

### Camp Hostesses Are Women of Wide and Varied Experience in Public Relations

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So you think this is only a man's army? Well, it isn't! Women serving in the armed forces of the United States range from courageous Army Nurses to (?) WAACS—and between these two extremes falls the un-sung group of women who are contributing to the war effort in the capacity of Army Hostesses.

Obviously, Camp Adair is no exception, and now that this cantonment is just about completed, most of the hostesses have arrived for duty. These women have been chosen for their ability to handle social and recreational problems, and are prepared to assume the role of Army mother, a Dorothy Dix love-love problem solver, in their duties at the Service Clubs and Guest Houses. In case you haven't as yet met any of the Hostesses, here's a little biographical "low-down" on each of them.

The one hostess who needs no introduction, primarily because she has been at Camp Adair since the middle of July, is Margaret Crosssett Blodgett, Principal Hostess at Service Club No. 1. Mrs. Blodgett comes from Seattle and has a wide and rangey background in public relations activities. She has been a social "charge d'affaires" for several national organizations during the past 15 years. She was educated back in Minnesota at St. Mary's Hall after which she attended Northwestern university and Chicago Normal School of Education. She has had a varied career focused in public relations administration.

Miss Elizabeth Rogers, who arrived on the Camp Adair scene last week to take charge of Service Club No. 2 as Principal Hostess too, has had wide experience with people, and during her career has held positions running the gamut from organizing a county-wide program of adult education and recreation to serving as executive secretary to a prominent psychiatrist. She has also served on the sports staff at a school for girls in Los Angeles. Her educational background was acquired at Oregon State and the University of Pennsylvania where she majored in physical education and social studies. Social and recreational affairs come under her jurisdiction.

#### Junior Hostesses

Next in line are the Junior Hostesses, who are officially designated by the title "Recreational and Social Hostess." You'll find Florence Coady Merriam in Clubhouse 2. Prior to being appointed to the staff here, she was head of the voice and piano department at Oregon College of Education at Monmouth. While there, she directed a singing sextet which entertained at army camps and airbases along the Pacific Coast.

Mrs. Merriam hopes to develop musical talent among the enlisted men. She is qualified to do so. Aside from being a concert singer of prominence, a fact which has taken her on countrywide concert

tours, merited a radio contract with the National Broadcasting Company and appearances at the New York World's Fair and the Golden Gate Exposition, she has taught music and languages from Alaska to Oregon. Her musical education was gained at the University of Washington, Seattle, where she majored in music and minored in music composition and art. She received her B. A. from Eastern Washington College of Education.

Miss Venola Edythe Gibson has been named Junior Hostess for Service Club 1, and will have functions similar to Hostess Merriam. Miss Gibson is expected to assume her duties on the post in the next few days.

To use the trite but true, last but not least we mention Miss Carrie Reedy, who is the gastro-nomic specialist and in her position as cafeteria hostess is supervising calories and vitamins in the Service Club cafeterias. She studied at Oregon State College from which she was graduated in '38 with a BA degree. Afterwards, she attended South Oregon College of Education, Ashland, where she majored in home economics and institutional management. She has taught school at Gold Beach, Prospect and Penderton, and for more than two years was associated with the Works Progress Administration as a supervisor of school lunches.

Thus is completed the roster of the "Women of Adair." Theirs is a difficult job—and they are doing it well.

#### Military Police Beat

By Cpl. Raoul Mound

We have had many slogans about the workers behind the machines helping the men behind the guns, "Buy War Bonds," etc., but we certainly should have one for the girls that are in the morale division!

Miss Etta Peretz of Brooklyn, New York, (the home of "Dem Bums"), came across the country, arriving Saturday, and was met at the Albany train depot by Pvt. Nathan Levine of the Military Police. Before she had time to take a deep breath, she was rushed around town hither and yonder in quite a dither and before she knew it, her name had been changed to Mrs. Nathan Levine by the Justice of the Peace, Waiter Oliver.

Miss Helen Bernstein from Fairfield, Conn., who is a graduate of the U. of Miami and Laboratory Tech. at the Beth Israel hospital in New York, arrived Wednesday for the expressed purpose of walking down the aisle with Pfc. Robert Windsor of our section. The last seen of Windsor, he was fearfully approaching the 1st Sgt. to ask for a few days off so that he might do the right thing by Helen. "After all, she came 3800 miles to get married, sergeant, so how about a 10 day furlough?" Some chance!

By the time Sgt. Stairs gets done with Pfc. Windsor, he'll be glad to take a 6 hour pass!

Talking about passes; for the information of all the soldiers that

are squawking about their passes being taken away from them at the gates, please understand that those are orders and we have to carry them out. So kindly cooperate with the M.P. on the gate and stop that beefing!

Congratulations to our new sergeants, Bruce L. Dyer and Elmer R. Bender.

Captain Hale is now competing with the used car dealers in Oregon. He has quite a collection of used cars, banged up and wrecked. They are in the parking lot in back of the Provost Marshal's office. The only difficulty is that they have a small orange sticker on the windshield with the word IMPOUNDED. Business is picking up and in the near future, Captain Hale expects to requisition an additional parking lot for the overflow.

