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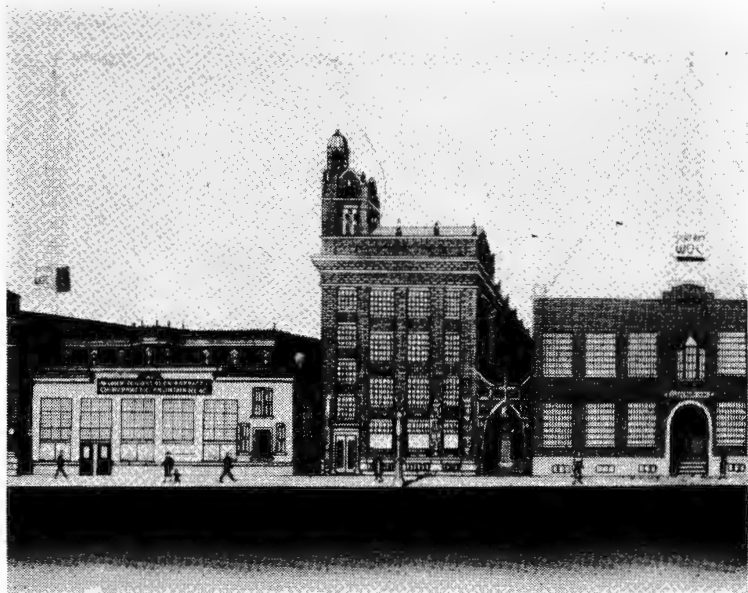
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PICTURES TO THE EDITOR



This pert young lady out for an afternoon stroll is 2 year old Miss Linda Livesay, daughter of Robert K. Livesay, DM101E equipment shop.



Glamour girl Jeanine Schutt, whose mother formerly worked in W1, learns at the tender age of two months that really, photographers can be such a nuisance!



Bill Schneeberger of Shops G and I says that you should take snapshots of the fish you catch if you want others to believe the fish stories. Bill hooked this wall-eyed pike shortly before he had his picture taken. The fish looks nice, too, Bill.

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★ THE RECORD'S COVER ★

Col. C. A. Waldmann, commanding officer, presents awards for faithful and meritorious service to Arsenal employees, at ceremony on February 14.

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EMPLOYEES EARN TREASURY CITATION AND CIVILIAN AWARDS

Presentations Made in Ceremony in Building 208

A citation from the Treasury Department for patriotic cooperation during the Sixth War Loan Drive and awards of emblems for civilian service were presented to employees of the Rock Island Ordnance Center on Wednesday, February 14, at 3:30 p.m. in the East Craneway of Building No. 208.

Col. Raymond Marsh, master of ceremonies at the presentation, first introduced S/Sgt. Philip Shofner, a paratrooper whose company was landed in France before "D" Day. Sgt. Shofner, who took part in the battle of Normandy, told of dropping into France through a sky criss-crossed with tracer bullets from German machine guns. He was captured and escaped when the enemy was under fire. Wounded, he made his way back to his own lines, and is now getting medical treatment at Mayo. Sgt. Shofner urged the war workers to keep up production and war bond buying.

"You war bond purchasers are helping boys like these," Mr. C. I. McCarthy of the Treasury Department, Chicago, declared after Sgt. Shofner's talk.

"You have made a fine contribution over and above your quota, toward winning the war. Your contributions form part of over \$40,000,000 a month going into payroll deduction plans from industry," McCarthy said in presenting the Treasury citation.

Col. C. A. Waldmann, commanding officer, in accepting the citation told Arsenal employees, "You justly can take great pride in your record of accomplishment."

Awards for civilian service, and meritorious service awards were then presented by the commanding officer. The token award (a pin) for six months' service of 1,153 employees was received by Miss

Adelle Plummer of Davenport.

Curtis H. Hogberg, Moline, employee in the artillery vehicle section, received the token award for 421 employees with ten years' service, and Miss Mary M. Mueller, Davenport, employed in the fiscal division, accepted the award for 194 employees with 25 years' service. Each employee in these two groups received a certificate and pin, later distributed by supervisors of the departments.

Meritorious Civilian Service Awards were presented to 41 employees for a variety of citations. These employees were: S. D. Meyers, J. R. Bennett, O. M. Braaten, S. M. Burns, O. C. Christensen, J. Cooper, O. M. Donaldson, H. E. Duncan, N. B. Hagar, A. J. Hanisch, W. C. Henniges, E. W. Karohl, J. E. Kish, W. C. Kjellander, T. L. McCormick, H. J. Poquette, E. Bacic, P. A. Sabo, W. K. Schirmer, A. W. Snow, J. Stehle, G. A. Tanner, L. A. Willett, E. T. Vytlačil, L. C. Zimmerman,, employed in the Artillery and Vehicle Section. Employees in the Laboratory who earned awards are: H. A. Curtis, L. O. Gilbert, C. H. Guettel, and G. O. Inman.

Central Planning was represented by Russell Clark, and the Depot by H. A. Dean and Greta C. Gentzler.

Awards were presented to W. T. Ladkin of the Safety Section, D. E. Cressey, Foundry; J. F. Block, SM; S. Glossop, Jr., (DA); R. E. Howe (DT); R. F. Kogl (XA); D. M. McNabb (AD); C. P. Nelson (DM); and L. N. Olson (DM).

WHY CIVILIAN SERVICE AWARDS?

Because the subject of "Civilian Service Awards" isn't fully understood by a large number of employees at the Rock Island Ord-

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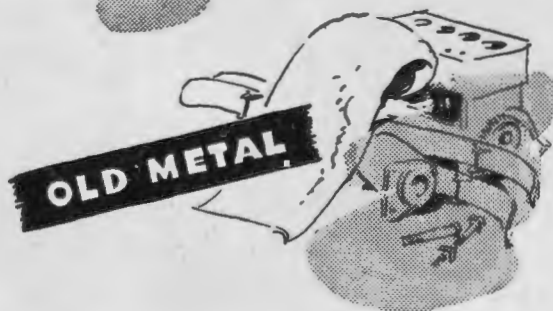
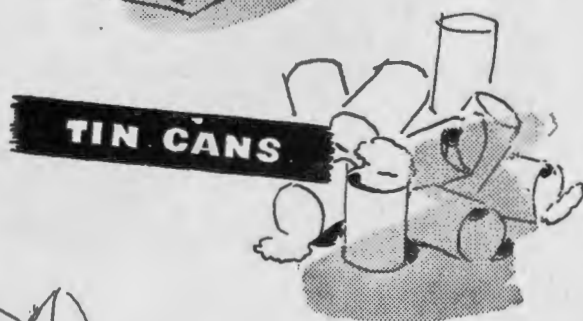


Mr. C. I. McCarthy presented Col. Waldmann with Treasury citation for part which the arsenal played in the sixth war bond drive.



O. M. Braaten takes a good look at the certificate awarded him for civilian war-time service. Fellow employees offer congratulations.

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CIVILIAN AWARDS (Continued)

nance Center, the RECORD prints this explanation supplied by the Personnel Office:

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Clear so far, or is it?

In the first place, the awards are made by the War Department in recognition of the contribution being made to the successful prosecution of the war by its civilian employees. At the same time the awards are designed to encourage a greater awareness by the employees of their active personal participation in achieving ultimate victory. Basically the awards are intended for those civilian employees who “have rendered faithful and meritorious service.” Four classes of awards were originally established, as follows:

1. Award for Civilian Service for not less than six consecutive months of faithful and satisfactory War Department service.

