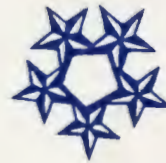


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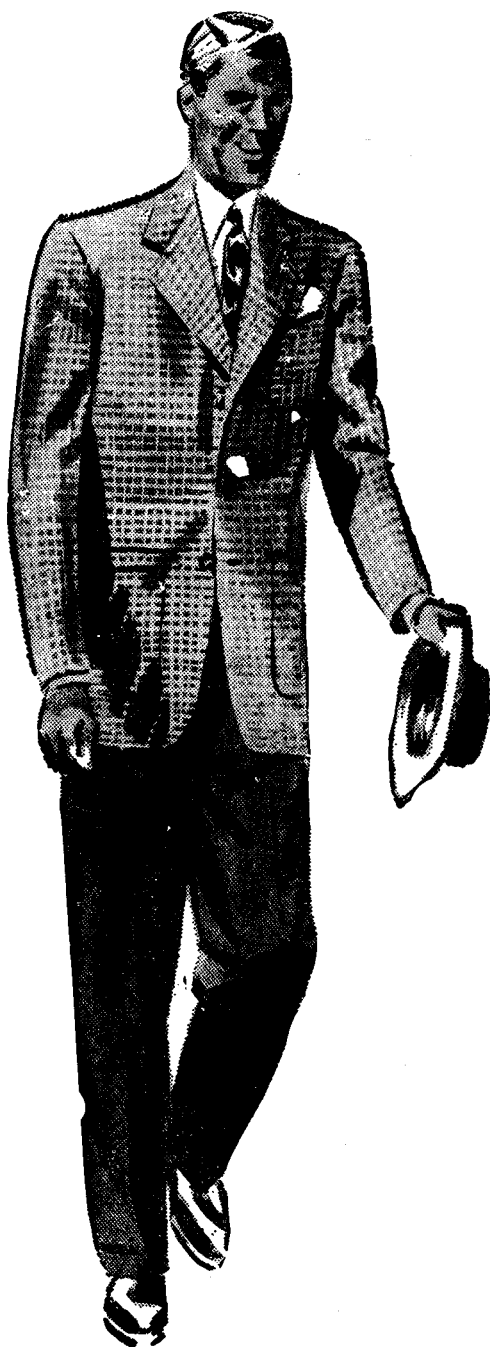
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Mr. F. O. Hawkinson
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Dear Mr. Hawkinson:

I'm writing this from the Red Cross Club. They call it "Rice Paddy Rendezvous." There are sofas, easy chairs, tables to play cards on, a reading room and snack bar. There are several charcoal heaters so it's quite cozy. Now for a few lines about China.

The Chinese people have a good sense of humor and are much like us in many respects. That is, they like a good joke, love independence and individual freedom. They are hard working people. Here in China, there is no national education program. The Chinese are mostly educated through mission schools but only a few go to them. Little Chinese children help in the fields and herd sheep. I've seen some carrying some very heavy loads for as small as they were.

We have a Chinese cook here at the base. He is called a "Boo Bing" which means in American "A Rifleman." We have a great time with him trying to learn Chinese. So far, I believe, he has learned more American than we have Chinese.

Mail call over here is A-1 on my list so how about you all dropping a line once in a while. I'll do my best to answer any and all letters received.

Your friend,

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Rex M. Tipton, son of Mrs. John Tipton of Shop R, shares one of his Christmas boxes with Italian children somewhere near Bologna.



Janet Louise, 3, and Joyce Ann, 6 months, are the lovable daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Williamson. George is employed as a machinist in Shop L.

RIA GIRLS' CLUB NEWS



The monthly meeting of the RIA Girls' Club was held at the Club House on the Island at 5:30 on April 10 with 102 attending. The business meeting followed the dinner with the President, Elizabeth Matthews, presiding. The winner of the Jack-pot drawing for the evening was Mrs. Jean Kruse of SI.

The program for the evening was a Breakfast at Sardi's with SM in charge of arrangements and Minnie Nuest as chairman. Our master of ceremonies was none other than Lt. Joe Dooling of BB, and his capable assistant was Lt. H. G. Eberling of AK.

The Serviceman's table made up of nine club members represented everything from a Pfc. to a Captain. Then too there was Bette, the WAC, whose real name was Lt. G. E. Hancock of BB. Bette's hair was a mop, her ear rings very pretty and her short skirt, whew!



First Lady Guard of Arsenal Takes Up Duties as Housewife

When in August of 1943, a call was put out for lady guards, the first to answer the call was Anna Besett, then employed in one of the shops. As the guard at the main gate who wrote all passes, Anna, now Mrs. George Mason, was a very conscientious worker.

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SIX EMPLOYEES RECEIVE AWARD PINS



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Pins for years of local service at the Rock Island Ordnance Center were awarded to six employees at 3:00 p.m. Friday, May 4, by Colonel Carl A. Waldmann, commanding officer, in his office in the Administration building.

"A milestone in your lives and in the life of the Arsenal," Col. Waldmann said in welcoming the employees to the important ceremony.

The commanding officer paid tribute to "people such as you who stay on the job, and whose experience, passed along from one group to another, gets the work done and helps other employees get theirs done also."

Pins for 15 years of service were presented to Harold A. Carlson, AD; Fred W. Hoffman, DH; Arthur E. Holquist, KM; William F. Mellenthin, DM; and Charles B. Thorn, DM. Harold H. Wiese of PM was presented with the 25 year pin.

Mr. Wiese, who began his experience at the Arsenal as a machinist's helper in Shop G, and who later worked in the Engineering department with Mr. Hostetler, is now an administrative assistant in PM.

Other officers present for the ceremony were Col. Elmer C. Goebert, officer in charge of manufacturing; Col. Welton Crook, engineering officer; and Maj. W. H. Carpenter, personnel officer.

COL. MARSH LEAVES ARSENAL



Col. Raymond Marsh, administrative officer at the arsenal since June 6, 1944, is leaving the Rock Island Ordnance Center for an overseas assignment. Col. Marsh, whose post here brought him in contact with many employees, made numerous friends who regret his leaving but wish him success in his new assignment.

The Colonel's son, Lt. Raymond Marsh, Jr., is also overseas, serving with Ordnance in the Philippines.

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ORDNANCE CHIEF IS LIEUTENANT GENERAL



In recognition of his outstanding service as Chief of Ordnance since May, 1942, Maj. Gen. Levin H. Campbell, Jr., was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General. In his position as Chief of Ordnance, Gen. Campbell has directed the development, manufacture, and procurement of ammunition, weapons and vehicles with which the United States and Allied forces throughout the world have driven the enemy to defeat. He has been responsible for the training and equipment of thousands of Ordnance troops and has active supervision over 182,000 civilians. Under his guidance the development of new equipment received constant guidance.

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Capt. J. M. Mitchell (right) and Capt. A. M. Benson, war bond officer and assistant, encourage employees to back the Seventh War Bond drive.

WAR BONDS AND PRODUCTION FIGHT THE WAR AT RIO C



Lt. Thompson, Maj. Graishe, I. R. Haines (l. to r.); Aileen Kovalchuck, Marcella Lind, Clemanine Allar are in charge of issuing bonds.

The employees of the Rock Island Ordnance Center have fought the war not only with their production, but with their dollars as well. Latest figures released by Headquarters, Sixth Service Command, indicate that 91.05% of the Center's employees are participating in the Pay Reservation Plan, with 11.96% of the payroll deducted for war savings bonds. Such a record places the Rock Island Ordnance Center in top place in the Command among War Department installations having as many as 3500 employees.

Arsenal employees have not only bought through the Pay Reservation Plan, but in addition, have purchased extra bonds for cash. During the Sixth War Loan drive, the quota for extra bonds was exceeded by eleven per cent.

Bond sales have been promoted by a large and progressive bond sales organization.

At the head of this organization is the Savings Promotion Council, composed of Col. C. A. Waldmann, commanding officer; Maj. B. G. Graishe, bond issuing officer; Maj. W. H. Carpenter, personnel officer; Capt. R. E. Pettit, adjutant; Capt. J. M. Mitchell, war bond officer; Capt. C. E. Wackerow, assistant depot officer; and Lt. J. W. Holmgren, medical administrative officer. This Council serves as an advisory and coordinating body which formulates policies for the sale of war bonds.

