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WAR BOND CARNIVAL FOR NWSC HQS IS ANNOUNCED

A War Bond Carnival, to signalize the close of the Northwest Service Command's Fifth Victory Loan drive, will be held here Saturday night, 22 July.

The carnival will get under way promptly at 8:00 PM at NWSC Hqs. Music for dancing will be provided by the USAAF dance orchestra. Refreshments will be served.

"Miss Liberty," a beautifully dressed doll, will be awarded as the first prize. She will hold a \$100 War Bond. At least \$1,000 in bonds will be awarded.

Tickets, which may be purchased from any member of the War Bond Committee or at the Hotel Desk, are \$1 per person. All money will be returned in the form of War Bond prizes.

The Swami will tell your fortune for you---but, War Bond buyers will not need the services of a fortune teller---their bonds insure their futures after the war.

DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRADE SEEKS OFFICERS' ADVICE

W.D. King, Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry of Alberta, and recently named chairman of the Alberta Power Commission, has asked that any Corps of Engineers officers in NWSC with experience in Rural Electrification telephone him at 916423.

A broad program of Rural Electrification utilizing most of the larger streams in Alberta Province is being planned at this time by the Power Commission and Mr. King would like to talk with any officer with experience on such projects as TVA regarding methods to be used in the northwest.

Three EM of Fiscal & Audits Branch have been promoted from T/4 to T/3.

They are: George W. Karver, Chester P. Moll and William J. Tenney.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF U.S. ARMY VISITS EDMONTON



Major General E. B. Gregory, Quartermaster General, and Colonel F. S. Strong, Jr., Commanding Officer of NWSC (foreground), and Brig. Gen. Howard L. Peckham (center) at the local Air Base. Col. Richard K. Mellon is in the left background.

NWSC COMMANDING OFFICER URGES MORE BOND BUYING

Colonel Frederick S. Strong, Jr., Commanding Officer of the Northwest Service Command, issued a strong appeal to the Districts under the NWSC to make a greater effort to realize more cash sales of Fifth War Loan Bonds currently on sale during July, second and last month of the War Department's drive to sell bonds of this issue.

The subordinate units of the Command have shown little enthusiasm for increasing bonds sales in some cases, Col. Strong said, and strongly requested that all units get behind the drive to bring the Command's quota to within striking range of the 90 percent participation in the payroll deduction plan with 10 percent of total payroll being invested in the bonds.

Headquarters has gone over the top, the quota has been exceeded, and it is urgently desired that all units of the Command follow this lead.

A bond rally has been scheduled at Hqs 22 July and similar rallies are

ALASKA LIFE MAGAZINE HAS "CHAPEL ON WHEELS" STORY

The June, 1944, issue of Alaska Life magazine has a story and picture feature about the "chapel on wheels" used by Chaplain William J. Brown on the Alaska Highway.

The chapel was built on the back of a 4 by 4 pick-up by men stationed on the Haines Road. Other units added the finishing touches---a steeple, stencilled crosses, paint---to "their" chapel.

Chaplain Brown drove his chapel to isolated stations on the highway for many months.

POST EXCHANGE ENTERED LATE THURSDAY NIGHT

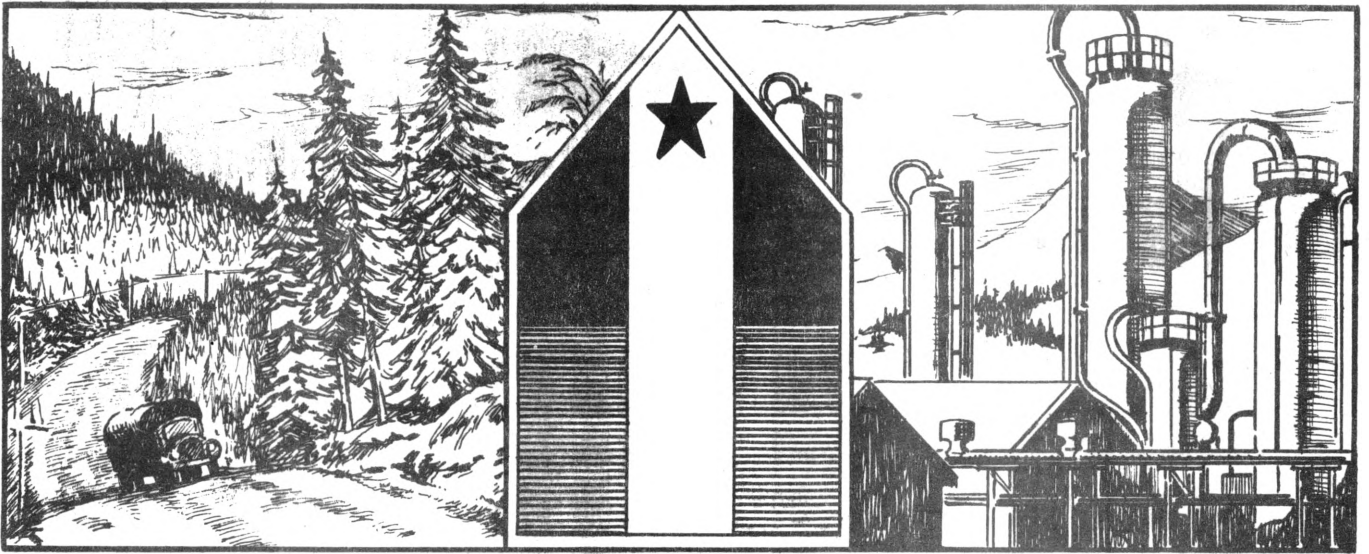
NWSC Post Exchange was entered Thursday night and more than \$270 cash and some items of jewelry were stolen. Entry was made through a window.

Discovery of the entry and theft was made by Sgt. Rondel Handley when he opened the Exchange Friday morning.

An investigation is being made.

Lt Charles Norman will be heard over CJCA from 7:30 to 7:45 PM Monday.

suggested elsewhere.



Phone Items to Sgt. Phelps, Ext. 265, or Send to Public Relations Room 109

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Tired of lending? You don't know what being tired is!

Out on the firing line they know what being tired is and being wounded and in pain, too. But one thing they know also that Now, right now, the climax of their struggle is nearing and that it's up to them to find the last ounce of will to stay with it, to put it over in this year of decision!

So --- don't you tire now of lending more money during this Fifth War Loan Drive! It's really so little you're asked for----just to lend more money to your country.

You've responded before----this time Double the Bonds You Bought Before! For this is the most urgent, the most vitally important war bond drive to date.

Fight By Their Side!

Welcoming us as good neighbors and paying tribute to accomplishments of the NWSC, the Edmonton Bulletin issued a special edition last Saturday which was especially gratifying to us "visiting" Americans.

Containing more than 100 pages, it was an outstanding number, a triumph for Jack DeLong and other members of the paper's staff.

A letter from a friend formerly of Anzio Beachhead, Rome, and points north, says, "I never saw such a terrific barrage of artillery fire as was laid down by the Allies."

It takes a heavy barrage to win. That's why we must lay down a heavy barrage of bond-buying here in the NWSC.

"WHY WE FIGHT"

One of the questions dominant in almost every mind today is the one

that is seldom answered satisfactorily, "What are we fighting for?"

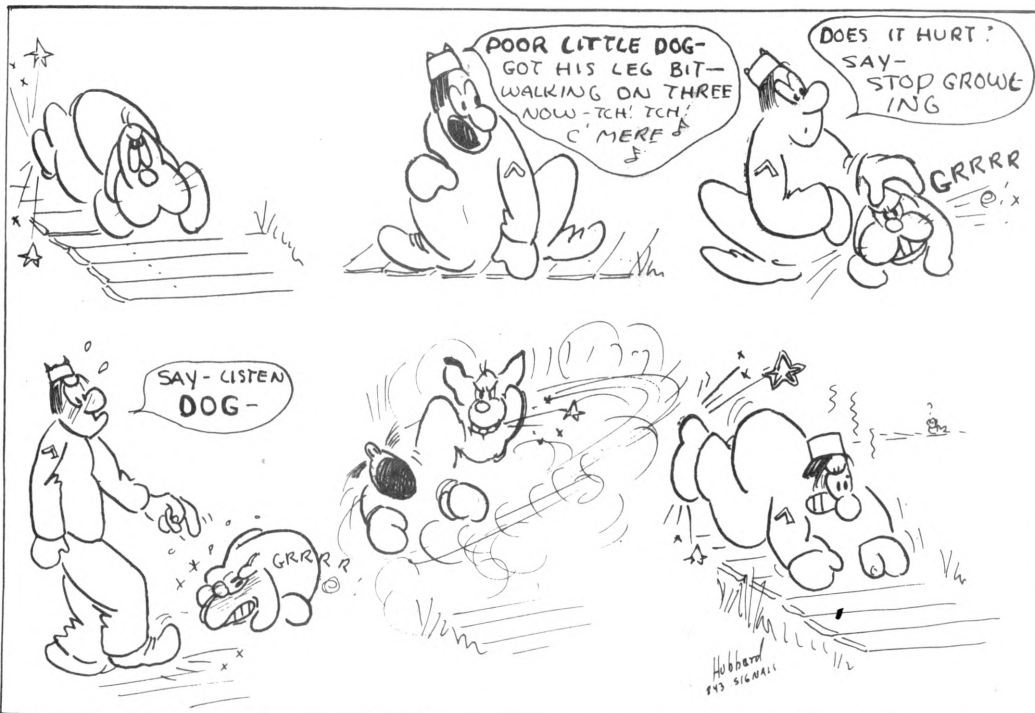
The answer is often so garrulous as to be almost double talk, or we are told that we fight for "Liberty".

