

machine gunner on a plane also learning to shoot a cannon". We appreciate
word of encouragement. Earl states that he had just completed a ten
hike with a seventy pound pack and that the Army Day consists of fourteen
days. As you would expect, he has lost some weight.

La L. Ward Aux. Ward has completed her Bakers and Cooks course and was
presented a certificate. Thanks for the picture. We feel sure that you WAACS
are doing a good job in helping to win this war.

Wm R. Brinkley, Jr. We received a card from Pvt. Brinkley giving his change
address and a very brief message-----"I am enjoying my desert training but
hope to see you soon". We shall all be looking forward to seeing you again.

NEWS FROM HOME

Service Men's Center The Service Men's Organization has recently opened
a new Service Men's Center at 328 South Church Street in Rocky Mount, N. C.
The home is complete with living rooms, game rooms, reading rooms, and space
for dancing. If you are in Rocky Mount, be sure to pay a visit to the S. M. O.
Center.

Wm Blumenthal & Co., Inc. contributed sixty six yards of material used in
upholstering the furniture. The C. A. A. contributed a record player to the
S. M. O. Below is a paragraph quoted from a letter received from the President
of the Service Men's Organization;

On behalf of the Service Men's Organization
of Rocky Mount, I want to express to you the genuine
thanks of our organization for the generous contribution
which Sidney Blumenthal and Company has made to the Center.

Return to Civvies: Pvt. William Pell Dorsey is now a civilian. He was
discharged from the Army at Camp Adair, Ore. due to an injury he had received.
He has returned to the job as a weaver on the third shift here at good old
Rocky Mount.

News from the Weave Shed:

It seems that "Baldy" Davis had bought a speed boat sometime ago and was right
out of the fact. He fixed up a trailer, hooked it to his car, and off he
went to Pamlico river to show the boys how it was done. Along with him went
t. Johnnie Raper, who was home on leave. Well, they put the boat in the
river and off they went, spinning, swirling, and turning everything fancy.
They were having a hell of a time. "Baldy", still not satisfied, gave the
wheel to Johnnie and out he crawled on the bow. Whether for some acrobatic
reason or balance no one knows--any how he directed Johnnie to cut the boat
the way and Johnnie in his excitement at traveling so fast cut it the other
way. Well, this left Crow (Baldy) suspended in mid air over the river without
the boat underneath. He hung there for an instant and down he splashed into
the river, his hat flying away up the stream. Some people who did not know,
thought they saw a large cork bobbing up and down in the water, but those who
did know, knew. In the meantime, Johnnie only knew how to steer the boat.
He did not know how to stop it--so up and down, around and around, he went--
rolling at this and pushing at that. All the while, Crow (Baldy) was bobbing
up and down trying to stay afloat with his clothes on. Up on shore a certain
member of the party saw what happened and jumped in a boat and began to row
for all his might. After about five minutes, he looked up to find out that
his boat was locked. He hadn't moved a peg. In the meantime, Johnnie had