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This column can succeed only if employees knowing the addresses of former employees turn in the information—either by writing or telephoning—the Employee Services Section, Personnel Division, Administration Building. Let's put the column over in a big way.

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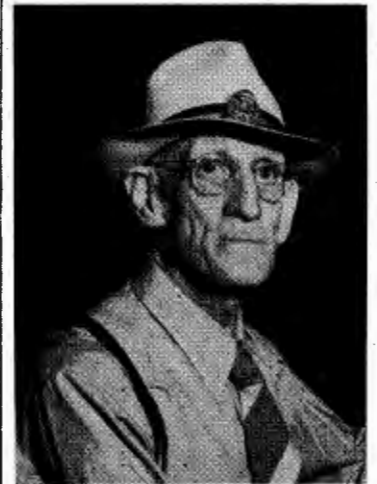
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## PICTURES TO THE EDITOR



From the pinnacle of 71 years, John R. Russell of Rock Island looks back on three wars—during each of which he was employed on the Arsenal and helped expedite supplies to our armed forces.

John was first employed on the Arsenal in April, 1895, and during the Spanish-American war years he worked as a carpenter's helper.

March, 1917, found the world at war and John in the tin shop, turning out canteens and other equipment for the troops.

Again John left the Arsenal only to return in 1942, when he was put to work in Building 299—where tons of supplies go out daily to the armed forces. Nice going, John!

### LONG TIME EMPLOYEE RETIRES

David J. Brown, 1026 21st street, Rock Island, retired from employment at the Rock Island arsenal on June 30. Mr. Brown has worked at the arsenal since 1898 with the exception of the interval from 1924 to 1939.

Hired as a clerk in the ordnance depot in July, 1898, he was employed there until 1924 when he went to work for the Rock Island district of United States engineers. He returned to the arsenal in 1939.

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## 15 YEAR EMPLOYEES HONORED



Arsenal employees receiving service awards are: 1st row, l. to r., Annie Oakes, Mary Mueller, Charles Foote, George Siemon; center, Herbert Ovens. Present at the ceremony were: back row, Col. C. A. Waldmann, Col. E. C. Goebert, Maj. C. Preston, Capt. J. B. Wujcik.

Employees who have remained with the Arsenal over a long period of years have, through their experience and knowledge, vitally contributed to war time production, according to Col. Carl A. Waldmann, commanding officer of the Rock Island Ordnance Depot.

Col. Waldmann made the statement at the presentation of Army Ordnance Buttons to eight employees who have worked at the Arsenal for 15 years or more.

Miss Mary M. Mueller of Davenport, employed in Department AL, received the 30 year pin. Two employees, Harry C. Krebs of DT, and George P. Siemon of DM, were awarded pins in token of their 25 years at the Arsenal.

Five employees earned the 15 year pin. These were Charles A. Foote, DM; Annie M. Oakes, SI; Viola J. Ouimet, AP; Herbert Ovens, DU; and Lourdes A. Seaman of DU.

The Army Ordnance Buttons were presented by Col. Waldmann in his office in the Administration Building on Friday, July 9, at 3:00 p.m.

## ROCK ISLAND GIRLS' CLUB ENTERTAINS AT MAYO HOSPITAL

Seventy-six members of the Arsenal Girls' club presented a party for the patients at Mayo general hospital at Galesburg, Illinois, the night of July 20.

Highlights of the program included a Can-Can dance presented by four members of the club, Phyllis Spurrier, Barbara Allsbrow, Loris Sand, and Bobbie Dorman; and talent from radio station WOC, Davenport, with George Sontag, and Marge Meinert on the pianos, and Paul Johnson and Shirley Matthews as vocalists. Jim Farney acted as a magician.

The girls, in addition to furnishing the entertainment, also provided the patients with food and refreshments.

Directors of the Red Cross at that installation reported that the attendance was the largest on record at the hospital, and they commended the girls for their successful undertaking.

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The monthly meeting of the Rock Island Arsenal Girls' Club was held at the Lend-A-Hand Club in Davenport on July 10, in the form of a dinner meeting. Arrangements for the meeting were in charge of Department AN, with Miss Leone Stokes as chairman.

The regular business meeting was held with the President "Liz" Mathews presiding. Miss Norma Schwertman gave a report on the latest arrangements for the Mayo Hospital party to be held July 20, from 7 to 9.

Miss Marilyn Carlson rendered three vocal numbers, accompanied by "Liz" Mathews.

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# SHOPS' TEAM WINS R. I. O. C. 1945 INTERDEPARTMENTAL TOURNEY

Tee off time in the fifth annual Rock Island Ordnance Center interdepartmental golf tournament held on July 22 found 79 golfers assembled on the arsenal greens ready to do or die for the glory of the team in question—the shops, administration, officers, and Field Service.

The shops' team, piloted by Herb Lopas, scored a total of 404 points, an even 10 more than the administration team, 1944 champs, were able to chalk up.

Finishing in second place were administration team representatives with Dick Aubrey as captain. Two members of this team, Charles Wagoner and Ed Sigler, shared honors for collecting the highest number of points under the Velie Cup scoring system, each having registered 45 points. (Ed Sigler proved as adept at handling a camera as he was at wielding golf sticks. These pictures are his contribution.) Captain Aubrey did quite well himself with a score of 84. He was blanked in the point column, however.

In third place was the officers' team with 214 points to its credit. Number one man on the team proved to be Col. O. G. Fegan, who came up with a score of 81. Col. C. A. Waldmann shot second high in the number 2 foursome—an 86. Captain of the team was Capt. S. H. Raynes, who turned in a score of 90.

Bringing up the rear was the Field Service team which aggregated a total of 152 points. What Dick Weingartz' team lacked in points, it made up for in glory. The tournament medalist, Ralph DeReus, came from among Field Service team members. Ralph carded a 75, two over par, which was good for 41 points in the match.

At the conclusion of the tournament, participants adjourned to the Club Mo-Kan, Davenport, for a special celebration. Following the banquet, the group indulged in after dinner speeches and the awarding of prizes. The winning team captain, Herb Lopas, on behalf of the 20 members of the shops' team, received from the hands of the losing captains enough super-quality golf balls to keep his boys going the rest of the season—almost. "Twas a great day for the Irish," chortled Lopas as he gathered in the windfall and then proceeded to divide the loot among his prize-scorers.



"Great Shooting," says Al Freeland (l.), president of Arsenal Employees Golf Association, as he checks score of medalist DeReus.



Col. O. G. Fegan attempts a Byron Nelson on the first tee. Others of his foursome look on, l. to r.: D. Aubrey, L. Rolofson, P. Roscoe.



Col. C. A. Waldmann displays confident smile as he tees off under the watchful eyes of Thomas Trumble, Ralph DeReus and Ken Herbst.



And here's the payoff—in the form of golf balls. The losing captains shower Lopas. L. to r.: Weingartz, Lopas, Aubrey, Raynes.

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## THE RECORD'S COVER

From nuts and bolts to tanks — the pre-packing department wraps 'em. When the staff photographer arrived on the scene, these girls were preparing a tank for shipment, sealing it against damage from moisture, foreign matter and tampering. As soon as this tank arrives on the scene of battle, it will be ready to go into action immediately.

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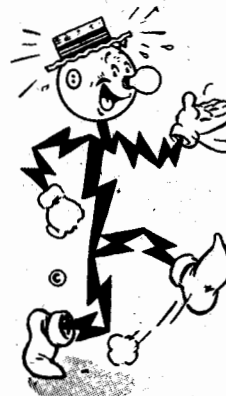


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One of the busiest spots in W-1 is the prepackaging line on third floor where employees take care of export orders intended for immediate issue.

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Chief of packaging is Lt. G. M. Johnson, flanked by Arthur C. Nerdahl, L., civilian chief, and John M. Chapman, assistant. Standing are, l. to r.: Sly, Tharp, Howe, McWilliams, Larew, Carn, Robertson, and Hartman.

Anything from a tiny screw to a lumbering tank—the Packaging Department of the Rock Island Ordnance Depot takes it in hand and wraps it carefully for shipment overseas. It doesn't matter if these important supplies, in getting dumped on beach heads, land in the sea before the men can get them to safety. They're protected. The Packaging Department sees to that. In fact, these parts are wrapped so carefully they could stay in the salt water for an indefinite period — and when finally stripped of wrappings, are as dry and free from corrosion as the day they emerge from the production line.

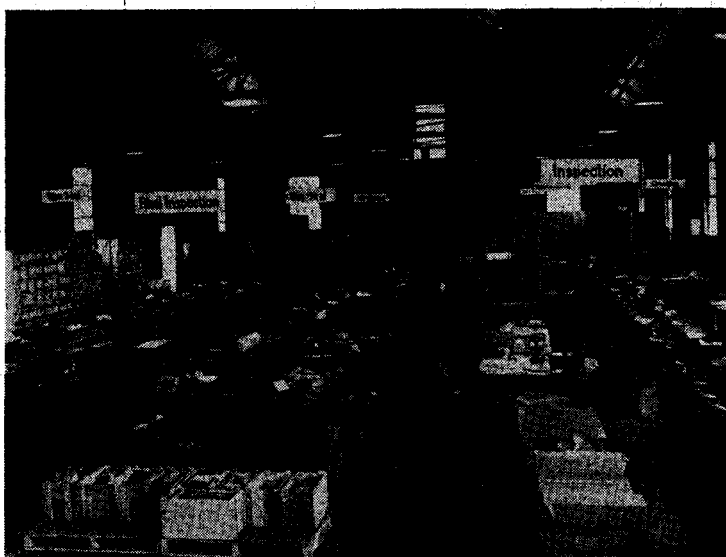
And salt water isn't the only enemy of supplies. The moisture and humidity of the jungles

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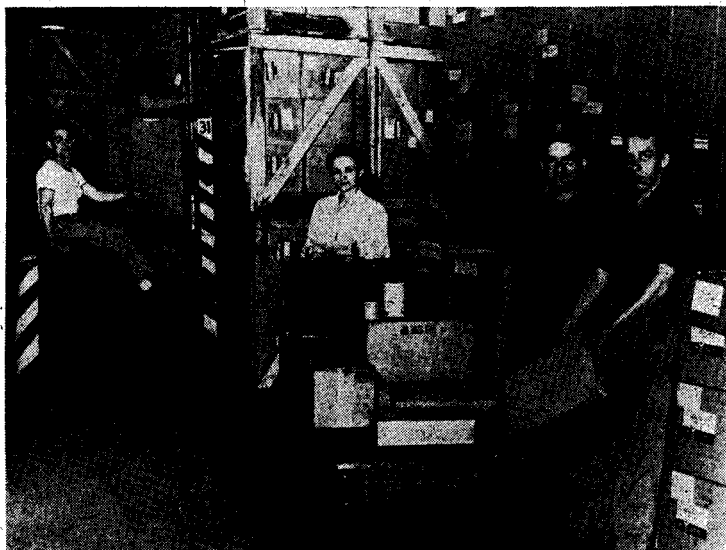




Inspectors in W-1: front, l. to r., Parsons, Schoessel, Pritchard, Koss, Sly; back, Braden, Tharp, Durnell, Rumler, Blixt, McIntosh.