Capt. Mitchell, as war bond officer, energetically carries out the policies of the Council. In this important work he is given able cooperation by Capt. A. M. Benson, assistant war bond officer.

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C. M. Dollerhide and Miss Albrecht with aid of (l. to r.) B. Tuitt, A. Olson. L. Tomlinson, M. Humphrey plan bond issuance schedules.



Bonds—bonds—bonds. You buy 'em; we'll mail 'em wherever you say—that's the big job of Lucille Viren (left) and Marjorie Rosenberg.



E. H. Dibbern (left) and Curtis Hogberg are serving as head of Minute Men during 7th drive for the 6th and 7th times respectively.



It's nothing for Lloyd E. Bashaw to make out and address 1000 bonds an hour for the employees. On his peak days, Lloyd manages 1250.

Administration



Plant Property Division

Believe me, when Mary Wilson and Gerry made up their minds, things happened in a hurry. On March 31, within a week after Gerry's return from England, Mary became his bride in the First Presbyterian church of Davenport. So—her new "moniker" is Mrs. Gerald V. Anderson. We have another bride this month. Charlene Hanlon was married to Loren Hora, Saturday, April 7. To both of these girls and their husbands, we extend our congratulations and best wishes.

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Two happy people, indeed, are Joe and Irene Stroehle who welcomed little Michael Joseph into their family on March 26. Hope you can bring him over some time, Irene, so we can all have a good look at him.

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Saturday, April 7, was the date of our party honoring "Scotty" (Phillip J. Scott) and Tommy Rudd, who left St this month. Scotty left to go into service and Tommy to rest because of his health. Good luck to both of you.

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Virginia De Busschere also left this past month to stay home with her family.

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Ray McGimpsey paid us a nice visit and looks fine now after having had some trouble with his back. He's still at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, so how about dropping him a line?

Fiscal Division

That double attraction of pin-up boys on Ethel Hensley's desk was two pictures of her little nephew Randy, aged three and one-half months, whose mother is Virginia Pilcher, a former AL'er.

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Thelma Coleman and Myrtle Duncan (formerly of Cost) entertained the Cost girls at a chicken dinner this week at Myrtle's home. Everyone admitted eating too much.

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Happy happenings in Allotment:

Elmer Holmgrain pleased about a letter from his son, Corporal Dale Holmgrain, in which he told of spending a day and a half in Belgium with his brother, Captain Bruce Holmgrain. Both boys are in the Army Signal Corps and hadn't seen each other for two and one-half years.

Agnes Rode elated over a day off on her birthday (she didn't know that by not coming to work she missed a cake with candles 'n' everything).

Mary Feeney merrily juggling a large table lamp and shade and changing buses twice on a rainy evening. The lamp was one of the door prizes given at a benefit card party by Frances Vincent's hospital circle.

What's in a Name?

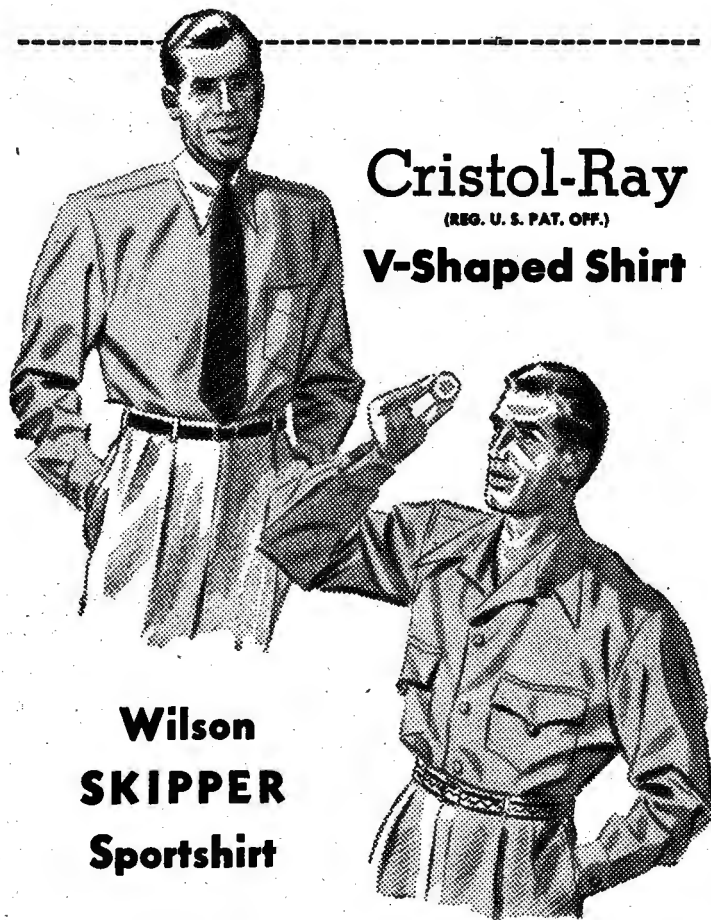
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Inspection



Appreciation of the ARSENAL RECORD by former AK employees now in service is evidenced in letters received from time to time.

Sgt. F. E. Blair writes from France, "The RECORD continues to come and I search it for names and faces that I know." T/5 R. W. Sturdahl also in France says, "I wish to thank the gang for sending the RECORD. I really don't recognize very many any more but now and then a familiar face creeps into the limelight." Pvt. Elmer C. Anderson in England informs us, "The first mail I received since I have been over here and the only mail so far, is the RECORD. Sgt. Norman Kallaus in Germany writes, "Have been receiving quite regularly the RECORD which I read from cover to cover." Robert V. Dryoel, G.M. 3/c, says, "I got the November issue of the Record and was very glad to get it."

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AK held a bowling party at Len's LeClaire Bowling Alleys, Moline, Illinois, on April 14 to honor Elva Haberthur who is taking a leave of absence. The honoree was presented with a parting gift and a "rolling" good time was had by all.

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The Inspection division is still trying to figure out just what was meant by the card Pat Gravelle sent from Minneapolis showing the Mississippi river and bearing the notation "Can you blame me for wanting to return." Plans are being made to acquaint Pat with the river she crosses every day on her way to work.

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Congratulations, Carl G. Moody, on your recent promotion to 2nd Lieutenant. It was also nice seeing you when you visited the office recently.

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Welcome Donna L. Reeve to AK—we hope you will like us; we know we will like you.



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Pfc. Wallace Grue, son of Mrs. Ingrid Grue, SI Receiving, is now with the 9th Army in Germany. SI is quite proud of Mrs. Grue who is doing her bit toward bringing victory nearer with a war job. Mrs. Grue expects to devote her entire time to sketching and painting after the war, however. Good luck to you, Ingrid.

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Manufacturing



Artillery Vehicle Dept.

Artillery Vehicle departments enjoyed visits from the following servicemen during the month of March: Seaman Carroll Edwards, M 3/c Max Wamsley, Seaman Raymond Lent, Seaman Raymond Taylor, Seaman Francis DeRoo, Lt. Robert Lindstrom, Yeoman Eileen Zahn, Seaman Eldon Thode, Pvt. John Russell, Seaman William Nordquist, Cpl. Keith Irvin, Cpl. E. Gustafson, M. 3/c Harry Glass, Seaman Duane Pearson, Seaman Harry Moeller, Seaman Robert Francois, Seaman L. A. Rosenberg, M 3/c John Kincheloe, Pvt. Harlan Shaver, Seaman John Hiebing, Pvt. Edward Hancq, Pvt. Donald Hartman, Pvt. Raymond Nowack, Pvt. Wm. Aurand, Ensign Nathan Averick, Flight Officer Stephan Dzikowski, Seaman Samuel Braden, Seaman Lewis James, Pvt. Charles Darr, A.R. 2/c Merle Hicks, Cpl. Robert White, Lt. Richard Simpson, Lt. Robert Hamilton, Pvt. O. F. Jones, R. 3/c Robert Swanson, Seaman George Kalbo, Petty Officer Clare Wildermuth, M. 3/c Joe Segura, Seaman Roy Mattingly, Lt. Gale Strank, Pvt. Robert Middaugh, Seaman Allan Dunn, Yeoman David Dunn, Cpl. Owen Gardner, Lt. James Grothusen, Seaman George Farmer, Pvt. Edward Zanolwicz, Pvt. William Maas, Lt. C. G. Moody, Pvt. William Williams, Seaman Keith Dow, Pvt. Jerome Schoebler, Seaman Arthur Duns-moor, Lt. George Hansen, M. 2/c Edward Harksen, Ensign John Ames and Earl Martin of the Merchant Marine.

