

Enlistments In Antiaircraft Now Accepted

Due to a shortage of trained personnel in Army Antiaircraft Artillery units, former members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corp or Coast Guard, who held occupational skills in that or an allied field and were honorably discharged after May 11, 1945, may be enlisted in grades up to and including Technical Sergeant, according to a statement issued today by M-Sgt Elwood H. Boyce, commanding officer of the local Army and Air Force Recruiting Station. The Sergeant stated that no man will be accepted for a grade higher than that which he held when he was separated from the service, how ever.

This shortage of skilled personnel has been caused by the expansion of the Army and the increase in number of antiaircraft artillery units.

Among the former Navy and Coast Guard men who are especially desired are those skilled as radarmen, electricians, mates, gunners mates, and fire controlmen. Several other allied skills in the Navy, Coast Guard, and Marines will be accepted as qualifying for non-commissioned officers grades in the Army.

The Sergeant further stated that men enlisting under this directive will be enlisted for three, four, five or six years in the Regular Army unassigned. After completion of reception processing and the required training, they will be initially assigned to an antiaircraft artillery unit with duties consistent with or related to the military occupational skill under which they were enlisted.

Full information on this new and temporary offer may be obtained by visiting the local Army and Air Force Recruiting Station at 13 East 11th Street or by contacting any Army and Air Force Recruiting Sergeant. Although no time limit has been set for accepting enlistments under this program, it is expected the authority will be withdrawn as soon as the antiaircraft personnel status is such as to remove it from the critical list.

Caesar's Canal Opened By U. S.

th Canal, one of the world's greatest man-made sea channels, has been re-opened for more than seven years by wartime demolitions.

A lockless cut nearly four miles long through the Isthmus of Corinth, the canal shortens the route from the Adriatic to Pireaus and the Aegean Sea by 202 miles, eliminating the long, round-about passage of the Peloponnesus Peninsula.

It was reconstructed by the American Mission for Aid to Greece and the U. S. Army Engineer Corps and was the first major rehabilitation project of the United States aid program.

Several tugs passed through the channel at the opening ceremony but commercial traffic will not be resumed until Aug. 31 because of need for further dredging and completion of new rail and highway bridges across the cut.

Dream of Caesar's
A dream of Caesar's the Corinth Canal was attempted by Emperor Nero in the first century A.D. It was constructed finally by a French company in 1893.

The Corinth cut is 75 feet wide and 26 feet deep. At one point its banks rise 250 feet above sea level. It can accommodate vessels up to 10,000 tons displacement—slightly larger than Lib-

Nobody Wants Police Refugee

MINNEAPOLIS (U. P.) — Randolph Ward Aldridge is wanted by police in Honolulu and in Memphis, Tenn., but now that they know where he is nobody wants him.

The 32-year-old man with an international criminal record is in a Minneapolis hospital with a broken back. Authorities say he'll never walk again. But he is costing the hospital more than \$500 per month.

Detective Inspector Eugene Bernath said the hospital would be "glad to get him off their hands." Offers have gone out to the other towns that arrangements would be made for extradition.

Costs Too Much
But no takers. Ambulance transportation and that \$500 a month are a little more than the authorities are willing to pay to prosecute the man on charges including bigamy, obtaining money under false pretenses, cashing a bad check and breaking probation.

Bernath said Aldridge was in an auto accident near the town of Minnesota, Minn., where he had run a radio repair shop and garage for the past year. He entered the local hospital by telling authorities he had a multi-millionaire brother-in-law in Hollywood who would foot the bill. He entered the hospital as "Ralph Collins."

No One to Pay Bill
It turned out that the brother-in-law was non-existent and there was no one to pay the bill. Aldridge was convicted of manslaughter in Hawaii under the name of Aldridge and married his third wife—no divorces recorded for the first two—in Memphis under the name of Ernest Chiag Hunt, a dead World War II veteran.

So until someone decides that Randolph Ward Ralph Ernest Chiag Hunt Collins Aldridge should be moved elsewhere for criminal prosecution, the hospital will foot the bill.

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In retreating from Greece before the Germans in 1941, the British demolished a duplex steel rail and highway bridge spanning the canal. New bridges were built during Nazi occupation, but these also were blown into the canal by the retreating Germans.

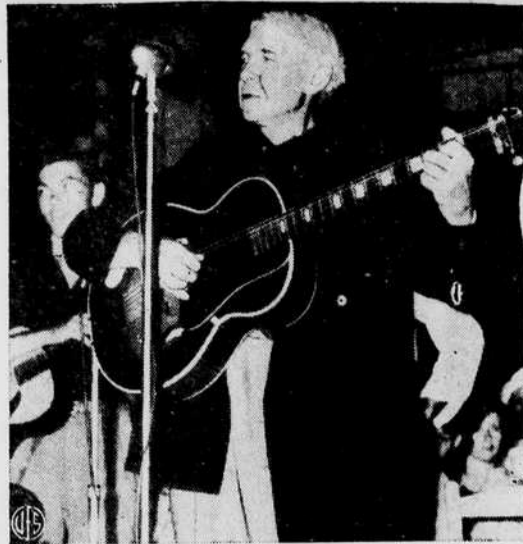
Working on the canal since last November, the Americans had to remove 1,800 tons of bridge steel, 130 freight cars, six locomotives and more than 40 tons of rails. It was also necessary to clear 6000,000 cubic meters of earth blasted into the canal by German demolition charges. About 75,000 cubic meters of silt remains to be removed to normal depth.

