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## ORD Changes to General Type Base; New Organizational Heads Take Over

New faces at ORD were among officers named to top key positions in ORD's new organizational structure this week as job shuffling resulting from transition of the base from the director to general and special staff type continued.

Newcomers included a former Ninth air force pilot, Lt. Col. Stanley P. Latiolais, who now heads S-4 (supply and maintenance) and Lt. Col. Comer L. Vandiver, commanding officer of the seven-squadron service group of permanent party men created under the revised arrangement.

Col. Vandiver served 24 months overseas with the Eighth and Ninth air forces and entered the service Nov. 4, 1940 at MacDill Field, Fla.

The new commanding officer of S-3 (training and operations) succeeding the veteran Lt. Col. Francis R. Bowlin is Lt. Col. Roy B. Caviness, former chief of Squadrons ABC. Col. Bowlin is now in charge of S-2 (intelligence) and expects to return to the ground forces soon.

Heading the processing group is Lt. Col. Arthur G. Huppe, former commanding officer of Squadron V, the shipping unit. Squadron V has been split with Squadrons T and U being created and Maj. Richard Sansing as shipping coordinator.

There were new titles but similar duties for some. An example is Lt. Col. Charles W. Kiser, former director of administration, who is now S-1 (administration, personnel and services).

Lt. Col. C. I. Pulling continues as officer in charge of processing and Maj. Orland O. Sisler is now assistant S-4.

Under Col. Vandiver in the service group are Squadrons A, B, and C (now separated), Y, F and X, W, and G. Col. Huppe directs Squadrons M, H, K, L, O, R, S, T, U and V. The complete list of squadron commanders and adjutants of service and processing group squadrons as THE ROTATOR went to press is as follows:

Squadron A, Maj. Everett Blakely, commanding officer, Capt. A. B. Ohle, adjutant; Squadron B, Maj. Horace E. Bamberg, commanding officer, Capt. V. H. Kerr, adjutant; Squadron C, Maj. Harry W. Husman, commanding officer, 1st Lt. J. K. Schumaker, adjutant;

Squadrons F and X, Maj. C. A. Doyle, commanding officer, Maj. Maj. G. S. Worley, adjutant; Squadron G, 1st Lt. C. E. Garten, commanding officer, and 1st Lt. L. E. Zapinski, adjutant; Squadron H, Capt. L. F. Baldowicz, commanding officer, 1st Lt. D. E. McCormick, adjutant;

Squadron Y, Capt. A. K. Gollnik, commanding officer, 2nd Lt. J. B. Clouse, adjutant; Squadron H, Lt. Col. G. O. Commemator, commanding officer, Maj. Carl S. Looker, adjutant; Squadron K, Lt. Col. W. F. Fennell, commanding officer, and 1st Lt. Al Sigler, adjutant;

Squadron L, Lt. Col. Richard F. Weltzin, commanding officer, Capt. J. W. Braun, adjutant; Squadron M, Capt. L. N. Lewis, commanding officer, and 1st Lt. W. W. Davis, adjutant;

Squadron O, Lt. Col. G. B. Dobbin, commanding officer, and Maj. John S. Caughman, adjutant; Squadron R, Maj. Gene Douglas, commanding officer, and Capt. O. R. Orland, adjutant;

Squadron S, Maj. Rudolph Rhodes, commanding officer, and Capt. R. W. Oldham, adjutant; Squadron T, Capt. W. H. Bicknell, commanding officer, and 1st Lt. E. G. Giamarelli, adjutant; Squadron U, Capt. S. B. Levy, commanding officer, and 1st Lt. Joseph Harkiewicz, adjutant; Squadron V, 1st Lt. W. L. Tabscott, Jr., commanding officer, and 1st Lt. Q. C. Durham, adjutant.

### New Department Heads



LT. COL. ARTHUR G. HUPPE



LT. COL. STANLEY P. LATIOLAIS



LT. COL. ROY B. CAVINESS



LT. COL. COMER L. VANDIVER

## Former Post Executives Left Monday For Service In Germany After Notable Record

Two former key figures in ORD administration were among a group of officers leaving this week by troop train for shipment to Germany. They were Lt. Col. R. F. Spaulding, ex-post executive officer, and Maj. Carl E. Pederson, former director of ORD troop movements.

## Cause Still Unknown In Sergeant's Death

Funeral services were scheduled to be held in Manchester, Ga., for T/Sgt. Ernest M. Thompson, 35 years old, of Squadron L, who died in his bed of undetermined causes at 6:40 a.m. Tuesday in barracks 856.

Investigators reported the death was apparently natural but an autopsy conducted by the post hospital did not determine the exact cause. Thompson, a former commissioned officer, left the service on June 23, 1945, and re-enlisted the following day. He had served overseas in the Caribbean theatre.

Thompson is survived by his parents who reside at 507 Worchester avenue, Middlesboro, Ky.

David Joyce, Greensboro negro, has been bound over to Guilford Superior Court after probable cause was found by municipal county court in the fatal shooting of Cpl. Melkia Ware, ORD negro MP, in a gambling fracas on July 8. A Guilford grand jury returned a true bill on the murder charges against Joyce on Tuesday.

After a quarter mile march from Squadron H barracks to the railroad yards, the 400-odd officers, ranging from the rank of colonel to lieutenant, boarded a 12-car troop train on Monday afternoon with brief ceremonies. Col. H. K. Mooney, post commander, was present.

Lt. Col. Spaulding had served at ORD for 20 months, as both assistant base personnel officer and later executive officer. He is a native of Montgomery, Ala., was called to active duty in July, 1942, and came here from AAFBU 1020 at Miami. He has previously seen service as an executive officer in the southwest Pacific.

Maj. Pederson has spent seven months here as troop movements officer and came to ORD from Santa Monica, Calif. A native of Plainfield, N. J., he was commander of Squadron R before assuming the duties of troops director. His Army career dates back to June, 1942, and he has also had previous overseas service, both in Germany and India as shipment supervisor.

A four-hour afternoon cocktail party with the music and floorshow of Ray Kinney and his Hawaiian band will begin at 5 p.m. this Sunday at the permanent party officers' club. Round two of the bridge tournament will continue Monday night next week with a "smorgasbord" and bingo Thursday night.

## Operations Will Not Be Curtailed; Army Gets Restricted Use of Field Facilities For Transient Servicing and Reserve Flying To Be Kept, War Dept. Informs Col. Mooney

Flying operations for ORD personnel at Greensboro-High Point airport will continue as usual until further notice following arrival of an official telegram this week which raised considerable furor with its statement that the field had been declared "surplus" to army needs "with restrictions."

Text of the message, sent from the commanding general, army air forces, was:

"You are authorized to announce that Greensboro-High Point airport declared surplus by war department effective July 1, 1946 with restrictions. Facilities will be retained for transient servicing and reserve flying."

The Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel's Washington bureau reported that the airport had been declared "surplus" to army needs "except for a portion of facilities to be used exclusively by the war department under terms of a current lease."

At present, the army has under lease approximately 23 acres of land at the field which includes a hangar, barracks, operations and engineering buildings, firehouse, concrete ramp and other facilities. Squadron Y's complement consists of 41 airplanes, 130 enlisted men and 25 officers.

On his return from Washington late Wednesday afternoon, Col. H. K. Mooney said, "We have received a wire but we have not received any orders curtailing flying operations of the present ORD flying detachment."

## All Eighteen Months Draftees To Get Out By End of November

Eighteen months' discharge criteria for enlisted men will become effective here on October 1, following orders received from training command headquarters at Barksdale Field, La.

All non-volunteer enlisted men with 18 months service by October will be eligible for separation by November 30, while non-volunteer fathers, regardless of length of service, will be released from the army by September 30.

Previously announced discharge criteria for officers remains unchanged, the announcement revealed.

Non-volunteer enlisted men who accumulate 18 months active service after November will be eligible for separation during their 18th month.

By September 30 those in this group who have 20 months service may apply for a discharge.

No enlisted personnel are to be transferred from one station to another unless they can render two months' service after their arrival at the new station, before they become eligible for discharge. Such personnel will be discharged rather than transferred.

All ORD fathers who will be affected by the new provisions must submit birth certificates of their children to room 6, T-2, by July 20.

The directive was in accord with the new draft bill signed last week by President Truman, limiting selective service to 18 months. Previous criteria had been set at 24 months for all draftees.

It is impossible to determine immediately the number of ORD enlisted men who will be affected by the policy, although the Army Times estimates a half million enlisted men and women will be separated under the provisions by November 1.

## Use of Barracks For Housing Is Blocked

Private ownership of ORD property which is leased to the Army, according to the Greensboro Record, is one factor which is blocking the conversion of 83 ORD barracks into two-family emergency housing units for veteran families.

The Federal Project Housing Administration has disapproved a loan grant to convert the barracks units, because of this ownership, the fact that Greensboro has already exceeded its FHFA building quota, and FHFA lack of funds.

Col. H. K. Mooney, post commander, had backed the conversion of former WAC barracks and their facilities for temporary housing, although he expressed little hope that any private organization could meet the complicated process to lease the barracks.

### This Week's

## ORDealings

Cpl. William H. Bradfield, editor-in-chief of The Rotator and now on furlough in Texas where his father is a newspaper publisher, will spend three days conferring with command public relations officials at Barksdale Field, La., next week.

Bradfield, who will visit Air Training Command headquarters on his return trip to ORD, will do a feature on the post and the men who hold its top posts.

He will also confer on Air Force Day and recruiting publicity and command public relations regulations.

The Army Air Forces Training Command under which ORD operates has a new name.

Henceforth, it will be known as the Air Training Command.

The announcement was made this week in a telegram from command headquarters at Barksdale Field, La.

If it wasn't a thunderstorm or low misty ceilings it was a shortage of gasoline—but ORD rated personnel finally got their ships back into the skies this week after a week's layoff.

The thunderstorms still persisted, but the vital fuel arrived and the planes flew when the sun shone and ground folk sizzled and steamed.

The fuel shortage occurred when army authorities at Wright field, Ohio, cancelled a gasoline contract, causing a delay until tank cars shipped here by a new contractor arrived.

## Air Force Day Plans Revealed For Aug. 1

ORD was preparing this week to mark its first peacetime observance of Air Force Day August 1 with the official theme this year, "Air Power Is Peace Power."

"It is specifically desired that air forces installations be open to the public on Air Force day and exhibits of planes, equipment and training methods be integrated into an overall program of commemoration," General Carl Spaatz, commanding general of the army air forces, ordered last week.

Plans in observation of the event here including "open house," a parade and a public appearance of Col. H. K. Mooney, ORD commanding officer, were under consideration. Arrangements are in charge of training and operations assisted by special services and public relations.

## Corrected Deficiencies Will Be Checked By ATC

Inspectors from air training command headquarters at Barksdale Field, La., will return to ORD the third week in July, ORD administrators revealed this week. The group will be checking to see if deficiencies noted in the inspection the last week of June have been corrected, it was indicated.





