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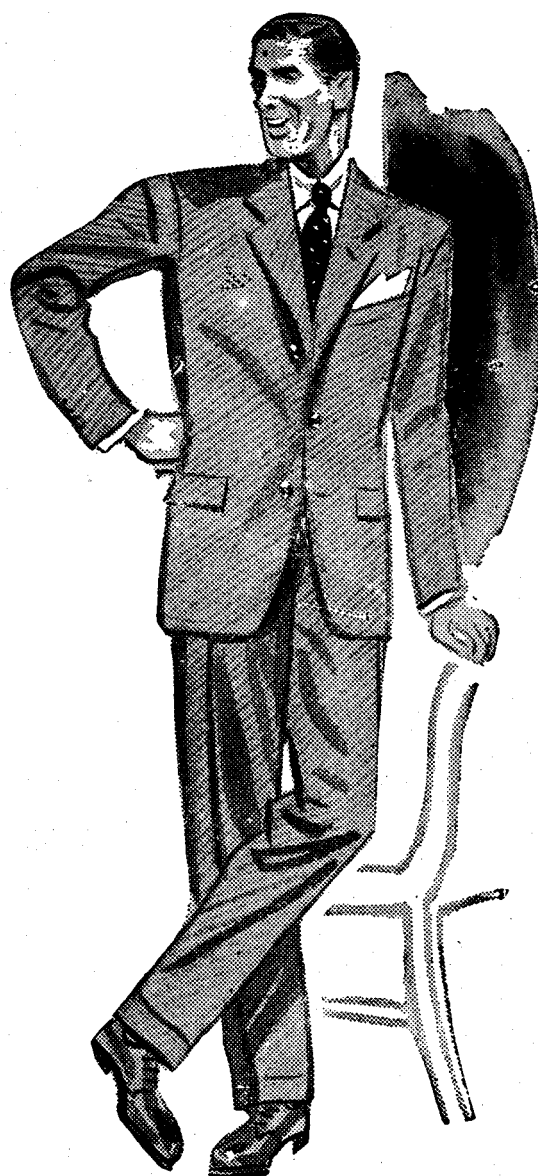
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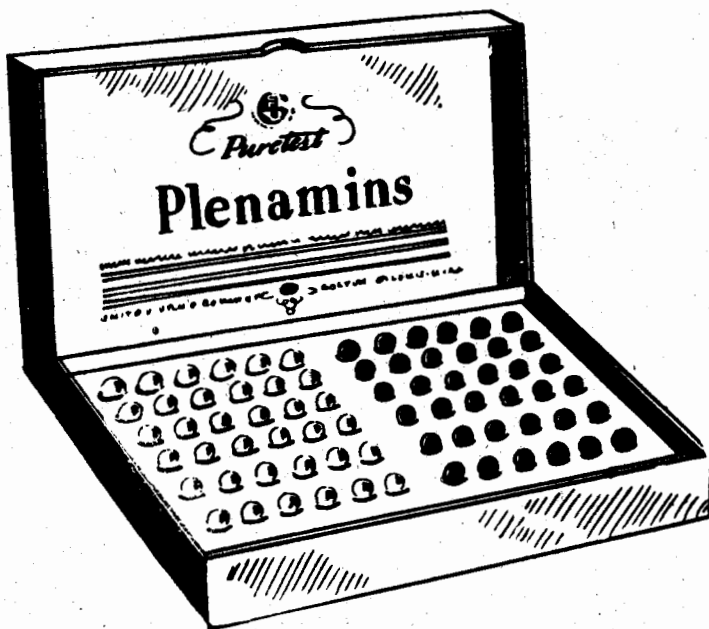
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Pfc. James Fritz, husband of Margaret Fritz, has arrived on the Queen Mary, having served with the 4th Inf. Div. in Germany.

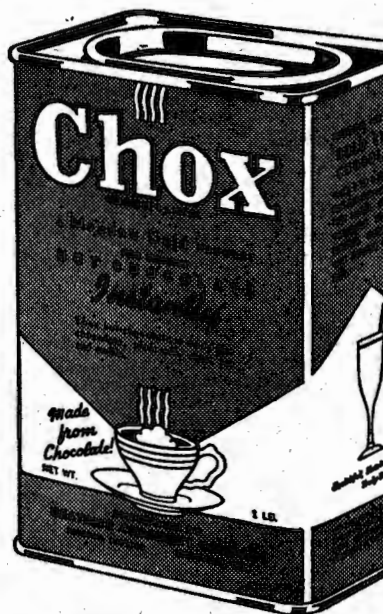


Jim T. Micklewright, Coxswain, U. S. Navy Seabees, is the son of Elmer Micklewright employed in Maintenance division 299.



Sgt. Kenneth Cooper, son of Mabel Cooper, has arrived in the States after serving in the Mariannas with the Army Air Force.

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John L. Bailey, formerly a machinist at the Rock Island arsenal, was graduated recently from the naval training center at Great Lakes as honor man of his company. He has been recommended to attend fireman school for further training.



Pfc. Bernard Nessler, left, former AP employee, is now stationed in a picturesque chateau about forty miles from Rheims, France. Bernard was supervisor of the Duplicating Machines section in AP, and is now operating the same type of machine and performing much the same type of work for Uncle Sam. The chateau in which he is garrisoned was built in 1620, but Bernard says he is looking forward to enjoying American architecture again.

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THE RECORD'S COVER

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Instrument repairmen Carl J. Lundstedt (1) and Oscar M. Carlson here check on one of these precision instruments which has come to Rock Island arsenal for overhauling.

