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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor:

I just finished reading the February issue of the ARSENAL RECORD sent to me by my aunt, Mrs. Viola Ouimet, and am already looking forward to receiving my next copy. It is great to know what the boys with whom I used to work are doing.

I started at the Arsenal January 5, 1937, and I left to enter the Marine Corps June 5, 1944. When I arrived overseas I joined the third division and I fought with them at Iwo Jima. It was there I used a piece of equipment that had the good old R.I.A. stamp on it. It had been built in 1941 but was in perfect condition. Tell the boys to keep up the good work. We will need good equipment to lick these Nips.

Sincerely,
Pfc. Victor H. Schmidt
U. S. M. C.

PICTURES TO THE EDITOR



Pfc. Edward Ashley, formerly employed in the old cafeteria, and husband of Islea Ashe, who now works in the cafeteria store, is with the 9th Army in Germany. Pfc. Ashley was very much interested in the issue of the RECORD which featured the new cafeteria. Although the surroundings were entirely new to him, he recognized many old faces.



Robert Custer, son of Mrs. Louise Custer, Building Y-1, was home recently on leave to visit his wife and baby daughter with whom he is shown above.

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Pfc. William S. McCombs, formerly of the Finance Office, knows what it's like to be out on active duty at the front for 40 days at a stretch. Bill is now at Nichols General Hospital, Louisville, Ky.



Here's how Thomas A. Campbell, G.M. 1/c, formerly an instructor of the arsenal armament school, keeps in trim at an advanced base somewhere in the Pacific.



Sgt. Jerald O. Hopkins, nephew of Wonda and Obie Hall, Departments DA113 and AH, tells stories of how he rode down a hill on a German artillery shell after the same shell had dispatched with the jeep in which he was riding.

EMPLOYEES RECEIVE SERVICE AWARDS



Arsenal employees awarded service pins are (l. to r.) 1st row, Schultz, Palmquist, Stoddard, Parr, Yarrow; 2nd row, Austin, Hintz, Lange, Rettig; back row, Col. Waldmann, Col. Elmer C. Goebert, manufacturing officer, and Maj. W. H. Carpenter, personnel officer. Cornick and Wood were absent when the picture was taken.

Rock Island Arsenal service pins were awarded to employees having from 15 to 35 years of service by Col. C. A. Waldmann, commanding officer, Friday morning, June 1, in the commandant's office in the Administration building.

The employment record of the majority of the men dated back to 1934 when the Arsenal employed less than 1,000 workers. During the war emergency this number increased to 18,600 employees.

"The know-how of this small nucleus back in 1934, made it possible for the additional 17,000 to turn out vitally needed implements of war," Col. Waldmann told the men.

Lawrence C. Austin of DM received the 35 year pin, and Edward G. Schultz, DM, the 25 year pin. For 20 years of service, pins were presented to E. C. Lange, DH, and A. E. Palmquist, DM.

Seven employees earned 15 year pins. These were H. J. Cornick, DH; Herbert P. Hintz, DM; J. E. Parr, DA; G. M. Rettig, DM; C. C. Stoddard, DX; C. A. Wood, DM; and D. G. Yarrow, DI.

SEASON'S END FINDS AWARDS ROLLING IN

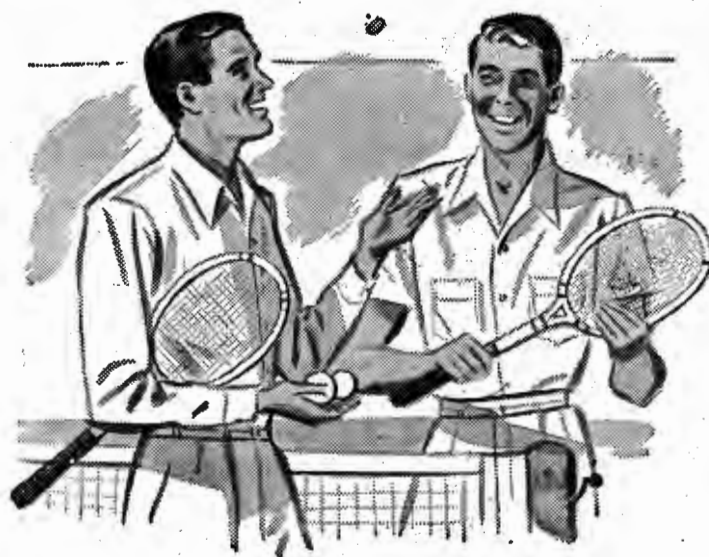


Col. Waldmann congratulates Joe Meenan, captain of R.I.O.C. champion basketball team, while proud coach, Lt. S. H. Raynes, looks on.

With the end of the basketball and bowling seasons, participants in these sports have been busy collecting victors' spoils.

Two handsome trophies have been added to the show case in the receptionist's office at the R.I.O.C. by the Center's 1944-45 basketball team which won the championship in the Moline YMCA league and came out on top in the tournament which was staged at the conclusion of the basketball season. A third trophy will grace the case shortly when the team receives its award for having won second round in the Davenport Municipal league.

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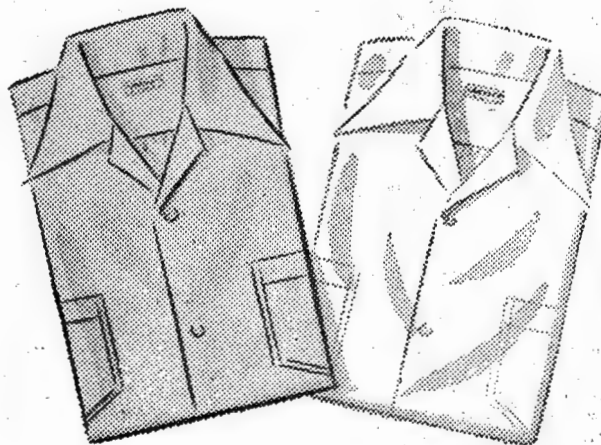


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SEASON'S END (Continued)

Trophies were presented to the team at the annual sports' dinner sponsored by the Moline Y. As president of the league, and also coach of the team, Lt. S. H. Raynes presented the awards to Joe Meenan, team captain and leading scorer, and to Wally Grams, spectacular player in the tournament game.

BOWLING



Meet the Bazookas, champs in annual R.I.O.C. handicap bowling tourney, l. to r.: Herbst, Ackerman, Reck, Maj. Carpenter, Rose, and Gere.

As a result of the first annual handicap bowling tournament run off on the new R.I.O.C. alleys, the Bazooka team walked off with first place and \$50 in cash; Roy Tyler, DA, and Nels Carlson, DT, won \$25 and first place in the doubles; and Roy Tyler with 659 pins won \$16.50 and the single championship. The team event drew 39 entries, the doubles 58 sets, and the individuals 87.

In addition to these three tournaments, 46 sets of mixed doubles were rolled. A husband-wife duo, Al George, AR, and Mrs. Marie George, the gracious receptionist, took top money of \$16.50 with their score of 1157. Eleven other teams finished in the money and special prizes were given Merle Pearson, DT, for his high individual game of 242 for men without handicap. Virginia Finkenhoefer, Post Restaurant, and Leora Amsberry, PM, shared a similar prize in the women's division by virtue of 208 games.

ROCK ISLAND ORDNANCE CENTER VETERANS' ASSOCIATION



Officers of Vet Ass'n: front (l. to r.) — R. Barker, S. Burns, F. Salogga; back — I. Duzer, S. Brooks, J. Cole. Elrich, Schreck absent.

A group of employees, veterans of the armed forces of the United States, attended a meeting March 4, 1945, in the old cafeteria building. The group decided to form an organization for their mutual benefit to be known as the Rock Island Ordnance Center Veterans' Association.

Permanent organization was formed on March 25. The following officers were elected:

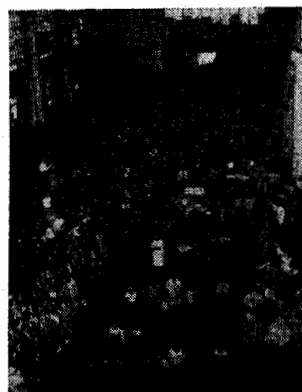
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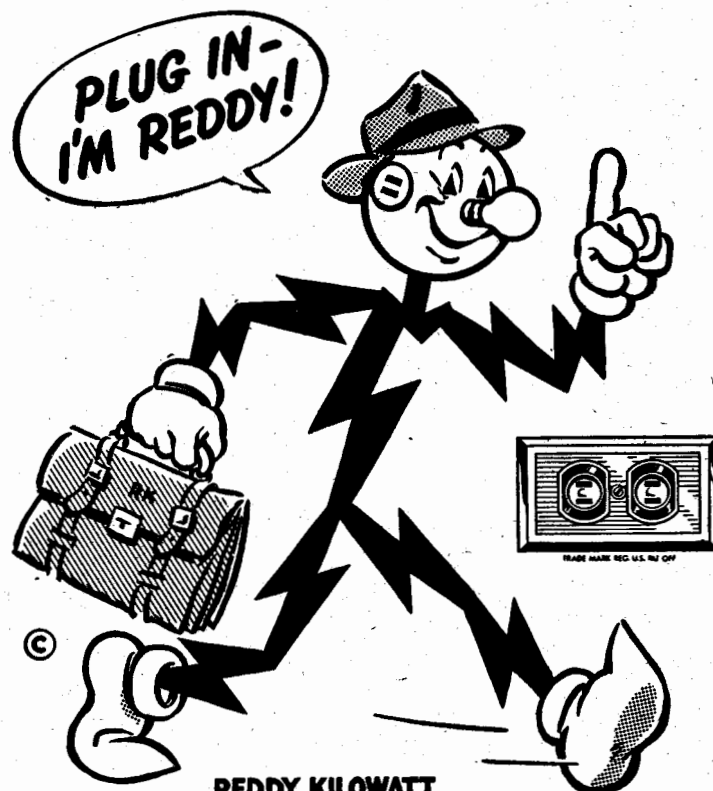
Rock Island Ordnance Center employees on V-E Day pause to hear President Harry S. Truman broadcast his announcement of the surrender of Germany.

