

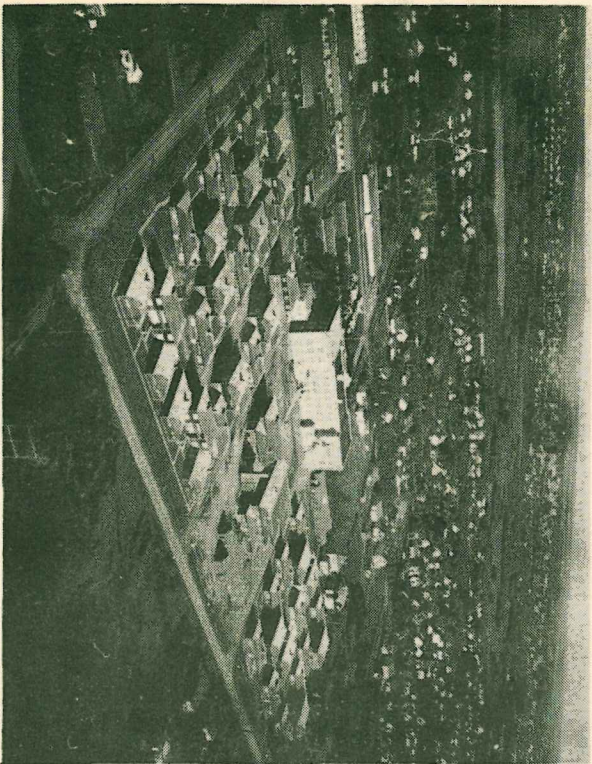
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From The Edmonton Headquarters . . .



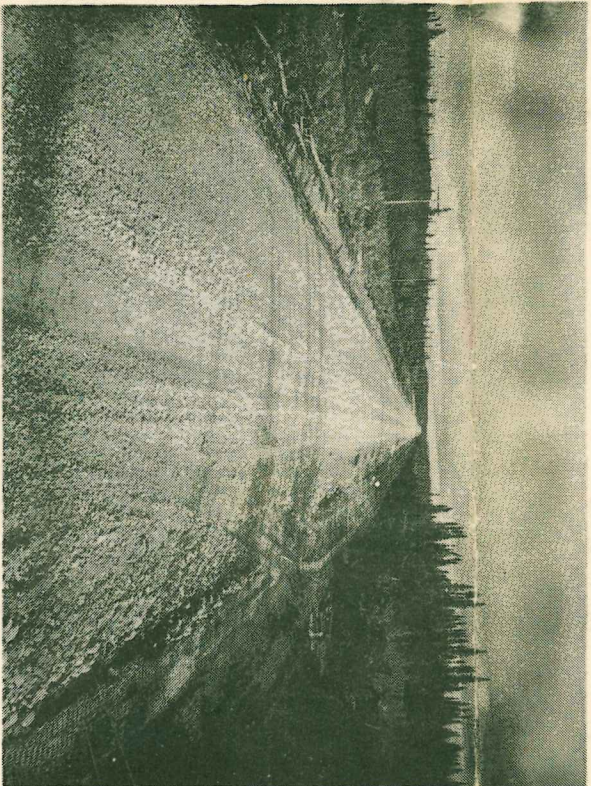
At left is the Jesuit College Base from which the bulk of NWSC personnel were moved this week

Brig.Gen. W. M. Hoge, first Alcan Highway CG, is playing an active part in the French invasion.

Brig.Gen. J.A. O'Connor, first NWSC CG, is now in the busy China-Burma-India Theatre.

. . . Along The Alaska Highway

Equipment for many branches of the NWSC Hqs. moved in convoy over the famous Alaska Highway to Whitehorse Yukon to the new NWSC Hqs.



NORTHWEST NEWS ENTERS SECOND VOLUME FOLLOWING MOVE TO WHITEHORSE, Y.T.