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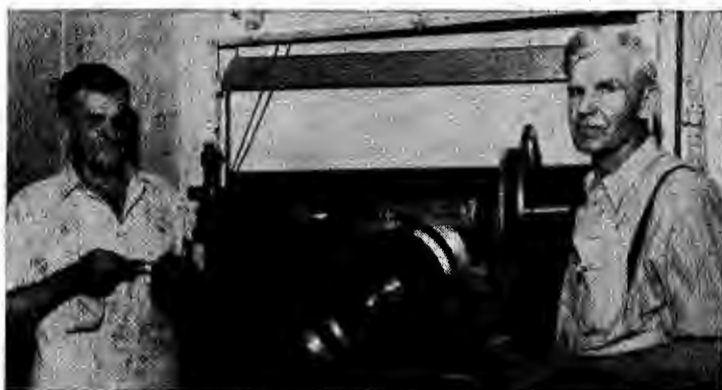
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Lead men in Sight and Instrument Repair are, l. to r., Major Frank Smith, operations chief, Forrest Baumbach, clerk, Andy Lien, foreman.



Repairing and testing telescope mounts for guns is job of C. Moeller (l.) and W. Lamp. Not in picture are Bockenfeld, Teteus, Weets.



At work coating optical lenses for better visibility are, l. to r., Goldie M. Linder, Ruby M. Cederberg, Harry Miller, Gene Taylor.

BOMBS ON THE TARGET--- BECAUSE FIRE CONTROL IN- STRUMENTS ARE ACCURATE

From their point of view, they had long ago sighted Victory through the powerful binoculars, periscopes, range finders, and other delicate and complicated instruments that were returned to this Depot for repair from combat zones and training camps—that's the way it looked to the men and women of the Sight and Instrument Division.

Trained craftsmen are employed in this department to handle the intricate repair work allocated to the following sections: Pressure Gauge, Mechanical Instrument, Optical Instrument, Watch Repair, Anti-Aircraft and Lock.

This repair work consists of adjustments on fire control instruments for field artillery, small arms, coast artillery and anti-aircraft artillery for the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th Service Commands, and since Peace, work has been received from all of the 48 states.

The Sight department was established at the Arsenal in 1920, and is only one of a few in the United States equipped to handle adjustments on these intricate instruments.

Andy Lien, foreman, has been with the department ever since 1921 when he was employed as a repairman. Today, as civilian chief,

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Watches are repaired for army use by these expert instrument repairmen, l. to r.: Harry W. Miller, Harry Holsteen, Martin Keller.



Using indoor testing fixture, Russell Roderick, Edison Sprague, Frank Vavra (l. to r.) test range finder. Not in picture is F. Brown.



In binocular and small telescope repair section are, l. to r., Leonard, Anderson, Kaufman, Little; seated, Gerhardt; Rurrel, absent.

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A paint job on tripods for fire control instruments and they look like new. Eugene Cuervorst and Michael Ruefer (l. to r.) do the job.



Repairing periscopes is job of these men: l. to r., Eastman, Nebel, Brown, Scott, Lyon; girls absent, M. Taylor, S. Matron, M. Carlson.

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L. E. Hawkinson engraves a graduated scale for replacement in the mechanical instrument section.



Testing an hydraulic pressure gauge, used with recoil mechanism in the field, is Leslie Evans.



It's R. Ahrens and T. Dye (not in picture) who keep time clocks and tower clock running true to form.

Administration



Plant Property Division



Aileen Bjurstrom and Elbert Collins said "I do," Saturday evening, July 28, in Moline. It was a beautiful wedding and Aileen made a lovely bride. Elbert was employed in Shop M before his entry into the Navy last year. Best wishes to you, Mr. and Mrs.

July 19 was a red letter day in the home of Don and Rita Hogarty because of the arrival of Michael Joseph. According to Don, he must be an exceptional baby, but then you know how new fathers are. We do know that if he has his mother's looks and his father's personality, he will get along O.K. Congratulations.

We extend our welcome to two new co-workers who have joined our organization since last month. Emily Shanley is working in the Machinery Record section and Eula Mae Cook is in ST 131 helping Mr. Watson.

Procurement Division

The social event of the month was AP's farewell picnic for Major and Mrs. Herschel, held at Riverside Park in Moline on the evening of July 25. About one hundred persons attended and enjoyed the delicious menu, followed by an evening of good-fellowship. The Major was presented with a parchment scroll, beautifully decorated by our own departmental artists and carrying the signature of all AP personnel. All in all, the gathering was a delightful event.

On the morning of August 3, our new Procurement officer, Captain Benson, arrived at the office very early. His face was wreathed in smiles, and he was obviously bursting with news. Inquiry disclosed the fact that his new daughter, Dorothy Jane, had put in her appearance just a few hours earlier. Dorothy Jane will make a fine companion for her big brother, John Oliver. Our congratulations to the happy family!

The moving of the Legal section to a new location elicited much amusement. Art Stambaugh, Clarence Wagner, Ted Heater, and Giles Klein were in charge of transportation; and Klein's somewhat erratic steering of the moving dolly led Wagner to inquire, with well-chosen sarcasm, "How in the world, Giles, did you ever qualify for your driver's license?"

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S/Sgt. Alice Murphy writes that she flew over Germany in a Liberator, the trip lasting 7 hours non-stop, and she was thrilled speechless. Not too speechless, we hope, as we want to hear all the particulars when Alice returns to the U. S. A.

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Arlene Schave was married August 3 to Corporal Robert Nelson at an evening ceremony held in Edgington, Illinois. Congratulations, Arlene and Bob!

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Another diamond sparkles in the AK office. The happy recipient is Louise Anderson and the lucky fellow is Howard Olson.

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Congratulations, Herbert and Myrtle Holck on the new heiress, Ruth Ann, born on August 14 and weighing 8 lbs. 10 1/4 oz.

ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

Mail and Record Division



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T/4 Ross Parker, former Field Service Stock representative, is now on his way to the Pacific. Sgt. Parker received a battle star for action in the European theater of war, where he was stationed for nine months. He received a direct assignment from there to the Pacific. His wife, Gale Parker, is employed in Incoming Mail section.

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Sgt. Glen Messner returned recently from the European theater of war for a 35 day furlough with his wife and two children. Sgt. Messner is wearing three battle stars, the Good Conduct and Pre-Pearl Harbor ribbons. He was in battles in Germany and France. Sgt. Messner spent two of his eight months overseas in a foxhole.