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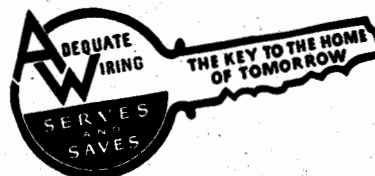
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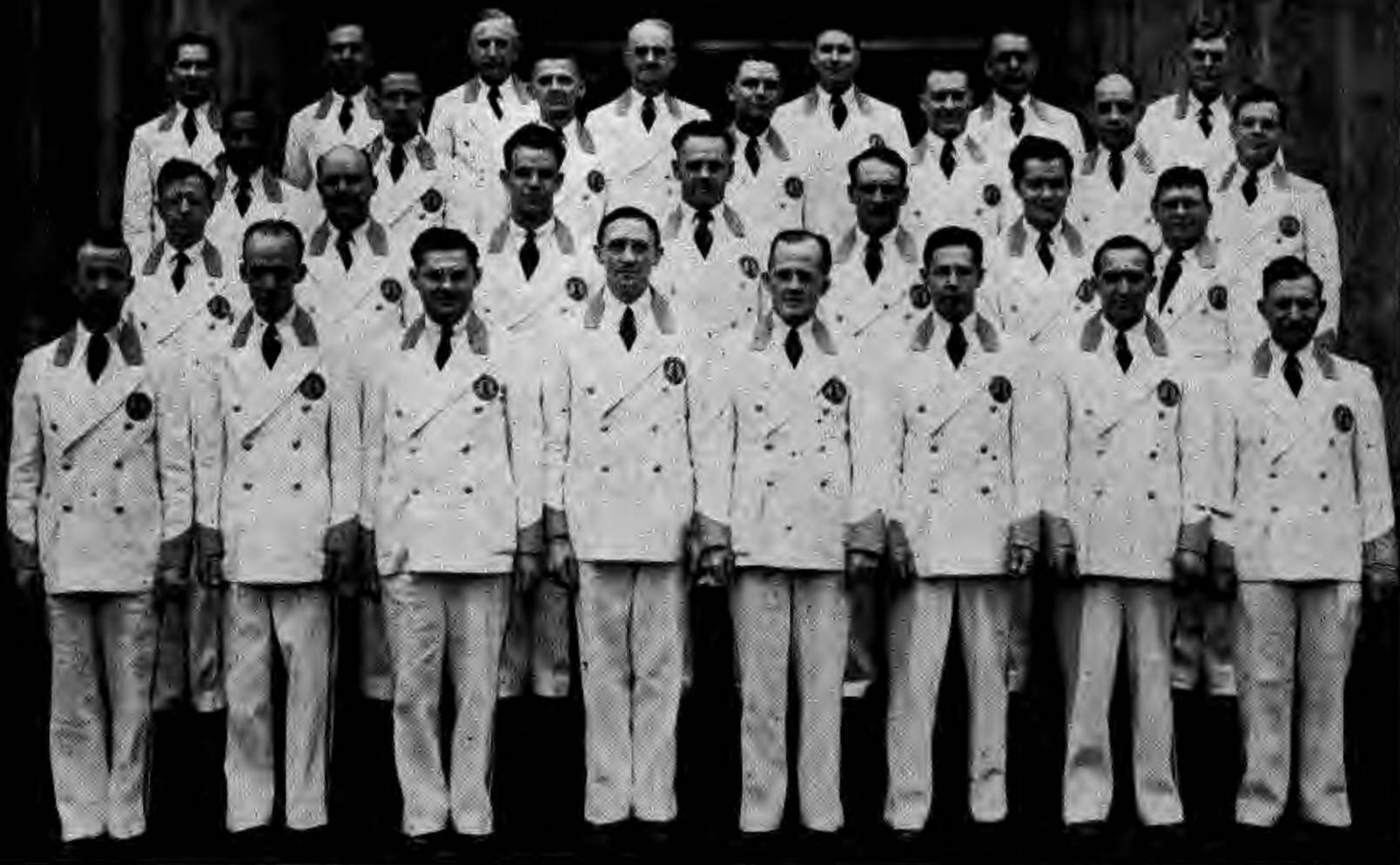
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It's a case of dual personalities with Lt. Col. Thurber (r) and Lt. Eberling, who advise choruses when not occupied with military duties.

The historical old stone masonry of the Arsenal shop buildings has echoed to the clank of armament since post-Civil War days and they may, or may not, have been mellowed by the passage of time. Of a certainty, however, they have been subjected to a mellowing influence for the past two years. Come fair weather or foul, sweet music rings through these halls every Monday and Tuesday evenings when the Rock Island Arsenal Girls' Chorus and the Rock Island Arsenal Male Chorus respectively meet regularly for rehearsals.

These sessions are crammed full of enjoyment for true music lovers who welcome the opportunity to lay aside the pressing duties and anxieties of a war-time world and seek relaxation and comfort in the world of song.

The Girls' Chorus was organized on February 8, 1943, when 23 Arsenal girls met at the old cafeteria after work and planned the organization. The group is now composed of 50 members.

The Men's Chorus was formed in October, 1942. Mr. O. H. Brown, originator of the idea, sent out a call for prospective members to form a quartet, and was flooded with fifty applications. Lt. Col. H. S. Thurber, Military Advisor and Counselor of the Choruses, and Mr. Brown, decided to form a chorus.

Lt. H. G. Eberling serves Col. Thurber as assistant in this interesting work.

These organizations had as their purposes to provide diversion for Arsenal employees, to promote good-fellowship, and to build morale. That they have accomplished these aims far beyond early expectations is a tribute to the genuine interest and cooperation of the individual members and to the skilled assistance of the directors.

Margaret Gobble Hall is director of the Girls' Chorus, while John Rasley directs the men. The current officers of the women's group



RIA Girls' Chorus: 1st row, l to r—Head, Lucas, Mucke, Lowe, Settle, Jordan, Shea, Prezel, Malires; 2nd row—Carlson, Pearson, Hay, Albrecht, Walters, Lamp, McFadden, Kosciucha, Jones, Cheney, Belknap, Duncan; 3rd row—Harper, Matthews, Dirck, Krueger, Cation, Leonard, Jones, O'Brecht, Goetsch, Pestel; 4th row—Weaver, Lyons, Shively, Simpson, Stokes, Fischer, Helper, Carlson, Cramer, Holt and Merrick, as the girls look at performance time.

MUSICAL DIVERSION FOR CIVIC AND MILITARY AUDIENCES

are Kathleen Lemp, president; Theresa Cheney, secretary; Eunice Helper, treasurer; Pauline Prezel and Effie Dirck, librarians; Elizabeth Matthews and Grace Beeler, accompanists. With the exception of "Liz" Matthews, who has been chief accompanist of the organization since its inception, new officers are elected each year.

The destinies of the Male Chorus are in the hands of H. E. Soyke, president; John Kish, vice president; Martin Scheeler, secretary and treasurer; Robert Eipper, librarian; Larry Smith, accompanist; John Alaura, custodian of uniforms.

The unselfish efforts of the officers of both groups, and their predecessors in office, are responsible for the enviable position both Choruses now hold in the field of harmonious choir music.

Today the influence of these groups reaches out even beyond the Arsenal. They have lightened the hearts of thousands through the medium of radio broadcasts and numerous appearances before civic, religious, professional and social groups in the Quad-Cities. Of especial note is the fine job done on their frequent visits to Schick and Mayo General Hospitals. Through the medium of their songs and informal social visits with individual patients, they have brought pleasure and relief to many of our wounded boys at a time when they most need the solace of such a contact with those things which represent home.

Both choruses are at all times within its rules and by-laws open to new members. The only requisite for any one wishing to become a member is that he or she have a desire to sing and a sincere love of music. More detailed information can be obtained by contacting the Personnel Division, Employee Services Section.



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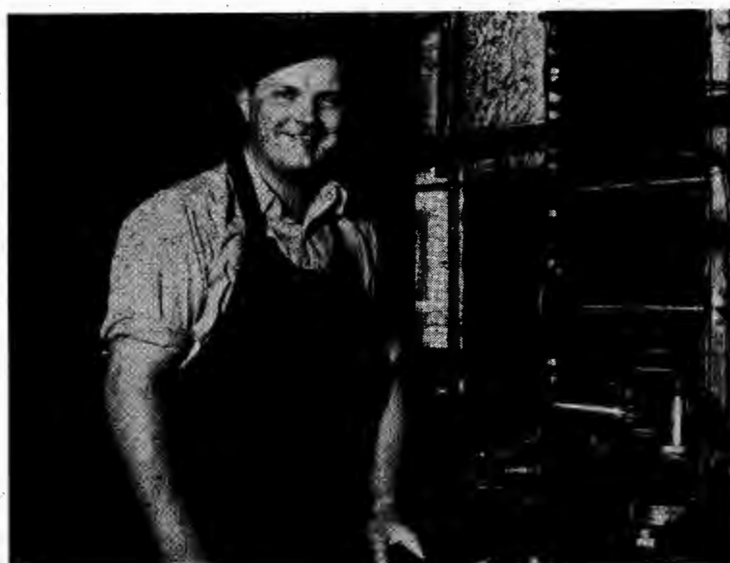
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Pet hobby of Ralph Nelson, electrician, is singing—in the shower and out. Important vocal exercise comes at chorus rehearsal time.



From "boogie" to Beethoven—the nimble fingers of "Liz" Matthews, accompanist as well as secretary to Major Smith, beat it out.



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Figure juggling sometimes comes easier than note juggling, say choristers Ed Soyke (l) and Merle Andre, production planners in PM.



Forge Shoppers consider themselves lucky to have Carrol Owens, Janitor, DS, around. Concerts are given daily and they're free!

Administration



Finance Division

Marietta Armil is taking a 30-day leave because of illness. She has been feeling "not so pretty good" for some time—and we hope that this rest will really fix her up. We miss her, both from the standpoint of the work she does, and because of herself.

We welcome George Winters as a full-time employee of ours now, rather than just half-time as he has been in the past. We have a bit of trouble with the Allotment Office girls, who just can't seem to realize that he's all "ourn" now.

To you people whose pay roll numbers are from 3401 to 6600: Did you wonder why Martha Johnson was up in the clouds when she paid you on May 18? She had just received word from the International Red Cross that her husband, Andy, was liberated from a German prison camp and is safe "somewhere."

Fiscal Division

We knew Irma Voss was a smart girl and she proved it when she arranged to have a V-E day arrive during her stay in Chicago. She celebrated there while we were slaving away at work all day. Irma's real V-day will come when her husband returns from Europe where he has been, as he understates it, "pretty busy" for a year and a half.

This is the last straw! AI, with whom we have been sharing George Winters half-time, has taken the witty and popular fellow to work full time with them and we miss him! And this on top of eating up all the hard rolls at the cafeteria fifteen minutes before we can get there! Not only that, they lured our robins down to build their nest in the branches outside the AI window! We could go on and on, but they print our pay checks (and besides, we do like that ornery gang).

Loretta Drasites has left the Cost Section to spend the season assisting in the management of Deer Path Camp, Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin. The very name of the place sounds cool and wild and inviting and we wish her lots of luck in her new venture.

We welcome as Loretta's replacement, Betty Willits, who believes in starting her working career at an early age.

We were glad to see Eva Hammond return to work her usual energetic self after recovering from a bout with pneumonia.

Mail and Record Division

Interesting letters were recently received from Pvt. Frank Van Acker now stationed on the Philippines. He remarked the food was good and that there were sufficient cigarettes each day.

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Inspection



One of our "old timers" was lost to us when Ruby Parchert had to go home to be with her mother following the death of her father. We extend our sympathy to Ruby and her family.

Letters have been received from Sgt. E. V. Holmes (Ed) and T/5 T. P. Kelley (Tom) from "somewhere in the Philippines." They agree that it isn't too bad there, but that they could get along better with fewer mosquitoes and less rain.

The Gage Lab has done it again—another daughter! Mr. and Mrs. Louis F. Youngman are the proud parents of Karin Ann, born April 20 at St. Luke's Hospital, weight 6 pounds and 3 ounces.



