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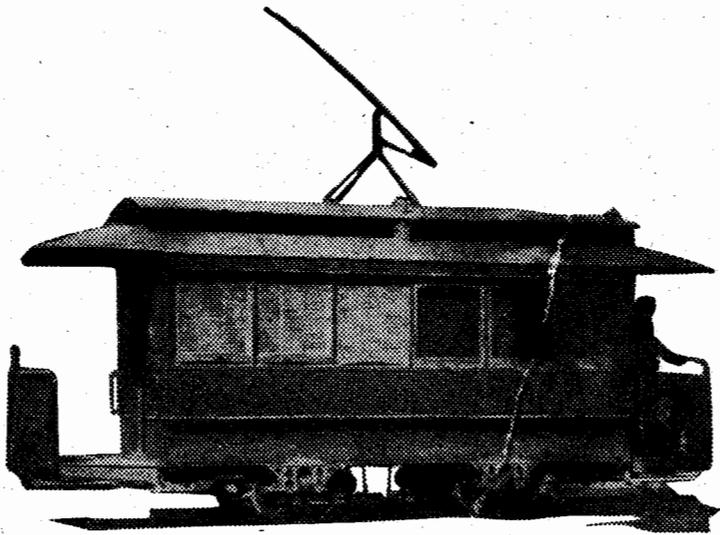
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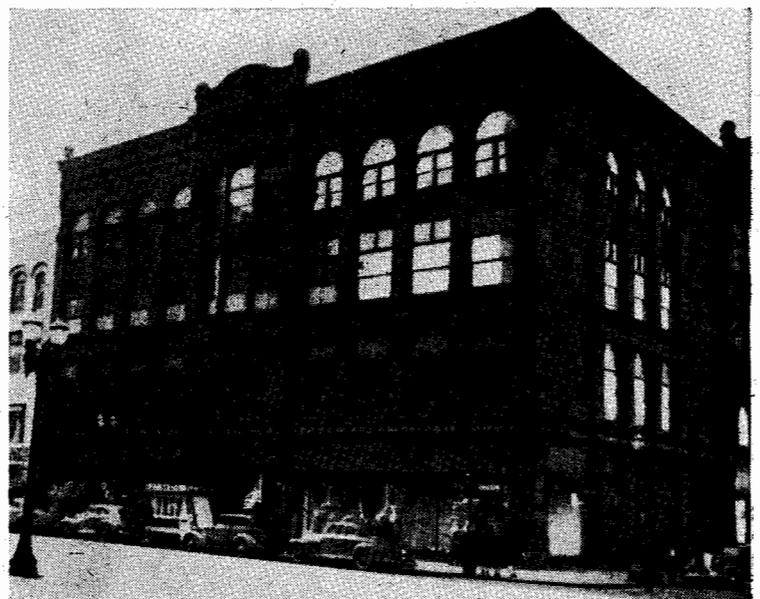
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The following is an excerpt from a letter to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Betts from Sgt. Richard R. Cowdery, former DW employee:

"I am certain of one thing—THE WAR OVER HERE IS NOT OVER BY A LONG, LONG WAY. I hope and pray that the people back home on the production lines will see and understand that too, so that they will keep those wheels ever on the move. Do what you can to explain this true picture to the gang in your shop—how we must have sufficient weapons to bring the victory which we all long for. News of strikes, layoffs, and shut-downs takes the very heart and soul out of us, as every one means more days of this HELL ON EARTH that we must endure."

### PICTURES TO THE EDITOR



Word has been received that Max Wait, who was transferred from the Arsenal to the Philippine Islands about a year before Pearl Harbor as a civilian armament machinist, was among the 513 soldiers and civilians rescued from a Japanese prison camp.



Col. Price congratulates T/Sgt. Jules N. Gerkin, former arsenal welder, and now an engineer-gunner in the Mediterranean theater of operations, after decorating him with the Air Medal. Sgt. Gerkin has also received the award of the Purple Heart.

### PICTURES TO THE EDITOR



Staff Sergeant Francis O. Coen, formerly of the R.I.A. holds the responsible position of crew chief in the ground forces of a 15th AAF P-51 Mustang fighter group in Italy. He is authorized to wear the European-African-Middle East campaign ribbon with 5 stars, the Good Conduct medal, and the Distinguished Unit badge with one cluster.



Above is a photograph of the birthday gift which Leo C. Beintema, EM201-D, sent to President Roosevelt. The portrait is pyrographed (burned on wood).



Big sister, Lani, and little brother, Terry, children of Ray Tyler of Central Planning division, reveal mixed emotions to the photographer.

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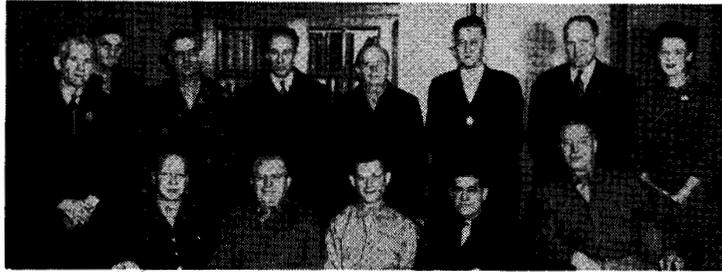
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**EMPLOYEES RECEIVE SERVICE BUTTONS**



Army Ordnance buttons for 15 years or more of faithful service were awarded to eight employees on Friday morning, February 2, by Col. Carl A. Waldmann, commanding officer, Rock Island arsenal.

DM employee, Gustaf E. Frodell, was the only recipient of the 30 year button. Wm. Auliff, DP, and Louis A. Bockenfeld, DI, were awarded the 25 year buttons; and Charles T. Aronson, DM, and Carl E. Swenson, PM, received the insignia representing 20 years of service.

Fifteen-year employees were Carson Peterson, SM; Joseph J. Schwab, DS, and Mrs. Alice Williams, AO. Mrs. Williams has served as secretary to three officers in charge of manufacturing during her employment at the Arsenal: Col. W. A. Capron, Col. Carl A. Waldmann, and Col. E. C. Goebert.

"These buttons are tokens of the high esteem in which we hold you Arsenal workers with long service," Col. Waldmann said. "You have been the back-bone of the Arsenal and have made it possible for us to do what we have done during the present war. And what the Arsenal has done has contributed immeasurably to the war effort."

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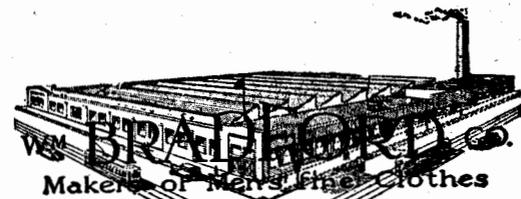
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An audience gathers quickly when the portable motion picture projector is set up in any of the Arsenal buildings. This is a close-up of the crowd



"Suggestion Power is Production Power" is the title of the movie being shown on the portable movie projector which is taken from building to building and in all departments on the Arsenal. The projector frame was constructed by W. C. Rachels, DM, and Lt. W. M. Lehman, who are checking the mechanism in the picture at the left. The frame was built entirely from salvage, the wheels and axle once being part of a 50 cal. machine gun. At right, Maurice Bernier operates the machine for a group in Shop L, while behind him (l. to r.) stand Roy Crow, DM201C, also an operator, Lt. Lehman, and Capt. Wm. F. Watson, assistant to the officer in charge of manufacture, ready to give either advice or assistance.