The question then arises, "What is Liberty?" The only comprehensive answer to that question I have ever heard of is quoted below, taken from a speech by Judge Learned Hand in New York in the I Am An American Day ceremonies in Central Park.

"Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can ever do much to help it ...The spirit of liberty is the spirit which is not too sure that it is right; the spirit of liberty is the spirit which seeks to understand the minds of other men and women; the spirit of liberty is the which weighs their interests alongside its own without bias; the spirit of liberty remembers that not even a sparrow falls to earth unheeded; the spirit of liberty is the spirit of Him who, near two thousand years ago, taught mankind that lesson it has never learned but has never quite forgotten; that there may be a kingdom where the least shall be heard and considered side by side with the greatest."

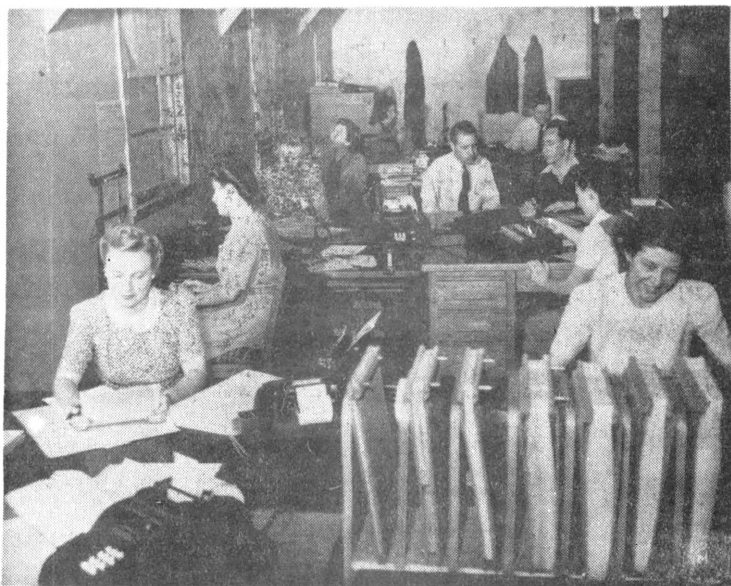
I was pleased with the quotation, and besides I am tired of that sign in the canteen that says to buy bonds so that you can have a Planemobile after the war!

--M. Sargent



COST UNIT OF FISCAL AND AUDITS

MILITARY AUDITS SECTION HAS GIs



This busy section is located on the ground floor of Building 44. See story below for details.

Military Audits Section has GI staff. Edmonton Close-out Cost Section is also shown.

FISCAL AND AUDIT BRANCH SUPERVISES PERFORMANCE NWSC FISCAL MATTERS

The Fiscal and Audit Branch of NWSC supervises performance of all fiscal functions within the command. This supervision is governed by such principles, practices, and procedures relating to accounting and auditing, the receipt and disbursement of allocated and apportioned funds, and other fiscal matters as have been set up as the command's responsibility.

Maj. S. Backer, chief of the branch, is the budget officer for the command. His branch advises the command on finance and fiscal matters and prepares estimates

of fund requirements. The branch also prepares statistical and fiscal reports, furnishes technical advice and issues directives for sales commissary and property officers on accounting procedures, and obligates funds for command procurements.

The branch makes periodic audits of the accounts of sales offices and audits the accounts of such quasi-official funds as Army Emergency Relief, Inc., and mess and service club funds.

Sub-allotments are made to Air Corps installations. The branch has a control system set up for all funds allotted.

THE FISCAL SECTION The Fiscal Section supervises the mainten-

ance of control and subsidiary accounts for funds allotted to the Commanding Officer for NWSC, and the processing for payment of all open market and contract purchases entered into directly by the government.

Capt. O. A. Sokoloski is chief of section. John T. Moore, A. J. Anderson and Lillian Syme are his assistants.

MILITARY ACCOUNTS UNIT This unit maintains control and subsidiary accounts and miscellaneous records on all accountable NWSC funds.

T/Sgt. Joseph Schmidt, S/Sgt. Peter Chagaris, T/3 William Tenney and T/4 Joseph L. Lynk.

CIVIL ACCOUNTS UNIT This unit performs (Continued on page 4)

INVOICE AND VOUCHER UNIT IN HUT 44

MILITARY AND CIVIL ACCOUNTS UNIT



Some of the personnel shown in this picture have since been transferred to the Supply Division at the Railhead.

These units of Fiscal and Audit Branch are located on the second floor of Building 44. The military Accounts Unit also has a GI crew.

SOLDIER VOTE SCHOOL HELD FOR NORTHERN OFFICERS

 Twenty officers from American army units in northwestern Canada and Alaska attended a school at NWSC Hq on 10 and 11 July for the purpose of instructing them in the proper procedure to be followed in the field in administering the soldier vote this fall.

The orientation school was conducted by Col. J. H. Hills, who has been assigned to NWSC to handle the soldier vote. Officers from Hq and the districts and ATC stations attended.

From NWSC Hq: Lt. Col. W. D. Greenlee, Capt. H. L. Jones, Lt. J. F. Ford and Lt. T. S. Johnson.

From ATC: Maj. R. F. Libke, Lt. J. B. Ranney, Lt. C. B. Landry, Lt. P. J. Hermanek, Lt. M. C. Cohen, WOJG JB. Smith and Lt. C. Kimball.

From 843rd: Captain G. Shister and Lt. D. Dennis. From the districts: Capt. C. M. Smith, Lt. R. Wilson, Capt. B. E. Kent, and Lt. E. Waters. From miscellaneous units: Lt. L. C. Knaphle, Lt. K. J. Dresser and Lt. A. Kratevil.

These officers have returned to their proper station and will answer questions about the soldier vote in their unit.

STOCK CONTROL BRANCH HAS PARTY AT NWSC REC HALL

 The Stock Control party at NWSC Rec Hall Monday evening was a festive occasion. A buffet lunch was served and dancing entertained the partiers.

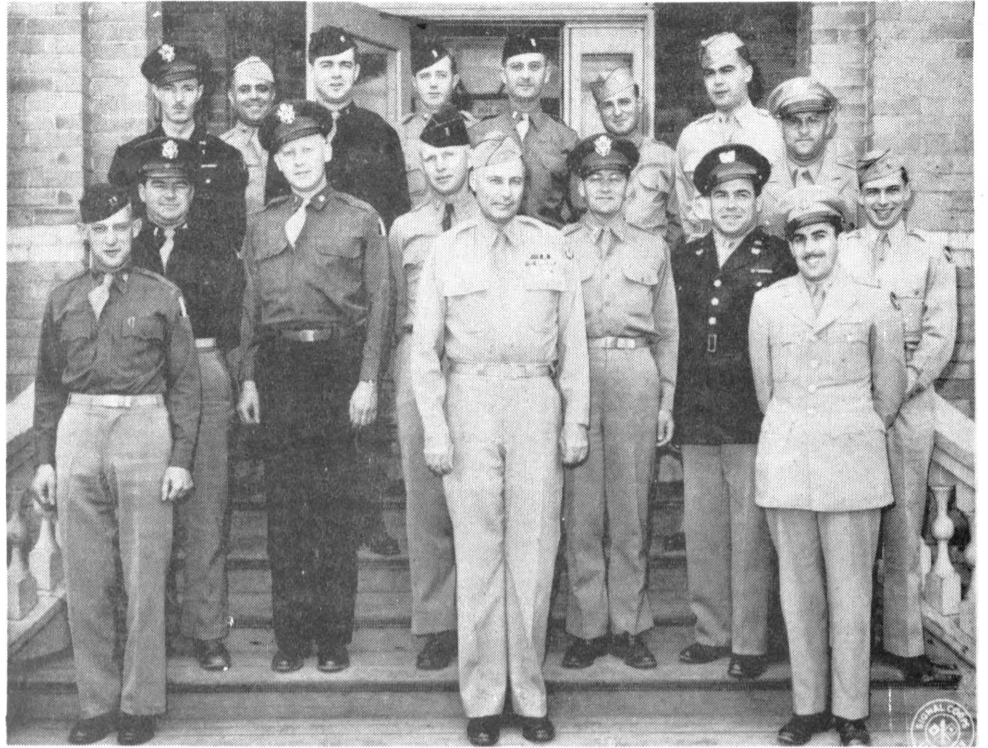
The affair was given in honor of Lt. R. H. Ellis who is leaving for the School of Military Government in Charlottesville, Va., Capt. G. T. Johnson who will replace Lt. Ellis, Mrs. Margery Sargent who is leaving for Detroit and Betty Sellner who is going to Big Delta, Alaska.

