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SIC SEMPER TYRANNIS . . .



## Col Gibson, New Exec, Landed In the Philippines on D-Day

Five years after he had served on Corregidor as a professional officer, Colonel Howland A. Gibson, MC, landed on Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines with General Krueger's Sixth Army to set up the 54th Evacuation Hospital. On D-Day, 9 January, he hit the beach with the medics, where they were shelled all that day and night. Despite the enemy fire, they immediately set up in San Fabian.

Dibble's new executive officer, 21 years in the Army, helped to activate the 54th Evacuation Hospital back in 1942 at Camp Shelby, Miss. After a year in the California Desert Training Center area, for which, the colonel says, the Army should give all men a combat medal, he took his outfit overseas directly to New Guinea in September, 1943. At first with the Australians and later with successive Yank task forces along the New Guinea coast,

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## REP. ANDERSON CLEARS DGH ON BLIND CHARGES

In a press conference held here Tuesday, 21 August, Rep Jack Z. Anderson of California, after a personal investigation of complaints recently filed concerning the Dibble blind program, issued the following statement exonerating the hospital and its staff:

"At the request of the Surgeon General I have conducted a thorough investigation of the complaints recently filed through my office concerning treatment of blind patients. . . . As the result of a personal inspection . . . I am firmly convinced that the Commanding Officer and his staff have been subjected to unwarranted and unjustifiable criticism.

"After my visit to the blind patient wards, including personal talks with many of the blind veterans, and my conference with Col Streit and Col Cutler, I am definitely of the opinion that everything hu-

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## DIBBLE IS NAMED CORNEAL TRANSPLANT CENTER; GREAT ADVANCE IN EYE SURGERY

The Office of the Surgeon General has designated two general Army hospitals, Dibble and Valley Forge, as centers for corneal transplantation operations. The operation, known as keratoplasty, requires the delicacy and accuracy of technique that a well-trained ophthalmologist can master.

Lt Colonel Norman L. Cutler, Dibble's Eye Chief, and Capt Benjamin Souders are getting ready to start surgical procedures as soon as suitable equipment is received.

Corneal transplantation, in everyday parlance, involves the removal of a portion of the cornea of the eye and the transplanting of a new section thereon. The cornea of the eye may be likened to a window which admits light. This window may become cloudy or opaque, through injury or disease, so that no image can get through to the retina. This clouding of the cornea should not be confused with a cataract, which affects the lens of the eye and not the cornea.

Although the technique of keratoplasty is not a new one (as far back as 1887, a Dr. Von Hippel had devised a technique), new developments in surgical procedures and equipment are still being uncovered by current research. Donor's material may be obtained from living patients, whose eyes require enucleation but whose corneas are normal, from the eyes of still-born infants, or those dying shortly after birth, and from eyes of cadavers.

Several of Dibble's patients are awaiting corneal transplantation, according to Col Cutler.

## ARMY'S RELEASE AGE IS 38

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced that the age level making enlisted Army personnel eligible for discharge has been lowered from 40 to 38. Effective immediately, men and women over 38 may apply for discharge and become eligible for release within 90 days after application.

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### STAY ON THE JOB!

The pressure of 190 weeks of war has lifted. Peace-loving Americans, who geared themselves to high pitch to wipe out the Axis, are ready to slow down. Men and women in the services look lovingly toward the green pastures of home.

But no thinking man or woman or civilian employe of the War Department needs to be told that with the arrival of V-J Day it is nevertheless essential that he or she stay on the job.

For years after this war is over, the War Department will have a tremendous mission in reactivating troops as well as maintaining a continuous service of supply to a powerful army of occupation. Our hospitals will continue to have vast backlogs of patients for repair and corrective treatment. Dibble General Hospital is no exception.

It will be "business as usual" at Dibble for a long, long time; so continue to demonstrate your ability by excellent job performance, regular attendance, and remain loyal to the accomplishment of your assigned job.

PAUL H. STREIT,  
 Colonel, MC Commanding

### POST-WAR JOBS FOR GI'S

Sober and thoughtful, 1200 Pacific war veterans landed in San Francisco last Friday. Among them were 800 wounded and stretcher cases, guys who had been through the Philippine hell, paratroopers who had made the tough jump to capture Corregidor.

These boys were more interested in their futures than in telling about their exploits.

"Are here any jobs?" was the question on their tongues. And they insisted on answers. Newspapermen were embarrassed to have to relay what experts say about 8,000,000 out of work by Christmas.

Said one GI, wryly, "So that's what we've been waiting for for three years!"

But hold on . . . we're not complete suckers. We do know what production heights American industry and labor reached during these last 44 months. There is no logical reason why a peacetime economy that covers world-wide rehabilitation cannot hit the same marks, and even top them. If Government, Industry and Labor continue to get together, as they have during the war, the post-war program for 60,000,000 jobs that Franklin D. Roosevelt was plugging for, will be realized.

Take a gander at the stories on pages 6 and 7 of this issue. Railroads, aviation companies, utilities, industries, governmental agencies, labor unions . . . all are working and planning to absorb the returning veterans into its post-war production picture.

This, then, is what we've been waiting for.

### AWARDED TREASURY FLAG



### DGH Civvys Awarded Flag For 100% Bond Purchases

The Civilian Personnel department at Dibble, first department at the hospital to achieve 10 per cent participation in War Bond purchasing, was presented with the Minute Man flag by Colonel Paul H. Streit, Dibble's CO.

Civilian Personnel department members are now investing 16.1 per cent of their salary in War Bonds, a percentage which it is expected other departments in the hospital will soon reach, according to Morton Harvey, civilian personnel chief.