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Manufacturing

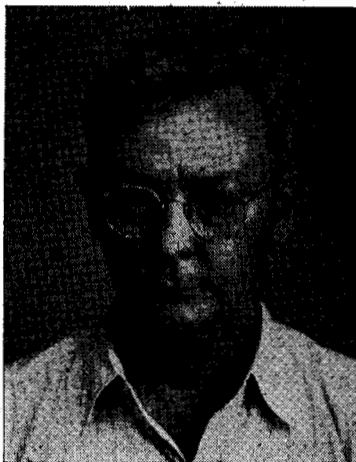


Artillery Vehicle Dept.

Artillery Vehicle department enjoyed visits from the following men and women in the armed services during the month of July: Pvt. Tommy E. Devlin, Pfc. James E. Stuart, Seaman George Shirik, Pvt. Robert Holmer, Sgt. Chris Ivanhoff, Pvt. Martin Schulte, Ensign Harold Bach, Seaman Robert Francois, Sgt. H. E. Meier, Pvt. Walter Adams, Sgt. George Adams, Petty Officer Ralph Froberg, Cpl. Harold Zinger, Pvt. Raymond Mirfield, Pfc. G. Rosenberg (WAC), Pvt. Arthur Warren, Sgt. M. E. Carey, Seaman Harold Bingham, Lt. William Kelly, Seaman Albert Taylor, PM 3/c Julian DeGrande, AO 3/c Stanley Lane, Seaman John Sweeney, Pvt. Leo Polito, Pvt. Arthur Eickstaedt, Pvt. Richard Clark, Sgt. Marlow Jones, Sgt. Ellwyn Jones, Pvt. Orville Jones, Pfc. Richard Barnett, Pvt. Chas. Coppert, Seaman Alvin Schroeder, Lt. Sylvian Wildman, Pfc. Herschel Paul, Pvt. Robert Wier, Sgt. Carlos Daledovich, Seaman Chas. Rettig, Pvt. George Chase, GM 1/c Arthur Griffin, Pvt. John Bean, MM 1/c Richard Partney, Petty Officer Roy C. Cressy, Pvt. Robert Morey, and Pvt. Keith Doellinger.

In addition to the foregoing four discharged veterans of this war honored us with visits. They were: Woodrow Schulte, Robert Rider, Thomas Murphy and James Scott.

SHOP M



Carl E. Johnson's name first appeared on the pay roll of Rock Island arsenal August 11, 1913. He died on July 25, 1945, following an operation and brief illness, and except for a period of less than two years in 1926 and 1927, his name was never removed from the rolls.

Mr. Johnson began his employment working in the Inspection department and during World War No. I he was assistant to Mr. A. Forrest, Chief Inspector, now retired. After 10 years in the Inspection department, he was transferred to the Gear department.

Lt. James W. O'Brien, former blue-print section and 202C office employee, was recently cited for his part as navigator in the successful bombing of important oil installations at Takao, Formosa, and he has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Lt. O'Brien earned his decoration while flying on an armed reconnaissance flight in a B-24 Liberator. Lt. O'Brien was recently home on leave, but has again returned to his base. He also has the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

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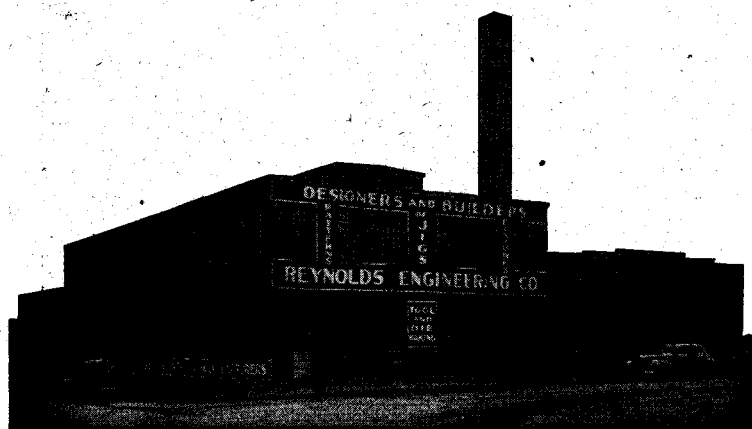
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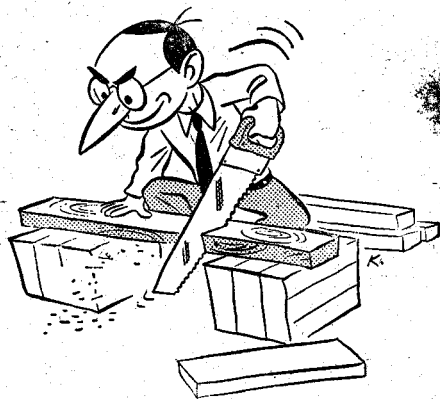


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For Field Service Sub-Office, OCO: Captains Harold W. Bourgoine, Charles T. Carter, and John R. MacDonell; 1st Lt. Louis F. Madeira, 2nd Lt. Richard L. Morton.

Major Steve F. Walker, Captains Spencer A. Sweeny and Erhard D. Nielsen, and 1st Lt. Kenneth S. Whittemore, Jr., from temporary duty outside continental limits U. S.

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Transferred:

Maj. Paul E. Herschel, Jr. and Capt. Harold W. Gerlach relieved from active duty.

Capt. Charles E. Dettmann to IGD OC of S, Washington, D. C.

Capt. Gordon R. McIntyre to 1610 SCU, WD Pers Ctr (ASF); Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

Capt. Ellis F. Powell to School of Mil. Govt., Charlottesville, Va.

Capt. Ralph L. Powell to permanent station outside the continental limits of the U. S.

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Promotions:

1st Lt. Herman G. Eberling promoted to Captain, effective 20 July 1945.

2d Lt. Leo B. Davlan promoted to 1st Lt. effective 13 July 1945.

2d Lt. David W. Lander promoted to 1st Lt. effective 25 July 1945.

2d Lt. George R. Miller promoted to 1st Lt. effective 1 June 1945.