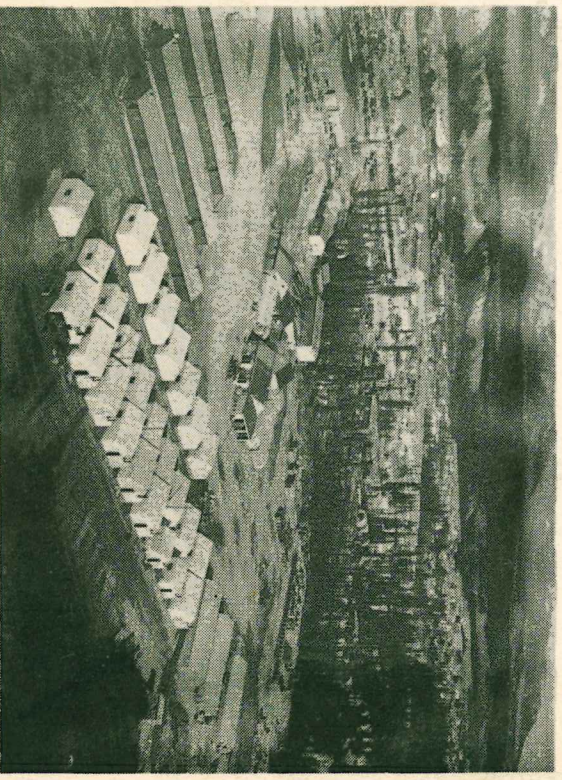
Northwest News, weekly publication of the NWSC Hqs, this week has a Whitehorse date-line.

In this issue, news from Whitehorse has been carried when available. Extended communications lines have presented some difficulties. . . soon, however, the printing and editorial work will all be done in Whitehorse.

Special thanks are due the Alaskan Division, ATC, for the use of their printing equipment, the staffs of Multilith and Mimeo and the NWSC Photo Labs for their aid.

Brig.Gen. L.D. Worsham, second NWSC CG, is now Asst. Chief of Engineers.

Storied Whitehorse in the Yukon Territory of Canada is once again the home of the U.S. Army's Northwest Service Command



. . . To Historic Whitehorse V. T.

NORTHWEST SERVICE COMMAND MOVES TO WHITEHORSE HQS

The NWSC Hqs was officially transferred to Whitehorse, its original Hqs, on Wednesday, 16 August.

Personnel and equipment has been flowing northward at a good rate.

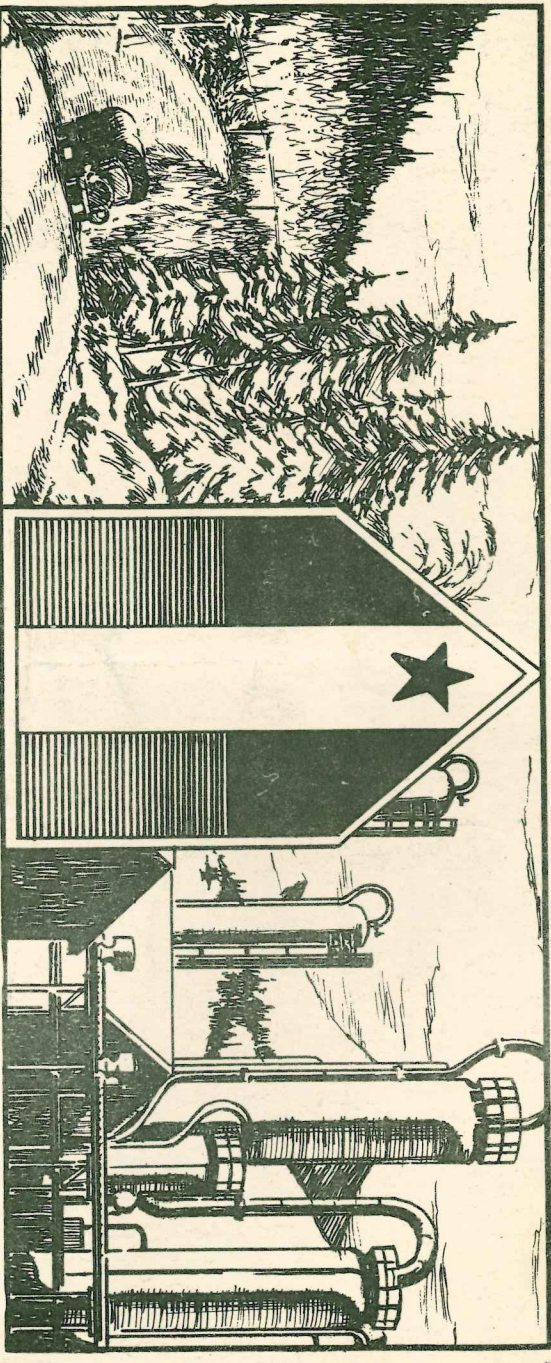
Except for the Rear Echelon which will be based in Edmonton, the bulk of NWSC personnel will be in Whitehorse by the end of this month.