This high percentage is especially commendable since civil service pay was recently increased while Class A deductions remained the same.



#### PROTESTANT

Chaplain Ira V. Garrison

Sunday: Worship Service, Closed NP Section, 0900; Sacred Music Concert, Chapel 0930; Preaching Service, 1000; Musical Program, Closed NP Section, 1830. Tuesday: Bible Study and Discussion, Chapel, 1830; Choir Rehearsal, 1930; Office Consultation Hours: Each week day, 0900-1000.

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Rabbi Emanuel Kumin

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All personnel, military and civilian, their family and friends, are invited to attend the services of their choice.

GOD'S BEST BLESSINGS ON YOU!

## PATIENTS MOPE—SCORE DOPE

All patients with 85 points or over may gnash their teeth down to the gums, but the War Department says, according to ASF Circular 293, 3 August 1945, that no enlisted patient can be separated from the service directly from an ASF hospital by reason of having an adjusted service rating equal to or above the critical score announced by the WD.

When these patients have received maximum hospitalization, they will be transferred to appropriate military installations, in accordance with existing regulations, where eligibility for separation from the service will be determined.

## EXEC IN PHILIPPINES ON D-DAY

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they spent over a year in the humid jungle country before they made the big convoy to Luzon.

When he entered Manila on 5 February, 1945, a civilian sanitarium was used for housing the hospital facilities which invited plenty of attention from the Jap artillery. Military prisoners of war from Bilibid and civilian internees from Santo Tomas received their first bid of American medical aid there.

Col Gibson returned to the states as a casualty in April, was hospitalized at Birmingham General Hospital. He was assigned to Dibble by the War Department on 20 August.

## Baritone Thomas Sings at Dibble

John Charles Thomas, baritone, will sing in the Patients' Rec Hall at 1430, Tuesday.

## Dibble Exonerated After Rep Anderson's Tour

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manly possible is being done to assist the blind in adjusting themselves. The well-planned program of rehabilitation and vocational training is being splendidly administered and I have only highest words of praise for those who are directly responsible.

### Complaints Based on Erroneous Info

"It is unfortunate that the Congress and the country generally cannot have more information on what is being done by the DGH staff in blind rehabilitation and training. . . . I am firmly convinced that after having visited the hospital and after discussing each of these complaints with Col Streit that most of them are based on erroneous information and misunderstanding of the true nature of the circumstances referred to."

Rep Anderson was accompanied on his tour of the hospital by Dr. Frederick Cortes, professor of ophthalmology at the University of California.

## Civilian Gripes to Get Airing

A Grievance Committee, to settle all complaints that cannot be settled to the satisfaction of all concerned by the heads of departments, is headed by Mr. Morton Harvey, Civilian Personnel Chief. Voting members are: Capt Jack Burnett, Director Personnel Division; Vera Underwood, President of the DGH Employees Association; Ruth Kirby and David McElhatton, civilian employees.

## AND NO TRUMPS IN SIGHT . . .



## Lt. Whiteley, Texas Aggie Awarded Medal of Honor

First Lieutenant Eli L. Whiteley, Wd 15, has been called to Washington to receive the Medal of Honor for his action in the Sigolsheim-Bennwihr area last December 27, when he virtually turned into a one-man Army to help wrest the area from the Germans.

Second Dibble patient to receive the Medal of Honor, Whiteley was the 32nd man of the Third "Rock of the Marne" Division, in which he was a rifle platoon leader, to receive this highest and rarely awarded decoration.

"Action on the 27th wasn't much different from any other day," the officer explained. "I just took a little more part in it. There were so few of us left it didn't matter who did it."

His "part" included two unusual feats: charging with a tommy gun into a building infested with Germans, he killed five and captured four of the enemy. Then, returning to the rear, the officer emptied feathers out of a pillow case, loaded it with bazooka ammunition and smoke grenades. Going back to another strongpoint, he covered his approach to it with grenades and broke down the door with rocket shells. Inside he killed two Jerries with a Luger and captured 11 mortar men.

"We were in a spot where we had to wade in with rifles and dig 'em out," Whiteley related. "Five of our men were trapped in a house on the edge of the village we were to take. We couldn't use tanks until this point had been passed, and we had already run out of grenades the night before."

Just after killing the two Jerries, he was shot by a sniper in the next building, costing the Texan his right eye. That was the sniper's last shot—one of the Yanks got him.

A former Texas "Aggie," Whiteley attended Texas A & M in 1941, doing graduate work in soil analysis at North Carolina State college, Raleigh.



First chow line in the new detachment mess hall, headed by Col Streit, Lt Ferderber, 1/Sgt Rutz and WACs. Capt Hiers poured.



# All present and accounted for!

## Oh Nurse!

By Burma Bound

Lts Ghormley and Baylink, so enthusiastic about the exhibition dancing at the club the other night, did a little exhibitioning of their own on their way back to NQ in the corridor . . . chuckling behind, to their chagrin, was our CO.

**Jive-fan** Wertenberger is in a state of being "sent" by Hoagy Carmichael's "Hong Kong Blues." Understand \*HP Mooney doesn't pay off her debts. C'mon, \$10 to the little lady who danced on the table instead of her hat! (\*HP—Hot Pilot) Lt Bell has to get off her bicycle to turn it around . . . hasn't caught up with the machine age yet.

**Three months** out of Africa and Corsica, and Lt. Melick hasn't the sand out of her hair yet. Every time we see her she's headed for the showers. . . . Wonderful invention, hot and cold running water. According to Lt Smith, there was plenty of water in New Guinea . . . trouble was it was thickened with Mother Earth. Lts Rufener and Rooney found out the meaning of ordering a la carte . . . cardiac stimulants were needed when they got the dinner bill at the Persian Room.