SHOP M (Con't from page 11)

Thanks to Hans Koehler, DM102T is always ahead in the news. Hans scoops every big event and immediately relays it to DM102T, who incidentally has some pretty good broadcasters too. So, for the latest in news, call Hans and get an up-to-the-minute report.

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That smile of Julian Pieper's is bigger than ever since July 23rd when old Doc Stork left a new four and three-quarter pound son at Jane Lamb hospital, Clinton, tagged for the Pieper residence. Julian is employed in DM102M.

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We understand that Harry Herzberg of KM103 was a very confused man the morning he forgot his picture pass. Evidently it was the result of being "taken" in a game of golf the day previous.

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It was a good thing that George Bartz and Gordon Hill were able to bring Lester Beadel back from their fishing trip to Minnesota. Les had hallucinations; he wanted to be an Indian!

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Richard "Dick" Barnett, formerly of DT100, was home on leave last month from Mayo Hospital, Galesburg, Illinois. Dick was also in hospitals in France and England after being wounded by machine gun fire during the invasion of the Ruhr valley in Germany.

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R. I. Ordnance Depot



Pictured above are the three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hamlin. Mr. Hamlin is employed in the Maintenance Division 299. T/5 Sheldon Cummings served with the famous 42d engineer construction battalion that was cited for its hard won battle of "building and rebuilding Alaska." Cpl. Leo Cummings is in the coast artillery. Leo and Sheldon had the good fortune of meeting in the Aleutians. It was their first meeting in two and one-half years. All three were employed at the Rock Island arsenal before their entry into the armed forces. (Above, left: Cyril Cummings, MMM 3/c; right, T/5 Sheldon and Cpl. Leo Cummings.)

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Yvonnette E. Livingston, Chief of Stock Analysis section, Inventory Control branch, has a new book, "Transgression," on the market, published by Hobson, New York. It is on sale at leading book stores and is being currently displayed at Carlson's book store, Moline, Illinois. "Transgression" is Mrs. Livingston's third full-length novel. She has written several short stories and articles for current magazines and papers, and formerly edited the news of the Ordnance Depot for the RECORD.

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Lt. Dan Stoelting, former employee of Small Arms and XYZ, visited the Depot a short time ago. Dan has served overseas and prior to entering the service was a pre-medic at the University of Iowa. He is the son of C. A. Stoelting, Civilian Chief of Storage division. Incidentally, Mr. Stoelting recently enjoyed a two weeks' fishing trip up north.

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Mike Carney, SK 2/c, is enjoying a 30-day furlough at home, having just returned from Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Mike visited his former co-workers in IBM. Howard Kendall also visited IBM.

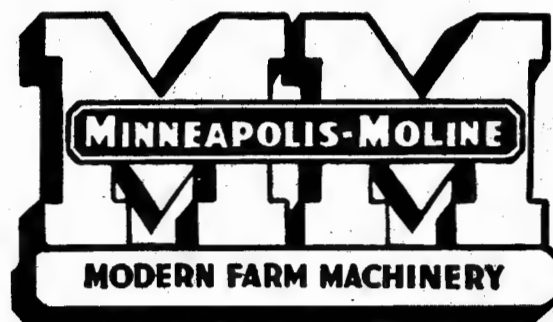
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Harold Lee visited four of his former employees who are at Great Lakes Naval Training school. They are Peter Zozich, Robert and Thomas Murphy and Dick Eckstrand.

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Welcome to Lt. Peterson and Lt. Scott who recently arrived from overseas duty. Lt. Peterson served in the South Pacific and Lt. Scott in the European theatre.

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Once reported missing in action and later seriously wounded in Germany, Sgt. Robert W. Cribbs, former employee of the Artillery Maintenance division, Bldg. 299, is back in the United States undergoing surgical treatment at Borden general hospital, Chickasha, Okla. Talking with Sgt. Cribbs (in the above picture) is Maj. Gen. Walker of the third army.

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John Carr is missed as Civilian Chief of Inventory Control, but his place is quite capably filled by James Gray. Welcome, Jimmie! Della Mae, Agnes and Lauretta have been bragging about the fun they had on their vacations. Bertha has never seen her name in

print. Here 'tis! Poor Nancy! First she falls out of bed; now she's taken to falling off chairs. Lt. Campbell might well be classified as a busy bee, so busily has he been fitting between his two desks. More chocolate bars needed for energy, Lieutenant!

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Congratulations and best wishes to our good maid, Emma Brown of V-8, who celebrated her birthday. With her cheerful ways and sunny smile she has proved to be a real morale builder for the girls in the V-area.

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Shirlie Massey of 299 Receiving section has gone to Atlanta, Georgia, where she was married to Pvt. Ray Phillips, who returned from overseas. Congratulations and the very best of luck from all your friends and fellow workers, Shirlie.

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It seems as though Truman Jordahl of W-1 Equipment is having a difficult time with his semi-drivers. Uncle Sam took one, and two boys decided to go west. Good luck to Earl Lovell, "Swede" Johnson and Oscar Evans.

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W-1 Equipment section has two very proud fathers: Johnny Buser and Norman Frahm.

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Sorry to lose Danny Ryan, Bob Morse, Pat Miller, Jean Johnson and George Mohr. George is going to teach again; Jean, Pat and Danny are going to college, and Bob has gone west for his health.

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Sgt. Lennert Johnson, husband of Esther Johnson, arrived home unexpectedly on a 30-day furlough. Sgt. Johnson has been stationed in England with the 103rd General Hospital unit for the past year and a half.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Orville Peterson who are parents of a baby boy born July 20.

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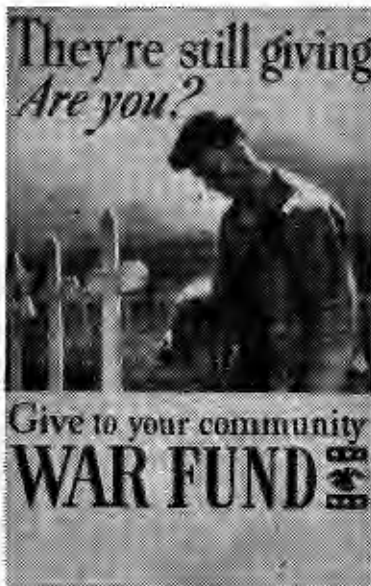
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Herbert R. Fabricius, F 1/c, former employe of Shop 208, has been in six invasions including Luzon, Leyte, Anguar, Uliki and Okinawa. His ship has shot down many Jap suicide planes. He has four battle stars and three service ribbons. His wife, Mrs. June Fabricius, is employed in the Package section in Mail & Records division.

