

WOMEN WILL MAN VITAL ARMY POSTS BY FIRST OF YEAR

First of Sex Take Over Old Fort Des Moines—Big Parade Scheduled Later.

By George S. Mills

Fort Des Moines, Iowa, July 21.—(AP)—Fifty-five hundred women will be manning vital army posts by Jan. 1, it was disclosed today as the first women soldiers in the nation's history took over this old army post.

Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, director of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, here for the opening of the WAAC training post, said in a press conference 20 companies of 150 WAACs each, a total of 3,000 women, will be on duty at army posts by the first of the year.

To Watch Skies
In addition, 2,500 others will be assigned to the aircraft warning service along the Atlantic coast. She said they will work under the first fighter command and will live in units of 50 women each.

Mrs. Hobby's announcement emphasized the speed with which officers and auxiliaries will be trained at the school, which will have a peak capacity of 7,000 women.

By night, approximately 800 members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps were to be housed in the red brick barracks, started on their way to military careers.

The big parade of WAACs was not scheduled until today, but nearly 200 who reported

last night got their first real taste of army life at 5:45 a. m. today in the you've-got-to-get-up reveille bugle call.

Soon Dressed
Fully dressed 20 minutes later, they assembled in front of the barracks. At 6:35 they marched off to morning mess. Nine WAAC uniforms appeared yesterday, and the principal wearer was Mrs. Hobby, who arrived from Washington last night. Early arriving WAACs donned the other eight uniforms, chiefly to accommodate newspaper photographers.

Today's processing program included routine physical checkups, inoculations against typhoid, tetanus and smallpox and assignment to companies and barracks. Each WAAC was issued four handkerchiefs, two neckties, four dress shields, three bath towels, one toothbrush, one comb, medical canteen, cup, fork, spoon and first aid packet.

CALENDAR

Tuesday

6:30 p. m.—Methodist church potluck dinner honoring pastor and family at church social hall.
7:30 p. m.—Medford Duplicate Bridge club, Medford hotel.
8:00 p. m.—V.F.W. post and auxiliary at armory.

Wednesday

12:30 p. m.—Mistletoe club covered dish luncheon, Girls Community clubhouse.
1:00 p. m.—Get-Together club, dessert luncheon, card party, Eagles hall, public invited.

FREE POSTAGE

Iowa City, Ia., July 21.—(AP)—Cadet Carl Sparenberg of Centralia, Ill., stationed at the preflight base here, took full advantage of the free mail proposition. He bought a one-cent government postcard, crossed out the printed stamp and wrote "free" over it.

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COL. EADS TELLS NEED OF DEFENSE FOR FIRE ATTACK

Club Hears Chemical Warfare Officer of Camp—Citizen Training Urged.

Lieutenant Colonel R. A. Eads declared Monday noon that all able-bodied adults should be trained in emergency measures to be put into effect in the event of an incendiary raid from the air.

Lieutenant Colonel Eads, chemical warfare officer for the 91st Infantry Division at Camp White, told Kiwanians and invited guests at the club's weekly luncheon-meeting in the Hotel Medford that "a trained citizen, with every household protecting its own property" was the only solution to a fire problem that would occur should the enemy launch an incendiary attack and start hundreds of conflagrations within a short space of time.

"Fire extinguishers and sand boxes with shovels should be kept in readiness at all times," he warned.

Methods Explained

Explaining the methods to be employed in controlling a magnesium bomb, Lieutenant Colonel Eads said that water should be sprayed onto the bomb from a distance of from 10 to 15 feet, and that if a spray nozzle was not available the jet should be played onto the bomb using a fire extinguisher or a fire hose. Buckets should not be used to pour water onto burning thermite or magnesium bombs, as this would likely cause fragmentation of the burning metals and the burning particles of metal would not only spread the fire but would endanger the firefighter, he emphasized.

"While water will not extinguish the metallic bombs, thermite and magnesium, it will decrease their burning time from approximately 20 minutes to two minutes," he said, and added that water also tends to control the fire resulting from the bomb.