A larger prepackaging line has been installed in X-1 to take care of enormous volume of material received in XYZ area from troops.



On the job in X-9 are, l. to r.: W. Humiston, foreman, S. Murphy, storekeeper, J. Flora, driver, R. Schultz; A. Johnson was absent.



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On third floor line, W-1, are: 1st row, l. to r., Sheffler, Fleagle, Forman, Davis, Baumbach, Alma Woods (line supervisor), Lunde, Reeves, Schroeder, Arnett, Schults; 2nd row, Atkin, Ripley, Drinkall, Elston, Dohrer, Marti, Balmer, Walz, Laughhead, Bowen, Adams, Hansen, Lyon; 3rd row, Horowitz, Linder, Gilbraith, Van Voltenburg, Jorgensen, George, Barnes, Porter, Moore, Peterson, Cady, Johnson, Rice.

On east end prepackaging line, Building 299, are: 1st row, l. to r., Erickson, Smith, Medberg, Carlson, Moore, Ioremam, Starr, Slusher, Botchlett, Slusher, Ludwig, Handleman; 2nd row, Cropp, Macomber, McCollom, Stevenson, Maywood, Dickerson, Griffin, Wickman, Rathjen, Teahan; 3rd row, Clemmons, Ott, White, Adams, Howe, Fleagle, Fillner, Gerholdt, Anderson, Lomas, Butler, Bowen, Johnson, Meyer, and Mason.





On west end prepacking line, Building 299, are: 1st row, l. to r., Miller, Kling, Atnip, Kloft, Brown, Dohse, line foreman, Zimmer, Smiley and Cade; 2nd row, Allender, Maves, Gosch, Hartman, Plotts, Speth, Jensen and Gile; 3rd row, Beeks, Blythe, Vinzant, Loge, Russell, Baird, Smith, Alger, Seeman, Johnson, Kath and Durnell; on steps, front to back, Burkhardt, Mozena, Spellman, Nelson, Osborne and Givens.



On fourth floor line, W-1, are: 1st row, l. to r., Benford, Fries, Anderson, Thomas, Pitsch, Franzen, Carver, Booker; 2nd row, Carlson, Reuth, Koeppe, Grams, Epperly, Hutchings, Duncan, Sullivan, Hancks, Schrieber; 3rd row, Braet, Hoffman, Palmer, Cambell, Entrikin, Tweddell, Badger, Inman, Pullman, Vanek, Adams. Helen Hans, supervisor, was absent. This line can resort to export work in case of blitz.

On sixth floor line, W-1, are: 1st row, l. to r., Jones, Squire, Waddell, Lehmann, Allen, foreman, O'Toole; 2nd row, Przytarski, Schnoor, Johnston, Kilpatrick, Ackeborg, Blaine, Kaffenberger, Von Roden; 3rd row, White, Shutt, Hunt, Toher, Patton, Morse, Kelly, Gordon, Culley; 4th row, Anderson, Swope, Reynolds, Untiedt, Larsen. This line pre-packages for long-time storage of various materials.



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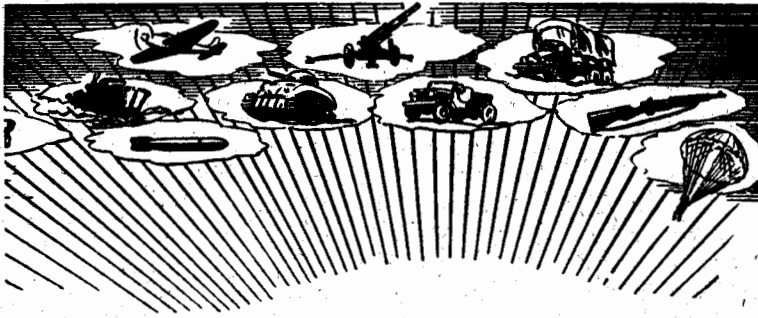
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# Administration



## Finance Division

Our boss Rollin Haines, recently returned from a trip East. While there he visited his son Bob.

Our sympathy goes to Bill Humiston and his family on the loss of their new-born son, David Lee.

Thursday, July 19, we had a picnic at Longview park in Rock Island honoring Bill McCombs, Andy Johnson and Art Voss. The boys have seen their share of action overseas and are all home on convalescent furloughs. The food committee is to be congratulated on the delicious meal. A good time was had by all—except those who lost the ball game.

Vacationers this month: Alice Lundy, Virginia Elder, Clementine Allar, and Lucille Viren.

## Fiscal Division

We've had all kinds of changes in the Cost department this past month. First of all Elva Ross said goodbye to government work in order to write contracts for a contractor in Rock Island. We're really sorry that she left, but wish her lots of luck in her new position. A few days later Margaret Drumm left for the West coast to seek fame and fortune—not Hollywood, but the San Francisco Ordnance depot.

So now we are getting acquainted with the new gals—Betty Fleming, who hails from Alpha, Illinois, and Helen Clark, who has transferred to our department from SI.

The Allotment girls finally lured their Georgie away from the sirens of the Finance department for a few days. We surely wish he could have stayed with us longer, and you could tell he was very reluctant to leave, too.

## Mail and Record Division

Barbara Gustafson has joined her husband in New Mexico.

Simon Roberts recently enjoyed a week of ball games, horse races and Chicago in general.

Betty Jane Neuhaus is back for the summer months. She is helping June Fabricius in the Package section.

Congratulations and best wishes to Genevieve Themansen, who became Mrs. Harland Buegmann on June 26.

We bid farewell recently to Lovena Clark, Shirley Nelson and Betty Fischer who were transferred to Fort Mason, California.

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## Inspection



Circus day certainly has nothing on the annual AK picnic which was held at Freund's grove on June 24. Our versatile barker, Carl Lundberg, soon drew a crowd of 162 fun loving, hungry people who, in no time flat, devoured ham, potato salad, baked beans, and all the trimmings. Giving the crowd no time to recuperate, the Circus performance unfolded and the many performers won instant applause for their amusing antics. Only the appearance of an approaching storm could disperse such a gay crowd.

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Our sympathy is extended to Charles James who suffered a broken leg while participating in one of the ball games during the picnic. All of AK wish him a speedy recovery.

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Picnics were very much in the air during this past month. The office girls just couldn't resist celebrating the 4th of July even though they had to work, so a picnic lunch was served in the office during the noon hour. The center piece of beautiful sweet peas furnished by Clara Biggin was won by Roberta Sweeney.

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A surprise shower and picnic lunch was held during the noon hour on July 13 honoring Jean White. The honoree received many lovely shower gifts and was also presented with a wedding gift. Jean became the bride of George G. Shirk, Coxswain, at a beautiful evening ceremony on July 14.

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Congratulations and best wishes are also in order for Marie LeCluyse and Richard L. McGovern who said "I do" at an impressive morning ceremony on June 30.

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The AK mail basket was very low this month. Only one letter was received from our boys in service. Pfc. John Iversen, somewhere in the Pacific, writes he is looking forward to receiving the *Arsenal Record*. He has been through several air raids and has seen a Jap plane shot down. He also gave the arsenal a pat on the back by stating that materiel packaged by the arsenal is being received in perfect condition. Come on boys! Shower us with mail! We enjoy hearing all about your experiences.

### MAIL AND RECORD (Continued)



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Corp. Johnnie Eshelman, former TWX employee now stationed at Luzon, is doing work similar to that which he did at Rock Island arsenal. Corp. Eshelman is clerk to his Commanding Officer. He has been overseas 2 years.

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# Manufacturing



## Artillery Vehicle Dept.

Artillery Vehicle department enjoyed visits from the following men and women in the armed services during the month of June: Sgt. Jules Gerkin, Sgt. A. Wilken, Pvt. Robert Miller, Lt. E. H. Richardson, Seaman Lester Dvorak, Lt. Mervin W. Fisher, Pvt. Elmer Dugan, Merchant Marine Jesse Cady, Pvt. Lois L. Caldwell, Petty Officer Paul Keller, Petty Officer Donald Staff, Seaman Adam Mini, Sgt. Willard Dunner, Seaman Lee Keim, Captain Theo. Burns, Ensign John Meenan, Pvt. Robert Antonaplis, Sgt. Robert Endean, Sgt. Albert Staes, Yeoman 1/c Fern Cather, Sgt. Donald Dickey, Seaman Stanley LaSalle, Pvt. Patricia Miller, Seaman Thomas Orton, Mate Earl Derry, Seaman Vernon Wahe, Seaman Almer Butler, Cpl. R. White, Pvt. Arley Nelson, Seaman Sheldon Hillbloom, Pfc. Marvin Moeller, Petty Officer Frank Williams, Pvt. Alan Geiken, Cpl. R. Ewaldt, P 2/c Richard Van Ausdall, Seaman Edward Greb, Pvt. Duane Sand, Seaman William Whitman, Seaman Robert Palmer, Pvt. John Drury, P 3/c Ferne Taylor and Pvt. Vern Peebler.

### SHOP M

Pvt. Robert M. "Scrappy" Peterson is stationed somewhere in the Pacific area. "Scrappy" writes, "You could never guess in a hundred years who I just met up with over here. Of all guys. It was Willy Strothers. He was tickled to see me and vice versa. He is driving a staff car for a general and has things pretty easy. Any day now he is due to return to the good old U. S. He had a pint of U. S. stock so we sat on his bed and indulged a little. Up to now I haven't seen him again but plan to this week. He has seen lots of action but still acts and looks the same as always."