In addition to the honor guests, officers, enlisted men, civilian personnel and their guests attended.

 T/Sgt. Jack Guthrie, left Hq on 12 July on furlough.

 Jack Kinsman, Fiscal, resigned 12 July.

OFFICERS ATTEND SOLDIER VOTE ORIENTATION SCHOOL



Col. J. H. Hills, front center, conducted an orientation school for US Army officers stationed in the Canadian north and Alaska at the College 10 and 11 July. The officers have returned to their proper station to handle the soldier vote.

FISCAL AND AUDIT BRANCH
 (Continued from page 3)
 virtually the same functions as the military unit except that its accounts deal with accountable construction funds.

Arthur DeGregoire, Win Carlson, Helen McPeake and Althea Chapman work in this unit.

INVOICE AND VOUCHER UNIT
 I&V Unit maintains records on all accounts payable and processes for payment all obligations entered directly into by the government.

Personnel: Seth Laberee, Lorene Bradley, Ruth Kilgore, Blanche Dean, Helen Feldt, Martha Higginbotham, Lillian Le Blond, Harold McFarland, Shirley Neher, Sophia Saathoff, G. F. Neilson, Lilly Schultz, Helen Stafford and E. Tuscon.

CONTRACT AND CLAIMS UNIT
 This unit processes for payment all lump sum contracts and claims of all nature arising from procurement activities of the NWSC.

Mrs. Margaret Phillips is head of this unit. Mabel Spilsted and Audrey Mergens are her helpers.

MILITARY AUDIT SECTION
 This section, under the direction of Capt. Joseph E. Dean, audits the accounts of White Pass and Yukon Railway, sales commissaries, troop train movements, mess and

billeting for Jesuit College, and also reviews reports of surveys.

Personnel: M/Sgt. Edward Markytan, T/3 George Karver, T/3 Chester Moll and Elizabeth Craig.

CIVIL AUDIT SECTION
 The Civil Audit Section administers and supervises matters pertaining to cost plus fixed fee contracts. Neil P. McGroarty and J. L. Lang handle this section.

EXCEPTIONS UNIT
 This section is responsible for reply to all GAO inquiries and exceptions in connection with CPFF contracts in NWSC and acts as liaison unit between contractors and General Accounting Office.

Thomas P. Kenney, A. Murray, Lorna Gardner and C. J. Kidd work in this section.

Cost Plus Fixed Fee Contracts Unit are project auditors. The list below gives the men doing auditing for the contractors: BPC, C. R. Hughes; MHKCB, W. L. Herring; Miller Construction Co., Jerry Blecha; J. Gordon Turnbull, C. R. Hughes; Bates and Rogers, Lynn Pensinger; BC Bridge and Dredging Co., S. L. Goldstein; Imperial Oil, N. J. Gilligan; Coast Construction Co., W. Price.

The branch occupies all of Building 44.

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, US Army Yanks vs Arrows at Renfrew Park. Game time 7:00 PM.

Sunday afternoon, Signals vs Dodgers at Renfrew. Game time 3:00 PM.

Tuesday, Dodgers vs Yanks at Renfrew, time 7:00 PM

Thursday, US Signals vs Arrows. Game time 7:00 pm

MISCELLANY

Every Thursday night 8:30 Choral Group meets in NWSC Rec Hall. Songfest.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

NWSC REC HALL
16 July SHOW BUSINESS
19th THE IMPOSTOR

QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
16 July GAS LIGHT
19th SHOW BUSINESS

843rd REC HALL
17 July GAS LIGHT
20th SHOW BUSINESS

STATION HOSPITAL
18 July GAS LIGHT
21st SHOW BUSINESS

FOR SALE

Green parka with red plaid lining. Hood and sleeves are trimmed in white fur. Zipper front. Size 14. Call Kay Reddig at Unit 1 if interested.

The US Signals came out of a mild slump at Renfrew Park Wednesday night to trim the league leading Dodgers 8-2. Sawyer was the Signal ace.

Brown lost a tough one to the US Army Yanks Tuesday, 2-1. The loss dropped the Signals out of a second place tie.

See the Signals play Sunday at Renfrew Park.

SERVICE COMMAND NOTES OF CHANGES, PEOPLE AND PLACES

Lt. Charles Norman, Chief of Military Training Section, and author of "A Soldier's Diary," published last month by Scribners, has returned to Hqs after a leave of absence in the US.

Helen Sonntag left Hqs today for her home in Helena, Montana. She was employed in Fiscal.

Lorene Bradley added another star to her crown --she went down town Monday and joined the Blood Donors.

Five employes of Fiscal Branch were transferred to the Railhead to work in Supply Division.

They are: Macrae Pollock, Lynn Diewert, Irene Davies, Marian Peverelle and Pearl Harris.

The Gardeners' Guild of Unit 13, namely--Babs Partington, Geneva Cleveland, Sally Marshall and Dorothy Williams, left yesterday for Calgary to take in the Stampede.

They also plan to visit Banff for a few days before returning to the College and the usual grind.

A.W. Greiner, Helena, Montana, has joined the staff of Fuels and Lubricants.

Margaret Clow, Shirley Castle and Mrs. Betty Bortle are new employes of the Supply Division.

Maj. W. J. Dahlmeier, Maj. R. J. Haffner, Maj. M. P. McGregor and Capt. E. C. Winters left Hqs 12 July for an official trip to Waterways, Alberta, and Fort Smith, N.W.T.

M.B. Harowitz and Lt. R. L. Rowland went down town the other day to have their watch crystals repaired....they emerged sporting new watches!

CAPT. BARRY LUNCHES WITH VICE-PRESIDENT WALLACE

Capt. John Barry had lunch with Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, 6 July, at Norman Wells.

The Vice-President had stopped there en route to Washington from China and Siberia. Wallace was particularly interested in some northern farming areas with which Captain Barry was familiar and the two talked for more than thirty minutes.

THE WAR EFFORT....AT HOME....AND ABROAD

DISTRICT WAR BOND SALES FAR BELOW QUOTA SET

Personnel participation in the Fifth Victory Loan drive in the various districts of NWSC have barely reached an average of 54%. Dawson Creek is "high" with a figure of 62.5%. Skagway brings up the rear with 23.5%.

In between, Fairbanks is runner-up with 58.2%; Prince Rupert, 50.2%; and Whitehorse has 50.8% of eligible personnel participating in the payroll deduction plan.

Maj. L. Q. C. Lamar, NWSC War Bond Officer, said, "NWSC Hqs figures are encouraging, but the record for the districts leaves much to be desired. It can only be hoped, and expected, that bond sales will increase enough to equal the Hqs figure."

U. S. CASUALTIES SURPASS THOSE OF FIRST WORLD WAR

American casualties in the Second World War have surpassed those of the first World War, an analysis of the latest official reports has disclosed.

In this war, thirty-one months of global fighting have brought 261,541 casualties as compared to the 259,735 casualties accumulated during the nineteen months of US participation in the 1917-18 conflict.

A breakdown by categories shows:

This war: 56,772 dead, 107,938 wounded, 55,903 missing and 40,928 prisoners of war.

Last war: 53,878 dead, 201,377 wounded, 4,480 prisoners of war.

When's the next time you'll be broke?

HARD TO SAY, ISN'T IT?

In fact, you haven't given it much thought. Things are going well now. The job pays fine, and it looks as if it will last forever.

But suppose it doesn't? Suppose, in the years after the war, you find things slowing up. What then?

Sure...maybe a good man can always get a job. But isn't it a great thing to have a nice soft cushion to fall back on if and when things don't go right?

And right now, if you're in the Payroll Plan and tucking money away regularly, week after week, you're fashioning the best kind of cushion you can possibly have, a big wad of money invested in War Bonds.