# SUGGESTION POWER IS PRODUCTION POWER

Ideas for Victory have always been an important part of the tremendous production program that the Arsenal has maintained since Pearl Harbor.

Working with their heads as well as their hands, employees have contributed important suggestions for speeding production which have meant a saving to Ordnance of \$200,000. This cooperation with the war program has been encouraged by the Arsenal since July, 1942, when the first Suggestion Board operated locally giving awards up to \$19.00 with money made available from the restaurant fund. Awards over \$20 were referred to the Office of Chief of Ordnance, which under an old Act of Congress, was permitted to pay out \$1000 a month.

This first Suggestion Board was promoted by Col. Carl A. Waldmann, then manufacturing officer at the Arsenal. Col. Waldmann realized the importance of employee suggestions in getting the big job done. This original board was composed of Col. Waldmann, Major Frank H. Smith, officer in charge of shop operations, and Mr. Wm. Baumbeck, chief superintendent of production.

The program of this first Suggestion Board was announced in July, 1942, and the first award, made in August of the same year, was won by Edgar R. Fuller, Sr., who received five efficiency points. On August 31, 1942, George Malik earned the first monetary award of \$10.00.

In June, 1943, the Suggestion Awards became an official part of the War Department program by an Act of Congress. Standards for making the awards to employees for speeding up the war pro-

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which gathered in Shop L to see a government film on production.



**The Suggestion Committee**, consisting of five regular members appointed by the Commanding Officer, meets every Thursday morning to consider the suggestions that have been turned in during the week. They are (l. to r.) Mr. F. C. Glass; Mr. E. O. Grassley, Executive Secretary of the Suggestion Board; Elizabeth Cary, secretary; Major Frank H. Smith, chairman of the Board; Major Wm. H. Carpenter; Capt. W. D. Walsh, and Mr. F. Longacre. In the picture at the right, Mr. Grassley and his secretary, Miss Cary, are shown handling the correspondence that is part of the efficient functioning of the Suggestion Board. Anyone can turn in a suggestion, and the Board urges you to use the Suggestion Boxes.

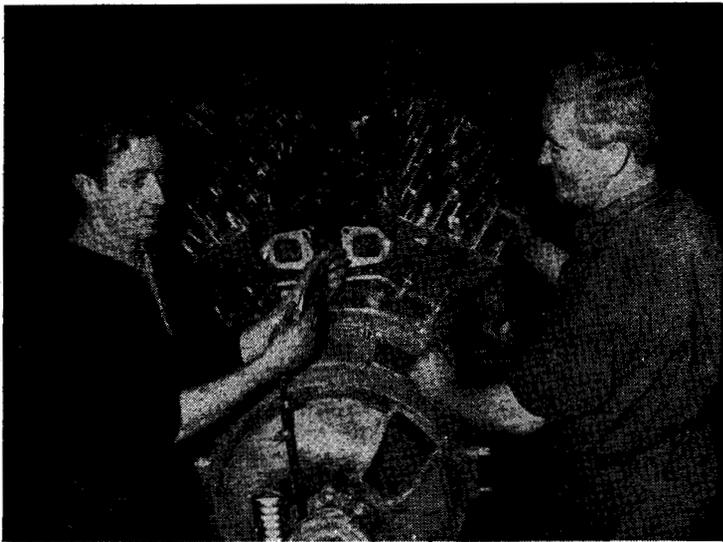




"Cargo planning is as old as sailing vessels," says Lt. Col. Felix Doran (second from right). And although industry has used it, the War department has followed no special cubic planning arrangement for shipping of materials out from arsenals and war plants. At the suggestion of V-5 area blocker Jesse P. Caudill (l.) and clerk Harry W. Peterson (r.) and with the technical advice and aid of James P. Vawter (next to Caudill), a plan has been worked out for loading box cars compactly so as to prevent shifting of boxes and other material and a resulting damaging. Each article shipped is stenciled with its cubic foot size. By consulting a cargo planning chart, the load is accurately determined. A total cash award of \$250 was won by this suggestion which is now on its way to Washington to receive further consideration.



Put your suggestions here, invites the poster above the red, white, and blue box. Walter A. Schirmer, EM202M, at right, heeds this advice, and so did the bevy of W1-ers, shown in picture at left. Cash awards for suggestions were won by (l. to r.) first row, Mrs. Kathryn Betts, \$65 for salvaging supplies; Erma Buckley, \$5 for improvement of traffic lighting on Rodman Ave.; Lee Koch, \$5 for office ventilating system. Standing, are Mr. Longacre, and R. C. Wood, members of the Suggestion Committee of W1, and Archie Tathwell, management analysis branch, who suggested the Office Locator System, by which posts were numbered, and employees are located in relation to the numbered post.



For their invention of a tester for primer line system on a tank Ford motor, E. C. Jared (l.) and F. P. Bagan, DX711, won \$25 each.



Cline (l), Shop D, won \$159 for device for measuring valves on Ford motor, Long \$30 for a water pump tester. W. H. Eyler looks on.



A white line down center of Rodman Ave. to aid early morning drivers, suggested Wright (r.), talking to Capt. Watson and Regennitter.



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gram are conservation of time, man power, material and space; elimination of unnecessary processes, or improvement in working conditions; increased productivity; elimination of excess or improvement of existing tooling or equipment; improvement in quality; invention of a mechanical device which proves of value; conservation of critical material and utilization of material previously scrapped.

The amount of the awards was fixed nationally not to exceed 5% of the expected savings the first year. The minimum award made locally is \$5.00, the maximum \$250. Any suggestion deserving a higher award is referred to the War Department Board which passes on the amount.

To date, two awards have been referred to the War Department Board. One was a suggestion for a device for reclaiming exhaust manifold on Ford tank engines. For this George Grimes received \$250 and the War Department allowed an additional \$55. The other is a suggestion now under consideration by the local board of a chart for loading box cars. This was the idea of Jesse P. Caudill, car-blocker in the V-area, and Harry W. Peterson, Clerk in V-5. James P. Vawter, chief of the planning and training section helped work the chart into presentable form.

An Army Service Forces Circular of September 12, 1944, set up standards for awards on which cash value can't be readily calculated. That is, awards are now given for ideas on safety and promoting morale. The same amounts are given for this type of suggestion, as for production ideas that can be valued. The award is based on the number of people affected by the safety or morale idea, and the scope of application. This system permits the awarding of cash where formerly efficiency points had been given.

The present Suggestion Board, which judges ideas according to the standards of the War Department is headed by Major Smith, chairman. Other members, appointed by the commanding officer, are Mr. F. C. Glass, Mr. F. W. Longacre, Captain W. E. Walsh, and Major Wm. H. Carpenter. Mr. E. O. Grassley is Executive Secretary of the Suggestion Board.

Since the Suggestion Board was inaugurated at the Arsenal back in 1942 to January, 1945, 2400 suggestions for facilitating war production have been turned in. Efficiency points were given for 685 of these ideas, and 290 received monetary awards. Up to January, 1945, \$9100 has been paid out, and a savings of \$200,000 has been effected. This does not include the suggestion for the box car chart, since the estimated savings to be utilized have not yet been determined.

### ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL BOWLING LEAGUE

The Rock Island Arsenal Bowling league, bowling each Friday night at 7:00 p.m. at Bowlmor in Davenport, was organized in 1936 and many charter members are still with the league blasting the pins. The standing on Jan. 11, 1945, was as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Average
DM102 .....	34	17	771.20
Follow-up .....	31	20	798.13
Tripods .....	29	22	766.25
Shop G .....	26	25	765.20
Paint Dept. ....	26	25	749.3
Tool Reclaiming ..	25	26	759.36
Shop L .....	23	28	737.28
DM Planning .....	22	29	761.1
Sight Dept. ....	22	29	731.20
Field Service .....	17	34	715.14
High Ind. Avg.:	High Ind. Series:	High Ind. Game:	
Porter 176.23	Porter 604	Porter 267	
Wiener 172.0	Lahey 591	Fusselmann 235	
Hintze 168.16	Fusselmann 578	Alger 232	
Stroh 166.30	Bureski 578	Shaffnit 225	
Shepler 165.19	Greener 576	Schneeberger 225	



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# Administration



## Mail and Record Division

Edna Hagen is flashing a beautiful diamond.

I wonder what the opal that Bobby Dorman is wearing means? Bus Hudson GM 2/c now stationed at Newport, Rhode Island, gave it to her while home on leave recently.

Louise Reiff has left M. & R. Louise will take up Cadet Nursing at St. Louis university.

Newcomers this month include Gail Parker who is working in the Incoming Mail section.

Sylvia Boyle returned to her home in Davenport after six months in Newport, Rhode Island, with her husband John Boyle, Yeoman 2/c. John has now reported to the Navy Yard in Philadelphia for further orders.

Both the June's of Mail & Record work in the same section, namely the Package Section. Both their hearts don't belong to the same branch of the service, however. June Heth's belongs to the Army Air Corps and June Fabricius's to the U. S. Navy.

Lovena Clark, that song bird of the air, has been spending a few of her evenings lately singing with Jack Willett's Orchestra. We expect to see you on Broadway soon, Lovena.

Jeannette Custer and Marilyn Kuehl believe in keeping the boys in service happy with "More Mail from Home." Both Jeannette and Marilyn write to 20 boys.

## Manufacturing Stores Division

Linda Joann, weighing in at eight pounds, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kniegge on January 12.

We welcome to our department Mrs. Margorite Schnoor of Davenport, Louise Milem of Muscatine and Mrs. Dorothy Flexser also of Muscatine.

The Department has heard recently from a great many of our men in service: Freddie Hartkop, Dick Quigg, Russell Carlson, Doug Bradshaw, Bill Lawrence, Bill Standifird, Louie James, Lester Brenner, Lawrence Tyler and Wilfred Medinger. During the past month we have received letters from Freddie Hartkop, Marvin Kloppenburg, Louie James, Leonard Helling, Frank Feldt, our Wave, Inez Holquist, and Harold Smith, as well as Earl Tobin and Eddie Fairell. These all help to build up "home front morale."

A veteran himself, Clyde Jager is now a "3-star" father, having three sons in the service.

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# Inspection



Members of the Gage Laboratory were happy to welcome back Caroline Warren when she returned to Rock Island arsenal a few weeks ago.

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Private Thomas Kelley visited the office recently while home on furlough. Tom had been stationed at Camp Flora, Mississippi, but is now heading for points west.

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Word was received from A/S Carl Moody at Childress, Texas, where he is in the advanced bombarding phase of cadet training. Carl is about 110 miles from John Rynott, Sheppard Field, and they hope to see each other soon.

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Judging by the messages we received from Sgt. Harold Kipp, we believe he's with the 490th Bombardment Squadron who call themselves the "Burma Bridge Busters."

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On Aberdeen Proving Ground 2nd Regiment's "Top Trainees of the Week" Honor Roll appeared the name of our Private John Iversen of the 5th Bn. Hqr. Det. (Bakers and Cooks). Congratulations, John!

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From the letter sent by Corporal Kenneth Barkalow we gather that he's really seeing all the beautiful sights Hawaii has to offer. He claims he still prefers Iowa though.

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Russell Wacker, GM 3/C, wrote us from Shoemaker, California, a Naval Distribution Center, where he is awaiting shipment overseas.

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Earl Redshaw, stationed at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, wrote us recently. The most exciting thing so far is the new accomplishment of his daughter, Sandra Sue. Writes Earl, "She walks now!"

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Seems as if Lt. Les Herbert is really seeing the world. His latest air trips have taken him over China.

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Colonel T. R. Taber, formerly Officer in Charge of AK and now in France, reports that the ARSENAL RECORDS are now beginning to catch up with him.

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The number of engaged girls in AK is steadily increasing. One of these, not previously reported, is Roberta Sweeney, who resides in Geneseo, Illinois.

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Adah Cope received a card from Sgt. Norman Kallaus picturing Westminster Abbey in London. Norm evidently wasn't missing any of the historical spots.

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Small Arms Inspection in Shop H was glad to welcome Bill Cubbage back on the job. Bill received his honorable discharge from the Army in December.



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Driving their Jeep right up near the front lines, these Red Cross field directors visit American Army men in European war theatre.



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Varied in its services, world-wide in its operation, the American Red Cross turns to you in its annual appeal for funds to carry on its work of keeping always "at his side."

The Red Cross is serving in every theatre of war and with every command. Red Cross workers are on duty at scores of outposts over the world, are giving aid to wounded men in hospitals in the major battle areas and in the United States.

In every invasion during the past year, the Red Cross has either gone with the troops, or has followed within a very short time. Red Cross field directors were with General Eisenhower's men in the great amphibious invasion of France, and with General MacArthur's forces when they returned to the Philippines.

Red Cross service on the home front has expanded with the ever-increasing demand upon it. Over 10 million pints of blood have been obtained since the war started, and during the past year the Red Cross has met the requests of both the Army and Navy for whole blood shipments to battle areas in Europe and in the Far East.

Millions of surgical dressings have been prepared for front line and hospital use; trained nurses' aids have been used in increasing numbers; and Red Cross workers at packaging centers have maintained a steady stream of Prisoner of War Food Parcels for shipment to Germany and to the Far East.

Those of us who must stay at home and fight by doing our daily tasks as efficiently as possible, like to think of the Red Cross as our personal emissary to our particular serviceman. We feel that though we are not beside John or Jim or Bob on the battlefield, the Red Cross keeps our spirit there, and always is our go-between in case of emergency.

The American Red Cross is bringing "home" to our boys wherever they may be stationed. And here at home it is bringing comfort and reassurance to the folks who work and wait. Typical of the help that Red Cross has given and now gives right here in our own community, are cases of Arsenal employees who have experienced the benefits of this great organization. The scope of their work is increasing daily. Give your money—so Red Cross will have the means and facilities for keeping always "at his side."

## KEEP YOUR RED CROSS AT HIS SIDE



# RED CROSS EXTENDS A HELPING



Dorothy Abel, Department AO, and brother, Sgt. Chester C. Abel.



Mrs. Henrietta Jones of SI, and son, Ensign Rowland C. Jones.



Staff Sgt. Chester C. Abel (brother of Dorothy Abel, Dept. AO, secretary to Mr. H. L. Noth) was in training down in Texas when word came that his father was critically ill. Applying immediately to the Red Cross Field Director, the sergeant was granted emergency furlough and an extension of 17 days at a time when his presence at home was greatly needed. At the request of the soldier, the local Red Cross gave aid to Sgt. Abel in making discharge applications.



A member of the Home Service Volunteer Corps of the Scott County Chapter of the Red Cross called on Mrs. Henrietta Jones, of SI, immediately after news of the death of her son Ensign Roland C. Jones, Jr. was released to extend sympathy and to assist Mrs. Jones in filing all death claims.

At a time when there is little comfort to be had, Mrs. Jones thanked the Red Cross for the "great comfort" it had been to her.