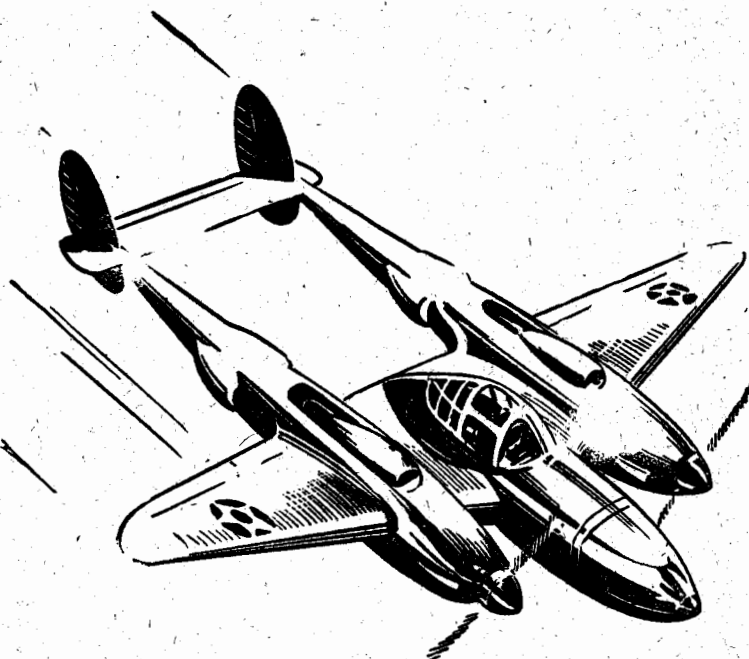
Something entirely different in "V" mail was received by Dean Handley last month from Yeoman 1/c Ralph Heuer, former DM Office employee. Ralph is now stationed in the Pacific Area with a naval construction battalion and says with him it isn't a matter of waking up on the wrong side of the bed, it's a matter of waking up on the wrong side of the ocean. NOTE: You'll have to see Mr. Handley for a preview of his "Fee-Mails."

Welcome to Gretchen Drescher, Arva Wilcox and Marion Frazier. They're all very likeable and we're glad to have them join us.

Martha Malory resigned last month to stay at home with her family. Winnie Planton is leaving us in favor of a southern state. Mary Wafer was transferred from Follow-up to PM14R. We'll miss you, girls.

Pfc. Frank R. Jones, who for two years before his enlistment in the army, was employed in DS, was killed in action on March 14th in Germany, according to information received recently by Mrs. Jones. Frank had been in the service since February, 1944, and was a resident of Aledo, Illinois. DS extends its deepest sympathy to the Jones family.

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### "ARSENAL AND OLD LACE"

An All-Employee home talent show, sponsored by the Civilian Welfare Fund Council of the Rock Island Ordnance Center, will be presented Thursday night, September 20, in the Capitol Theater, Davenport.

The production will be under the direction of Fred B. Ingram of Rock Island, veteran producer and director.

Some of the talent selected for the production has already started rehearsal. At the same time, however, employees who have not been contacted by the committee but who possess talent and have a desire to appear on the stage for this production are being requested to contact the Employees Services Section, (Ext. 859) Administration Building, as soon as possible.

The presentation will include a cast of nearly 300 employees. According to present plans it will be staged twice that night, between showings of the regular movie.

# Military



### ARRIVALS—

For Field Service Sub-Office, OCO: 1st Lt. Wayne A. Downey.

For Rock Island Ordnance Depot: 1st Lt. Eugene A. Peterson, 1st Lt. Lloyd W. Scott, Jr.

1st Lt. Wallace B. Rice from temporary duty outside continental limits of the U.S.

### TRANSFERRED—

Lt. Col. Martin P. Vorberg and Maj. William H. Carpenter to permanent station outside the continental limits of the U.S.

Maj. Robert T. Myers relieved from active duty.

1st Lt. William A. Parker to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

### PROMOTIONS—

1st Lts. Guy E. Hancock, Jr.; Linden C. Hill; Robert J. Haggerty; and James F. ZumMallen promoted to Captain effective 6 July 1945.

### SHOP M (Continued)

A trip to San Pedro, California, to visit her husband, Chas. O. Stark, BM 1/c, was enjoyed by Mrs. Cleve M. Stark of the DM Follow-up department. Mr. Stark is stationed at the Small Craft Training Center, recovering from wounds received when the 2100 ton destroyer, Halsey Powell, was struck by a suicide plane while being refueled from a carrier. Charlie was a Shop R employee for a short time before going into the navy.

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Wm. O. Peak celebrated his birthday on July 10 and he was pleasantly surprised when fellow employees presented him with a lovely and useful gift.

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Curt Hogberg gives this piece of advice to his P. C. harem: "Head for the roundhouse, girls! The wolves can't corner you there!"



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Eddie Schultz, DM102, is shown in our column wearing the very latest style in fishing togs (We think)? Better watch out, Eddie! A case of blisters and sunburn would wipe that grin off your face!

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Pvt. Leo K. Oaks, formerly of DM101C, writes that he is now taking his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. "Oakie" is doing as well as can be expected and says he would like to hear from some of his old friends.

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## R. I. Ordnance Depot



Orsie O'Dell of the W-1 Shipping department is awfully proud of his son Orsie Jr., who is with the 6th army on Luzon. Orsie Jr. has been overseas for about two years.

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Ben Imming of the Administration division is a proud and happy father. Ben has four sons and two sons-in-law in the service. On Father's Day he was pleasantly surprised by a telephone call from his son, Kenneth, a Marine, who has been stationed in Hawaii for the past three years. On July 1st Kenneth arrived home and Ben took a well-deserved vacation to be with him before he reported back for duty.

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Sgt. Louis Carstens, formerly of 299, was visiting all his old friends recently. And mama, Ida Mae Lange of W-1 Shipping, was awfully proud to escort Louis. We don't blame her a bit. He looks very nice in his uniform and has gained a few pounds—about 20, he tells us.

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We know Ed Osborne spent a pleasant vacation. His son, Capt. Vincent E. Osborne, of the 86th Blackhawk division, arrived home from overseas in time to help him spend it. Capt. Osborne was formerly employed in Shop L. Upon completion of his 30-day furlough, he reported for further assignment.

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Girls leaving for San Francisco include LaVerda Thompson and Mildred Keith of Mail and Message, Helen Rusch of Returned Field Stores, and Millie Beard of Stock Planning. Good luck, girls.

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Wilma Rudd has just returned from California where she spent fifteen days with her husband, Seaman 1/c Pete Rudd.

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Esther Johnson has been walking around in a rosy cloud since she learned that her husband is on his way home from overseas.



Here's a photographic view of Willie Schumaker's hobby. Willie resides in Stockton, Iowa, and is employed in 299.

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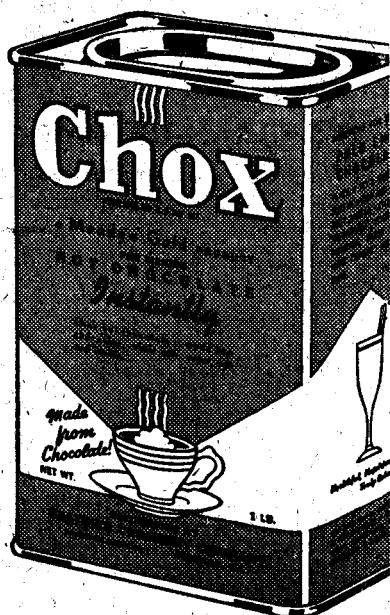
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## Field Service Division Sub-Office

BB personnel are beginning to pick up a little suntan what with vacations getting into full swing. Golf, swimming and flying are popularly responsible for their "non-anemic" appearance.

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The Maintenance division has been having its share of parties lately. Since Anne McBrine was leaving for the big city of Philadelphia, all of the girl has a surprise picnic in her honor. On July 6, Miss McBrine was again guest of honor when a group from this division had a party at Fairview (plug!). Seems that some of the boys felt "gyped" because they didn't get to do the customary honors that go with the first orchid.

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Glad news to the Typing section! Pearl Parcell, supervisor, is again back on the job after three months convalescing from a major operation. We are all happy to have you back, Pearl.

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Welcome home to Lt. W. B. Rice and his enlisted crew. The boys recently returned from the land of pineapples, rice and bugs. Oh yes, I almost forgot—grass skirts.

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It's a reluctant goodbye to Marlys Goetsch, Alice Hall and Betty Schaeffer who have left us for sunny California. We hated to see you go gals, but wish you every success in your new jobs.

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Captain Howard suddenly realized the awful truth bright and early one morning when his secretary, Eleanor Pace, turned in her resignation. Yep, the Marines had stepped in and Eleanor will soon be married to Corp. Chas. W. Risley. We wish you both all the happiness in the world.

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Members of overseas section, Issue Branch, are thinking of ways to become a patient of Barbara Lillig, since Barbara has recently joined the "Angels of Mercy." (Who wouldn't want to be the lucky patient?) We miss Barbara very much, and our loss is the nursing profession's gain. Overseas section also wishes it to be known that they aren't in the least bit superstitious that 13 sat down to a luncheon given in Barbara's honor. Among the "13" were Jo Schmulbach and her two charming daughters.

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We have three proud new papas in the office boasting of their offsprings. Congratulations to Captain Walke, Captain Mitchell and Lt. Dooling!

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Congratulations are in order for Janet Preston, now Mrs. Hugh Burns. The wedding took place July 13 in Pasco, Washington.

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Deepest sympathy is extended to Sgts. Brockette and McCrohan. Sgt. Brockette's father passed away recently. Sgt. McCrohan's mother died following an illness of several weeks.

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Paul A. Johnson M 3/c and Darrell E. Meinke recently met on Guam where Paul is permanently stationed. The submarine Darrell is on stopped there for 3 days and so Paul and Darrell enjoyed a three day vacation. Their wives, Jeanne Meinke and Cathie Johnson are TWX'ers.



It is very obvious that Sgt. Jack Dorman, stationed somewhere in Italy enjoys mail from back home.

Sgt. Lyle McGee recently visited M. & R. Sgt. McGee is now stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington.

## Manufacturing Stores Division

The 7th War Bond drive came to a successful climax in our office with both teams as well as the Office going over their quota. The box of candy went to Larry Anderson's Sane Savers, who nosed out Kitty Pierce's Fearless Financiers by a close margin. Hurrah! Eugene Schwarz was the lucky winner of the cigarettes.

The annual SM picnic was held Sunday, July 15, at Woelks' farm. The day was ideal. There were about 100 present and the games were enjoyed by all ages. Ask Lt. Eberling what the well-dressed fashionable woman of 1945 is wearing, and Corinne Reinhold what the well-dressed man is wearing. A good time was had by all, and thanks go to Kitty Pierce, Corinne Reinhold, Chairmen, Hilda Waack, Roy Betts, Joe Meenan, Ruth Cramer, Rusty Eldred, Elna Murray, Quackbournier, Del Hoepner Marietta Sorenson and Milt Meir.

This month we welcome Vera Jones to our department. Vera hails from West Point, Iowa, and she doesn't mind being called Jonesie.