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## True Democracy

Last week, 170 years after the American colonies defiantly declared their independence of England, the United States made good its promise to set the Philippine Islands free. Gloomy as were the rebellious colonies in 1776, they could not be more discouraged than the situation faced by Filipinos today. The Islands, after being ravaged by the Japanese, are worse off today than when we took them from Spain in 1898. Filipinos are hungry and many are homeless. Transportation, communication and power services must be rebuilt. The economy of the islands must be started from a scratch. The Filipinos must depend upon economic help and military security. Restless Asia and shrewd Russia will keep suspicious eyes on the little republic. The dangers are many and not all Filipinos want independence.

Nevertheless, Uncle Sam has delivered the independence which he promised in 1935. Stout-hearted Filipinos, schooled in democracy and determined to make their long-sought independence work, assumed the responsibility for their future and 18,000,000 Filipinos will celebrate the same independence day as the United States.

May they prosper in their freedom. And may every oppressed people in the world look to the liberation of the Philippines as an example of the justice that only true democracy fosters.

## One Bomb

"Only three small ships sunk," read the headlines the day after the Bikini test. Then the story went on to say another ship was expected to sink; a battleship, carrier, two cruisers, a sub, an LST were heavily damaged; 27 others lightly damaged.

As a test, successful, announced Admiral Blandy.

Disappointing, said most observers on the scene, "not enough flame and smoke." These critics included many jubilant battleship Navy men, who die hard even within 18 miles of destruction.

Pointed to The Cloud, "not so much," grinned a Russian scientist, well-schooled in belittling everything not Russian.

It seems to us they want egg in their beer.

As comparison, let's take Midway, the war's most important "sea battle," in which destruction was carried out entirely by aircraft, not one ship firing a gun. Jap losses: four carriers, two cruisers, three destroyers sunk. Ten ships damaged; 275 aircraft destroyed. U. S. losses: one carrier, one destroyer sunk; 150 planes destroyed.

To accomplish this, the opposing forces required five days, 98 combat vessels, hundreds of planes, thousands of men, thousands of tons of bombs and torpedoes, and land bases from which to launch many of the planes.

Compare this with the Bikini bomb figures: one plane carrying one bomb—which incidentally, would make no more than a heavy load for a jeep.

The admirals are already talking about changes in naval strategy whereby ships will be developed over a greater expanse of ocean, in order to escape what looks to use like the inescapable. The maneuver resembles the scurrying of ants before an invading foot.

We must remember that a number of A-bombs can be dropped as easily as a single one. And we will probably have a demonstration of that before the testing is over.—Army Times.

## Letters To The Editor

Let's have some more of those feature. Could it be that we have letters fella's, surely you have some found the contented soldier—one kind of a gripe that you would likethat has found the long-treasured to have aired through this column. Utopia? Or has interest in the Remember, though, let's don't make column decreased? Let's hear your them too strong, but if you have viewpoint on the whole deal.

anything that is puzzling you send. Many weeks the ROTATOR has been it along to the Public Relations Of-flooded by letters, but in the last fice, Building T-170. Remember that few weeks, nobody seems to give a the contents of the letter shall nothing about anything concerning have slanderous or libelous contents, either himself, or his buddies. In fact we had to actually retire the mailman because we couldn't furnish

Dear Reader:

When the "Letters to the Editor" enough work for him. column was started on this page a. Anyway, let's have some of those month or so ago, we were congratu-letters. They can be about anything lated heartily by members of the from fit to tat, and about this and various squadrons for providing anath. It's simple; all you have to opportunity to let GI's blow off do is write down your view-point steam.

Since that time, however, interest vlope addressed to the Public Re-has dropped, or should we say, nose-lations Office, Building 170. dived since the inauguration of the

THE EDITOR

## The Chapel Bell

CATHOLIC MASSES  
SUNDAY  
8 A. M. Chapel No. 1, Bldg. T-106.  
9:00 A. M. Hospital (Red Cross Day Room).  
11 A. M. Chapel No. 4, Bldg. T-504.  
5:30 P. M. Chapel No. 1, Bldg. T-106.  
WEEKDAY MASS  
11:50 A. M. Daily. Chapel No. 1, Bldg. T-106.  
7:00 P. M. Monday nights. Novena and Benediction. Chapel No. 1 Bldg. T-106.  
Catholic Chaplain's Office. Chapel No. 1, Bldg. T-106.  
Confessions before and after all masses and every night at 7:15 in Chapel No. 1, Bldg. T-106.  
PROTESTANT SERVICES  
SUNDAY  
9 A. M. Episcopal Holy Communion. Chapel No. 1, Bldg. T-106.  
10 A. M. Morning Worship. Chapel No. 1, Bldg. T-106.  
10:00 A. M. Morning Worship. Chapel No. 4, Bldg. T-504.  
10:00 A. M. Morning Worship, Hos-pital (Red Cross Day Room).  
7:00 P. M. Vesper and General Protestant Communion Service. Chapel No. 4, Bldg. T-504.  
WEEKDAY SERVICES  
7:00 P. M. Tuesday, Prayer Service. Chapel No. 3, Bldg. T-605.  
7:00 P. M. Tuesday, (Christian Science). Chapel No. 5, Bldg. T-402.  
7:00 P. M. Thursday, Christian Service Men's League. Chapel No. 3, Bldg. T-605.  
Protestant Chaplain's Office. Chapel No. 1, Bldg. T-106.  
LATTER DAY SAINTS  
7:00 P. M. Wednesday. Prayer Service and discussion group. Chapel No. 5, Bldg. T-402.  
JEWISH SERVICES  
7:30 P. M. Friday, Sabbath Eve Service. Chapel No. 5, Bldg. T-402.  
7:30 P. M. Wednesday, Discussion Group. Chapel No. 5, Bldg. T-402.  
Jewish Chaplain's Office. Chapel No. 5, Bldg. T-402.  
A Chaplain is on duty each night in Chapel No. 1, Bldg. T-106 from 6:30 to 9:00 P. M.

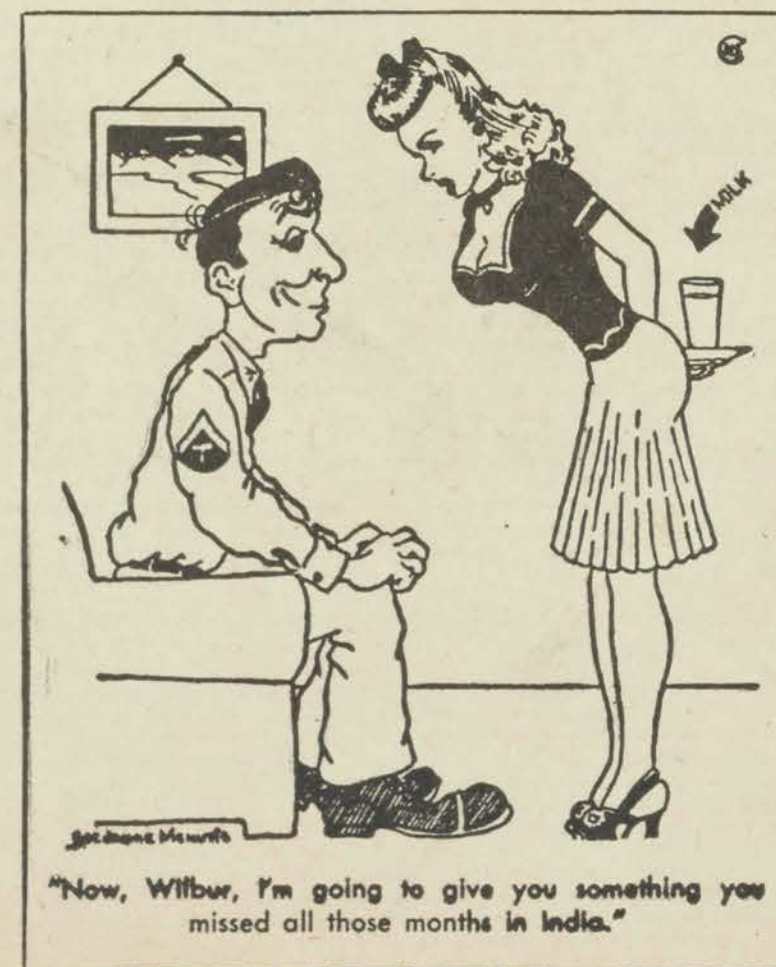
## Tents

The Chaplain moved with his unit to a new station in Belgium and was assigned a spot in a forest of young pines on which to pitch a pyramidal tent, which was to be a home for himself and three other officers. Certain modifications can be made in such a tent to make it more comfortable. We extended both side walls and closed in the open ends with "liberated" German plywood. This gave us a spacious room sixteen by twenty-four feet, quite comfortable for four men. A Squadron Commanding Officer, who never attended church, passed by and surprised the Chaplain by remarking that it was Scriptural for the Chaplain to have the walls of his tent extended.

Isaiah says, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of Thine habitations: lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes."

This principle applies in every phase of life. As we live our lives in the army we must strive to enlarge the scope and worth of our lives in our work, in our fellow men, and in our relations with God. We should lengthen our cords into a well developed, steadied, and useful life. We should strengthen our stakes in a deepened spirituality, for our physical, mental, and social growth will be in a direct proportion to our spiritual development.

JOHN A. MOORE  
Chaplain (Capt.) USA



General Eisenhower has asked Congress for an additional 25,000 Regular Army officers for a peacetime army of 800,000 men. Twenty thousand of the officers would be commissioned in the Air Forces, he said.

The Senate Military Affairs Committee approved last week 9,600 permanent commissions from major through second lieutenant from a list of 108,000 war service officers who had applied. General Eisenhower says 60,000 remain who are qualified for appointment.

By July 1, 1947, the Army will number 1,070,000. Eisenhower said, although he guessed at an army of 800,000 after occupation is ended.

Provisions of a new discharge plan which will release nearly 500,000 enlisted men and women from service by November 1 were announced this week. Beginning October 1, all non-volunteers who have completed 18 months service by November 30 will be eligible for separation during October or November; after that date they will be eligible for discharge by the last day of their 18th month.

All non-volunteer enlisted fathers are to be separated by September 30. All non-volunteers who have completed 20 months service by September 30 may be discharged. During October, all Wacs who have not volunteered for additional service will be discharged.

General Ulysses S. Grant was one of 11 generals relieved of active duty by the War Department. He is Major-General U. S. Grant III, a direct descendant of the Civil War Union leader.

An Army Air Forces band gives Sunday evening concerts on the steps of the Capitol in Washington which attract 5,000 spectators weekly.

Extensive reinforcements in the Hawaiian air defenses are being built. W. Stuart Symington, assistant secretary of war for air, told the Honolulu chamber of commerce. The Hawaiian air forces will include heavy bombers, day fighters, all-weather and night fighters, long range reconnaissance and troop carrier aircraft, as well as P-51 fighter squadrons for an Air National Guard of the islands.

"There is a lesson in Pearl Harbor," Secretary Symington said. "That lesson is: never be unprepared for a devastating attack."

Keesler Field, Miss., has been designated as an AAF reception center for civilians in the area enlisting in the Air Corps.

Col. Edward E. Hildreth, former commanding officer of Mitchell Field, N. Y., has gone to Germany for service with the 9th Air Force.

AAF battle casualties in all overseas theaters have been released by the War Department as follows:

Killed—17,021 officers, 23,040 enlisted men; wounded and evacuated—6,442 officers, 11,796 enlisted men; missing, interned and captured—26,952 officers, 36,616 enlisted men. Totals—50,415 officers, 71,452 enlisted men, 121,867 inclusive.