Shirley A. Roper, clerk in Shop M, and (lower left) brother James.



Ivan E. Jones, veteran of South Pacific, now employed in Cafeteria.



"No one will ever know how much we appreciated the emergency leave arranged for our son James, as it was the last time we saw him alive," says Mr. William Roper, Shop DT104-A, father of James Earl Roper whose plane crashed at sea shortly after the termination of his leave. James' sister, Shirley, pictured at her job in Shop M, says, "Red Cross seems ever ready to help us in every way they can."

"The Red Cross was awfully good to me," was the sincere statement made by Ivan E. Jones, veteran of one year and 21 days in the Philippines. Thanks to the Red Cross, arrangements were made for the return of Mr. Jones when it was learned that the health of his wife necessitated his recall.

During the husband's absence, the local Red Cross offered not only consultation and guidance to the wife, but also medical care, assistance with government benefits, and care of the children. When it became evident that the resources of the Red Cross were insufficient to cope with the problems faced by Mrs. Jones, the Red Cross negotiated the husband's discharge.

## KEEP YOUR RED CROSS AT HIS SIDE

# HAND TO ARSENAL EMPLOYEES



## Your Contribution Makes Possible This Fine Work

March is Red Cross month. In hundreds of factories, shops and plants, foremen will approach employees with a plea for whole-hearted support of the Red Cross drive which hopes to realize \$200,000,000 for the carrying on of its program.

We all know what the American Red Cross is and what it does. But do you know just what the Quad-City chapters of the Red Cross are doing to back up our servicemen both at home and overseas?

Featured on these pages is a brief resume, in word and picture, of what the Scott County, Rock Island and Moline chapters have accomplished during the past year.

The Scott County chapter has been active in the making of surgical dressings, garments, and knitted articles. Through the Schick Camp and Hospital Committee, hundreds of gifts have been distributed to the patients in Clinton. In addition 43 Scott County Red Cross nurses are on duty with the Army and Navy. To relieve the nurse shortage in Davenport hospitals, 197 nurses' aides volunteered 21,468 hours. Almost 5,000 First Aid certificates were awarded, and 976 women completed home nursing classes.

Through its Home Service Department, the Scott County chapter has aided families and friends at home to maintain contact with their servicemen abroad. For example, through the local chapter, Mrs. Louise DeHoff was able to get through to her son Gerhard, interned in a Japanese prison camp in the Philippines, several packages and letters.

The Rock Island chapter has been especially active through its Camp and Hospital Committee. A Red Cross truck has made weekly trips to both Mayo and Schick hospitals carrying hundreds of radios, thousands of books and magazines, furniture, lamps, musical instruments, games, recreational equipment and innumerable other articles contributed by Rock Island organizations and individuals. The committee arranged for the furnishing of eight sunrooms at Mayo and several more at Schick.

Many times throughout the year, the Rock Island chapter has been called on to give assistance when emergency problems arose in the families of servicemen. When Mrs. Harvey Hinderliter, wife of an arsenal worker, became seriously ill, the Red Cross immediately sent a wire which arranged an emergency furlough for her son. Plans were also made to bring the serviceman's wife to Rock Island to assist in caring for the family.

The Moline chapter through its Canteen Corps has had a unique opportunity to give service to wounded men and to air crews of hospital planes which have made a brief stop-over at the Moline airport. Between May and December, 1944, 207 planes carrying 4,664 patients and personnel were served by the mobile canteen of the Moline Red Cross.

Quad-City boys serving abroad attest to the great job that the American Red Cross is doing wherever Americans are located. Staff Sgt. Roy Brown of Moline was shot down and wounded after having completed many flying missions. While recovering from his wounds in an Italian hospital, the sergeant learned first hand what the Red Cross is doing for those who are wounded and far from home.

Remember, March is Red Cross month. You will be given an opportunity to support the Quad-City chapters of the Red Cross which are standing behind your boys wherever they are. Remember, too, that no matter what the next few months bring in connection with this war, the financial demands of the Red Cross will not decrease. The Red Cross is not a war organization. It will be active in the reconversion of human life in the days of peace that lie ahead. **GIVE TO THE RED CROSS. GIVE GENEROUSLY. GIVE MORE THAN YOU DID BEFORE.**



Dorothy Peters of WI Order Group, and little daughter, Bonnie Lou.

When Seaman William C. Peters, stationed in Hawaii, learned of the illness of his 3½-year old daughter, Bonnie Lou, he went immediately to his Red Cross Field Director for aid in getting further information. The Red Cross was able to locate Mrs. Dorothy Peters, employed in WI Order Group, and to obtain a welfare report of the child which was turned over to the father at the earliest possible moment.

Commenting on the aid which the Red Cross had given, Mrs. Peters says, "I appreciate the prompt service given by the American Red Cross by which a welfare report was dispatched to my husband who was very much worried about our daughter."



Mrs. Nellie R. Carman, DX711, who now has two boys overseas.

Through arrangements made by the Red Cross, Mrs. Nellie R. Carman, employed in Automotive Repair DX711, spent three uninterrupted days in Los Angeles with her service sons. Not long after, the news reached the mother that one son, Staff Sergeant William R. Carman, aerial gunner, had been killed at his gun station while flying over France.

Again the Red Cross, being called upon for aid, assisted Mrs. Carman in making application for government claims. With deep gratitude, she wrote: "I don't know what I would have done if the Red Cross had not helped me."

# KEEP YOUR RED CROSS AT HIS SIDE

# Quad-City Red Cross Works For Victory



Mrs. John Spring, home service worker, Scott County Chapter, talks with Jack Stamm, Davenport veteran of the South Pacific. Since January 1, 1942, 7,635 men and women in service and their families were given claims and case work service. In addition, 17,397 miscellaneous inquiries were handled by the Home Service department.



—Photo by Moline Dispatch

The Canteen Corps of the Moline Chapter of the American Red Cross is right on hand at the Moline Airport when the huge planes come to rest on the runway with their precious cargo of wounded. Between May and December, 1944, 207 planes and 4,664 patients and crew personnel were served by the Canteen Corps of this Chapter.



Through sponsorship of the Rock Island Chapter Camp and Hospital Committee, 4 sunrooms were furnished for patients at Schick General Hospital in Clinton, and 8 sunrooms and 1 dayroom at Mayo General Hospital in Galesburg.



Loaded with magazines, books, lamps, radios and flowers, a Rock Island Red Cross truck makes weekly trips to Schick and Mayo General Hospitals, bringing cheer and comfort to the veterans receiving medical treatment.

## Attention, Arsenal Workers



Compare the warmth and security of the place where you are reading this magazine with the rigors of the desperate and bloody fighting on German home soil, or the cruelties of a Japanese prison camp. Our boys are submitting themselves HOURLY to death that you may continue to enjoy the security and freedom which are yours this minute. You can show your appreciation of their great sacrifice. You here at home can help them. When your foreman asks you to contribute to the Red Cross—give NOW—give MORE to the 1945 Red Cross War Fund.

**KEEP YOUR RED CROSS AT HIS SIDE**

# Manufacturing



## Artillery Vehicle Dept.

Employees of Bldg. 208 have no doubt noticed the sudden magic change in the figure of Alfred Swengel, foreman in DX309. Mr. Swengel spent several weeks in Colorado on ordnance work and in so doing he lost several pounds advantageously. This will no doubt help his footwork in 208.

## Central Planning Division

With the passing of Joe Carroll, veteran employee and assistant foreman of our division, we have lost a friend and the arsenal a good and faithful worker. As chief of our automotive group, he faced a difficult task of coordinating the efforts entering into an ever-growing program, and history will record that he did it well.