**We're wondering** . . . is this songbird complex of our night supervisor at 0300 in the dark, dank halls of Dibble something like the whistling reaction when passing cemeteries in the wee wee hours?

**Tsk, tsk, Mr. B. O. Que** . . . where did you learn to spell?

## The Wolf

by Sansone



## WARD chatter

**Love hath charms** . . . Bill Harding, Wd 23, woos his WAC by hogging detail duties . . . Slick chick who visited Sylvester Mechavich on Wd 3 recently was none other than Hollywood starlet Nancy Marlowe. Mechavich met her during a tour through movie city . . . Harvey Lang still gets letters from his nurse in a Texas hospital.

**Hobbying** . . . John Austin has set up a complete workshop on the foot of his bed in Wd 23. He's hard at work before the other boys open their peepers in the morning . . . is figuring how to wangle a bed lamp for after-lights-out industry . . . On the same ward travel-minded Oliver Day models airplanes and sketches horses in charcoal and pencil . . . Maj Claude Morris, Wd 27, is crocheting his second colorful yarn afghan . . . Avid language students are Jose Lucero, Wd 26, and Leonard Martin and Jesse Beverly, from Wd 3. Prof for the classes, which are plotted on Wd 9's sunporch four times weekly, is T/3 Eugene Ryan.

**Record for ice cream consumption**, according to fountain gals, goes to T/Sgt Lloyd Clark . . . Fred Astaire best cling to his laurels after the tap exhibition given by Lt Hyrum Shumway, Wd 15, at a recent Searsville picnic. He's a star student of Joe Minitello.

**Did you notice?** . . . Fresh paint in the halls, and, as usual, everyone must touch it to be sure it's fresh . . . Wd 2 has a flower garden at one end and a vegetable patch at the other . . . Those "patriotic" California flags displayed by Lt John Reifsteck and Lt Frederick Zurth on Wd 1 . . . John Schweighardt, Wd 4 wardmaster, likes his own medicine . . . he's hospitalized on Wd 4.

**Sports-minded** . . . Jerry Gardner is a former baseball pro. He played back of home plate in Arizona-Texas and other Southwest leagues . . . The score stands 19-15 in the hot horseshoe-pitchin' feud between Louis Pagniucci and Earle Tithecott down by Wd 2 . . .

## Ex-Fire Fighters Join Det Ranks

Over 100 enlisted men have arrived since early August to swell the Detachment rolls. Many of them, veteran fire fighters, were battling the raging forest blazes in Oregon before they were assigned here.



By Alexander Rumble-Bottom

**We were sitting** in the BOQ lounge listening to the human interest radio reports from the world capitals on the surrender of Japan, when Buchenwald Tudor and Dachau Theiler waddled in, wheezing from exertion. They told us they had just canvassed the officers on their post-war plans . . . the results were astounding!

**Col Gale** is opening a high class saloon in Hamtranck, with tables for ladies. Major Kilgore is scheduling a lecture tour on sex-life among the natives of the Papuan Peninsula. "Dr." Wolf is returning to his clinic in Memphis, with pressing and dyeing service for gents.

**Curly Berger** and Diamond Jim O'Malley have blueprints for a really classy "hotel" on Cermak Road . . . Major Galla may do the same on Chicago Avenue, with George Covell as business agent.

**Lt Lidstrom** returns to his post as manager of the Westbury Hangover, Chowder and Marching Society. Lt Hoven steps in as manager of the Webster Social Club and Pool Room . . . "Please don't spit (horrid word!) on the floor." Lt Meadows has commissioned Lt Ferderber to paint him a sandwich sign, "Eat at Joe's."

**Black Jack Colien** returns as bouncer for the Omaha Dancing Academy . . . "50—Beautiful Hostesses—50." Ace Bowden has an offer for the position of faro dealer in the "Young Republicans' Club of Seattle." Capt Hiers is weighing an offer from the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. Major Eaton has already signed as choreographer.

**And as for us**, so it shouldn't be a total loss. . . .



# WAC Wise

## Winnie the Pooh

Our matrimonial bureau approves of Mr. and Mrs. George Woodward (Ann Russell) recently married in the Post Chapel . . . Janie Corum added Mrs. while on pass in Oakland . . . Doug Hawkins and WAC Gwen Wade rang wedding bells and are now residing Menlo Park-way . . . 'Tis a fact that Helen Amundsen keeps a trousseau in her footlocker.

Louise Peloquin is back to Baltimore to welcome her husband home from the ETO . . . "Saw-gent" Laura Kazmierczak went Sacramento-way on a long-anticipated pass—but not on her bicycle . . . Congrats to PTs Elizabeth Jane Way, Esther LaRowe and Rebecca Higgins who climb on the brass band . . . While Lt Walraven maintains an elated state because she is off the vegetable diet, Lt Fuchs smooths the last wrinkle from her brow as the trainees of 15 August were the finis.

They danced and danced . . . Moffett Field was host again . . . and that Mills Hall diversion . . . for which Private Sargent (we love that name!) finally got her sandwich detail . . . The barracks are buzzing with party talk . . . B-2 and C-1 held a barbecue . . . D-1 took over Flood Park, A-1 journeyed to Santa Cruz and A-2 to La Honda . . .

Virginia Miller didn't ask for it, but she got the Fire Dept. . . . After horseback riding, redhead Terry wants buffet luncheon served . . . Leona Quesenberry is back on duty after a week of acute laryngitis . . . Kay Peden's "operation" is no less than a tonsillectomy . . . Defeat of the DIBWACs by Letterman struck "Red" Jackson hard. She recuperated at Letterman, the traitor.