The Air Transport Command in Washington will move from the National Airport to Bolling Field by September 1, easing the use of space for civilian airlines at the Airport.

When the war ended, America had more first-class fighting planes than all the rest of the world's air forces combined—80,000 of them, according to the 1946 edition of the authoritative Aircraft Year Book. Figures printed in the book show our Army and Navy flew 2,646,000 sorties, dropped 2,000,000 tons of bombs on enemy targets, destroyed 30,000 enemy planes in Europe and 25,000 in Japan.

Eleven additional professors have been appointed to West Point and the President has authorized training of 20 Latin-American cadets.

Recreational facilities for the Army will cost \$19,000,000 in the coming year, according to the amount approved for that purpose by the House Appropriations Committee. During the year additional girls will be employed as actresses for overseas shows, hostesses and librarians will take over duties Red Cross girls have been performing.

Brig. Gen. Howard L. Peckham, formerly with the quartermaster general's office, has been assigned as Air Quartermaster for the AAF.

Radio-active beer which was aboard a test ship at Bikini is being flown to Washington to be served to laboratory animals, to "see what happens." Candy bars, radio-active soft drinks, and other rations are being tested likewise.

Here's one from the British army:

Form F-735, a new certificate for condemnation of Army food, specifies that the examining officer must mark whether food is:

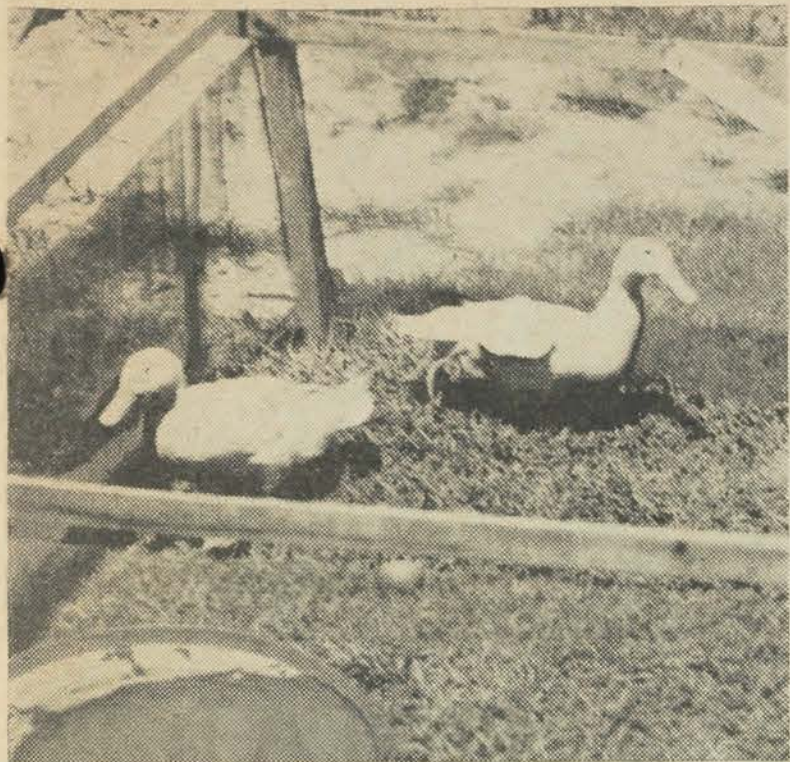
1. "Unfit for human consumption."
2. "Unfit for consumption by troops."

Plastered on the side of the B-29 "Dave's Dream" which dropped the atomic bomb over Bikini was a foot-high picture of movie actress Rita Hayworth and an inscription reading "Gilda," after Miss Hayworth's latest picture.

The 7,083 islands of the Philippines received their freedom last week on July 4, after 48 years under the jurisdiction of the United States, and more recently as one of our most important battle sites in the Pacific.



## Educated Ducks



Espie and Harry, just two ordinary ducks trying to prove to GIs that army life is "duck soup" are shown above. The ducks are currently on display in the front yard of the post intelligence office. Both fowls are quick to agree that they are "Quackin' good quackers."

## Harry and Espie Find Regular Army Life Provides 'Quacking' Good Opportunities

My name is Harry, and that cute little number over there is Espie. We live here on the base over at the Post Intelligence Office. Yep, we're just a couple of ducks. Well, I wouldn't say we're ordinary ducks, because we feel that we're kind of special.

We used to live in Greensboro, but our boss Ernie Pittard came into the store one day, and bought us. Now that sure was swell of the boss, and believe me Espie and I won't forget it. Why do you know that there were over a hundred other ducks living in the same place with us. Speak of the housing shortage, that was really terrible. No privacy whatsoever. Well anyway, getting back to the story, Ernie, brought us out here to the Army Base in a box.

The new home was strange at first, but we soon got used to the banging of the typewriters, and having people always walking past our home which was under one of the desks.

Good living . . . this was really tops. Plenty of chow, and all the water we could drink. Of course we had to put on a show once in awhile, but we didn't mind it if the boss and his friends got a laugh out of it.

One day the boss came and took us out of the box. Espie, that's my wife, didn't like it one bit, so she squawked a little. He didn't hurt us or anything, but he did introduce us to a brand new place to live. It sure was swell. Right out there on the grass, with a lot of feed, and a big pan of water that we could even swim in. Yes sir, not every duck could live like this.

Living outside was a little different, but it didn't take us long to get used to it, and now Espie tells me she wouldn't trade this for a pent house.

We always had plenty of company too. When we get lonely at times we just make a lot of noise, and splash around in the water, and before you know it we have a few fellows standing around watching us. That's when Espie always tries to steal the show, and she goes into her act with zest. Running around, jumping in the water, quacking, and even making eyes at the fellows.

Well, that's about the whole story of how we came out here to ORD. Of course I'd like to say that we both think it's swell being out here with the boss, and no one can ever say that this is a dogs life.

## Administrative OCS Now Open In Texas

An administrative officer course lasting 16 weeks has been opened for qualified personnel at AAF Military Training Center, San Antonio, Texas.

General requirements include completion of basic training and passing the OCS entrance examination. Graduates of the school will be familiar with administration, classification, and AAF organization and personnel management.

## Forty-Five Generals' Commissions Return To Peacetime Grades

One-grade reductions, of fifteen major generals and the termination of wartime appointments of 30 temporary brigadier generals has been announced by the War Department. The action virtually completes the reduction program in the Army's general officer strength.

Such demotions are not reflections on the professional abilities of any officer, it was explained, but are necessitated in the demobilization of the war-time Army to a peacetime basis.

Reductions to brigadier general included: Vernon Evans (Col., Inf.), former Chief of Staff and Commanding General of the U. S. Forces in the India-Burma Theater; Hobart R. Gay (Lt. Col., Cav.), former Chief of Staff of the Seventh Army and Third Army in the ETO, and Commanding General of the Fifteenth Army; Frederick A. Irving (Lt. Col., Inf.), Commanding General of Fort Dix, N. J.; Russell Reynolds (Lt. Col., Inf.), Chief, Special Services Division; Harry L. Twaddle (Col., Inf.), former Commanding General of the Infantry Replacement Training Center at Camp Walters, Texas.

The only Air Corps reduction was of Brig. Gen. Clinton D. Vincent to the grade of first lieutenant. He was formerly commanding general of the Iceland Base Command.

## Equipment, Arms To Tour All States

Washington (CNS) — New developments in peacetime Army Ground Forces weapons, equipment and methods will be demonstrated to the public for the first time as seven AGF caravans tour more than 10 Ostate and county fairs this summer and fall, it was announced by Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Army Ground Forces commander.

A 100-man demonstration team, including combat infantrymen and artillerymen, will accompany each caravan. They will conduct public showings in all parts of the country in addition to their appearances at fairs and exhibitions.

The public will see for the first time such weapons as the "recoilless" 57mm and 75mm guns, notable for their lack of recoil when fired and for their light weight compared with standard World War II models of the same caliber. Visitors also will see a switchboard and message center in operation, as well as a radio-controlled target plane and many items of captured enemy weapons, clothing, and equipment.

Standard items of ground forces equipment, plus a medal and unit insignia collection, will round out each display.

Two caravans will tour the Sixth Army area, while one caravan will travel through each of the other five army areas.

## 28th Div. Is First National Guard Unit To Reorganize

Harrisburg, Pa. (CNS) — The 28th (Keystone) Infantry Division of Pennsylvania is the first of the National Guard Divisions to get specific authority for reorganization since the war's end. Orders authorizing activation of the 28th as a National Guard unit were received by Brig. Gen. R. M. Vail, Adjutant General of Pennsylvania, from Maj. Gen. Butler B. Miltonberger, Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

Washington (CNS) — The largest execution in American military history was not the hanging of 28 Nazis for war crimes at the Dachau concentration camp in Germany, records now reveal. In 1862 at Mankato, Minn., 38 Indians who participated in the Sioux uprising in Minnesota that year were hanged simultaneously. Twenty years earlier in the war with Mexico 50 American deserters were rounded up and hanged when Gen. Winfield Scott took Mexico City, but records are unclear whether they were hanged en masse.

## Complete Renovation



Workers pictured above are busily engaged in completing the job of face-lifting that is now taking place at the permanent party mess hall. The interior of the building has been painted a light shade of green, which is only a brief part of the plans set up by the mess office.

## Renovations Completed On Enlisted Mess; As Expected Improvement To Mess Morale

General Mess No. 1 will be re-opened to feed enlisted personnel early next week after two weeks shutdown for extensive repairs and renovations on the building and equipment. Temporary enlisted messing facilities at General Mess No. 2 will be discontinued.

## Five Million Paid On VA Disabled Claims

To date the Veterans Administration has paid over \$500,000,000 to disabled veterans of World War II on disability pension claims. It was announced yesterday that disability claims have been reduced 56 per cent since February.

More than a million and one half awards were made by the VA among 3,000,000 claims filed, ranging from \$11.50 to \$115 per month. Certain statutory awards for specific total disabilities such as total blindness in both eyes, loss of the use of both hands, or spinal cord injury pay up to \$300 per month.

Approximately 100,000 World War II veterans are drawing total disability pensions. VA rolls contain 587,000 living veterans of other wars and peacetime service who are receiving disability pensions.

## WAC Reenlistment Period Lengthened

Washington (CNS) — Henceforth, all former Wacs who reenlist will be required to volunteer either for the duration of the war plus 6 months or until June 30, 1947, unless discharged sooner for the convenience of the government.

In announcing the changes in the requirements for reenlistment into the Corps by former Wacs, the Office of the Director, WAC, stated that volunteers for overseas duty may be required to enlist for such periods as the needs of the Service demand.

Former Wacs in the ETO were authorized to reenlist, provided they agree to serve for the duration plus 6 months. It is understood that if discharged from the WAC before competing a year's service, they will fill out the year by remaining overseas as civilian employees.

All re-enlistments will be in the Army of the United States, in the grade held at the time of discharge. Volunteers must possess a skill usable in the European Theater, and must waive all rights to discharge because of marital status or age.

"We hope the changes will make the food more palatable and encourage the mess morale," Maj. W. G. Baldwin, general mess officer, said.