1st Sergeant Stairs has had his first motorcycle ride in a long time and was quite thrilled about it all. Having been away from New York for some time, but still remembering Luna Park in Coney Island, he said, "This has Coney Island beat, wheeee, call me the Lone Ranger." However, I wouldn't advise anyone in the M.P. detachment to call him the "Lone Ranger!"

#### Camp Secretary Has Experience in Army

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ter him with questions about his experiences in the A.E.F. and the Army of Occupation of World War No. 1.

"I always liked soldiers," Miss Murphy remembers, "and too well, because my father thrashed me every week for playing with them so much. I passed my childhood being taught not to hang around barracks and eat in mess halls. But I always liked Army food and still do, and it was too much for my father, so he told the M.P.'s that they could paddle his daughter whenever they felt like it and take her home."

#### With Ballet Troupe

When still a small girl, Miss Murphy danced with a Russian ballet troupe at Washington, D. C., where her father then was on the general staff of the War College.

She has been in Hawaii, where the colonel was commanding officer of the 27th Infantry, and at Ft. Eustis, Va., and in Maryland, and for seven years has lived in Oregon. Her father, who died several years ago, was commandant of the R.O.T.C. at the University of Oregon.

"The soldiers, enlisted men as well as officers, always stop off at our place in Eugene," Miss Murphy let it be known, "and sometimes mother puts them up for the night. She writes to soldiers everywhere."

Miss Murphy receives letters from brothers in Alaska, Australia and Ireland. One brother, 1st Lt. Charles Murphy, is here with the infantry of the 96th Division. The other brothers are 1st Lt. Ernest V. D. Murphy, Jr., at Camp White; 1st Lt. Arthur Murphy, in Massachusetts; 1st Lt. Allen M. Murphy, in foreign service with the Coast Artillery; and Cpl. James Murphy and Pfc. Eugene Murphy, with an infantry medical detachment in foreign service.

#### Sister May Be Nurse

A younger brother, Edward, 18, wishes to get into the service and a sister, Virginia, soon may be an Army nurse.

Miss Murphy, now sharing a Corvallis apartment with another girl, was the first girl to start working in the Commissary at the camp.

"The Army supplies good food," she insists, "and if ever the meals are not good it is the fault of the cooks."

#### Keys for Keys



Movie Actress Evelyn Keyes (above) was chosen "The Keys to Victory Girl" by a trade association in the campaign to get keys for scrap.

and was an instructor around Los Angeles and has been in Alaska for three years.

Few men in the service have been around more than Pfc Winfrey N. Wyatt, of the 8-M section, who has had 25 years in the armed forces and is nearly 54. During World War No. 1 he was in the Navy, on several battleships. Later he was in Germany, with the Army of Occupation. Since then he has been in China, the Philippines, Hawaii, Alaska and at posts in Montana, Washington, California and Oregon. Until he was sent here, from Alaska, with rheumatism, he was in the infantry and coast artillery. Always in combat units.

"I can hike well in a dry climate," he said, "but this place is too damp for me. Even now I feel it in my bones and when the rains set in I'll feel worse. Wish I could get to Texas. No, I don't want to get out of the service. I like it. Why? Oh, because the life is so clean and wholesome and I like to live like this, with a lot of men."

The QM Section's new Supply Sergeant is Alexander Wisniewski, with nine years service, who lost some of his best friends in the fight at Pearl Harbor which precipitated the present conflict for the United States. He came here from Utah, where he had been a first sergeant; but he used to be in the Coast Artillery at Honolulu.

The Quartermaster Section has ordered a ping pong table, is repairing a pool table whose origin is one of those QM mysteries, and is outfitting the day room with chrome furniture and hand-painted spittoons.

#### List Uncalled-for Mail at Post Office

The following is a list of persons having mail at the Camp Adair Post Office which is undeliverable due to insufficient address.

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I. A. Von Dresser, Donald Week, M. R. Weissbuch, Harry E. Wentworth, E. A. White, Johnnie A. Williams, Delmar C. Wing, Case J. Woods, Percy Wright, William H. Young.

#### Cecilians Entertain At Camp Adair Sunday

Ten beautiful girls, known as the Cecilians, descended upon Camp Adair last Sunday evening to entertain the soldiers in a "musical moments" program. The Post Chapel was the setting for the musical given by this outstanding organization from the Sacred Heart Academy in Salem.

The Cecilians sang a variety of selections including light opera and sacred church music. Their organizer, composer, and accompanist, Wayne Meusey, played and sang several of his own compositions to complete the evening's program.

Shakespeare said there are seven ages in a man's life. It's just as well he didn't go into details about the ladies.

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### Around the Q. M. Quarters

All around camp there have been rumors that a man with a wooden leg flew down from Alaska to join the Quartermaster Section, SCU 1911.

But the facts are otherwise. Pfc Cecil R. Glidden, the so-called man-with-a-wooden leg, has both legs all right, but one is supported by a steel brace and he can't use it much.

After nine years as an Army ski instructor, he fractured his ankle in an accident. He was coming down a mountain at 40 miles an hour when one ski became locked between a couple of rocks. Only one muscle in that ankle functions now, but Glidden and the doctors hope that time and care will mend it. For the present he is orderly in the day room.

"Ski troops are the thing in Alaska," Glidden reports. "Especially scouts need skis. Snow shoes are too clumsy."  
Glidden grew up in Texas, learned to ski after he had joined the Army.