While driving himself to his physical limit, he took time to be considerate of others and his right hand was always extended to help someone. His advice was sound and many tense situations were bridged by his Irish wit. Joe's philosophy of life was that of a Christian and a gentleman, and memories of our association with him will remain.

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Elouise (Corky) Van Horn, our little socialite editor, has appeared at work with a sparkler on the most important finger of a young girl's left hand. The lucky young man is Clarence Kramer of Center Point, Iowa.

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AE welcomes the following new employees: Joyce Lybarger, Kae Rossow, Roy Newmiller. We also have three new part-time employees, Betty Palmer, Irene Welvaert, and Phyllis Nelson.

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Pfc. Ralph Judge dropped in to see us on his furlough. Ralph has been stationed at Randolph Field, Texas.

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Agnes Dendooven has her year's supply of perfume since her boy friend sent her seven bottles of various fragrances direct from Paris, France.

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We're sorry to hear that Marion Plunkett's brother, Richard, has been reported missing in action, but we hope there'll be some good news soon.

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AE has two proud fathers bursting their buttons these days, "Dr." Morrie Liljegren and Bill Wendell.

## Engineering Department

### DRAFTING DIVISION

Wayne Dixon, former employee of AD, received the Purple Heart for wounds received in action.

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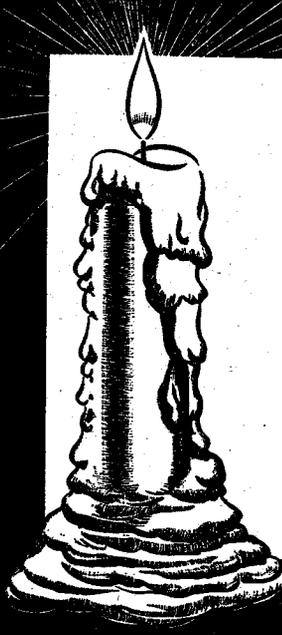
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## Military



### Arrivals:

For 3622d S.U. (Sta. Com.): 1st Lt. John W. Holmgren.  
For Field Service Sub-office, OCO: Lt. Col. William A. McCree, Jr.; Capt. Howard L. Bagley.  
For Ordnance Overseas Maintenance and Modification Detachment, OCO: Capt. Carl P. Brown.

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### Transferred:

Capt. Otto V. Norvig to Research and Development Service Sub-office, OCO.

Captains Ole C. Severson, Willis J. McGaw, and John D. Beeby from Ordnance Overseas Maintenance and Modification Detachment, OCO, and transferred to Rock Island Ordnance Center for duty with Field Service Sub-office, OCO.

Captains Robert M. Swisher and Don D. Moon, and 1st Lt. William J. Maloney to Ordnance Overseas Maintenance and Modification Detachment, OCO, with station at Rock Island Ordnance Center.

Captain Benjamin F. Phillips relieved from Ordnance Overseas Maintenance and Modification Detachment, OCO, and transferred to Field Service Sub-office, OCO, with station at Rock Island Ordnance Center.

Captain Benjamin F. Phillips on temporary duty to overseas station.

Captain Charles P. White, Jr., to ASF Tng. Center, Ft. Lewis, Wash.

1st Lt. John D. Clemen to European Theater of Operation.

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### Promotions:

1st Lt. Benjamin F. Phillips promoted to Captain effective 16 Dec. 44.

1st Lt. Ralph L. Powell promoted to Captain effective 3 Jan. 45.

2d Lt. Arnold C. Carlson promoted to 1st Lt. effective 3 Jan. 45.

## Headquarters

We have lost another good woman to the home front. Yes, Dixie Tuggle received a ring from that certain someone in Missouri and she informs us that she is going to take her place among the housewives of America. Sorry to lose you, Dixie, but we all want to wish you a lot of happiness.

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We wonder if Capt. Kingsbury has a side job as critic for the Chicago plays. Within ten days, he made two trips to the Windy City and saw "Voice of the Turtle" and "Ten Little Indians."

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We girls in the Administrative office had such a good time (or was it good food?) at the Christmas party that we have decided to have lunch together in the conference room once each month. Those on the committee for February are Dorothy Abel, Bea Cochran, Marie (Burma) Burmeister and Marguerite "Torchy" Davis.

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Anyone having an alarm clock for sale, please contact Florence Pollett, Major Biggane's office. She called to assure us she would be in today, but half an hour has elapsed thus far.

# R. I. Ordnance Depot



Comes time for submitting news items for THE RECORD, and what happens? Yvonne Livingston, W-1 Editor-in-Chief, is home in bed suffering from a torn muscle. So a "little gremlin" has to get busy and prepare the notes for her. Please hurry and get well, Yev, as this department needs your literary touch.

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We can't help wondering where Juanita Rahl's cigarettes keep disappearing. The funny part of it is that they always turn up in her own purse or coat. Do you suppose she's really that absent-minded? We're inclined to think not.

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And just because Capt. Campbell used to be in Bldg. 299, we'd like to know just when he changed his name to Schwartz. Are we that far behind down here?

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It looks like wedding bells for Bernice Johnson of the Bulk unit, 299. Will you let us know when it happens, Bernice?

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Guess he was always so quiet that we didn't even know he was gone, but we want to tell Jim Shea that we miss him and welcome his successor, Ernie Mass, to the Transportation Dept. 299.

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Welcome to Eunice Helper who was transferred to Stock Analysis unit.



Reed E. Carlson, ARM 3/c, home on a 15-day furlough, stopped in at W-1 recently to greet old friends. While getting his pass from Edna Bosse at the information desk, Reed said he had been in Banana River, Florida, and when furlough time was over he'd be heading for Norfolk, Virginia. This handsome sailor formerly worked for Mr. Longacre on the sixth floor of W-1.

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It's just routine to open the windows on the south side from 10 'til 10:05 and 2 'til 2:05, but with the below zero weather it's a mite chilly. Ray and Dick really enjoy taking their daily exercises during this time.

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Congratulations to Jim and Jeannette Bibby on the arrival of a third boy.

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## Sub-Offices

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### Field Service Division Sub-Office

Eleanor Pace is now displaying a scrumptious sparkler received from her handsome Marine in the South Pacific. Guess that's your reward for being a good girl, Eleanor.

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'Twas a pleasant surprise bestowed upon Lt. Powell when he received word of his promotion to captain, while on duty in Letterkenny. Gosh, Captain, those railroad tracks look swell on your shoulders. How's about accepting all of our congratulations for this splendid achievement?

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If we all seem to be getting spare tires, be not surprised. Between promotions and babies, we eat constantly. James H. Biddy received his majority and Arnold C. Carlson was promoted from 2nd to 1st lieutenant recently. You have our congratulations. Also, Capt. Ralph L. Powell remembered his old friends when he was promoted. You, too, have our congratulations.

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Capt. and Mrs. Nisbet recently announced the birth of a son, John Paul Nisbet. Congratulations to all.

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One day it was congratulations to Capt. B. F. Phillips and practically the next it was goodbye. Yes, he was promoted from 1st lieutenant to captain and then left on an overseas assignment.

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What did Capt. Nisbet do to get that "50-mission" hat of his? Just wondering?

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Knute Hancher is still in Los Angeles, and, from what we hear is having a rip-snorting time — after office hours, of course. Through the grape-vine, we hear that he ran into Margaret Stevens, formerly employed in Artillery.