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Highlighted against the crowd and headed by Guard Don McCorkle, three employees watch with interest the presentation of awards.



Present at the awarding ceremony were two of the arsenal's transportation committeemen, Arch D. Cowan, left, and Chief D. L. Risley.

Administration



Mail and Record Division

Pvt. Edward Kuhner, a former M&R employee, visited us this month. Pvt. Kuhner is stationed at Florence Army Air Field, South Carolina.

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Pvt. Frank Van Acker also visited M&R recently. Pvt. Van Acker has now been transferred from Camp Ellis, Illinois to Camp Roberts, California.

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No wonder Mary Ellen Casey was excited the day she saw that handsome Ensign entering the Administration building. It was none other than Dale Johnson.

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We wish to extend our congratulations to June Heth and Trudy Seigmund. June came in late one morning with a beautiful diamond. The lucky man is Sgt. Robert Smith, stationed somewhere in Italy. Trudy has announced her engagement to Marine Pfc. Lou Hodgson who is now stationed at Great Lakes Naval Hospital.

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Newcomers this month include: Robert Pouwell, Verna Armstrong and Irene Brockrogge.

Manufacturing Stores Division

Another face which we have been observing lately is that of Richard Miller, who has been showing pictures of that small daughter, Karen Isobel. Karen's mother is the former Cecile Schmidt.

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We must not forget to report on another face—Mrs. Elna Murray's. She has—the mumps.

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Mrs. Naomi Eldred has just cause to be showing signs of happiness. She became grandmother on February 13 to a little granddaughter, Michelle Eileen Block, weighing in at seven pounds, eleven ounces. Congratulations!

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Mr. V. H. Vieths, general foreman, on February 13 completed thirty-five years of service at the Rock Island arsenal. He commented "I wish I had a dollar for every time I have crossed the Mississippi."

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STEEL ROOM FLASHES

Have you noticed Ed (Curly) Dierks walking around chuckling to himself? He must be thinking of the cute things their new baby does. Happy days, Ed.

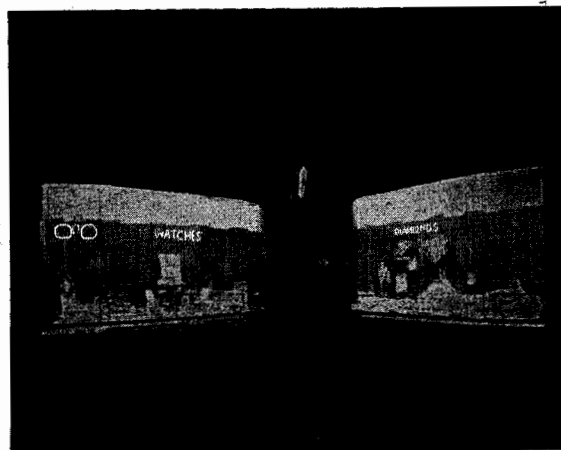
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Several new employees have been added to the Steel room staff, Betty Sear, Arthur Coleman and Elaine Roberts, William McMann's new secretary.

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Artillery Vehicle Dept.

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Building 208 has added three of the fairer sex to its staff of crane operators. They are reported to be doing a highly efficient job.

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DX309 Receiving room regrets to announce the resignation of Jeanne Rantz who was married on Jan. 18 to Elmer Jahn, DX307A. Congratulations!

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Mr. C. Lundy, formerly foreman in DM101C, and now connected with the Ordnance department in Detroit, recently visited employees in Building 208 in connection with business pertaining to tank engines. Most of the men in DX307 used to work for Mr. Lundy and they had a grand time renewing their acquaintance. Another recent visitor was Keith Chantry, associated with Continental Motors company, here on business. Keith will also be remembered from former days in DM101C.

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DX305, the Dynamometer room, welcomes the addition of Henry Butnuh to its staff. Mr. Butnuh formerly worked in Shop "B."

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The receiving room announces the addition to its staff of Mrs. Irma Allen, formerly of the planning room, Shop M. Best wishes to her in her new position.

SHOPS DO AND DU

Three gold stars have appeared on the Service Board in DO and DU. First to appear was the star for Theodore A. Sundeen, who died of wounds received in the North African theater. Within the last six weeks two more have been added for Santos S. Reyes and Albert J. Vasquez, both reported killed in action on the German frontier.

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Inspection



T/3 R. W. Sturdahl, now in France, claims he doesn't know all the French words but that he makes out O. K. Ray says that it's good to see the familiar faces in the ARSENAL RECORD.

AK has a new bride. Betty Alexander, messenger, was married January 20 in Rock Island to William J. McFall, S 1/c. Betty is carrying on here while Bill has gone back to sea. Lots of luck to both.

Pvt. Elmer Anderson wrote AK a letter dated New Year's Eve. He said the first and only mail he had received since landing in England was the ARSENAL RECORD. It was a swell letter, Andy, and gave us an idea of the beauty of the English countryside and the bravery of the people there.

AK has just enjoyed another of its sensational bowling parties, held at the LeClaire Bowling Alleys, Moline, Illinois. Outstanding scorer of the evening was Captain H. W. Gerlach.

We would like to know why Clara Biggin and Bud Johnson could never find their bowling balls. By the way, Bud, if you want to know the secret of successful bowling, ask some of the girls.

DEPARTMENTS DO & DU (Continued)

A roller skating party was held Saturday night, January 13 at the Prom in Davenport for the employees of DO and DU. The party was also very well represented by employees from the Laboratory. Many new acquaintances were made and we all had a barrel of fun.

John M. "Jack" Owens, former employee in DO, has been awarded the Air Medal for bombing missions over Germany. Jack is a Tech. Sergeant, a Gunner on a B-17 "Flying Fortress." Congratulations and best of luck, Jack.

Employees of DO and DU extend their heartfelt sympathy to the family of Reuben C. Thorn. His unforeseen death was quite a shock to us all. Mr. Thorn was an electric welder, and had been an arsenal employee for over ten years.

SHOP M

A change has been noticed in Lewis "Reverend" Hafner since he dropped a "bombshell" into the revelry of the October Planning room dance by having it announced on the P.A. system that he and "Toots" were the proud parents of twins. Not only is Lewis a changed man, but it is known that since then he has made quite a few changes himself. (Triangular ones.) However, so far, in speaking of changes, we haven't mentioned changes for the better. But this is only because we doubt if improvements can be made in the makeup of people who are willing to sacrifice their future leisure to adopt twins.

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For Ordnance Overseas Maintenance and Modification Detachment, OCO: 1st Lts. Doan E. Metz and Clyde L. Barnes.

Transferred:

Capt. Doyle T. Davis to TAG, Washington, D. C.; Capt. Benjamin F. Phillips and 1st Lt. Arthur E. Lersch to Ordnance Overseas Maintenance and Modification Detachment, OCO, with station at Rock Island Ordnance Center; Capt. Carl P. Brown to OCO, Field Service, Washington, D. C.; 1st Lts. Arthur E. Lersch and Lloyd O. Viets, Jr., on temporary duty to overseas station.

Promotions:

Capt. George A. Goggin promoted to Major effective 8 Feb. 45.

Headquarters

That loud noise you heard coming from the direction of Davenport February 1 wasn't an air raid siren, it was Captain Kuhn's reaction to having a tooth filled.

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During the past month we lost one of our girls and gained two. Dixie Tuggle left us to be married February 14 and Violet Anderson and Zeldia Lemburg joined our little group. Hope you like it here and plan to stay a little while, girls.