## Personnel Division

Louise Gerstmann experienced a thrill 19 years old. It occurred when she attended high school graduation exercises in Davenport,

at which time she received the diploma for her son, Harold Brookhart, now in the navy.

Speaking of years, Margy Olson has a possession that will increase in value with the passing time. That certain item, a portrait done by Ann Smith, will recall to Margy the joy of the bridle paths. As for Ann, she's departed for New York to visit her parents now that her husband is being transferred overseas.

Roger Owen, Ruth McClellan, and Joe "Cotton" Yenger have also resigned. At the same time, Ethel Foley, transferred from DR, and Arlene Brown are new additions. And Gayle "Antique" Randolph has left us for BB.

Ray and Carol Stephens are the parents of a son, John Raymond, born July 8. Carol was formerly of AR.

Other vital statistics—Ellen Bateman, Verne Holdeman, Theda Oswald, Pat Hinsch, Jaclyn Connolly, Mary Bjorn, O. W. (Oscar Wilde) Barnhart, and Captain Samuel Herbert Raynes have passed another milestone.

Did You Know Department—Harold "Deacon" Jones doesn't use a comb on his curly hair? That Kenneth "The Voice" Carney is considering theatrical offers? That Mary Melvin won't eat between meals if she has to pay the bill herself? That Maxine Seibert writes the loveliest poetry? That Phil Heden contemplates purchasing store teeth before snow arrives? That Madeline Walsh sings to herself when she waters the plants in her home?

Murtie MacLean, the cheerful little give at the Ration office, gave forth with all the glow of a two-buck Martini when she received word that her husband, Corporal Johnny, had arrived in this country after being overseas for eight months. Murtie and Johnny were on a second honeymoon for the next 30 days.

Also on the vacation topic, Al "Strongman" George, Stan "Vegetarian" Mengler, W.P.B. (meaning Willey Potshot Barth), and Lil "Streamliner" Baele have returned to their jobs with renewed T-N-T.

Max "Bexel" Shiffman, despite the fact he is getting grey around the temples, can still swing a wicked stick, both on the diamond and on the golf course. His "free and easy swing" is almost out of this world, but Max says he needs a muscle masseur in order to remain in the athletic limelight.

On the hospital front: Lois Haman had a tussle with some china while drying dishes, so she says, with the result that 11 stitches were required to close the wound. Mary Johnson and Esther Kuehl entered Davenport hospitals within two days of each other to undergo operations.

The department extends sympathy to Irene McCoy, whose mother died July 2.

Honor Roll department: Della Flider, (the name rhymes with reader), has a reason for being on the flee side these days. The reason: her husband, Master Sgt. Gus Flider, has been awarded the Legion of Merit in Belgium for his invention that resulted in increasing the production of handy talkies 750 per cent.

## Plant Property Division

Our office annual picnic was well attended on Saturday evening, June 30 at Blackhawk state park. Like all picnics there was enough

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## PLANT PROPERTY DIVISION (Continued)

food to feed "Coxie's Army" and everyone left the table with that uncomfortable feeling of having eaten too much.

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That picnics indoors are just as much fun as those held outdoors was proved on the 4th of July when eight girls had a picnic in the office celebrating Ema Engholm's birthday. The traditional happy birthday song was sung.

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We had a short but pleasant visit from Earl Lauff who has been stationed in California. Earl expected to be shipped out when he returned to his station, so maybe our next letter from him will have an A.P.O. number.

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One of the most interesting letters ever received from our servicemen was Joe Kristin's letter to George Van Dam. Joe's experiences in Germany no doubt would fill a book and be very interesting reading.

George also received letters from Ralph Gerdes and Floyd Longlett who told some of their experiences in the Pacific. Ralph had a first hand picture of the horrors of war on one of the islands while Floyd wrote about Waikiki beach. George deserves a lot of credit for his faithfulness in writing to the boys who are away.

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We had a letter from Frank Ackerman who is in Manila and a card from Wallie Hellstrom at Ft. Lewis, Washington.

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We said goodbye this past month to Viola Pitchforth, Marilyn Stone, Evelyn Tillberg, Gail Nelson, Charlene Hora, Virginia Wilson and Betty Jean Carlson.

## Time Division

Our congratulations to Eleanor Beck and Edward Sothmann who were united in marriage Sunday, June 24, in Davenport.

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Three of our former Timers who are now enlisted in the forces of Uncle Sam were back for a visit recently. They were: Phyllis Peterson, yeoman third class of the Waves; Natalie Otto, yeoman third class of the Waves; and Private Evelyn Meehan of the Wac's. Phyllis is stationed in the Bureau of Personnel, Washington, D. C.; Natalie is with the Navy Intelligence Office, Chicago; and Evelyn is stationed at Rosecrans field, St. Joseph, Missouri, where she works in the finance department.

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HEARD: A feminine squeal from Dorothy Johnston when a spider spun its way from the ceiling to her desk.

A bang when the bulletin board fell down in the lounge room as a result of Helen McKee's removing the whiskbroom hanging near it.

That Hilda Schultschik would make an excellent volunteer fireman due to her prompt action in extinguishing a fire in a wastebasket.

That Doris Sievert is sick and tired of eating homemade ginger-snaps, and wishes someone in the section would get a new recipe.

That Barbara Elander is worried to pieces that she'll get a bunion on her finger from doing so much writing.

That Thelma Strieby lost a very valuable possession down the drain of the sink. Finally, after about a two-hour struggle, the pipes had to be removed to rescue said possession.

That Mary Ann Schepers saw "Chicken Dinner for a Soldier," starring Ann Baxter and John Hodiak. Sounds like a movie "boner," doesn't it?

Helen Dietzel's husband, Carl, left for Chicago Wednesday, July 11, for his induction into the army. Carl was formerly employed as a toolmaker in Shop M.

## Procurement Division

Major Paul E. Herschel, Jr., who as our Procurement officer has served faithfully and well since he came to the arsenal in July, 1942, has been relieved of his assignment and is returning to his civilian position with the R. Herschel Mfg. Company, of Peoria, Illinois.

The departure of Major Herschel represents a distinct loss to AP and the arsenal; his long experience in the commercial world and his outstanding executive ability have rendered his services of the greatest value. Our best wishes go with him and his gracious wife; they will be missed in our community.



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Our pin-up soldier boy for the month is Staff Sgt. Russell Swanson (formerly employed in AP's Follow-Up Section), pictured above while on duty at Luneville, France, with the 461st Ordnance Evacuation Company; since transferred to Germany, and, we hope, soon to be sent home on furlough. Russ looks hale and hearty, doesn't he?

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AP's feminine population was recently thrown into a dither by the arrival in the office of a dashing young airman who proved to be none other than our own Lieut. Dean Chisel, AAF Pilot just returned from England, following the completion of his 21st mission over Germany. Dean's campaign ribbon was decorated with two oak leaf clusters and three stars, but, with characteristic modesty, he refused to tell us how he had earned them. Other decorations included a devastating little Continental moustache. In short, Dean was looking altogether splendid, and were we ever glad to see him!

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Dorothy Barnett, of the Voucher section, was married on June 16 to Staff Sgt. Lloyd B. Chapman. Congratulations and all good wishes, Dorothy and Lloyd!

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A number of valued employees have left us during the past few months. Waldo Wissler, Gladys Fuhr, and Lucille Shea have accepted employment elsewhere. Peg Powell, Alice Ferguson, Helen Ferguson, Rosemary Arundale, Mary Siltman, and Mary Long are moving or have moved away. Jo Ann Nehlsen is going back to school. Frances Pearson, Vera Nelson, and Gladys Simmons are devoting all their time to domestic duties.

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Asked by Marian Haines whether it was cool outdoors and she needed a wrap, Cindy Hamelau answered like a flash, "Well, go ahead and hit me."

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## PROCUREMENT DIVISION (Continued)

Continuing from last month our enumeration of purple cows (things we never hope to see):

Marian Haines taking it easy . . . Barbara Hough wearing a size 44 . . . Mary Ella Hodge out of sorts . . . Golda Talbot without her complement of flowers . . . Marie Schebler speaking in a stentorian voice . . . Violet Pendleton pleading for more heat . . . Marge Nickels lacking her sense of humor . . . Dorothy Baker refusing to help.

Several AP members were surprised not long ago to receive important-looking post cards with red tags attached—only to discover that the message on each either wasn't there or was written in invisible ink. What goes on in our Mailing section?

## R. L. ORDNANCE DEPOT (Continued from page 17)

Wilma Davis of Inventory Control has been transferred to Order Processing unit. Our good wishes go with you, Wilma.

The employees of the light tank section of the Stock Planning and Distribution division, and their families, thoroughly enjoyed the all-day picnic at Wild Cat Den state park on June 24th. Bob Minard was particularly "fetchin'" in his beige shorts, setting a new style in men's sportswear. Everyone had quite a time pitching—horseshoes.

Ed Zeidler was pleasantly surprised when his employees gave him a Father's Day pot-luck party, with cake and all the trimmings. He was also presented with a box of his favorite cigars. Mr. Zeidler's only son is serving with the 5th division of the marines in the South Pacific and was wounded in the Battle of Iwo Jima. However, he is now back with his division.

One of the main events of the All Occasion Club of B. O. S. S. W-1 was the birthday of Seymour Bernstein (better known as "Butch"), son of the assistant chief, who celebrated his fifth birthday. It is a miracle that Butch has any toys left that he could play with after the grown-ups got through with them. We're looking forward to your sixth birthday, Butch.

Our sympathy is with Ruth Hensley who lost her younger brother in the battle of Okinawa.

We are glad to see George Brunton back on the job after a week's illness. The girls missed you, George. Looks as if you should get out in the sun and acquire a beautiful tan—like those that are appearing in Control division.

Tod Tathwell was on a business trip to Washington recently.

Pfc. John F. Gillen, former employee of the Maintenance division 299, has been awarded the Silver Star medal for bravery during the airborne invasion of Germany. Pfc. Gillen is in the 117th Airborne division.

Charlie Roberts of W-1 Receiving was thrilled when he found the packing list that was put in with his birthday gift from the department. How did it fit, Charlie?

Myrtle Chandler of Document Verification is back with us again after a siege of illness. Myrtle definitely does not care for hospitals.

Geneva Beyer of Investigation Follow-up recently underwent an appendectomy. Hurry back, Geneva, we miss you.

Herman Loveridge has assumed responsibility of the tool crib in Z-1. Yes, girls, his middle name is really Herman.

Did you know there is a very good dentist on the 6th floor—especially for extracting teeth? Ask Camiel J. Roets.