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Neville Yingling has resigned because of the pressing demands of her school work at Augustana College in Rock Island. We'll miss her sunny disposition.

### Field Carriage and Recoil

We are pleased to announce the engagement of Miss Bernice Dierix to Pfc. Norman La Porte. Pfc. La Porte is stationed somewhere in France. Congratulations and may we wish you both every happiness in the world.

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Happy days! The Lt. of whom we've heard so much from Marie Posateri came home on the long awaited leave. We're all bursting for a report, but Marie isn't talking.

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There's an awfully vacant spot in the office since our own Sam Floyd left us. Yes, Sam is going back to Texas to live a normal life once again with all the comforts of home.

## MANUFACTURING STORES (Continued from page 13)

Two happy mothers were Mrs. Rose McCarthy and Mrs. Hazel Smith when their soldier sons came home on furlough for Christmas.

### Personnel Division

Russell Till, Ph.M. 2/c, U.S.N., former R.I.A. messenger, writes that he's been having a stretch of shore duty at San Francisco and is awaiting orders to "shove off" again. According to Russ, shore duty is OK, but it keeps him broke.

Word was received from Sgt. Bill Wood, former R.I.A. messenger, who has been overseas for 15 months and at present is stationed in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Ellen Bateman is a happy girl now. Her husband has been transferred from Hawaii to Chicago.

Once again tradition ruled in this office. This time it was Arlene Piper who came back from Christmas vacation with a diamond on the you-know-which finger.

Carol Burmeister recently sent greetings to the office from Oahu, Hawaii. Carol said there are 100 soldiers and six girls in her office, but she neglected to mention anything more on that score.

### Plant Property Division

Two more of our gang left us this past month. Connie Trevor, who was our messenger girl, left to go back to Iowa City and college. Bob Grey, Pigeon's right-hand man, left for "Sunny Cal." We wish them both lots of luck in their new ventures. We have been fortunate in adding some new names to our list. They are Evelyn Tillberg, Gail Nelson, Phyllis Flodeen and Marilyn Stone. While these high school girls are only working part-time, we are very happy to know and welcome them.

Some girls have all the luck. Selma Johnson, from our gage section, is sporting both a beautiful diamond (worn on the appropriate finger) and a new fur coat. We have been all but asking her outright when the day will be, but we get no definite answer.

Pvt. Frank Ackerman, formerly of the Tool section, paid us a surprise visit this month. He looks grand and really has streamlined his "figger" since we last saw him.

### Time Division

Our best wishes to Ellen Teros and Pfc. John M. Crampton, Jr. of Milan, who were united in marriage December 18.

Congratulations are in order! Arlene Solomonson (former Time employee) is the mother of a baby girl born on January 12. She and her husband Chester have named her Judith Ann.

Betty Clemmens recently received a lovely diamond from A. O. Truitt, seaman first class of the U. S. Coast Guard. Elvira Shy has received from her husband a beautiful French doll named Suzzette.

Orville S. McKee (formerly of Shop M, Blueprint Division) was home on furlough not long ago.

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The first anniversary meeting of the Depot Operations Advisory Committee brought together, front row, (l. to r.) J. D. Frost, Col. O. G. Fegan, Lt. Col. Felix Doran, Jr. Second row, J. J. Lowry, W. F. Evans, Wm. Kendall, C. A. Stoelting, F. W. Longacre, G. J. Porter, and J. J. Pemp.

## THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MARKS FIRST ANNIVERSARY

The anniversary of Lincoln's birthday was also the first anniversary of the founding of the Depot Operations Advisory Committee of the Rock Island Ordnance Depot.

This latter event was commemorated on February 12th by the regular meeting of the Committee in the office of Col. O. G. Fegan, officer in charge of the Depot, and by a dinner meeting with the Ritboodius (Rock Island, the Best Operating Ordnance Depot in United States) Club at the Hotel Blackhawk, in Davenport.

The feature of this dinner was a beautiful three-tiered cake which Col. Fegan solemnly and expertly carved with a hunting knife similar to government issue knives of the 1870 period of the type wielded by Custer and his men on their Northwest expedition.

The Depot Operations Advisory Committee is made up of men whose entire business lifetime have been spent in the employ of the War Department; who know weapons, and who have made an extensive study of their distribution to using organizations. These men, with their years of Ordnance service indicated, are: W. F. Evans, 33; G. J. Porter, 32; J. S. Pemp, 29; C. A. Stoelting, 28; J. J. Lowry, 28; J. D. Frost, 27; F. W. Longacre, 27; and Wm. Kendall, 26.

"The primary purpose of such a committee," according to Col. Fegan, writing in ARMY ORDNANCE, January, 1945, issue, "is to have 'old-timers' join in the management of the depot and articulate themselves to the topside management policies and programs, and

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A picture sequence at the birthday party shows (l. to r.) Mr. Stoelting making congratulatory remarks; Lt. Col. Doran brandishing the hunting knife, and Colonel Fegan, cake-cutting a la Custer.



A picture of harmony — that's the R.I.O.D.'s Informal Glee Club.

## ENGINEERING (Continued from page 19)

Helen Schumacher packed bag and baggage and shuffled off to Florida to be married to Lt. Jim Nordquist of the Navy.

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Mary Jane plus a diamond plus John L. Ehmen equals the future Mr. and Mrs. John L. Ehmen. What we are really trying to say is—spot the new diamond on Mary Jane Remier's third finger, left hand.

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Sgt. Gus Larson and Technical Cpl. Adam White were visitors of the month.

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Blonde Gracie Bealmer: She came from a town in southern Illinois. She saw with two true blue eyes that knew what she wanted to do and did it. She conquered the hearts of all those with whom she came in contact, and now she is leaving to conquer new worlds—to become a nurse. Boy! Don't you feel sick!

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Baby Boy—Gary Phillip made his appearance at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Cangelosi January 8.

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Evelyn Brackeveld is no small potatoes when it comes to bowling. She rolled a 276 for high game in a series of 656. Her 276 rates as the sixth highest in the country.

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Trudy Gorman starred in a "major engagement" when AOM 2/c Jack L. Wallace of the Navy Air Corps, and brother of Miriam Holden of AZ, secured the services of a minister who "tied the knot" December 27, 1944. Our best wishes and endless happiness to you, Trudy.

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Jane Peace welcomed her husband home after he had spent two and a half years of overseas duty. She says all he had to say was "Oh, Jane!"

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The Photo Lab. team of the Ordnance Engineer Bowling league under the able leadership of Captain Fennell and with the moral support of his wife, the team rolled high series of 2576. The following are the 200 games and over:

Leberman—225, Calvert—224, Schluez—221, Johnson—209, Bushmeyer—204. The following are the 500 games and over: Reck—562-507, Johnson—535, Schluez—533, Herbst—532-525, Calvert—524, Sigler—523, Cannon—519, Bushmeyer—518, Gere—516-504, Warrick—509, West—509, Bob Schroeder—505.

What are Rick Sudin and Walt Ackerman going to do with the \$12 prize they won for taking 4th place with a 1221 score in the doubles of the Arsenal Holiday Tournament?

Answer: Spend it for entry fees in the East Moline American Legion Singles and Doubles Tournament on January 28.

## Training Division

### ARMAMENT MAINTENANCE SCHOOL—XA

Greetings have come recently from two former instructors, Thomas Campbell, Gunners Mate, 2/c, now in the South Pacific and Floyd Foor, who has reported for duty at Diablo Heights, Canal Zone.

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William E. Peacock, graduate of a 1941 Armament Machinist course, was a happy visitor in XA this past month after a three year assignment in the Panama Canal department.