OFFICER PERSONNEL

An announcement of principal staff officers and depot commanders was also made 16 August.

The list follows:

Commanding Officer, Col. F. S. Strong, Jr., Chief of Staff, Col. E. E. Kirkpatrick; Deputy Chief of Staff, Col. C. M. Clifford; Director of Supply, Col. L. M. Adams; Service Command Adjutant, Major A. C. Herne; Director of Personnel, Maj. L. Q. C. Lamar; Service Command Fiscal Director, Maj. S. Backer; Chief, Security and Intelligence, Major L. G. Caldwell; Chief, Control Branch, Maj. B. J. Nickelsen; Inspector General, Maj. C. M. Jones; Chief, Public Relations, Maj. F. C. Bishop; Staff Judge Advocate, Maj. M. P. McGregor; Service Command Signal Officer, Lt. Col. J. R. McKinley; Service Command Transportaton Officer, Lt. Col. H. D. Harpold; Director of Operations, Col. G. R. Tyler; (continued on page 4)



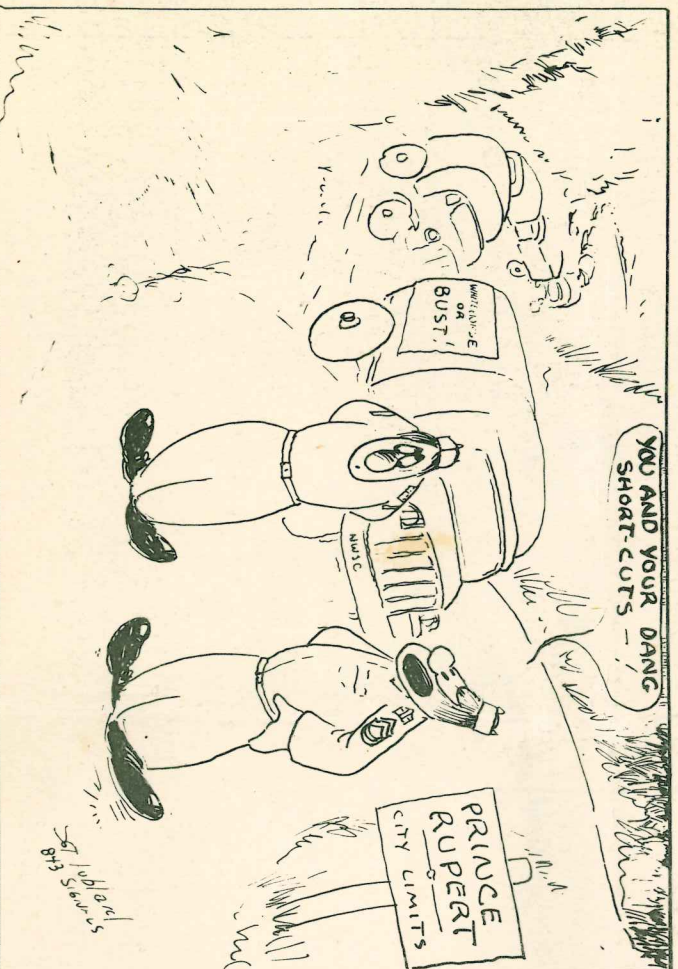
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The great exodus from Edmonton to Whitehorse got under way in earnest this week and the old Jesuit College grounds and buildings were starting to look as barren as last year's Christmas tree. More than 55 persons made the trip from Edmonton to the banks of the historic Lewes River during the week just past, and many more are scheduled to arrive in the northland in the immediate future.