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Why is it that a couple of girls in the Adjutant's office look a little green-eyed and talk about getting a transfer to Mr. Noth's office? Is it because Dorothy received a diamond? That's the second girl in that office within a month to receive a sparkler. What's the matter, trying to keep up with the Joneses?

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We are sorry to hear that Ellen Viets' husband left for overseas. But it won't be too long before he'll be back and maybe he'll bring some of that wonderful French perfume with him.

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Wonder who that cute little lieutenant was that came in the last minute the other night and gave Bea Cochrane a ride home? What's the matter, Bea, did you forget the way to Moline?

RIA GIRLS CLUB NEWS

The Rock Island Arsenal Girls' Club held its monthly meeting at the Rock Island Arsenal Club House with dinner being served at 5:30. A business meeting followed the dinner with the Vice-President Corrine Janssen presiding.

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The February meeting was in charge of the girls from W1 with Miss Elaine Bolte as general chairman assisted by Mrs. Dorothy Borkgren, in charge of arrangements for the dinner and Miss Mildred Beard in charge of decorations. Guest speaker for the evening was Major George Scanlan from the Rock Island Ordnance Depot. Each and every one of us enjoyed his talk and wish to thank him again for being with us.

R. I. Ordnance Depot



If you work in Stock Accounting Section, W1, you are not the only chicken on De Reus. We biddies are doing a fine job over here. Our work is very interesting also very per Spickler.

We have one Voss, a Smallwood desk, a time Clark and a Lamp on hand at all times to say nothing of the Volz of electricity.

Because of the current man shortage, we have been allowed four only, namely: Klosterman, Ackerman, Hageman and Koopman.

Little Oliver keeps the boys in line. The roll call includes Frank, Rollo, John, William, Lee and Sonne.

Our morale is really very high regardless of some of the Kern(y) things you hear.

We keep Olson and Johnson to Muse ourselves. We are very proud of our chorus. At the last presentation Florence Zang "The Little Dutch Miller" while Dinwiddle played the organ.

The fruits of our labor are Cherry, Figg and Appleby. We have a Booth where we Frye Pike when we have an Oldefest.

A Lyon and a Coon work together but believe it or not, we don't have a single wolf.

We run into many amusing situations; we found that Nelle Burns and Hazel is White, and yesterday we saw a watch on the Ryan.

Our hardest job is trying to convince our Bachelard he should have a McBride.

The Kuehl to our success is Captain Wackerow but don't try to pick a Bohn with him.

We send you our best Hummelgards and want everyone to know we are doing our best for the tall man in the red and white striped Kapantas.

P.S. Our post-script girl is Adeline Moore.

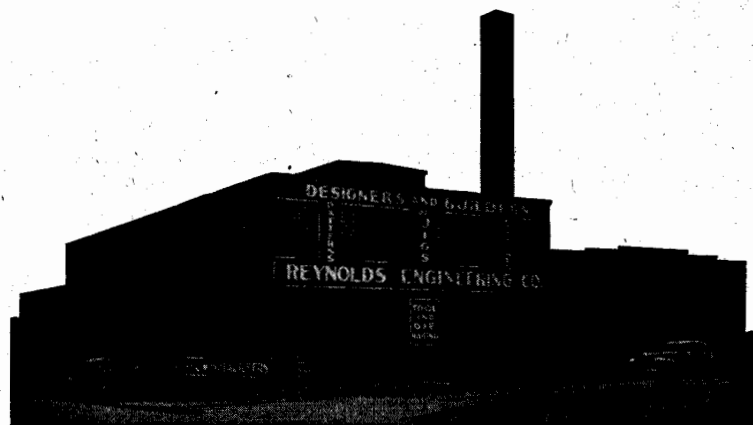
On November 25, 1944, Mary Schlader of the W-1 Coding and Locator branch was married to Corporal Charles A. Anderer of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

On February 8 approximately 700 people attended an enjoyable party at Danceland in Davenport given by the supervisors of the V-Area personnel to show their appreciation for the fine work completed and accomplished in the past year. Music for dancing was furnished by Jack Willet's Orchestra. A twenty-five dollar war bond was presented as a door prize to Bernadine Miller of V-5. A farewell gift was presented to Dick Palmer of V-8 and Herschel

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We are very sorry to lose a faithful friend, Arnold Belleson. We all want to wish you the best of luck with your new job.

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Gayle Flickinger was married February 11 in Galesburg. The lucky man is Lyle Blieu. The office was well represented at the ceremony with Bernadine Morrissey as maid of honor and Ann Pfundstein, Lillian Pohlmann, and Gale Marsh as bridesmaids. Good luck, Gayle and Lyle.

R. I. ORDNANCE DEPOT (Continued)

Hamilton of V-14 who will be leaving for the armed services soon. Maxine Peterson of V-5 and her sister rendered a few vocal selections. Lt. Col. Felix Doran acted as toastmaster and a few words were spoken by Col. Fegan, Commanding Officer; Lt. Col. C. L. Reed, Operations Officer; and Major G. B. Scanlan, Chief of Storage division.

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The V-Area regrets losing Capt. Harrig who was transferred as an assistant to Major Scanlan and W-1 welcomes him. W-1 loses the services of Lt. Beda as he was transferred to the V-Area.

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Third Lt. Peter Joseph Scanlan of Quarters 31, age 2½ months, has already expressed his earnest desire to enter West Point in 1963.

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That gleam in Lucy Dahlke's eyes lately is caused by the happy fact that her husband has been returned recently to the States after being wounded in action in Belgium. W-1 Coding and Locating personnel extend their best wishes, and that he may recover quickly.

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"Swede" Stierwalt of V-5 is now taking a rest in the Mercy Hospital, Davenport. He has just had an appendectomy and is doing fine. Hurry back, Swede.

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Hearts and flowers to Georgia Graber, Lt. Beda's secretary, and also to Willie Mae Herron of the V-Area Locating; both received their rings at Christmas.

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Congratulations to Betty Kelley on her marriage. Sorry to see you go. The V-Area personnel will miss you, Betty.

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Laying aside the tools of work, W1 employees gathered to hear the second annual report to the Depot at 10:00 a.m., February 22.

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"Rock Island, master depot for tanks, small arms, artillery, and other equipment that mean success in warfare, is in very fine shape," declared Col. O. G. Fegan, reporting to 2,500 employees of the Depot assembled in W1 on Thursday, February 22, at 10 a. m.

Col. Fegan was introduced by Lt. Col. Felix Doran, Jr., master of ceremonies, who welcomed the employees who had laid aside the tools of work to hear the report on the depot.

"The ability to do the job, as well as Rock Island's strategic position, assure this Arsenal's becoming the master depot for all general supplies after V-E day," Col. Fegan asserted.

"But the war is not over. We should not give up or relax our efforts. Absenteeism, which is very prevalent, must be cut to the minimum," he said.

He also reported that the Depot had shipped 5,005 line items each working day for the last nine months and had received 4,002 daily for the same period. In other words, the Depot has shipped 15 carloads and received 19 carloads of materiel each day. (A line item is the quantity required or received on any one demand.)

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The Rock Island Ordnance Depot will be the master depot for all general supplies after V-E day because of its strategic location, declared Col. O. G. Fegan, Commandant of the depot, in his report.

Lt. Col. Felix Doran presided as master of ceremonies when 2500 W1's assembled for report. Emphasis was placed on the fact that R.I.O.D. will continue production until the day of final victory.



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Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Claussen, who were married February 8. Both Mr. and Mrs. Claussen are employed in AM and here's hoping they will be very happy.