SHOP M

Staff Sgt. Donald Bergstrom, brother of Jean Bergstrom of Production Control, is spending a 30-day furlough with Jean. Don has the Purple Heart, Oak Leaf Cluster and the Presidential Citation. He was a gunner on a Flying Fortress operation out of Corsicana and in the Italian theatre of the war.

The co-workers of Alfred L. George of the DM Follow-Up Section held a noon-hour party in his honor and presented him with a gift on the occasion of his transfer from PM to the Personnel Section. Mary Walker, Marie McAndrews, Norma Dopp and Ruth Colgrove are to be congratulated on the success of the party. We wish you luck, Al, and hope you like your new work.

Edythe Van Tine is a lover of flowers and her desk is one of the bright spots of DM Planning, for there you will find fresh-cut flowers every day.

Mary Wafer is proudly displaying a sparkler on her finger. The lucky young man is Pfc. John William Freund who has returned home after three years in the South Pacific and is now stationed at Camp Ellis, Illinois.

That was a big smile John Van Wolvelaere wore the other night after bowling a big 618 score. Ned Day had better look to his laurels. Nice going, Van!

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For Field Service Sub-office, OCO: Capt. Stuart A. Buck, 1st Lt. Robert H. Johnson.

TRANSFERRED:

Lt. Col. John A. Plimpton on temporary duty to overseas station, Capt. Roy J. Sletvold to Production Division ASF, Washington, D. C.; Capt. Arthur C. Hanson to OCO, Res. & Dev. Serv., Washington, D. C.; Capt. Leland L. Peart to permanent station outside the continental limits of the United States; 1st Lt. Doan E. Metz to permanent station outside the continental limits of the United States; 1st Lt. James F. Zum Mallen on temporary duty to overseas station.

Headquarters

Ellen Viets is leaving the Adjutant's family May 1. Wonder why! Betty Baker is taking over when Ellen leaves off. Betty has been employed in Personnel for the past year and a half.

Zelda Lemburg was the guest of honor at a luncheon May 20. She is to be married to Ensign Travis on May 29.

Captain Kuhn, why don't you tell us how you celebrated your fourth wedding anniversary?

Well, girls, our office did it again! This time it was Marguerite Davis of the Adjutant's office who received a beautiful diamond from Lieutenant William B. Kirkpatrick of Dept. BB. Best of luck, Torchy, and when is the day going to be, May 28?

SHOP M (Continued)

The man-power shortage hasn't stymied Frank Salogga as far as his golf is concerned this summer. He will have not one, but two caddies, in the respective persons of Marie McAndrews and Mary Vereecke. With his convincing line of chatter, he promised to teach both the girls to play golf, the silent and underlying motive being to use them as caddies. How can you be so gullible, girls?

We wish to extend our sympathy to Henry C. Weaverling, whose father died recently.

There's a young man we admire in DM101E. He's just 30 years old, and is the father of nine children, four boys and five girls. In our opinion a nicer family just can't be found. Large families are few and far between these days and we would like to take this opportunity to salute the Wilbur Huntington family.

We extend our sympathy to Curtis Hogberg, whose father passed away recently.

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R. I. Ordnance Depot



The Control Division got together for a dinner at the Rendezvous on Friday the 13th, and the Friday-the-13th bad luck didn't make an appearance. Each one at the dinner had to perform a little stunt listed on the back of the place cards. We still can't discover whether Col. Doran ever got the dollar that he had to give five reasons for borrowing.

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The Chart and Graph Branch said a tear-y good-bye to Robert Leschzenier who has joined the march to victory. At the same time, they welcomed an added attraction in the person of Donna Keuhl.

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It was a very pleasant surprise for Julia Wood when her brother, Sgt. Gilbert Wood, arrived in the States and was granted a week end leave to his home after reporting to the hospital at Topeka, Kansas.

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The past week end was a pleasant one for Mrs. Esther O'Donnell when two of her children in service were home—Delores M. O'Donnell, S. 1/c, from Navy Pier, Chicago, Illinois, and S/Sgt. Dean O'Donnell, Chico Army Air Field, Chico, Calif. The other son, Cpl. Don O'Donnell, is in France and her son-in-law, Sgt. Ralph Hanson, is now in India.

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C.F.C. (Civilian First Class) is a new title which could be applied to either Lt. P. R. Hagerty or Captain Van Gieson. If you don't believe it, you should have attended the skating party at the Prom on the night of April 9th.

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Almost got you in the dog-house bringing home an old hen and telling your wife it was a spring chicken, didn't it, Lt. Otto?

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Anna Barenthin of the Dispatch Office of the Co-ordinating Unit has had to resign because of ill health. Mrs. Barenthin is one of the patriotic mothers who, besides doing a swell job herself, has given four sons for the service. Three of the boys are now serving overseas.

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Mrs. Nellie Johnston of the 6th floor Pre-packaging Department is a very proud 4-star mother. She comes to work every day from Sherrard, Illinois. We are proud of you, too, Nellie.

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We understand that for Easter the bunny left Ed Dibbern a real cute basket with some eggs in it. It seems that Ed is going into the chicken business, and the bunny thought it would be a good idea to give him some eggs.

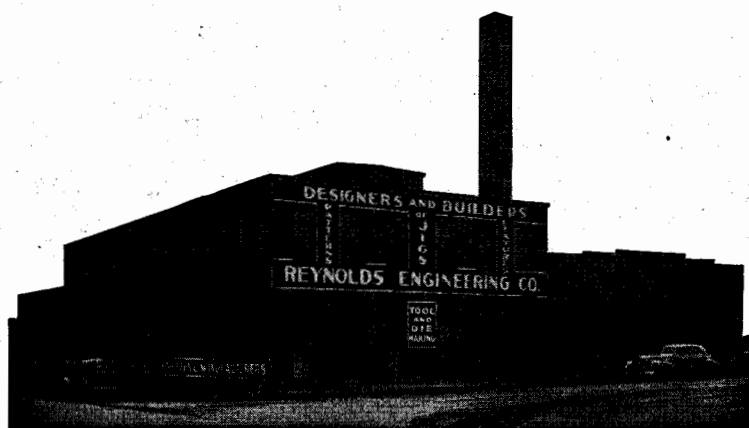
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Harold Johnson is spending his evenings now writing letters to his wife. Mrs. Johnson joined the WACS March 22nd, and is stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

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The Ritboodius party of April 7th was quite a success for those of the Coding and Locator Branch. In fact, one well-known gentleman of this office made so many speeches that he came to work on Monday quite speechless. We understand that in the past he has lost many things but this time it happened to be his voice. His initials are P. S.

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Twenty-three copies have been mailed monthly into the War Department's Pentagon Building in Washington, so that leading men in Ordnance might be kept informed on Arsenal accomplishments and activities. These men have been unstinted in their praise—naming the Arsenal Record as the finest and best of all those published for Ordnance centers.

The editors attribute this leadership in part to the work of the reporters who have graphically described Arsenal activities.

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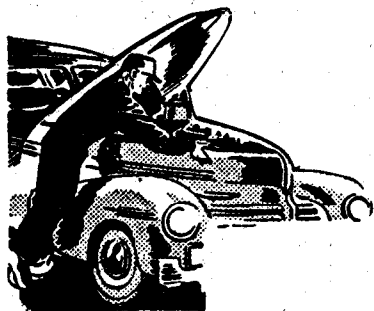
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Lil Pohlmann received word that her fiance Ted Thompson is on his way overseas. Good luck to you, Ted, and we hope you will be home again soon for good.

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Captain Isakson has spent the last week on travel in sunny California. How do you like the land of sunshine, Captain?

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The question most asked around BA is, Maurine, how did you do it? What we want to know is how Maurine Huey burned up her bed. Why not confess Maurine. We're not trying to pry into your personal life, but we're just plain curious.