The entire personnel of the Order Control and Coordinating Unit send Dorothy E. Blickhan our sympathies. We hope she will be well soon.

Virginia L. Fuller is now on vacation. She flew to Houston, Texas, to visit her husband, Lt. Robert Fuller.

An example of good sportsmanship was seen in 299 when Fred Thede won a \$50 bond. The next week he took a chance in the raffle and won a \$25 bond, but refused to accept it and said to give someone else a chance. We think this was swell, don't you?

We can't get over the look on Olie Magnuson's face when it was announced that he won a \$500 bond. Or the sudden rush of "pals" wanting their "cut." We wonder if he came out ahead.

Goodbye and good luck to Minnie Hoyne who has left us to return to her home town.

We were quite proud to hear that we have two "super" ball players in 299, both of whom play on Tri-City teams. Elda Jahn of 299 Box Shop is a swell pitcher, and Hazel Mann, Timekeeping, is a first baseman.

## FAMILY AFFAIRS



Giving not only their sons and daughters to the war program, but their own time also, is the contribution of these women ordnance workers.

Mrs. Frances Duncan, (l.) a wrapper in W1, 4th floor, has four children in service, and one son recently discharged from the Navy. One daughter, Catherine J. Duncan, is a yeoman 3/c, in the WAVES. Another daughter, Arvilla B. Cummings, is located at an army air base. Pfc. James E. Duncan, now in Italy, has been in the army for four years; Corp. Leo E. Duncan, in France with the Engineer Corps, has served a year and a half, and Roy, a veteran of Guadalcanal and New Caledonia, contracted malaria, and was recently discharged after 2½ years of service.

Mrs. Duncan's home is in Birmingham, Iowa. For the year and a half that she has been employed at the Arsenal, she has been living in Buffalo. She commutes daily to her job.

Mrs. Nellie Johnson, (right, above) of Sherrard, Illinois, is a wrapper in the Prepackaging department on the sixth floor of W1. Her heart is in her work, for the supplies she wraps go to her sons in the service. Eugene is a staff sergeant in Germany, and Kenneth is a private first class with the infantry in France.

Two other sons, James, who served over a year with the Engineers, and Robert, with the infantry, were recently discharged.

The Arsenal is proud of these two women who have given so much for Victory and a better world.

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## R. I. ORDNANCE DEPOT (Continued)



Florence Angus, Lucille Beltz, and Harold Lee line up at the left of honor roll opposite, R. C. Wood, Glenn Merry, and Chuck Pritchard.

The quota assigned to the Rock Island Ordnance Depot for the 7th War Loan Drive was \$279,739.00. Of this amount, \$143,434.00, was to be raised by direct cash sales which meant a \$46.26 cash purchase by each one of the Depot's 3100 employees. The pay reservations were to be increased from 10% to 12% and the number of participants from 90% to 95%. These percentages were exceeded in both cases.

The final results indicated that a very concerted effort was put forth and that loyalty and support of the boys over there were not lacking in the hearts of Depot personnel. Total cash sales and authorized Bond Deductions from pay amounted to \$304,824.00, exceeding the quota by over \$25,000.00.

The four storage areas immediately entered into a competition on sales, and proud indeed were the 778 employees of Building No. 299 when their area led in the weekly reports of the percent of the quota sold which appeared on the bulletin boards and in the bulletins distributed to all personnel. The competitive interest was so great that personnel of one area donated prizes with each bond purchased. These included a live duck, an angora lamb, and several articles that had been sent from overseas as souvenirs. Some of the girls felt that fate was very cruel when a bottle of French perfume, said to be worth \$25.00, was won by a middle-aged bachelor.

Sales booths were set up in various areas of the Depot. Four Depot Officers were appointed by the Finance Officer of the Center as class "A" agents and had official charge of sales at the four established booths. These officers were assisted by key civilian personnel. Bonds were purchased each Friday or Saturday.

Particular recognition is accorded the following for their outstanding efforts in promoting sales of bonds for cash during the drive: Mr. Fay Longacre, Mr. Edgar Dibbern and Mrs. Lucille Beltz from W-1; Mr. Clyde Sanborn, 299; Mr. Joe Woods, XYZ Area; and Mr. Orville Simmons, V-Area.



Not butter nor cigarettes, but War Bonds, caused this long line-up!

## SHOP M (Continued from page 16)

Art Carlson of DM101C was accepted by the armed forces and reported for induction on July 11. Art was a valuable member of the R.I.O.C. baseball team. Good luck to you, Art!

Don Hebbel has written from Italy. He tells us that he saw plenty of action in the skies over Italy prior to V-E day. He said, "My last mission consisted of a nickeling mission in the area west and south-west of Milan where we dropped leaflets telling the isolated Jerries of the surrender, and to lay down their arms. I ended up with 54 missions. When I get back to the States I'm going to try to stay in B-25's, and if I can't, I'll ask for an A-26. I'll probably have to serve another tour, anyway. We are scheduled to fly home in a few weeks, so, it may not be too long before I'll be dropping into the R.I.A. to see everyone."

Since Van Wolvelaere was promoted to Shop G, he has been trying to run competition with "Fritz" Wittber and Larry Schneider in wearing loud shirts.

DM102H bid farewell last month to Ambrose Carlin and Louis Stockman, both of whom left for service in the armed forces. Best of luck, fellows.

Dorothy Spengler, former clerk in DM102 office, and now a cadet nurse, paid us a surprise visit recently. You looked swell in your new uniform, Dorothy.



Walter Martens, former DM 102T employee, reports that he has fulfilled Ole Olsen's request. When Walt was here, before going overseas, Ole asked him to get a Jap for him, so Walt advises us that he took care of that as soon as he landed on the Philippines. His brother Al is employed in DM102D.

It's about time somebody told the income tax man about that inspector who is making money hand over fist betting the wolves of his department they can't get a date with a certain girl in KM office. Do you always pay your twenty per cent, Glenn? It looks a little like a put-up job from here.

Anyone interested in having a little concrete work done, might get in touch with Al Wahle and Joe Conda, DM102T.

One of our DM101B repairmen reports that he just about "got" our Safety Engineer, who was walking against the red light in Moline one day last month. Better be careful!

Lights! Action! Camera! And there you have the star of our show, Howard E. Nessler, putting on a special performance at the gymnasticator for motion picture photographers of the U. S. army.

Einar Nelson of KM102 is facing the prospect of having to do his sleeping nights and his working days for the first time in six years, and he isn't exactly sure just how it will work out. He is very modest about his record, though; he says "Kitty" Beenk in DM102 has him beaten about four years.

DM102T adds two more blue stars to its service roll call as Carl Graham and Bernard Baur enter the service.

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## SHOP M (Continued)

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Britz welcomed a new daughter into their home on Saturday, June 30. The proud father is employed in DM 102L. Congratulations to both Mr. and Mrs.



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Twins—Judy and Edwin, age 4, son and daughter of Edwin H. Angstrom, DM101E, shop M. Cute, aren't they!

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Dan McWhorter received a letter from Wilbur Priebe, former employee of the gear department, who is now stationed in Germany near the Austrian border. Wilbur says the army reduced his waist line from 42 inches to 36 inches. Pretty rugged, eh, Wilbur? The Gear department is also in receipt of a letter from A/S Lyle Lindstrom. Lyle says he is kept real busy but that he would appreciate hearing from the boys in the department, and that he will answer all letters sent. Addresses of any of the department's servicemen may be obtained in DM101C office.

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"Bill" Goellnitz, DM101E, is sporting a new pair of dark glasses these days. The reason—"Bill" has worked the nite shift for some six years, and when he was shifted back on the day shift last month he found the day light hard on his eyes.

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AK's loss is KM's gain since Al Kienlen moved across the street. Shop M has always been one of Al's favorite stamping grounds, anyway, and he will still be among friends.

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A word to the tired. Floyd Francis, DM102T, got so tired one day that he just couldn't keep awake, so he took some Prussian blue and white lead and painted a pair of eyes on his goggles. The effect was wonderful, because by this time he was fully awake.



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Francis Berry, former DM-102T employee, writes that he has traveled eight thousand miles through Germany with the 309th infantry and he wouldn't trade all of it for one little street in the Tri-Cities. He is looking forward to a visit home some time in September.

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We wish to express our sympathy to Herman Johnson, of DM-102M, and his family, on the death of their daughter.

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Jules Wallaert is on the sick list. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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When a fellow gets his vacation fishing trip cut short by a telephone call advising him that his wife has the mumps and spends a night in a tourist cabin for fear he might be exposed, and then finds out it wasn't the mumps after all—well, that's tough luck. Such was the experience of George Unash of DM102M. Better luck next year, George.

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DM102M is saddened by the sudden death of John Mallory. To the members of his family we extend our deepest sympathy.

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A recent visitor to DR103 was Ed Faudel, former tool crib employee now in the army. It certainly was nice to see him. He looks great.

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Vern Wahe, Yeoman 2/c, a former clerk in DR103 office, paid us a visit while home on leave due to the untimely passing of his father. We extend you our deepest sympathy, Vern.

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We were sorry to hear of Reverend Collins' foot injury. We all miss him and hope he will soon be back in our midst.



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DM102T's bearded sailor, Harold Gile, is back, minus the beard. He left Okinawa May 27 and arrived in the States June 21. After a 30-day leave, he will return to San Diego, California, for advanced schooling as soundman. He was assigned to a mine sweeper, U.S.S. Chief.

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We were all shocked by the sudden and untimely passing of Exter C. Howell, assistant foreman in the Honing and Lapping department. To his widow and family the employees of DR103 extend their heartfelt sympathy.

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DM101E extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Harry Wahe. His death will be keenly felt by all of the department. Mr. Wahe had 15 years of arsenal service to his credit and was well known in local bowling circles.

## SHOPS H & K

DA124's pot luck luncheon on June 14 was enjoyed by all, including the special guests, Ed Johnson, Charlie Wiegand and Chester Furrow. The committee that did the splendid job of planning the event was Fern Wilder, Iona Black and Mary Heene.

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Radio Technician 2/c Johnny Hiebing, formerly of our Production Control, reports that since his last visit here he's seen lots of action in and around the Philippines. This is his first assignment to sea duty and he admits having been sick the first two days out of San Francisco.

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A dinner party at the Mo-Kan club in Davenport was held by the DA clerks to honor several who left Shops H and K. Marion

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## SHOPS H AND K (Continued)

Frazier was transferred to Production Control in Shop M and Rae Cox went to Shop I. Lee Fries left our Planning room to make her home in California.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. McClain who celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary on August 7th. Mr. McClain has been employed at the arsenal for the past eleven years and is now working in DA100.