Dick Ijams, son of Wm. H. Ijams in AM office, (we had to put that in) was home on a "delay en route." Dick has been stationed at Keesler field in Mississippi with the Army Air Corps. Dick decided he'd seen enough of Louisiana and Mississippi and thought perhaps he'd like to see California. So-o-o he just dropped in on his C.O. and mentioned the idea—thus, California-bound! (Sounds simple, doesn't it?)

Mauritz "Moya" Anderson is now a sergeant! He has been overseas for five months with the Tenth Army and is stationed in the Hawaiian Islands with a headquarters company.

"Red" Turner was home for a short furlough recently, and is now a lieutenant with the Medical division.

The last we heard from Bob White, he was some place in France, headed for Germany. Here's hoping he reaches his objective in short order.

"Mike" Misel, who left the employ of the Arsenal in January, is attached to a tank division at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Joe Schober wrote home from Belgium and is right in there pitching. He said, "War's no fun and I'll be glad when I'm home."

"Chuck" Spaulding is some place in France. He sent home a snapshot of himself and said everything is O.K.

John Allchin, Pacific theater, sent home a Jap flag he had taken from a dead Jap. He had all his buddies autograph it and sent it home to his dad who is presently employed at the Central Heating Plant. It was certainly mighty interesting to see.

REPORT TO THE DEPOT (Continued)

"Wars are won on surpluses of men, material, and money, and not on shortages," Col. Fegan quoted Gen. Somervell, commanding general of the Army Service Forces in explaining that production will continue right to the last minute.

"Meanwhile, we can expect the work load to increase in surges," Col. Fegan declared. "For this reason, we need a surplus of employees on hand to take care of the work when vital orders must be filled."

Commenting on the recent questionnaire and vote in which 2,257 Depot employees participated, Col. Fegan said that 99% of the employees' comments were constructive; 1% criticized management, and other workers just to be criticizing. All ballots have been read, and personal letters have been written in such instances where the answers could not be made in bulletins to all employees.

"The Depot responded like a P-38, and we appreciate your co-operation," Col. Fegan concluded.

MANUFACTURING STORES (Continued from page 9)

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cirivello celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary January 23. Congratulations to both of you.

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Gus Gerstman received from his son a letter which had been through a plane crash. It was rather badly burned and water soaked, but still legible. It contained a picture of his son and the rest of the crew on the bomber. The picture was in good shape.

Personnel Division

The irony of it all! Mrs. Eileen Bryant, caretaker of the Lost and Found Desk at the RIOC, lost three pictures of herself somewhere between Davenport and the Center, and so far the beautiful art has not been returned.

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Joan Jenkins certainly has a loving and thoughtful husband. On two recent occasions Joan received flower orders from her mate, Lyle, a sergeant stationed in Hawaii. The first was a gardenia on the anniversary of their first meeting six years ago, and the second was a lovely carnation corsage on Valentine day.

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Speaking of Valentine day, Ivy Bartine received cablegram greetings and two V-Mail letters all the same day from her husband stationed in England.

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Another girl made happy is Miriam Phillips. She has just received a box of souvenirs her husband sent from the Philippines. Miriam recently compiled an interesting ditto copy of excerpts from some of her husband's letters, telling of how they lived and fought. These copies Miriam sent to all their friends.

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Recognize any of them? Here's the Employment Dept. in 1935: front, l. to r., Jo Walters, Anna Zindorf, Gladys Nuessli, Anna Houston, Lillian Johnson, Vera Christensen, Elvina Clair; back, Jeanice Wood, Marian Heinz, Ruth Rintelmann, Helen Melin, Frances Lipton.

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It could have been the intricacy of design, but whatever it was, Marie Gajkowski asked, "Are these suspenders?" when she held up a pair of ear muffs while on a recent shopping expedition.

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Mrs. Helen Brandt, former matron in Shops B and D, has joined the staff of the Employees' Service Section. Mrs. Brandt will assist Mrs. Mary Melvin in the Women's Counseling section.

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Bert Johnson has a new pin-up girl on his desk, the said beauty being his youngest daughter, Marjorie Jane.

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PERSONNEL DIVISION (Continued)

Mr. Colehour invited Mr. Randolph to dinner the other night and they were to meet in Rock Island at seven. After work, Mr. R. spied Mr. C. getting on a Davenport bus. Mr. R. queried, "How come?" Said Colehour: "I always eat in Davenport."

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The "pool hall" era is being revived to an extent by five of our boys. The characters, in order of their rank following their weekly sessions, are: "Placement" Holdeman, "Killer" Barnhart, "Exit" Jones, "Abie" Carney, and "Eight-Ball" Wilhelm.

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The Employees' Service section assisted in organizing four girls' basketball teams. Two teams are at the Depot and one each from Manufacturing and the Administration Building. Games are played each Wednesday night.

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Those who celebrated birthdays in January and February were: Betty Morgan, Verna French, Marge Vitense, Millie Schnoor, Mrs. Mary Melvin, John Fuhrman, and Harold "Spike" Jones. Congratulations to all.

Plant Property Division

Welcome back to Pvt. Ralph Gerdes, who has reported to R.I.A. for training. Glad to have you back, Ralph.

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Miss Deva Wendell of Charlotte, Iowa, (and our Gage section) became the bride of Roger Puck, Route 4, Davenport, Iowa, on Saturday, March 3 at 2 p.m. Wish both of you lots of happiness and good luck.

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It seems that every month finds changes in the personnel at ST and this month is no exception. Grace Johnson left this past month to become a nurse and is training at the Moline Public hospital. Dolores Miller left with uncertain plans, but it seems a certain sailor is due back on leave and he has plans which include a trip to the parson. Marguerite Karstens left ST but not the arsenal since she transferred to another department. We have been fortunate to secure more people than we lost so it is "welcome" to Agnes Holtam, Charlene Hanlon, Shirley Fuller, Marian Landers, George Adams, John Peterson, Richard Branner, Wray Baker, Tazwell Smith and Thomas Rudd.

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Building No. 131 contributed a total of \$17.01 to the March of Dimes infantile paralysis drive.

SHOP M (Con't from page 11)

Aboard an LST, James E. Cosgrove, Chief Motor Machinist Mate has completed his 40th channel crossing. Jimmie used to work in PM Follow-up before enlisting in the Navy.

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Sgt. Harvey L. Becker is now in the Philippine Islands, and from the way Harvey writes he is enjoying himself among the natives and the natives are enjoying him.

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Frank Sinatra's voice is nothing compared to a certain soldier's voice, according to Lois Paul who was able to talk over the phone to her husband (the soldier) recently. Lois has been swooning ever since. "Bill" has been overseas for more than two years, so it is little wonder that Lois was thrilled to be able to talk to him.

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After being overseas 32 months, Sgt. Jack Stamm has returned to the good old U. S. Jack made the most of his furlough by marrying Miss Neoma Thode on February 4th. Best wishes and congratulations to both of you.

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SHOP M (Continued)

We've never seen a happier groom than Dick Hinrichsen, of Tool Design, whose wife is the former Dolores Schatterman.

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A friend in need is a friend indeed. Now someone has the opportunity of being a friend to everybody's friend, Lee Amsberry. Lee is badly in need of a nice apartment and after looking over the trities she has decided to take an interest in any kind of a habitation—tent, trailer, or what have you. Can anyone help her out?

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Margaret Jorgensen is proudly wearing a diamond. The lucky fellow is stationed in the South Pacific. Good luck, Margaret!

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Congratulations to W. M. Cochrane, Tool Design, on the arrival of his new grandson. This is the first grandchild in the Cochrane family.