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Have you noticed that Ann Pfundstein's smile isn't as bright and large as usual? The reason? Braces!

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We are very glad to hear that Bernadine Morrissey's brother, Eugene Haase, has returned to the States after being overseas for a year and a half. He landed in the U.S. on his 21st birthday. Quite a birthday present, wasn't it?

REPORTERS (Continued)

The Arsenal Record salutes these men and women who have had such a forceful share in contributing to the fine morale of the Arsenal war workers during the past dark years. We're proud to present them here, so you will recognize them, as well as the work they have done.

The reporters have tossed both brickbats and bouquets our way. Constructive criticism has fallen into three categories.

The first: "The men in the shops should get more attention." "It's a white collar publication."

During its three years of publication, the Record has featured shop after shop, photographing and writing up each department and adhering to the policy of giving the men and women on the line all possible credit. The man who made the guns has not been neglected—in fact, he came first. Our suggestion has been that the men in the shops be more fully represented in the personals.

"Let's have more pictures." Let's. We'd love it. The only way we can include more pictures in the Record is by your sending them in. We'll be happy to get them.

"Get the Record out on time." Time and tide wait for no man, nor do transfer of commandants, War Bond, Red Cross, and Community Fund Drives wait on the deadline of the Arsenal Record.

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FISCAL DIVISION (Con't from page 11)

General excitement over laying the cornerstone for the Robin family's new home about three feet from our window. We do wish Mrs. Robin would fasten those first twigs a little more securely! We worry about things like that.

Procurement Division

The household of our genial Follow-Up supervisor, Mr. Mohr, was recently the scene of great rejoicing when his son Don returned to the States after forty-six months of active overseas service. Don was stationed at Pearl Harbor, on the battleship Oklahoma, when the Japs attacked.

Since we last went to press, we have enjoyed visits from three of our service men—Randy Drish, on furlough from Fort Meade, Maryland; Bill Krah, from Fort Ord, California; and Dan Whalen, from Wright Field, at Dayton, Ohio. It was a treat to see you all, fellows; come again soon!

Dan Cupid has been working overtime in AP. Cynthia Smith, "Cindy," was married on April 2 to Signalman 2/c Francis Hame-lau, and Frances Mueller on April 7 became Mrs. (S 2/c) Paul Pearson, Jr. Kay Solomonson and Harold Betcher will be married on May 6, and will take up residence on Harold's farm north of Osco, Illinois. Our best wishes go with all these fine folks.

We have in our midst, in the person of Mary Melow, a seeress of exceptional gifts, who analyzes character and foretells the future by a dual system of palmistry and card reading; the results in many instances have been amazing. Watch your step, folks; Mary sees all, knows all, tells all!

Grace Beeler's reputation as a go-getter for signing employees on the dotted line for Red Cross and Community Chest subscriptions, etc., has never been questioned. The little "dunning" notes she writes in trying to collect delinquent subscriptions are masterpieces of psychology. A typical note reads, in part: "Wouldn't you enjoy settling up before March 31 (the deadline)?" We can see why AP's record as contributor to the various campaigns has always been excellent. Thank you, Grace.

Our sick bay has done a rushing business this past month. Emma Weigand underwent an operation at St. Anthony's hospital, but is rapidly regaining her former vitality and high spirits. Our civilian chief, Mr. Curley, was out for some time with an influenza attack; he too, is very much back on the job. Several of our members have weathered attacks of that undignified but plenty painful malady known as mumps.

Personnel Division

If anyone would like to play baseball during the noon hour but doesn't know where to play, ask Mr. Carney. Mr. C. not only learned where he can and can't play, but he also increased his vocabulary as a result of being caught by Chief Risley.

Mr. Randolph was late for work the other morning. It so happened the pet rabbit which he had purchased for his children at Easter time had passed away and a quiet burial had to be performed to prevent heartbroken tears.

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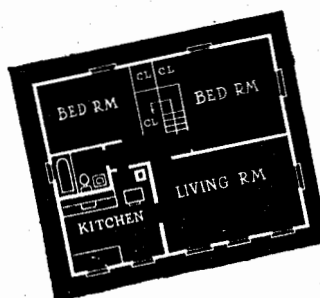
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PERSONNEL DIVISION (Continued)

Information of interest to all analysts was submitted recently by Katherine Rinder and Lt. Raynes as a result of a Wage and Classification conference which they attended in Chicago.

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That beaming smile on Joe (Cotton) Yenger's face is his way of letting the world know he is a proud father of a baby girl, Patricia Ann.

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Four new girls have been added to Placement section, Beatrice Ann Smith, Marilyn Barclay, Jaclyn Connolly and Beverly Kemp.

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Bert Johnson has a new version of the "I walked into a door" story. He says he was tossing boards up into the attic of his garage when one boomeranged and struck him a "Joe Louis" blow on the forehead.

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Our girl Edna Waters and her husband, Mike, celebrated their 15th year of wedded bliss on April 19.

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Two girls, June Spencer and Marge Vitense, were pleasantly surprised on Easter when they received roses from their "one and onlys," both of whom are serving somewhere in the Pacific,

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Speaking of flowers, did you happen to see Miss Clair sporting an orchid the other day?

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Charles (Sweety-pie) Wilhelm has been transferred from AR to AO. However, Charley still maintains close contact with his former surroundings, such contact including his continued use of the hat rack on the first floor.

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Three additions have been made to Wage and Classification Section. New arrivals are Al George from PM, Max Shiffman from AE, and Mrs. Margaret Wade from the Depot.

Time Division

We're glad to find Alice Johnson and Eleanor Beck on the recuperating list these days after recent operations.

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Goodbyes are heard again—this time for Ruth Billingsley and Helen Brock Morrill.

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It's good to have Esther Peterson in our midst again. Welcome back, Esther!

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If you hear faint strains of the captivating Spike Jones' rendition of "Leave the Dishes in the Sink, Ma," think nothing of it. It seems that Spike's melodious recordings have wended their way into the warbling throats of a great many Time nightingales.

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A few weeks ago you might have encountered Lillian Mayfield rushing through downtown Rock Island looking for a fishbowl. The new habitat was for her three goldfish Eenie, Meenie, Minie—there is no Mo.

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Anyone searching for a gardener endowed with the magic touch of nature will find it in Ellen Crompton. Why only yesterday her ivy plant had barely a root on it, and in one day's time it flourished into a root of unbelievable length. (Beautiful job of grafting, Bernadine!)

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Finance Division

Marjorie Rosenberg is leaving us for California. We hope the California climate will improve her health.

Lloyd Bashaw's son, Marvin, is now in training at Randolph field, Texas, as pilot of the new Douglas A-26 attack bomber.

Martha Johnson has received two letters and a card from her husband, Andy, who is confined to a German prison hospital. He says he is well taken care of and not injured too badly.

Alice Cronemiller Beyer, a former Finance Office employee, visited us recently. You people whose pay roll numbers are from 1 to 3400 will remember her for she worked on the Pay Wagon. Sue Wikete Hendricks, a former Allotment Office employee, was "out-of-town guest" at the dinner for Alice at the Fort Grille.

Eleanor Andre's husband, Hugh, was home on leave for a week. He is still quite weak, but will probably mend fast, now that he has seen his family.

Welcome to Evelyn Bourquin and Mary Lou Williams. They're both very likable and we're glad to have them join us.

Mail and Record Division

Marcella Poljak received a bouquet of flowers for Easter from overseas. Those Salvage boys haven't forgotten their friends at the arsenal; have they, Marcella?

Betty Dorman has announced her engagement and approaching marriage. The lucky man happens to be none other than the tall, dark and handsome Nelson Wever of Rock Island.

After 19 months overseas Margaret Steiner's brother, Sgt. Vic Steiner is on his way home. Sgt. Steiner has been awarded the Purple Heart and Silver Star.

Mrs. James McDermott has received word that her husband, Lt. James McDermott, received severe leg injuries while on combat duty in Germany and that he is being sent back to the States.

Newcomers this month include: Phyllis Setchfield, June Albrecht, Audrey Finnie, Betty Montgomery, Reba Brown and Harry Grapengeter.

Lois Johnson seems to be pretty busy these days. Busy making plans for her marriage to Roll Schubert of Rock Island. The whole department extends its congratulations and best wishes to both of you.