Both wings of No. 1 have been repainted a light green inside to improve the lighting and heat problems, and all screens and equipment have been repaired. This week mess personnel have given the wings a complete cleaning.

With the assistance of a daily detail, personnel of No. 1 are completing the renovations themselves, and only the lack of laborers has slowed the job, Major Baldwin revealed.

Present plans call for like renovation of General Mess No. 2 immediately. Transit officers' messing facilities will be temporarily transferred to No. 1 until their building is ready again. An announcement concerning this will be made later.

Due to decreasing personnel at ORD, Major Baldwin foresees the possibility of closing No. 2 at a later date and transferring all general messes to No. 1. This will rest on further developments, he said.

The mess officer asks observance of a few mess hall "rules of etiquette" in the general messes to improve more rapid and more pleasant serving of meals.

"Mess personnel are interested in trying by all ways and means available to better food service and sanitation for the men. Men are carrying silverware in their clothing, clutching trays against their clothing, handling cups with their fingers inside the cups, etc., which are all very unsanitary," the Major continued.

Army personnel are receiving approximately 4000 calories of food per day. In countries where food is critical the majority of the people are only receiving from 700 to 1000. The General Mess lost 52 of its personnel on separation during the last few days of June and 21 more are scheduled for the Pacific theater.

"If any person of this command has any constructive criticism to offer, it is requested that they do so by informing the General Mess office, and if such criticism will in any way benefit your mess it will be done," Major Baldwin said.

Washington (CNS)—Among the most satisfactory meteorological instruments used in wartime weather reconnaissance was the Signal Corps psychrometer, employed in an airplane in flight to indicate air temperature and humidity. The device is now standard equipment for weather reconnaissance planes.





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# ROTATOR GOES

Photos by Sgt. Dor

"Get that story!" Armed with camera, paper and pencil, a photographer and reporter (upper left) are off to "cover" the latest Rotator "scoop." A staff car waits to rush them to the scene where the story is being born.

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Out of the darkroom and under three pairs of critical eyes, pictures which will help tell the story are selected by the Rotator photo staff (left). All must be clearly detailed news pictures if they are used in the paper.

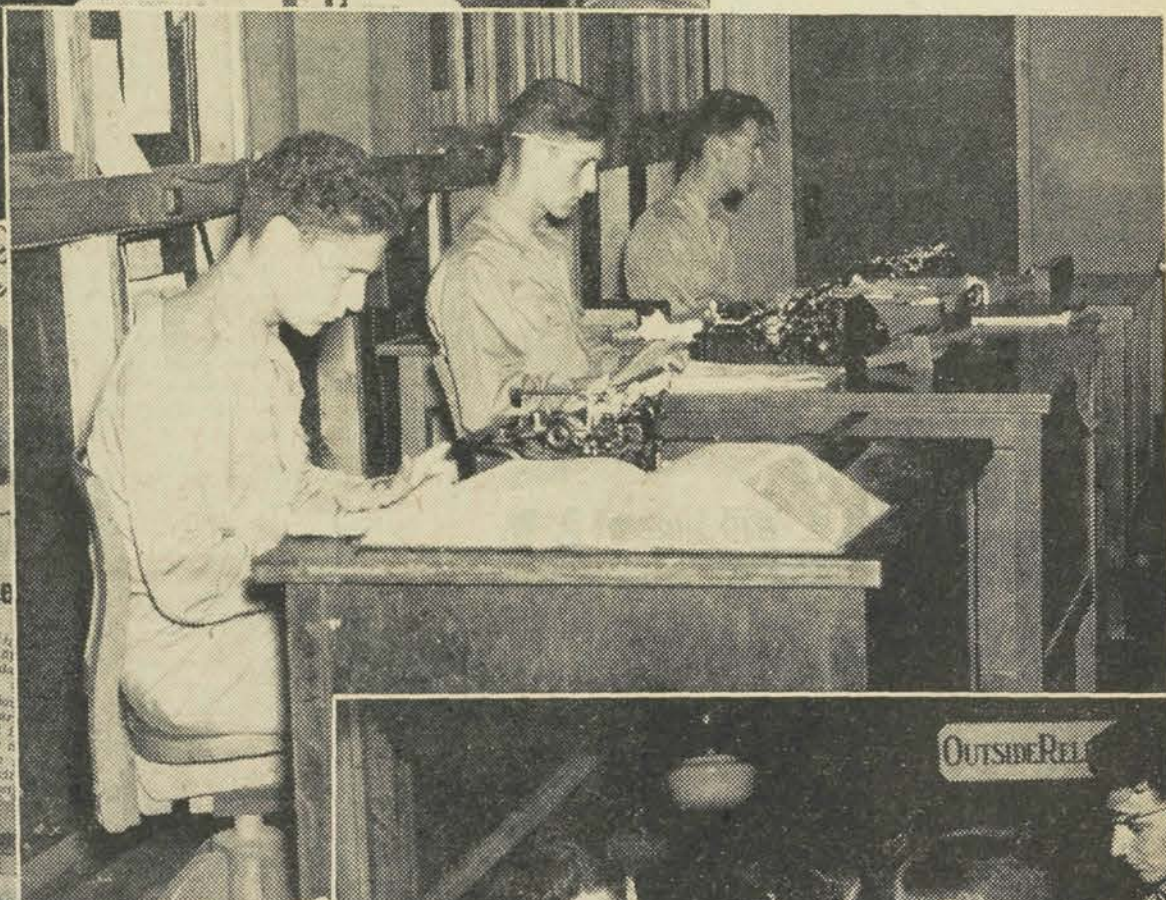
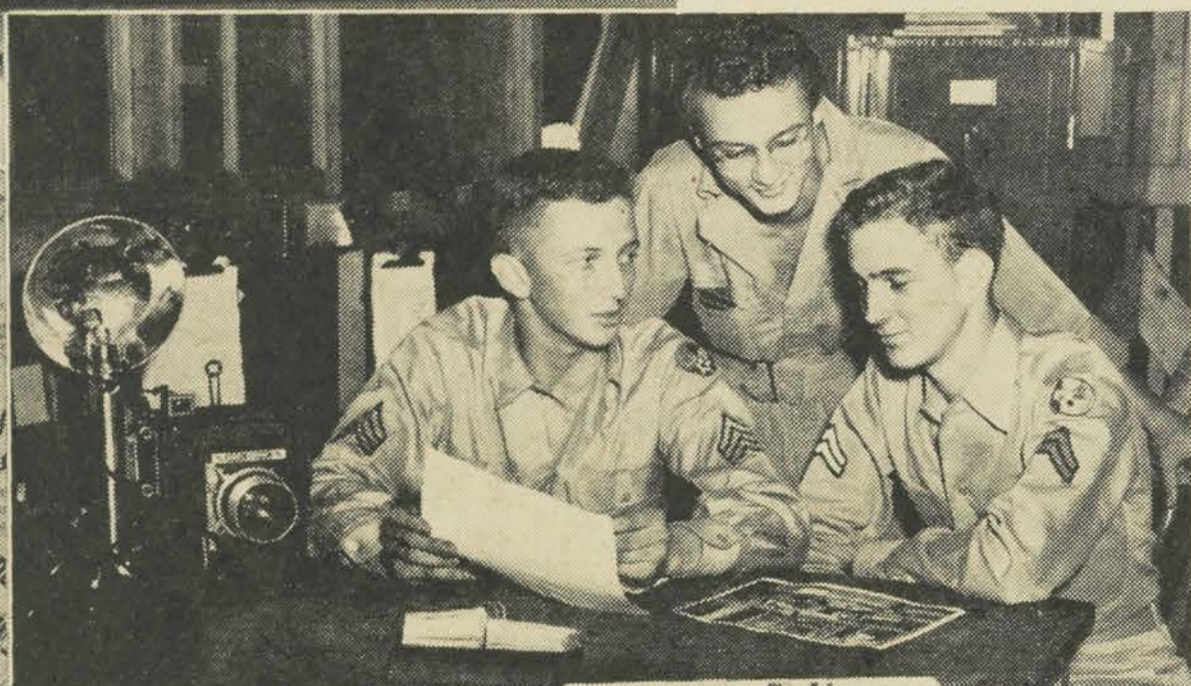
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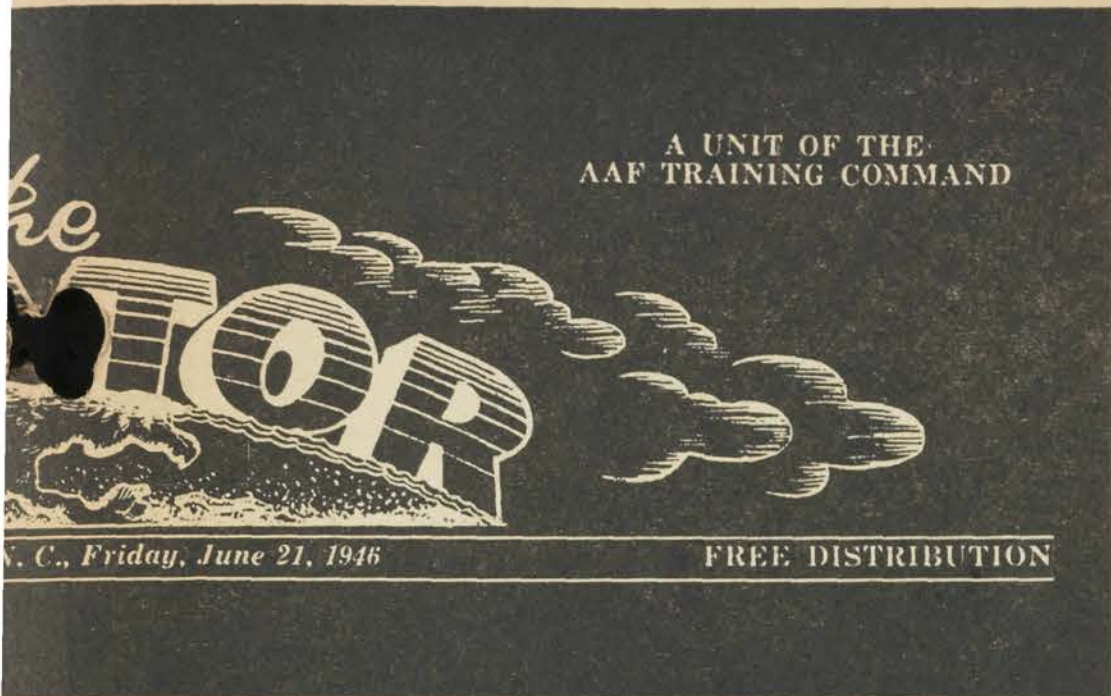
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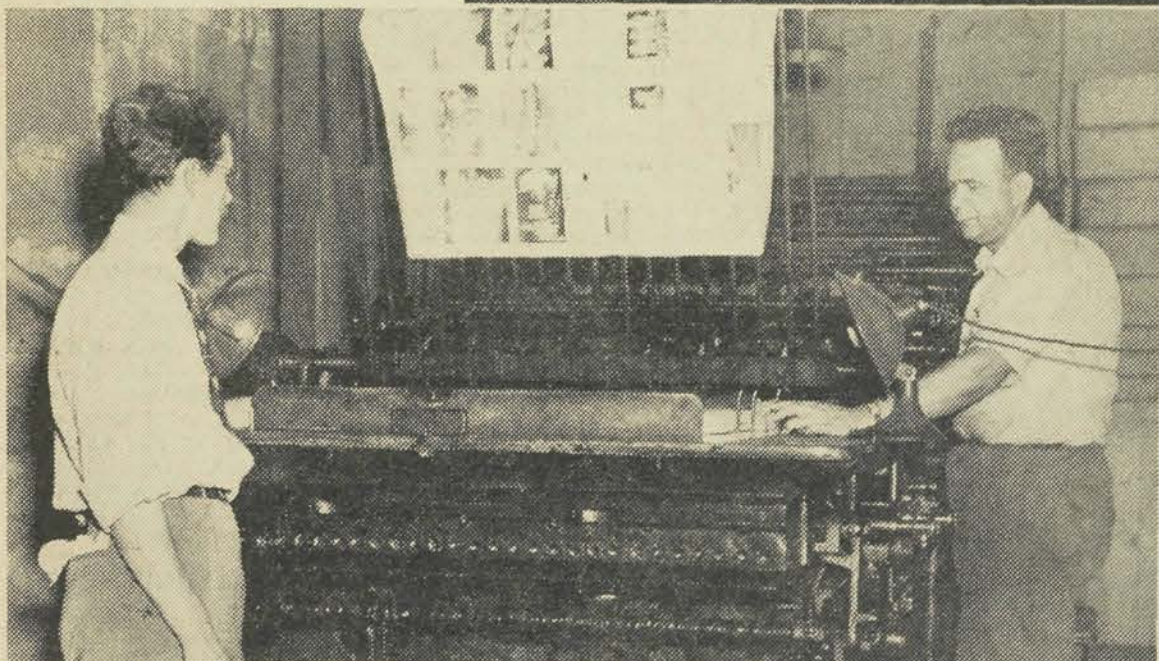
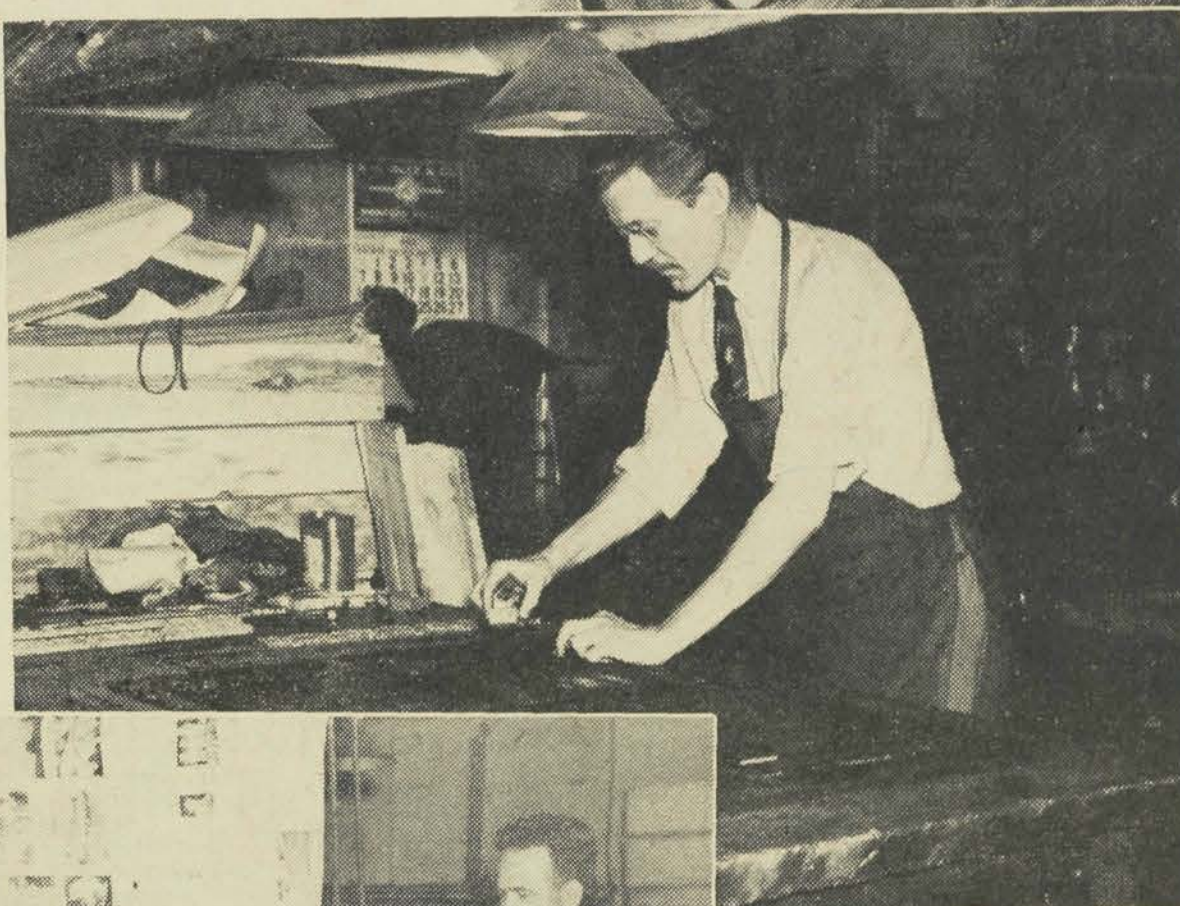
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t. Don Feltey