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Congratulations and best wishes to Lilly Groce who was married on July 25 to Cpl. Frederick Gertz. Cpl. Gertz recently returned after spending 32 months overseas. At present he is stationed at Camp Crowder, Missouri.

SHOP M (Continued from page 14)

We salute "Hart" Anderson of DM101E as the "old timer" of the year. He's 60 years young, but still shoots in the low eighties in golf, and bowls a neat 160 average. We think that's something to be proud of, Hart!

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Allyn Frandsen, ex-Marine, is back on the job in PM Follow-up after a year and a half in the service. Nine months of his time was spent as a member of the military police company of the Marine infantry at Honolulu and Pearl Harbor. He directed the 15-piece swing band of the Pacific Fleet school in their activities at Honolulu, Waikiki, etc.

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Virginia Moore in DM surprised the girls by changing her name to Virginia Porter. The girls presented Virginia with a lovely wedding gift.

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Congratulations to Clarence Kelly of 102M on his 88 at Duck Creek. He has been trying to break 90 for years. By the way, the following day he had 103. Incidentally, Frank Green almost had a hole-in-one on the 15th hole at Duck Creek last month. Frank's drive dropped in the wrong hole on the green. To this we add: fame flew out the window.

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Marriage vows were spoken August 7 in Davenport, uniting in marriage Phyllis Spurrier and Lt. George R. "Bob" Boege. Phyllis was a clerk in DT104A office. To the newlyweds we express our heartiest congratulations.

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Ensign P. D. Johnson has served 2½ years in the Atlantic, Mediterranean and South Pacific. Only one ship which Dale was on has been lost. This was near the northern coast of Africa. Dale is now on an invasion boat in the South Pacific. Ensign Johnson was employed in SI before his enlistment. His fiancée, Mary Ellen Casey, works in the Confidential Mail section.

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SHOP M (Continued)



While Daddy Walter A. Magnuson (above left), formerly of Shop M, DT104G, is "sweatin' it out" in the South Pacific, the rest of the family takes time to help young William Magnuson celebrate his fourth birthday at a picnic party. In the photo to the right are the celebrant, Mrs. Magnuson, Randal Kai and Shirley Maxine Magnuson.

"Jimmie" Shore did himself proud in the Rock Island Conservation Club's fishing tournament on July 29th, when he walked off with five out of the nine prizes awarded, including those for the largest perch, the most fish, the smallest fish, the greatest variety, and the second largest catfish. Certain envious elements are sneering that this sounds like a fish story to them, but Jimmie has newspaper clippings to prove his claims.

Congratulations to the Dan McWhorter family upon the arrival of their new son, Richard Allen. Richard is also welcomed by little "big" brother, Danny.

Word has been received from "Art" Carlson, former Gear department employee, who is now in the army. "Art's" in a hot part of the globe. Says he'd like to hear from the boys in the department. His address may be obtained in the Gear department Inspection Crib.

SHOP C

Nels Ehmsen, at the age of thirty-one became an employee at the carpenter shop; he worked thirty-one years and retired on the thirty-first day of July, 1945.

DeWayne Cook, Lorenze Miller, Lewis Cook, Albert Juedes, and Lester Smith are on our sick list this month. We extend greetings and hope to have them with us soon.

The carpenter shop was honored by the visits of four former employees who are now in the service: Lloyd McCoy, Paul Heintze, Richard Clark and John McEvoy.

SHOPS G & I

Chief Petty Officer Roy C. Cressy, who was foreman of the Repair department in Shops G and I prior to his enlistment in the Seabees in August, 1943, has recently been discharged from the service. Roy saw service at New Guinea, Tinian, Leyte and several lesser campaigns in this war and is also a veteran of World War I. He is now enjoying an extended vacation at home with his family and friends.

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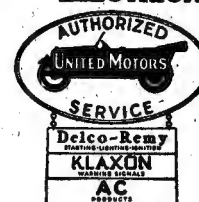
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SHOPS G & I (Continued)



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Donald R. Grant, F 1/c, is shown with his small son "Donnie." This picture was taken while Donnie's daddy was enjoying a furlough at home recently. "Don" is a former DM505 employee and is stationed aboard the USS Hector, a repair ship in the South Pacific.
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Shops G and I went "all out" on their picnic held at Little's Grove on Sunday, July 29. Approximately 400 adults and children were in attendance, the highlight being the baseball games held both in the morning and afternoon. Members of the winning team were captained by Merle Buttgen of DM513, and they copped the championship game by a lopsided score of 14 to 4. The "ringingest" horseshoe pitchers proved to be Gerald Grubbs and Robert Musser of DM505. Other activities included a tug of war, chicken races, pie eating, white volcanos and running races with suitable prizes awarded for each contest. Bingo and cards were enjoyed by those whose ideas of sport are on the less strenuous side. Liquid refreshments and ice cream supplemented the basket lunches of the various groups and families. The Czupka children's orchestra supplied the evening entertainment with orchestral selections, songs and solos. Everyone was agreed that it was a "swell" picnic.
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VanWolvelaere hasn't been producing any new ties or shirts recently. Must be that the fire sales are ended!

SHOP D

It's baby girls at the Noacks and the Stickneys! Mothers and daughters are reported to be doing fine. Oh, yes, Father Herman and Father Glenn have finally calmed down.
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Minnie Freeborn, Florence Krukow and Louise Hinton all received word recently that their sons would arrive home shortly from overseas duty. 'Twill be "Mothers' Day" all over again, and we're happy for them.
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Arnold Hansen has left us to join the armed forces. We'll all miss a swell fellow and a willing worker. Good luck, Arnold!
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Two former employees visited the shop this past month, Pfc. Goldie Rosenberg of the WACS and Sgt. Harold Meyers of the army air force.