Ruth Glaspell has joined her husband, Pvt. Don Glaspell, at Mariana, Florida.

Manufacturing Stores Division

Did you see Hazel Vermere when she had her wrist bandaged? She must have sprained it. Wonder where and how?

Bill Henshaw is the fellow who takes his hat off here and then there, being the intermediary for the receiving report section.

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MINE SWEEPS CLEARING THE PATH TO VICTORY

Ahead of invasion armies, under the guns of well-fortified beach heads, the brave little mine sweepers have been clearing the path to victory, sweeping away lurking mines that spell death to landing craft and convoys.

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MANUFACTURING STORES (Continued)

Ruby Urmay has returned to us. Pictures of her son Chuck and daughter, Jackie adorn her desk. Her son is with the armed forces in Honolulu.

Mrs. Harold Wiese, the wife of genial Harold Wiese, is now Miss Annable's assistant.

Ijah Jones of Shop A suffered injuries when he fell from a ladder at work. He reports that he is almost fully recovered.

STEEL ROOM FLASHES

Litton Quackboerner has returned to work in the Steel Room having received an honorable discharge from the Navy. We're glad to have him back.

Pete Sproston has returned to work after having been in the hospital with a rib injury.

We extend our sympathy to Proctor Blankenship whose mother passed away recently.

John Jones is ill at Iowa City. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Gus Gerstmann is a proud and happy man. His son is home on furlough. He's had an exciting time with the air forces in England and Germany.

Marion Jones of V-12 is all a-dither. Her sailor boy is home on leave.

The girls of the Steel Room office had a pot-luck dinner recently. It was such a success that another is planned soon.

Safety Section

Last month there were five injuries incurred by employees of the Rock Island Ordnance Center. This was a frequency of 1.81 injuries for every million hours worked. This is one of the Center's best records. The low frequency record was made last August with 1.39 injuries for every million hours worked.

Rock Island Ordnance Center was second in the Army Ordnance Explosives Safety Contest last month, and it is hoped that the present frequency of 1.81 will bring us into first place. The contest ends in June.

Although she isn't wearing a sparkler on her finger—yet—what soldier is causing that sparkle in the eyes of our messenger girl, Ethel Stewart?

And have you ever tasted Jean Anderson's cake? She baked one for us the other day and it was really good. We are now waiting for a sample of her cherry cake.

What would the Safety Section be without Bushert's "Decatur" drawl, Carlin's worries, and Hartkop's good humor?

RISLEYS HONORED ON 25th ANNIVERSARY

Chief and Mrs. D. L. Risley of the Rock Island arsenal whose 25th wedding anniversary was Thursday, April 12, were pleasantly surprised by 75 members on the Fire and Police Departments of the arsenal on Saturday evening, April 14. The party was held at the Veterans' of Foreign Wars Hall in Rock Island. Lunch was served by the self-invited guests and dancing was enjoyed during the evening. A gift of silver was presented Mr. and Mrs. Risley by the group.

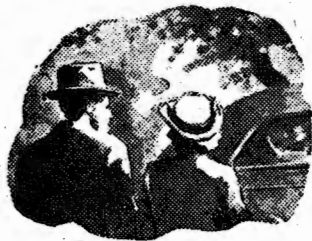


Editor of the Arsenal Record
Arsenal Record
Davenport, Iowa

Mrs. Hammond and I have been enjoying the many comments made by fellow workers at the Rock Island Arsenal in regard to our picture which appeared in the April issue of the ARSENAL RECORD.

We thought you should know about this, for surely we can tell you that everyone reads the ARSENAL RECORD.

Respectfully yours,
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SHOP M (Continued from page 14)

Francis M. Rose, of Davenport, son of Logan F. Rose, who is employed in DM100C, narrowly escaped death during the invasion of Iwo Jima, when a bullet went through the pack he was carrying.

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DM102T's former employee, Captain Bernard "Bus" Rufer, was a happy man when his wife arrived in Davenport. Bus married a French girl while in North Africa and after serving nearly three years overseas came home on furlough, but due to regulations, his wife was not permitted to accompany him to the States at that time. Bus is now stationed at Olmstead Field, Middletown, Pa., where he and his wife are planning to make their home.

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DM102T extends its deepest sympathy to the family of 1st Sgt. John L. "Jack" Huber. His untimely death was keenly felt by all of the department.

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We understand that "Herb" Thoeming has been visiting the bowling alleys recently watching the other Arsenal boys trying to better their averages. Has that urge to "knock 'em down" taken hold on you, too, Herb?

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Word has been received that Elmer Dugan, former grinder in DT104A, was wounded by shrapnel while serving with the fifth Marine Division on Iwo Jima.

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Several former employees, now in the Service, visited DT104A last month. Among them were Cpl. Robert White, M/M Joe Segura and Lt. Ralph H. Wildman.

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A certain KM inspector in KM101E is now wearing a suit to work. What's more, he visits a tonsorial artist every week to have his hair cut and his moustache trimmed. He keeps a brilliant shine on his shoes. We wonder if the girls out in the department had anything to do with this sudden about-face.

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Friends of Mr. Hilbert Hogberg, a former employee of DH, DA, DE and DM, were sorry to learn of his death on March 28. Mr. Hogberg was born on March 24, 1885 and worked at the Arsenal for three separate periods beginning February 8, 1901. Mr. Hogberg retired on June 30, 1933 with 31 years, 7 months and 16 days service to his credit. Sincere sympathy is offered to members of the family.

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The Shop M Tigerettes, girls' basketball team, played an exhibition game with the Bettendorf Tank Arsenal Rockets April 12 for the soldiers at Mayo hospital at Galesburg, Illinois. The final score was Rockets, 49; Tigerettes, 17. The two teams played girls' rules for the first quarter, and at the request of the returned veterans, the teams switched to boys' rules for the remainder of the contest.

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"Bing" Newland and "Bob" Livesay have solved their transportation problems. They are riding motorcycles to work, except when it rains. (Pansies?)

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Several letters have been received from Pfc. James Van Dyck of the Marine Corps, formerly of DM104A. Jim is in the Philippines, seeing action galore. He writes that one may purchase a wife for the equivalent of five dollars, adding that a dandy one can be bought for ten dollars!

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Those circles under Vince State's eyes have been growing darker and darker. It seems that his new daughter sleeps during the day and cries all night. (How about working the night shift, Vince?)

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Our sympathy is extended to the Robert E. Kint family. Mr. Kint, who was an elevator operator in Shop M, died on March 20.

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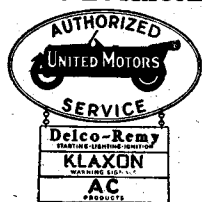
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SHOP M (Continued)

Bob Braaten now has two stars on the Service Flag in his window at home. His son, Roger, is stationed in the Hawaiian Islands with the Army Medical Corps, while daughter Grace, a WAVE, is in Washington, D. C.

Congratulations were in order on March 27 for Mr. and Mrs. J. Lloyd Stevenson, who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. Here's hoping you both may have many more years of health and happiness.

Clifton Crane, man about Shop M, is now a proud grandfather—and we do mean proud!

We extend our sympathy to the following employees of DM102 on their recent bereavements—to Ambia Mick and Clay Freeland on the death of their fathers; to Martha Fitch on the passing of her mother; and to Edward Dierksen on the death of his wife.

Edgar Carter, machinist in DM102M, was "displaying" a flag of the Rising Sun, or more appropriate, "The Setting Sun," and a Japanese wrist watch with a compass attached, which were sent to him by his son who is serving with the field artillery on Luzon.

Pfc. Dale A. Doty, formerly employed in DM103M, and well-known to employees of the Gear Division, was wounded in action on the western front, according to word received recently. Pfc. Doty was among the first units to cross the Rhine river, and was injured shortly after.

Mr. and Mrs. Manning L. Swanson are the proud parents of a new baby boy, Gary, who entered the world on March 22. Gary is welcomed by three other children as well as his parents. Mr. Swanson is a material keeper in PM14M.

Al Moller's quarter century of service with the Ordnance Department was officially acknowledged on April 4th, when he was awarded a twenty-five year pin. Congratulations, Al!