HERE'S WHY:

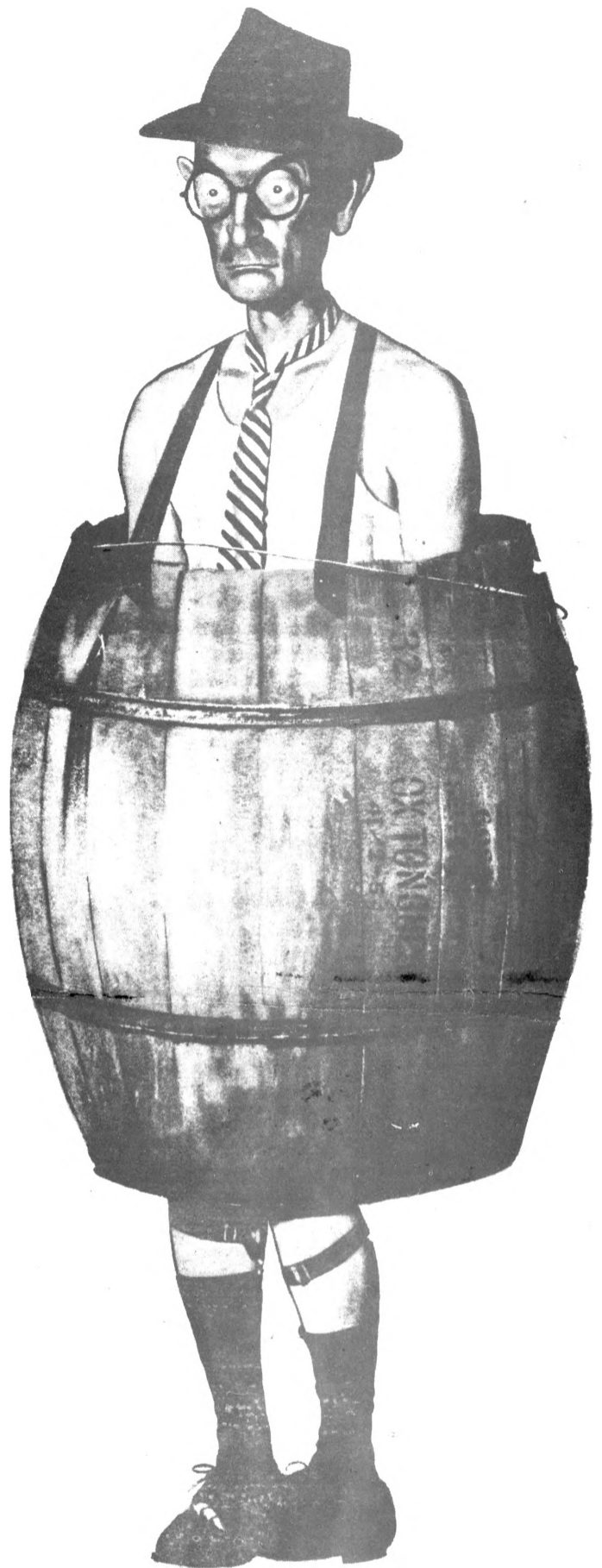
War Bonds are the safest investment in the world.

War Bonds give you \$4 back ten years from now for every \$3 you invest.

War Bonds are your stake in the good things of tomorrow---security, independence, travel, a decent old age.

And today, War Bonds give you a chance to put your money into the fight--the best reason of all.

Think that over. And when you get your check....check a good portion of it into bonds...even though you're buying them already. Buy War Bonds---and hang onto them.



WAR BONDS
to Have and to Hold

BACK THE ATTACK--BUY MORE THAN BEFORE

Commander Holds Conference



Colonel F.S. Strong, Commanding Officer of the Northwest Service Command, will be in Whitehorse next week for a series of conferences with his District Commanders.

Accompanying Colonel Strong will be Colonel E. E. Kirkpatrick, who recently was named Chief of Staff of the Command in addition to his duties as Executive Assistant in charge of Operations and Maintenance.

Colonel Strong was born in Orchard Lake, Michigan, the son of Maj. Gen. Frederick S. Strong, on 16 May, 1887. Following graduation from the United States Military Academy, he was appointed a 2nd. Lt., Corps of Engineers, on 15 June, 1910.

After a tour of duty on the Mississippi River improvements and the Panama Canal Projects, Col. Strong was transferred to the Military Academy at West Point where he served as an instructor.

Col. Strong participated in the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne Offen-

sives in France with the 2nd Engineers Regiment. He then became commanding officer of the 116th Engineers in France. The Colonel also was District Engineer for the Services of Supply, in charge of road maintenance for the First Army in France. He resigned from the Army on 1 August, 1919, soon after his return to the United States.

During the current emergency, Col. Strong was commissioned in the Engineer Reserves on 12 June, 1941, and was immediately called to active duty as Constructing Quartermaster for the 4th Zone, with Headquarters at Atlanta, Ga.

For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in the performance of duty of great responsibility as Constructing Quartermaster, Col. Strong was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

During a tour of duty as Chief of Operations Branch, Construction Division, O. C. E., Col. Strong traveled in Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicar-

"FROSTY FOLLIES" GI SHOW IN TOWN

A soldier show, conceived in a land of ice and snow far up on the Alaska Highway, which has hit the north country with a wallop that would make an Aleutian williwaw look like a Caribbean zephyr, will arrive in Edmonton this weekend.

Known as "The Frosty Follies of 1944," this production has toured Army and civilian installations the entire 1,523-mile length of the highway.

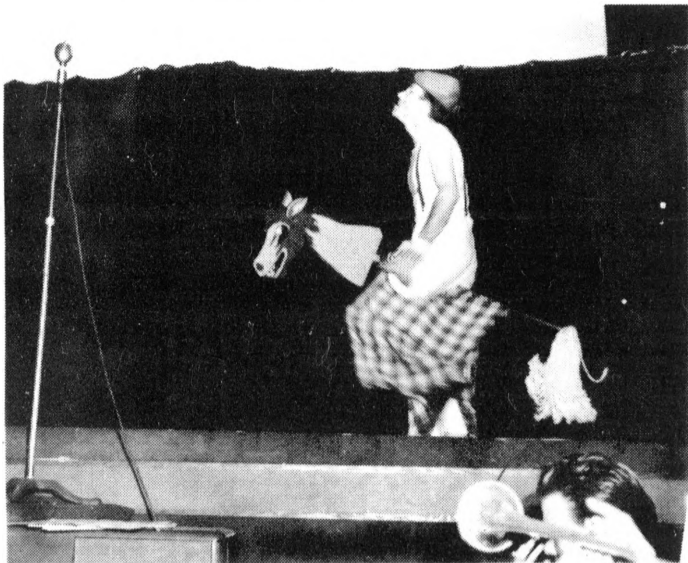
The north country has seen a lot of shows during the past two years...big names from Hollywood...little names from the talent marts of the United Service Organization...and a steady procession of magicians, singers and musicians.

But now, for the first time since American engineer troops arrived in Canada more than two years ago to commence work on the Alaska Highway, a full-fledged GI show has made
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agua, Costa Rica, Panama and Cuba, in connection with work on the Pan American Highway, and in Canada and Alaska, in connection with work on the Alaska Highway.

Col. Strong's most recent overseas assignment was in the China-India-Burma Theater where he was in charge of engineering for the Army Service Forces operations there. He was returned to the States late last fall and was on duty in Washington when assigned to be Commanding Officer of the Northwest Service Command.

HEADING FOR LAST ROUND-UP



T/4 Hank George, GI song and dance man with Frosty Follies troupe, is a sure-fire laugh provoker and also is billed as director of the show.

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its appearance.

It has given GI Joe-in the person of the Highway Patrol boys, the trucker, the relay station mechanic and dispatcher, repeater station men of the Signal Corps, and routine-ridden non-coms of company units scattered through the wilderness a pride in the entertainment talents and achievements of his fellow-GI's.

"Frosty Follies" will open in Edmonton, Wednesday, 17 May, at the Recreation Hall of the 843rd Signal Service Battalion, at eight o'clock.