Through the ARSENAL RECORD two former AK employees met in India. Les Herbert (left) writes:

"No doubt you will be surprised to hear from me but I wanted to let you know about a visitor I had today.

Do you remember Harold Kipp? Who could forget him, huh? I was pleasantly surprised today, when he walked in and said hello. It was through an article in the RECORD that we came together. He saw the article in the RECORD about my getting the Air Medal so he looked on the general orders to find out what outfit I was in and then came up to see me.

We had a pleasant day talking over old times, and recalling names of the people we used to work with.

He left the states two days after I did and has been in India all the time. I'll bet I've been in the field he is based on a couple of hundred times and one time his outfit was vacating a field the same day we were moving in on it. It just goes to show you what a small world this is."

Les Herbert surprised everyone by walking in the other day. He is home from the China-Burma-India sector for reassignment. He has 238 combat missions and 935 combat hours to his credit. We noticed that among Les' ribbons are the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, and the Asiatic Theater Ribbon with one battle star. These decorations tell a tale—a job well done. Congratulations, Les.

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Artillery Vehicle Dept.

Artillery Vehicle departments enjoyed visits from the following men and women in the armed forces during the month of April: Pvt. James Scott, Pvt. Kenneth Pearson, M.M. 3/c Robert Hintz, Pvt. William Maas, Lt. Robert Gerstman, Lt. Cdr. W. E. David, Cpl. Ralph Bednarik, P. O. 3/c Donald Hagerman, Seaman Gerald Fanning, Cpl. Chas. Fanning, Cadet Nurse Dorothy Spengler, Pvt. Wilford Jenkins, Lt. Harry Strenfort, Sgt. Wm. Boecher, Seaman Eli Uzelac, Pfc. Francis Foley, Seaman Dean Bell, Seaman Harold Bingham, Sgt. Everett Goodrich, Seaman Robert Morris, Kenneth Morris, Lonnie Conger, Seaman John Hafley, Cpl. Arthur Mager, Capt. Robert Soderberg, Pvt. Robt. Herink, Pvt. Virgil Asmus, Pvt. Lewis S. Timmons, Cpl. Lyle Freeze, P. O. 1/c Don Krell, Sgt. Wayne Crider, Gerald Crapnell, Pvt. Russell Slack, Sgt. Cecil Pettit, Pvt. Calvin Fairbank, Pfc. Frank Grill, Seaman Harold Hunter, Sgt. L. J. Thiel, R. T. 2/c Robert Custer, Seaman Phillip Dohrn, Albert Hahn, Pvt. Charles Curley, Morris Thomson, P. O. 2/c Robert Watson, Marine Ewin Kakert, Pvt. Allyn Frandsen, Paul Sentix, Clark Schowalter, Lt. Donald Keith, Seaman Jack DeWar and Seaman Loyal Wilkens.

SHOP M

We feel highly honored to have as a co-worker a father who has four sons in the Armed Forces. He is William O. Peak of Production Control who at this writing is enjoying a visit from two of his sons who are home on furlough.

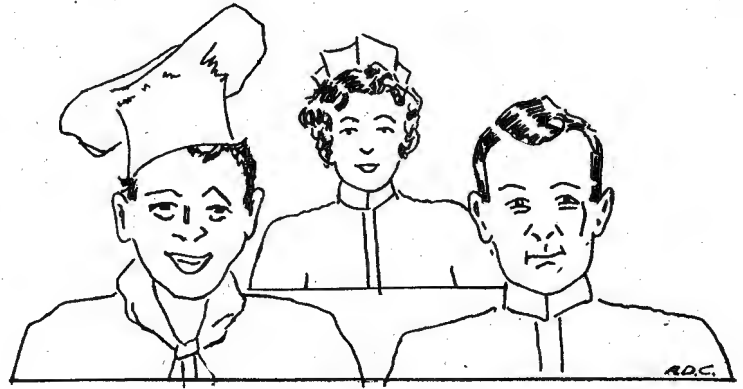


EM 1/c James M. Peak, formerly employed in AH, is now stationed at Farragut, Idaho, where he has taught an electrical class the past 18 months. Cpl. Donald L. Peak recently returned from two years overseas duty with an ordnance outfit. He saw duty along the Persian Corridor into Russia for lend-lease material, and was in India, Australia and New Zealand. Aviation Machinist's Mate 1/c C. Frank Peak, is in the Hawaiian Islands, and Capt. William O. Peak, III, West Point, '43, is connected with the 326th Glider Infantry and Paratroop company in Germany.

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Pfc. Cyriel E. DeCoster, formerly of DM102, is a member of the 343rd Engineer Regiment of Patch's Seventh Army. They recently completed the "Dunbar," the first permanent military two-way traffic bridge across the Rhine river. Under command of Col. Richard B. Dunbar of Fort Worth, Texas, for whom the bridge was named, the 343rd has acquired a reputation for building bridges. North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Southern France have all been scenes of their activities. The Dunbar bridge is probably the longest bridge, 1048 feet, ever to be constructed in military history.

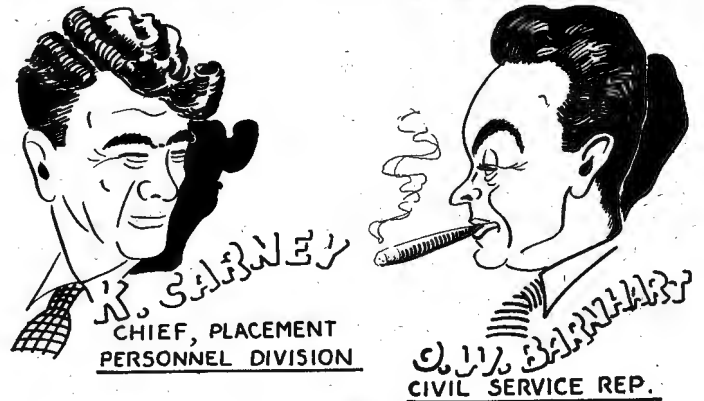
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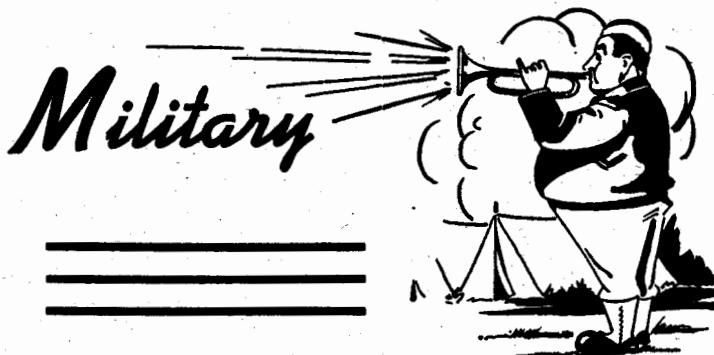
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ARRIVALS:

For Field Service Sub-office, OCO: Lt. Col. Joseph R. Brodeur.
For Ordnance Overseas Maintenance and Modification Detachment, OCO: 1st Lt. Robert A. Briggs, 1st Lt. Wallace B. Wilkison.

TRANSFERRED:

Col. Raymond Marsh, Capt. Willis J. McGaw, 1st Lt. Clyde L. Barnes to permanent station outside the continental limits of the United States.

Captains Erhard D. Nielsen, Spencer A. Sweeny, and 1st Lts. Theodore H. Hopkins, Robert H. Johnson, Merlin V. Lehmann, Paul W. Matthew, and Kenneth S. Whittemore, Jr., relieved from Field Service Sub-office, OCO, and transferred to Ordnance Overseas Maintenance and Modification Det, OCO, with station at Rock Island Ordnance Center.

Captains William G. Carter and Desire F. Nisbet, and 1st Lts. Richard B. Bailey, Guy E. Hancock, Jr., and James E. Wilson, relieved from Ordnance Overseas Maintenance and Modification Det, OCO, and transferred to Field Service Sub-office, OCO, with station at Rock Island Ordnance Center.

Captains Stuart A. Buck, Jack E. Cutsinger, and Charles N. Metcalfe to ORP, Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island Ordnance Center, Rock Island, Ill., for duty with Field Service Sub-office, OCO.

Captains Jack E. Cutsinger and Fred G. Swafford, and 1st Lts. Louis F. Madeira, John M. Mance, and Rolland C. Walker, and 2d Lt. William J. Anderson to ORP, Ord School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

1st Lt. Paul P. Combs to Black Hills Ordnance Depot, Provo, South Dakota.

PROMOTIONS:

2d Lts. Victor Sali and Eugene R. Bondesson promoted to 1st Lts. effective April 20.

2d Lt. John D. Bellmore promoted to 1st Lt. effective April 24.

Headquarters

It always amazes us to see the girls in the office wearing their "Sunday-go-to-meeting" dresses in the office until we discover they had advance notice of the coming of distinguished visitors. We can't whistle on paper, but did you see Gladys Percy the day the Brazilians were here? Do you suppose she knew in advance that they liked bright colors?

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AO is glad to welcome another new girl. This time it is Betty Lompe who hails from Marshalltown, Iowa. Welcome, Betty, and we hope you like our little family.

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Florence Chapman received some sea horses from Paris. Oh, no, they're not real, they're earrings. Mighty cute, too.

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Alice Williams had eight days off to move. What did you have to do, Alice, haul your furniture in a coaster wagon?

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Do you suppose a certain 1st lieutenant in the Air Corps has anything to do with the fact that Ginny Karr is up in the clouds these days?

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Has anyone noticed the beaming smile of John W. Carr, Civilian Chief of Inventory Control Branch? The reason? A little bundle from heaven named Michael. Congratulations, John and Eleanor.

Other visits of Dr. Stork include a girl in the homes of Cecil Stone, W-1 Receiving; Claude Evans, and Carl Wulf, Shipping 299.

A farewell party was held in the home of Mrs. Gertrude E. Moses in honor of Miss Beulah Bearden, who resigned as supervisor of Code Change and Control Section to accept the position of personal secretary to the Dean of Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri. Miss Bearden was presented with a traveling gift. Our very best wishes, Beulah.



David and Diane, twins of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lorenz, are shown picking an Easter lily for their mother. Mr. Lorenz is the Chief of Fourth Floor Locators in W-1.

Ben Kruse is the new chief of Service and Equipment; Jack Alger, chief of Maintenance, and Myrtle Wagner, chief of Equipment. Good luck, and we'll all pull with you.

It's a doubleheader week for Mabel Cooper. Her son, Sgt. Kenneth J. Cooper, is home on a 15-day furlough from Utah. He was formerly employed in Shops H & K, and has been in the Army Air Corps since October, 1942. Mabel also has a new grandson.

Margaret Fritz has received word that her husband, James, has been promoted to Pfc. Pfc. Fritz has been in combat in Germany for one year.

Henry Klindt's son-in-law is expected home on a thirty-day furlough anytime now. That accounts for the gleam in Henry's eyes these days.

Sincerest sympathy of the Depot to Captain C. R. Campbell, and Irma Litscher of V-5, whose mothers passed away; to Cecelia Lang, V-Area Supervisor, in the loss of her husband, and to Esther Crowl, W-1 Receiving, who lost her father.

