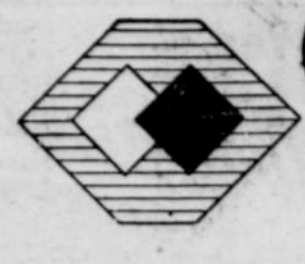


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Mrs. Roosevelt Sells Poem of 96th Officer

Lt. Caughman Wrote Verse While Walking Post on Christmas Eve

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt has acted as an unpaid "literary agent" for 2nd Lt. John E. Caughman, of Hdq. Co., 3rd Bn., 381st Inf., the 96th Division.

Through her interest a poem which he wrote while a sentinel at Camp Roberts, Calif., last Christmas Eve, appears in the current, or Christmas number, of the Ladies' Home Journal.

It was another soldier who called it to the attention of the wife of the President of the United States. He wrote to her:

"This poem was written Christmas Eve by a fellow member of this regiment as we sat around a little fire between turns at guard duty. It touched the feelings of all of us who were away from home for the first time, at Christmas. It is our poem. If you feel that it is for the American people to see, then surely you can get it to them. But, most of all, I hope that you enjoy it. Maybe one of your sons 'walked the midnight watch.'"

Mrs. Roosevelt's Letter
To the present lieutenant, then a private, Mrs. Roosevelt wrote:

"By chance your verses, A Christmas Silhouette—1941, have fallen into my hands. I wonder if you would let me have them printed? I may, of course, be able to sell them, but aside from that I would like to see them printed in a number of publications because of the last verse, which I think the youth of the country will particularly enjoy and applaud. I will wait permission, however. In the meantime may I send you and your regiment my very best wishes. Very sincerely yours, Eleanor Roosevelt."

In response, she then Pvt. Caughman said that he would be glad to have Mrs. Roosevelt do as she pleased with his poem. He added:

"If there should be any compensation I would like for you to accept payment in Defense Bonds, and then in turn send the bonds to my mother. It would greatly please her."

Lieutenant Has Novel
Lt. Caughman comes from Cripple Creek, Colo., and was a credit man for a jeweler, but now he has done a novel, as well as short stories, and he hopes to write for a living when the war is over. He is a University of California graduate.

The Christmas Eve poem is as follows:
Tonight a sentry's rifle is my Christmas tree,
The night wind sighing is my Yuletide cry.
With lonely step I watch the silent

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ABOUT PASSES

Passes issued by the Provost Marshall's office during the year 1942 will not be honored after Feb. 1st, 1943. New passes for 1943 may be secured any time after Jan. 1, at the Provost Marshall's office.

BUT—bring your old pass with you and turn it in to the Identification department and bring 25c too, to cover materials cost. These rules apply to both civilian and military passes. But in the case of military passes, only those issued by the Provost Marshall's office are affected. The soldiers pass issued by his own company, etc., is not affected.

Timber Wolf Air Show Features Pvt. Johnson

Songs by Pvt. Morea Also Aired on Bill

Pvt. Douglas Johnson, famed concert pianist, who graduated from the Havana Conservatory of Music at the age of 14, will be featured on tonight's Timber Wolf Division broadcast over KOAC at 7:30. Pvt. Johnson will play an 8-minute arrangement of Strauss waltzes.

Others on the broadcast, the third in the Timber Wolf series, will include Pvt. David Morea singing "White Christmas," the continuation of the "Private Jones" skit and musical selections by the Timber Wolf orchestra. The program is in charge of Lt. Francis Bowen.

NOVA, K.O.D. "THROUGH"

After his six-round K.O. Friday by Tami Mauriello, New York heavyweight; Lou Nova, the literate California yogi-man-so-called says he is through with the ring for a while.

Lt. Waite, War Veteran, Is New Camp Adjutant, and Succeeds Major Miller

The new Camp Adjutant, 1st Lt. Gilbert A. Waite, is a Yankee by birth, "and proud of it." He succeeds Major Victor N. Miller, the camp's first adjutant, recently transferred.