## Surgical Tec's Train at DGH

Twenty-two GIs from Brooke General Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, are completing an on-the-job applicatory training course for surgical technicians here at Dibble. The course, which runs for one month, began on 13 August.

## Lt Colonel T.W.E. Christmas, MC



## The Christmas Spirit Leaves Its Echo Here

The cheery whistle that echoed in the Administration Building could always be traced to the executive office, where T. W. E., tilted at an alarming angle behind his desk, joshed and grinned away most of the troubles that everybody dumped into his lap.

Only reason he never took an afternoon off was because he couldn't take the details he'd catch at home, where Mrs. Christmas was the CO . . . and what she missed, his daughters Maureen and Joan poured on.

A confirmed doodler, he wore out four pencils a day answering the telephone . . . and we've never found him without a cigarette smoking at hand. Just turned 47, he has a sweet tooth that must be hollow.

His four overseas stripes stem from his service in Trinidad, British West Indies, where he was Medical Director of the Caribbean Defense Command. Describes the Antilles Command patch on his right shoulder as a picture of an "outhouse on a hill" . . . and he ought to know.

The ready grin, the constant good humor, the absence of GI atmosphere, always

## Pool Opening Slated for Sept.

Dibble's long-awaited swimming pool will be ready for the aquatic-minded about 15 September, according to the latest dope from the Resident Engineer.

Approximately 40,000 gallons of water will slosh around in the Dibble pond. Two diving boards, a one-meter and a three-meter springboard, will take care of the jackknife and half gainer fans. A large bath house next to the pool will have clothes-checking facilities as well as showers for men and women.

Water in the pool will not be heated, so bring your woolies.

## The Light of Civilian Day . . .

Seven men of the Enlisted Detachment, whose critical scores were over 85, were transferred to Separation Centers last week for discharge under the Readjustment Regulations.

The first Dibble men who will see the light of civilian day soon were: T/Sgt LeRoy Banham, S/Sgts Ken Franklin, Jack Piepho, Sgts Charles Nosera, Walt Amenhauser and Pfc's Smokey Rogers and Wilbur Sherr.

## Det Dance Gives Jivin' Good Time

WACs and Em turned out in full force for the Detachment Dance at Mills Hall Wednesday 15 August. Couples jived to the music of the Fort Mason band, with T/5 Mike Birrell doing two vocal spots. Sponsored by Special Services, the party featured a jitterbug exhibition by detachment hep-cats, plenty of smooth rhythms, tables of sandwiches and beer.

## Unbiased Opinion

ETO (CNS)—A letter to the editor of The Stars and Stripes suggests that the controversy over the point system of discharge can easily be solved by letting men out in alphabetical order. The writer's name is Adams.

marked the Christmas spirit here . . . he's taking it to Camp Carson, Colorado.

So long, Colonel!

## Male Call

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



## G. I. Geneva

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W. AFTER THE WAR AND SIX . . .

# Government, Industry, Labor Unite to Provide Jobs for Returning Veterans in Post-war Fields

## Priority to Soldiers In Civil Service Jobs

(By Camp Newspaper Service)

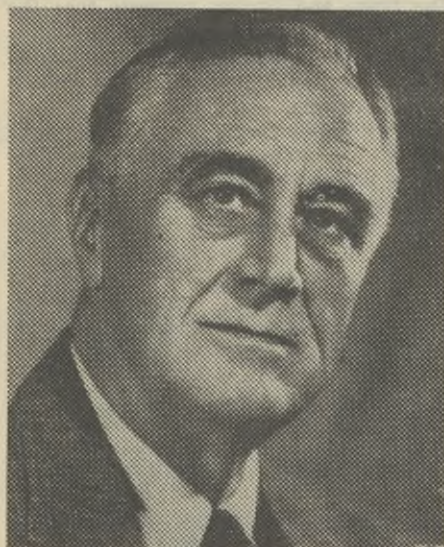
Servicemen and women honorably discharged from the armed forces are going to ride the inside track when appointments to jobs in the executive branch of the Federal Government are made, the U. S. Civil Service Commission has disclosed.

Servicemen are entitled by law to preference in Federal appointments through the Civil Service system, according to the commission. Here are some of the breaks they get:

They are given five points in addition to their earned rating in civil service examinations. Therefore, in written examinations they need earn a rating of only 65 in order to attain eligibility. Non-veterans must achieve a rating of 70.

Ten points are added to the earned ratings of disabled veterans or those who are over 55 years old and because of disability are entitled to pension or compensation. Ten points are also added to the ratings of the widows of veterans and to the ratings of the wives of those disabled veterans, whose disability prevents them from being employed in jobs in line with their former occupations.

In order to establish his right to this preference, the veteran should file with his application for Federal employment the commission's preference form—Form 14—and acceptable proof of his honorable discharge, the commission has announced.



Franklin D. Roosevelt's program will be fulfilled when total peace and job security for all is finally realized.

## DRAFT BOARDS WILL AID VETERANS IN GETTING JOBS AFTER WAR

(By Camp Newspaper Service)

One of the biggest concerns of American fighting men overseas is this one: "What kind of a job am I going to get after I come marching home again?"

The answer:

You can have your old job back if you want it. And if you don't, you will get a crack at another one, a job for which your training in the service has fitted you.

Here's the way it's going to work:

A new memorandum on veterans' assistance has been issued by National Selective Service Headquarters appointing a reemployment committeeman to every local board in the country. His job is to help place you in employment after the war.

Let's suppose, for a starter, that the job you left behind isn't available when you return. Maybe your employer went out of business. Or maybe your old job doesn't exist any more.