Next job is that of the skilled linotypist who must turn the typewritten words into shining metal slugs from which the paper will be printed. His complicated machine sets type of various styles and sizes (upper right).

"Make-up" is one of the most romantic phases of putting the paper together, for each line must be spaced into the rectangular page form by hand, before the forms can be locked and placed on the presses.

At last the presses roll and the inked surface of the page form leaves a clear impression on endless sheets of newsprint. The elaborate process by which the ideas of the writers become printed words is completed (right).



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done on a folding machine before the eight-page Rotators distribution to offices throughout ORD.



### Barracks May Aid Housing Shortage

Certain ORD barracks may be used to house families in an effort to solve the housing problem. The barracks are located in the rear of the main building and are being converted into living quarters. The conversion is being completed by the end of the month.

### Promotions Board Votes Next Week

The promotions board will meet next week to consider the recommendations of the board. The board is composed of representatives from the various departments and will make recommendations to the commandant.

### Assumes Command of New Reserve Pilot

Major Ferdinand Schmitt has been assigned to command the new reserve pilot. Major Schmitt is a highly experienced pilot and has been in the service for many years. He is expected to lead the reserve pilot to great success.

### Time Studies

The time studies are being conducted to determine the most efficient way to perform the various tasks. The results of the studies will be used to improve the efficiency of the work.

### Army Air Service Runs New Flights

The Army Air Service is running new flights to provide training for the pilots. The flights are being conducted by the Army Air Service and are expected to be very successful.

### Sports Card for Month Of July Announced

The sports card for the month of July has been announced. The card features a variety of sports and is expected to be very popular.

### Gen. Cannon Gives Praise To AAFIC For Three Years Record

General Cannon has given praise to the AAFIC for its three years record. He has commended the AAFIC for its excellent work and for its contribution to the service.

### Chapel

The chapel is a place of worship and is open to all members of the service. It is a place where people can go to pray and to seek comfort.

### Press Box

The press box is a place where the press can sit to cover the events. It is a place where the press can get the latest news and where they can write their stories.

### Of Clarkburg Hold Family Reunion

The members of the Clarkburg family are holding a reunion. The reunion is a special occasion and is expected to be very successful.

### When They Meet In ORD Processing Line

The members of the ORD processing line are meeting. The meeting is a regular meeting and is expected to be very productive.

### Ping Pong Tourney

The ping pong tourney is being held. The tourney is a competition and is expected to be very exciting.

### Post Swimming Meet

The post swimming meet is being held. The meet is a competition and is expected to be very successful.

### ORD Schedule

The ORD schedule is being published. The schedule is a list of the various events and is expected to be very helpful.

### Letters to the Editor

The letters to the editor are being published. The letters are a way for people to express their opinions and are expected to be very interesting.

### 740 Stripe-Hap Swamp Chevron

The 740 stripe-hap swamp chevron is being published. The chevron is a symbol and is expected to be very useful.

### ORD Talent Needed For Radio Program

The ORD talent is needed for the radio program. The program is a way for people to share their talents and is expected to be very successful.

### Gain

The gain is being made. The gain is a result of the work and is expected to be very significant.



# AMUSEMENTS

THEATERS ~ SERVICE CLUBS ~ U.S.O. ~ TOWN EVENTS  
N.C.O. CLUB ~ BIG-TOP ~ LIBRARY ~ SQUADRON CLUBS



## Activities On and Off Post

### DAILY

#### (In Town)

All Day—Fishing, Volleyball, and outdoor activities at Camp Herman. All EM.

#### (On Post)

All Day—Badminton, Horseshoes, etc., at Kitty Hawk Sports Area. All EM.

9:00 a.m.—(Except Sunday) Coffee Hour, 118 Club, Sq. ABC EM.  
8:30 p.m.—Dance at ORD Officer's Club. All Officers and guests.

### FRIDAY (In town)

8:30 p.m.—Bridge Party, USO Lounge.

8:30 p.m.—Dance Juke-Box, USO Ballroom.

8:30 p.m.—Social Games, East Market St. USO. Sq. F-X EM.

#### (On Post)

9:30 a.m.—Coffee Hour, Jam Session. Sq. V. EM.

1:00 p.m.—Tour of Camel Factory, bus leaving Service Club No. 1. All EM and guests.

2:00 p.m.—Bridge Lessons, Jam Session. Sq. V. EM and guests.

5:15 p.m.—Picnic, Service Club No. 1. All EM and guests.

6:00 p.m.—Music Hour, Service Club No. 2. All EM and guests.

7:00 p.m.—Open House, Big Top. All EM and guests.

7:30 p.m.—GI Movies, Service Club No. 2. All EM and guests.

8:00 p.m.—Dance, 118 Club. Sq. ABC EM and guests.

8:00 p.m.—Dance, Jam Session. Sq. V. EM and guests.

8:30 p.m.—Advanced Dancing Class, Service Club No. 1. All EM and guests.

9:00 p.m.—Bingo, Service Club No. 2. All EM and guests.

### SATURDAY (In Town)

7:30 p.m.—Saturday Nite Sing, USO Lounge.

8:30 p.m.—Informal Dance, USO Ballroom.

8:30 p.m.—Singo-Bingo, East Market St. USO. Sq. F-X EM.

#### (On Post)

2:00 p.m.—Picnic, Service Club No. 1. All EM and guests.

6:00 p.m.—Music Hour, Service Club No. 2. All EM and guests.

7:00 p.m.—Open House, Big Top. All EM and guests.

7:00 p.m.—Off Post Parties, Service Club No. 1. All EM.

7:30 p.m.—Pool Tourney, Service Club No. 2. Sq. F-X EM.

### SUNDAY (In Town)

10:00 a.m.—Java Club, USO Library.

3:00 p.m.—Guilford Battleground Tour, USO.

4:30 p.m.—Social Hour, Refreshments, USO Lounge.