Ed Normoyle of Maintenance Division 299 is really conservative. He's had the same car for 46 years. Yup—we said 46 years. It's an 1899 Oldsmobile. Runs, too!

Mr. Lowry is enjoying a visit from his daughter Edna and little granddaughter Stevie, who arrived a short time ago from New York.

Z-1 welcomes Ernst Schroeder, who is 70 years young. Don't let the age fool you. Ernie is right on the beam!

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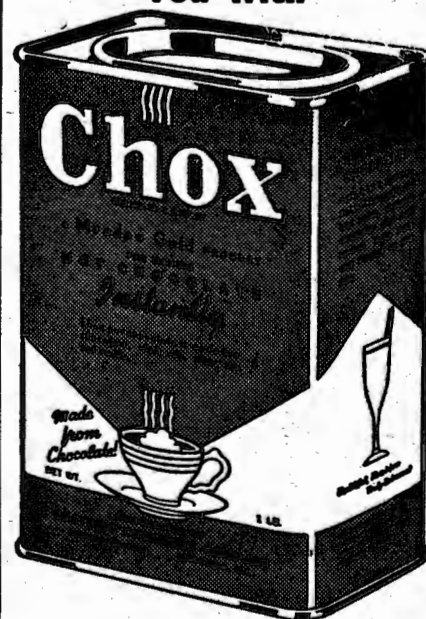
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A strictly feminine gathering was crashed by three bashful but beautiful girls, Bob—Gerty Grapefruit—Dings, Dept. AK; Smokey—Opal Orange—Lebermann, Dept. BA; and Bill—Lena Lemon—Hillis. A roar of laughter greeted the boys as they swaggered down the stairs in their feminine garb. They were just in time for refreshments. (Would anyone care for a date? For information call extension 582.)

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Visitors of BA for this month were: Lt. Bob Neville, Lt. Gil Dack-enwald and Mr. John Williamson.

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So long, Hazel Lichnecker. Best of luck to you in California.

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Maurine and Letty spent another weekend in Chicago this month. What's so interesting up there, girls?

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Bids are being taken for a new occupant for the desk of Louise Burge, who became the wife of A/S Darrell Wood, April 28. Best wishes and congratulations.

Field Service Division Sub-Office

In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to golf. At least that's true as far as Jim Spaeth is concerned. I don't blame you, Jim, when you can shoot an "82" the first time out—what with the high winds, dead leaves, and stuff like that. Are you certain you counted ALL of your "whiffs"?

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And did you know that Colonel Vorberg got his name in the papers for winning a prize at the golf stag in honor of Colonel Waldmann? We hear, though, that he took more swings than anyone else. Could there have been a printer's error? Or, was it a consolation prize?

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Captain Abel and Sgt. Rainville (Maintenance) have decided to give up the joys of bachelorhood for the bliss of married life. Sgt. Rainville was married to Miss Rose Phelps on May 5. Captain F. I. Abel and Helen Oakberg followed suit on May 8. Congratulations and good luck to all of you.

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Pvt. Harry Thomas, former employee of the Supply room, recently visited the office while home on furlough. He looked mighty nice in that uniform, too. Ah me, "there's somethin' about a soldier."

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Tools and Equipment section I boasts of some new and efficient help in the form of a "Wulff." His first name is Art, and, of course, he is well-known in the Suboffice.

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IMPORTANT!

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FIELD SERVICE DIVISION SUB-OFFICES (Continued)

On May 7, the Item History Branch, at an informal party honoring Vivian Rice and Adrienne Johnson, discovered new talents in Lt. Haggerty and Tom Hancock. We understand they will be available at top prices with their vocal duets and jitterbug dances.

It seems as if Captain Walke (the brain) and Earl McGinnis (the brawn) have planted a joint victory garden. Hmmm, wonder who does the work!

Ray Siem, formerly of the BB Typing Unit, visited the office after having completed his Naval Amphibious Training at Little Creek, Virginia. Following his visit here, Ray was sent to Texas where he was to have picked up his ship to "Sail out on the ocean deep." The Siem family is still represented, however, as Ray's sister Mildred took up where he left off, and is doing her part by working after school and on Saturdays.

Pearl Parcell, supervisor of the BB Typing Unit, who underwent a major operation the latter part of March, is now recuperating at the home of her sister in Washington, D. C. All are anxious to see her back again.

Capt. Jack E. Cutsinger and F. Grant Swafford, and Lts. John M. Mance, Louis F. Madeira and William J. Anderson (Maintenance Division) are on their way to overseas destinations. Good luck to all of you.

Have you noticed the gleam in Luella Kyle's eyes the last few weeks? The reason—her husband, S/Sgt. Russell Kyle, recently returned from overseas, was home on furlough. We hear they had a wonderful time in Colorado. Lucky people!

Major F. P. Clark was presented with a son on the 1st of May. Congratulations to the new mama and papa, and welcome to the "little major."



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Tools and Equipment Section was proudly represented by one of its girls in a stage production "Jimmie Graham's Spotlight Parade" appearing April 12 at the Orpheum Theater in Davenport. Bonnalee Hayden is her name and she has been appearing in musicals in the trities for some time.

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MAIL AND RECORD (Continued from page 13)

Catherine Johnson, Maggie Steiner, Evelyn Denen, Mary Jo Dowdal, Ella Giesenhagen and Jett Daley very successfully arranged an office party honoring Mrs. Lois Schubert May 11 at Johnson's tea room in Moline. Scotch bridge was played with prizes going to Lois Walter, Catherine Johnson, Margaret Steiner and Frances O'Neill. Mrs. Schubert, the former Miss Lois Johnson, was married on April 20.

Millie Studen doesn't care if it does rain. She still rides her bicycle each day delivering mail to several different shops and offices. P. S. You look very nice in that raincoat and hat, Millie.

Verna Armstrong was married on May 13 to Elmer Wolf of Davenport.

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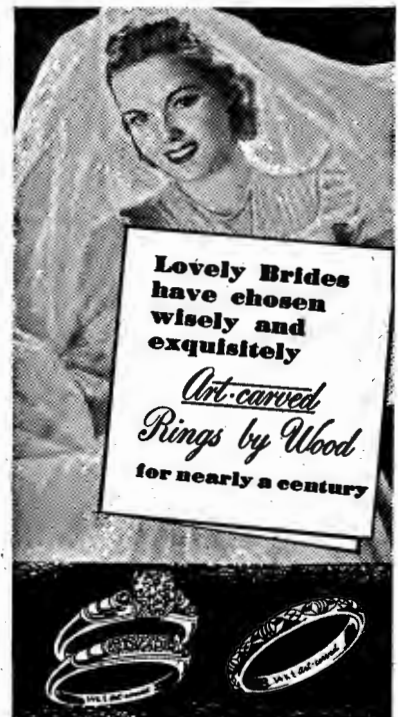
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CHARLES ABEL DIES

Charles H. Abel, former supervisor of the Print Distribution and Equipment Sections of the Drafting Division at Rock Island Arsenal, passed away May 16. He had been in ill health since his retirement on April 15, 1944.

Mr. Abel began his work in the Drafting Division on March 20, 1905, at the age of 14, and was progressively promoted to Senior Ordnance Engineer. He was a member of the Fifteen Year Club and had completed more than thirty-nine years of service at the Arsenal.

Surviving are the widow, two daughters, Dorothy and Vivian and a son, Chester. Dorothy and Chester are employed at the Rock Island Ordnance Center.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family by his many friends at the Arsenal.

SCHICK BENEFIT DANCE HELD



On Saturday, May 19, the Hy-Tyme Club, a tri-city organization composed of arsenal employees, sponsored a benefit dance at Dance-land, the proceeds of which went to Schick General hospital, Clinton. Approximately 250 were in attendance. The committee in charge included Eva Jane Duve, Nelda McCulley, Mildred Beard and Frank Zecchini.

MAIL AND RECORD (Continued)

Miss Lois Eshelman and Marcella Poljak honored Miss Bette Dorman at a shower April 26. Whoopie was played and prizes went to Frances Bourboulas, Gail Parker and Bette Dorman. The wedding date is May 27.

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Mrs. Eleanor Driscoll entertained members of the TWX Section at a shower honoring Mrs. Lois Schubert. The evening was spent playing Court Whist. Prizes went to Ella Giesenhagen, and Catherine Johnson.

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New employees this month include Phyllis Setchfield and Jerry Spector.

Manufacturing Stores Division

The Seventh War Loan Drive got off to a head start in our office. There is a contest between the Sane Savers and the Fearless Financiers with the Fearless Financiers leading. The two captains are Catherine Pierce for the Fearless Financiers and Larry Anderson for the Sane Savers. The prizes offered by the captains are a carton of cigarettes and a box of candy. Arlys Miller, who is on the leading team, is a great booster and she also likes candy.

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Anita Sommer's enchanted garden which also may be described as the wonders down under the sea is causing a great attraction. Anita wishes victory gardens were as miraculous in growing.

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This month finds us reporting the absence of Elna Murray who is home recuperating from an operation. We've been missing you, Elna!

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We welcome a new member to our office staff, Evelynne Gumble, who hails from California. She tells us that she doesn't care for the weather of the tri-cities. That doesn't sound like a California gal!

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Our office is proud to announce a winner of a suggestion award. The winner—Gladys Laden.

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Captain Harold W. Gerlach has been relieved of the duties as Assistant to the Property Officer in SM and ST, and has been assigned a host of new duties along with an office on the first floor of the Administration Building. We shall miss Captain Gerlach and wish him success in his new assignment.

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First Lieutenant Herman G. Eberling has been assigned as the Assistant to the Property Officer and has been authorized to sign Property papers in SM and ST. Welcome to our department, Lt. Eberling!

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Have you seen that first picture of Michelle Block that her proud grandmother has been showing around? Nice looking grand daughter, grandmaw. Yes and grandmaw—"Rusty" Eldred will soon be showing another picture—one of her son, Lt. Wm. L. Eldred who is being married on Saturday, May 18 at Charleston, South Carolina, to Jean Brengel of Washington, D. C.

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Shop A has reported to us that Leroy S. Clure is recovering very nicely at St. Anthony's hospital from an appendicitis operation.

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STEEL ROOM FLASHES:

John Taylor and Leona Mulgrew, both of the Steel Room, were married Saturday, April 14 in a Rock Island greenhouse.

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We extend our condolence to Elaine Roberts, girl Friday to Bill McMann, who lost her grandmother in death.

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ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

Personnel Division

Madeline Walsh, since having her long black tresses cut, is becoming more beautiful with the passing of every second, according to those who know pulchritude.

John Fuhrman appeared looking simply YEARS younger one day, the result of a shampoo. His hair, sans oil, caused many girls to admit that they also experienced days they couldn't do a thing with their locks, either.

Still speaking of hair, there is one girl in AR who nearly hits the ceiling when she's called "Red." Also in vicinity of "Red" are two other whooper-doo monickers capable of creating a tempest on certain occasions. Those are "Martini" and "Miriam With Irium."

Arlene Piper, the Colleen Moore of AR, is now a happy bride. She "dood it" May 19 with Murray Hiland of Marseilles, Illinois. Arlene was tendered a surprise farewell shower at a Moline tea-room prior to leaving.