In either case, your first recourse is your old draft board. There you will be placed in contact with the reemployment committeeman who will review your service career, find out just what kind of work you are qualified to do. Then he will go to bat for you.

If you want to buy a farm or rehabilitate your old business with the aid of a

Federal loan, you can get one through the GI Bill of Rights. And if you want a railroad job you will be referred to the nearest office of the U. S. Railroad Retirement Board where you'll find out what jobs are open and how you can qualify.

Now, for the sake of argument, let's pretend you want to return to your old job, which is exactly what many GIs want to do.

In the first place, you have to apply to your old employer for your old position within 40 days after your discharge from the service. Once you've done this, he has to take you back unless his circumstances have changed so as "to make impossible or unreasonable to reinstate" you.

In addition to the protection you get under the law, the CIO and the AFL have agreed to give you a month of job security for every month you were in the service after Sept. 1, 1940. This applies not only to veterans who were union members before their induction but also to those who worked but didn't belong to a union and to those who never held a job before.

If your old boss should fail to give you your job back after you have made application, you can file suit in U. S. District Court where, if he is reasonably satisfied that you have a case, the U. S. Attorney will handle your case without cost to you.

## Railroads Offer Jobs to Veterans

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Discharged vets with no plans for employment are being encouraged to accept jobs with American railroads, which, faced with the burden of redeployment, need 92,000 more employes by December. Western roads are particularly hard up for help.

Councillors at separation centers can provide information concerning railroad employment, as can representatives of the Railroad Retirement Board and the War Manpower Commission. The WD believes that many ex-soldiers who have never worked for railroads have nevertheless training and skills which they urgently need.

Skilled workers required, in order of urgency, are: machinists, boilermakers, car repairmen and inspectors, pipefitters, telegraphers, sheet metal workers, signalmen, electricians, blacksmiths, brakemen, firemen and switchmen. Some 62,000 unskilled workmen are also needed.

## Court Orders Ex-GI Restored to Job

(By Camp Newspaper Service)

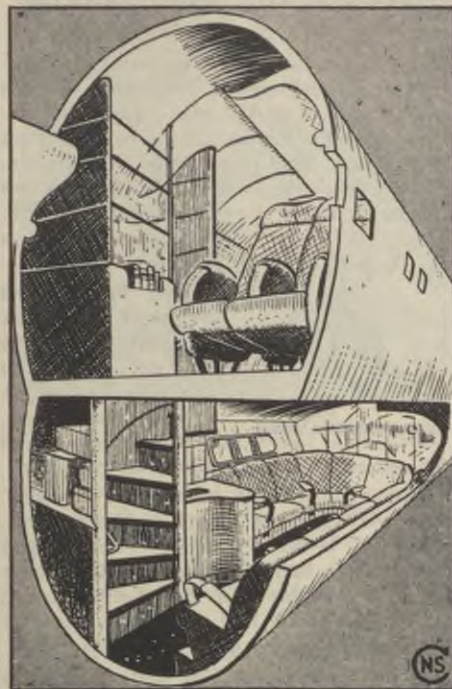
The GIs right to return to his old job—if he wants to—has been bolstered by a recent court decision.

The General Cable Corporation, of Perth Amboy, N. J., was ordered by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Third District (Philadelphia) to reinstate a discharged veteran as its medical director, although the company claimed he was an independent contractor rather than an employe.

In ordering Dr. Albert E. Kay, 38, rehired, the court ruled unanimously that the provisions of the reemployment amendment to the Selective Service Act apply not only to employes but also to "a position in the employ of an employer."

Dr. Kay enlisted in the Army in December, 1942, after he was classified 1-A by his draft board, and attained the rank of captain before he was discharged for physical disability.

## B-29—Postwar Model



Above is an interior view of the Strato-cruiser, a peacetime adaptation of the B-29, which, through addition of an upper deck, will have a capacity of 35,000 pounds, or 100 passengers.

## Old Jobs Will Be Waiting NAM Head Tells GIs

By Camp Newspaper Service

"No veteran who left a job in manufacturing industry need worry about stepping back into it upon his return, if he wants it."

That is the pledge made to America's fighting men by Ira Mosher, president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Industry is giving special attention, Mr. Mosher asserted, to the problem of placing the handicapped man. It has learned, he declared, that "no disabled or handicapped man is handicapped if he is properly placed on the right job."

And manufacturing employers, he declared, aren't going to be afraid of the label "neuro-psychiatric," tacked on to those men whose nervous equipment wasn't quite up to the demands of Army discipline or combat strains.

"Industry can and will absorb most of them," he says flatly. "Recent surveys by competent medical men experienced in industrial problems reveal that there are as many, if not more NPs already working in industry than will return from the ranks. Their foibles simply stay hidden because civilian life offers more chance for compensation than barracks and fox-holes."

## INDUSTRIAL FLYING HELD KEY TO JOBS IN POST-WAR AVIATION

(By Camp Newspaper Service)

The Civil Aeronautics Administration believes that more than 90 per cent of post-war opportunities in jobs related to aviation will come within the field of industrial flying. That includes flight instruction, crop dusting, hunting of animal pests, forestry, power communication, aerial photography, fishing industry, charter flying and light weight air freight.

Some of the possibilities in each of these categories are listed as follows by the CAA:

**Flight Instruction**—"A distinct possibility of steady employment in a moderately active market. The Civilian Pilot Training Program may be partially revived through a future appropriation by Congress, which has legalized the extension of the program for two years. As private planes become easier to fly, the flight instructor will probably change into a salesman-instructor who will teach each purchaser as part of the sales contract."