SHOPS H & K

Radioman 2/c Francis Dawson, former clerk in Shop K, is now on active Navy duty and sent this definition of a sailor, taken from a sailor's letter: "What is a sailor? A sailor is a guy who is worked too hard, gets too little sleep, takes verbal abuse no civilian would take, does every imaginable kind of a job at any imaginable hour, never seems to get paid, never knows where he's going, can seldom tell where he's been—yet accepts the worst with complete resignation; and last but not least, he really kind of likes it!"
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2nd Lt. Glenn V. Belknap of the army air force was killed in action over China on July 5, according to word received by his father, Fay Belknap of DA117. Lt. Belknap entered the service in March, 1942, received his wings last September, and has been based in Burma since January.

The 2-F, or Fast and Furious Softball league, consisting of twelve teams from the Rock Island Ordnance Center, has completed its schedule with our team, the H'ell K'ats, victorious, having eleven wins and no defeats. The employees in Shops H and K are justly proud of these "old men" who went out and fought every inch of the way in every game. Congratulations, fellows, and the best of luck in the tournament which gets under way August 7.
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Mr. and Mrs. Gil Jording are the proud parents of a seven-pound baby boy born July 20. Gil is foreman in DA15.

SHOP L

Ralph Freberg, GM 3/c, U. S. Navy, formerly employed in DM201B, visited the shop while on a well-earned 30-day furlough last month. Ralph has seen action in three major battles—Sicily, Belgium and Okinawa, and has been in the Navy for four years.
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For lessons in cutting grass and playing pinochle, see Harvey Fude of Shop L Inspection department.
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Earl Martin, 201A, and Kenneth Webb, 201B, were inducted into the armed forces last month. Best of luck, Earl and Kenneth!
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While playing ball recently, Bernice Hines, Tool Chaser in Shop L, couldn't find second base. Is my face red?
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On July 12, 1945, wedding bells rang for Harry F. Requet, formerly of DM200M and Vera Stull of M200G. Vera has resigned to assume her household duties. Our best wishes, Harry and Vera.
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Private Orville Jones, a former employee of DM200, has completed radio schooling and will report to Shepherd field replacement center in Texas at the completion of his furlough. Orville visited with old friends in Shop L while enjoying his leave.
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A welcome addition to the Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Yaudas family was born July 19. It was a boy, 5 pounds, 9½ ounces, who was named Philip Joseph. Congratulations!
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We extend our sympathy to Frank Jamieson, whose mother died July 19, and to Alfred Carlson, on the loss of his brother, who passed away July 21.
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Word has been received that Private Norman Steelhammer of the 5th Marine Division was wounded on Okinawa during June, 1945. He is now recuperating in a hospital on Guam. Norman was formerly employed in DM200.
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Larry C. Austin, of DM201B, retired on June 29 after giving his best at Rock Island arsenal for the past thirty-five years. In farewell to this 64-year old patriot, his co-workers staged a stag at Woelks' picnic grounds, in Davenport, on Saturday afternoon and evening, July 7. Horseshoes, cards and baseball games were enjoyed by those in attendance throughout the day, after which Kangaroo Court was held, with Larry being the defendant. Dutch lunch was served with "suds," after which several of the "old boys" harmoniously rendered a few of our old time well-known song selections.

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Holding Army-Navy "E" Flag, l. to r.: Lt. Col. Gordon Fowler, Harry Bloch, Beauford Curtis, plant's CIO head, Lt. Comdr. Truman Jones.

At brief and simple ceremonies held at Hotel Blackhawk, August 30, employees of the Swan Engineering & Machine Co. were presented the Army-Navy "E" award for unusual ingenuity and efficiency in producing canopy release parts for P-47 Thunderbolts, parts and accessories for large guns, radar parts, tools for other war contractors as well as those vital to farm equipment production, and most notably a machine gun elevator assembly which adapted the weapon to anti-aircraft fire.

Paying tribute to the Company's war record and challenging employees to continue effort in the days of peace that lie ahead was Lt. Col. Gordon C. Fowler, officer in charge of the quad-cities regional office of the Chicago ordnance district. Col. Fowler presented the "E" flag which was received by Harry D. Bloch, president of Swan Company.

"E" pins were delivered to the 66 employees entitled to wear them by Lt. Comdr. Truman Jones, navy recruiting chief for Iowa,

SHOP L (Continued)

Private Arthur W. Eickstaedt of the 97th Infantry division visited us while on a 30-day furlough last month. Pvt. Eickstaedt has served overseas.

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Wanda Peterson, who was loaned to us from Shop M, has been in Moline Public hospital, recovering from an appendix operation. We're hoping to see you back again soon.

SHOPS DO AND DU

Within the past two months three more men have left Shop Q for the armed forces. They were: Raymond J. Pavel, Harold O. Robb and David L. Karr.

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Herbert M. McCleary has returned to civilian life and returned to work in DU after completing 51 missions as a gunner on an A-20 bomber. "Herb" left the shop for the army in October, 1942, and from there went on to receive his wings, finish his missions, and attain the rank of staff sergeant. He is now an honorable dischargee of the army and we are glad to have him back with us again.

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A letter was recently received from Nick N. Salerno, Shipfitter 2/c, in the navy seabees, who is stationed on one of those islands in the South Pacific. Nick told how surprised he was on one particular day when he opened a box of welding electrodes and found that they had come from the Rock Island Ordnance Depot. It was somewhat of a thrill for him to see something from the shop that he used to work in.

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William J. "Bill" DePover, foreman in Shop Q, recently injured his hand to such an extent that he will be unable to use it for a number of weeks. Bill was working in his basement workshop at the time of the accident. We're all hoping it won't be too long before you are back with us again, Bill.

BUILDING 208

Mr. Frank DePauw, DX301, recently returned from a fishing trip in Illinois. His friends have been invited to a fish fry at which his catch will be consumed.