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Alice Van Melkebeke, a messenger for DM Follow-up, is corresponding with a certain young man overseas. He is sending her so many gifts that it is beginning to look serious.

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Festive affairs are a common occurrence in PM Follow-up these days. The latest occasion was the celebration of Mr. A. R. "Mac" McBride's birthday on January 25. "Mac" was the recipient of a huge basket of fruit suitably decorated with cards engraved by our local genius, George "Rembrandt" Bunker.

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Ernie Bieberbach is known as the department "Joke Man." He certainly knows a lot of them. His best one concerns the lady bringing the baby to the doctor. Ask him about it some time!

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Marie McAndrews of DM Follow-up has been enjoying a visit with her brother, Phil, MM 1/c of the Seabees. He is home on a 30-day leave after 21 months in the Southwest Pacific.

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Two happy people in DM are Jack Rossmiller of DM Planning and his Dad, Frank, of Tool Manufacturing section, who are enjoying a visit from Jack's brother, Dick, MM 1/c of the Navy.

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On January 9th, Mr. Otto Thode, DM101E passed away. For the past 26 years he has been employed here at the arsenal and his many friends were shocked and saddened by the news of his death.

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We notice by the papers that "Hank" Beckman is still tossing the old basketball around. Hank and that boy of his will end up playing on the same teams if Daddy can manage to hang on just a little longer.

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Harry (Standing Bull) Wahe is quite the boy. His co-workers in DM101E are of the opinion that he has been working in the same spot so long that the government ought to deed the straightening table and a square of cement over to him for keeps.

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Joe Conda surprised the boys by bowling 256 the other night, which incidentally is the highest score rolled in the league so far this season. Let's keep up the good work, Joe.

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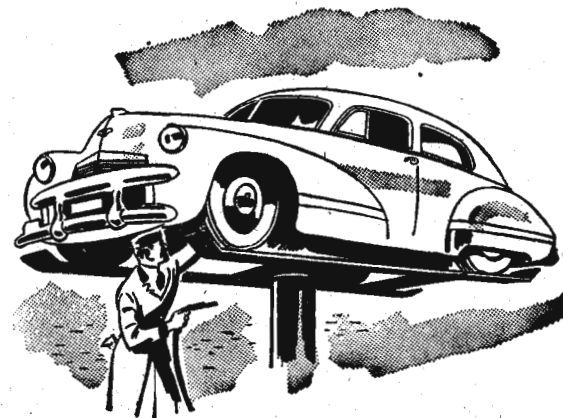
At a candle light ceremony on January 6, Helen Strong, employed in DM101G, and Jesse Mohr, of DM301, were united in marriage. Our best wishes to both of you.

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Al Hachez, DM101C, received a very interesting letter from John C. Collins, former employee of 101C and 102. John is stationed on New Guinea. He tells of sea turtles weighing several hundred pounds and of the three day Christmas festival by the natives, which from his description must be quite a sight to see. He states that one of the presents given to the natives by the Australian gov-

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SHOP M (Continued)

ernment is a bottle of peroxide, so that their hair can be bleached. Oh yes, we hope you catch that big fish you're after, Johnny!

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Vi Gertsen, DM102T (DT104AT) had to take a couple of days off to rest up. We suggested that she go to bed as Ada Mae does every night at 5:30 (p.m.—?), but she just wouldn't listen.

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Orchids to "Hi" Price, on her weekly payroll deduction for bonds, which amounts to a \$25 bond each week.

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Ramon C. Obukowicz, Machinist in DM102H, was passing out cigars to his friends the other morning. The occasion was the arrival of a son to the family household. Congratulations!

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Ed Schroeder, DM102T, is in trouble. It seems that a couple of guys are trying to horn in on a certain simonizing job he has an A-1 preference rating for, and Ed says they aren't going to take it away from him.

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We wish to extend our sympathy to Bernard Powers of DM102 on the passing of his mother.

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We understand that Ray Beguhn, foreman in DM102M, is now ready to establish a real average in bowling. After the purchase of bowling shoes, he acquired a rule book to learn about the steps, and so forth. Now he has added a bowling ball to his equipment and is ready to burn up the league.

SHOP L

There has been quite an array of proud papa smiles as three girls and two boys have arrived recently to employees in Shop L. Congratulations go to Melvin Lind, a girl, Sharon Ann; John Burke, a boy, Ronald; Herbert Spencer, a girl, Suzanne; Tom Burkewicz, a boy, John Joseph; Cornelius Melley, a girl, Barbara Jean.

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Word has been received from Charles "Gabby" Vorderberg, formerly of DM200, of his promotion to Seaman 1/c. He has also been made managing editor of the *Gropac & Newsbuoy*, a daily newspaper published overseas. Congratulations!

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Lawrence Molis, clerk in 201B office, is back with us again after being gone for a couple of months. Glad you're back on the beam again, Larry.

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S/Sgt. K. L. Clark, son of Mrs. Reba Clark, of 201BT, got home recently for three days. He's stationed at Lincoln, Nebraska. We're happy for you, Reba!

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A word of thanks and appreciation goes to Jane Kouskie for the delicious candy she has been bringing to us. Those of us who were lucky enough to get to taste it wonder how any man could deserve such a good cook. There's only one, of course—a Marine!

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"Bill" Samberg has had that "on-the-ball" look lately. What's the secret, Bill? Vitamin pills?

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What 201B turret lathe operator left his car parked in front of the house with the motor running, took a bus downtown and had to call a friend two blocks away to go over and turn it off for him? War nerves, Carl?

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A farewell party was held Sunday, Jan. 28 at Local 81 Lodge Hall in Rock Island in honor of John Von Alten who has retired after being employed here for the last 30 years. John will be greatly missed by the turret lathe department and by all his other friends here at the arsenal.

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To the Editor
Arsenal Record

As a member of the Depot Operations Advisory Committee of the Rock Island Ordnance Depot, I have an excellent opportunity to watch the good work carried on by the Arsenal Record.

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MANUFACTURING (Continued)

Sorry to hear that William "Bill" DeWinter, 201B turret lathe operator, has broken his arm. Did he forget to duck the rolling pin or did he really break it while ice skating? Hmm!

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Two of our foremen, Fred Brown and Fred Coelln, have been ill at their homes for over a month now. We've missed them and hope they recover soon.

SHOPS G & I

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Clarence A. Hof family. Clarence, who died on February 3, was an employee of the Experimental department. His death was the result of a heart attack.

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Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jepson are the parents of a baby boy born February 6.

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Congratulations go to A. Linnberg, general foreman in Shops G and I. Art recently began his 37th year of arsenal service, and has seen many changes come about in the passing years.

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Carroll D. Dalton is a real bowling enthusiast, but we can't make him reveal his bowling average. We wonder if that rumor is true that Shop G wins so many games because of C.D.'s heavy handicap?

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Attention! All gals! There's a prospect in KM524 Inspection department. He has brains (I guess), looks (I think), and pockets that jingle (I know). Can't figure out why George hasn't been hooked as yet, 'cause he likes home cooking, and he really believes that he could qualify as a "woman's home companion." (Telephone number?—Ed.)

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A baby daughter, born January 20, is the main attraction in the Donald Diehl family these days. All concerned are well and happy.

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So many members of our Honor Roll write in each month that we can not list each one, but we would like to take this opportunity to tell all of them that we really enjoy their letters. We'll always be interested in where our boys are located and what they are doing until they are safely back on the job again.

SHOP D



Digging Out Some Old Ones

For your enjoyment this month, we unearthed an old cut of Harold Fischer, Foreman in DM710. The picture shows Harold as he looked 34 years ago, back in 1911, when he was a young and foolish thing.