**Crop Dusting**—"Considerable increase is expected in crop dusting and spraying of insecticides and larvacides; in destruction of insects such as grasshoppers, fruit fly, and other destroyers, through use of highly effective new poisons developed during the war. Already burned-over rangelands have been reseeded from the air where planting on the surface would have been impossible or too costly. Other crops, especially grains, will probably be planted by air just as rice is now."

**Forestry**—"Smoke spotting, carrying of fire-fighting parachutists, dropping of equipment and food to fire-fighters, radio directions to ground crews."

**Power Communication and Oil Line Inspection**—"Low level flying to spot and report breaks, leaks and other trouble, long before the ground inspector can find them. This is being carried on now to a

small extent, successfully. The war has produced many more miles of oil and gas pipeline, and power lines."

**Aerial Photography**—"A steady increase of good pre-war business is expected, because of better equipment, more experience, etc. Photographing of private estates, real estate developments, golf courses, mapping for survey, crop planning, soil conservation, flood control, restoration programs, map making, etc., are logical extensions. Spotting of cattle, other animals on range, and census counting of farms and game animals can be done by photography."

**Charter Flying**—"This has always been an important item in the industry. It is expected to increase. Along with it will probably be a sizeable rent-a-plane service barely started before the war."

**Light Weight Air Freight**—"There will be greater possibilities here than in any commercial transport field. War cargo planes, converted, can load tree-ripened citrus fruits in Florida, unload them a few hours later in New England, and return the same day with freight or some product native to the northern states. Middle West restaurants can serve Maine lobsters caught within 24 hours, or berries fresh from the West Coast."

"The various fields mentioned above," the CAA says, "are only the framework for planning. Imagination and ingenuity can lead to still more opportunities. Although we have listed these suggested fields in Industrial Aviation from a pilot's standpoint, it should be remembered that each enterprise must operate from an airport, and must be backed up by the men on the ground—mechanics, repairmen, radio operators, field managers, welders, metal workers, traffic controllers, tower operators, weathermen and all the other allied professions."

## FLA to Aid GI Job Seekers

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Federal Loan Administrator Fred M. Vinson told a press conference recently that when peace comes he would exert every effort to the end that "the resources of our lending agencies are made available to assist American business in the task of providing full employment and attaining the President's goal of 60,000,000 jobs."

## It's Tough All Over

Atlantic City (CNS)—Things are rough for Lt. Alfred Elkin, classification officer at the AAF Redistribution Station here. He's allergic to cosmetics. Face powder makes him sneeze and lipstick makes his lips sore. Back from New Guinea, he hasn't had a date in six months.

## N. Y. Bar Will Admit GIs Without Exams

ALBANY, N. Y. (CNS)—The New York State Court of Appeals in a recent ruling has opened the door whereby GI law students may obtain admission to the state bar without taking the prescribed examinations.

The examinations were dispensed with by the court for those who entered the armed services before completing their studies and whose duties have prevented them from taking the succeeding examinations.

The GI applicant, however, must have received his law school degree from a school recognized by the State Board of Regents and must have been in active service for at least a year before he may be admitted to the bar.

## Lavish OT Patio Will Be Built In Combine of Art-Craft Skills

A lavish patio, replete with fountain, brick walls, statuettes, paved walks, and lawn furniture is what the patients down in OT are planning for themselves.

First ground has already been broken for the project, which will use all the skills which the men have learned in the hospital's OT shop. Ceramics to fill the niched brick walls are already being modeled and glazed. Amateur landscapers will fill the patio with shrubs and plants, and patients will manufacture their own furniture in the carpenter shops.

Cpl Dick Magin, who originally conceived the idea, is directing the work in cooperation with Mrs. Marilyn Douthitt, OT instructor.

The completed patio will furnish a sunny site for weaving, sketching, and sculpture. According to Mrs. Carlotta Welles, 9th Service Command OT head, Dibble is the first hospital in this area to carry out such a project.

## Patients Will Ride Haywagons

Dibble patients will climb aboard huge wagons for a hilarious old-fashioned hayride to a barbecue at Flood Park next Thursday, 30 August. Bouncing along beside them will be Red Cross hostesses, who helped arrange the affair, and wives and girls from the hospital staff.

The transportation is being provided by the Hillis Hubbard Ranch, San Carlos, cooperating with the Camp and Hospital Home Hospitality Committee. Chow will be barbecued beef, a special H. H. Ranch bean dish, and plenty of beer.

## Wds 10 and 11 Party at Baxter

"Best Baxter party so far," was one man's comment on the Red Cross-sponsored party for patients of Wds 10 and 11 at the Baxter Estate, Monday, 13 August.

Squiring a record number of girls from the hospital and local coeds, the men jived, twirled, and swooped to the music of a five-piece band from a San Francisco junior high school. A photographer was on hand to flash photos of the crowd at the bar and the twisting conga line.

## GI Discharged Because He Can't Wear ODs

CAMP MAXEY, Tex. (CNS)—Men have been discharged from the Army for many reasons—some good and some bad—but the discharge of Pvt. Albert L. Van Derscheuren, of this post, is one of the strangest of all. Pvt. Van Derscheuren was returned to civvies because he is allergic to wearing ODs. After exhaustive tests, Army doctors were convinced that he developed a severe rash whenever ODs got close to his skin. The rash cleared up quickly when the ODs were taken away.

