

# WAC Aides Find General Eisenhower As Man With Even Temper, Efficient

New York — (U.P.) — The women around Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower during the days before and after D-Day had a lot to do with smoothing the path of one of history's most burdened men.

They varied in type from the highly efficient State of Maine girl, Capt. Mattie Pinette of the Wacs, to the dark-haired, convent-reared Irish girl, Kay Summersby, who was his No. 1 chauffeur.

Kenneth S. Davis tells about them in his biography of Eisenhower, "Soldier of Democracy," which has just been published. He intimates that these women had a better insight into the Eisenhower personality than some of the high-ranking male officers who were his immediate subordinates.

**Never Loses Temper**  
Capt. Pinette, for instance, disagrees with those who hold that General Ike was "easy" to work for. She arrived in Algiers with the first contingent of Wacs to reach North Africa in January, 1943. Davis says she under-

stood her boss "rather more profoundly than did many of his high-ranking subordinates" and in Capt. Pinette's opinion the general was exacting rather than easy, a man who hated inefficiency even though he never lost his temper with a subordinate. But even Capt. Pinette says he was "fun" to work for.

She was most impressed by Eisenhower's phenomenal memory. Once he dictated to her a 300-word statement for a news-reel appearance, then delivered it verbatim to the cameras without once referring to his copy. Another time, during a "leisure hour" discussion of poetry, she heard him recite the greater part of Gray's Elegy in support of his contention that it was "the most perfect poem ever written."

The informality of the Eisenhower entourage may have given the impression that he was "easy." Sgt. Margaret Chick of Toledo, O., remembers her first meeting. She was called into the anteroom and, when she hesitated at the threshold of

the general's office, was told by an aide: "Come on in. He won't bite you."

Eisenhower laughed and Sgt. Chick remained as one of his two stenographers.

**Driver Became Secretary**  
Kay Summersby, who had driven an ambulance through the worst of the London blitz as a member of the Motor Transport Corps, was assigned Eisenhower when he was only a major general. She took with a smile the bragging of chauffeurs who drove for lieutenant generals.

"But he's such a nice major general," Kay said.

Events were to prove how right she was. Kay went with him to North Africa. An American officer with whom she was deeply in love was killed and, to keep her from brooding, Kay was assigned between driving cabs to the task of answering Eisenhower's voluminous correspondence. Probably with no other general would it have been possible to give such a task, usually the assignment of a highly adept secretary, to a chauffeur. But Kay Summersby became adept at framing replies for Eisenhower's signature, using the distinctive Eisenhower idiom so well that none could tell it from what he dictated himself. Though the general insisted on reading every letter before signing it, he seldom had to send one back for revision.

## Talent Sawmill Plans Continued Winter Operation

Talent, Dec. 31.—With an adequate supply of logs continuing to roll in, Talent Saw Mills, Inc., contemplates operating throughout the winter, George L. Zickefoose, plant superintendent says.

The mill is sawing about 40,000 feet per day and employing 30 men, Zickefoose states. Approximately one carload of lumber per day is being shipped to a California market. Practically no lumber is sold locally. Logs are being brought in from the Trail area.

Before the war, Florida was a strong competitor of Cuba in the cigar and cigarette field, with the state's volume running more than \$39,817,657 yearly.

# PLANNING OFFICE MOVING TO NEW QUARTERS HERE

The Project Planning Office of the Bureau of Reclamation will be moved January 2, from present quarters in the Post Office to the Carpenters Union building, 123 1/2 W. Main Street, upstairs over the Chamber of Commerce. Need for more space to accommodate increased forces of the Bureau of Reclamation made larger quarters imperative, according to F. C. Hart, engineer in charge.

The return to duty of Crater Lake National Park employees who have been serving in the armed forces also made it necessary for the Park Service to re-occupy the office space which they had made available to the Reclamation Bureau under wartime conditions, Hart said.

Mr. Hart also stated that the Bureau of Reclamation forces will push field surveys this spring on the irrigation projects in the Rogue River Basin which have been under study for some time, and it is expected the comprehensive report covering development possibilities in the entire basin will be submitted to the Washington office in the near future. Upon approval by the commissioner of reclamation, the report will be submitted to the Interior Department's water resource committee, the quadripartite committee composed of representatives of the Army's Corps of Engineers, the Department of Agriculture, the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Reclamation Bureau, and to the governor of Oregon. Local interests will also have an opportunity to state their cases at a public hearing. Necessary changes in the report will then be made before submission to the President and the congress, Engineer Hart asserted.