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PM14R continues to be headquarters for the latest dope on dance bands and music of all kinds. Led by Bob Kelly (who once played 2nd pistol in "Spike" Jones' band) the rest of the ensemble consists of Andy Nietzel, Vera Morrow, Ward Tallman, Clara Frazier and Martin Geiken.

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Mr. Ted Wright, formerly of DM Receiving room, recently was placed in charge of DX309 Receiving room. With Ted's long experience behind him in Shop M, DX309 should function very well.

SC

"Goldy" Goldsmith has returned to DH after several months of duty in SC.

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Arthur Christian spent a few days last month at Hines hospital, near Chicago, where he had a thorough check-up.

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We offer our sincere sympathy to Lester Flannery of SC on the death of his father.

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On one of the hottest days last month, Lillian Lohman, SC's AK inspector, decided to soften some fresh prunes for lunch by leaving them on the window sill. They turned out to be "stewed" prunes by lunch time. Lillian is offering her new recipe to anyone who might be interested.

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Central Planning Division

Alice Kling acted as navigator to Al when he flew them both up to Minnesota in his Taylorcraft, and she kept Al right on the beam. Coming home, a low ceiling put a few gray hairs in Alice's head, but she made it and is here to prove it.

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Our Lt. Milton Green, piloting a Black Widow night fighter out of his Iwo Island base, was accompanied on one of his recent patrols by a Chicago Tribune staff writer, who says, "Our craft is aptly named Blind Date, and is piloted by one of the squadron's top fliers." We suspected that all the time, and glow with satisfaction at having it confirmed by an authority.

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Ray Engleman, ex-bombardier, who served his required missions, has come back to work with us, and he can tell you all about "flak" and "ack-ack" from ring-side experience.

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Ensign Kenneth Jacobs writes that he is considering matrimony on his next leave. She's a WAVE named Martha, and must be tops to get "Kenny" to jump overboard. Give us more details, Sir.

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Ensign Donald Griffie visited us recently and demonstrated how the Navy can give one a high polish if he has the stuff to take it. Don himself was transformed from a boy into a suave young man.

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Our bowling league has started on another season of pin-busting and the showing made the first night by last year's leaders was a little ragged. Gerry Fisher has led the field now for two years, but something tells us a new king may be crowned this season.

Engineering Department

DRAFTING DIVISION

Congratulations to Pat LaClaw on the sparkler she received July 14 from Ray Pries of the Army Air Forces, home from service in Alaska.

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By the shape of two of the bikes at the "Rent a Bike" station in Davenport, you can guess that Jane Hanson and Louise Oliver of the Photo Lab have been riding at Credit Island again.

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Mabel Emanuel's leaving was met with some regrets. Not only does Mrs. Meyers miss her, but those from other departments who had come to appreciate the courteous service they received from phone 728.

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WANTED: Someone to show Midge Carlquist how to take motion pictures. It seems that some she took recently showed everything upside down. Tch! Tch! Midge!

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Pvt. Henry Rasmussen, M.P., who recently returned from overseas, dropped into AZ the other day. He looks all of 6 ft. 5 inches tall! Hank left our department in September, 1941.

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A recent letter from "Mike" Murphy disclosed that he is now with the 5th amphibious corps. As Mike is a Marine and as we hadn't heard from him for a long time, we know he's been plenty busy!

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Pfc. Richard C. Rohr of Rock Island received the Bronze Star in Germany, where he is stationed with the 666th armored regiment of the 2d armored division, 9th army. He also has the Belgian Croix de Guerre mass citation. Congratulations to him—from all of us!

John Fey is a new member of the Photo Lab gang. Welcome. We now have two "Johns." Aren't we lucky?

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This is the saga of Mr. Fennell. The story begins around 12:45 practically every day. As everyone no doubt knows, the grounds around the post restaurant are roped off with the idea that maybe some grass may spring up. On these ropes are bits of red cloth, used as a warning sign. Well, it seems that these bits of red cloth are constantly sliding from one end to the other, and Mr. Fennell believes very strongly that they should be in the middle—so, at 12:45 every day, you can see him strolling down the walk, very diligently moving each bit of red cloth to the center. To quote Mr. Fennell: "I'd like to find the guy that moves these every day." Mr. Anthony, PLEASE!

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Erleen Hevern became Mrs. Fred Horton at 8 p.m. on August 5 in Davenport. Congratulations to both of you, Fred and Erleen!

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Did a certain dark-haired girl in AD, Bess Read, really kiss the first bald pate she saw on Victory Day? She said she would.

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Then there was the morning that Bob Chandler of the Photo Lab punched the clock at 7:28 a.m. The clock was so surprised it moved two inches.

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AD was glad to have Merle Bushmeyer, Jim Coffey, and Jack Carter, all of the U. S. Army, visit us. These fellows all formerly worked in AD.

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We all hope that William B. Walker of the Gage section will soon be back with us. He is now at Mercy hospital in Davenport after suffering a heart attack.

Training Division

MAINTENANCE PUBLICATIONS SECTION

Duck Creek park was the ideal setting for the Maintenance Publications section picnic held on Thursday, July 26. Ken Downing was in charge of the successful arrangements assisted by Les Wright. Capt. and Mrs. Wehner were among those enjoying the evening meal from the family picnic basket with coffee being made by Bob Heflen. The pot-luck spread of the spinsters was mighty fine but didn't stop Helen Albrecht's admiring glances to the table that had a huge watermelon. Chicken was on the menu for those certain "ranchers" and their chores made them a bit late at the picnic—of course, we mean Burch and Wilma Bredt. Hank Rintelmann and Walt Holst had chores that delayed their arrival also. They had to feed the dogs.

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Strange things do happen! Have you heard about the hottest day in the year when June Albrecht got locked in the cafeteria telephone booth while making her daily phone call? After about twenty minutes in the enclosure she looked as if she had come out of a Turkish bath. Thanks to a telephone operator she was rescued. Then there was the day that John Bloom's chigger bites were bothering him terribly. Fingernail polish could stop that itching on his leg, so he set out to question the girls in search of some. It was quite appropo that a bottle of "pink garter" shade should be in Wilma Bredt's possession. We wonder if there could be an air of competition between Al Johnson's cigars and the pipes of Wade Stickler and Dick Rogers.