# CINEMA

Sun. & Mon., 26-27 Aug	1815-2030
<b>Anchors Aweigh</b>	
Frank Sinatra, Gene Kelly	
<b>News of the Day</b>	
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<b>The Gay Senorita</b>	
Jinx Falkenburg, Steve Cochran	
<b>Arson Squad</b>	
Frank Albertson, Rbt. Armstrong	
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<b>The Southerner</b>	
Zachary Scott, Betty Field, Carol Naish	
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Irene Dunne, Alexander Knox	
<b>News of the Day</b>	
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<b>The Hidden Eye</b>	
Edward Arnold, Frances Rafferty	
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Joan Davis, Jack Haley	
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<b>Tell It to a Star</b>	
Robert Livingston, Ruth Terry	
<b>The Beautiful Cheat</b>	
Bonita Granville, Noah Beery Jr.	
Thurs., 6 Sept	1815-2015
<b>Irish Eyes Are Smiling</b>	
June Haver, Monty Wooley, Dick Haymes	
Fri., 7 Sept	1815-2015
<b>Guest Wife</b>	
Claudette Colbert, Don Ameche	

## 4000 Books Pack Shelves In New Dibble Library

The new Post Library, located across from the Chapel, has among its 4,000 books most of the new best-sellers, both fiction and non-fiction. For reference, it has the 1944 editions of both Encyclopedia Britannica and the Americana. Sixty periodicals arrive regularly for use in the library; additional copies are received for ward distribution.

### Comfort Plus for the Studious

Upholstered chairs, davenport and writing tables have been installed in the main room, while the adjoining study room will be equipped with a table and materials for study. Indirect lighting, venetian blinds and a soundproof ceiling, are features which help make the new library airy, bright and comfortable. The building has 2,280 square feet of floor space and 1,200 linear feet of shelving.

The staff consists of the librarian, Harriet Arnold, and three assistants: Geraldine Hoffmann, Gail How and Wandah Shirley. Red Cross Grey Ladies help with the book trucks which are sent three times a week to all wards having bed patients.

## End of Season Rough on DGH Patient Softballers

By S/Sgt Bob Wylie

Pan-American relations were strengthened at the expense of the Dibble Demons softball team, on 6 August, when the air-men turned a comedy of errors into an 11-7 defeat for the patients. Ray Garcia, Dibble's mainstay on the mound, is on furlough. In his stead, Ervin Davis, MP, went down under a barrage of hits.



John Fraher, wd 6, looked strong at the plate but not strong enough to turn the tables. A triple by Gene Bliss, wd 6, in the last of the seventh was unproductive.

Phelps-Terkel fell before the Demons' tight playing on 9 August, when a pitcher's duel between Garcia, who stopped by while on furlough, and rise ball artist Sher, saw Dibble win, 6-5. Lefty pitched a three-hit game and snapped up two of the Demons' four hits.

Norm Gantz, wd 29, played flawless ball at shortstop, taking Sam Lugonja's place.

## WAC Bowling, Cage Teams To Head Fall Sports Schedule

With bowling and basketball heading the list, WACs are signing up for a fall sports schedule this week.

Acting 1st Sgt Laura Kasmierczak announced that a bowling team is first to be formed. If a permanent 10-girl team shows up, contests with other local groups will be arranged. Basketball is slated to begin about the middle of September.

Other sports to be offered include tennis, track, swimming, and badminton.

## GIs to Get Chance To Vote in Fall

Washington (CNS)—The WD has directed commanders of the major components of the Army to take steps to insure every soldier of an opportunity to vote in fall elections if he so desires.

Letters on the subject have gone forth to the commanding general, ACF, AAF, and AGF, each defense command, and each overseas theater, advising them of their responsibilities.

Federal law requires that the individual soldier who wishes to vote in 1945 must request a post card application for his outfit and mail it to the appropriate election officials in his home state. A supply of the cards will be made available throughout the world.

Lt Fuchs, WAC CO, is Dibble's soldier voting officer.





General Douglas MacArthur is the "man who came back" to become Supreme Allied Commander of the area from which the Allied forces drove the Nips in a bloody three and one-half-year fight. His is the job of accepting Jap surrender and then enforcing it.

## Resume of Pacific War Reveals a Grim Story

(At press time, negotiations were still going on despite the "unconditional surrender" of the Japs. Hirohito's envoys had arrived in Manila by plane to attend the surrender conference at General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters. Here is a brief resume of the war with Japan—Ed.)

By Camp Newspaper Service

1941



While Jap envoys were closeted with the American Secretary of State in Washington, 7 December, the grim story began. At 0755 Japanese planes swept over Pearl Harbor, Schofield Barracks and Hickam Field in Hawaii. They hit Malaya, Hong Kong, Guam, the Philippines, Wake and Midway. All but Midway eventually fell.

On 8 December, the United States declared war on Japan.

1942

Driven from the Philippines, the U. S. Army under Gen MacArthur, established headquarters in Australia. On 31 January we staged a hit and run attack on the Jap-held islands in the Marshalls and Gilberts. On 18 April, Tokyo was raided by carrier-based craft under Lt Gen Jimmy Doolittle.

4-8 May saw the battle of the Coral Sea. Battle of Midway, 3-6 June, was followed by the invasion of Guadalcanal on 7 August.

1943

On 23 January, Guadalcanal fell to the U. S. Allied offensive opened in June on



## CAPSULE CRITICISMS

By Harriet H. Arnold

Why don't you write a book while you're at Dibble? Frederic Wakeman, Lt (jg) wrote SHORE LEAVE to kill six weeks in a Navy hospital, back in 1944. The book has had a long run down in Wd 1, so when Lt John Johnston donated a second copy to the library, we managed to read this rugged, virile "fast take" on Navy fliers when they first come home. It's so realistic, according to Lt Fred Zurth in Wd 1, that he felt a terrible thirst all the time he lay in bed reading it. Clever dialogue, ribald remarks and dramatic situations make it a natural for the theater and it's now being produced under the title, KISS THEM FOR ME. The book will bring small solace to Navy wives and would-be's, since after seven months in the Pacific, Lt Wakeman probably knew whereof he spoke.