World War No. 1 made Lt. Waite a man of the West. He had grown up in Springfield, Mass., was graduated at high school there, and in 1916 had answered the call of President Wilson and gone to the Mexican border as an enlisted man in the 2nd Infantry of the Massachusetts National Guard. After that he had joined the regulars for the other war, serving in the 39th Infantry of the Fourth Division.



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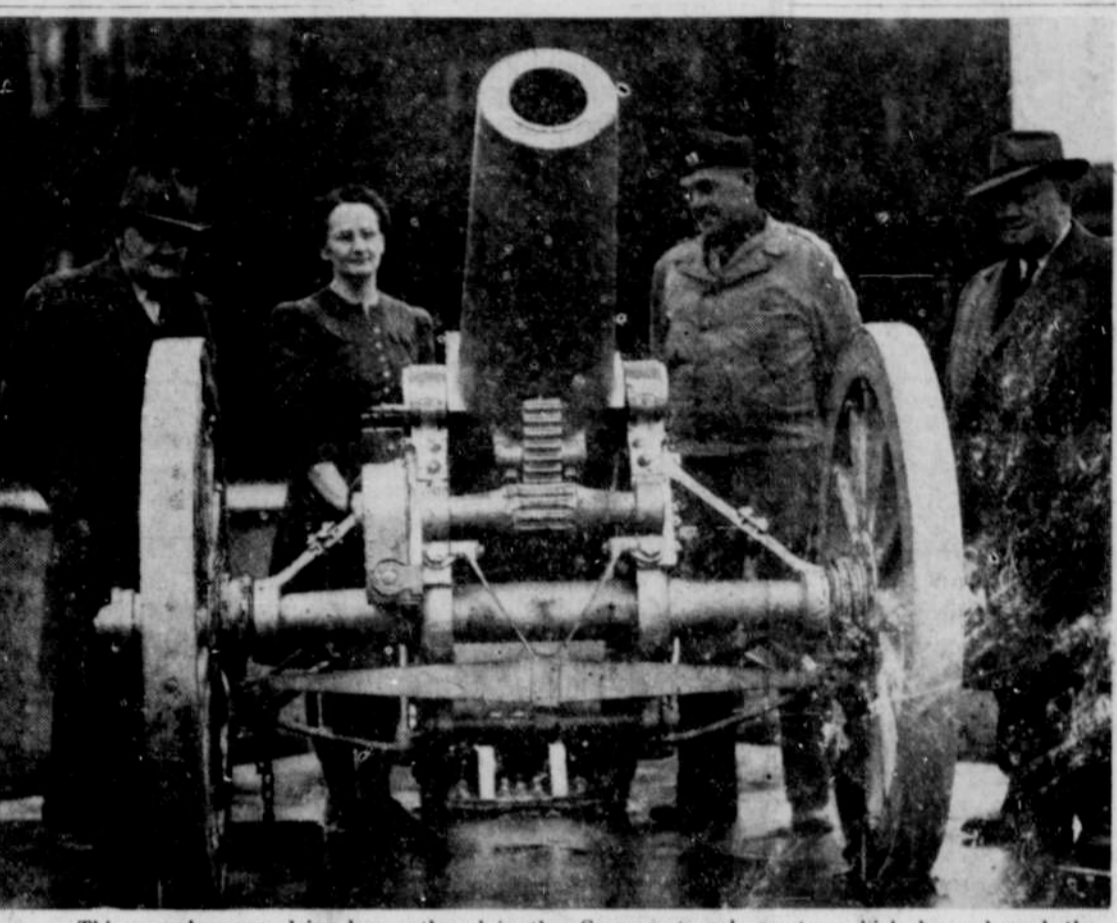
But he was discharged from the Army at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and he remained in that state, becoming sales manager for the Northwestern Wooden Ware Co., at Tacoma. He was commissioned in the reserves in 1934 and was made a 1st lieutenant in 1937. He has been president of the Reserves Officers' Assn., of Washington and he went into active duty in this war on May 1, 1942, in the Second Military Area. Then he attended the adjutant general's school at Ft. Washington, Md. He has been an assistant adjutant to the Third Division and has made active tours of duty. He came to this camp as assistant adjutant.