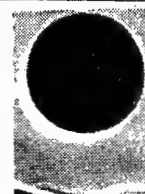
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Arthur Flanagan, of DX711, won second place in the arsenal bowling tournament held last month at the arsenal bowling alleys. Art rolled a 649 series, which we think is very, very good. Nice going, Art!

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Our deepest sympathy to Minnie Weaver in the loss of her son who was killed in action in Belgium.

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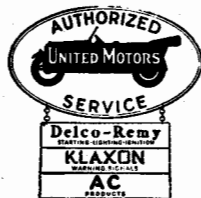
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MANUFACTURING (Continued)

They call him "Canary" Balaun now. Bill can really whistle the bird calls, and we wonder if it's true that he's feeding bird seed to Eddie Bauerle and Art Small, in connection with teaching them the bird calls?

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The department is glad to have Harold Moeller and Lois Cumbie in our midst. Harold recently received an honorable discharge from the Army, and Lois moved up from Texarkana, Texas. Welcome!

Central Planning Division

The AE Social Club had its annual election of officers and Peg Judge will preside as president for the coming year. Wilson "Smitty" Smith will be secretary and Max-Shiffman, treasurer.

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History records the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington in February and AE also has its share of February birthdays with the following: Kay Mullin, Helen Nelson, Arch Cowan, Carl Smouse, Gerry Fisher, Frank VonAch, and Ed Dietrich. The candy was delicious!

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Wedding bells rang for one of AE's employees when Gloria Amato became Mrs. Johnny Meyer February 10 in Houston, Texas. Johnny is in the Navy and is stationed in Houston.

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The winter ice proved hazardous for two of AE's employees. Russel Clark fractured his ankle when he fell on the ice going home from work and Orlando Mayes bruised his leg when he fell as he was entering his automobile.

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Central Planning's "Spare Parts" bowling team picked up enough spares and strikes to win the team championship in the Rock Island-Moline Women's Bowling Tournament at the Top Spot Bowling Alleys. They were proud kids with their picture in the paper and \$40.00 prize money. Two other Central Planning teams received money in the tournament—"Engineering Aides" and "AE Team."

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That sparkle in Lois Lewis' eyes was due to the fact that her soldier husband was home on a furlough. Hubby, Sgt. Spencer Lewis, is in the Air Corps.

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Another happy young lady was Donna Gresch. Donna's sailor husband was home on a sixteen-day leave.

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We welcome Grace Miller to our messenger staff.

Training Division

ARMAMENT MAINTENANCE SCHOOL—XA

If Captain H. C. Gunther and W/O B. T. Speight, visiting Australian officers, stay with us a few weeks longer we believe we can master their manner of speaking.

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We thought you would like to know that Miss Texas of 1963 has been named Sharon Anne Wehner. She is the daughter of Captain and Mrs. B. T. Wehner.

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"Tommy" Campbell, Gunner's Mate Second Class, U.S.N., and Pvt. Russ Chandler, U.S.M.C., two former XA employees, had a lot to talk over when they met recently somewhere in the South Pacific area. Tommy writes Russ has been overseas 24 months and hopes to return home soon.

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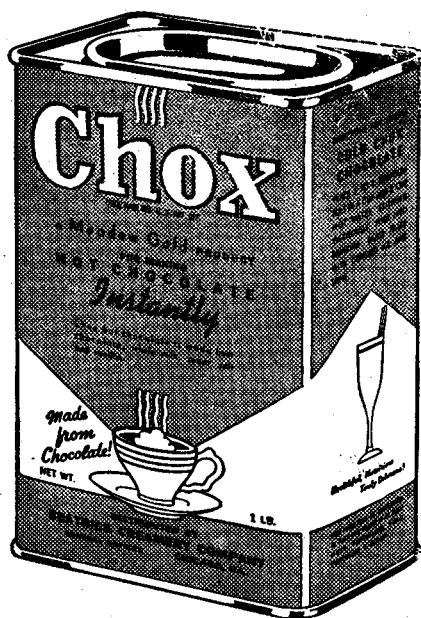
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ARMAMENT MAINTENANCE SCHOOL—XA (Continued)

We have been trying to figure out whether it is the course content or the instructor personnel that makes the instrument course so popular with the ladies. Eight more "WOWS" have reported for training in this course, as follows: Mary L. Miller, Alice Lemon, San Antonio Arsenal, Texas; LaBess M. Mills, Red River Ordnance depot, Texas, Ila Stains and Lucille S. Jones, Benicia arsenal, Calif., Roxey N. Lowry, Edith Schneemilch and Audrey Lien, Tooele Ordnance depot, Utah.

If you would like to improve your pinochle game, we suggest you see John Henson, Bernie Hare, Ben Skillman or Roy Stickler, who know all the fine points of the game. They will even show you how to bang the cards down on the table, which we understand is mighty important.

Tennis Stoleson and Al Strong have been traveling again, this time to General Motors corporation plants in Detroit and Flint, Michigan.

BASE SHOP DATA

Sincere sympathy is extended to Pvt. and Mrs. Al Boudinot on the death of their youngster.

THE SLIDING PARTY

The reports we heard were of lots of fun!
The gang and guests were on the run,
The snow was right for a striking attack,
How many saw Teppo Davison on his back?
That flexible flyer, Allen Gales borrowed from the kid down the block,
But Bob Hefen's, for his oldest, was bought,
The snow frolic didn't allow for any rest,
Like a true trainee, Kenny George, put the skis to a test;
Husby, Abrahamsen, Ingham, Frauen and the Albrechts
All got by without breaking their necks,
Though, of course, their muscles were lame,
And Phyl Smith didn't know whom, for her scratches to blame.
Pat Hefen's steering gave a slide providing a thrill,
BUT HAVE YOU HEARD of Art Beilenberg's great spill?
(No reference to that fall for V.D.)
The car Jean Wieme and Fay Wall were in got stuck,
So they lost out on the sliding party by bad luck.

Engineering Department

DRAFTING DIVISION

Victor F. Lucht, whom many will recall as a former employee in the drafting room at Rock Island arsenal was cited by the Honorable Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War, "for exceptional meritorious service within and beyond the call of duty as Chief Engineer of the Cannon and Aircraft Armament Branch, Artillery Division, Industrial Service, Ordnance Department. He not only distinguished himself by pioneering the design of the installation of large caliber cannon in airplanes, but also at great potential personal danger, acted as a cannoneer during the first aerial firings of a 75 mm. cannon mounted in an airplane."

Weapons designed by Mr. Lucht are made at the Rock Island arsenal, which should cause all of us to realize the importance of the work we are doing.

The old adage "Absence makes the heart grow fonder" works in Trudy's case. She met a nice, tall Marine, whom she liked very much, and through correspondence, they discovered that they were smitten on each other. Now, Trudy's wearing a lovely diamond, waiting for that all important day.

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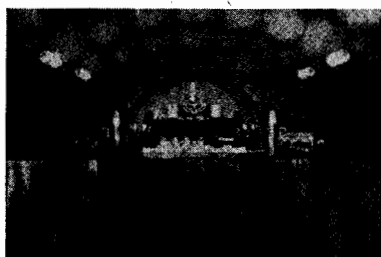
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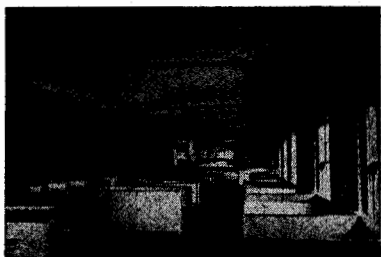
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APPRENTICES BACK IN 1916



Pictured above is the Rock Island Arsenal Apprentice School as of March 28, 1916. Many former apprentices of the Arsenal have been assigned to responsible positions at this Arsenal as well as in private industry.