Fred Noack, Foreman in DR103, has worked the "swing shift" continuously for the past fifty-six months. That, in our opinion, is a record to shoot at.

Our present record of 592 consecutive days without a lost time accident is more than six times the length of our previous record of ninety-six days. Nice going, let's keep it up.

Congratulations to Amy Rosene, who on April 4, received a twenty year pin in recognition of twenty years' service with the Ordnance Department.

Training Division

ARMAMENT MAINTENANCE SCHOOL—XA

Newcomers of the fairer sex, now in training, include Pearlle Muehl and Essie Holsonbake, San Antonio Arsenal, Texas; Adeline Daniels, Helen Trohalides, Eileen Dunne, Bessie Doersom, Raritan Arsenal, N. J.; Irene Hudspeth, Shirley Hansen and Launa Judd, Tooele Ordnance Depot, Utah, Adeline Pupovac and Ila Stephens, Ogden Arsenal, Utah.

We miss the friendliness of Al Nehlsen, John Lau, Robert Hosier, Lloyd Hoffmann, Fred Parker and Roy Schultz, who have transferred to other departments, and Ethel Yuill, who has resigned to resume household duties.

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FUN AT FIELD SERVICE SKATING PARTY

Well over 300 skaters and would-be skaters flocked to the Prom Monday evening, April 9th, to join in the fun (and spills) that the first Field Service roller skating party promised to all comers. Skating began at 7 and continued in full swing until 10 o'clock when the last enthusiasts were torn from the floor.

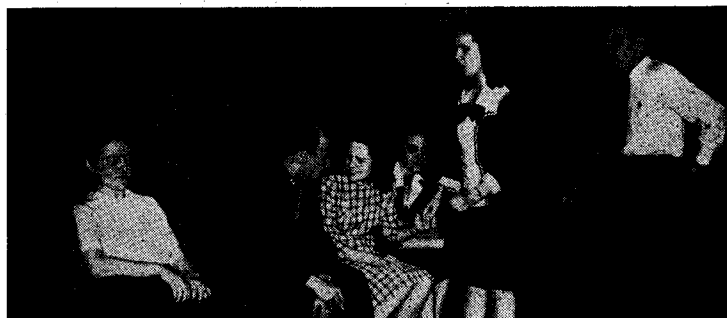
To swell the crowd, and, incidentally, to provide the gals with handsome partners, the Navy V-12 2 Unit, stationed at St. Ambrose College, and the 3,626th Ordnance Company, stationed at the arsenal, were invited. And did the girls ever have fun!—that is after they succeeded in dragging the bashful and somewhat reluctant swains out on the floor. From then on, everything—well, almost—was smooth sailing. At least there was no resulting casualty list.

Efforts have been made in the past and are still being made by various departments and groups on the arsenal to sponsor social affairs which will bring together large numbers of the arsenal personnel.

Recipe for a good time consisted of well-mixed portions of Field Service, 3626th Ordnance Company, Ambrose V-12 Unit and plenty of wh e's.



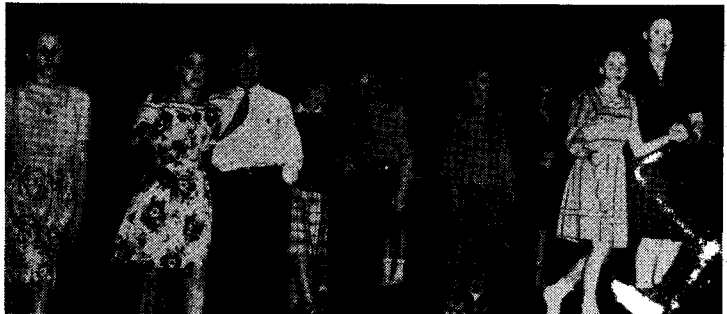
Nothing to it, says she. That's a matter of opinion, argued others.



Aw c'mon, let's skate. You and the Captain can talk tomorrow!



They were wall-flowers only long enough to have skates adjusted.

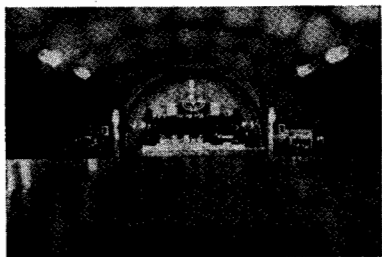


Couple skates were, obviously, greatly enjoyed by party tters.

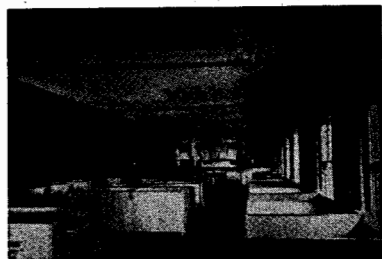


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ARMAMENT MAINTENANCE SCHOOL—XA

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A Reclamation School Office has been opened in the east wing of Shop D, third floor and F. L. McKinney, Chris Stougaard, R. R. Radcliffe, S. W. Rinta, P. B. Watts, F. L. Henry (last four being former trainees) and Tech. 3 Walter Hirt and Cpl. Robert Traxler (of Field Service Sub-Office, Frankford Arsenal) are working full speed so that the reclamation training program can get under way soon.

Bill Brunswick has been transferred from Shop F to Shop B, and is now in charge of publications for the school. He has also inherited the services of a very lovely secretary, Wilma Muschewske.

BASE SHOP DATA

Travel orders called for a bit of packing for Dick Madsen who is back from Muskegan, Michigan, after visiting the plant of Continental Motors; Keith Vinson is back again from Chicago and after their return from Aberdeen, Maryland, and Chicago, Art Bicklenberg and Louis Ries aren't having so much trouble with the heels of their shoes.

Welcome to new employees, Audrey Sand and George Fickenscher.

Mr. and Mrs. Lura A. Hinson, Jr., are the proud parents of a daughter, Molly Jo. Mrs. Hinson (formerly Maxine Ehrisman) worked in our office when we were in Shop F. Congratulations friends!

Special welcome is always extended to our returning service folk with the visitor's tag. Martha Sever, of the WAVES, almost caused a complete loss of feminine employees when she appeared in her perk uniform while enroute to Washington, D. C., from Cedar Falls, Iowa. Not to be outdone by women, the fellows must have called on Aviation Cadet Kenny Pearson to make an appearance. Kenny has seen quite a bit of the country since going in training with the Army Air Corps to learn the duties of pilot, bombardier and navigator. After fifteen months in Iceland, Pfc. Dick Paul visited the gang; fortunately the Army had Dick doing work on the line of his civilian occupation—drafting.

A Base Shop romance united Laura Plumlee and Wayne Coffman (U. S. N. R.) in marriage in Bozeman, Montana, on March 25.

John Bloom is still exhibiting his masterpiece, Jerry, his son.

SHOPS DO AND DU

Raymond A. Nowack, former employee of Shop O and veteran of the Normandy invasion, stopped in for a visit. It was good to see him and especially hear that same laugh that we heard many times in bygone days.

In a recent letter received by Mr. Ransom, we find that DU was represented on Iwo Jima in the person of Arthur B. Mason, former welder in DU and now ship fitter, first class, in the Navy Seabees. He told of seeing guns like those that he had helped build at the arsenal and of the damage they could do and are doing.

When speaking of hobbies and the results thereof, consider the case of Elmer Koss, genial foreman in DO. Elmer has a workshop in his basement where he dabbles in woodwork and sheet metal work. His greatest accomplishment so far, to our knowledge, was the doll house he built for his six year old daughter. The house was built according to scale and is complete with furnace and light fixtures. With the housing shortage what it is, maybe we could have Elmer build us something to live in.

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**MANUFACTURING (Continued)
BUILDING 208**

DX307A lost the services of a very fine clerk with the resignation of Mrs. Martha Hagerman. Martha is joining her husband, a sergeant in the Air Force, at Enid, Oklahoma, in the near future. Her successor is Mrs. Louise Fusselman, formerly of DR103.

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Doris Covell, formerly clerk in DM301, Shop R, resigned her position recently to make that long walk to the altar. We'd like to wish her the best of luck and happiness.

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Employees of Bldg. 208 have probably noticed the love light in the eyes of Henry Grueber, DX307B. Henry is reported to be engaged, and now, with the arrival of spring, his enthusiasm knows no bounds.