Bob Kistenmacher of DA100 office was transferred to Shop Q recently. Best of luck to you in your new job.

## SHOP D

Our bride of the month is Monica Siegel, who was married to Staff Sgt. Kenneth Monroe last month. Kenny was wounded in Germany and at the present time is convalescing at Schick hospital in Clinton. We wish you both lots of luck.

The employees of Shop D miss the smiling face of Helen Andersen, who was seriously hurt in a car accident on the way home from work one evening last month.

Visitors to the shop this past month were: Stanley Lane, AMM 3/c, who has four battle stars and the Presidential Citation and is home on a 30-day leave before returning to the Pacific; Bob Palmer, who is home on a 60-day leave after a Jap suicide plane hit the ship on which he was serving; Elmer C. Butler, S 1/c, who has three battle stars and has served in both Atlantic and Pacific waters, and will report back to San Diego at the completion of his leave; Lt. Eugene Richardson, who was a prisoner of war in Germany, and is now recuperating at Schick hospital in Clinton.



Sgt. Guy L. Brown is now stationed in the European theatre of war. Sgt. Brown is an ex-employee of DX711, Shop D.

If you want to know why Henry Geu gave up smoking cigars and started buying shop aprons instead, ask him. He'll be glad to tell you and the reason is wonderful.

Floyd Linberg returned to work recently after an absence of four weeks spent recovering from an appendectomy. Glad to see you back, Floyd.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Harry Burton, whose mother passed away in Richmond, Kentucky, last month.

## SHOP C

Did you see former employee Frenchy (Richard Coudary) of the army? He stopped to see the fellows on July 6. He is back in civilian clothes now. How about it, Frenchy, like it?

Cake for all—was the word on the birthdays of Geraldine Wells, June 30th, and Flossie Mott, July 11th. Good! Good! was the reply. Irene Danetson also has a birthday this month. Congratulations to all.

Over 70 of our former employees are now in the armed services. We like to send a friendly good cheer and say good luck to all.

Our sincerest sympathy is extended to Darrol Cressey in the recent loss of his sister.

"Little fishie in the brook, papa caught him on the hook," is the tune being sung by R. A. Pickron and Walt Beitenia, who are up North fishing. Catch any, boys?

California bound are Beatrice Lindberg, who is visiting her mother, and also Roy Sinkson and family, who will make that state their home.

Get well wishes go out to Albert Judis, who is on his way to recovery after a recent illness, and also to Keith Nelson's daughter, who is convalescing in the hospital.

Congratulations to two swell fellows who have retired from our shop. They are Nick Beckstrom after 25 years of faithful service and Nelse Ehmier after 30 years of faithful service.

## SHOPS G & I

Your reporter has at last found a fisherman who knows where to catch them. He is Frank Furbos, DM14G, who caught seventeen fish in just one evening last month. However, it's no use asking Frank where his "fishing hole" is located, as he's keeping it a big dark secret.

S 1/c Adam J. Mini, who worked in Departments DM503 and DM515 prior to his entry into the U. S. navy in March of 1944, paid the shop a visit last month. Adam was serving aboard the destroyer Little, which was sunk by Jap suicide planes north of Okinawa on May 3rd of this year. There were seven attacking planes; three were shot down, but the other four hit their mark. Loading a 5" gun was his job and the sailor catching the "hot" shells, standing less than six feet away, was killed in this action, while he, Mini, suffered nary a scratch. After floating in the water for about four hours he was picked up by another ship. Adam mused that he preferred water here in the tri-cities to that in the ocean, as it isn't quite so salty.

Congratulations to a proud father, Elmer Bender, DM505. It was a boy!

Al Schumann, DM505, is singing this song: "No fish, no alibi, no nothing." Al went on a fishing trip into Wisconsin last month and from reports the fishing wasn't too good.

The Emery Sedlocks are the proud parents of a daughter, Margaret Ann, born June 12, 1945. Dad is a machinist in the Experimental department. Shelby G. McKown of DM513 announces that a future baseball pitcher, Stephen P. McKown, arrived on June 26th. Like father like son! Congratulations to both families.

QUICK QUESTIONS: Is it true that Bill Wright has been stealing tar from the streets to calk his boat? Did Otto Schultz really find such good fishing during his vacation up north? Does Ira Myers drive all the way to Davenport every two weeks just to get his hair cut a dime cheaper? Is Eli Pearman the most "pie-ous" person in the shop? How come Corene is "howled" at by the wolves more than the other gals? Wouldn't that sweater "Chuck" has been wearing make Lana Turner envious? Is it true that Ed Vytlaclil is president of the "Wolf Patrol" and George Jacobs his secretary? Where does Van Wolvelaere get those loud ties? Did they call Ed Stamm and Bruce Stark "Curly" a few years ago? Don't ask us to answer these questions, folks; we don't know the answers either.

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## SHOPS G & I (Continued)

Don Blair, DM14G, whose hobby is raising roses for exhibition purposes, met with misfortune last month. A "tornado" tore through his flower garden and ruined some of his choice blooms. Incidentally, we've seen Don's roses, and they really are beautiful specimens.

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### Digging Out Some Old Ones

This picture of Fred Fobian was taken 'way back when he was just a thirteen year old "farm hand," long before he was a foreman in DR413, Shop I.

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## SHOP L

Mrs. Edna Winter, Shipping Clerk in W1, offers the following original poem in memory of her son Ralph, who was killed in action returning from a bombing mission over Germany. Mrs. Winter has two other sons in the armed forces, Chief Petty Officer Fred Winter and Pfc. Marion Winter, who has received the Purple Heart. Another son, Fayette Winter, is a turret lathe operator in Shop L.



### STARS IN MY WINDOW

There are stars in my window,  
Three lovely stars of blue;  
Each represents a son  
Who will fight till Victory's won  
For the glory of the Red, White and Blue.

One wore the wings of the Air Corps,  
One in the Infantry,  
One wore the blue  
Of the Navy true;  
Gallant and strong all three.

Three stars in my window  
For three who sailed away  
To carry on the fight  
For permanent peace some day.

There are stars in my window  
And stars of Heaven shine through;  
They twinkle in the sky  
With a promise from on high  
And a message for me and you.

Dear little stars in Heaven,  
Please grant a favor to me.  
Please carry a kiss  
To the ones I miss,  
And guard them tenderly.

One day there came a message  
From Washington, D. C.  
The Shepherd of the sky  
Called one of them on high  
To fulfill his destiny.

Three stars in my window,  
And one has turned to gold  
In memory of the son  
Who has his duty done  
And been gathered into the Fold.

Shine on, little stars in your heaven,  
And a silent vigil keep;  
Shine from above  
On the one I love,  
Who rests in Eternal Sleep.

Many heads are bowed in sorrow,  
Many lips moving in prayer  
For the ones who sleep  
Across the deep,  
And the one still over there.

Many stars in many windows,  
Many tears are being shed;  
May the light  
Of Freedom bright  
Keep faith with the living and the dead.

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"Art" Leonhardi, DM201B foreman, has been bringing lovely roses to the clerks and nurses in Shop L. His rose bush is really beautiful. It is eight or more feet high and it has over a thousand blooms.

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F/O Sheldon L. Hillbloom, former employee of DM201B, visited the shop last month while on furlough. Sheldon recently graduated from a bombardier school.

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Cpl. Martin A. Schulte paid a surprise visit to his former co-workers in DA13 recently. He is the first of the 93 service men from this department to return home from overseas duty. He has been serving with the Eighth Air Force in England for the past two and one-half years loading bombs on those B24's that have been doing such a wonderful job. Cpl. Schulte has battle stars for seven major engagements and also the Presidential Citation. At present, though, he is more interested in his 20-month old son whom he saw for the first time when he arrived home on June 15th.

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Louis J. Hulsbrink of DA100 retired on June 15th after 28 years of service at the arsenal. Mr. Hulsbrink worked here during the Spanish-American War, World War I and World War II. We all hope you will enjoy your new life of leisure.

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Arva Wilcox, former Shop L reporter for the Record, has been transferred to the Follow-up Department, Shop M. We wish you the best of luck in your new job, Arva.

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Jerry Peckhom, KM202, is a proud father of a 9 lb. 9 oz. boy—Kenneth Lee, born on June 11, 1945. Congratulations.

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## SHOP L (Continued)

Ask Mr. A. E. Heckert, Repair department, what became of the caster wheels off of his chair? We hear Mr. Leonhardi is having a swell time rolling his chair around DM201B office. Could it be?



Ferne D. Taylor of the WAVES, a former tool crib employee in Shop L, recently visited with Rock Island arsenal friends while she was enjoying a furlough with her parents in Davenport.

It's nice to see Cecelia Schoonhoven's smiling face again. Cecelia has been ill for several weeks and was unable to work.

Did you notice the gleam in Helen Freund's eyes last month? The reason—her husband, Cpl. Victor J. Freund, returned from overseas and was home on a furlough. Cpl. Freund served twenty-seven months overseas in North Africa and Italy with the U. S. Air Corps, and has been awarded the Legion of Merit medal.

A farewell pot luck luncheon was enjoyed by the girls leaving Shop L on June 3rd. Ruth Clapp, Shop L matron, picked up the wrong dish by mistake at home, and arrived at the luncheon with just one small dish of salad. There must have been plenty to eat, regardless, as everyone complained of being sleepy all afternoon.

Irving Meskimen, Adrian Freshwater, Wesley B. Hampton of DM201B and Robert Gardner, DM201D, were called to serve with the U. S. armed forces last month. Good luck to you, boys!

Harry D. McKinley, DM202L, and his wife were pleasantly surprised at their new home near Moline one evening last month when a group of Harry's co-workers and their wives dropped in for a house-warming. Pot luck was served and the honorees received a beautiful cocktail table from the guests.

William Cottingham, former assistant foreman, DM201B, was transferred to Mare Island Navy Yard last month. We all wish "Buttercup" the best of everything!

Zora Fleming's son, Petty Officer Woodrow W. Whitley, is home on furlough. He has served in five major battles and has completed 22 months overseas! Zora works in 203D.

Our sincerest sympathy goes to Mary Chapanian, 202C clerk, whose husband, Pvt. Harry A. Chapanian, was killed in Passau, Germany, on May 2, 1945. Pvt. Chapanian had served the United States army for three years.

