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11 CANADIAN NEWSPAPERMEN TOURING THE NORTHWEST

Ten eastern Canadian columnists and a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation representative are now touring NWSC installations throughout the northwest.

The party, escorted by WOJG Fred Ayer of the Public Relations Branch staff, left Edmonton via ATC on Monday. Sgt. Val Hawes of the Photo Lab is the photographer for the party.

They flew to Fort Norman, NWT, first and then proceeded to Whitehorse.

One leg of the trip will consist of a bus ride over a portion of the Alaska Highway.

Included in the party are: F. W. Doyle of the Halifax Herald, Burton Robinson of the Halifax Chronicle, Craig Ballantyne of the Montreal Standard, T. Levesque of La Patrie (Montreal).

T. J. Dickson, Ottawa Citizen; Norman Howe, of the Windsor Star; Charles Nichols, Winnipeg Tribune; F. A. Shandro, CBC; G. W. Ghewy, Public Relations Adviser for Gen. W. W. Foster; and Lou Golden of the Toronto Globe & Mail.

CLUB COUNCIL IS NAMED AT WHITEHORSE OFFICERS' CLUB

A council of five officers has been appointed at the Whitehorse Hqs Officers' Club. This Club Council will supervise operations and financial transactions of the club, including the incidental recreational activities.

The council includes: Maj. Warwick Palfreyman, Maj. Thomas McGrail, Capt. Royal Schorlemmer, Capt. Paul Hammond and 1st Lt Morris R. Short.

In order to describe more accurately its increasingly important functions, the name of the Morale Services Division, ASF, has been changed to Information and Education Division, the War Department announces. There will be no change in functions or personnel.

HERE IS THE REAR ECHELON HEADQUARTERS IN EDMONTON



This modern office building, once the headquarters of the Bechtel-Price-Callahan Companies, is now the Rear Echelon Hqs of the Northwest Service Command in Edmonton. ---U.S. Signal Corps Photo

REAR ECHELON HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN EDMONTON HAS HAD AN INTERESTING HISTORY FROM DAY OF ITS ORIGIN

Rear Echelon Hqs of the Northwest Service Command is now housed in the Bechtel-Price-Callahan Building on Jasper between 112th and 113th streets in Edmonton.

Construction of this building was started in November, 1942. In the face of one of the most severe winters in recent history, the contractors made good progress with its construction.

The building was conceived when the expanding scope of the BPC contracts necessitated the hiring of many additional employees. Departments of the company were then scattered throughout a number of buildings in downtown Edmonton.

This scattering of departments did not lend itself to efficient operation and threatened to seriously impede the progress of the project.

There was no office space or building available in Edmonton large enough to accommodate all the departments. It was decided to erect a building large enough to fill all requirements.