Also on the subject of marriage, Miss Reba Cowan, former assistant to Miss Clair, made the trip to the altar April 25 in Dallas, Texas, with Max Wait, another former RIOG employee. The bridegroom was an armament specialist in the Ordnance Department in the Philippines and when Corregidor fell, he was taken prisoner. Late in January of this year he was rescued by the Rangers at Cabanatuan.

Eileen Bryant is really "up in the clouds" now that the Army's discharge point system has been announced. Her husband, 2d Lt. Cecil Bryant, Medical Btn., has 108 points to his credit, 23 above the 85 minimum with the result that Eileen is looking forward to an early reunion with her mate after over 40 months' absence.

Mr. Randolph and Nina Knight, BB, are reported to have ordered Valentines that they plan to send each other next February 14.

Pearl Anderson, with two auto accidents to her credit in recent months, says she's very much interested in buying a surplus tank after V-J Day, "just for safety's sake."

Stan Mengler, the vegetarian, and "Chuck" Wilhelm, the Mr. Volleyball at the RIOG, haven't yet settled their private feud on the question, "Vegetables or Exercise."

Don't look now, but Kenneth "Whataman" Carney has added another year to his vital statistics. "The Little Man" was given a surprise party May 17 by Placement Section, at which Mr. C. revealed his lifelong ambition of being the head man in a dog and pony act in a midgets' circus.

Plant Property Division

Deborah Beth made her first appearance in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Anderson on February 20. Most of us don't know the Andersons, but the proud grandfather is Mr. Nicholas. Congratulations, "gramp," and thanks for the candy.

Duane Doolittle also left our office this month to transfer to Building 208.

We are happy to welcome five newcomers this time, namely: Azncena Lopez, Betty J. Carlson, Jake J. Vaccaro, William H. Loga and William C. O'Brien.

Mrs. Mildred Wells was honor guest at a chicken dinner, May 5, at the Lodge, Blackhawk state park. Mildred left ST to take the position of "full-time" housewife. There was a large attendance at the party and everyone had a very good time.

Some of our boys overseas remembered us this month. Ralph Gerdes and Frank Ackerman are somewhere in the Pacific and Dick Wilson is in Germany. How about our remembering them and answering their letters?

No more alibis. No more "There's gum on my shoe," or "the alleys aren't in shape"—because the bowling season is over for our league. The climax to a season of enjoyable evenings was a delicious chicken dinner served on a beautifully decorated table at the Johnson tearoom, Moline. After the dinner was served and the prizes had been given out, the centerpiece was raffled off and Helen Kraus was lucky enough to win it. Following is a list of special award winners:

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Selma Johnson 134.6	Selma Johnson 361
Maryanna Stanger 133.2	Virginia Wilson 348
Helen Kraus 133.2	
High Games	Most Games Won
Bonnie Blair 244	Roll Snaps
Mary O'Malley 206	Perfect Attendance
Virginia Wilson 203	Dorothy Schroeder
	Booby Prize
	Rosemary Osborn

Procurement Division

Pfc. Clifford (Cy) Cottrell, formerly employed in AP's Follow-Up Section, and a veteran of the African, Sicilian, and Italian campaigns, was recently awarded the Combat Infantryman's badge for service somewhere in France (He has since moved on into Germany). Nice going, Cy; we're certainly proud of you!



T/5 Jennie Olson, of the WAC, a former Contract Section girl, has been overseas now for one and one-half years, having served first in North Africa, then in Sicily, and now somewhere in Italy. She certainly looks well and happy, doesn't she?

Several of our AP servicemen and women have called during the past month: Lieut. Jim Walker, AAC, now stationed at McCook, Nebraska, and Mrs. Jim (formerly our own Darlene Bjorklund, of the Advertising Section); Y 2/c Ruby Hill, of the WAVES, stationed in Washington, D. C.; T/3 Everett Waters, now located at Columbus, Ohio, with the Ohio River Division, Corps of Engineers; Sgt. Alex Kolb, U. S. Marines Air Corps, home for the first time after twenty months of service in the Pacific. His unit followed the combat units into Tarawa, Saipan, Okinawa, and Iwo Jima.

Georgia LeMar, of the Voucher Section, has a problem. Her "Little Ben" alarm clock has several times failed to rouse her at

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PROCUREMENT DIVISION (Continued)

the proper hour in the morning, and as a result she has found it necessary to leave her radio set on all night tuned for an early morning broadcast. The trouble is that Georgia finds it pretty hard to spring to attention when, in the dawn's early light, the strains of "The Star-Spangled Banner" float out over the air waves. Has anyone a dependable alarm clock or, perhaps, a peppy rooster, to lend to Georgia in her dilemma?

We were recently very glad to welcome Emma Weigand back into the department, following her operation and period of convalescence. We missed you, Emma!

Since we last went to press, we have said good-bye to several AP employees. LaVerne Elliott has gone back home to Belleville, Illinois; Helen Maas has joined her soldier husband, Bill, now stationed near Jacksonville, Florida. Rozella Dodds has accepted a position in her home town, Princeton, Iowa; and our vivacious little supply clerk, Allene Jordan (a universal favorite) has returned to her home in Hotchkiss, Colorado, to assume household duties. Good luck, folks, to all of you!

Time Division

It was a happy day for the Hansell household the morning Fred E. Hansell, Cook 3/c, found himself on the doorstep of home. Fred has been on an LCI in the Pacific where he has seen action at Saipan, Tinian, and Peleliu. He's on a thirty-day leave and has spent part of his time demonstrating some of his culinary skill to the family.

Dorothy (AA) and Roy (AE) Johnston's youngest son, Robert, has enlisted in the Naval Air crew. Their three other sons are serving in the Army Air Corps—Second Lieutenant Roy, Jr., Second Lieutenant Guy, and Staff Sergeant Herbert who is stationed overseas.

This very expressive paragraph is an excerpt taken from a letter written by Pfc. Robert C. Arnould with the Field Artillery stationed in Italy. Bob formerly worked in department AA.

"Here in the hills it is yet too cold at night for the trees to start to bud, but in the valleys, the apple trees are already shedding their blossoms and the green leaves are starting to unfold. Some people might call it beautiful. I, too, should say it were, providing the quiet and tranquility of the country were not plastered with the din and destruction of war. Even at a distance when you look closely at these orchards, you see trees completely missing here and there that spoil the pattern of the perfect rows, and then there are others which stand still but will never again bear fruit. Cold steel has severed their lifeline, and they stand as a dead symbol of the passing war. Hence, these living things of nature share their agony and spill their blood side by side with blood of mankind."

Have you noticed all the foreign-looking articles decorating the desks lately? Most of them are enemy belongings sent to the U. S. as souvenirs by various servicemen.

Hope Walters received jewelry, medals, and pins from her brother, Pfc. Harold Walters of Patton's Third Army in Germany. Lilian Mayfield's husband, Pvt. Ray Mayfield, an M.P. in Germany, sent her three swords, two large Nazi flags, coins, medals, and a metal plaque of Hitler's head. Rae Holden received a German air raid warden's helmet a Nazi air corps cap, coins, and a pewter tray with "Aachen" stamped on it from her husband, Corporal Edgar H. Holden, who is stationed in Germany with the Salvage and Repair Company of the Quartermaster's Corps of the Ninth Army. Charity Wolff has in her possession a treacherous-looking Filipino knife sent home from Leyte by her son, Corporal John

Wolff of the 341st Airdrome Squadron, Third Commando group. John also sent a Japanese first aid manual.

Hilda Schultschik is the happy recipient of a lovely diamond engagement ring. The man in the case is Kenneth (Pat) McCartney, Chief Petty Officer, radioman first class. Pat has served nine years in the U. S. Navy, and at present is aboard the U.S.S. Bandera on duty in the South Pacific. Here's to "smooth sailing" ahead, Hilda and Pat.

Our best wishes go to Ruth Wiedenhoef and Kenneth Johnson who were married May 5.

We're happy to know that Vera Strohm is at home and progressing nicely after her operation.

Eleanore Funk said goodbye to us on April 27 and wended her way home to Waterloo.

Alma Wisehart was probably reading Horace Greeley because she packed her grip and traveled 'way out to Phoenix, Arizona. She and some of her friends spent their vacations at the Del Desea Ranch located just outside Phoenix. While she was there, Alma took in a rodeo. Exciting pastime!

If you noticed that Vaneta Anderson was slightly on the black and blue side recently, think nothing of it—she was just housecleaning. (Must have been doing her "fall" cleaning.)

The Time Division wishes to extend its sincere sympathy to Elsie Lindgren whose husband William R. Lindgren passed away May 11.

Safety Section

Rock Island Ordnance Center is now holding first place in the Army Ordnance Explosives Safety Contest. We have two months to hold this record if we are to finish first, so let's work safely and keep that frequency down.

The Safety Section enjoyed three pounds of candy in one week recently. The occasions for such indulging were two birthdays and a farewell gesture of Jean Anderson, who has left us to live with her aunt and uncle in Paris, Illinois.

If you want to talk with a well seasoned train traveler, ask Ward Andrews about his business trip to Chicago.

If Alice Crowder doesn't seem to know you when you see her next time, it isn't because she's dreaming. She's concentrating on a report she's making.

We were very much pleased with a letter from our former employee, Sgt. Bob Cherry, who is with the Marines and doing well in the Pacific area.

SHOP M (continued from page 15)

Coming as a surprise to her many friends is the marriage of Eva Bubon, Planning Room in Shop M. The wedding was solemnized May 12th. The lucky man is Cpl. Gene Collingwood who is home on furlough after experiencing quite a lengthy period of service overseas, having participated in six major battles. Good luck to you and yours, Eva, and we wish you the greatest happiness!

Like a breath of fresh air in April came Eileen Goin, only to leave now for service in the WAVES. We wish you the best of luck, Eileen!

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SHOP M (Continued)



★
In a letter received by DM102T recently, we see that Tommy Medill, former ST employee, took part in the invasion of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Tommy says that Iwo Jima was a "hell on wheels" and he got away from there as soon as he could and as fast. He says that their ship is supposed to be a lucky one and he sure hopes it holds out for the duration.

★
The fleet's in and with it came happiness for Eileen Campana in the form of a surprise visit from her husband, Anthony (Tony) Campana, F. 2/c. We hope it won't be long, Eileen, until he is home to stay.

★
Elizabeth Cary received a very interesting letter from her brother, Jack, who was wounded in Germany. He writes from a hospital in England telling that he is recovering and getting good care. We are hoping for a quick and full recovery, Jack.

★
We are wondering just what attracted Wanda Petersen to Southern California, the climate or a heart throb, and if it is the latter, if she will be wearing a band on her left hand when she returns. Time will tell! (Time did tell! Just before press time Eileen informed us that she did receive a gorgeous diamond. Congratulations!)

★
Melvin Hansen, Machine Operator in DM101C, was called to the Colors on May 2nd. Best of everything, Melvin, from all the gang here.

★
Two Gold Stars were added to the Service Board in DM102 during the past month. Melvin B. Allen, formerly a machine operator in the Milling Machine department, was killed in action while serving with the army in France. Alvin L. Bowers, serving with General Patton's army, lost his life in Germany. To the families of both these men we extend our deepest sympathy.