Reading from left to right are: first row, (asterisk denotes those currently employed at the Rock Island Arsenal) *C. Smith, O. Brown, E. Bloomquist, *F. McKinney, H. Hedlund, E. Strohbehn, E. Ennis, L. Boetscher, *C. Gustafson, C. MacDonald, E. Krone, G. Petersen, *E. L. Johnson, A. Swenson, F. O'Brien, H. Olson, *E. Sommer; second row, E. Kretch, W. Warner, G. Powell, *B. Grosskopf, R. Hebbel, E. Zismer, *C. Dall, C. King, R. Mizer, P. Leopold, H. Crippen, *E. Alex, A. Gordon, *A. Rochow, O. Bein, R. Vennekohl, L. Corsiglia; third row, W. Jenkins, C. Dierolf, *E. Shore, Ed. Johnson, *F. Noack, *R. Mock, A. Wilcox, C. Winter, H. Truhl, *C. Pearson, J. Bolte, R. Peterson, H. Madden, *C. Lundstedt, V. Powers.

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DRAFTING (Continued)

My son! My son! If Allan Rose keeps muttering this, he has a right to; he's the proud parent of James Allan, a little fellow, born January 27.

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It looks as if the fleet's in, and with it came Maurice DeGeeter, Irene's husband, and Bob, Alice Wood's husband. They're so happy—and lucky too.

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Margaret Porter received the following verse from Charlie together with a dozen roses:

"Roses is Red
Violets is Blue
Sugar is scarce
And so are you.

* * *

Lost: Bernice Ericson who went to AD to work for Mr. Olson.

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Bowling News: Scores 500 or Better—Gere, 517, 527, 586; Herbst, 545, 568; Reck, 535, 558; Maloney, 531; Warrick, 521, 501; Myllymaki, 511; Aubry, 501, 505; B. Schroeder, 501. Scores 200 or Better—Gere, 223; Reck, 216; Bushmeyer, 215; Maloney, 209; Herbst, 204, 200; Aubry, 201. Walter Cole rolled a phenomenal three-game series of 292.

R. I. ORDNANCE DEPOT (Continued from page 14)

Wedding bells rang for Bernice Johnson and Fred Vande Brande of Rock Island. Bernice is a clerk in 299. Lots of happiness to you both!

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Congratulations to Delbert Thomason of Zone 9, 299, who is the proud father of a boy.

Storage Branch

Mrs. Eva Dickey, 299 Receiving, has three sons in the service. She recently had word that son S/Sgt. Donald, a former employee of Shop H, had received the Air Medal and Flying Cross in Italy. Ronnie of Shop B is in the Philippines, and Harry is in the Aleutian Islands.

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Clara received beautiful roses from that hubby of hers who is on the high seas. Birthday, wasn't it, Clara?

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Miss Mabelle Brennan of Order Control, 299, was united in marriage to Pfc. Henry Klindt, February 9. Mabelle is Office Chief of Order Control and her husband is with the communications division of the Army Air Corps at Bakersfield, California.

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What's this? Five girls of the Control division taking swimming lessons? Wonder if they are planning on an aqua follies? When are you going to put on an exhibition for us, gals? We hear that Irene can even swim on her side now.

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This place was really green with envy when Mr. Meydam took that air-ride to Texas. From all reports he had a swell time. Mmmmm for some of that warm air!

RETURNED FIELD STORES

Lt. Bill Plum and his wife, Jeanne, brought their baby, Tracy Ann, home for a few days with Jeanne's mother, Marie Wehr. Marie says the baby has red hair. We hope to be able to see Tracy Ann one of these days.

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RETURN FIELD STORES (Continued)

HEARTS AND MEN DEPARTMENT:

Betty Benker is back to work again after a trip to California to see her husband.

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LaNore Johnston's husband has returned to civilian life after 26 months in the Army. All this and Sherrard, too?

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Emily Bushert and Jeanne Johnson both saw their boy friends who were home on leave for a short time. Is that what keeps them so happy all the time?

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Oh my, Maravene Williamson's husband also came home from the Merchant Marines after being gone about 11 months. Tell us about it, will ya, Marv?

* * *

You can always tell when Martha Luetje's husband comes home. You can set your watch at 12 noon as she always goes home. Her nose!

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Welcome to Returned Field Stores: June Britton, Virginia Novak, Mary "Georgia" Watts and Alberta Fagen.

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It's a good thing Jeannette Petersburger isn't married. If you had seen her about a month or so ago, you'd swear her husband had given her a beating. Slick outside, wasn't it, Jeannette?

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To hear Joe Woods talk, you'd think he was a good cook, but we found out Mrs. Woods is the *super* cook. Have you ever tried her "Ribbon Cake"? Umm-m-m. Mere words can't describe it.

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Tom Kingsley has had the closest shave he ever wants. How does it feel to see a pile of pallets ready to drop on you? Never again, huh?

* * *

Billie, oh Billie, where has Buck gone? Maybe the Building north of Y-1?

FIELD SERVICE LEGS

Legs to the right of us,
Legs to the left of us,
Legs to the front of us,
How they display them!
On they go trippingly,
Dainty and skippingly,
Frost that bites nippingly
Does not dismay them.

Straight legs and bandy ones,
Bum legs and dandy ones,
Awkward and handy ones,
Flirt with the breezes.
Round legs and flatter ones,
Thin legs and fatter ones,
Especially the latter ones,
Showing their kneeses.

Knock-kneed and bony ones,
Real legs and phony ones,
Silk-covered tony ones,
Second to none.
Straight and distorted ones,
Mates and ill-sorted ones,
Home and imported ones.
Ain't we got fun?

CIVILIAN AWARDS (Continued from Page 8)

2. Award for 10 consecutive years of faithful and satisfactory War Department service.

3. Award for Meritorious Civilian Service for outstanding and unusual performance within the call of duty.

4. Award for Exceptional Civilian Service for exceptionally meritorious service within and beyond the call of duty.

However, the scope of the program has since been expanded to include among those eligible overseas employees of the War Department and employees of the Army Exchange Service, Army exchanges, and the Army Motion Picture Service. Also, five grades or levels of award are now available to civilian employees, an award for 25 years' satisfactory and faithful Civilian Service having been added to the original four classes. Emblems for 10 and 25 years' Civilian Service are now awarded to employees who have the required service, irrespective of any break in service, provided the last six months of the period represent consecutive service.

The basic emblem for each award is the same, a blue ribbon having three horizontal white threads with an additional white corded design on each edge for 10 years' Civilian Service and with white corded design and red edges for 25 years' Civilian Service. The blue star on white background within a red border imposed on this emblem identifies the Army Service Forces. The emblem for Meritorious Civilian Service is a silver wreath, designed to be attached over the face of the civilian emblem, and the emblem for Exceptional Civilian Service is a gold wreath to be attached over the face of the civilian emblem. New basic emblems representing service in each of three major overseas areas have been designed, as follows: American Theater, blue ribbon; European-African-Middle Eastern Theater, green ribbon; and Asiatic-Pacific Theater, orange ribbon.