5:00 p.m.—Symphonic Hour, USO Music Room.

8:30 p.m.—Movies, USO Ballroom.

8:30 p.m.—Meditation Hour, E. Market St. USO. Sq. F-X EM.

8:30 p.m.—Movie, E. Market St. USO. Sq. F-X EM.

#### (On Post)

12:00 noon—Refreshments, ORD Officer's Club. All Officers and guests.

2:00 p.m.—Horseback Riding, 118 Club. Sq. ABC EM.

2:00 p.m.—Open House, Jam Session. Sq. V. EM and guests.

5:00 p.m.—Church Suppers, from USO. All EM.

6:00 p.m.—Vesper Services, Service Club No. 2. All EM and guests.

7:00 p.m.—Open House, Big Top. All EM and guests.

8:00 p.m.—Community Singing, Service Club No. 1. All EM and guests.

8:00 p.m.—Dance, Service Club No. 1. All EM and guests.

9:00 p.m.—Coffee Hour, 118 Club. Sq. ABC EM.

### MONDAY (In Town)

8:30 p.m.—Portrait Photography, USO Ballroom Stage.

8:30 p.m.—Arts and Crafts, USO Craftroom.

8:30 p.m.—Shellcraft, USO Lounge.

8:30 p.m.—Veteran Forum, E. Market St. USO. Sq. F-X EM.

8:30 p.m.—Leathercraft, East Market St. USO. Sq. F-X EM.

#### (On Post)

1:00 p.m.—Golf, Municipal, Sedgefield, and Starmount courses. Sq. H Officers and guests.

2:00 p.m.—Swimming, Jam Session. Sq. V. EM.

5:00 p.m.—Open House, Service Club No. 2. All EM and guests.

6:00 p.m.—Musical Hour, Service Club No. 2. All EM and guests.

7:30 p.m.—Bridge, P. P. Officers Club. All Officers and guests.

7:30 p.m.—Bridge Tournament, Service Club No. 1. All EM and guests.

8:00 p.m.—Dance, Big Top. All EM and guests.

8:00 p.m.—Smoker, Jam Session. Sq. V. EM and guests.

8:00 p.m.—Talent Night, Service Club No. 2. All EM and guests.

9:00 p.m.—Coffee Hour, 118 Club. Sq. ABC EM.

### TUESDAY (In Town)

8:30 p.m.—Shellcraft, USO Lounge.

8:30 p.m.—Game Night, USO Ballroom.

9:00 p.m.—Bingo, East Market St. USO. Sq. F-X EM.

#### (On Post)

9:30 a.m.—Coffee Hour, Jam Session. Sq. V. EM and guests.

5:00 p.m.—Open House, Service Club No. 2. All EM and guests.

6:00 p.m.—Musical Hour, Service Club No. 2. All EM and guests.

7:00 p.m.—Open House, Big Top. All EM and guests.

7:30 p.m.—Community Singing, Jam Session. Sq. V. EM and guests.

7:30 p.m.—Bridge and Pinochle Tournament, 118 Club. Sq. ABC EM and guests.

7:30 p.m.—Beginners Dancing Lessons, Service Club No. 1. All EM and guests.

8:00 p.m.—Card Party, Jam Session. Sq. V. EM and guests.

8:00 p.m.—Jam Session, Service Club No. 2. All EM and guests.

8:30 p.m.—Advanced Dancing Class, Service Club No. 1. All EM and guests.

### WEDNESDAY (In Town)

8:30 p.m.—Informal Dance, USO Ballroom.

8:30 p.m.—Leathercraft Instruction, USO Craftroom.

## ORD Skyway Revue Returns Tomorrow

After an absence of four weeks, Sky Way Revue, the ORD Saturday morning radio show, again takes to the airways. The new Sky Way Revue will feature a half hour of entertainment supplied by men stationed on the Post.

This week's show will feature the music of the ORD dance band, "The Sky Liners," playing the music that has made them known throughout the Greensboro sector.

Although the staff of the Radio Section of the Public Relations Office is still greatly depleted, Sky Way Revue will take to the airways through the efforts of Don Feltey, Walt Whitaker, Bob Schumm, and Stuart James.

Future programs are already being lined up featuring ORD talent and also guest artists from the city of Greensboro. Tune in at 9 a.m. to Station WGBG and hear ORD's own radio show.

8:30 p.m.—Song Fest and Handicraft, E. Market St. USO. Sq. F-X EM.

#### (On Post)

1:00 p.m.—Camel Tour, bus leaving Service Club No. 1. All EM and guests.

3:00 p.m.—Horseback Riding, 118 Club. Sq. ABC EM.

6:00 p.m.—Musical Hour, Service Club No. 2. All EM and guests.

7:30 p.m.—Bingo Party, Service Club No. 1. All EM and guests.

7:30 p.m.—Pool and Pinochle Tourney. Service Club No. 2. Sq. F-X EM.

8:00 p.m.—Blind Date Program, Big Top. All EM and guests.

8:30 p.m.—Dance, Jam Session. Sq. V. EM and guests.

9:00 p.m.—Coffee Hour, 118 Club. Sq. ABC EM.

### THURSDAY (In Town)

8:30 p.m.—Shellcraft, USO Lounge.

8:30 p.m.—Dramatics, USO Green Room.

8:30 p.m.—Formal Birthday Dance, East Market St. USO. Sq. F-X EM.

#### (On Post)

2:00 p.m.—Picnic, Service Club No. 1. All EM and guests.

5:00 p.m.—Horseshoes Tournament, Service Club No. 2. All EM and guests.

6:00 p.m.—Musical Hour, Service Club No. 2. All EM and guests.

7:30 p.m.—Pinochle Tourney. Service Club No. 1. All EM and guests.

7:30 p.m.—Pinochle Tournament, Service Club No. 1. All EM and guests.

7:30 p.m.—GI Movies, Jam Session. Sq. V. EM and guests.

7:30 p.m.—Bingo, P. P. Officers Club. All Officers and guests.

8:00 p.m.—Sketching, Service Club No. 1. All EM and guests.

8:00 p.m.—Dance, Big Top. All EM and guests.

8:30 p.m.—ORD Officers Club. All Officers and guests.

## This Week's Theater Bill

### Post Theaters

Daily schedule: Theaters Nos. 1 and 2, 6:25 and 8:25 p.m. Theater No. 3 (Main) 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Sunday matinees: Nos. 1 and 2 begin at 2:00 p.m.; No. 3 at 2:30 p.m. All evening performances remain the same.

Uniform regulations are enforced at the Main theater, No. 3. Wear Class "A" or Class "B" clothing; no fatigues admitted.

Theater No. 1 is located in the 500 block, near the Squadron "V" area; Theater No. 2 is in the 900 block; Theater No. 3, which is the post's Main theater, is in the 100 block, Squadron "A" area.

### THEATERS No. 1 and 3

#### SATURDAY

"Faithful in My Fashion"—Tom Drake, Donna Reed and Edward Everett Horton.

#### SUN.-MON.

"The Green Years"—Charles Coburn and Beverly Tyler.

#### TUESDAY

"Lover Come Back"—George Brent, Lucille Ball and Vera Zorina.

#### WEDNESDAY

"The Runaround"—Ella Raines and Rod Cameron.

#### THURS.-FRI.

"Three Wise Fools"—Margaret O'Brien and Lionel Barrymore.

### THEATER No. 2

#### SAT.-SUN.

"Smoky" (Technicolor)—Fred MacMurray and Ann Baxter.

#### MONDAY

"Faithful in My Fashion"—Tom Drake, Donna Reed and Edward Everett Horton.

#### TUES.-WED.

"The Green Years"—Charles Coburn and Beverly Tyler.

#### THURSDAY

"Lover Come Back"—George Brent, Lucille Ball and Vera Zorina.

#### FRIDAY

"The Runaround"—Ella Raines and Rod Cameron.

## Greensboro Theaters

### CAROLINA

#### NOW PLAYING

"Tomorrow Is Forever"—Claudette Colbert, Orson Welles and George Brent.

#### SUN.-MON.-TUES.

"From This Day Forward"—Joan Fontaine and Mark Stevens.

#### WED.-THURS.-FRI.

"Smoky"—Fred MacMurray and Anne Baxter.

### NATIONAL

#### NOW PLAYING

"Northwest Mounted Police"—Gary Cooper and Madeline Carroll.

#### SUN.-MON.-TUES.

"Somewhere in the Night"—John Hodiak, Nancy Guind and Lloyd Nolan.

#### WED.-THURS.

"Deadline at Dawn"—Susan Hayward and Paul Lukas.

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The Carolina Theater has provided free courtesy passes and if your name is listed below, stop at the ROTATOR office, T-170. Pick up your passes as soon as possible.

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McDuffie, John	.....	A
Morrison, Douglas D.	.....	O
Harris, Stanley D.	.....	R
Gilbert, E. C. Jr.	.....	A
Dee, Edward	.....	F
Ziegler, John	.....	A
Davenport, Daniel W.	.....	X
Mollisani, Frank J.	.....	O
Koch, Chester G.	.....	A

## Junior Colleges Have Many Fall Vacancies

Approximately 192,000 fall enrollment vacancies in the nation's colleges and universities remain open to veterans, according to the most recent educational survey. Most of these are to be found in junior colleges and small liberal arts schools.

In a supplement to its report "Educational Opportunities for Veterans," the Veterans Administration revealed the statistics based on a statement of nearly 2000 schools.

Few vacancies remain in larger universities and colleges, although the junior schools provide adequate facilities for college beginners, the VA announced.

ward and Paul Lukas.

#### FRI.-SAT.

"Cat Creeps"—Lois Collier and Noah Berry, Jr.

### IMPERIAL

#### NOW PLAYING

"Colorado Pioneers"—Wild Bill Elliott and Bobby Blake.

#### SUN.-MON.

"Tomorrow Is Forever"—Claudette Colbert, Orson Welles and George Brent.

#### TUESDAY

"East To Look At"—Gloria Jean and Kirby Grant.

#### WED.-THURS.

"The Lost Week-End"—Ray Milland and Jane Wyman.

#### FRI.-SAT.

"The Cherokee Flash"—Sunset Carson and Linda Sterling.

### STATE

#### NOW PLAYING

"The Lady Has Plans"—Ray Milland and Paulette Goddard.

#### SUN.-MON.

"Hotel Berlin"—Fay Emerson and Helmut Dantine.

#### TUESDAY

"Girl of the Limberlost"—Ruth Nelson and Loren Bacall.

#### WED.-THURS.

"Love Letters"—Jennifer Jones and Joseph Cotten.

### CRITERION

#### SUN.-MON.

"Spellbound"—Ingrid Bergman and Gregory Peck.

#### TUESDAY

"1000 and 1 Nights"—Cornell Wilde and Evelyn Keyes.

#### WED.-THURS.

"The Three Caballeros"—Technicolor.

"Live Wires"—East Side Kids.

#### FRI.-SAT.

"Behind Green Lights"—Carole Landis and William Gargan.

"Riders of Santa Fe"—Rod Cameron.