August and September schedules of the book review group calls for the following reviews:

Poplin's JOURNEY HOME, to be covered by Sgt Gene Ryan, Wd 9; Casey's THIS IS WHERE I CAME IN, to be summarized by Pfc George Schwartz, Wd 34; Snow's PATTERN OF SOVIET RUS-SIA, assigned to WAC Cpl Adriana Lanting.

New Georgia, and Bougainville was invaded 25 October. In November, Army and Marines landed on Makin and Tarawa. In the CBI, Allied forces united to build the Ledo Road and supply a new Chinese offensive.

1944-1945

Crushing sea and air blows against the Jap navy cleared the Pacific. We took Saipan and Guam and then moved into the Philippines, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. B-29s carried the war into industrial centers of Japan who resorted to a last desperate assault—the Kamikaze.

The Okinawa campaign was marked by two major events—the death of President Roosevelt, and, four weeks later, the surrender of Germany.

On 5 August, the first atomic blasted the city of Hiroshima. Russia's entry into the Jap war and the second atomic bomb, devastating Nagasaki, were the breaking blows. On 14 August, the Jap Emperor, officially accepted the Allied unconditional surrender ultimatum, bringing a cease-fire order to end World War II. However, at the present writing, Japanese units are still making desperate attempts against Allied forces in northern Philippines, Manchuria, and in the air.



Lt. Diderica Elliott, Netherlands East Indies Public Relations Officer, who escaped from Java with the last convoy before the Japs arrived, tells the officers' orientation audience about the war in the South Pacific Area.

## USAFI Will Aid GIs By Post-war School Credits

Patients and duty personnel, particularly those who plan to return to school after the war, are urged to consider seriously the plan of the U. S. Armed Forces Institute for earning academic credit while still in service.

Besides being able to take correspondence and self-teaching courses from USAFI for an initial fee of \$2.00, officers and enlisted men (and women) may apply for accreditation for their military training and experience—free of charge.

A new USAFI Form 47 (obtainable from any I & E officer) is filled out by the applicant, listing his military training, experience and off-duty education. This is sent to the school at which the applicant desires credit. School officials check the application with the guidebook of the American Council of Education and with the requirements of their own school curriculum.

In most instances, the educators will make their own decisions and grant certain credits. However, they may request USAFI to have the applicant take certain subject exams to prove his competence in them. This USAFI does, also free of charge.

Some of the guidebook's recommendations:

**Parachute Jump Training**—Two semester hours college credit in physical training or one-half credit on the high school level.

**Laboratory Technician Course**—Six semester hours college credit; or 12 hours junior college terminal credit; or two high school level.

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## What Would You Do With Japanese Emperor?

With the halls buzzing with news of Jap surrender last week, the DIBBLE DATA reporter confronted four patients with the puzzler: What would you do with the Japanese Emperor if you were Supreme Allied Commander of the conquered Nip Empire? Here are their decisions:

Pfc Wayne Booth, Wd 33, who was the 82nd Airborne Division in the ETO replied, "I'd treat him as a war criminal. Disgracing him in the eyes of the people would be a lot more effective than putting him to death."



Two men decided on the death penalty. "I'd give him a trial first, but he should be executed," said Wd 24's Pvt Charles Leonard. "He's as responsible as any of the war leaders because he knew the power he had over the people." Leonard

was in the 310th Bomb Group in the ETO.

Pvt. Jack Baledge is another who considers execution none too good for Hirohito. "I'd give him some of his own medicine. He's a war criminal—I'd have him killed and I wouldn't care how it was done—just so it hurt." Serving in the ETO with the 34th "Red Bull" Division, Baledge is now a patient on Wd 2.



Back from the Philippines and the 19th Bomb Group, Sgt William Watson, Wd 24, has an idea that he could make good use of the people's worship of their Emperor. "He's only a figurehead for the military leaders. I'd

use him as a mouthpiece to put my own plans across."

## HOT PLATE ON WHEELS

Those ten new stainless steel electric food cars that glide noiselessly to the wards from the mess hall kitchen are the latest words in food service facilities for ward patients. Temperatures are thermostatically controlled. In the near future, all wards will have one of these rolling hot-plates assigned to them.

## MORE ON USAFI AID FOR VETS

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**Automotive Mechanics School**—Six semester hours in shop practice on college level; 12 hours in junior college terminal credit; 2 high school units in auto shop.

**Medical Technician School**—Two semester hours college credit in physiology and hygiene; 10 hours junior college terminal credit; 2 high school units.

**Airplane Engine Mechanic School**—Twelve semester hours shop practice on college level; 12 hours junior college terminal credit; three high school units.

**Medical Administrative Corps OCS**—Five semester hours college credit in business organization and administration; two semester hours in hygiene and first aid, plus advanced military ROTC credit.

The final say-so on credit is up to the school. However, most educators are cooperating with the plan to some extent. Even basic training, which everyone in

## Vote Medal to All in Armed Forces

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ALNS)—A bill to provide a medal for all personnel of the armed forces of the United States and of the government of the Philippine Islands, has passed both House and Senate and has gone to President Truman. In World War I such a medal, known as the Victory Medal, was issued to all of the members of the armed forces, with battle stars on the ribbon to indicate the engagements participated in by the wearer.

service has, is worth some credit.

Further information on accreditation may be secured from Lt Lilly in Room 114, Administration Annex, Ext 188. A copy of the guidebook is handy in the I & E office for reference also for those interested. On hand are catalogs and school plans throughout the country.



If the South American Bombshell, CARMEN MIRANDA, has a hidden weapon . . . it must be in her hat.