# SAIPAN OFFICERS DO MENIAL JOBS

Honolulu, Dec. 31 — (U.P.) — Officers outnumber enlisted men in the ninth troop carrier squadron on Saipan — and the brass is doing "KP" and poling the area while privates and non-coms continue their military duties, it was disclosed today.

T/S Dickie Moore, former child film star and now a correspondent for the army newspaper Stars and Stripes, reported that demobilization has cut the squadron's strength from 99 officers and 250 enlisted men to 95 officers and 73 men.

Capt. Jack Smith, company commander, said the majority of the enlisted men are qualified technicians and must continue their regular jobs.

"There's no particular beefing by the officers," Smith said, "but morale is not exactly good."

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# New Telescope May Throw Light On Mystery Of Stars

Washington, (U.P.) — War-interrupted work has been resumed on the 200-inch telescope at Mt. Palomar, and astronomers hope that new explorations in space may throw light in the next few years on such vast mysteries as—

1. Whether the universe is "exploding," as some scientists believe it may be, and—
2. Whether space is infinite or whether, as Prof. Albert Einstein thinks, it is finite and curved.

Man already has explored the universe within the limits represented by the heart of the atom—lately unlocked over Hiroshima and Nagasaki—and by huge galaxies of stars whirling as far out in space as present astronomical instruments have been able to probe.

With the 100-inch telescope at Mt. Wilson, Palomar's near neighbor in Southern California, astronomers have penetrated space to a distance of perhaps 1,000,000,000 light-years. With the 200-inch reflector, they hope to extend their explorations by another 1,000,000,000 light-years—with what results they are scarcely able to predict.

## Beyond Imagination

These are distances beyond human capacity to imagine except as numerical expressions. A light-year is the distance light, moving at 186,000 miles a second, will travel in 365 days. The sun, radiating a atomic energy 93,000,000 miles away, is about eight light-minutes from earth. Our nearest stellar neighbor, the star Proxima Centauri, is 4 1/2 light years away.

With the Mt. Wilson telescope astronomers have photographed millions of remote galaxies, each containing multibillioned billions of stars comparable to our sun. Thus far they have found no thinning out of these galaxies which, on the average, are scattered at a distance apart of about 1,500,000 light-years.

A telescopic aperture twice the size of Mt. Wilson's, as Mt. Palomar's will be, not only should enable man to peer twice

as far into space but, astronomers say, should reveal eight times as many galaxies if they continue to be evenly distributed at such distances.

## Universe Expands

The theory that the universe is expanding at explosive speed arose from spectroscopic examination of nebular light which indicated that the far galaxies are receding at velocities up to 26,000 miles a second.

Einstein arrived mathematically at his theory of a finite space. He believes space may be at once unlimited and finite.

If that sounds like nonsense, think of the earth's surface—you can ramble endlessly upon it without ever coming to an end, yet the earth's surface is finite and is unlimited only because it bends back on itself.

Einstein believes that space, too, bends back on itself, and that the motion of all bodies in the sky is explained by the cosmic necessity they are under to accommodate their paths to this curvature.

Many of Einstein's other theories were subsequently verified by direct observation.

Perhaps the Mt. Palomar giant will have something to say about this one.

# HIGH ARMY, NAVY CHIEFS TO PLAN ATOM BOMB RULE

Washington, Dec. 31 — (U.P.) — Ten high-ranking army and navy officers have been assigned the task of determining the future role of the atomic bomb as a war weapon and directing joint planning for the 1946 bomb tests on ships, it was learned today.

The joint board already has been created and is serving in an advisory capacity to Maj.

Gen. Leslie R. Groves, the army's atomic bomb director.

While the board is charged by the army and navy with overall atomic bomb planning, its immediate problem concerns details of next year's tests on the effect the bomb will have on naval ships and submarines.

In view of the many problems involved, navy officers believe that the atomic bombing of the ships and submarines will not take place before the middle of next summer at the earliest. The army and navy jointly announced Dec. 10 that planning was "under way."

## ATOLL ABANDONED

Pearl Harbor, Dec. 31 — (U.P.) — Ulithi Atoll, once the large secret repair and supply base for the Pacific fleet, was decom-

missioned Dec. 27 and only a navy weather observation station remains there, it was announced today.

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