By Aug. 31 the American engineers and contractors also expect to complete new rail and highway bridges across the canal. Built of 650 tons of steel purchased in the United States, the two spans are 250 feet long and 180 feet above sea level.

The Athens-Corinth highway, formerly in impassable condition also has been repaired in record time to derive benefit from reopening of the canal.

To meet unprecedented demand in the United States for foreign information, more than 7,000 periodicals now are handled by British Publications, New York, whose directory of classified technical magazines lists over 1,000 publications, many with "air editions" to expedite trans-Atlantic delivery.

Two years seen needed to reach plane production peak. Tuberculosis death rate at a new low in 1947.



POET GITS HIS GITTAR—Poet Carl Sandburg joins in the fun as the mountain resort town of Hendersonville, N. C., stages one of its frequent community square dances. Taking over the microphone and strumming his guitar, the noted poet and biographer entertains resting dancers with ditties from his collection of ballads.

Mosse Not So Peaceful

MILWAUKEE (U. P.) — Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bassler don't agree with the publicity men who say the moose in Washington's Glacier national park are peaceful. When the Basslers drove out to see the moose, one tried to butt their car off the road, smashing a fender and a door.

Thieves Prove Thoughtful
NEVADA, Mo. (U. P.)—Thieves who robbed a tobacco store showed consideration. They removed a plate glass window to enter the store. They took it carefully and placed it on the grass. It wasn't even scratched.

Hot Seat Too Hot
HOUSTON, Tex. (U. P.)—When their "backs got hot," occupants of a truck quickly took to the road. A short circuit had set fire to 82 bales of hay.

Brag Day for Brags

PERU, Neb. (U. P.)—The Bragg family has something to brag about. On the same day that Barbara Bragg received a diploma from high school, her mother, Mrs. G. N. Bragg, received a bachelor of arts degree from Peru State Teachers College.

Fox and Lightning Team Up
MANTEO, Va. (U. P.)—H. C. Glover found two of his best cows dead in the farm pasture. The same morning Mrs. Glover found 20 baby chicks and three hens dead. The cows had been killed by lightning. The chickens had been killed by a fox.

America's oldest industry, New England fishing, now represents an asset of \$100,000,000 annually and provides 700,000,000 pounds of edible fish each year for the country's food stocks.

Curiosity Hooks Cat

BROCKTON, Mass. (U. P.)—Neighbors called police when they heard sounds like a fight mingled with yowls coming from a closed hardware store in the early morning. With pistols entered and found the proprietor's cat had been poking around and hooked its nose in a small bun containing fish hooks.

Miss Miriam Mountford vacationed last week in New York. She visited Mr. and Mrs. Therman Clary of Syracuse, N. Y., former residents of Roanoke Rapids. Saturday Miss Mountford was met in Washington, D. C., by friends and after a sight-seeing tour, they left for New York. After her visit in Syracuse, she boarded a plane there and flew to Richmond. From there she returned home.

DRY WEATHER

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277,000 acres to be harvested for beans.
Sweet potatoes—Total production of 6,900,000 bushels indicated from 69,000 acres, slightly less than last year.
Commercial early Irish potatoes—Total production estimated at 5,795,000 bushels from 30,500 acres, as compared with 4,930,000 bushels from 29,000 acres last year.
Hay—Average yield of a ton an acre from 1,226,000 acres.

HALIFAX PRINCIPAL

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Mary B. McDowell, Kay F. Mann, Joyce B. Pittman, Dorothy M. Shields, J. E. Shearin and William H. Atogner. Ele-

mentary school: Minnie B. Hart, Evelyn E. Griffin, Ione S. Cotton, Mary Belle Hicks, Nannie S. Lamb, Edith P. Ball, Lucy H. Lancaster, Margaret Q. Coates, Edna G. Herring, Alice Hardy, Lillian H. Simmons and Mary Jane Clark. Vacancies caused by the resignations of Annie J. Henderson, Rebecca J. Pittman and Allene S. Harrison, have been filled.

Hobgood: Principal: Grady J. Haynes; teachers: Louise I. Partin and Mrs. W. Henry Lewis. Resignations from Annie J. Haynes and Mildred S. Nicholson, have been accepted. One vacancy still exists at Hobgood.

Enfield: Principal: Thomas O. Hickman. High School: Estelle W. Bellamy, Harvey H. Yates. Enfield has been allotted an additional teacher and Pearl W. Fishel has resigned, making a total of two vacancies in the high school. Elementary school: Win-

nie D. Boseman, Mildred O. Randolph, Constance Price Briggs, Delia Batchelor, Nannie H. Smith, Mary B. Sherrrod, Mary Louise Williams, Mary Alice Davis, Dorothy S. Moore, and Julia Williams. One vacancy exists in the Enfield Elementary School because of the resignation of Velma W. Gray.
Halifax: The principalship is vacant by reason of Miss Elliott's resignation. Teachers: Helen B. Millikin and Katherine Wallace.

WEEKS FOUND

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the basis of the investigation by the SBI and Weeks was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Dick Bracy in Scotland Neck on June 28 and held under \$1000 bond for his appearance in court today.

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