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Friends of George Otten, formerly of DX310, and now a farmer in southern Missouri, recently received a postcard from him indicating that he is in the midst of "prosperity in the Ozarks." If the pictures of George and his wife were authentic, George is still wearing shoes, anyway.

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If 50,000,000 people say a foolish thing, it's still a foolish thing. —Marvin Schultz.

SHOPS H & K

Dot Seaver's favorite present on her twenty-first birthday, March 25th, was the diamond she received from Johnny Moorhead of DA110. Best wishes to you both.

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Word has been received from Robert Herink, formerly of DA124, that he is now at the Base Hospital at El Paso, Texas, and expects to be able to visit us soon. He was wounded November 18, while serving with the Army in France.

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Congratulations and best wishes to Kenneth Riedel of DA110 who was married on March 4, and to DA34's Floyd Puls, who marched down the aisle on February 24.

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DA welcomes Loretta Huys to the Planning Room and Raeona Cox to DA121 office. Loretta takes over the duties of Sonia Sabath, who left because of ill health. Raeona is the clerk in newly re-opened DA121.

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Our sincere sympathy is extended to Don Keding of the Planning Room whose father died on April 1st, and to Frank Krack of our AK Inspection, whose wife passed away on March 11.

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DA takes pride in workers like Oline Kageman of DA124 who missed only one day's work after learning her fiancé was killed in action. She received word on March 20 that Sgt. Donald Klindt died February 26 while serving with the invasion forces on Leyte Island.

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SHOP D

A gold star has been added to our Service Roll Call Board for Pfc. Russell Taylor, who was killed in action in Belgium on December 22, 1944. We'd like to extend our sympathy to his widow and her two-and-a-half year old daughter, Sharon Kay.

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Pearl Arch had a pleasant surprise that was good for a few happy tears recently. Pearl received a long distance call from her husband, who is now back in the States after serving overseas for 3½ years.

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Paul Means boasts of being quite a fisherman. Where's the evidence, Paul? Seeing is believing—

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MANUFACTURING (Continued)

John Mohr is busy these days. It seems that when Cecil Ault sold his car last month, Johnny thought he had some kind of a commission coming, but at this writing none has been forth-coming.

SC

Congratulations are in order for Jim Baxter, our old reliable packer on the 3rd floor. Jim celebrated his 76th birthday last month by reporting for work as usual. We'd like to wish Jim a lot of luck.

The biggest news around here for Ruth Barnhill last month was a pleasant visit she enjoyed with her son, who was home on a short furlough.

William H. "Senator" Hanssen, formerly of Shop G Follow-up, is the latest addition to our SC office force. The "Senator" comes to us a highly recommended euchre player, so you "pasteboard artists" can go to work on him when you need an extra man. We're glad to have you with us, Bill!

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For several months the Show Boat Inn has been running an ad in the ARSENAL RECORD featuring "Stop in and enjoy Ma's famous cooking."

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SHOP L

A few "income tax" exemptions were added this last month. Bernard Keeler, DM200, a son; Ralph Nagel, DM200, a daughter; and George Gregonis, 201C, a son. Congratulations.

Wedding bells rang in March instead of June for Wilhelm Carlson, 201C Inspection, who married Grace Buhmann. And with the same idea in mind, Viola White, DM200, recently received a diamond from Donald DePieck, Seaman 1/c, who is going to wait until his next leave! Congratulations to all of you!

Our sincere sympathy is extended to all relatives and close friends of Pvt. Edwin Creech, who was recently killed in action in Germany. He formerly worked in 201B turret lathe department.

Irene Briga was transferred from 203M to Shop L, much to our regret!

Tool designers in Shop L boast 33.4 per cent of their wages taken out every week for bonds.

Bertil Erickson and Millard Young, both transferred from Shop M are new inspectors in 201B and 201C, respectively! Our new foreman in 202M is Anthony "Tony" Sullivan who came to us from Shop R.

Ray Lind, S 1/c, a veteran of the invasions of the Philippines, is home on an emergency leave because of the illness of his mother. It was good to see you again, Ray, and we hope your mother gets much better!

We welcome back an old friend to DM200—Louis Calhoun, who was honorably discharged from the Navy after serving in several major campaigns in the South Pacific!

Sgt. Henry J. Stock, former Shop L employee, received a commission of 2nd Lt. as a result of wiping out essential enemy resistance. Nice going, Heinie!



Sam Bell of DM200, Shop L, has a start on live stock for that ranch of his down in Missouri. When Sam came to work on April 27, his last day after four years at the Arsenal and 18 years in government service, he found a white rabbit in his tool kit. Sam was delighted, and very considerate of his furry gift, too. The bunny stayed cozily ensconced in Sam's locker all day, so the noise around Shop L wouldn't terrify him. He emerged only to be photographed when Robert Pearson presented Sam with a leather billfold from the men in the shop.

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MANUFACTURING (Continued) SHOPS G & I

Sgt. Peter Rakitak, former employee of Shop I was killed in action on Iwo Jima on February 23rd. He was a veteran of Guadalcanal, Bougainville and Tarawa.

The Lawrence Strawns are the proud parents of a son, Daniel Lee, born March 18, 1945.

Did you notice the classy red shoes Helen Rushton was wearing last month? Helen is the new addition to DM418 office in the annex and her smile makes one think of spring; but "them" red shoes—they make one think of summer. Anyway, Helen, we're glad to have you with us.

On March 10th a bouncing baby boy entered the home of Ralph A. Mall, DM523 Machinist. Ralph is very proud of the youngster and says it's no wonder he's so handsome because he looks exactly like his father.

This balmy spring weather always brings out the "Farmer" blood in our PM Planning Room boss, Art Kerndt. Art's farm, up in Ioway, is just where he wants to be when the grass begins to get green around the Tri-Cities. Art will be leaving shortly to go up and "oversee" the planting of the crops, or whatever he does when he goes up there.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis D. Fisher welcomed a new son on April 4th in the person of 6 lb., 7 oz. Richard Francis. Brother Michael, age two, was very happy over the arrival of his new baby brother and father Francis is considerably puffed up over the whole affair.

We believe Shops G and I hold the record for proud new papas this month. Paul Duncan reports that he is the father of a baby daughter born on April 6th. Congratulations!

SHOP C

Clifford Hickenbottom and Earl Brammann of the Army are spending a furlough at home. March 28th Clifford stopped to see us and he looks swell. Earl was to come over too, but fear of having his home washed away by the recent high water kept him away.

Paul Hines a former worker at the shop, who has been overseas for 3 years, stopped in April 6th to see some of his former buddies.

Was it April fools' day or not? Were Margie Tarbill and Eddie Ziel married? They didn't come to work April 2. I wonder.

We wish to congratulate Nick Beckstrom, who received his 25-year pin on April 4th. Nice going, Nick.

If anyone is wondering what the birthday cake was for on the 4th of April, well, our assistant foreman R. A. Pickron is a bit older now. No gray hair as yet either, which is something.

George Teaburg was a pretty happy lad on April 11 when he heard his girl friend was to be in town. Are you going to set a date this time, George?

Orchids to Doyle Pohren, of the Merchant Marines, who is spending his leave working at a war job.

It was a great day for Ruth Wilcox, Mary Marten, and Nick Benkstrom when their respective sons got home recently on short furloughs.

Congratulations to a proud father, George Schelling! It was a girl!

Engineering Department

DRAFTING DIVISION

Post-war plans were made for a bridge luncheon by the girls in the Distribution of Prints section at the various homes of the girls, so they won't become separated socially after the war. Hostesses who entertained were Jeanette Kinner and Jacque Briceland, at the latter's home. Prizes went to Mary Brunk and Rosemary Mapes. The evening was enjoyed by all. Midge and Mickey's doggy coiffures were the result of the rain.

Frankie Schroeder walked off with the honors in the "Sweepstakes" bowling.

Erleen Hevern's soldier friend, Fred Horton, remembers with yellow roses.

Stanley Swipp came out from Washington and visited his old friends on the arsenal.

We are deeply touched by the sudden passing of Vera (Westcott) Kath, former employee of AD, and our heartfelt sympathy goes to Thelma Temple in the loss of her father.