SCHEDULE

Thursday, 18 May
Recreation Hall of
SU 2430 & 253 MPs

Friday, 19 May
Station 19
Alaskan Wing

Saturday, 20 May
OPEN

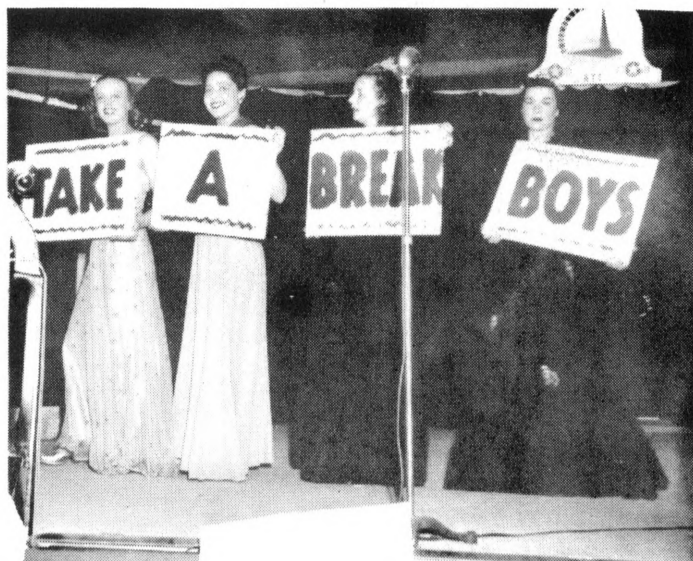
Sunday, 21 May
Station Hospital

Monday, 22 May
Red Cross Center

Tuesday, 23 May
Recreation Hall at NWSC

Wednesday, 24 May
Recreation Hall at NWSC

FOLLIES GALS GIVE BREAK



Joy Nicholson, Natalie Priest, Camellia Campbell and Cornelia Ely announce an intermission in what the Dogfaces found a new way.

SERVICE COMMAND NOTATIONS

W. L. Sargent was host at a farewell party at his home last night for members of the Edmonton District personnel who are returning to the States for reassignment. Phil Helmer, Otto Lunn and Tom Wheatley are leaving soon. Donald Waddell and Dwight Moody also attended. Prior to coming to the NWSC, all these men worked together in the Seattle District.

Miss Bernice M. Zabloski, T/4 Maynard A. Epps and Capt. Phillip E. Stahl, MC, left Edmonton Tuesday night for Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Regina, Moose Jaw, and Calgary. The trip is being made to recruit Canadian laborers to work on highway and airport maintenance projects.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Morrison have left Edmonton to return to Los Angeles, California.

Wallace Lind has arrived in Edmonton from Fairbanks on official business. His wife is in Edmonton for a visit. Their home is in Jacksonville, Florida.

Irving Manger, Industrial Personnel Branch, left Monday

night for Washington, D. C., to take a position in the office of the Chief of Engineers. Mr. Manger has been in the north country since December of 1942. Previous to his joining the Industrial Personnel staff, he was with the Labor Relations Branch.

George B. Archibald, formerly with the Canol Branch, left for Washington, D. C., with General Worsham. Mr. Archibald will sit in on conferences regarding Canol in the nation's capital.

After 18 months duty with the NWSC, Cpl. Clarence Mifflin is saying "goodbye" to his many friends and will leave soon for the States. Cpl. Mifflin, better known as "Miff", hails from DuQuoin, Ill. Shortly after entering the Army, he was assigned to Hqs, NWSC, in Whitehorse, Y. T.

Capt. Edgar Mazaitis is really smiling these days. Mrs. Mazaitis and son Bobby arrived in Edmonton on 4 May for an extended visit. The Food Service Program will probably have a mascot now in the person of the younger Mazaitis.

WEEKLY WINNERS

WAR BONDS

Saturday

Capt. L. Q. C. Lamar

Monday

Stanley Berggren

Tuesday

T/Sgt. Gauer

Wednesday

V. M. Bell

Thursday

Rosalie Wilcox

Friday

Captain Lamar

(The Editor certifies this to be a true draw and not strictly a Lamar benefit. Ed.)

MOVIE SCHEDULE

NWSC REC HALL

14 May UP IN ARMS

17th DESTINATION TOKYO

QUARTERMASTER DEPOT

14 May A GUY NAMED JOE

17th NINE GIRLS

843rd REC HALL

15 May A GUY NAMED JOE

18th NINE GIRLS

STATION HOSPITAL

16 May A GUY NAMED JOE

19th NINE GIRLS

SPORTS

A golf tournament is in the making for all officers and EM of the 843rd Sig. Serv. Bn. Hq. Co. All men interested have been asked to sign up in the Company Orderly Room. The tournament will not begin until June, but all men signing up will play five games between now and the last of May in order to establish a handicap. The committee in charge are Sgt. Rodney Nelson, Chairman M/Sgt. Harry Wilkinson, T/3 (Curly) Ryan and T/5 (Deacon) Holmquist.

The Hq. Co. Baseball has been signed up in the City League, to take part in the summer season. A large number of players have been going out every night for practice, and the team is shaping up nicely. T/Sgt. Robert Sawyer is in charge, and he assures everyone that a good season will be played.

SUNDAY MEETING

For the past few months, the Hq. Company has held a program on Sunday evenings for the EMS, their guests and friends. Tomorrow a service will be conducted by Chaplain James Cox of the Air Corps at 7:00 p.m. in the Recreation Hall. Following the service, a program of motion pictures is presented.

Programs forthcoming are as follows: Tomorrow, Judy Garland in "For Me and My Gal." May 21, Red Skelton and Ann Southern in "Panama Hattie." All members of the Signal Corps, and their friends are invited to attend these Sunday evening programs.

WEDDINGS

1st Lt. Fred T. Mukensable, Personnel Officer of the Medical Branch, Hq., NWSC, was married on April 26, 1944 to Lorraine M. Kent, 2nd Lt., A.N.C. Lt. and Mrs. Mukensable are at present spending their honeymoon in Chicago and vicinity.

Belated congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Munawych, who were married 30 April 1944. Mrs. Munawych, the former Heddy Hadke, is a District employe.

DANCE

Hqs. Company, 843rd Signals will hold a monthly dance tonight from 9 to 1 in the Company Recreation Hall. Guests have been invited from the District Office NWSC Hqs., and Miller Construction Company.

Music will be played by Graydon Tipp and his orchestra, of Edmonton. Sgt. Ralph Johns is in charge of the dance, with the following men on his committee: First Sgt. C. E. Smith, S/Sgt Joe Smith, S/Sgt Fred Risher, T/4 Paul Gritzan, T/5 Gordon Holmquist, T/5 Richard Seubert and PFC Hubert Henderson.

Ruth Jones has left PRB for California post.

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to these men of the 843rd: To T/5, PFC Lawrence H. Brightwell; T/5, PFC Thomas C. Taggart; PFC Pvt. Melvin F. Pfalz.

Brightwell comes from Lynn County, Ky., and Taggart from Pierce County, Wis. Pfalz comes from Montello, Wis.

The 253rd MP Co. also had several promotions: PFC Lester Miller to Corporal and PFC Nina Winters to Technician 5th Grade.

MOVE TO DEPOT

The 253rd MP Co. moved this week from the old Post of Edmonton to QM Depot. SU 2430 also has moved to the Depot.

NOTES OF INTEREST

Lt. A. V. (Man Mountain Dean) Spielman has returned to Hqs.

Betty Sellner has taken over Dorothy Hook's job with Mr. Harvey.

Olga Antoniuk has replaced Marian Naylon who is now in Fairbanks.

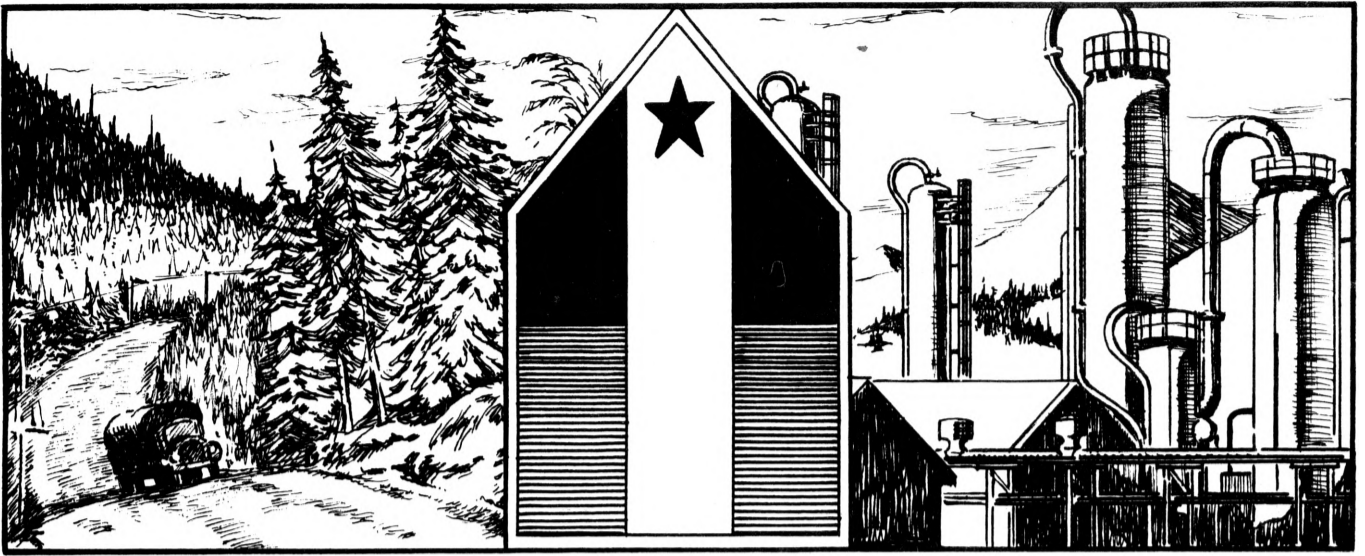
Lt. Col. Samuel B. Lippitt, JAGD, Chief, Legal Branch and Staff Judge Advocate of this Headquarters, represented General Worsham recently at a United States-Canada Goodwill luncheon at Calgary. He described the Alaska Highway and the Canol development. He stressed friendship between our two nations.