With the Headquarters of Northwest Service Command re-activated in Whitehorse, there are scores of new faces to be seen in the bustling metropolis made famous in song and story by Robert W. Service, Jack London and many others lured to this part of the world in the halcyon days of 198.

To those who are now in Whitehorse for the first time, the Northwest News extends a hearty welcome. You will find here much of interest and much of value that you may recall in some distant future with pleasure and not a little regret. For here, as in few other parts of the world, there is much for the nature lover to gain in relaxation, sport and social benefit. You can, in your leisure moments, visit famed Lac LeBerge, take that week-end jaunt to Carcross at the head of Lake Bennett, or fish in the Lewes River and its tributaries. And when it's all over and done with, and you have returned to your pre-war status, there will be for many of you, regret that you did not have a longer time to savor the many keen delights of this fabulous country.

So, a final word of advice to you newcomers: make the most of this land in the fleeting time you are here; take advantage of the scenic beauty and this real down-to-earth outdoors. So good luck, and welcome to your new home. We hope "you'll like it!



Lt. Carl W. McEwen, of Dawson Creek District, is in Edmonton this week with a hustling ball club.

The team will compete with other US Army squads for the title Champions of US Armed Forces in Northwestern Canada and Alaska.

Dawson Creek team is composed of star players elected from all the squads playing in the DC leagues. They have already taken the measure of the Whitehorse team, two games to one.

The softball champs will be picked from the Dawson Creek, Prince Rupert and local Air Base teams.

The Prince Rupert aggregation is also in Edmonton for the series. All clubs are loaded for the play-offs.

A letter from Mrs. Margaret Phillips, Fiscal Branch, says that everybody seems to find his new post interesting.

About every six weeks YANK, The Army Weekly, conducts an all-GI forum on current topics of interest to American GIs wherever they may be.

Here is advance notice of the next two subjects: "Who should be discharged first after the war?"

"Should veterans of this war get a bonus?"

Contributions shouldn't be longer than 350 words and should be sent to YANK Alaska Bureau, APO 942, Seattle, Wash.

G. I. "BILL OF RIGHTS" IS NOW LAW OF THE LAND

The recent G. I. Veterans "Bill of Rights" recently signed by the President and now a reality and law of the land, guarantees to the veteran some measure of security after his discharge.

A veteran--either man or woman who has an honorable discharge--and who has served 90 days in the armed forces since September, 1940 or less than 90 days if he or she has a service connected disability is eligible to participate in the benefits of the G.I. Bill.

The benefits of the bill in no way effect the veterans present muster out pay, pensions for disability or hospitalization privileges.

The Bill provides a veteran can do the following things with Government aid and assistance: Buy a home, farm, or business--go to college--get unemployment benefits if unable to find a job or be guaranteed free hospitalization if needed.

If a veteran wants to buy a home--business--a farm--or remodel his present home, the Government will stand behind a loan up to \$2,000.00. Interest on these loans cannot be in excess of 4% with a 20-year maturity maximum.