## BUILDING 208

Ordinarily the reputation of the automotive mechanics in DX312 dynamometer room is very high, but three of them suffered most severely recently. The story goes that Butnah, Chamberlin and Isenberger were purring along peacefully in Butnah's car, when all of a sudden it opened up a burst of rocket fire that brought the crowds a-running. Quickly the three men decided upon a plan of action; they would open up the hood to see what was wrong. With apparent disregard for the dangers involved, first one, then the other took a peek. At this point a cloud of shame descended upon the reputation of DX312, as one of the spectators stepped forth and in a few brief moments fixed the damage. The boys assured us that this will never happen again. Benjamin Rarey has been appointed guardian

and chief mechanic for the Butnah car at the request of all employees of Department DX312.

Lady Luck hovered over Steve Peters of DX308A on a recent fishing trip. Against his superior strength a poor fish is really a poor fish.

DX310A can now be called the beauty spot of Building 208 because of the recent influx of nice looking gals. Johnny Derksen is in charge of all this charm and we would say he is really a lucky boy.

Best wishes go to Jean Pyle of DX301 office upon her marriage to Lt. Matthews of BB recently. May her prodigy have her sweet disposition and sunny smile.

## SC

Lloyd Daurer, Storekeeper, and a veteran of the African campaign, is the proud father of a baby boy, christened Robert John, born May 28. Congratulations, Lloyd!

Grant P. E. Jeffers, a former Shop H employee, has been added to the Packing gang and is doing a swell job.

We call Henry "Dutch" Fillmer our SC tourist. How's the road to Hillsdale, Dutch?

Overlooked so far in the SC news is quite hard-working Lulu Scott of the packing crew. During World War No. 1, Lulu was an office clerk and comptometer operator in the Time and Cost department. A real patriot!

George Braman, SC's able inspector, was absent for a whole week with chicken pox recently. Why, George!

Elsie Blocker was transferred to Building 208 last month. Elsie did a fine job during her stay in SC, and the rest of the girls will miss her.

Jolly Mary Michaels, she who mixes spice with her work, spent the first week of July in Kewanee, Illinois, visiting with her mother.

Myra "Teetle" Chance is really thrilled over her new diamond ring. You'll have to contact Paul Hein of Davenport for further information.

Ed Ruefer writes from California, saying that letters from the SC gang would be highly appreciated out there. His address may be obtained in the office.

Della Goetsch, SC's busy lead-lady in the women's Packing department, was absent last month. She strained muscles in her side when she lifted a tote pan of heavy metal parts. Be careful, Della; accidents of this kind can be avoided if you'll hunt up some one to give you a lift.

We nominate "Bill" Hanssen as the man most seen around the arsenal. Since being transferred to SC some months ago, Bill has more than got around.

## Central Planning Division

Stag parties were held for Ralph Aten, Bill Wendell, and Larry Fisher before they put their civvies in moth balls. This leaves quite a hole to be filled in the Follow-Up section. Instead of working on Ex-Orders, these boys will now work on Hirohito to make him Ex-Emperor—a worthy project.

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## CENTRAL PLANNING (Continued)

Luck is still following Arnold Wulf about the city. Not so long ago he won a war bond as a door prize and now he collects on bank night. Arnold's happiness will be shared by Uncle Sam, come next March.

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Charlotte Thurston has changed her theme song to "Bell Bottom Trousers" since that LST sailor from Cedar Rapids established a beach-head in her heart. The farmer offered stiff resistance, but the sailor took over in traditional navy style.

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Latest additions to our floor are Dorothy Riley of Moline and the Dannacher twins, Camilla and Phyllis, of Davenport—all right out of high school and on their first jobs. The blond twins have already crossed up several of the men because of their similarity, but honestly, we think the men liked it.

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Lt. Ray Ingleman, bombardier in the Air Corps, has served out his required missions and has been given his discharge. He has returned to his old job in the F-U group and is now batting on the home front team. If you want to know what "flak" is, ask Ray.

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## AE BACKS 7th WAR LOAN DRIVE



AE goes over the top with these leaders (l. to r.): Dendooven, Loding, Rinck, Showalter, Tyler, Haviland; Smith, Matter—absent.

With its usual enthusiasm, Central Planning entered the Seventh War Loan drive determined to make its quota. It was no surprise to AE employees—or to those of other departments at the arsenal—that AE topped its quota. That's the way Central Planning does things!

The theme for the Seventh War Loan drive chosen by the approximately 150 employees in Central Planning was that of buying more bonds to bring the boys home—safely and quickly.

Employees were evenly divided into two teams—the Sailors and the Soldiers. Living up to the reputation won by the army and the navy, these teams went after their objective and won it. The AE goal, figured on 18½% of the total income of employees during the 13 weeks covered by the drive, was set at \$18,785. Final figures on the campaign indicate that total bond sales added up to \$19,389.75! Ninety-five percent of the employees participated.

Prizes went to two lucky persons, Charles Nelson and Myron Weaver.

Yes, AE has done it again. Mr. E. F. Hostetler, general foreman, has every reason to be proud of a department that consistently comes through with flying colors!

## Engineering Department

### DRAFTING DIVISION

Nita Kelso, who is missed in AZ, is visiting her parents in Algona, Iowa, before going into cadet nurse training at St. Luke's hospital in Davenport.

Sherman Goldwood looks fit as a fiddle after his vacation. We'll all look that way after ours, we hope.

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Lucy LePoidevin, who worked in Mr. Carlson's section last summer, is back with us again, and permanently, too—we hope!

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Maxine Carnicle is working in the Gage section now! Her friends in AZ miss her, but she manages to get down there several times each day. Strictly business!

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Aura Furnas told some one around here he found so much work to do at home, that he was glad to come back here! Is this true, Aura?

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Marian Briles, whose mother Estelle Briles works in the Tracing section, is a member of the drafting files for the summer. She is going back to school in the fall, however!

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Harry Johnson had a stay-at-home vacation this year. His son came down with the mumps about the time the family was going camping!

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We understand that Wanda McClure had a nice visit at home about July 1. Did you get enough fried chicken until next time, Wanda?

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Fran Chamblin's week vacation must have been all she needed. She's made it to work every day since. Hooray for Fran!

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Robert Kerr, of the Photo Lab has left us for the armed services. Good luck to you, Bob, and let us hear from you!

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Leslie Kemp had a good time fishing when he was on vacation in July. They tasted good too, didn't they, Mr. Kemp?

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Robert "Bob" Chandler is a new addition to the Photo Lab. He will not be a full-fledged member though, until he has been christened at a Photo Lab party.

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Leon Bernstein is not the only one in the Photo Lab who enjoys a good "seegar" after lunch. This is really a good tale, but for the details you'll have to see either Bernice or Jane Hanson.

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Kenneth Silkwood (known to many as "Playboy") started his vacation with a trip down toward St. Louis. We hope he didn't stop at Forest Park (a zoo) as train space is at a premium, and those pounds and pounds of peanuts would only take badly needed space.

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Julius Sidney enjoyed his vacation at home, while Ralph Crawford spent an eight day siesta blissfully reclining in the sun, which shines soooo bright in Matherville.

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George Kopp still has beautiful memories of Philip Morris cigarettes, his favorite brand, which accounts for the smile on his face as he inhales Rameses and Kools.

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Eddie Schluez (commonly known as "Inky") came to the aid of a fair damsel, who was cleaning and filling her fountain pen, which accounts for "Inky." He's really lucky, for it could have started with ST.

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For the latest whereabouts of Mr. Fennell's size 7½ hat, consult him between 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. He may be able to tell you where it is!

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Marge Karstens is back in the Photo Lab after being ill. 'Tis said she had a pure case of rusted pipes and fallen arches.

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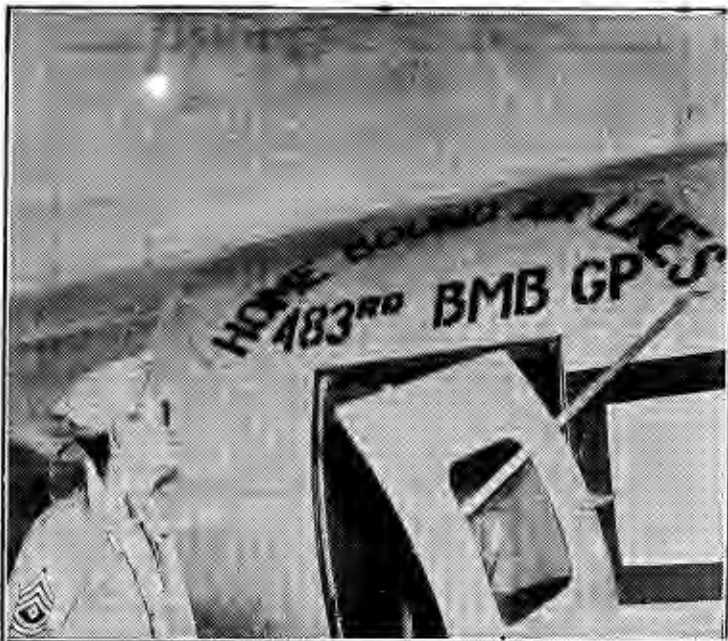
## LEARN TO RECOGNIZE THIS BUTTON



This is the emblem of honorable service. More than a million veterans of the armed forces are now entitled to wear the Honorable Service Button which is issued to each individual on his discharge from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

While this button should entitle its wearer to the respect of Americans everywhere, the War Department is frequently informed that the public does not generally recognize the meaning of the emblem. Veterans with long combat service overseas, now returned to civilian life, have the unpleasant experience of being challenged for their failure to appear in uniform. The badge of honorable service has not been recognized.

Learn to recognize this button—and respect the wearer. He has served his country in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.



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**Homeward bound**—In every section of the country soldiers are arriving home from service overseas. Some will return to civilian life, others, following a furlough and visits to families and friends, will resume their military duties. To expedite the movement planes have been provided for the homeward journey wherever possible. First man to board one of the ferry planes was Sgt. M. Johnson, of St. Paul, Minnesota.

## DRAFTING (Continued)

When Rosetta O'Shea was asked if she had done anything exciting that wasn't known, she casually mentioned that getting up six days a week and coming to work was just about all the excitement she could stand.

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With the coming of warm weather, Math, Jones, Oliver, O'Shea and Hanson, all of the Photo Lab, have deserted the bowling alley and are now engrossed in a new game, called "Sit, Order, Hoist, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and Fall on Your Face."

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"Wes" Schroder and Earl Norton are new additions in the processing dark room. "Wes" helps Eddie while Earl Norton is John Annis' partner and cohort in crime. Matt Tobin is now operating the multilith machine.

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## Training Division



On July 9, 1945, the Training division held a farewell program complimentary to Major Robert T. Myers, who has been the officer in charge of the division since its inception. Major Myers has been relieved from active duty and will return to his pre-war job as design and development engineer of the Hoopeston, Illinois, division of Food Machinery Corporation.