Eileen Eberhardt will leave the Edmonton District soon for her new post with the District Engineer in her home town of Omaha, Nebraska.

Betty Goff of Waco, Texas has left Hqs, NWSC to become an airline hostess out of Chicago.

Roma Hulse now works in Stock Control.

Doris St. Clair has returned to her desk in the C/S's office.



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 EDITORIAL COMMENT

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 The story on the back page, with illustrations of the plant and staff, is the first in a series of such descriptions of sections within the command. The stories are designed to familiarize personnel at Headquarters with the operations and functions of other sections and branches.

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 This week the American Consul in Edmonton, Mr. Robert English, gave forth with a blast at the Macdonald where most of the Headquarters brass and their ladies were seen balancing (in some cases) cups of tea. Mr. Paul Seddicum, the Vice Consul, and Mrs. Seddicum received with Mr. English. The reception must have been highly touted as you could hardly raise an eyebrow for the crush in the main dining room and all hands standing at that.

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 It was pleasant to learn this week that peaks of mountains, unknown lakes and streams in Northwest Canada were to be named for persons and incidents which have been significant in the location of such landmarks, if an editorial campaign recently started in British Columbia achieves its purpose.

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 Indeed, such place names already have become a part of the country - soldiers' Summit Lake between Fort Nel-

son and Watson Lake, Plains of Abraham high on the Canol Road, and many minor streams, witness Brooks Brook near Whitehorse.

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 "A Soldier's Diary," by Lt. Charles Norman, Chief of Military Training, published by Scribners, will make its debut on Monday at local bookstores and also will be on sale at Post Exchanges throughout the Northwest Service Command. In blank verse, the book deals mainly with the life of an enlisted man, with some parts devoted to Whitehorse. This is not the Lieutenant's first book; others were published in pre-war years in England, France and the United States. We highly recommend the volume.

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 Recent congratulations have been enthusiastically extended to Col. E. E. Kirkpatrick on his appointment as Chief of Staff of the Command and to Col. C. M. Clifford on his promotion to the rank of full Colonel.

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 With this issue, Northwest News is forced by pressure of items contributed and happenings at Headquarters to expand to six pages. We earnestly ask that correspondents, (incidentally free lances are also urged to contribute items of interest at will), continue to submit notes (by 5 p.m. each Wednesday) as this

publication is for the personnel of the Command.

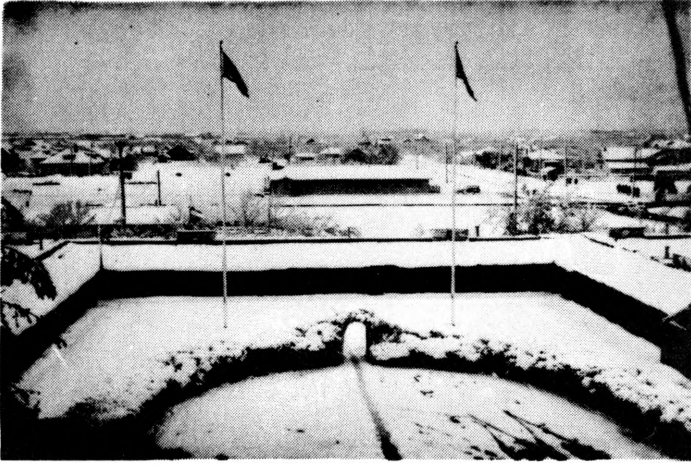
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 In the rush of getting into print last Saturday, a week ahead of schedule, we inadvertently failed to thank S/Sgt. R. F. MacNeill of the Control Branch for the excellent illustration at the top of this editorial page.

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 Capt. Paul Hammond, Theatrical Adviser of the Command who recently returned from leave in New York City, is the master mind behind the Frosty Follies GI show which will open next week at various units in Edmonton. It's a grand production and you'll get lots of laughs when you attend one of the numerous performances.

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 Our editorial staff poet, 2nd Lt. Charles S. Leckie, Jr., has come up this week with a Farewell to General Worsham and a piece about one of our editorial staff members who is in the Station Hospital with a broken ankle bone. Lt. Leckie declares he would welcome competition from any headquarters personnel who may wish to contribute timely bits of verse about the Command.

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 Incidentally, one of our printers, who shall remain nameless, claims fame for having to wash General Worsham's face
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FOUR INCHES SNOW AT HQS. 9 MAY FAIL TO STOP KING MUD



Signal Corps lens shark, T/5 E. J. Schisser hustled out to take this view from College on Wednesday morning.



These vehicles bogged down in mud and wet snow indicate some of the trouble personnel experienced getting to work.

From Page Four.
before sending him to Washington. The "washing" was done with turpentine on the printing plate of Page One of Northwest News in last week's issue.

Northwest News wishes to thank the U. S. Signal Corps Photo Lab for its grand cooperation in assisting us to secure pictures to illustrate events we think are of interest to you.

The District of Edmonton is a part of the field this news sheet hopes to cover and the editor would greatly appreciate having any news or personal notes that unit reporters can secure for the next and succeeding issues.

By the way, plans are being completed for a Welcome Dance for the new Commanding Officer next Saturday night so don't make any other engagements.

F.c.B.
EDITOR'S LAST
MINUTE NOTES

Copies of Northwest News may be mailed to the States as they have been okayed for release from security viewpoint.

Some copies of the first edition of Northwest News are available for distribution. Call at Hut 41.

Circulation 3,000 today.

HAIL AND FAREWELL

We feel a loss, a sense that here
Is something gone that long has stood
A landmark in the sunlight clear,
A towering pine above the wood.

But now - Farewell. Let our own need
To his advancement be no bar,
And, paying other hopes no heed,
We'll wish for him another star.

TO A FALLEN COMRADE

Lt. Gordon Williams -
Retiring sort of chap -
Stepped out and landed, Tuesday,
On the back part of his lap.

It rather seemed to bother,
For when he tried to rise,
One foot, the left I gather,
Felt of unusual size.

And so he's in retirement,
A casualty, you know,
But getting excellent treatment,
And cussing high and low.

He hadn't used his permit;
At present he can't run,
So you might ask him for it,
If sure he has no gun.

C.S.L. Jr.

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MULTILITH AND MIMEO STAFF



 The Multilith and Mimeograph Section of the Northwest Service Command has printed thirty million copies of blank forms, posters, circulars, etc., by the multilith process alone. Approximately three million copies of mimeograph work have been turned out.

At the peak of production, printed forms were rolling off the six offset presses at a rate of one million copies per week. For the statistically inclined, that breaks down into 170,000 to 180,000 copies in an eight-hour day.

The section produces all the forms for the use of the Service Command headquarters, Northwest Division, the Districts, contractors, and U.S. Army Air Forces.

The offset process of the multilith machine is more than twice as fast as commercial upright press printing. With the large camera, the possibilities of multilith (or lithographing) are almost unlimited. Colors are no obstacle, but, rather, a welcome change from the straight black and white printed form. The use of color presents an opportunity

 for the lithographer to prove his skill.

A complete cost record is maintained on each and every job with estimated overhead figures included. A fair comparison of cost with commercial rates could be made on letterheads. The average monthly consumption of various types of letterheads is about 100,000 sheets. These are printed at a cost of approximately \$100.

A commercial printer's quotation would be \$212, and would require 35 to 40 hours for the operation compared to 16 hours by the multilith process. The difference in cost is greater for a smaller amount of forms.

Forms not available in the Blank Forms Warehouse are back-ordered to the plant proper. The requisition is routed through the photograper, plate maker, paper cutter, operator, and bindery respectively for photographing the sample, making a plate from the negative, issuing paper stock, and printing. In the bindery the finished form is padded, punched, stapled folded or bound and wrapped as required in the requisition.

EQUIPMENT FOR PRINTING



 The section as a whole is complete within itself. It stores a stock of approximately 200 tons of different weights, sizes, and colors of paper. Highly skilled personnel, some of whom have been in this type of work for years and formerly were in the same business for themselves, are employed.