★
DO YOU REMEMBER HIM? We doubt it. Well, it's Frank Belick, but a lot thinner than when he worked in DM102T and DM202T. After becoming a casualty on New Guinea, which put him in the hospital for months, together with the intense heat there, he lost over fifty pounds. He has since been moved to the Philippines, but the heat is the same, so no gain. His brother, John, former SI employee, also with the army, served in Italy and is now in France. His dad is an employee of DM102T.

★
When a girl receives gardenias from a service man, that's one thing, but when the generous sender just signs "Joe," that's where the problem begins. The problem belongs to Dorothy Dulansky of DM102 office, who is trying to figure out which of two "Joe's" it might be who mailed her the gorgeous flowers. Some predicament, we say!

★
Charles Naert, machinist in DM102M, placed himself "in the money" with his 1078 score in the Moline Dispatch bowling tournament. Too bad there wasn't a "booby prize," so that Larry Bredar might have brought home some bacon too.

★
We understand that Walt Koernke is doing his spring plowing at the Duck Creek course in Davenport!

★
That old grey coat of Herb Thoeming's came in mighty handy the other day. A number of people noticed he was wearing it, which is quite unusual, but what they didn't know, was why he was wearing it—he had torn the—(excuse us)—his trousers.

★
Our sympathy is extended to James H. Smith, Machinist in DM101M, whose brother was killed in action recently.

★
Anyone passing Jake Bauerle's and Gene Dwyer's Victory garden plots those frosty mornings this spring, would think it was an Indian reservation in miniature. The little overcoats they made for the cabbage and tomato plants looked like so many tepees, but they did the work. The boys say they didn't lose a plant.



★
This handsome soldier is no other than Sgt. Duane L. Klauer, attached to the 1417th AAF, in Italy. Duane was a former employee of DM102T and DT-104T. His dad, Ludwig Klauer, is employed in Shop L.

★
George Van Kirk is back in DM102T after a whirlwind job in California. Welcome back, George. We can't understand though, how a handsome guy like you escaped Hollywood?

★
Earl Lantau, DM102T, is back after his operation feeling better than ever. What a hospital, a scalpel and a few beautiful nurses won't do for a fellow, eh, Earl?

★
If anyone on the arsenal is interested in photography, he should stop in at the DM102T office. Charlie Miller certainly has a nice selection of pictures on his desk. His picture gallery represents just a few of the many friends that he has in the service. Charlie writes an average of twenty-five letters a week to his many friends in the service, in the States and overseas. Three big cheers for a grand morale booster.

★
Box score of stork news and wedding bells in DM102 this month: no hits, no runs, and no errors!



★
In a tie for second place in the Arsenal Swing Shift Bowling league were none other than this team from DM101E in Shop M, composed of: C. Enders, G. Hardy, A. Shoemaker, E. Angstrom and W. McCaw.

★
Congratulations to Bill Mangan, who became a father for the third time, when he welcomed another daughter into his family on April 9th. Bill now has two girls and one boy.

★
On April 26th, DR103 bade farewell to another "great guy," Wesley G. Kmetz, who left for the armed forces. We all wish you the best of luck, Wes.

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SHOP M (Continued)

A "heavenly haven" for the opposite sex is DR103, where members of the 3626th Recoil Repair Company are in training. They're a good looking outfit, and the deportment and application of these men is a credit to the armed forces.

Virginia McEniry, XA (former DM employee), informs us that on a recent train trip to Chicago, she ran into Loretto Hansen, former PM employee. Loretto has become quite a traveler, having been lucky enough to join her husband wherever he has been transferred. Her husband, Lt. (j.g.) Alfred G. Hansen, is a graduate of the R.I.A. Senior Clerk's School in 1941.

DM101E employees received interesting letters from several of our servicemen last month; namely, Jim McKay, Howard Berkshire, Frank Miller, Lyle Wiese, John Foster and Matt Carr.

Knut Lee, riveter in DM101E, has left for the Navy. He entered the Navy Radar School for special training by virtue of passing a very stiff entrance examination. Good boy, Knut, and good luck!

Ray Stefan of KM302 spent the night of April 1st and the morning of April 2nd looking for a bird—the stork, and he didn't get fooled either. Early in the morning on April 2nd, little Martin Joseph arrived, six pounds and five ounces, all boy. Congratulations!

If you have a problem, take it to Harry Herzberg. He can tell you how much money the yokel brought to the fair, how many apples there were in the basket, and what the President's name was in 1918, but he doesn't know what's green, hangs in a tree and whistles.

A welcome letter was received from Buell Pieper, former DM101E employee, last month. He wrote from Germany: "I'm still O.K. after 110 days of combat and still going strong. If I weren't so weighted down I wouldn't mind it half so much. When we go from one town to another we never rest as we don't want to be on the roads any longer than necessary. If you find time I would sure like to hear from some of you fellows."

A steady rat-a-tat-tat, not unlike that of a machine-gun, is an every day occurrence in DM101E. Tracking down the noise, one finds LeRoy Steiner, faithfully pounding away at his Nibbling Machine, just as he's been doing for years.

There's one in every department—In 101E it's our very good friend, Charlie "Three Strike" Norkus!

Question: "Where does Clarence Woods go every day from 3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.?"



No, this isn't Tarzan. Just Charlie Wilharber, S 1/c, in his tropical hideaway on the Admiralty Islands. Charlie got to stay here long enough to enjoy the fruits of his Victory Garden.

Employees of DM101B mourn the death of our very good friend, William W. Niemeyer, who was a machinist in the Repair department. Mr. Niemeyer passed away on April 22nd.



DIGGING OUT SOME OLD ONES

This picture of Albert R. McBride was taken back on May 27, 1909, when he was working at a factory in Moline. "Mac" is an old-time arsenal employee with 28 years of service to his credit.

SHOPS H & K

Sgt. Vic Steiner of the infantry came back to visit his old friends recently, after serving overseas in Europe and acquiring a chest full of medals. He's really seen lots of action since he left DA34 in June, 1941.

Cupid's arrows have been flying thick and fast around Shop K recently. Helen Cook of DA113 was married on April 22nd to Sgt. Arthur Hedland, who has been stationed here at the arsenal. Norma Anderson of DA117 became the bride of Cletus Baker on April 5th. All the happiness in the world to both of you.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Charles Buhmann of our Plating room, who has been in the hospital receiving treatment for some serious burns. Hope to see you back again soon.

Cpl. Clyde Wisenberg, formerly of KM Inspection, writes that he is now in Germany after traveling so fast through Europe that he didn't have a chance to do any sight-seeing. He says he is kept busy throwing the dead "Krauts" out of the way!

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Reed on the loss of their infant son, Clifford William, who died shortly after birth. Mr. Reed is a KM Inspector in DA.

Stephen A. Burke, former clerk in DA24 office, advises us that he has now been given an A.P.O. number. "Steve" was stationed with the 37th Chemical company at Fort Benning, Ga. The best of luck, Steve.

Sgt. Eldon Schlueter, formerly of DA Office, was a recent visitor to the shops. Eldon is stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, with a Medical Training Unit.

Loretta Huys left our Planning room to become the bride of Staff Sgt. Alfred Hartkop on May 12th. Sgt. Hartkop, a former arsenal employee, is now an instructor at Big Springs, Texas, where the couple will make their home. Best wishes from all your friends here at Rock Island arsenal.

DA34 is saddened by the loss of Charles B. Engell, who died from pneumonia on April 21st. Mr. Engell had been employed at Rock Island arsenal for over 35 years.

Mary Farnsworth of DA34 received this interesting letter recently:

"It was about nine at night on the 26th of January when a convoy of ambulances from Tarlac, Luzon, discharged patients at the 29th Evacuation Hospital set up at Malasiqui, a distance of 55 miles away

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So that Col. Doran will remember "Ritboodius"—and the military personnel at the Ordnance Center.

LT. COL. FELIX DORAN LEAVES R.I.O.C.

Lt. Col. Felix Doran, Jr., assistant officer in the Rock Island Ordnance Depot, recently relieved from military duties to return to essential industry, was honored at a dinner party given by officers and employees of the Depot on Saturday evening, May 26, in the Empire room of the Blackhawk hotel. Forty-two guests were present.

The dinner party was the occasion for presenting Col. Doran with a scroll from the Depot Advisory Operating Committee on behalf of the entire personnel of the Depot. The scroll commemo-

rated the "Ritboodius" campaign which made every Depot employee conscious of "Rock Island, The Best Operating Ordnance Depot in the United States."

Col. Doran was also honored by the military personnel of the Depot. On this occasion he was presented with a trophy — a shaft crowned by an eagle, — suitably inscribed to him.

The awards were presented by Col. O. G. Fegan, commanding officer of the Depot, who spoke on Col. Doran's outstanding contribution to the war program.

Mr. J. D. Frost, technical advisor to Col. Fegan, and a member of the Depot Advisory Operating Committee, expressed the loss the civilian personnel would suffer on the colonel's return to industry.

Col. Doran in accepting the awards, expressed regret on leaving the Ordnance Center with which he had been associated since July 22, 1943, having been transferred from the office of chief of Ordnance in Detroit. Since 1942 Col. Doran has been on military leave of absence from General Motors Corporation in Detroit.



At the speaker's table, are (l. to r.) C. A. Stoelting, Maj. G. V. Scanlan, Col. Doran, Col. Fegan, Lt. Col. Charles L. Reed, operations officer of the Depot, and J. D. Frost.



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from the starting point. One of the men, whose leg was in a fresh cast, was in considerable pain and made quite a fuss about it. And, of the several ward men present, only one seemed inclined to do what he could to make the injured man comfortable. He sat by his cot and talked to him while a shot of morphine took effect and the leg ceased its throbbing. I was the guy with the leg and your Jimmy was the man who had the patience to do what he could to make my life a little more comfortable. For that and for his kidding, gentle and conscientious care during the next several painful days, I'll be forever grateful. He asked that I drop you a line when I arrived in the "old country." I'm only too happy to be able to do so. I call him "your Jimmy" because I don't know whether he's your son or your husband. Whichever he is, you're to be proud of him and know that he looked swell and was doing a fine job. When you write him, please tell him that the Yank correspondent with the busted gam remembered to write. Good luck.

Sgt. "Bill" Alcine

"Jimmy" is her husband, a former arsenal worker in Building 299. According to the latest word received, he is still on Luzon.

SHOP L

First Lt. Bennie Burrows, former employee of PM14L, arrived home recently after completing his missions as lead bombardier of his group which is with the 8th Air Force in Europe. He holds the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart, and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He also wears the Presidential Group citation ribbon, and he has the memory of being shot down twelve miles from the German lines. His wife and small son reside in Muscatine, Iowa.

Fred Brown returned to work on April 9th after being absent for a couple of months because of illness. It's nice to see you around again, Fred!

An interesting and welcome visitor to his former fellow workers was Charles Carlson, formerly of DM200. A veteran of three wars, Charlie has been retired from the Navy after serving overseas for several months. A machinist, both at the arsenal and while in the Navy, he was in a position to see items of manufacture from the Rock Island arsenal and he commented that these items worked "like a watch."