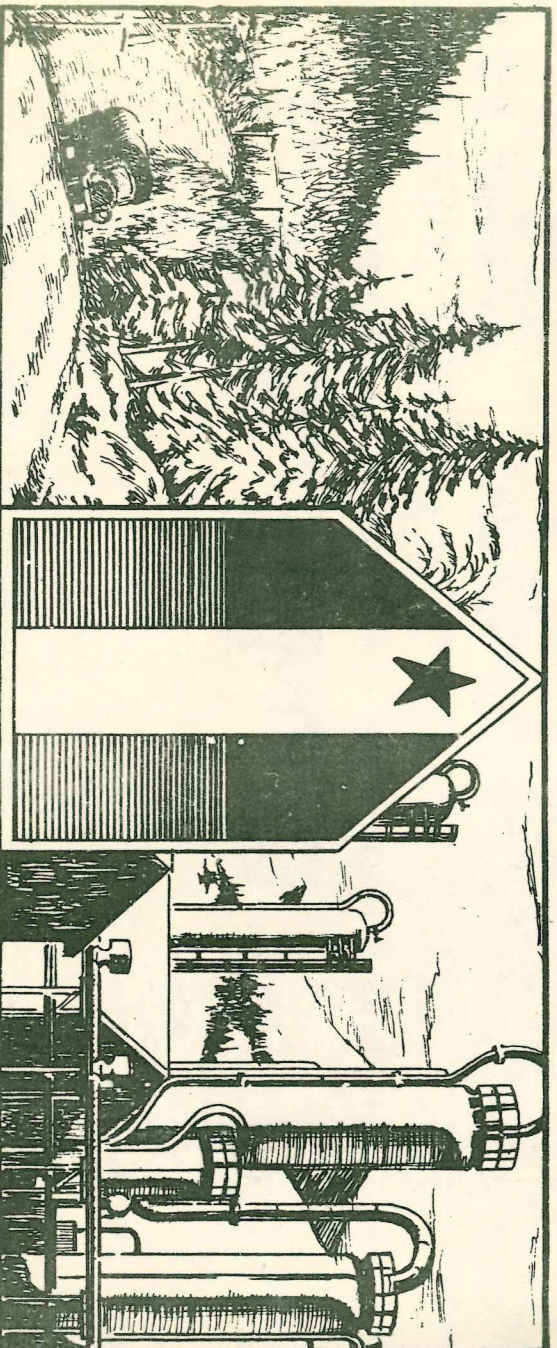
Upon the approval of the officer in charge, a

site was selected. This property belonged to the City of Edmonton. On the first of November, 1942, the property was leased from the city at a rental of \$50, Canadian funds, a month.

Plans for the new building were prepared by H. B. Hobson of J Gordon Turnbull and Sverdrup & Parcel. Poole Construction Co. erected the building. Interior and finishing work was done by G. R. and G. W. Blanchett. Materials were furnished by BPC.

Excavation was commenced 5 November 1942, under the supervision of H. Bourke Weigel of BPC. The winter of 1942 was one of the most severe Alberta had suffered for many years with the temperature dipping to fifty below zero.

Ground was frozen so solidly that it had to be thawed before excavation could begin. This was done by placing live coals on the ground for 24 hours. After this, a thick blanket of straw was placed on the ground to protect the unworked portion from re-freezing. (Continued on page 3)



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"PROPAGANDA" RESTRICTION LIFTED IN SOLDIER VOTE ACT

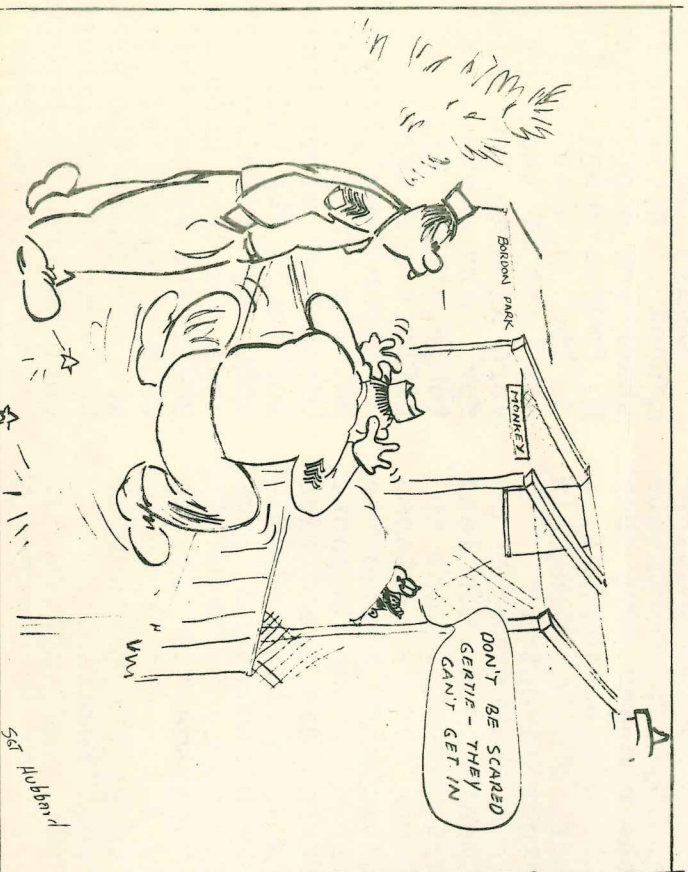
The Senate recently adopted amendments to the Servicemen's Voting Act that are designed to eliminate the "propaganda" restrictions which, as interpreted by the War Department, have caused the withholding of widely circulated books, magazines, some newspapers and movies and other "political" media from Army posts. On the heels of the Senate action, the House unanimously passed the amendments.