"Multilith and Mimeo" is a section of the Office Service Branch which is under the direction of Captain L.Q. C. Lamar.

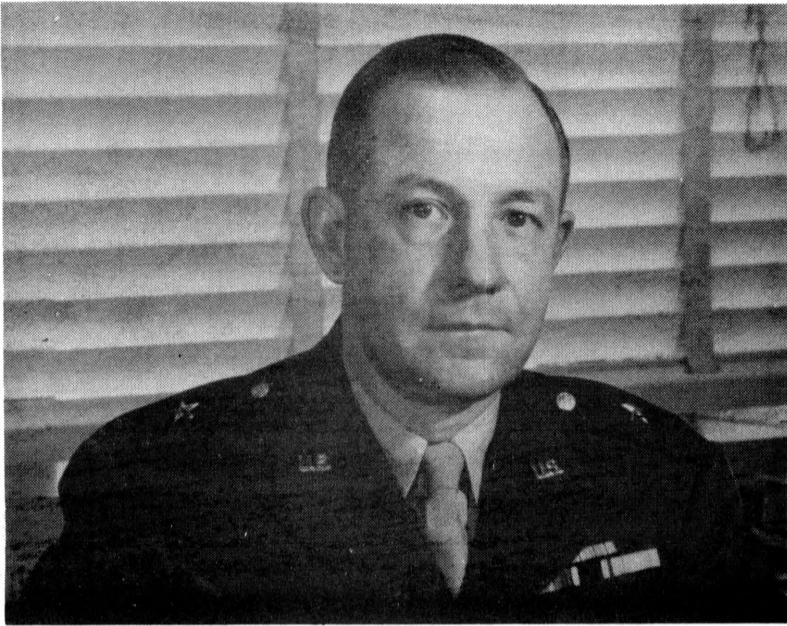
Mr. Dale V. Horn is the section head; Mr. Sam Bethel is the head of the lithographic printing unit.

Hubert Hollingsworth, section photographer, has been ill this week and was unable to be present for the staff picture.

Others in the section are: Miss Edna Becker, Milan Blonjeaux, Miss Irene Brooke, Mrs. Norma Caughlin, Mrs. Rosemary Dancer, Alex Dunn, Steve Hawirko, Mrs. Dorothy Lockhart, Mrs. Kathryn Maurice, Norman Nevins, Anthony Ross, Stanley Schneider, Mrs. Edna Sherk, Hector Simard, James Smith, Miss Kay Trimble, Tony Zarcharko.

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General Worsham Leaves For Washington



Brig. Gen. Ludson D. Worsham assigned to new post as Assistant to the Chief of Engineers in charge of troops after more than a year in direct charge of engineering projects in Northwest Canada and Alaska.

NEW COMMANDER

Colonel F.S. Strong who assumes command of the Northwest Service Command today, was Chief Engineer of the old Services of Supply activities for the U.S. Army Air Forces in the China-Burma-India Theater.

The new Commanding Officer was born in Michigan in 1887 and makes his home at Orchard Lake, a suburb of Detroit, Michigan. Mrs. Strong is still residing at that place. Of the Colonel's four children, one is a Captain in the U. S. Army and is now stationed at Camp Crowder Missouri.

Brig. Gen. L. D. Worsham, Commanding General of the Northwest Service Command, U. S. Army, at Edmonton since April, 1943, has been assigned as assistant chief of engineers in charge of troops with station in Washington, D. C.

He has been in charge of construction and maintenance of the Alaska Highway, Canal and related projects since April, 1943. The completion of the all-weather road from Dawson Creek to Fairbanks late last fall and its extremely successful operation this winter are tributes to his direction and planning.

General Worsham who was graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point in 1916, also completed post graduate courses at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1921 and the U. S. Army's Command and General Staff School in 1937.

During World War I General Worsham served with the 3rd Engineers in the Philippine Islands and the Hawaiian Islands; was a Battalion Commander of the 319th Engineers in France; was Chief Engineer of Artillery with the 2nd Army in France; was District Engineer in Is-Sur-Tille in France; and Assistant G-4 of American Forces during the occupation of Germany.

Before being assigned as Northwest Division Engineer with headquarters at Edmonton, Alberta, he was Division Engineer of the Great Lakes Division and Director of Real Estate, Repairs and Utilities for the Sixth Service Command.

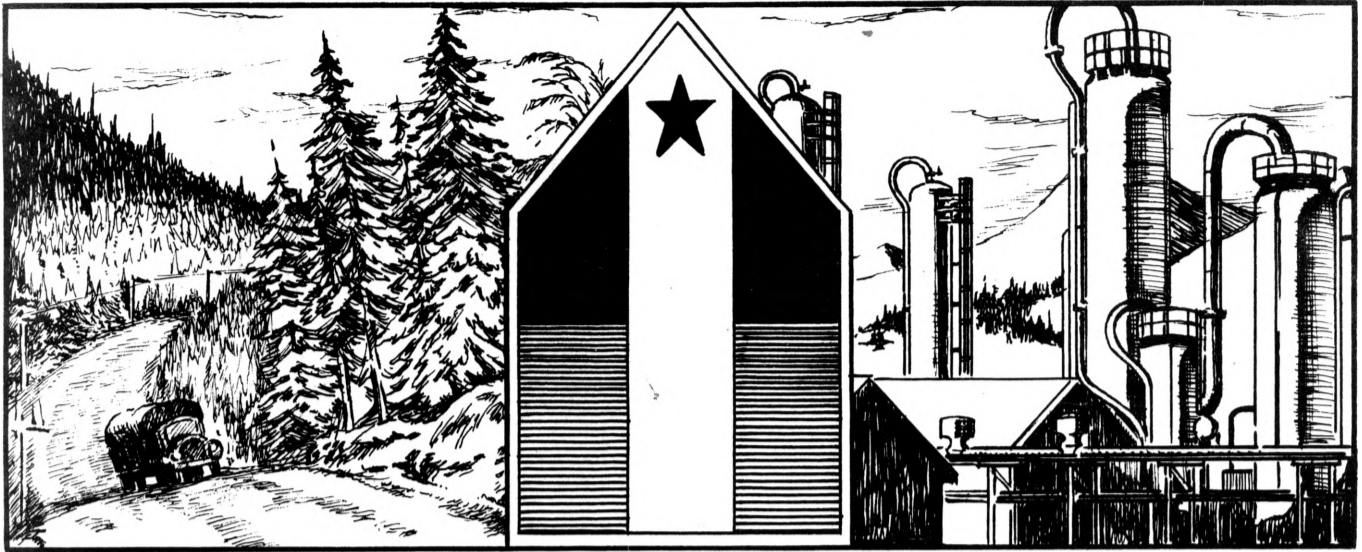
The General also has acted as Senior Instructor in Military Engineering at the U.S. Military Academy, and also Graduate Manager of Athletics at the Academy from the year 1932 through 1936.

A graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, the Colonel was assigned to the Corps of Engineers in 1910.

He served overseas with the Seventh and Second Divisions and later held command of the 116th Engineers after the Armistice in 1918.

In 1919, Colonel Strong resigned from service in the U. S. Army and was in private business in Chicago, Illinois, and Detroit until 1941 when he returned to active duty in the Army.

Colonel Strong also has served during this war as Chief of the Operations Branch, Construction Division, in the Office of the Chief of Engineers and also was Chief of Construction and R. E. Branch. Shortly after being called to active duty in 1941, Colonel Strong was made Commanding Officer of the Fourth Zone Construction Quartermaster.



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Military and Civilian personnel of the N.W.S.C. feel keenly General Worsham's leaving the Command and have extended to him their best luck and wishes in his new post in the Office of the Chief of Engineers in Washington.

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Colonel F.S. Strong Commanding Officer of the Command, has taken over his new duties and is already known to many of us for his kind manner and keen interest.

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With this issue, Northwest News takes a bow and hopes not to trip too often in disseminating items of general interest within the Command.

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Our reputation for accuracy and reporting will depend on the aid (voluntary, we hope) received from those in each unit appointed to keep us advised weekly of past events and of great things to come in the next week.

So we solicit your assistance and help to make this publication a credit to us all.

F.c.B.

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NORTHWEST NEWS will be published each Saturday and you are asked to contribute items from your section by WEDNESDAY of each week. This publication is for the military and civilian personnel at Headquarters, Northwest Service Command.

THE CANOL ROAD

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One of the most curious stretches of roadway in the world although it has only seasonal duration, this year, is the winter road across the Mackenzie River from Norman Wells to Johnson's Crossing on the Alaska Highway. The strangeness, however, comes particularly now when it is almost upon the verge of ceasing to be a winter road, or any kind of road, for that matter.