Five Points Listed

The chemical warfare officer listed five important points to remember in controlling incendiary bombs, namely: (1) magnesium bombs are not explosive, (2) they burn with extremely high temperature, (3) they must be handled carefully, effectively and immediately, (4) neither carbon tetrachloride nor carbon dioxide extinguishers should be used in attempting to extinguish magnesium bombs, because both form deadly gases, and (5) do not run from—run to the scene of attack, grabbing a fire extinguisher on the way.

After tracing briefly the history of incendiary warfare which, he said, had its beginning prior to the dawn of written records, Lieutenant Colonel Eads analyzed the different types of fire bombs, the incendiary phosphorous leaflets, phosphorous

30-pounders, two-pound magnesium bombs, 33-pound thermite and the oil bombs.

The leaflets, he said, are saturated with a solution of phosphorous and solvent and can be disseminated by the thousands from an airplane, starting fires in grasslands, ripened grain fields or forests. He explained that oil bombs present no serious problem unless they are very large, and that the thermite bomb, although producing the highest temperature of all bombs developed thus far, has a disadvantage in that it burns out within one to three minutes.

Magnesium Effective

"The magnesium, sometimes called the electron bomb, is the most effective incendiary bomb ever developed," Lieutenant Colonel Eads stated. "The most popular size, weighs approximately two pounds, enabling a large bomber to carry 2,000 units."

Major General Charles H. Gerhardt, commander of the 91st Infantry Division, gave a short talk in which he praised the community for being "beautifully organized" to cooperate with the military. "You have taken us in and made us welcome, and there are not many communities like this," he declared.

"For our part," he said, "we'll let nothing interfere with making the 91st division the best combat unit possible. We'll work hard and play hard, but we'll play clean." In this latter connection he said he had asked the city authorities to take charge of two soldiers who became involved in trouble recently, and added that he hoped they were properly punished. "We will not tolerate this sort of thing," he said.

Another engagement forced the general to leave the meeting during Lieutenant Colonel Eads' speech, but before he left he stated: "If a plane from a Jap sub should bomb Camp White, you will not see another Pearl Harbor. We'll be ready, and I hope you civilians will be too."

L. E. Francis, president of the club, acted as master of ceremonies. W. E. Thomas, program chairman, introduced both speakers.

MAJOR HART OF CAMP WHITE IS NEW LIEUT.-COL.

Promotion of Lieut. Colonel Scott P. Hart from the rank of major was announced here today at Camp Headquarters, Camp White. Lieut. Colonel Hart's home prior to active service was in Helena, Mont.

Called to active duty as a major, Sept. 26, 1941, after serving in that rank on the staff of the Montana National Guard, Lieut. Col. Hart was assigned to headquarters, Fort Ord, Calif. Upon activation of Camp White he was transferred here and assigned in charge of all camp supply functions.

He served as a captain in World War I with the 146th field artillery, 66th F. A. Brigade with the A.E.F.

Lieut. Col. Hart, a civil engineer, received his engineering training at Oregon State college at Corvallis, and has for some years been in charge of maintenance of all state highways for the Montana State Highway Commission.

Lieut. Col. Hart, his wife and two daughters reside in Medford.

Mrs. Kurtz Appointed On Music Committee Zonta International

Mrs. Effie Kurtz of 204 North Ivy street, has been appointed a member of the national music committee of Zonta International, according to word received here. The appointment was made at a post convention meeting of Zonta International held in Toronto the first of the month.

Inclusion of qualified women in future peace parleys was urged by the membership of Zonta International at the organization convention and wife of the Chinese generalissimo, Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, was Zonta's first suggestion. In the belief that a permanent peace should be determined only by wise and due regard for all in-

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MENTHOLATUM

OREGON LEADS

Portland, July 21.—(AP)—The Portland navy recruiting district led the nation for enlistments in June, signing up 113 men for each 100,000 residents.

BLADINE IS ENSIGN

Portland, July 21.—(AP)—Ensign Philip N. Bladine, former editor of the McMinnville Telephone Register, assumed duties as navy public relations officer for Oregon yesterday.

KERR IN ARMY

Portland, July 21.—(AP)—Thomas Kerr, president of the Portland grain exchange, has entered active duty as a first lieutenant in the army's transport service.

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