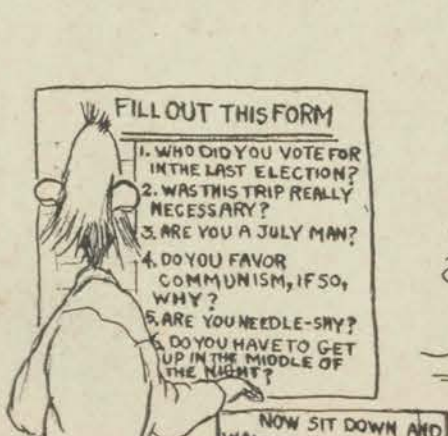
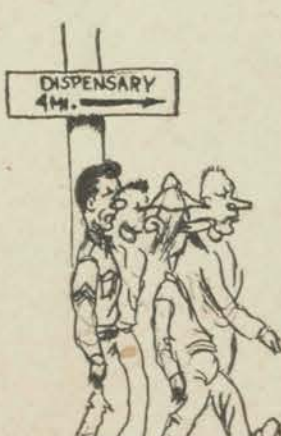
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## Sick Call

By Cpl. Paul MacAlester



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## Armies of the World Are Still Large; U. S. Forces Set at 1,680,000 In 1947

By Camp Newspaper Service

While the U. S. Congress debated and finally approved extension of the draft law in modified form, the other four big Allied nations were maintaining under arms more than 8 times as many men as the American total of around 2,500,000, a survey of the best available information indicated.

Authoritative estimates of the five major powers' armed strength placed the total at approximately 17,500,000 men now, and observers predicted that even if maximum hoped-for demobilizations are accomplished by the end of 1947, there still will be nearly 10,500,000 men in the armed forces of the U. S., the United Kingdom, U. S. S. R., China, and France. Many more—perhaps 2 to 3 million men—are under arms in the various smaller countries.

In the U. S. a compromise bill extending the Selective Service Act of 1940 to March 31, 1947, was signed by the President after lengthy Congressional arguments. Under the extension, the Army hopes to get enough replacements to maintain a force of 1,070,000 men by next July 1. The Navy, Marines, and other branches would bring total U. S. armed strength by that date to about 1,680,000. Currently, America has about 2,500,000 men in service, including about 1,700,000 in the Army.

The draft extension bill as finally approved bans the induction of 18-year-olds but still requires them to register; permits induction of men 19 through 44, although the Army plans to take none over 29; makes men with 18 months' service eligible for discharge starting Oct. 1; and permits discharge of enlisted fathers upon application beginning Aug. 1.

Meanwhile in London it was announced the British government will follow its regular war-time draft procedure until the end of this year, after which inductions will be limited largely to 18-year-olds, who will serve for 2-year periods. Armed forces of the United Kingdom were estimated at about 2,000,000 men now, and by December the total probably will be cut to 1,400,000.

Strength figures on U. S. S. R. forces, always secret, are estimated by Allied observers to be between 6,000,000 and 7,000,000 men now, including at least 4,500,000 in the Soviet army. Demobilization is still under way, and it is expected that by the late 1947 Russian forces will number somewhere between 4,500,000 and 6,000,000 men. One source said the Red Army will be cut to 3,000,000 men, plus reservists.

Still under arms in troubled China are an estimated 6,000,000 men—almost as many as the war-time peak. However, if lasting peace is achieved between Nationalists and Communist forces, Chinese government leaders hope to reduce their nation's armed strength of 840,000 men. Such extensive demobilization would require 18 months, they expect.

France, fifth major Allied power, had 1,200,000 men under arms when the war ended, including many colonial troops, while present strength is about 750,000. The French are planning a peacetime armed force of about 500,000 men, but whether the previous French policy of peacetime compulsory military service is continued awaits decision by the recently elected General Assembly.

## Wedding Bells Ring For Capt. and Mrs. R. G. Boyd

Capt. Richard G. Boyd of ORD, and Miss Margaret Jane Burnett, of Greensboro, were joined in wedlock last Saturday at Chapel No. 1.

Capt. Boyd is in Squadron H and will be going overseas shortly, but this won't be the first time he has gone over. Capt. Boyd was in Australia and New Guinea for a year and a half, where he piloted a B-25, and acquired an Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters, and the Distinguished Flying Cross with two clusters.

The groom has been at ORD since June 26 of this year.

His parents are the Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Boyd of Somerset, Pa.

## New Hiroshima Is Rising From A-Bomb Wreckage

Hiroshima (CNS) — Encouraged by the sight of grass blades poking up through the ruins, Japanese are returning to this atom-bombed town at the rate of 5,000 a month as plans progress to build a city dedicated to world peace.

Hiroshima officials, aided by the advice of a young American lieutenant, John D. Montgomery of Kalamazoo, Mich., have launched a 5-year plan to erect a new \$4,666,667 city clustering around the skeleton dome of the former Museum of Industrial Art. The wrecked building will stand as a monument to the atomic blast.

Hundreds of small wooden houses have been built and some businesses have returned to concrete buildings which were damaged by fire but are still standing. The city's population is now 172,000 compared with 500,000 when the bomb struck.

According to a census bureau report, in 1938, half of the married people in the U. S. were men.

## Make Mine Post



The above transaction took place in the main post exchange, where every week, thousands of magazines are sold. Ranging everywhere from mysteries to comic books, the magazine counter is one of the most visited branches of the exchange system. Most popular of all magazines at the PX seems to be the pictorial "Life".

## Most Magazines Make Marvelous Material But Bustling Buyers Bring Best Burlesque

By CPL. WALT WHITAKER

His eyes shone with a fiendish light. Outside it was raining furiously and crashing peals of thunder rent the heavens. "Call it Murder," he said. She turned slowly and I moved swiftly forward. . .

"May I ask you some questions?" I said. He hesitated but I had him backed into a corner.

"Just why did you select that book? You see, we are writing a feature in the ROTATOR about the magazine sales in PXs, and I am trying to find out why people like certain types of magazines. Now I see you have chosen a mystery . . ."

"Well," he welled, "I just like to read mysteries. Read them while I work at night." "And where do you work?" I asked. "At the Reception House," he said. "Alone."

Now people who read murder mysteries—especially at night and especially alone—always interest me. So, despite his anxiety to get to his job and bury himself in the pages of his quarter crime epic, I persisted to interrogate my victim.

I learned that young men like Cpl. John F. Murphy, who comes from Orange, N. J., read mysteries because they like them. Cpl. Murphy also devotes a part of his time to reading classics like "War and Peace." After the army and college, he even hopes to write. "Mysteries?" "No," he said, "I want to be a playwright." . . . and he rushed away to find out "who done it."

The PX magazine counter was doing a big business as usual. Suddenly I spotted another prospective customer gazing at the colorful covers on the shelves, about to make up his mind. . .

"Lieutenant, what do you like about Look?" I asked, modestly ignoring the lovely lady in the bathing suit on the magazine cover.

"The pictures mainly," replied 1st Lt. Earl Benson who was visiting the PX during a processing break. With little time for reading now, the lieutenant finds picture magazines entertaining literature.

Hundreds of magazines and papers are sold by the PXs weekly. Mrs. Eunice Sexton told me from behind her sales counter. She complained of the shortage of Army-Navy Journal and the Army Times which always fail to meet the demand. Life magazine is the most demanded publication—although only 100 to 150 copies can be allotted the main PX weekly by its Greensboro distributors.

Magazines like Colliers, Saturday Evening Post, and Liberty are best sellers with those who buy for story content, while condensations also set sales peaks including Reader's Digest, Coronet, Pageant, and Omnibook. All sports magazines go well, Mrs. Sexton said, while cross-word puzzle books are also quite popular.

Flying magazines are always popular with flying men, although the fellow who curls up in indian fashion on his bunk prefers next week's funnies to spread before him.

Esquire sales are limited by its selling price, the PX feels, even though a raise to 15c in the price of Life and 25c everywhere is the price of Reader's Digest has produced little change in sales of these.

And just as I started to turn

## What's Stewin'?

. . . with STU JAMES

CHEESECAKE . . . Cpl. Ken Voigt of the Base Photo Section tells me he's running short of pin-up girls for the ROTATOR. Now this is really a critical situation, so let's hear from anyone who has their eyes on a stenog who will do wonders to a swim suit.

CHECKING . . . We were canvassing the PX's the other day looking for talent for the pin-up spot, and I thought someone might be interested in knowing who was working at these places on the Post. There's a nice looking brunette in the Post pressing shop who heads the list. In the PX down by Squadron V there's a cute little number selling soft drinks. At the Service Club snack bar a lovely named Irene stands behind the counter . . . but . . . she was just married. Over on the other side of the field in the Squadron R PX we got a look—or should I say, a third look—at another brunette . . . nice too. That's about as far as we got, but now at least you know what to look at when you buy your next pack of smokes.

YANKEE DOODLE . . . A few months ago a GI made a date with a young freshman at Woman's College. He asked the innocent darling if he should bring some "Southern Comfort" . . . and she, thinking he was saying nice things about the South, answered an emphatic "Yes!" . . . The poor thing was shocked when our hero pulled out a bottle and started pouring the "Southern Comfort." Her shock turned to bewilderment, and then to fear, so she took her purse and fled the scene of the GI's proposed triumph, and left him to sing "Dixie" to his heart's content . . . and that's a fact.

away from the magazines and go in search of a chocolate malt, I sighted another type of reader headed in that general direction.

Ah, says I to myself, the kind of fellow who reads discriminatingly—high class literature.

With a long right finger he selected three of the very latest comic books and shoved his money across the counter to Mrs. Sexton.

Gently I explained my mission to him. "Everybody reads 'em," he told me. "In my barracks we pass them from privates to master sergeants." In case anyone hasn't read these comic books by now, they were bought by Pfc. Martin Horton of Squadron L. . .

All of which proves that there are many kinds of readers who read many kinds of literature, and if you have read to the end of this story—you may judge for yourself.

## Stormy Weather



The Rotator this week dedicates the pin-up of Lena Horne, star of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer pictures, to the boys of Squadrons F and X. Miss Horne, whose current film is Ziegfeld Follies, may be remembered best for her performance in the musical "Stormy Weather."



## The Press Box

By PFC. BILL YEAPLE

Upon glancing through a batch of dust-covered back issues of the camp paper which was known as "10: Shun," when this base was B. T. C. 10, later called "ORD News" and finally the ROTATOR, such names as Charlie Trippi, Jim Castiglia, Grady Hatton, Lee Gamble, Taft Wright, Tee Frye, George Senesky and George Mahnken, along with a host of others too numerous to mention, caught this humble writer's eye. Yes, at one time not too long ago, sport fans in this section of the country were held aghast by the performances of these boys on the gridiron, the baseball diamond and on the basketball court.

Trippi, U. of Georgia football immortal, strutted his stuff for the PDC Comets in '43 and showed the fans in these parts how the game is played. A team mate of Trippi's was Jim Castiglia who also captained the Tech-Hawks baseball team. "Big Jim" caught for the Athletics before entering service. Grady Hatton, who is playing his first season of professional baseball and has already hit the big time with the Cincinnati Reds, led the '44 edition of the Tech-Hawks to the National semi-pro tournament at Wichita, Kansas, where they copped third place. This same year Grady made the All-America semi-pro team. On that same Tech-Hawk squad were Taft Wright, White Sox outfielder, and Lee Gamble, former Red's infielder.