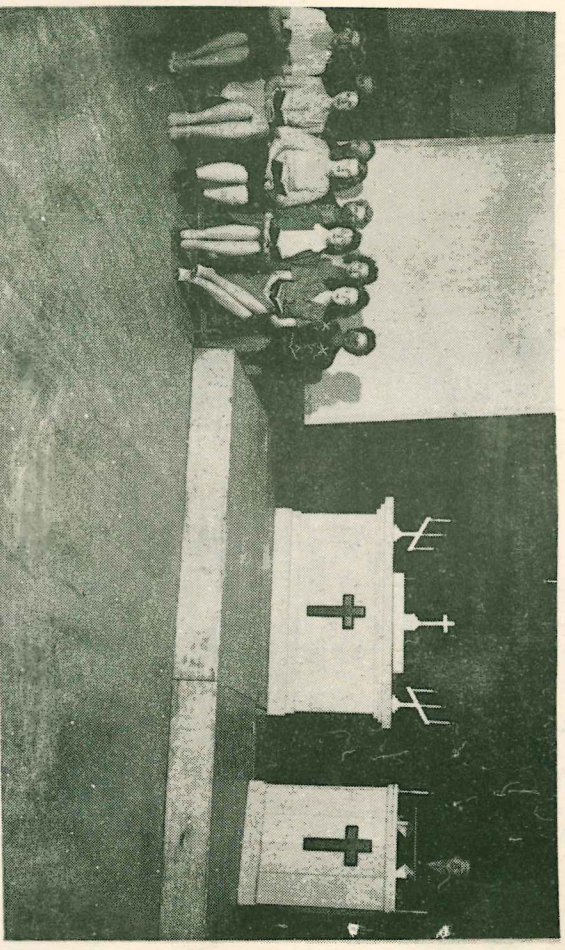
As to college training for those veterans under 25 years of age--the Government will pay tuition up to \$500.00 per year with a living allowance to the student of \$75.00 per month if married or \$50 per month if single--the student may attend the school of his choice.

Unemployment benefits for veterans will be \$20 per week for 52 weeks. Self employed veterans will also receive some assistance in the event their earnings to not reach \$100 per month.

Time allowance for the termination of some provisions of the bill vary with the length of service the veteran has to his credit.

The Bill authorizes an expenditure of \$500,000,-

NORTHWEST SERVICE COMMAND CHOIR PRACTICE AT REC HALL



The NWSC Choir's personnel may be small, but its activities benefit many. The picture above shows choir members at practice Thursday night in the Rec Hall. Front row, (l to r): Alice Frandsen, Eunice Garrison, Luella Phillips, Katie Wilkes and Virginia Cutts; Second row, (l to r): George St. John, Major T. H. McGrail, Elise Ellison (pianist), Mrs. Ruth Snow and Bama Babb. Other members of the choir who were transferred or for other reasons absent at time picture was taken are: Capt. C. Bussey, Lt. R. H. Ellis, Jr., Dorothy Williams and Lucia Dominguez.

SERVICE COMMAND NOTES OF CHANGES, PEOPLE AND PLACES

Emily Swan, of Industrial Personnel, married Frank Pool of the Canadian Navy Friday. The branch was all a-dither this week... Emily had received a wire Sunday informing her that Frank would be home Wednesday and that the wedding could take place Friday.

Emily has two weeks' leave of absence. The couple will visit Banff.

Lt. Col. R. K. Spicer, Hqs Whitehorse District, has been placed on TD to attend the Service Staff Course, Twentieth General Staff Class, Command and General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

OWO Fred Werten returned to Hqs 13 August. He had been recruiting civilian personnel in Vancouver, B. C.

T/4 Frank Johnson, of Industrial Personnel, left Hqs 14 August for TD in Dawson Creek.

000 for the new hospital facilities and provides machinery whereby each eligible veteran can easily file claims, appeal denials, or quickly find out what he is entitled to and how to get it.

T/Sgt. Walter Greasy, T/Sgt. Kenneth Kooyers, T/Sgt. Robert McNeill, S/Sgt. Peter M. Witzman, S/Sgt. Lawrence R. Rice, S/Sgt. Thomas Conroy and Sgt. John Gooden left Hqs this week for the NWSC Hqs in Whitehorse.

Christine Swan, of Engineering Branch, received a week's postponement of orders moving her to Whitehorse to attend her sister's wedding Friday.

Lt. Fred Mukensnoble, MAC, has been relieved assignment to Whitehorse District and been assigned a station in Edmonton as Medical Supply Officer.

Helen Greany is in charge of personnel procurement in the absence of T/4 Frank Johnson.

Violet Dombroski, formerly of Industrial Personnel, is now employed in Travel Section.

Recruiting of civilian personnel from the Edmonton office has ended this week.

Catherine Opulski, of Industrial Personnel, terminated 14 August.

