

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 of duty, prepare a snack from their kitchen refrigerator. Public Relations photo.

Calling Mother Hubbard



Mrs. Emma King, telephone operator's house matron, is ever watchful of her charges. Here she is tending 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.

Ambulance Corps Rifle Class Proves Popular

The six weeks' course in riflery being given by the Corvallis Rifle Club to members of the local platoon of the Oregon Women's Ambulance Corps is proving very popular.

The course is being given in the steam-heated indoor rifle range at the college armory, with rifles furnished by the Corvallis Rifle Club. After a class in sighting and aiming last week, the women did actual shooting this Monday, January 25th. S. Sgt. Georgena Samson received the highest marksmanship score for the evening.

Riflery is one of the elective courses offered in the training program of the Oregon Women's Ambulance Corps, the required courses being military drill, army litter drill, advanced first aid, auto mechanics, communications and fire-fighting.

The purpose of the Ambulance Corps is to have a well trained and well organized group of women ready to assist with or take charge of any sort of war emergency that may 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."

The above poem, penned by a Bell System telephone operator has been adopted by the system as its official watchword during the present emergency. Copies of it appear upon the walls of every branch in the country and the telephone operators stationed here on the Post regard it and its message as an important adjunct to their daily life.

"Their daily life" just what does that phrase imply? Our editor, inquisitive soul that he is, assigned us to ferret out the facts behind the pleasant, "Number Please," we all hear when picking up a telephone around Camp Adair.

Cal Horn, Manager In an interview with Mr. Cal Horn, Camp telephone manager, we discovered, while touring the operator's living quarters, that the spacious and modern accommodations were furnished by the Army in cooperation with Captain Norvel G. Reetz, Post Signal Officer, last year.

Telephone officials, in selecting the personnel to man or rather "to girl" the camp system, scoured the whole State of Oregon in an effort to acquire the cream of operating talent and efficiency. The fact that our camp system today is one of the best operated in the entire country bespeaks well of their selection.

Seasoned Operators Ten seasoned operators, with years (175) of telephone experience behind them, were chosen from exchanges in Portland, Eugene, Klamath Falls and Bend for the Army's benefit. These ladies, whose ages of service average 17 each, occupy what the Army officials aver is the finest dormitory for operators in any camp today. Each girl lives on the Post and has her own furnished room for sleeping accommodations; a centrally located reception room is situated in the front of the dorm and affords an ideal social and recreation room during idle moments.

An innovation, strictly the girls' idea, is the addition of a "midnight snack bar," where any gal off shift may prepare her own lunches. "The most popular place in the quarters," declared Chief Operator Henrietta Bell when queried during our tour. Motherly Mrs. Emma King presides over the entire entourage as matron, and hers is a twenty-four hour a day task to keep all of the girls happy and healthy as possible. When contacted last week, Mrs. King was in the act of ministering to Chief Operator Bell, who has been confined to quarters due to an illness.

"We wouldn't trade our jobs with

any of the civilian operators," chorused the Camp Adair telephone bevy. "we enjoy our work here on the Post, and although we work at peak loads constantly, we find that the Army personnel here is extremely cooperative when placing calls, and we have no trouble with sarcastic and grouchy customers. It's a real pleasure!"

Phone in Emergency Only Mr. Horn, in bringing the tour to a close, brought out the fact that it is now necessary for the Bell System to advertise, "Don't Use the Telephone Except for Calls of Necessity," in an effort to sharply reduce the tremendous load now carried by the telephone company. With millions of men in the armed forces, it is easily discernible that a complex situation would be created



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if only part of this number used the long distance telephone. Unless it is an impertinent telephone call, soldier, let the motto be: "Be Mum, Chum!"

OSC Graduates Best, War Department Says

Graduate officers of the OSC have been a tremendous success both in training camps and on the battle field, according to a recent War Department announcement.

So successful has the plan been that Army policy has definitely set on getting almost all new officers from QCS with the only commissions handed direct to civilians in the future will be in the Medical Corps, the Judge Advocate General's Department and some specialists in the Engineers and Ordnance.

At the present time about one-third of all officers in the Army have come up from the ranks 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 another.

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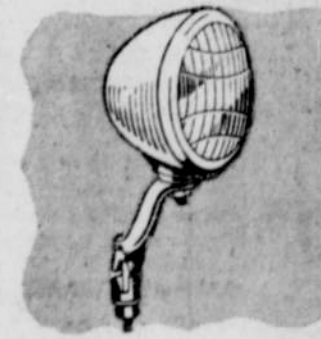
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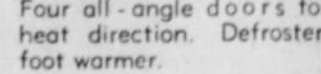


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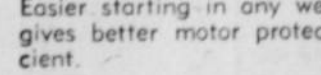
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