In the legends of the Northland,
"Where there's smoke, there's Smokey Joe!"



Oh for the Life Of a Reporter

The life of a newspaper man is a fight against odds. In the normal pursuit of his calling he may be called upon to face sleet, snow, fire and brimstone. Thus it is that E. T. Baker III, reporter for the Baltimore Sun, was able to carry through a recent assignment without losing his aplomb—without even uttering a long, low whistle.

Venus Ramey, of Washington, D.C.—“Miss America of 1944” to you—was appearing at the Hippodrome theater here during a war bond tour. Baker was assigned to a backstage interview with the celebrated young lady, whose fame goes before her in more ways than one. She's smart, too, Baker found, and knows all the answers—well, all except one.

Vital Statistics

“You're 19?” the scribe began as he sat in Venus' dressing room.

“Yes.”

“And your hair . . . ?” he said, trying manfully to keep his gaze on the notebook and his thoughts on the duty at hand.

“ . . . is red,” she helped him. “And my eyes are blue. I weigh 125, and I'm five feet, seven. My hips are 36 and my waist is 25½.”

Surely that is not all, Baker thought. There must be some further measurement that would interest the city editor and a girl-minded public.

“And your bust?”

Miss America shrugged, and shook her pretty red head.

“I don't know,” she replied, smiling.

His Big Chance

Baker was flabbergasted. The matter he had brought up was, after all, a chief stock in trade for any Miss America, or for any girl who aspires to be Miss America—or for any girl, period. It was particularly important in Venus' case because she had been widely touted as the biggest busted Miss America in history.

“I think it depends on who measures me,” the beauty declared and (Baker swears it) reached into her dresser drawer for a tape measure. Baker stole himself, and reached for the tape.

“Thirty-five,” he began. “Thirty-six, 36½, 37.”

That said Miss America, was pretty good. Once in Brooklyn it had been recorded as 37½—but whatever the odd inches or millimeters, she informed the reporter, she's still way out in front in Miss America competition. Baker agreed it was quite an achievement, since the lady had never even drawn a deep breath.

“Achievement?” Venus exclaimed, wrinkling her little nose. “My goodness, it's not my fault!”—ANS.

THE HOME FRONT -- A GI ANALYSIS

No matter what one says about the home front there are going to be objections and exceptions.

The majority of the folks back home are “solidly behind their fighting men,” declares Sgt. Jack Fossie of “Stars and Stripes.”

The majority of the girls back home are certainly a lot more true to their boys overseas than the boys are to them.

The majority of labor has never struck a day since Pearl Harbor, and, as we know, has done a tremendous job of producing the weapons of war.

Nevertheless, it is the exceptions—the minorities out of step with the war effort—who catch the headlines. The number of strikers have never been larger than 1 per cent of the labor total, and yet even a fraction of 1 per cent is like a slap in the face.

Less evident, and therefore less publicized, are the equally-damaging production hindrances by the employers; the record is far from being one-sided.

The growing list of brush-off clubs indicate that some of the girls got tired of waiting and married the money-padded defense workers. **But the earnings of the defense workers are beginning to fall off, so perhaps the main threat is over, gentlemen. Just hold on a little longer and renew your V-mail romance.**

With more than 4,000,000 men overseas—and to the USA everyone overseas is in combat—there are very few homes without a silver star in the window, indicating that their sons are over the oceans. The number of gold stars is growing—those are the homes which truly know the meaning of sacrifice.

All this is said in the interest of accuracy and fairness. None of it prevents the homecoming veteran from having plenty of reason for scoffing at the so-called “hardships” in the States.

Virtually any article, food, dish or drink can be purchased for a price. Entertainment centers are enjoying a boom such as never before experienced, even though the standards of entertainment are somewhat lower and, to the veteran, so often corny with “flag-waving” that he finds himself wondering: “So that's patriotism?”

To all these charges the home front says in rebuttal: “Well, what would you have us do? Live in foxholes in our backyards? Should we be punished for producing plenty? Would you have us bombed because we are unable to appreciate the hardships and horrors that you are undergoing?”

Right now the home front is looking beyond the war, beginning to worry about the postwar period. Reconversion is raging in Congress, with industrial leaders favoring immediate and drastic molding of American production along peacetime lines while military leaders are cautioning that the war isn't over yet by a long shot.

The big question is when the war in Europe will be over, and how to win the peace that follows. Everyone is giving his guess as to the date of V-day except those who really might have a good idea.

The other topic is football. Yes, America is still America.

The Army has its own reconversion problem: the number of returning veterans has now reached a point where it's becoming more difficult to reassign them to any job where they'll be certain of not finding themselves again shortly. Furthermore, the vets are topheavy with rank. One gratifying factor is the real effort being made by the War Department to clean out all the old-time garrison soldiers eligible for overseas duty.

Most of the Army office jobs in the States are now held by WACs, civil service girls and veterans.

There still are not so many veterans, however, to have become a drug on the market. In other words, returning soldiers are still heroes, and frankly it's not bad to be classed as such. The folks back home, realizing that the vets bear them a grudge, are overly anxious to wipe out the ill-feeling, showering them with free drinks and all that goes along with it, including the “tell us what it was like over there?”

The post-war veterans problem is also a subject for debate, and everyone has promised that “it won't be like after the last war.” At the same time, war workers are beginning to cast around for “peace work.”

Otherwise, the home front is just as you knew it, if you can remember back that far



Attn. Mr. Ripley

By S-Sgt. Herman Silverman

Here's one for Bob Ripley!

Over eight million men in the U.S. Army anxiously awaited the War Department's announcement on how the army would be demobilized and each GI was prepared to offer at least ten dozen reasons why he should be released first.

The plan was released and here's the believe it or not—with only a few exceptions, the GIs heartily approved the plan, calling it very fair and just. Off hand, I'd say a good 90 per cent of the army okayed the plan.

And brother, it's a believe it or not when a decision of the brasshats in Washington meets with such approval. Often it's the other way around.

The exception to this is the older men in the service, those in their 30s. They feel—and with some justification—that age should be considered in the demobilization. You know the argument.

It's interesting to note that Great Britain recognizes age as a demobilization factor. On the whole, however, I think most of us consider the American demobilization plan more satisfactory than the British plan for limited demobilization after the defeat of Germany.

Briefly, here is the British set-up, according to a “White Paper” recently released:

Demobilization will be carried out on a basis of age, length of service and need for workers.

Each soldier released would be given an outfit of civilian clothes and a maximum of eight weeks' pay. Two categories of men to be released were established:

CLASS A: Those whose age and length of service gave them first rating, priority to those over 50. For each two months of service, a man would be raised automatically one year in age for release purposes. Thus, a man of 24 with five years' service is placed on the same basis as a man of 48 with one year's service.

CLASS B: Those subject to release on the basis of their value outside the army in industry. These men would be subject to call anywhere and would be directed largely into construction.

The White Paper also disclosed increase in pay for all ranks and bonuses up to \$15 a week for men who serve against Japan. The British private received about \$1 per day.

Don't you agree that we're better off than our British Tommy?



So the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce isn't kidding about beautiful scenery after all, and look at the beautiful weather! If that's a sample, Palm Springs, here we come. Like the infantry, it looks as though Marguerite Chapman got there on her legs. As a matter of fact, you curious kids, it was beauty, talent, and charm which zoomed Marguerite to stardom.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of “Terry and the Pirates”



What A Standing Operating Procedure