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Private Bob C. Weaver, former instructor, now stationed with 378th Ordnance Company, H. M. Tk. at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, recently called on old friends in XA.

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

Ed Raischel is very enthusiastic over the results of his recent tour of temporary duty at Tooele Ordnance Depot, Utah.

Irene Becker, Central Film Library coordinator, of Fort Sheridan, Illinois, spent several days in XA assisting John F. Lau in setting up the new film library.

Morale has reached a new high among the students and instructors in XA since the following young women have reported for training: Ernestine Johnson, Irene Hudek, of San Antonio Arsenal, Texas; Margaret Nelson, Monta Phelps, Rose Lopes, Benicia Arsenal, Calif.; Helen Stone, Charlotte Fagerness of Mount Rainier Ordnance Depot, Tacoma, Washington; Vivian Oliver of Red River Ordnance Depot, Texarkana, Texas; and Beulah VanNoy, Evelyn Brotherson, Eugenie M. Dea, Mary F. Baudack and Cleola Behunin of Tooele Ordnance Depot, Utah. Anna Handy and Helen Mercier also reported, but have completed their training and returned to their home station at Tooele, Utah.

Anyone interested in buying a pair of ice skates, only slightly used, see Betty Cox while she is in the mood to sell. Betty went skating one night and was laid up with a foot injury for several days.

Our heartiest congratulations to Captain and Mrs. B. T. Wehner on the birth of a baby daughter. The new red letter day for them is February 7, 1945.

Roy Stickler and his wife had the pleasure of spending the holidays with their navy son and his family in sunny California. Roy said it was really sunny out there too.

Forrest L. McKinney has been on temporary duty at Frankford Arsenal and Cressona Ordnance Depot, Pa. Ask Mac why he likes to travel in the East, especially around Philadelphia.

**BASE SHOP DATA**

One of our 46 service stars has changed from blue to gold. Wilmer Lakas, "Willie," 2nd Lieut. and pilot of B-26 bomber was killed in action while serving in the European theatre of war.

If you have missed the rush-rush of a dark-haired officer, it is because Capt. Doyle T. Davis has been transferred to Shop M to assist the factory officer. Mary Jo Ruhl is on leave enjoying the South where it's 80 degrees. A little trip home was to the liking of Minnesotans Gladys Husby and Marian Bingea. Our "boss-man" Fred Bicknell recently journeyed to Raritan Arsenal, Metuchen, N. J., and thence to the Office Chief of Ordnance, Detroit, Mich. By personal contact, Mr. Bicknell will review methods and future work of TM publications for the BSD section.

Congratulations to Isabelle and John Bloom upon the arrival of Jerome Vincent Bloom.

Heres and Theres — Contrast: Have you noticed Walt "Frank Sinatra" Holst's bow tie? New Slant: Virginia Domann doesn't have one up to see her etchings, nope, it's sketchings. War Changes: Teppo Davison pays his bets nowadays with one cent stamps; I know, I got twenty-five. Haunts: Wonder why Mary Ingham frequents Shop F? 1-2-3-4: Bob Hefen has been demonstrating his efficient gun drill—something he gained in his sergeant days. Future: Liniment—sliding party in sight.

**SHOP D**

We think that Daryl Rundle must be taking bowling lessons from Carl Cruys, our Shop D "Ned Day." Anyway the scores that Daryl

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**MANUFACTURING (Continued)**

has been coming up with/of late have certainly been a great help to Harold Fischer's bowling team.

Of special interest to Shop D employees was the letter received from A/S Alice Wisdom, who enlisted in the WAVES in September, 1944. Alice is training at Hunter College and hopes to be home soon on a furlough. Her husband is with the Army and has been overseas for over two years.

We find that the good looking fellow in uniform that Lottie Bisick dined with the other noon was her nephew, Richard Vance.

Wilma Buranek, DM710, who resigned last month so as to devote more time to her family was presented a gift by her fellow employees. Lots of luck, Wilma!

Felix Kirby, DX711, was a happy man last month when his son "Bill" arrived home for the Christmas holiday. Bill is training as a paratrooper at Fort Benning, Georgia.

**SHOPS G & I**

A letter was received last month from Raymond L. Bertsch, QM 1/c, who is in the same outfit with Roy Cressy, on Leyte Island. A letter was also received from Reinhardt H. Gohdes from the U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, California, where he is recovering from wounds received on Guam.

You should hear Emil Westensee and William Mertle brag about the new arrivals. Emil is the father of a new baby daughter and Bill is Daddy to a young son. Both Emil and Bill are employees of the DM523 Experimental department.

For the last several months, the gang has had its own version to the famous "Quiz Kids" of radio fame. Calling it our "Children's Hour," sessions are held daily during the noon hour with those two philosophers, Walter "Socrates" Burdick and Harry "Plato" Schafitzel, as quizmasters. We've even considered branching out. Any sponsors?

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin J. Otte of Shop I receiving room are the proud parents of a baby daughter born last December 16.

Roy J. Ervin and Miss Haddie Cady were united in marriage on December 11, 1944, at Milan, Illinois. Roy is a machine operator in the DM505 Lathe department. Congratulations!

What Shop G foreman, when recently acquiring a carton of cigarettes, proposed to put them under a bullet-proof glass cage and display them in the shop? Oh, you lucky man! How about it, Eddie?

**SHOP L**

Lt. R. H. Stonum, a recent visitor in the Shop, returned from a scene of excitement to find himself involved in another. The officer became a father December 17 of a brand new little girl.

The following former employees, now in the armed forces, paid Shop L a visit last month: Pfc. Jack Schwenker, a gunner on a B-24, now stationed in Massachusetts, Lawrence Timmons, at present with the U. S. Navy, Corp. Lawrence Nelsen, with the Army at Lawton, Oklahoma. We enjoyed seeing all of you again, and we're really proud of you!

Did everyone notice the new sparkle in Bernice's eyes the other morning? A reason? Her husband arrived home on a furlough! Phil used to work in the Bullard department and it was good to see him again. We're happy for you both.

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M. H. Fennell



Editor:

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### SHOP L (Continued)

S. 1/c and Mrs. Russell Schultz were here recently. "Russ" is stationed at Navy Pier, Chicago, and formerly worked in DT104G. Louise works in 203L and has really had a smile on her face lately. We can't blame her, can we?

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John Tyburski, machinist in 202M, received a telegram recently from his son who had just arrived in the States after being overseas for almost four years!

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Laurie Ylinen, Inspection department, is the proud father of an 8 lb., 6 ounce boy, born on December 20. He was christened David Michael, and since then the father has been doing nicely. Congratulations!

• • •

Elizabeth Cummins, 201C, received the best Christmas present any mother would want. Two of her sons from overseas got home for Christmas, one whom she hadn't seen for five years. Your happiness is well deserved, Elizabeth!

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Jane Kouskie isn't new to the arsenal but she is new to us. She was recently transferred from Shop R to 201B office. She replaced Johnny Brodine who left us December 23 to join the Merchant Marines. Roger Williams was also drafted into the army last month. He is a former employee of 201B office. Good luck to the three of you in your new ventures.

### SHOPS H & K

You've heard the old saying that "No news is good news." Not so for a reporter:

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Just hand it to your foreman,  
And he'll pass it on to us.

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You'll find DA Production Control's new office in the Gage section these days. Their old office has been converted into a conference room.

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Pvt. Glen Hostens, our most recent inductee from DA13, was in to visit us on his way overseas. He looked as if army life really agreed with him.

