

ASF Conducts Survey of All Men in Service

Maximum utilization of all actual and potential skills of military personnel is the objective of a survey being conducted throughout the Army Service Forces, it was announced today at the headquarters of Major General David McCoach, Jr., Commanding General of the Ninth Service Command, at Fort Douglas, Utah.

The survey is designed to reveal whether each officer and enlisted man is assigned to the duty to which he is best qualified. Maximum efficiency of each individual in the Army Service Forces will mean that the demands on civilian manpower by that branch of the Army will be reduced to the minimum.

Officers and enlisted men especially trained in assignment and classification procedures at an intensive 10-day course at the Fort Douglas Reception Center are conducting the survey in the Ninth Service Command. These teams will travel throughout the Command for the purpose of interviewing every enlisted man to obtain additional information on all officers with reference to their civilian and military background.

From the information they obtain will be determined whether each person's abilities are utilized to greatest capacity so that efficiency and morale may be maintained at a high level or improved. When the teams find persons assigned to duties other than those for which they are best fitted they will recommend changes. If no opportunity for full utilization of an individual's skill exists where he is presently assigned, he will be considered for reassignment.

Following completion of the initial survey, permanent teams will be selected to continue the procedures already established.

WAC NOTES

By Sgt. Florence Breiting
Six more soldiers joined the Post Wac company during the past week, four from the Army Administration School at Conway, Arkansas, one from assignment in Washington, D. C., and one from Fort Warren, Wyoming.

The names and assignments of the new members are as follows: Cpl. Claire Beecher, Pvts. Mavis O'Reilly, Martha Sherman, and Luiga Paoletti, Service & Supply; Sgt. Rebecca Needelman, Military Intelligence and Internal Security; Pvt. Willie J. Roberts, Enlisted Personnel.

Anyone who says a dog's life is a hard one doesn't know about Daisy May, the Wac's newest mascot, a puppy of unknown lineage. For Daisy May, after

Manual of Arms (and Legs)



The arms by the U. S. Army. The legs by Betty Grable, 20th Century-Fox. % Esquire Inc., 1943. Reprinted from the December issue of Esquire.

only a few short weeks at Camp Abbot, is wearing staff sergeant's stripes, not on her sleeve but on a cleverly-contrived harness across her shoulders. Should Daisy May show any inclination to follow in the footsteps of her predecessor, Smoky, who deserted the Wacs for the Engineers, Lt. Patricia Elwell, Company Commander, threatens she will bust the "little blonde" to yardbird!

Another member of the company who recently received a promotion is Snowball, a coal black kitten, who takes a beating from "Sgt. Daisy May" because she won't wear her T/3 stripes!

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Holy Communion—a rite of the church—is observed by nearly every religious group. No matter what interpretation is given this beautiful ordinance, every follower of God should at stated times observe the "Supper."

With the arrival this week of a beautiful Communion set made of Oregon Myrtle Wood, Communion for all faiths is now available at the Chapel services. Unless otherwise announced, ordinance will be observed each Sunday, at both Catholic and Protestant services.

Each person attending will be privileged to interpret the rite as interpreted by his own religious denomination.

TO ADMN. SCHOOL

Lt. Hannes C. Kolehmainen and Warrant Officer John V. Garrett, Jr., have left for Fort Washington, Md., where they will attend a special course in the Adjutant Generals School.

Capt. Donald J. Dixon and Capt. Allen Jensen have left the post to attend a special field officers course at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Notes From C-54

By T/4 Eugene Plank

In the latrine of Co. C the other evening some of the new trainees were discussing what the Engineer was to the Army. One lad in particular had a rather clever definition. He said: "The Engineers are the ones that build a bridge over a river, which, the Japs are trying to hold and our infantry are trying to take."

Well vacation time is over in our company and the new men, although older are quoting our first sergeant: "Even though there are older men, Co. C will still turn out Engineers as Uncle Sam wants them." They are eager to get started.

Had a fine letter from a fellow Engineer mailed in Salerno, Italy. He says: "The women are beautiful, the wine wonderful, but the fighting tough. Send us more Engineers."