Our sincerest sympathy goes to Jane Kouskie whose Marine husband was killed March 21st, on Iwo Jima.

Edward Snarskis, DM201B, presents us with news of his new son, Michael Joy, who was born at Mercy hospital, April 12th.



The Arsenal Artillery Bowling League completed its season April 2, at the Bowladrome alleys. Flynn's Tavern team, captained by Bill Dobbie, 201B, were the champions by winning one more game than the other teams. Members of the team, all from Shop "L," are, reading from left to right: George Heene, Art Flanagan, Barney Johnson, Bill Dobbie, Fred Lieven, Fred Faulhaber, and Art Leiohardi.

Visitors this month included Pvt. Roger Williams who is enroute to the east coast and Pfc. Charley Curley who is stationed at the Air Base in Amarillo, Texas. They formerly worked in 201B and 201C respectively. Your faces looked good to us, boys!

Illness in 201B has prevented us from seeing Winnie Gager and William Mulvihill for several days. We hope they get feeling better soon and can start working with us again.

A proud look has been written all over the face of Mrs. Dorothy Hudgens, 200G, after she received a letter from her daughter, WAC Sgt. V. I. Hudgens, who is stationed at Fort Myers, Virginia, for she was chosen as one of the honor guards for our late President's funeral.

William O'Toole, 203M, presents a new star in his family, as of April 25 when a baby girl arrived. They've named her Diane Mary. Cute, huh?

SHOP D



Stanley L. Lane, A.M.M. 3/c, worked in DX711 before enlisting in the Navy on November 22, 1942. At the present time he is stationed in the Philippines and is a gunner on a patrol bomber.

We were pleased to hear that Nellie Carman's son, Jack, and Pearl Arch's husband had arrived home on furloughs. Jack has had 2½ years of combat duty in the European theatre of war and Mr. Arch has spent 3½ years overseas. Both men will report for reassignment after completing their furloughs.

The Larry Swanson family has acquired another ration book with the arrival of baby Ronald Edward. Larry is a DX711 employee.

Alvena Frazier was presented with a farewell gift by her fellow workers when she resigned last month. She will be married on May 15th.

Harold Fischer, Foreman in Shop D, furnished this picture of 2nd Lt. "Gene" Richardson, a former employee of Shop M and DM710. Gene is now a prisoner of war in Germany and a resident of Davenport where his wife and daughter are living at present.



Thomas Murphy, Seaman 2/c, who was employed in DM710 until he joined the service, suffered a knee injury in the South Pacific theatre and is now at Great Lakes hospital for treatment.

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MANUFACTURING (Continued)

Did you hear how Frank Sunderland got out of that spring painting chore at home? The story is a honey! Ask him about it.

We offer congratulations to Ann Steuer and Lloyd Potter who were married on April 7th at the Holy Family church in Davenport.

We extend our sympathy to Joseph Mustacchio, whose wife passed away last month, and to LeRoy Hartung on the death of his mother.



Sgt. Mefflin Funk, former DM710 employee, lost part of his left thumb while seeing action in the Palau group. The Sergeant has three brothers also serving Uncle Sam.

BUILDING 208

Fellow employees of Mary Moore, DX300J, surprised her with a pot luck dinner and gifts on April 10th, the occasion being her birthday.

That "streak" going through 208 is none other than Alan "Flash" McDowell, Follow-up man, deluxe, of DX301. Mac is kept pretty busy these days with his work at the arsenal and the McDowell Machine Shop located in Davenport.

Bldg. 208 is to be represented in the Arsenal Baseball league by the "DX Demons." Persistent rumors indicate that James K. Hart and Walter Mohr are to be the foundation of the team.

DX309 is well represented in athletic circles by John P. Skalla. Besides being a bowler of excellent reputation, he is also adept at skating, football and baseball. His cute smile and charming personality also have a way of creating favor among the ladies.

Friends of Henry Grueber and Wilbert Mohr wonder what these fellows are doing in their spare time this year. Last year both boys were known as experts on gardening, but at this writing we have received no potato planting advice from either.

Phil Golder, DX307A, resigned due to the sickness of his wife and will make his home in Keithsport, Ill. We'll miss him!

SHOP C

Our smiling Irene still wears her smile in spite of a fall on May 4 which resulted in a broken arm. Oh! yes, Fred Weingart can again resume shaving, as his lip has healed after a slight injury.

We all extend greetings to the following ladies and gentlemen who added another rung to the ladder of age: Tommy O'Connell, Harold Wells, Art Alex, James Walton, Nick Beckstrom, Ruth Wilcox and Addie Littlewood. Yum! Yum! was the greeting on Harold Wells' birthday as he passed slices of angel food cake to the nailing machine "gang" during their lunch period.

By the array of smiles on some of our fellow workers' faces, we guessed they had received visits from the stork. Teddy Belvel was

presented with a boy, Kenneth Dean, on Friday, April 13; Harold Wells a boy, Kenneth James, on May 9th. We have some grandfathers, too, Darrell Cressey (grandpa for the first time), a boy, Michael J., April 12; and Floyd Bowker, a girl, Janet Mary, April 13.

We were honored by the visit of two former employees who are now in the Armed Forces: Francis Inch of the Navy and Donald Kabel of the Army Air Corps. A letter was received from Elaine Johnson, who left to join the WACS, telling us she likes it very much. We wish all three lots of luck.

SHOPS DO AND DU

John W. Koenig, better known to employees of DO & DU as "Big Jack," celebrated his seventieth birthday on the seventh of April. Jack has been working in DO since July, 1926. Jack has two sons serving with the armed forces overseas.

"Clem" Early, welder, broke his arm while helping a co-worker start his car recently. After a few weeks' absence, Clem came back to work with his arm still in a sling.

Sgt. Everett Goodrich of the Army, former welder in DU, paid us a visit last month, after returning from a year's service in the South Pacific. Everett was stricken with a touch of jungle fever but said the sight of the good old U. S. was practically a sure cure.

Avah L. Call has recovered from her recent hospitalization and returned to work looking better than ever!

Pvt. Allen Frandsen of the Marines and former follow-up man in DO and DU has returned to the States after 8 months in the South Pacific. Al was confined to a hospital for much of the time but even hospitalization did not prevent him from doing a job. Many an hour he spent playing the piano for his fellow confinees and those of us who have heard Al play know that the fellows appreciated having him around. We hope that Al will be able to drop in and see us soon.

Is the man the ruler of the household? Larry Seaman says no, especially when you have a wife and three little girls to keep you running the bases. Larry is somewhat on the order of a real life Dagwood.

SHOPS G & I

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Ingogly celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on April 13. Congratulations! Mr. Ingogly is employed in DM525.

Ragnar Tullberg, machinist in DM503, recently had some additions to his family; three in number. Don't be alarmed; his dog had pups. It's reported that he named the three dogs after some of his fellow machinists in DM503. The poor, poor pups!

Edwin A. Sandberg, an employee of DM505, received word last month from the War Department, that his son, Sgt. Robert Sandberg, a member of the 8th Air Force, is missing in action. Robert is a turret gunner and has flown numerous missions over Germany.

BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Birmont, Jr., a son, May 4th.
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Strawn, a daughter, May 1st.
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Rasley, a daughter, May 5th.
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hinshaw, a son, April 29th.
Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Claerhout, a son, April 27th.

A beautiful new daughter, Terri Jo, was a recent addition to the family of John Hammill, an Experimental Department machinist.

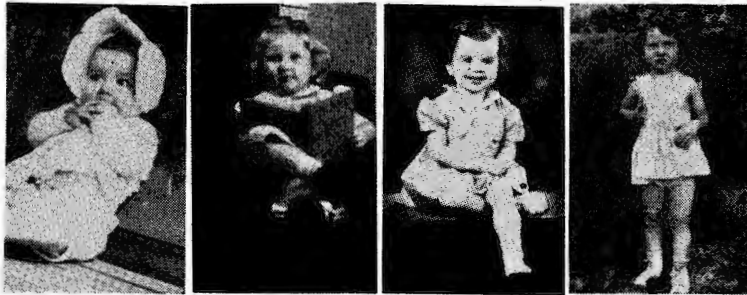
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SHOPS G & I (Continued)

Shops G and I gave up the following employees last month to Uncle Sam. They were John E. Raynoha, Kenneth J. Dunahugh, Nelson W. Gatz and James Connelly.

"Louie" Alonzi, machinist in DM513, celebrated his 32nd birthday last month and was presented with "hard to get" cigarettes and pennies by his fellow workers. Louie, a valuable member of the Rock Island arsenal soft-ball team, asks us to thank the boys for remembering the occasion.

SHOP R



These handsome children are the sons and daughters of Shop R employees. Top row: Virginia Rae Cale, age 7 mos.; Margene Ann Lehman, 2 yrs. old; Judith Kay Lanaghan, 2 yrs.; Kathleen Reynolds, 2 yrs. Second row: The Ahlstrands, Sharon Ann, 3 yrs., and Beverly Jean, 4 mos.; Mary Ann Waltonen, 1 yr.; Dianna Sue Gardner, 5 mos.; Edward John Kaufmann, 4 mos. Third row: Marie Elaine Sowinski; Eugene Alaura, 6 mos.; Jean Audrey Juckeon, 2½ years.

Twin boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hulsbrink, also of Shop R, on April 28. Larry Allan and Jerry Alden are too small to pose for the photographers right now.

SC

Cpl. LeRoy Stirlin writes from Italy that he greatly enjoys reading the Arsenal Record. LeRoy has received two citations for exceptional bravery in action. He is a brother of Gertrude Junkins of SC and was formerly employed in Shop M.

Ann Alsman of Moline has been added to the afternoon shift in the Packing department. Welcome, Ann!

Nancy Swanson enjoyed her vacation while her son, who is with the Marines, was home on furlough from the South Pacific. Ruth Barnhill enjoyed a fine visit from her son who was on furlough from the anti-aircraft division.

What caused all the hustle and bustle in the Shipping office last week? Could it be rush shipments? Ask Maia Archer.

Alfred Boemer ran into snow during a visit to his home in Wisconsin last month.

One of the most colorful figures on the Island is John P. McCloskey, who celebrated his 75th birthday last month. Mac has been ill for several weeks and was greatly missed by his fellow employees. Before coming to work on the arsenal, "Mac" served this community as a street car conductor for 40 years, traveling enough miles to encircle the globe four times!

Catherine Allen, because of family duties, was absent a whole week last month. "Kitty," with her ever-ready smile, gentle manner and boundless energy was greatly missed.

We were very glad to see Henry Fruechtenicht return to work after an enforced absence because of illness.

We wondered why Jean Raap was walking around feeling her throat recently. Finally, it turned out to be mumps, so we knew the reason why. We missed you, Jean!

If any of the uniformed personnel on the arsenal wish to see an ethyl-cell job done to a queen's taste, he will do well to keep an eye on Olive Manning.

We would like to report that Ella Johnson, assistant supervisor in SC, and Edwin Haines, head of the paper department, both worked on the arsenal this war and last war. During World War I, Ella inspected small arms and Mr. Haines was helping with parcel post and express duties. Congratulations to two very fine people!