Robert G. Neville is home on leave after 62 combat missions in the European theatre and has medals testifying to his long action overseas, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, the air medal with two silver oak leaf clusters, each cluster designating twenty-five missions, the presidential unit citation, the European campaign ribbon with four campaign stars and the Purple Heart for wounds incurred last July while on a flying mission over France.

Ross Sidney, Jr., Julius Sidney's nephew, a war prisoner in Germany, was among those freed by Lieutenant Frevert of Davenport.

In the past few weeks the AZ files has added to its working staff Mercedes Gomez and Jettie Mae Wholf from East Moline, and Maxine Carnicle and Rosalla Grass from Davenport.

There's nothing slow about that Irene DeGeeter. She got a telegram one night and the next night she was packed—bag and baggage bound for Philadelphia, where her sailor husband is stationed.

To think that even after 23 years of married life hubbie Walt bought his wife, Dorothy A. Bennett, a beautiful new watch for their anniversary. The man's in love—betcha!

The Ordnance Engineers' Bowling League held its annual banquet April 12, at the Northwest Turner Hall. About 40 were in attendance. The following were elected for next season: Harry Johnson, Pres.; E. W. Reck, V. Pres.; B. Schroeder, Sec'y, and F. Schroeder, Ass't Sec'y.

The standings are as follows:

Bazookas	52	35	.598	Small Arms	43	44	.494
Artillery	46	41	.529	Photo Lab.	41	46	.471
Gages	45	42	.517	Stock Control	34	53	.391

Ed Gere led the league with an average of 170; Frank Schroeder had High Game for the year—244; Bob Schroeder had High Series for the year—588. The league will roll next year at the Rock Island Arsenal Bowling Center.

LABORATORY

Bad things usually come in pairs. Arthur Alspach and Roselyne Rhodenbaugh each "enjoyed" a tonsillectomy.

Three birthdays were celebrated during the past month by Mary Haubeil, Helen Pollock and Lillian Dorsett.

WAR BONDS (Continued from page 8)

Commanding officer Col. Waldmann takes an active interest in the sale of the bonds and lends invaluable help with suggestions, calling meetings, and issuing bulletins. Department heads also cooperate in assembling the minute men and encouraging them in their work.

The Arsenal organization is composed of 30 leaders—one for each department on the Arsenal—and 700 minutemen, or one for approximately every 17 employees. In this manner, every employee is contacted in the bond drives. How well the leaders and minutemen have done their job, and how fully employees have cooperated, is evidenced by the fact that employees are now investing in war savings bonds at a rate in excess of \$4,000,000.00 annually.

Outstanding in the bond promotion program are E. H. Dibbern of Field Service, leader of 147 minutemen, who contact 3,750 employees; and Curtis H. Hogberg of the Artillery Vehicle Department of the Manufacturing Group, leader of 325 minutemen who contact 5,950 employees. Mr. Dibbern has served on six drives, while Mr. Hogberg has been active on all seven.

Backing the sales promotion group is an efficient office force that takes care of the vast amount of important detail that necessarily accompanies payroll deductions from salary checks and the issuance of bonds.

Bond issuing officer is Maj. B. G. Graishe, who is assisted by Lt. C. J. Thompson, and I. R. Haines, chief clerk of this department.

The authorization to take out money goes to the Time Section which sets up records to hold a certain amount toward a bond purchase each week. Mr. C. M. Dollerhide, administrative officer, is in charge of these bond issuing schedules. In his work of figuring out the amount of money to be deducted from each paycheck, he has Mathematics-wise Minnie Albrecht, Alice Olson, Betty Truitt, Lucy Tomlinson and Marion Humphrey backing him up.

The task of addressing all of the bonds rests on Lloyd E. Bashaw, who can turn out 1000 an hour "easy"—but who has taken on a peak load of 1250 bonds an hour.

When the bonds are addressed they are returned to Maj. Graishe's department where Lucille Viren and Marjorie Rosenberg mail them on their way.

The Center has been allotted a quota of \$1,388,194.00 for the Seventh War Loan drive which opened April 9 and ends July 7. This means that each employee must purchase bonds to the amount of approximately \$112.50.

The assignment sounds large, and it is! We must remember, however, that this year two bond drives must accomplish the work of three. We have topped our quota in every preceding bond drive, and we are confident that we shall maintain our excellent record during the Seventh War Loan drive.

REPORTERS (Continued from page 18)

When the Record depends for editorial or pictorial help on community enterprises which are of national or local interest, our deadline is often thrown in the waste basket. And here's another "timely" tip. If the announcement of your engagement is sent in to the Record, and the course of true love doesn't run smoothly from deadline to press time, call us up—we'll gladly take the announcement out until the two of you get together again. And this of course, applies to any other life-shaking event that goes awry.

We have appreciated hearing these complaints, and insofar as we were able, we've done something about them. And too, we've appreciated the bouquets. Plugging away, publishing this magazine for three years, we've sincerely hoped that it met with your approval. To hear first hand, from issue to issue, that you really liked it—well, it's kept us all aglow.

Confirmations of your approval came from the harassed reporter who had fifty inquiries about the Record when it was delayed for the Red Cross drive. Another reporter hung her head for a whole month, the one time her department was not represented.

Col. A. K. Stiles, former adjutant at the Rock Island Ordnance

Center, queried from Springfield, Massachusetts,

"Where's the Record? What's happened?" When the March issue was delayed and his copy and that of Gen. N. F. Ramsey, former Arsenal commandant, failed to arrive on schedule.

Particularly appreciated are the letters from the service men. One of the boys says that his whole barracks read his copy. A Filipino who formerly worked at the Arsenal received a Record that had trailed him half way around the world, and wrote an interesting letter of gratitude. One boy stationed on an LST got his first RECORD before the Philippine invasion. The first mail another received after arriving in England was the Record.

Hundreds of copies are mailed overseas each issue and the Record is proud to hear from the reporters the comments of the boys. Send your copy on. The boys "over there" like to get the Record.

(And finally, the editors have circularized all reporters on the job as of March 30, according to a list made available to us. If you are a reporter, and are not represented on these pages, we're sorry. We have earnestly tried to include all of you, because we think each of you is doing a splendid job.)

R. I. ORDNANCE DEPOT (continued from page 15)

Our Sadie Dahlen of 299 was very happy and proud to have all three of her boys home at the same time during March and April. Sadie has three sailors—Noren, SP (R), Frederick, SKY 1/c, South America, and David, BM 2/c, from the Southwest Pacific.

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Pat Barnes, S 1/c, visited Small Arms Branch 299 while home on a thirty-day leave. Pat has been pretty busy since he left us and has seen numerous places, such as Iwo Jima, Saipan and the Marshall Islands. Upon completion of his leave, he will report to Washington for further assignment. Mrs. Barnes will accompany him.

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V-area personnel sponsored a dance at the Eagle's Hall in Daventry on March 17th. Arrangements were made by Mr. O'Day and Mr. Barnes of V-5. A twenty-five dollar war bond was presented as a door prize.

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Violet Deaver is in good spirits lately, the reason—a letter every day from her husband who is in a rest camp in the South Pacific.

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Joyce May, Mr. Lowry's secretary, is hereby officially welcomed to the Maintenance Division 299 family. (Incidentally, she is reporter for 299.)

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M/Sgt. Edward Miller (brother of Ray Miller) stationed at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, is coming home on furlough, the first in two and one-half years.

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LeRoy Kuehl, employed in the V-Area before his induction into the Armed Forces, has been medically discharged from the Army Signal Corps and is now working in Maintenance Division 299. LeRoy is a veteran of the African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns.

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Mrs. Lillian Mast recently received the Air Medal awarded to her son, Sgt. Thomas W. Mast, an engineer and tail gunner on a Flying Fortress of the 8th Air Force, and captured by the Germans. Sgt. Mast's father works in 299.

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Grace S. Boshart, Statistical Coding Clerk in the Stock Editing Group, whose anniversary was April 11th, has not been absent one hour during the past year and has worked at least one hundred fifty hours overtime. An enviable record.

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Greetings were recently received from Mr. Sidney Anderson, retired from the Provisioning Unit, Field Service Section, SI in 1933. Mr. Anderson is now residing in St. Petersburg, Fla., and still insists that he'll live to the ripe old age of 102. He has a long way to go!



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