The amendments would remove the limitation which, as interpreted, would proscrib[e] in effect, any material containing political propaganda of any kind, without defining adequately these terms for guidance of the enforcing agencies.

Permit the sale of any material at PXs, or purchases of any material by "company funds"; permit distribution not only of books, magazines and newspapers which have a general circulation in the US but also in an overseas theater, of books, magazines of general circulation therein.

Permitted also would be making available to the armed forces of any matter that is available to the civilian public, and when the selection of reading matter is necessarily limited by difficulties of transportation or other exigencies of war, such selection would be made impartially.

There will be no restrictions on motion pictures radio broadcasts, plays and other means of entertainment. However, if Armed Forces Radio broadcasts "a political" address, equal time must be made available, if requested, to each party having a Presidential candidate in at least six states.



More plans for jobs for returned servicemen have come to our attention this past week.

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One plan, advocated by the Southern States Forest Fire Commission, calls for the reestablishment of the Civilian Conservation Corps which would furnish more than 500,000 former servicemen with jobs after the war. It is believed that an out-of-doors will appeal to many veterans.

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A "job-breakdown" system is employed in the placement of offices of one large electrical company which makes it possible for personnel officers to tell at a glance the personal qualifications and stability required for each job, as well as whether a job could be performed by a disabled workman.

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This company already has 1,800 war veterans in its employ. Studies have shown that 83% of the jobs in some departments can be done by disabled veterans with a limited handicap.

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New York's Mayor LaGuardia, suggesting the danger of friction between veterans and organized labor, recommended that labor should propose equitable sharing of jobs between veterans and war workers.

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He suggested that the unions should open their membership, without excessive cost, to returned servicemen who are skilled workmen. Unions have assumed a responsibility in this matter, he said.

WLG-WAGGERS SOCK DODGERS IN SERIES OPENER 11-4

The US Signals team could do nothing wrong at Renfrew Park, Edmonton, Saturday evening as they subdued the favored Dodgers by a top-heavy score. Bob Sawyer was back on the hill for the Signals and turned in a fine twirling job.

Junker's towering hit over right field fence was the ace crowd pleaser. It came with one on.

Tuesday a revised line-up, which carried all the power possible at bat but little savvy afield, bowed to Dodgers by a 14-4 score.

Hard-luck Helmut Brown was hit hard and often in his brief stay on the mound. Guthrie took up the pitching burden and pitched three shut-out innings until the roof fell on him as the Dodgers exploded for eight runs in the sixth.

Hackler was pulled in from the outfield to do the final stint on the mound. He strong-armed the ball past enough of the opposition to end the debacle.

A faster infield and more alert outer gardeners would have saved the pitchers in many chases.

Sawyer and Nelson, at first and third respectively, turned in some fine fielding plays. The fielding gem of the 2nd game was turned in by Eddie Schisser in center field when he outran a hard-hit liner to right field to retire the side and end a four-run outburst by the Dodgers.

Mrs. Nina Bordner from Correspondence in Fairbanks is now employed in Stock Control Branch at the Railhead Depot.

Lt. F. B. Vanderbeek, SU 2414, was in Skagway, Alaska, last week on duties in connection with the Medical Branch.

Lt. Godfrey R. Cox has been relieved of his duties as Assistant Salvage and Reclamation Officer with station at Koidern, Y. T., and assigned to duty with Alaska Highway Maintenance Division and stationed at Whitehorse.