Central Planning Division

Ed Carmody and Carl Smouse, disciples of Izaak Walton, donned their overcoats and overshoes to welcome the opening of the fishing season. They reported catching the limit.

Our division has lost one of its outstanding personalities with the resignation of Elouise Van Horn, 4 ft. 8½ inches of sunshine and good humor from Welton, Iowa. "Corky" was joined in matrimony to Clarence Kramer of Center Point, Iowa, where she will make her future home. We'll always remember her as Personality Plus, Inc., and our best wishes will be with her every day as she feeds the chickens and churns the butter. (How about a pound, Shorty?)

That spunky little gal from Geneseo, Helen Taylor, is back on her old job again after a long sick leave and major overhaul by the medics and she's looking swell.

Training Division

ARMAMENT MAINTENANCE SCHOOL—XA

Listed among the new Reclamation Program instructors and assistants are T/Sgts. J. W. Guyler and P. O. Cossitor, T/4 A. E. Hindle and T/3 B. P. Brennan of Aberdeen Proving ground, Maryland, as well as W. E. VanAuken of Erie Proving ground, Ohio. Bernie Hare has been transferred to that program, also.

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ARMAMENT MAINTENANCE SCHOOL—XA (Continued)

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Skillman, who are the proud parents of a baby girl, born April 24. The wee one has been named Linda Joyce.

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T/4 Bob C. Weaver, former instructor, on leave from Fort Jackson, S. C., visited the school this month. He is looking extremely well in his new stripes.

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Welcome is extended to Louise Larson, who has joined our office staff. She has already captivated us by her friendly manners.

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We extend our sincere sympathy to Harry Huck in the loss of his step-father, Mr. William G. Reynolds, on May 10, and to Henry Jungjohann in the loss of his sister, Mrs. Anna Oeding on May 12.

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Greetings are extended to the following young ladies who have reported for training, Blanche Ylincheta, Hattie Wiggs, Ogden Arsenal, Utah, Mary Granato, Tooele Ordnance Depot, Utah, Edna Rodgers Ruth Stoeckel and Cecilia Martin of Raritan Arsenal, N. J.

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Our messenger, Betty Cox, surprised us the other day by flashing a beautiful diamond ring on that certain finger, left hand. She has promised to march down the center aisle with Everett E. (PeeWee) Marks, Jr., F 1/c. We wish you both the best of luck.



The above group recently attended a two week conference in Shop D and completed arrangements for setting up a program on reclamation training on fire control, artillery and small arms equipment. This program will be under the supervision of Maj. R. T. Myers and Capt. B. T. Wehner. First row, l. to r., Capt. Wehner, Capt. Harding, Capt. Wetherill, Capt. Gleason, Maj. Myers, Lt. Col. Needham, Col. Waldmann, Lt. Col. McCree, Jr., Major Richardson, Major Bidby, Capt. Hoffman, Capt. Bagley, 1st Lt. Kieckhefer. Second row, 1st Lt. Raynes, Soares, Clinton, Miller, Sgt. Hirt, Lewis, Szluk, Perkins, Holzer, Pemp, Cpl. Traxler, Guthrie, Elliott, Overhoff, Weisheit, Bruhn. Third row, McKinney, Frymire, Giles, 1st Lt. Robb, Reeves, Geist, 1st Lt. Miller, Greenband, 1st Lt. Hill, Jr., Hubbard, Sgt. Smith, Dr. Katzell, Dr. Kvaraceus, Bowers, Henson.

MAINTENANCE PUBLICATIONS SECTION

Don't let the new title of our department scare you away—"Maintenance Publications Section" is the new name attached to revised "Base Shop Data Section" and upon entering our doors you'll find the same old hospitality.

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If you take a glance about the room you'll see: Royal Beldin displaying the latest snap shots of his daughter, Linn Carol . . . Someone craning his neck to see out of a dirty windowpane; that would be John Bloom, the "weather prophet" (whether I work in the garden or not) . . . Phyl Smith mopping the floor after her surprise attack with the water jar failed . . . Bob Hefin raising another moustache. Teppo Davison (though it's hardly visible) attempting his first "cookie duster" . . . Marge Edwards entering the room with a corsage, which can be explained simply.

If you put out your sounding device you might hear: Wilma Bredt worrying about her feathered charges, 450 roosters! . . . Jim Fielding groaning and sitting on cushions after falling off the tank . . .

Phyl Smith bursting blown-up paper bags . . . The loud clatter and chatter accompanying the celebration of three birthdays. The honored were: Hazel Abrahamsen, Wilma Bredt, and Maxine Frauen. Gladys Husby was chairman and saw to it that the bowling games after work were as successful as the meal . . . Mary Ingham relating the time she had in Chicago recently . . . The "We With Young Infants Club" practicing lullabies. (The addition is Charlie Nicholls via his new daughter, Judith Ann.)

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Familiar faces missing are due to transfers of Andy Olson to DM; Bessie Stephens to SI; Elizabeth Neibert to BB; George Fickenscher to OPA; and Leland Ingold to the U. S. Army.

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The editing department has received the additions of Lennice Elvidge and Nora Philebar.

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Gladys Hill is back with us after spending her son's leave at home. S 1/c Ernest Hill, a former arsenal employee, was the state champion miler before entering the service. For full particulars see "Mom."

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Back home to stay makes Fay Wall gay. Marine husband George has been discharged.

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If Marian Binges sounds like an angel it might be because her husband graduates from the seminary soon. Congratulations, and may we wish you the best of luck in your profession.

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Our deepest sympathy to Virginia Doman on the death of her brother. Condolence also to Radio Technician Bill Davis and wife on the death of their infant.

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Major Myers has moved his family to a bungalow on Arlington Avenue, Davenport. We hear he has big plans for a Victory garden, and that one of his hobbies is mowing the lawn.

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Bob Kahle spent several days on travel orders at the Central Film Laboratory in Chicago recently. In spite of the fact he is a Rock Island rooster, Chicago is still his favorite city in which to spend spare time (and lucre).

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Who says there's a clothes shortage?—Wanda McClure had on three sweaters the other afternoon.

Engineering Department

DRAFTING DIVISION

The Good Neighbor Policy is being experienced by Rosemary Mapes and Maxine Hill, who share with each other the work and vegetables from their Victory Garden.

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Remember Bob Thonn who used to work in the Equipment department of AD? They tell us he is now the proud parent of a baby girl—don't know her name.

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Laura Cook, of the Gage section, is back with us after an appendectomy. We're happy to see you, Laura! Robert J. Lennon is out with the same.

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Maxine Knight's husband was to draw a number to see when he could come home on a furlough, and, wouldn't you know, he picked the second to the last number.

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Sincere sympathy to Betty Kerns whose brother Jack was lost over Germany while on a flying mission, and to Mr. Bates and his family in the loss of their baby boy.

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DRAFTING (Continued)

Doug Fuchs is \$10 richer than he was before, but so far as we know, he didn't treat on it.

A salute to Harold A. Carlson who was recently honored for work well done when he was presented a fifteen-year pin by Colonel Waldmann.

In the Singles for the Arsenal Bowling Tournament, Fred Juneau placed 4th, Richard Sundin 8th, Lyle Calvert 9th; in the doubles, Lyle Calvert and "Smoky" Leberman placed 9th; in the team event, Ed. Gere, Kenny Herbst, Ed. Reck, Walt Ackerman, and Allan Rose won first place.

Jean Herman, S. 1/c, visited our department recently. Jean is stationed in Washington, D. C. She still loves the Navy!

John Murphy, according to his latest letter to Mr. Aubry, has recovered from his wounds and has returned to action. He's sporting a silver bar now!

Lorraine Bossenberger has decided to go back home to Michigan. Moline is nice, but her heart's in Detroit, so she says. Best wishes, Lorraine.

We wish to welcome Mary Lee Twitchell, a southern Illinois gal, into our big happy family.

Say, Mrs. Meyers, it's about time for the spring house cleaning to start, so, maybe, if you put in a plug you might get some valuables for your antique hobby collection. Who knows, someone may still have a pair of nylon hose or a piece of Wrigley's Juicy Fruit gum packed away.

You know what I heard? Almost any rainy Sunday afternoon one can find Beth Wise and Lois Rizner down on the floor at Lois's house with her paper doll collection spread out before them. Exciting, huh? Then, on the nice days, they go on hikes. Anti-climax!

Bill Miller celebrated his ?? birthday during the month of May. The cake was delicious, Bill. We didn't know you could cook. Where did you get the sugar?

Ralph Crawford celebrated his birthday also. The cake he brought was good, too, but we knew he was a good cook!

LABORATORY

Nan Pollock came back from a visit in Chicago with her nose up in the air from looking at the tall buildings. We hope she didn't get eye strain from all the sights she saw.

Eleanor Dale's brother is visiting her on a 21-day delay enroute to a reassignment station in Michigan. Sgt. David Dale has been serving in South Guiana.

Ruth Hanna is patiently awaiting the arrival of her brother. Lt. Bill Hanna, from England.

Al Saunders' brother is on his way home for a 30-day leave. Captain Charles Saunders has been with the Marine Air Corps on Iwo Jima.

Harry Faigen, noted expert on formulae for fathers, is a native of Iowa—again, since his latest moving venture to Davenport. Harry will soon be awarded the title of the most unsettled man of the Laboratory. (He ought to get himself a house on wheels.)

Eddie Schluez doesn't realize what a good bowler he is. Jane thinks he bowls a wicked game.

R. I. ORDNANCE DEPOT (Continued from page 17)



Lorraine M. Holden, S. 1/c, after seven days' leave spent at home in Davenport, has reported to the Federal Building, San Francisco, California, for further orders. Seaman Holden received her boot training at Hunter College, New York. Upon completion of her six weeks there she was transferred to Stillwater, Oklahoma, where she received a two months' course which entitled her to her first class rating.

Congratulations to Sadie Kleinau of Order Control 299, whose son Elon won first place in the Illinois State Oratorical Contest. Elon is 17 years old and a student at Geneseo High. His subject was: "Records of Germany Speak." Sadie is very proud of her son, and we are very proud to have her working with us.

We extend our sympathy to Verda Stithem whose nephew was killed in action on Iwo Jima.

If you don't know why Bessie Danley has that smile, it's because she got to take her long awaited trip to Texas to see her son graduate.

Elsie Volstedt's son, SM 3/c, was home on leave from the Navy. She says they really had a wonderful time.

Congratulations to Geneva Wickam who recently got married. Her husband was honorably discharged from the army through the point system after three years of overseas service. They intend to live in Colorado.

Oh dear, Florence Bregger, where did you get that perfume? She calls it "Love's Seent" but to the rest of us it's just plain "Love's Cent."

Pete Peterson came to work one bright morning sporting a straw hat. From the way the gals swooned you'd think he was Frank Sinatra. Well?

By the time you read this Mary Slatterly will almost be a June bride as she is to be married about the 27th of June.



The proud daddy of these three little husky sailors is "Swede" Stierwalt of V-5. Jerry is 5, Billy is 3, and the youngest 1½ years old.

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