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Word of our service folk is appreciated and we are proud of Selden Ridenour's award of the infantryman's badge for good work done in Europe prior to V-E day. Lou Berry visited us while on leave from the air corps and he's looking fine! Carolyn Lietz is back with us after spending her husband's furlough at home.

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MAINTENANCE PUBLICATIONS (Continued)

Fred Bicknell has been displaying his daughter's wedding pictures while Mary Jo Ruhl is on leave after becoming Mrs. Robert Eipper on August 6. Congratulations, newlyweds!

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Tool Planning section is glad to have Virginia Reeves; she is partial to navy blue. Betty Needham is back with us this summer at the photo lab and the transfers of Clifford Loughran, Tennis Stoleson, Chester Parks, Gustave Staackmann and Curtis Bowman make our family larger. Our sympathy is extended to our new employee, Anna Louise Schorpp, on the death of her sister.

SIGHT AND INSTRUMENT REPAIR DEPARTMENT

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with Major Frank H. Smith, officer in charge of operations, he heads a group large in the scope of its accomplishments and personnel.

Forrest Baumbach is clerk in Mr. Lien's department, and helps handle the great amount of detail work involved in smooth-running production schedules.

Manufacturing procedures, as well as repair work, are the responsibility of the Mechanical Instrument Section. Here graduated scales and dials are made when needed to replace those on fire control instruments. This section also makes and engraves name plates for guns.

In the Watch Repair Section, Roy G. Ahrens repairs stop watches. He also looks after the maintenance of all clocks, including those for recording attendance and timing of jobs. When the big clock on the engineers' tower goes temperamental, Roy gets busy and checks on what's causing the difficulty. He has been with this division since 1929.

Craftsmen in watch repair work recondition the watches that come in from the combat zones. The watches are often broken and dismantled, but the men who do the repair work, Martin Keller, Harry Holsteen and Harry W. Miller, have the magic in their fingers to fix the time pieces up as good as new. Together they represent 62 years of watch repair experience.

Pressure Gauge Department tests the gauges—water, steam, air, gas, used in connection with recoil mechanisms in the field, as well as on the Arsenal. These gauges are shipped in and are carefully tested. Instrument Repair Man Leslie Evans watches over this type of work.

The Optical Instrument Section concerns itself with polishing and cleaning lenses used on binoculars and telescopes, and in coating them to make more light. An optical coating machine was very recently installed in this Division—and is one of a very few on the Arsenal. The men operating this machine, Gene E. Taylor and Harry F. Miller, received special training at the Optical Instrument School at Aberdeen, Maryland.

Technicians in the Sight and Instrument Division know the last word in the skill required in the repair of the director and height finder used in Anti-Aircraft. These machines are the brains of the firing—in fact, do everything except put the shells in the guns. Their mechanism is complicated, and the "know-how" to repair them is highly technical.

The Height finder tells the height and the range of the plane, the director makes all calculations for corrections of speed and direction of airplane flight.

Each of these machines is operated by five men.

The Lock Section of this Division is kept busy repairing padlocks for the Ordnance Department and Arsenal shops. Locks for doors, desks, filing cabinets, safes, are checked and kept in perfect condition by experts in this group.

The entire division has established a record for quality production in repair work. Each section performs an intricate and specialized job in the repair of fire control instruments. It is this repair work that enabled the armed forces to sight the enemy and deliver the accurate and deadly fire that brought about complete Victory.

TWO AWARD CEREMONIES HONOR 15 YEAR MEN



Participants in Award ceremony are, (l. to r.,) seated, Hansen, Conrad, McClatchey; standing, Lt. Col. Thurber, Col. Waldmann, Col. Goebert.

Assuring long-time employees that the outstanding record this Center made during the War was only possible because of the people who stayed on the job for 15 years or more, Col. Carl A. Waldmann, commanding officer of the Rock Island Ordnance Center, presented two groups of employees with Army Ordnance Buttons.

At 3 p.m. on Friday, August 3, the following awards were made:

Five men received 15 year buttons: R. L. Blomquist, DU; Carl L. Carlson, DM; Guy L. Carter, AY; Herman W. Johnson, DM; and Herbert C. Wolstencroft, DH.

John L. Roache of KM was awarded the 20 year pin, and William P. McGlothorn of DM, received the 25 year pin. To the family of Carl E. Johnson, deceased on July 25, will be presented the 30 year pin representing his long service as an Arsenal employee.

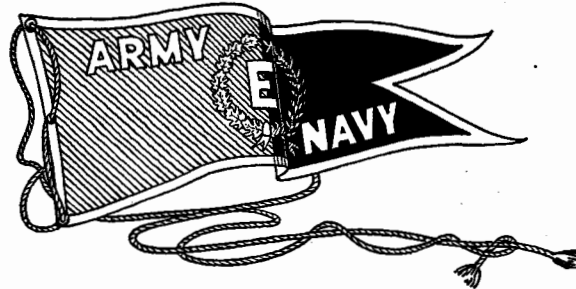
Bernard H. Pohlmann of DM received the 35 year pin. Mr. Pohlmann, who is now chief clerk for Mr. Baumbeck in Shop M, Artillery Vehicle Department, started to work in the same department 35 years ago. At that time it was known as Shop G. Since 1917, and the outbreak of the other World War, Mr. Pohlmann has been employed in his present position.

On Friday, September 7, Col. Waldmann again presented Ordnance Buttons.

Four men were eligible for the Buttons: Hugo F. Hansen, KM, 15 year man; Alfred J. Conrad, AK, 20 years at the Arsenal, and Russell McClatchey, AQ, and Joseph H. Cameron, DH, both with a record of 25 years. Because of illness Mr. Cameron could not be present for the ceremony.



Present for ceremonies were: 1st row, l. to r., Johnson, Carlson, Carter, McGlothorn; 2nd row, Wolstencroft, Blomquist, Roache, Pohlmann; back are Col. C. A. Waldmann, Col. R. Gaugler, Col. E. Goebert.



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