### Bell's Belles On One Party Line



All is not wrong numbers and "Information Please" in the life of telephone operators here in camp. Left to right in the living room of their quarters on the post, Bessie Monjay, Henrietta Bell, chief operator; Virginia Gurne, Ruth Campbell, Bessie Humphreys and Louise Cooper. Public Relations Photo.

#### Service DeLuxe



Harriet Schwendker, Catherine Hanley and May Belle Beals, post phone operators off duty, prepare a snack from their kitchen refrigerator. Public Relations photo.

### Calling Mother Hubbard



Emma King, telephone operator's house matron, is ever watchful of her charges. Here she is tendering broth to an indisposed operator, Claire Buckner. Public Relations photo.

## The Boss Looks Pleased



Miss Mae Belle Beals and Miss Harriet Schwendker pour tea for Cal Horn, Camp telephone exchange manager, in the phone operators' quarters on the post. Public Relations photo.

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The course is being given in the Portland from Camp Adair by way steam-heated indoor rifle range at of Panama, A minor factor to the the college armory, with rifles fur- railroad was the fact that the trip nished by the Corvallis Rifle Club. took about six hours. A major point The six weeks' course in riflery After a class in sighting and aim- to the soldiers was the fact that ing last week, the women did actual they arrived at 8 p.m., too late Club to members of the local pla-shooting this Monday, January to buy some, shall we say, "Drinktoon of the Oregon Women's Am- 25th. S Sgt. Georgena Samson re- akola," and three hours late for bulance Corps is proving very pop- ceived the highest marksmanship their dates. (My date was so old that three more hours made little core for the evening.

> Riflery is one of the elective difference.) courses offered in the training pro- On the return trip only half as gram of the Oregon Women's Am- many showed up, although all bulance Corps, the required courses bought round-trip tickets. Singing being military drill, army litter "Show Me the Way to Go Home" drill, advanced first aid, auto me- and "Sweet Adeline" the boys were chanics, communications and fire- having a good time until one pri-

The purpose of the Ambulance exercising his muscles instead of Corps is to have a well trained and his vocal chords. The likeable MP well organized group of women Sgt. "Joek" J. "Johnny on the ready to assist with or take charge Spot" Samanduroff was there and of any sort of war emergency that soon had the "situation well in ay occur in this vicinity.

# It's Information on Adair 'Hello Girls'

## **Camp Phone Exchange Operators** Live, Work and Dine on Post

We Are The Unseen-ever watchful, never sleeping, Binding Atoms to-gether.

Not ours the glory nor applause, We wear no uniform-and yet-are part of our land's destiny,

Guarding her secrets well. We are the unseen-loyal-true to an ideal, One God-One Country-One Flag.

We want no praise, knowing, out there, Men have shed their blood that we might live

With others soon to follow them. Our reward shall be-one day-with the touch

of magic at our fingertips To send across the quivering wires, One far-flung cry-"Ours Is The Victory."

-Eleanor Dayton Surry, Washington, D. C., Toll Operator.

> Phone in Emergency Only Mr. Horn, in bringing the tour

to a close, brought out the fact that

carried by the telephone company.

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The above poem, penned by a any of the civilian operators," ell System telephone operator has chorused the Camp Adair telephone een adopted by the system as its bevy, "we enjoy our work here on official watchword during the the Post, and although we work present emergency. Copies of it at peak loads constantly, we find appear upon the walls of every that the Army personnel here is exbranch in the country and the tele- tremely cooperative when placing phone operators stationed here on calls, and we have no trouble with the Post regard it and its message sarcastic and grouchy customers. as an important adjunct to their It's a real pleasure!"

hat phrase imply?

Out of the HQ. Well

By Cpl. "Dubby" Duboff

Hq. Co. SCU 1911

eetings are a definate success.

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fellows" that have left this camp:

wasn't acting when he took up

his turn to enter the game. The

last on the bench. 1st Sgt. Ray At-

what to do when the whistle blew.

speed ahead ran slam bang into

Yes, my dear reader, Gerity for-

Burning a hole in his pocket and

Pvt. Jim O'Connell of SCU 1911

his conscience was the \$20 that

won with his answer to three ques-

Monday night's KOIN broadcast.

what the 20 bucks was for.

ting than flowers.

tions in the "quiz kid" phase of

What could one get for the Hq. Co. day-room? That, incidently, is

"The Boys" have decided it for

And no flowers would fit better than Four Roses. What say?