Behind his desk here, in a corner of the Post Headquarters

building, hangs a sign reading as follows: "Motto, Adjutant's Dept.—The difficult we do immediately—the impossible takes a little longer."

One noteworthy fact about the headquarters personnel is that it consists mainly of eastern men, from the New York area, who were picked for technical qualifications, knowledge of military correspondence and procedure. Yet the master sergeants are from California.

Camp Adair's Cannon—for Scrap



This camp's scrap drive has gathered in the German trench mortar which has adorned the Dallas courthouse lawn. Left to right: O. E. Anderson, American Legion post commander; Mrs. Andrew Irwin, Jr.; Capt. Tony Frank; Mayor Leif S. Finseth.—Statesman cut.

Play "First Year" To Be Here Tonight

Smash Comedy Is USO Show at Theatre 3; Two Presentations

Drama will move into Camp Adair tonight on stage of War Department theater No. 3, when Frank Craven's three-act smash comedy, "The First Year," is presented EM of the Post, as the second unit of USO-Camp Shows brought here.

Presentations will be at 6 and 8:15 p. m. it was announced last night. The No. 3 theater is located at Av. D and N. 7th St.

There will be no admission charge, per the good old USO custom, but tickets will be necessary and may be obtained by EM via your special services officers, to whom they will be apportioned in ratio for the Post complement.

Tonight's show will be the first of three dramatic presentations coming to Camp Adair as part of the USO-Camp Shows cycle. On Jan. 6 the noted stage play, "Arsenic and Old Lace" will show here. Jan. 20 will bring "Flying Colors."

"The First Year" deals with a subject called married life. It rates fifth in length of run shows that have run on Broadway. It is three acts of uproarious, fast-moving action and a preview of the cast which will handle it indicates top presentation.

California-born Pamela Wright will play Grace Livingstone, feminine lead who struggles through the first year of married life with her spouse, Tommy Tucker, played by Irving Mitchell. Mitchell, who is a native of Portland, started acting professionally in a repertoire company touring the northwest.

Supporting players are Kathryn Sheldon, Leonard Lord, Johanna Douglas, Douglas Rutherford, John Marston, Madora Keene, Howard Watson.

The play deals with a wife who gets uptown airs while husband remains prosaic and practical, the complete rook, y'know. They riot through scads of trouble, just like good soldiers and it all ends very happily, just like everything else.

Want \$\$ for Christmas?

It's nice work if you can get it, and you can. All soldiers who wish to make some Christmas change—\$5-\$7 the day—may do so by pulling carrots this coming Sunday.

Telephone 2941, Special Service officer, or notify your commanding officer. You will be told where and when to report. At present the plan is for buses to pick you up here at camp, Sunday at 8 a. m., and carry you to the California Packing Co. at Salem, where farmers will call with their conveyances and take you to nearby farms. Food and hot drinks will be supplied.

It is reported that 30,000 tons of carrots will be lost unless they are pulled and taken from the damp ground, where they would rot, and placed in sacks on platforms in the field. To repeat—it's nice, clean work and all the carrots you can eat. They make your hair curl.

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Morris Stavsky Finds 2nd Stripe on Return

Cpl. Morris Stavsky of the Medics returned this week from a visit to his home in New York City. He was with his family six days.

Cpl. Stavsky was a Pfc. when he left, the promotion going through during his absence.

Corvallis Elks Hold Bridge Dinner Tonight

The Elks in Corvallis are staging a supper for you and your wife tonight at 6:30. Or if not your wife, your sweetheart, just as long as you're an Elk, you're welcome.