Shining on the baseball court for ORD were two former All-Americans George Senesky and John Mahnken. Senesky starred for St. Josephs of Philadelphia in '42-43 and set the individual scoring record which has since been broken by Calvarly of Rhode Island State. Mahnken played with Georgetown before coming to ORD and was nominated for the '42-43 All-America quintet.

Of course we have no All-Americans or major league stars at ORD now but there are a few fellows who are more or less just starting out and they bear careful watching in the future. Gil Mills, Frank McConvery, and Stan Grocki of the current Hawk baseball team may some day break into the big time. Mills has some pro experience behind him already and at the present time he is pounding the apple at a .350 clip for the Hawks. McConvery also played pro ball and the big backstop boasts a .301 batting average for the locals to date. Grocki never played professional ball before but his record of nine wins and four setbacks on the mound against stiff competition this season is a pretty good indication that the speed-baller is due to go places.

Our stars are not just limited to the diamond. Jim Fucci and Charles Davey have already carved their names in pugilistic circles. Jim turned pro recently and has a perfect record of 11 fights. Combining his pro and amateur results shows that he has 41 victories and one draw for 42 bouts. Davey has yet to turn pro but he has made it known by his performances in amateur circles that he can toss plenty of leather. Winner of the California Golden Gloves, finalist in the National tourney at Chicago and finalist in the 8th Air Force show overseas are Davey's outstanding feats in the squared circle to date.

All Giant fans take notice. Horace "The Horse" Stoneham has finally relinquished his prize possession, the New York Giants. After bungling proceedings of the Giant front office for the past few years Stoneham has decided to step out of the picture and live off his earnings for awhile. Oh yes the ex-pres. compiled quite a tidy sum while owner of the Coogan's Bluffer's. With the policy of penny-pinching he advocated, what else? Hold your seats fans. Bill "Terrible" Terry is the gentleman that relieved Horace of his burden. When Terry quit the Giants he told "The Horse" that he would be back someday and buy the club from him and give him a few lessons on how to run a major league team. Terry seems to be just the man to remove the "Gints" from the rut they are in as he has a sharp business mind. The big question now is who will become the new manager? It is doubtful whether Mel Ott will be around for long. He will most probably be ap-

# Hawks Seeded No. 1 in N. C. State Tourney



Henry Uhle, Dick Cornfield, both of ORD, Gil Dodds indoor mile champ, and Dick Merritt, Greensboro High School, line up at start of half mile which Dodds won with ease.

## 32 Semi-Pro Teams in State To Participate; Tourney at Asheboro

Our own ORD Hawks have been seeded as the number one team in the North Carolina state semi-pro baseball championship tournament which will begin play some time this week with a total of 32 teams competing.

Sixteen teams have been paired for first round games to be played prior to July 17 at sites agreeable to the two competing managers. Winners will advance to the second round of play which will take place at Asheboro where the finals are scheduled for July 30.

The Hawks, defending champions, have walked off with the title for the past two years and advanced to the Nationals at Wichita where they placed third both years.

Being seeded No. 1 the Hawks will not open play until July 23 on which date they will encounter the winner of one of the brackets in the first round.

## Cancelled Swim Meet To Be Held July 21

The swimming meet that had been scheduled last Sunday at Camp Herman was postponed until July 21 due to the lack of a sufficient number of entries. A grand total of four entries had been turned in until Saturday which was the deadline.

It appears that the aquatically-minded men of ORD fear to dip their dainty toes into Camp Herman's glistening waters against competition, although a large number of them are seen frequently in the 'ole swimmin' holes about town. Apparently we have nothing left but inept athletes here at ORD since the large group of men departed for discharge last month.

The physical training department plans on holding a swim meet on July 21, providing enough men turn in entry blanks which may be obtained at the various squadron sports centers.

Events will include a 40-yd. free style, 40-yd. back stroke, 40-yd. breast stroke, 60-yd. individual medley, 100-yd. relay (free style), 120-yd. medley relay, 100-yd. free style, and diving events which will consist of three dives, three compulsory dives, and three optional dives. Individual champions, runner-ups and the members of winning relay teams will be awarded prizes.

For further information contact your sports center or Building T-11.

## Dodds Shows Speed Here

Gil Dodds, holder of the world's record for the indoor mile, thrilled nearly a thousand spectators Saturday night, who had jammed Greenwood ball park in Greensboro to get a glimpse of the famed runner, as he ran a half mile exhibition against two ORD track men and one Greensboro high boy. The exhibition was staged by the Greater Greensboro Youth for Christ at a huge rally.

The spectators, some of whom carried umbrellas and the less fortunate seeking shelter from the rain as best they could, waited patiently during a steady drizzle as the program was delayed a half hour. The rain stopped just long enough for the event to be run off and then the rains came, once again, cancelling the rest of the program which was

to include singing of hymns and worship.

Dodds led the field during the first quarter by only a few yards, but showed a sudden burst of speed during the second quarter to finish a good thirty to fifty yards ahead.

He was clocked at 59 sec. for the first quarter and finished the second quarter in 54 sec. During the last quarter Dodds flashed the form that made him the top indoor miler as he dug into the soggy turf and lengthened the distance between him and his competitors with each stride he took.

The track was improvised about the baseball diamond with the starting point in left field and the finish line at home plate, but the wet grass and soggy turf didn't harass the champ a bit. His time of 1:53 for the distance was only 3.8 sec. more than the world's record, which of course was run on a well-kept track.

The two ORD boys that competed were active in the recent track meet held here at ORD a few weeks back. Henry Uhle copped the mile event with Dick Cornfield finishing second. Cornfield later went on to take first place in the 440. They are by far the classiest cinder men we have here at ORD and should go a long way with their track endeavors in the years to come.

## AAF Men Seek New Alley To Nest the Brood of Sally

Washington (CNS) — National Airport mechanics were looking for a new dwelling for Sally, a perky little swallow, after her nest and eggs were removed from the hollow rudder of a Pennsylvania Airlines DC-4 training plane.

The little bird entered the rudder through a hole in a hinge, built a nest, and laid three eggs. Whenever the plane went on a flight, Sally stayed behind and fluttered worriedly around the airport hangars.

As soon as the ship came back, Sally darted out to meet it, first perching a top the tail and then ducking inside the check up on her prospective family.

But about two weeks after Sally had set up housekeeping in it, the DC-4 was scheduled for transfer to Baltimore for reconversion into a 59-passenger airliner.

So mechanics pried into the rudder and lifted out the nest. One egg was accidentally broken. But they still were pondering what to do about finding another dwelling for Sally and her brood-to-be.

pointed to a good position in the expanding farm system. It just does not seem right somehow to say that little Mel is washed up as a ball player but that is the truth. And as a manager, well that may be disputed but the fact remains that Ott is not the type that could get stern enough with his players although the Bill Voisell incident disproves that but after all that was going from one extreme to the other. If Mel does leave the Giants the absence of big number 4 will be a sorry sight to those who frequent the Polo Grounds.

## Mighty Hanes Team Trim Hawks 5-4; Last Frame Errors Costly

Some 500 loyal Hanes Hosiery fans turned out Sunday to see the lads from the Camel City eke out a thrilling 5-4 victory over the Hawks. The Hanes outfit, one of the strongest semi-pro teams in the state, had to come from behind with two runs in the ninth to stop the locals and rob them of their first victory under their new manager, Frank McConvery.

The contest was one of those seesaw affairs with the Hanes nine breaking the ice in the fifth when they scored two runs. The Hawks got their initial score in the sixth and picked up two more runs in the top of the eighth but their lead was short-lived as the Hanes Hosiery tied the score in the bottom of the eighth with one more tally. In the top of the hectic ninth the Hawks scored once again but again the Winston-Salem combo came fighting back and scored two runs to walk off with the laurels.

Stan Grocki, Hawk mainstay, held Hanes scoreless for four innings but a walk, two errors and a single produced two runs. Grocki walked the first man he faced in the fifth and the second batter laid a bunt down the first base line and Grocki, coming over fast, made a bare-hand stab for the ball but juggled it allowing the batter to reach first safely and the runner to advance to second. The next batter, attempting to bunt, lifted a pop-up to the pitcher for the first out. Then Hege, Hanes catcher, lined a single to left and Bill Nunn, Hawk gardener, let the elusive sphere roll past him permitting both runners to score. The remaining two batters were retired without any further damage being done.

Cutrazzula led off in the next frame with a single to deep short, stole second and scored when the Hanes' shortstop let Donahue's grounder go through him.

In the top of the eighth Grocki led off with a long double down the left field foul line and Cutrazzula beat out a slow roller to third. Martin grounded out, second to first, and then Donahue lined a sharp single to right which scored both runners, pushing the Hawks ahead 3-2.

In the bottom of the eighth Hanes came roaring back with another tally to tie the score at three all.

Ed Pollock started the ninth off by getting on base via an error. Weeks, new Hawk second baseman, bunted and was safe at first when the pitchers attempt to force Pollock at second failed. Boykin also got the bunt signal and promptly laid one down the first base line. The Hanes initial sacker, sensing

## Intra-Mural Highlights

The second round of play in the EM and officer baseball, softball and volleyball leagues will begin play this week with positions on squadron teams plentiful. All teams have suffered a severe loss of men due to the large number that left for discharge last month. For any men who wish to compete in the second round this is a marvelous opportunity to get in there and show your stuff. Just sign up at your squadron sports center.

On July 11 a post badminton tournament will begin and extend through July 18. Play will take place at the post gym and there will be both single and double matches with prizes being awarded to the winners of the doubles and the winner and runner-up of the singles. The tournament is open to all EM and assigned officers.

An Enlisted Men's post golf tourney will take place at Sedgfield Country Club on July 16. This will be an eighteen hole medal play tournament with prizes being awarded to the low gross, runner-up and blind bogey winners.

Contestants will start teeing off at 0800 and no one will be allowed to tee off after 1300. A green fee of \$1.00 will be paid for by each contestant. Transportation will leave Building T-11 by 1500, 15 July, 1946.

the play, fielded the ball swiftly and threw to third, forcing Pollock in a hotly disputed play. It looked as though the Hawk rally would fall short when Grocki fouled out to the third baseman for the second out but Cutrazzula came through with a ringing single to center, his third hit of the day. Weeks scored easily but Boykin, attempting to score from second was thrown out at the plate, bringing the Hawk rally to a screeching halt.

That one run looked mighty big as the two teams went into the last of the ninth but the Hanes lead-off batter greeted Grocki with a single to left. The next man sacrificed the runner to second and the fans got tense with expectation as Lyons, Hanes pint-sized shortstop stepped to the plate. He hit a grounder to Donahue but a low throw to first put him on safely and advanced the runner to third. The next man up hit a Texas leaguer to left, pushing across the tying run. But the Hanes bats were not stilled yet. The next batter hit a bouncer back to the box and Grocki threw to Pollock who put the ball on Lyons as he came from second. Another low throw by Donahue allowed the next batter to reach first safely, loading the sack. Motsinger came up to the plate next and slammed a low liner to Weeks at second. The ball hit the dirt in front of Weeks and skipped right through him and on out into right field. The blow was enough to score the runner from third with the winning run.

The Hawks will meet the strong Cherry Point team Tuesday and Wednesday at Hawk Field.