The Southern Pacific Express,

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vate became too happy, and started

him. Nothing would be more fit-

we meet again.

instead.

got his glasses.

Our editor, inquisitive soul that it is now necessary for the Bell he is, assigned us to ferret out the System to advertise, "Don't Use the facts behind the pleasant, "Number Telephone Except for Calls of Ne-Please," we all hear when picking cessity," in an effort to sharply Our Monday night NON-COM up a telephone around Camp Adair, reduce the tremendous load now Cal Horn, Manager

In an interview with Mr. Cal With millions of men in the armd and humorous. But then why Horn, Camp telephone manager, forces, it is easily discernible that a shouldn't they be? From Maine to we discovered, while touring the complex situation would be created California come the men that are operator's living quarters, that the attached to Hdqrs. Company. Law- spacious and modern accommodayers, school teachers from the best tions were furnished by the Army colleges in the land, business men, in cooperation with Captain Norvel butchers and painters. (With refer. G. Reetz, Post Signal Officer, last ence to the latter they deserve a year.

big hand for recently completing Telephone officials, in selecting and beautifying the Post Head- the personnel to man or rather "to quarters Building, A-LA Country girl" the camp system, scoured the Club fashion.) The men in Head- whole State of Oregon in an effort quarters Company are experts and to acquire the cream of operating do their jobs well. To prove my talent and efficiency. The fact that point, out of 51 enlisted men select- our camp system today is one of the ed for OCS school, 24 were Hq. best operated in the entire country bespeaks well of their selection. property. We miss "those regular Seasoned Operators

years (175) of telephone experience behind them, were chosen from exchanges in Portland From Exchanges Scotland, GeBauer, Patterson, etc. But the gap they left in the various departments, were quickly filled by behind them, were chosen from exother Hq. men who are capable of changes in Portland, Eugene, Klamany task. Now we have to say good- ath Falls and Bend for the Army's bye to a couple of "oldies." They benefit. These ladies, whose ages were here since the days of "Tent of service average 17 each, occupy City," "No Showers," "Food on the what the Army officials aver is Fly," and "Water with a dash of the finest dormitory for operators chlorine in the Lister Bag." OCS in any camp today. Each girl lives bound is Master Sgt. Maynard S. on the Post and has her own furnished room for sleeping accommo-Boge, and Cpl. Morris Breunstein. Aurevoir-and Bon Voyage, until dations; a centrally located reception room is situated in the front of the dorm and affords an ideal Acting Cpl. Gerity, William S .. social and recreation room during

idle moments. basketball as a hobby. Seriously An inovation, strictly the girls he sat on the bench and waited for idea, is the addition of a "midnight snack bar," where any gal off shift opposing team had tired all the may prepare her own lunches. "The players, until he, Gerity, was the most popular place in the quarters," declared Chief Operator Henrietta kins gathered all the players and Bell when queried during our tour. in a huddle they were deciding Motherly Mrs. Emma King presides over the entire entourage as ma-The Sgt. called "Gerity, get up and tron, and hers is a twenty-four let the bench in." But all Garity hour a day task to keep all of the could hear was his name. He girls happy and healthy as possible dashed on the court, and full When contacted last week, Mrs. King was in the act of ministering what he thought was the ball. But to Chief Operator Bell, who has Alas and Shellac it was the wall been confined to quarters due to an

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if only part of this number used At the present time about one the long distance telephone. Un- third of all officers in the Army less it is an impertaive telephone have come up from the ranks call, soldier, let the motto be: "Be through Officer Candidate schools. About half came from the National Guard and organized reserves with a small percentage appointed straight from civilian life because they were specialists of one kind or

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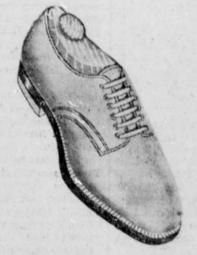
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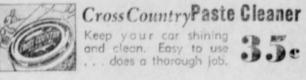
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