

FINANCE DET. ALWAYS ON JOB

In 1908, it seems Congress forgot to appropriate money to pay Army men. After six payless months, a first sergeant, out for a walk sighted his C.O., a very dignified old man. Crossing the street and highballing, the sergeant said:

"Pardon, sir, I hate to bother you during off-duty hours but—look sir, I'm broke. Can you lend me a coupla bucks?"

"Sergeant, get the hell back where you came from. I'm working this side of the street," was the irate reply.

Well it ain't as bad as that these days. The O.I. doesn't have to worry about his fifty a month. He knows it comes as regularly as the nocturnal visits of the medical officer.

And neither does the officer have to "work" the streets any more to be assured of a feed.

For the finance department of the Army sees to it that when the first of the month rolls around the Army man gets his hay.

Heading the finance office at Seymour Johnson Field is Capt. F. W. Anderson, a former electrical contractor, who is in charge of 40 enlisted men. Ass't Finance Officer is Lt. J. L. McCarthy, who in civilian life was a certified public accountant.

Most of the enlisted men were either bankers or accountants in the life they left behind for the duration.

The prevalent notion that payment of officer's and enlisted men's salaries is about the sole concern of the finance dept was blasted by M/Sgt. W. T. Brown, Jr., this week.

Chief clerk of the dept and a former banker in Jackson, Miss., Brown described the tremendous amount of work, especially paper, which is handled by his office.

In addition to paying off the many civilian employees on the post the dept has the headache of keeping tabs on every single financial transaction taking place.

To do this, it has set up a commercial account section, which cooperates with four procuring officers in the Sub-Depot, Quartermaster, Post Engineer and the Medical departments. Every bill incurred by these groups is turned over to the account section by the procuring officer.

AVIATION TRAINING

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Four Tech. Sergeants also left the field recently as aviation cadets (ground crew) for Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne, Pa., and after five weeks there for another five weeks of study at Yale University. After completing the course in maintenance engineering, they'll receive their commissions.

They include T/Sgts. George G. Barnette, of Hq. & Hq. Sq., Arthur L. Fritt, of the 797th Tech. Sch. Squadron, John J. Waco, of 800 th Tech. Sch. Squadron and John H. Madrum of the 796th Tech. Sch. Squadron.

S/Sgt. Andrew J. Given, of the Det. Med. Dep't, left for Camp Barkeley to pursue the medical administrative course given there, while Pvt. Robert W. Otto, of the 796th T. Sch. Squadron departed for Fort Belvoir, Va., to report to Engineer's Officers Candidate School there.



INTERVIEWS RAYMOND

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couple of sodjers who always make fun of me. Ah really don't mind jokes, but these sodjers go out of their way to tease me."

"Mister, Ah who would appreciate it if you would expose these 'tough guys' who always pick on me?"

The four-foot-tall Goldsboro native, proudly wearing an athletic shirt with the legend, "Army Air Forces Technical School, Goldsboro," said he is AF as far as the draft is concerned; but he feels he is doing his part in the war effort by working on an Army post.

What does Raymond do in his spare time? "Well ah generally has a good time, beating around, plenty of fun, and see mah woman regular!"

How tall is your woman, Raymond? "She's a big, tall gal—all of five feet."



MEMO

Continued from page 1 under twisted metal and other places which provide problems which even the "Text Manuale" can't answer. Nevertheless, nothing seems impossible for the sharp ingenuity possessed by the crew consisting of Tech/Sgts. Ray B. Younkens, Harold M. Roebuck and Louis J. Buckholz who work on these planes. Sometimes they have enough salvaged parts to almost build a complete plane. They wait until another plane of the same model comes in, they remove the needed parts from it, and complete rebuilding a plane. They manage to set up planes in this manner well enough to taxi them to the hangers for the students to work on.

Most of the planes that arrive here, have had the engines already taken from them. But occasionally a light bomber or fighter plane gets here with the engines still in the cowlings, once again, superb mechanical ability is coordinated among the crew to get the engine in firing condition. When this is achieved the engine, like other working parts is taken to the engine hanger where student A.M.'s learn to repair them.

This work which comes under the heading of "Academic Reclamation" is supervised by Capt. W.A. Wadsack.

Student Government Plan

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plan's purpose is to develop leadership qualities in the enlisted man.

Each Squadron Command, under the plan, is governed by five ranking officers. The Wing Commanders, of Commanding Officer, is the highest ranking officer in the student government. He is recognized by the white button with a black bar as insignia of rank. Next in seniority are the group commanders denoted by a solid blue insignia.

Squadron Commanders follow with green, flight commanders with red, and section chiefs with yellow. Seniority determines promotions as students are graduated.

Meetings are held among student officers each morning to plan the program for the day.

U.S.O. Camp Show

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show will also feature comedy impersonators, Frank Ross and Anita Pierre, in their hilarious take-offs on prominent personages and the smooth singing of 'Miss Pierre.

The Clark sisters, Ann, Peggy, Jean and Mary, all delightful to look at, will offer their unusual harmonies, both sweet and hot, which have entranced audiences ever since the sisters first appeared with Buddy Rogers and his orchestra. The Clarks have also appeared with Benny Goodman, Shep Fields and on the Bing Crosby radio program.

Those very funny trampolene artists, Monroe and Grant, are also featured in the fast-moving show.

As is usual in the case of USO Camp Shows, the performances are free to all service men.

New Soda Fountain Opens

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"Boy oh boy," the thirst satisfied Aloysius S. Jablonsky stated: "This sure beats going to town to get a soda, and the portions they hand out, my oh my."

Cigarettes can be purchased at the fountain. Ice cream sodas sell at a dime a throw, and sundaes for 15 cents a plate.

Malted milks will be served as soon as the proper equipment is received. Servicing the "bar" (milk variety) are Mrs. Mary Warner, Mrs. Erna Hamel and Mrs. Elley Newkirk.

Soldier Song Writers

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It is predicted that Army-written songs soon will gain top ranking along with the most popular songs of the nation.

Seymour Johnson Field song writers should turn in their songs to Lt. W. J. Seavers, Assistant Special Service Division for consideration and appraisal of their possibilities. The better songs will be brought to the attention of song publishers. The best selections, in the opinion of competent judges will be widely publicized.

One million copies of the words of the six songs selected each month will be distributed to Army units, together with professional copies and orchestrations. The lyrics will be printed on uniform cards on the basis of 50 sets for each 200 men.



"These soldiers! Stood up again!"

AERIAL GUNNER

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the Japs, and if the War Department sends him to fight "Wutis," well it will be okay with him, too.

Elkins was sent to Seymour Johnson Field in line with the new Army Air Forces policy of training gunners to become experienced mechanics and vice-versa.

Having just arrived from Ft. Meyers, Florida, where he was an instructor in the flexible gunners school, Sgt. Thomas learned the rudiments of gunnery at Tyndall Field in Panama city, Fla., where he took the famed six weeks intensive course

One of the advantages of being a gunner, according to Thomas, is that it gives him plenty of opportunity to earn flying pay, "which ain't hay."



AW, IT'S TOO COLD ON POST -I'LL JUST STEP IN HERE!

Famous Last Words Of Henry The Bungler

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