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Good luck to Herb Spencer who recently was transferred from DA32 to Shop L. The new foreman in DA32 is Herb Wilford, formerly of DA24.

### SHOP M

According to a letter received recently, Howard Berkshire has been promoted to corporal. Howard is an instructor in a clerk's school at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

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Three more of DM102T's boys sailed for foreign soil. They are Corp. Cecil Williamson, Corp. Dick Pierce and Pvt. Walter Martens.

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**SHOP M (Continued)**

S/Sgt. Kenneth A. Warren, formerly a clerk in DM101C office, stopped in to see us while enjoying a Christmas furlough at home. "Kenny" was wounded in action in Germany and is now in a hospital in Oklahoma.

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Art Carlson of the Gear division, DM101C, passed around some hard-to-get White Owls recently. Reason: one fine baby girl. Congratulations, Art, to you, the Mrs. and little Kay Jean.

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Helen David, machine operator in DM102M, is a very happy girl after the arrival of her fiance from Saipan, who presented her with the well known "sparkler" which is worn on the third finger of the left hand.

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We wish to extend our sympathy to Sturrel Rossiter on the death of his wife on December 18.

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Word has been received by Department DM102M, that Marion Altum, formerly employed in that department, was wounded in Germany, and is now recuperating at Billings General Hospital, Fort Benjamin Harris, Ind. How about some of his old friends dropping him a line to cheer him up?

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Some of the boys are becoming experts in the art of rolling cigarettes by hand. Others, who can't seem to master that art, are using the cigarette rolling machines. It takes one back to the days when we rolled 'em out of leaves and corn silk out behind the old straw stack.

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This arsenal recently enjoyed a visit from Robert E. Froeschle, formerly of the Shop M Tool Follow-Up, now a Petty Officer in the United States Navy. Bob was wearing campaign ribbons for five major sea battles and the Purple Heart.

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It would have done your heart good to have seen the expression of genuine surprise and awe on the countenance of Dale Meyers as he received a beautiful oil painting done by Thomas "Michael Angelo" Normoyle.

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Wedding bells rang on Jan. 28 for Evelyn Ege of Shop M office and Leonard J. Sieghartner. On Jan. 10 the girls held a party for Evelyn at Johnson's Tea room in Moline.

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Leo Jackson has returned to work following an operation on his hand for infection. We are glad to see you with us again, Leo, but don't try to gain back the weight you lost. You look good with your new youthful "figger."

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On January 2 Arthur J. Kelly, S. 2/c returned to visit and make the rounds again in Shop M. "Junior" is now stationed at Great Lakes.

\* \* \*

Miss Muriel Hicks, who resigned on January 21 to become the bride of Kenneth Marolf of Wilton Junction was the recipient of several very beautiful and useful gifts presented by her co-workers in the Follow-Up section. The date selected for Muriel's wedding was January 27. We all wish her much happiness.

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Raymond Walz, formerly of the Gear division, DM101C, paid the department a surprise visit recently while home on a furlough. Ray is stationed at present at Camp Midland, Bucyrus, Ohio, as a mechanic.

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Did we tell you that DM102T's Ole Cow Hand, Geo. LeMaster, turned out to be a big Oil Man instead? George has located down in Herrin, Illinois, and from reports we have received he is living like a king. Just a tip to the fairer sex: George isn't married.

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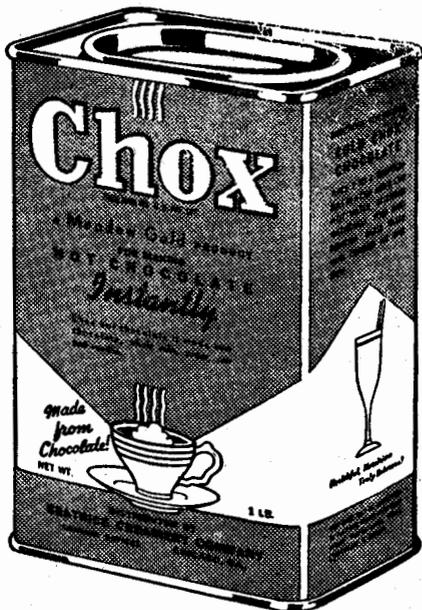
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### **SHOP M (Continued)**

Harold Fischer, Shop D, shares with us a welcome postcard he received last month from 2nd Lt. "Gene" Richardson, former Shop M employee, and now a prisoner of war in Germany. He writes, "Sorry to have to send this to the shop but I don't have my address book with me. Just thought I'd tell you I was O.K. Give my regards to all the boys. How is your little cache in the basement holding out? Sincerely, Gene."

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We wonder how many pairs of shoes Les Suhl has worn out tramping around out there in front of the Shop M Receiving room office in the past 10 years?

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A very interesting letter was received from Robert M. "Scrappy" Peterson last month. Pvt. Peterson is now stationed in New Guinea, and is having a number of new experiences.

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Friends of Y 3/c James C. "Jim" Johnson will be interested to know he is stationed aboard a destroyer somewhere in the South Pacific.

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Orchids to Mary Langsdale, DM102T, for the splendid showing the department made during the 6th War Loan Drive. Of course, it was Mary's purchase of a nice big \$1000 bond that did the trick. 'Twas a real salute to the department's many servicemen.

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Walt Wilkerson, Solomon Riden, Al Hanisch and Cully Carlson helped out the cash bond sales in DM101C during the 6th War Loan Drive by a total of \$950.00. Good work, fellas!

### **R. L. ORDNANCE DEPOT (Continued from page 21)**

Margaret Wade was the lucky winner of the \$25 gift certificate from Petersen-Harned-Von Maur, sponsored by Rho Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi of Davenport. What did you buy, Margaret?

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Irene Jones has been transferred to Control branch. We shall miss you, Irene.

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All members of this branch wish to extend their deepest sympathy to Elaine Cooke whose husband, Don, was killed in action on December 23.

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Mildred Wallace is very happy to have her two sons home for a furlough visit.

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Alice Borchers' Navy son is home for a short visit.

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We wish to say goodbye and good luck to Ann Hager, Supervisor of the prepackaging unit in 299. Ann is leaving January 30 to join the WACS. We'll all miss you, Ann.

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Word has been received that Dan Tubbs, formerly Chief of Major Items, who is stationed with the Marine Corps Depot of Supplies in San Francisco, has been promoted to sergeant. Nice going, Dan.

\* \* \*

Derick Arkell of the War Aid Unit seemed to enjoy that New Year furlough.

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We hear that Ralph Paarman, former employee of Stock Analysis unit, is headed for the Army.

### **THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Continued from page 24)**

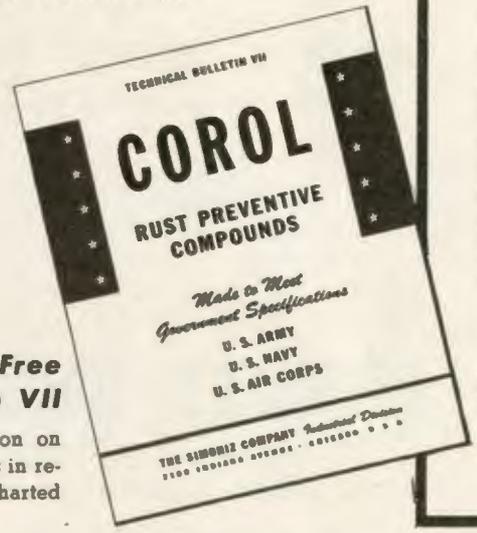
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