During winter months snowfall is heavy in that area, some 45 miles south of the Arctic Circle, and the surface of the great river, one of the continent's largest, is covered by five to eight feet of ice and several feet of snow. The snow, driven by the wind, drifts over the ice and settles in masses that look like frozen waves.

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Fourteen miles from camp the road has climbed to 1,100 feet, descending a few miles farther on to 750 feet altitude in Carcajou River valley. Pump Station No. 2 is 36 miles from Camp Canol and 1,750 feet above sea level. There the oil in the pipe line is boosted over the first big rise on the road at 3,500 feet altitude.

From that point the road winds among mountains, sometimes, as at Blue Mountain, clinging to rocks 700 feet in the clear above the level of the valley. It is a region where vastness is the keynote in everything except comfort and a sense of security for travelers.

At Mile 80 there are level areas named by road builders "The Plains of Abraham," a great plateau more than a mile above sea level. Two miles west the road crosses the highest level in its route, at Summit, 5,740 feet altitude.

In 550 miles of road there are no railroad crossings, no cross roads, and no towns. Emergency shelters and rest camps at frequent intervals make travel possible.

C.S.L. Jr.

CANOL PROJECT CULMINATION REACHED AT REFINERY CEREMONY

 Last Sunday, 30 April 1944, the Canol Project Refinery, marking completion of the construction mission of the Northwest Service Command, was dedicated at Whitehorse, The Yukon, by General Worsham to the "Defeat of the Japanese Empire."

Crude oil pumped through the recently completed pipeline, from Norman Wells, Northwest Territories, site of the oil field, arrived at the plant on 16 April 1944. After reserve stock was built up and the actual testing of the refinery process completed, the first refined products started flowing into the storage tanks 30 April 1944.

Tons of steel were used in the refinery's construction, in addition to the refinery dismantled in Texas and transported thousands of miles to the Canadian Northwest.

Colonel James V. Johnston is District Commander and District Engineer at Whitehorse with Major Walter H. Parsons in immediate supervision of construction of the refinery.

Lt. Col. Robert H. Bungay and Captain G. T. McKee, engineer officers on the staff in Edmonton were charged with planning, coordinating and expediting construction of the Canol Project.

The 42,000 civilians and thousands of soldiers who made the Canol Project a reality, last night were praised by General Worsham for their devotion to the tasks before them. The General spoke at a dinner given for him by the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce.

 Construction on the refinery was started in the early summer of 1943 with Bechtel-Price-Callahan as contractors and J. Gordon Turnbull and Sverdrup and Parcel as architect engineers.

The projects grouped under the name Canol, short for Canadian Oil, in addition to the construction of the refinery at Whitehorse, included the development of oil fields near Norman Wells on the Mackenzie River in the Canadian Northwest Territories, the construction of a road and pipeline from the field to the refinery, 595 miles, and a 1500-mile network of pipelines for distribution of the refiner products.

Transportation of men and equipment to the job had proved to be the major obstacle encountered by the engineers. Distances involved were tremendous and existing facilities in the summer of 1942 were negligible.

As the various transportation systems began to function and men and equipment began to arrive at the job site, crews started from Whitehorse and Norman Wells on the construction of the Canol access road.

At Norman Wells work had been progressing. Wells had been drilled to produce 3,000 barrels a day. Exploration had discovered an oil field much larger than anticipated. It has been estimated by geologists to have a potential of 100,000-000 barrels or more.

On 31 December 1943 the Canol road was completed and on 18 February 1944 the final weld was made in the

 595-mile pipeline.

The crews working from the east and west met in the MacMillans Pass on the Continental Divide deep in the Mackenzie Mountain range in the heart of virtually unexplored country.

Before any of the Canol Project could be started, a transportation system had to be set up from Waterways, Alberta Province, more than 1,000 miles down the Mackenzie River Valley toward the Arctic Circle, to carry essential machines, personnel, supplies and equipment to Norman Wells, North West Territories.

This water route was supplemented by an air freight service supplied by the U. S. Army Air Forces Air Transport Command from Edmonton.

In addition, during the winter of 1942-43, a 1,000-mile winter road was pushed through by bulldozers so that tractor trains could follow immediately behind them. Access winter roads also were built into this main line for transportation of other material that had been caught at various points along the Mackenzie River water route by the early freeze-up in the fall of 1942.

Crews living in cabooses drawn by tractors and mounted on sleds bulldozed their way from Peace River the thousand miles to Norman Wells and on 23 February 1943 this winter road was completed.

These cat trains, which are used extensively in the north, consist of a series of wannigans or cabooses hauled by crawler type tractors.

"TO DEFEAT OF JAPANESE EMPIRE"

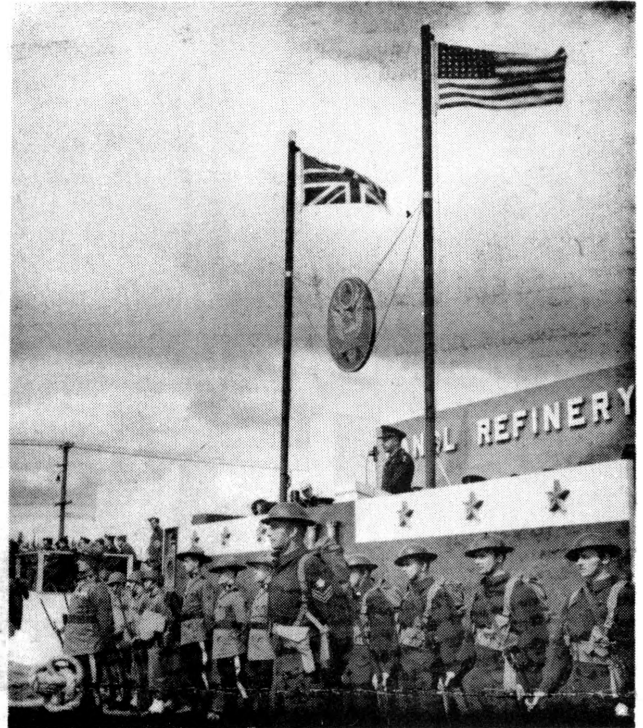


THIS IS PART of the crowd at the Whitehorse Refinery Dedication. Hundreds more spilled over to stand behind the cameraman in a space cleared for that purpose. General Worsham is shown on the platform dedicating the refinery. He gave great credit to Col. James V. Johnston, Commanding Officer of Whitehorse District, Northwest Service Command, for the excellent preparations that were made for the ceremony.

PLENTY BRASS AT CEREMONY

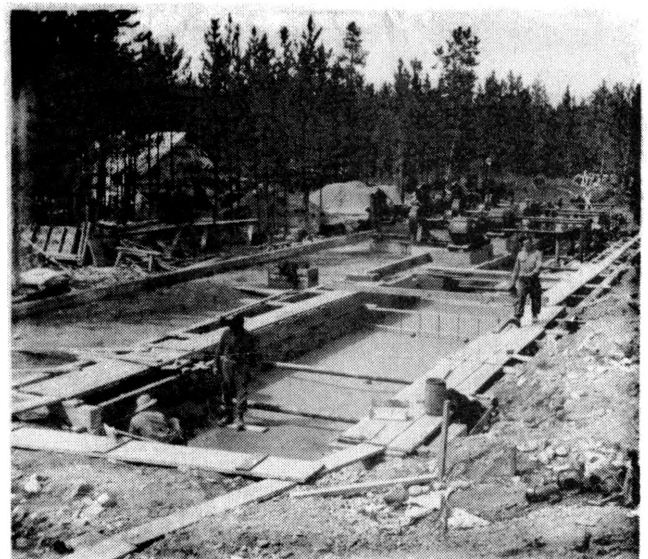


BRIGADIER GENERAL Dale V Gaffney Commanding General, Alaskan Wing, Air Transport Command, U. S. Army Air Forces; Major General W. W. Foster, Special Commissioner for Defense Projects in Northwest Canada; and Brigadier General Ludson D. Worsham, Commanding General, Northwest Service Command, who were among those taking part in the dedication ceremony at Whitehorse, Yukon on 30 April 1944.



GENERAL WORSHAM dedicates Whitehorse Canol Project Refinery as colorful Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and color guards from Royal Canadian Air Force and the United States Army, stand guard. Special recordings of the refinery program were made by stations KPAR, Fairbanks, Alaska, CFRN and CJCA in Edmonton. The full ceremony was carried by two broadcasts, time for the Edmonton end being split between the stations.

PUMPING STATION UNDER CONSTRUCTION



ONE OF THE big jobs in the Canol Project was solving the problem of boosting oil from Norman Wells over the mountain ranges. This is a general view of one stage of construction of one of the numerous pumping stations designed to raise the vital "black gold" over the MacMillan Range between Fort Norman and the Whitehorse refinery. The Canol opening marked end of Northwest Service Command's northcountry construction.