SERVICE COMMAND NOTES OF CHANGES, PEOPLE AND PLACES

Mildred Phillips, of Industrial Personnel, is now at the Whitehorse Hq. She left Edmonton for the north Thursday.

Lt. E. S. Herron has been relieved of assignment to SU 2440 and has been assigned to SU 2419 with station in Skagway, Alaska, for duty with the Skagway Supply Distribution Point.

Josie Kaehurowski, of Industrial Personnel, will leave Edmonton for Hqs in Whitehorse 15 Sept.

Mrs. F. Poole, the former Emily Swan, has returned to Edmonton Hqs from her honeymoon.

Capt. J. A. Barry, Hq NWMSC, attended a crash crew demonstration at Nemo Airport in Edmonton last week.

Irene Sullivan, Industrial Personnel, will go to Whitehorse 15 Sept.

Boris Onisko, who was employed at the Railhead, terminated last week to join the Canadian Army.

Y/30 Lorraine Orth, a sister of Rita Orth of Industrial Personnel will visit Edmonton this month. She is on leave from her post in New York. She and that picture on Rita's desk will be company....

Mrs. Helen P. Feldt, Fiscal, has transferred to Rock Island District, USED, Rock Island, Ill.

Eloise Kosid, former BPC employe, is now the secretary to C.N. Hughes.

Sally Marshall, Fiscal, left Edmonton for Anchorage, Alaska, 1 September.

An entertainment committee has been named at the Supply Division. It will organize dances, parties, picnics and other forms of recreation for employes and military personnel of the Supply Division and Railhead.

They are: Maj. Edgar Mazaitis, Gordon White and Sgt. Eddie Sajdak.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

Portions of the staff of Multilith and Mimeo Section of Office Services Branch are now in Whitehorse or on call to move from Edmonton to Hq NWMSC in the Yukon. Dale Horn, head of the section in Edmonton, has been in Whitehorse for a week. Those of the permanent staff to follow are: Alex Dunne, Norman Nevins, Milan Blancheux and Paul Burke, who will be head of section at Hq. Sam Bethell will be on TD in Whitehorse until the plant is set up.

Capt. W. J. Fellers and Lt. S. Felsenstein have been assigned to SU 2412 with station in Skagway, Alaska, for duty with the Skagway Supply Distribution point.

Capt. A. T. Eckner and T/Sgt. B. L. Ahern left Hqs last week for an official trip over portions of the Alaska Highway from Muncho Lake, B. C., to the Alaska border.

REAR ECHELON HEADQUARTERS

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Nails became brittle from the extreme cold and had to be heated before using to prevent their breaking. Gasoline shovel was used to excavate the basement while the footings were done by hand.

The building is of simple wood frame construction. Exterior walls are sheathed with redwood siding and protected with common oil stain. About 35,000 board feet of red wood was used on the structure which contains 49,000 square feet of office space.

It is heated by circulating warm air; the furnace fuel, natural gas. Construction was completed by March, 1943, and BPC started moving in. However, the building was not completed and accepted by BPC and fully occupied until May, 1943. Jesuit College building was evacuated almost completely by the NWMSC this week and the bulk of Rear Echelon personnel, exclusive of the Railhead staff, moved into the BPC building on Jasper Avenue.

GOINGS ON ABOUT TOWN

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

DANCES

Every Wednesday and Saturday night there will be a dance for all members of the Allied Armed Forces at the Edmonton Red Cross Club.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

NWMC REC HALL
3 Sept. MR. SKEPPINGTON
6th BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
3 Sept. CANTERVILLE GHOST
6th TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT

843rd REC HALL

4 Sept. CANTERVILLE GHOST
7th TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT

STATION HOSPITAL

5 Sept. CANTERVILLE GHOST
8th TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT

Lt. J. E. Beirsdorfer has been relieved of assignment to SU 2405 and assigned to Hq NWMC with station at Ft. St. John for duty with Highway Maintenance Branch.