Tribute was paid to his outstanding leadership, ability, initiative, and wholehearted interest in his work by Col. C. A. Waldmann, Commanding Officer,

Col. E. C. Goebert, and Captain B. T. Wehner. Mr. Fred Bicknell and Mr. W. H. Bruhn, foremen, recalled the humble beginning of the division and its development under the supervision of Major Myers.

Major Myers was graduated from Purdue university in 1936 and commissioned second lieutenant in the field artillery reserve. He transferred to ordnance when he came to Rock Island arsenal in August, 1940, and has been successively promoted to the rank of major. Approximately 3500 civilians and military personnel from various posts, camps, and stations within the continental limits of the United States have been trained in maintenance of artillery, small arms, instruments, tanks, welding, reclamation, etc. since Major Myers has been in charge. At times his staff of instructors in the Armament Maintenance school has consisted of three officers and 55 civilian instructors.

Mr. Bruhn, in behalf of the Training division personnel, presented the honoree with a timely farewell remembrance.

Major Myers' host of friends join in extending best wishes for his future success.

Captain B. T. Wehner, who has been assistant officer in charge of the Training division for the past three years, has been named successor to Major Myers.

## ARMAMENT MAINTENANCE SCHOOL—XA

Our sympathy is extended to W. W. Miller in the loss of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Amanda Auwarter, who passed away at his home in Rock Island on June 23 at the age of 87 years. Mr. and Mrs. Miller accompanied the remains to near Hale, Missouri, where interment was made. On their return trip the Millers visited relatives at Kansas City, Mo., Keokuk and Fort Madison, Iowa.

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(Continued) **ARMAMENT MAINTENANCE SCHOOL—XA**

Two very competent instrument instructors resigned this month to take up their residence in Minneapolis, Minn. H. C. Martin may further his law education this fall, and George Fuller may rejoin his father in operating the Fuller hotel there. It wasn't easy saying goodbye to such swell fellows.

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Bob Kahle has returned from a patriotic "at home" vacation, which he spent with his brother, Gene F. Kahle, AM 2/c, who returned to the States after 14 months duty in the South Pacific. Gene, who has been on a jeep carrier, has been in six major naval battles. He was at Okinawa during the heaviest fighting there. Bob also had the rare pleasure of helping his grandmother celebrate her ninety-first birthday on July 10. We offer our belated congratulations to grandmother Nancy Newcomb.

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Seaman 1/c Oliver Sampson, former instructor, visited us recently. Navy life is O.K., Sammy says, but there is still no place like home.

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Chris Stougaard spent several days at Racine and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Anyone interested in the technique of acquiring a new or used tire can get first hand information from Chris, as he spent several hectic hours finding out the hard way.

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We didn't know Helen Leuchtenburg liked youngsters so well until we saw her at a recent bond rally with a whole car full of them. When we saw her she was busy counting to see if all were present.

**MAINTENANCE PUBLICATIONS SECTION**

Mary Ingham and Audrey Sand make a good tennis team. Mary recently totaled six blisters and Audrey showed up a day later on crutches—a sprained ligament. Some game! It is whispered that Dick Madsen is practicing for a big tennis tournament. Could it be that our streamlined Walt Holst is causing some worry?

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Baseball games with the girls' league (The Cuties) have put the trim on Helen Albrecht, Hazel Abrahamsen, Maxine Frauen and Wilma Timbrook. However, it was Gladys Husby that broke the bat at the recent event.

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Herman Steffen raises the largest tomatoes in 48 states. Just ask him for proof. Little low on points, Bob Heflin?

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The grapevine tells us that Keith Vinson is with the army in Texas.

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For information on how a G.I. reacts after 21 months overseas, we refer you to Ethel Davis.

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The highlight of Virginia Martin's vacation was New York! However, it was business of a different nature that took Louie Ries and Hank Rintelmann on travel orders to the East. Louie circled through Washington, D. C., Aberdeen, Md., Raritan Arsenal and Walter Kiddee Co., N. J., while Hank made his stay at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

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Lt. Les Naher is with us for 30 days on a tool study program in Merrill Williams' section.

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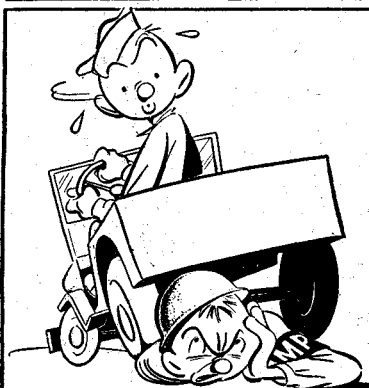
Bring your dark glasses, if you're going to be around Bob Pedersen. His bright tie collection is tough on the eyes.

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Joann Linnberg has resumed the duties of a housewife and left Mary Jo Ruhl to worry about her wedding plans. If her brother, Chaplain Edward U. Ruhl, doesn't quit missing the boat, Miss Ruhl and Bob Eipper may have to change the plans for Monday, July 23. Here's hoping he makes it home by then.

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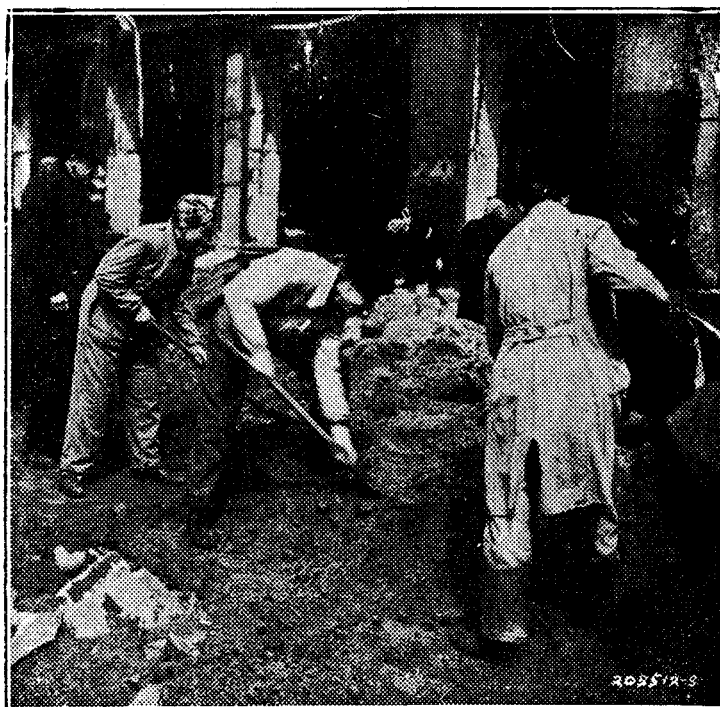
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## NELS EHMSSEN RETIRES



After 31 years of making the wooden chests the government needs for tools, supplies and equipment, Nels Ehmsen, foreman of the chest department in the wood shop, retires.

Nels leaves the Arsenal with the good wishes of the many friends he has made during his years of service here.

The woodshop is part of the Arsenal's busy foundry, and in the above picture, Herman Alex, foundry foreman, (right) extends his congratulations and best wishes to Nels.

### MAINTENANCE PUBLICATIONS (Continued)

Just give Ivan Maurer and the Joe Dunnings a carnival if you want to make them happy, and give Helen and June Albrecht (no relation) a watermelon if you want to make them perfectly contented.

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The Jack Hylecks are busy with house plans — work before pleasure.

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The Marge Edwards' departure to San Antonio has been climaxed by changing her name to Mrs. Carl Graef on June 11th. Best wishes to the newlyweds!

### PACKAGING DEPARTMENT (Continued from page 8)

harm equipment as much as a ducking in the sea. These wrappers use a dehydrating agent, a silica jel, that keeps the inside of the package from absorbing moisture and guarantees A-1 condition of the parts on delivery.

It's all in knowing how. And the six lines of the Packaging Department have that "know how." Responsible for the efficient work of this Branch are Lt. Glenn M. Johnson, military chief; Mr. A. C. Nerdahl, civilian chief; and Mr. John M. Chapman, assistant civilian chief and chief of prepackaging.

Lt. Johnson has been head of the branch since its activation in June, 1943, and many of the devices and techniques used in this and other Packaging Branches are his creations. Mr. Nerdahl, with an extensive background in warehousing supplies and inspection, is an able and well-qualified associate. Mr. Chapman's technical knowledge of packaging, specifications, and types of materials provides valuable assistance to the branch.

The main job of the Packaging branch is to give any assistance to the Depot as a whole which will keep the vital parts in good condition by proper packaging so that they will arrive at combat areas intact, on time, and in usable condition.

For the purpose of efficient coordination the branch is divided into various sections. Each has a specific activity program, but their combined efforts guarantee safe arrival of supplies to battlefields.

These divisions and key personnel are: Specifications Section Chief, Logan C. Sly; Supplies Section Chief, June B. Cain; Office Manager, Jessie Robertson; Office Clerk, Vera J. Larew; Supplies Section Assistant, Marjorie Hartman; Inspector Unit Chief, 299 and XYZ, Thomas W. Braden; Inspector Unit Chief, W-1 and V-Area, Thomas M. Tharp; Assistant Chiefs of Prepackaging: W-1, Kenneth McWilliams; 299 and XYZ, Arthur Howe.

The Prepackaging section includes approximately 300 employees. In building W-1 trained employees work on prepackaging lines on the third, fourth and sixth floors. The line on the third floor takes care of export orders for immediate issues, while the other lines prepackage for long time storage, and in the event of a blitz, also do export work.

There are two prepackaging lines in Building 299. The east end line works largely on prepackaging problems for immediate overseas orders. The west end line takes care of incoming items which need attention either for shipment or long time storage.

So much returned materiel has been received in the XYZ area that it became necessary to install a larger prepackaging line at X-1. Here the personnel is kept extremely busy, and the daily output is equally large in number of packages.

The Supplies Section is vital to the requirements and needs of prepackaging lines and packaging and packing lines, as well as other depot operations. The allotted supplies include papers, cloth, sealing compounds, acetates, lubricants, preservatives, rust preventives, hardware, and various tools and equipment needed in the processing of containers and items used in packaging and packing of items to be shipped domestic or export. Two large buildings, X-9 and Y-10, are completely utilized for warehousing the numerous supplies.

The Specification Section, including inspection, is subsidiary to the branch. Fourteen inspectors are kept busy at different assignments. They cooperate very closely with packing foremen and line supervisors to maintain proper specified and approved packaging and prepackaging habits in compliance with directives and orders as outlined.

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