GOINGS ON ABOUT TOWN

SUNDAY SERVICES

Station Hospital: 9:00 AM
NWSC Rec Hall: 11:00 AM
843rd Rec Hall: 7:00 PM
Chaplain W.J. Brown will conduct the services.

DANCES

Tonight and every Wednesday and Saturday evening there will be a dance for all members of the Allied armed forces at the local Red Cross Club.

BASEBALL

Tonight, Dodgers vs U.S. Signals at Renfrew Park. Game time 6:45 PM.

Sunday afternoon, Arrows vs US Army Yanks at Renfrew Park. Game time, 3:00 PM. Last game of regular season.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

NWSC REC HALL
20 August SECRET COMMAND
23rd GREAT MOMENT

QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
22 August MINSTREL MAN
23rd INVISIBLE MAN'S REVENGE

843rd REC HALL
21 August MINSTREL MAN
24th INVISIBLE MAN'S REVENGE

STATION HOSPITAL
22 August MINSTREL MAN
25th INVISIBLE MAN'S REVENGE

OFFICER PERSONNEL

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Service Command Ordnance Officer, Lt. Col. E. G. Robbins, Jr.: Service Command Engineer, Major R. J. Hafner; Service Command Surgeon, Col. C. R. Mueller.

Commanding Officer, Skagway Port of Debarcation, Lt. Col. R. L. Tatum; Commanding Officer, Edmonton Railhead Depot, Maj. M. H. Johnson; Commanding Officer, Dawson Creek Railhead Depot, Maj. C. A. Stone; Commanding Officer, Whitehorse Railhead Depot, Maj. W. R. Bryan.

Maxine H. Sitton, who was secretary to Major F.C. Bishop, since June, 1943, has returned to her home in Monticello, Utah.

LT. J. FORD SWEARS IN T/SGT. HENRY YOUNGERMAN AS WO



T/Sgt. Henry C. Youngerman, of the 843rd Signal Service Battalion, was sworn in as a Warrant Officer Junior Grade on 7 August by Lt. James F. Ford. From left to right: Capt. G. I. Shistar, Lt. T. S. Johnson, Lt. Ford, WOJG Youngerman, Lt. Col. W.D. Greenlee and Maj. J. R. Addington. Signal Corps photo.

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Maj. J. W. Evans, Hqs Whitehorse District, has been assigned to Reception Station, Ft. Devens, Massachusetts.

Capt. Howard E. Webb has been relieved assignment to Whitehorse District and assigned to the Reception Station, Camp Beauregard, La.

Capt. Merwin J. Gregg has been transferred to the Reception Station at Fort Bragg, N. C. He had been assigned to the Whitehorse District.

Maj. Wirt P. Farley, Hqs NWSC, has been assigned to the Reception Station at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

Lt. John T. Donelson, Whitehorse District, has been assigned to the Reception Station at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Lt. James F. Ford, Hq NWSC, has been designated mileage administrator for the Rear Echelon and will be stationed in Edmonton, Alberta.

S/Sgt. Lenord Henke, SU 2430, has been granted a 21-day furlough to Austin, Texas. He left Edmonton this week.

T/5 Edward F. Kubitscheck, SU 2430, left Hqs on TD to Grande Prairie, Alberta, for approximately thirty days. He will be in charge of the APO.

Lt. Col. C. E. Kirken-dall, Hqs NWSC, has been placed on TD for the purpose of attending Command & General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth.

Lt. William Cosgrove, QMC, has been appointed Recruiting and Induction Officer for the Edmonton Railhead Depot.

Cpl. Edwin E. Simpson has been transferred to Whitehorse, Y. T.

Colonel Frederick S. Strong, Jr., NWSC CO, is on a trip over portions of the Alaska Highway. He visited Dawson Creek and Muncho Lake.

Dawson Creek All-Stars copped the first game of a three-game series Wednesday at Kingsway Park. Box Score: R H E
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Weber and Hardy; Wullenweber and Burns.

Movies will be shown in the NWS Rec Hall through 13 September.