Maj. Peter E. Chance has returned to Whitehorse Hqs after an inspection tour of the Highway for the purpose of checking the evacuation and maintenance of ordnance equipment.

POST-WAR INSURANCE DATA READY FOR AMERICAN GIS

The Veterans' Administration has published a booklet giving men in the service the low-down on National Service life insurance.

The booklet gives all the dope about payment of premiums after discharge, how to change over to permanent forms of insurance after the war, and answers questions about National Service insurance. You can get the booklet free from the Veterans' Administration, Washington 25, D.C., or from any of the field stations of the Administration.--ANS

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Lt. Col. E.G. Robbins has been on a tour of the Alaska Highway for the purpose of checking evacuation and maintenance of Ordnance material.

Maj. Allan P. Sloan has returned to Whitehorse Hqs from a tour of the Alaska Highway. His duties were in connection with evacuation of equipment from the highway.

Lt. Samuel Felsenstein has returned to his property station in Skagway. He visited Whitehorse on duties in connection with the Whitehorse Railroad Depot.

Lt. A.D. Doak has returned to Hqs after a trip to Ft. Nelson, B.C., on official business.

Maj. C. F. Weddington has been relieved of his duties with the Area Engineer, Fairbanks, and has been assigned to duty with the Alaska Highway Maintenance Division.

Maj. J. K. Borrowman has been assigned to the Great Lakes Engineering Division, Chicago, Ill.

Lt. Col. H. D. Harpold has returned to Hqs from an official trip to Skagway, Alaska.

Maj. Theo W. Sneed has been relieved of assignment and duties with Hqs NWMC and has been assigned to Tulsa Engineering District, Tulsa, Okla.

Capt. E. D. Hoag has been designated as Post Engineer, Edmonton Railroad Depot and vicinity.

WOJG Perry Justice, Hq NWMC, has been placed on DS for an additional 30 days with an Alaskan Division, ATC, base unit.

Maj. C. W. Reilly has been relieved from assignment to SU 2430 and assigned to Hqs NWMC for duty as Post Engineer, 1462d AAF Base Unit, AD, Air Transport Command.

T/5 Robert Sosa was in Skagway, Alaska, last week on official Army Exchange business.

Fifteen EW of SU 2412 have been transferred to SU 2419 and will remain on duty with QM laundry at their present station. They are: S/Sgt. W.R. Connor, S/Sgt. M. Laino, T/4 C. Hughes, T/5 J. L. Coen, T/5 V. A. Hughes, T/5 W. L. Nelson, T/5 C. Van Dyke, Pfc. C. Bering, Pfc. A. Pickern, Pfc. J. F. Santana, Pvt. E. Faulk, Pvt. C. M. Kitts, Pvt. W.J. Miller, Pvt. D. Simkins and Pvt. A. G. Snyder.

Capt. W. S. Mortimer, stationed in Prince Rupert, B.C., last week was in Whitehorse, for the purpose of observing and reporting on handling of perishable commodities enroute from Prince Rupert to Whitehorse.

Maj. C.C. Christensen left Whitehorse last week on an extensive tour of NWMC installations including those at Skagway, Alaska; Prince Rupert, B.C.; Edmonton, Alberta, and others.

Major H. L. Goodman has been designated as Post Engineer for Whitehorse and vicinity.

Captain Paul N. Miles has been named as the Assistant Post Engineer for Whitehorse and vicinity, Hqs. NWMC.

VEETS TO GET AID TO OPEN THEIR OWN SMALL BUSINESS

The Army has requested the Department of Commerce to prepare books on the operation of 20 kinds of small businesses to aid returning soldiers with ambitions to get into business.

These books will set forth complete instructions on how to choose a location for, stock, fit and maintain a business.

This help is being extended in addition to a loan provision of the GI "Bill of Rights" which NWNews commented on two weeks ago.

The Army's educational program, Veterans' Administration, Veterans' Administration counseling service and data from the Department of Commerce will also be made available to veterans.