Eligibility for Civilian Service Awards, 10-Year Civilian Service Emblems, and 25-Year Civilian Service Emblems is determined from employment records and efficiency ratings. A rating of "Good" or better will, except under unusual circumstances, entitle an employee with requisite length of War Department service to any of the emblem awards. Recommendations for Meritorious or Exceptionally Meritorious Service emblems are made by supervisors for employees who have performed such service in accordance with standards set forth by the War Department. Such recommendations are referred to a Review Board at Rock Island Ordnance Center for consideration and for preparation of recommendations to be submitted to the Chief of Ordnance. No recommendation is necessary for employees with 10 or more years' service for the Meritorious Service emblem as their eligibility is determined from employment records and efficiency ratings.

Each month a list of employees eligible for service awards is compiled in the Personnel Division and the names of those eligible for the 10 and 25-year emblems are sent to Washington for approval. Awards are made at ceremonies designated from time to time by the Commanding Officer. At such ceremonies, token emblems are presented to representatives of the various groups, after which emblems are distributed by supervisors to all other employees who qualified to receive them.

An employee is allowed to wear concurrently only one emblem for service within the United States and one emblem for each overseas area in which he has earned such an emblem. When more than one emblem is awarded by a given component of the War Department, only the emblem representing the highest award may be worn. When an employee has been awarded emblems by more than one component in the United States, he may choose the emblem he desires to wear.

Here's a final point: the awards discussed in this article are separate and distinct from the awards made by the RIOC to employees who have had 15 years and up of Ordnance service.

EMPLOYEES AWARDED ORDNANCE PINS

Army Ordnance pins for 15 years or more of faithful service were awarded by Col. Carl A. Waldmann, commanding officer, to a group of Arsenal employees on Friday, March 2, in the commandant's office in the Administration building.

"Your years of service lend stability to the Arsenal," Col. Waldmann said in presenting the service pins. "Your experience is valuable in training new employees—in helping them to get started on their jobs."

Victor H. Vieths, in charge of Manufacturing Storehouse and Balance of Stores, received the Ordnance pin for 35 years of service.

"It's a distinct privilege to work for the government, and I have enjoyed and learned much during my years on the Arsenal," he said.



Pins for fifteen years of service were awarded to Rex D. Brown, DM; Freeman Lesley, DA; Frank E. Long, DU; John R. Russell, SI; Glen L. Smith, DA. Three employees, Hugo H. Beenck, DM; Albert W. Gadaire, DM; and Earl L. Johnson, AK; were presented with 20 year pins. John J. Veronda of AY exchanged his 20 year pin for a 25 year one. Soren Thomsen of DX, deceased, had earned a pin in the 25 year group also. His pin will be presented to his family.

ARSENAL COOPERATES WITH RED CROSS PROGRAM



Capt. Royce E. Pettit, adjutant, administers oath to Mary Helen Otten. Mrs. Otten (left) and Mrs. Goebert witness the ceremony.

Running a close second to the Arsenal's prime interest in turning out the munitions and weapons of war, is the interest in the welfare of our boys in the armed forces. For that reason, Rock Island Ordnance Center cooperates with the American Red Cross in the Nurse Recruitment program by administering the oath of the army nurse.

Typical of the eager young women who are enlisting in the Army Nurse Corps, is Mary Helen Otten of Davenport, who with four others, was sworn in as an army nurse on Tuesday, March 6, by Capt. Royce E. Pettit, adjutant at the Rock Island Arsenal.

Serving the nation in time of need is traditional with the Otten family. Mary's father, Clement Otten, served overseas with the engineers in World War I. Before his death in 1943 in the Veterans' Hospital in Des Moines, he had been employed as an assembler at the Arsenal for approximately 12 years.

Mary's mother, Mrs. A. Gertrude Otten, has for the past year and a half, been working on the production line as a machine oper-

ator in Shop K. She's doing her share at home, while her son, Robert Otten, fights with the army in Belgium.

Graduation from nurses' training at St. Anthony's hospital in Rock Island, was the culmination of a long-cherished ambition for Mary. Answering the urgent call of the Red Cross for nurses, it was natural for Mary to prefer to serve in the army.

This group of five nurses was brought to the Arsenal by Mrs. Elmer C. Goebert, chairman of the Nurse Recruiting program of the Rock Island Chapter of the American Red Cross and wife of Col. Goebert, officer in charge of manufacturing at the arsenal.

Without flag-waving or band-playing, the simple ceremony was enacted in the adjutant's office in the administration building. Taking the oath with Mary were Betty Jane Clapp of Davenport, Anna Mae Mercer of Rock Island, Margaret McNamara of Cedar Rapids, and Mary Archer of Rock Island.

The nurses left March 8 for Camp McCoy for three weeks' basic training, after which they will be assigned to hospitals either in the States or overseas.

Procurement Division

(Our regrets to the Procurement Department. Your material was received too late to insert it with the other departments under Administration. Hope you don't mind this solitary glory on the last page . . . Ed.)

AP's own "Ace High" Bowling Team has carried off top honors in one of the two arsenal girls' leagues. The final match was played off March 9 at the Bowladrome Alleys in Rock Island. The team was captained by Shirley Krueger, the other members being Dorothe Schweder, Bernice Hamann, Carolyn Kosciucha, and Betty Steinhauer (all AP girls except Betty, who is employed in BB). Starting with a pick-up group, the Ace Highs jumped into the lead about midway of the season, and have held their position ever since. Their prowess has brought added renown to the annals of kegling. Three cheers, Ace Highs!

Our own Sergeant Jim Heap, of the AAF, formerly employed in the Duplicating Machines section, has been awarded the Air Medal upon completion of his fifteenth flight over Germany.

We have recently enjoyed visits from two of our former girls, now with auxiliaries of the armed forces. Sergeant Louise Fishburn, of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve, stopped in to see us while home on leave from Washington, D. C.; and Radioman 2/c Cheryl Hoerler, of the WAVES, called on us while on leave from New Orleans. Seeing the girls was a real treat; they both looked splendid.

We still miss Palmyre Dehon and Glenna Morris, who left us not so long ago to take up residence in Los Angeles. They write that they like the West very much.

Several cases of eyestrain were reported in AP following Giles Klein's appearance in a blazing lumberjack shirt—a regular haberdasher's holiday, featuring a riotous plaid pattern in shades of orange, brown, and red. With it, he sported a bright green tie (P.S.: He wore the ensemble one day only.)

Viola Ouimet was thrilled recently when she received a corsage of lovely midget orchids dispatched to her from Hawaii via clipper ship from Lieut. Ed Schneider, a former AP boy now with the AAF, who is on leave in the "Paradise of the Pacific." Lt. Ed is navigator on a B-29, and has participated in many major engagements in the South Pacific theater of war.

Bureau of Vital Statistics:

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Shelton are the parents of a baby daughter, named Cynthia Sue, born February 17. Otto was formerly employed in our Follow-Up section.



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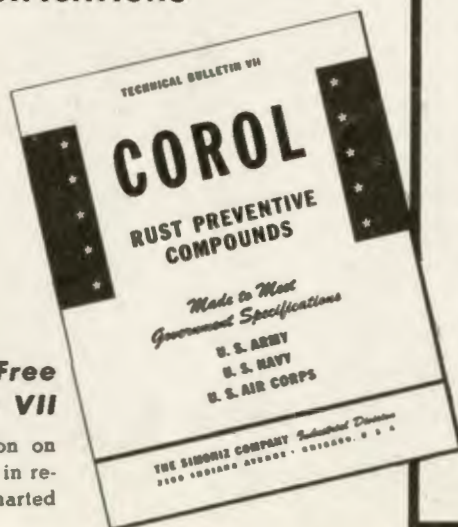
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