A short lodge session and an interesting Christmas program will follow the meal. Music by Delbert Moore and Mrs. W. F. Gaskins of Corvallis high school.

LINE FORMS ON THE RIGHT

For the two performances of "The First Year" tonight in Theatre No. 3, tickets will be issued by the Special Service offices of the 96th and 104th Divisions and SCU 1911. This will also prevail for seats to the radio broadcast show next Monday. So see the SSO of your command for tickets.

96th Broadcast Praises British

Dramatic Skits on Air Tell Dunkerque Story And Remind American Of Rugged Resistance

Britain's stubborn refusal to be defeated was a subject of a recent 96th Division broadcast, in the current series intended to convey a true impression of the war situation as it developed.

The broadcast consisted of information given directly and through dramatic skits, the first being the story of the evacuation at Dunkerque, as told by officers and boatmen taking part in it. The account ended with a fancied dialogue between a wife and a boatman, on his return home. It went as follows:

"And just where have you been lalligagging till this hour of the morning, Mr. Neeland—if I may ask?"

"I knew it—well, for your information, I'm a bloomin' hero—been sailin' over to Dunkerque to have a talk with his nibs Hitler—and I told him a thing or two."

"Do you mean to say that you were in that fight in Dunkerque—"

"Just like a woman—to faint at a time like this—and me with no tea for 28 hours."

The second skit consisted of talk by civilian defenders of London following an air raid and the third was made up of the talk of British fliers bombing Berlin.

"Churchill has stated that the danger of British invasion of Britain is not past," said the speaker who reviewed the war against Britain since Dunkerque. "We know it never will be past, until Hitler and his gang of international hoodlums have been beaten once and for all. We must all remember that the British Empire could not concentrate all its efforts on the Battle of Britain. A far-flung empire such as the British Empire must of necessity have its armed forces spread over the face of the earth.

"We will not know, until future historians record the facts, just why the Hitler and the Goerings and the people of their ilk came into being. But it will be recorded that the tight little island had a brave people and a brave fighting force of which its government could be proud, for in battle they did not falter and in the darkest hour of the German Blitz they were not found wanting.

"The people of Britain, sailors, soldiers and air force, have set a great example for us of America.

Big Talent Broadcast Scheduled for Monday

Radio Station KOIN to Produce Air Program in Post Theatre

Camp Adair is on the air! With a galaxy of pretty girls, singers, comedians, musicians and even a double portion of masters of ceremony, this post will usher in the first of a series of weekly radio shows at Theatre No. 3 next Monday (Dec. 21).

This show—and subsequent ones on following Mondays will be presented and produced for men in the service by radio station KOIN, Portland outlet for the Columbia Broadcasting System. It will be a complete one-hour show starting at nine o'clock with the final half hour released to the network.

Art Kirkham and John Carpenter, two of the best known radio personalities in the northwest will emcee. Joseph Samperio and his augmented KOIN orchestra will be featured.

Radio Boss

Among other top notch performers scheduled to be seen (and heard) are petite Suzanne Burce, Oregon's Victory Girl; Carol Worth, the one and only Miss Oregon, and the celebrated KOIN chorus of twelve under the leadership of Jimmy Riddell.

Then there will be Red Dunning, the Hermit of Hermiston, Norman Anderson, in his side-splitting comedy dance routine, and Andy Clausen, tenor. This by the way will be Andy's last appearance before the mike as a civilian. He joins you and you and you next week.

More Girls

There will be songs by Marvel Riddell and Kathryn Porter, too according to the script written by Bill Mears.

Ted Cooke is the producer and Earl Denham is the sound engineer. Arrangements for this series of entertainment were made by Henry Swartwood, head of KOIN's program department and Lt. George H. Godfrey, post special services officer.