By the time this reaches print the writer, T/4 Eugene Plank will be a proud papa. He's betting on a girl. The men of Co. C are helping Sgt. Plank walk the floor these days—some of them not having any children either.

S/Sgt. Rocco Biviano, mess sergeant, had an important conference with some cadremen this week. The result—"Better Service in a Better Mess Hall." The sergeant's slogan, on a huge blackboard, dominates the front of Co. C's mess hall. On this the following creed has been inscribed for the benefit of the new men to follow:

This is my mess hall
It is my duty to keep it clean and orderly
I will see that the man beside me gets his share of food
I will use my mess hall in a military manner
I will learn to eat part of all foods put before me
This is my mess hall.

There's always something happening to Co. C's cadremen. Last Saturday evening Sgt. Frank Riskolich decided to go to town. It was one of those evenings when you must wait in line for a bus. The corporal finally wangled a ride from an officer who took him as far as Lava Butte. Then a GI truck came along and transported him to Bend. However, somehow the corporal lost his cap. He called to the truck driver, but no response. A few moments later a Jeep drove up beside the worried corporal and handed him his cap. It sounds funnier when told by the corporal.

SGT. ALLEN RETURNS

Sgt. Zella Allen returned to camp this week from Wake Forest, N. C., where she has been attending a special Finance school. Formerly assigned to the Public Relations Branch, she is now in the Finance Division.



(Courtesy AAFSAT)

"Him and his very snappy salute! I knew that would happen some day."

Maj. Davidson Pens Tribute To Heroes of Both Wars

The Abbot Engineer is in receipt of a splendid manuscript on Armistice Day from Maj. Arthur Davidson, director, inspection division. The editor regrets space limitations prevent its being published in its entirety. However, the excerpts below are a tribute both to those men who have made Supreme Sacrifice and those who are battling for the colors today:

"Let us pause today long enough to pay reverence to our brave fighting men of World War I, who gave the supreme sacrifice that we might live. Also pay reverence to our brave heroes of this present struggle who have given the supreme sacrifice, and to our brave fighting men who are now facing the smoke of battle on many fronts throughout the world.

"The greatest enemies of Freedom and Liberty are ignorance, indifference, and lack of vigilance. Liberty is not a gift! It is attained only through concentrated effort and sacrifice of a people willing to suffer long and endure much, and is held at the price of eternal vigilance.

"All free men must be taught, and never to forget, that Freedom and Liberty cannot be assured until all men and women are willing to fight and are courageous enough to die for its perpetuation."

NSC Menu to List Recipes, Suggestions of Cooks

Mess personnel with a gift for planning menus, utilizing left overs and eliminating waste will have an opportunity to pass advice along to cooks of the Ninth Service Command through the medium of a publication entitled "NSC Model Menu."

The service command has announced that all valuable ideas will be published as "food notes"

to menus and that any recipes or suggestions published will be acknowledged and copies will be furnished for mailing home.

Expert Badges for Infantry Announced by War Dept.

Washington, Nov. 13.—The War Department announced today a new honor for infantrymen—the expert infantryman badge and the combat infantryman badge.

"When you see either of these badges upon the uniform of a soldier, it will say: here is a man," Secretary of War Stimson said.

The "expert" badge—a miniature silver rifle mounted on an infantry blue field with silver border—will be awarded officers and men of the infantry "who attain established standards or whose action in combat is rated satisfactory." The "combat" badge—similar to the first, but with a wreath added—is reserved for those whose conduct in combat is exemplary "or whose combat action occurs in a major operation."

New Overcoat Authorized For Officers and WACs

Style note:
Latest thing for army officers and officers and enlisted personnel of the WAC is a new type overcoat, called the field overcoat, authorized. The new model has the appearance of a trench coat, is made of olive drab, wind-resistant, water-repellant cotton poplin or twill and has buttoned-in removable wool lining and a detachable hood which can be buttoned snugly about the face. A draw-string through the facial aperture insures still further protection. The coat does not replace, but supplements, the coats previously authorized for wear.

When You've Read It—Please Pass The ENGINEER AROUND.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



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