Christmas in Camp Will Be Festive Day

Dinners, Trimmin's Feature in All Outfits

Christmas dinner will be a grand, festive and sumptuous occasion in mess halls all over this camp. Details will be incomplete until next week, when they will be published in full, but now it may be said that every dinner will be as homelike as careful preparation and good fellowship can make it.

In many cases commanding officers will preside and there will be special guests and, in some cases, speeches and song. And although the menu will vary, it will consist mainly of the traditional Christmas dishes, with an abundance of everything.

In addition, the quantity and variety of gift boxes already coming in is such that soldiers will be well fed even if they stay in barracks—provided they don't open those packages until Christmas. Inspecting officers are expected to be lenient about the appearance of barracks during Christmas week.

Day rooms as well as mess halls will be decorated ingeniously and elaborately through the holidays, with greens and colored paper, and there will be informal entertainment in addition to the radio programs received everywhere.

Many State Governors Felicitate Camp Adair

Wires, Mails Bring Big Pile Season's Greetings

By wire, airmail and special delivery, Governors of many states are sending greetings to Camp Adair soldiers from these states.

These greetings and messages of good will and interest have come to the Defense Recreation Office, Corvallis, which has been giving "Neighborhood Parties" in honor of soldiers from particular states or sections of the country.

So far messages have come from Governors Saltonstall, of Massachusetts; Lehman, of New York; Bricker, of Ohio; Schrickler, of Indiana; Van Wagener, of Michigan; Griswold, of Nebraska; Moses, of North Dakota; Ford, of Montana; Clark, of Idaho; Maw, of Utah; Miles, of New Mexico; Olson, of California.

New Mobile Laundry Requests Privilege Of Cleaning Fatigues Without Charging

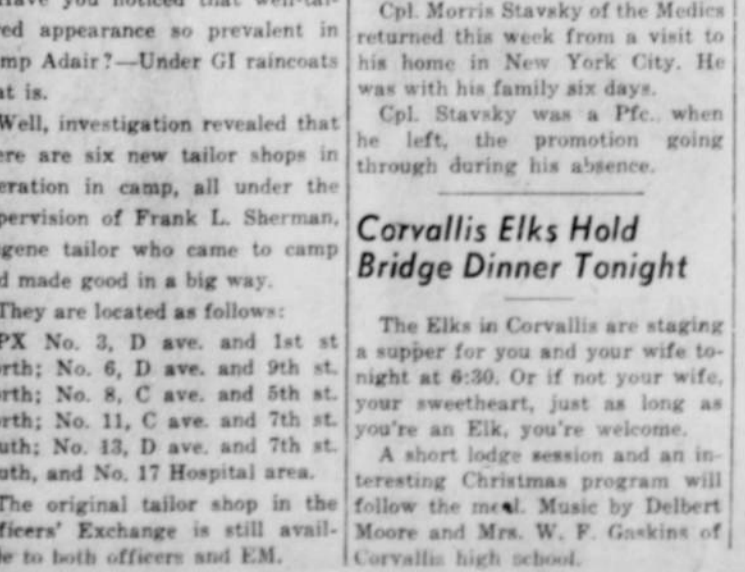
Your dirty fatigue uniforms will be cleaned without charge by the mobile laundry which appears to be stuck in the mud at Av. D and 1st St. South, but is really going places.

First it was a sergeant that said that, over the telephone. Then another sergeant, face to face. Then a lieutenant, in the presence of other mobile laundry soldiers, who all smiled and nodded their heads.

It was more than an invitation. They seemed eager about it. They said it would be all right to put it in the paper.

But what if all the men in camp try to take advantage of the offer? The lieutenant's smile merely widened. Quite all right, he insisted. The mobile laundry is prepared to take care of the laundry of 40,000 men in the field, and this is a camp, with plenty of water and other facilities.

She Sings, Too



Kathryn Porter—Kay as she is tagged by her fellow radioites—is KOIN's star soprano and will be featured at the mike in the initial program to be broadcast by KOIN in a regular Monday series from Camp Adair to Northwest dialers.

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