

## Commanding General

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abilities of General Arnold for the maintenance of our air forces fighting in many theaters and his position as member of the United States joint chiefs of staff made General Arnold's promotion necessary from a command standpoint and also as a recognition of outstanding accomplishment."

Arnold, 56, has a practically permanent grin that won him the nickname "Happy", shortened quickly to "Nap."

Four years out of West Point, Arnold in 1911 went to the Wright Brothers flying school at Dayton, O. and became one of the Army's first four fliers. The next year, Arnold became the first winner of the Mackay trophy with a reconnaissance flight of 30 miles from College Park Md. to Washington Barracks, D. C. Fort Myer, Va., and return in a 60 horsepower Wright by plane - an astounding flight for that time.

In 1912 he also set an altitude record of 8,450 feet, and marked up another "first" at Fort Riley, Kas., where observing artillery fire from an airplane he was the first pilot to report his observations by radio.

In the many years following the First World War, Arnold had various assignments on the West Coast. He won the Mackay trophy a second time for his leadership of a 1934 flight of bombers in formation from continental United States to Alaska and return.

Arnold came to Washington in January 1936 as Assistant Chief of the Air Corps. He became chief in September, 1938, and when the Army was reorganized last year into three main branches, became commanding general of the Army Air Forces.

When Arnold became chief in 1938, he undertook to expand the air corps to 18,000 planes and 96,000 men. Today, the air forces number about 1,500,000 men and are headed for 2,000,000.

## WAR BRINGS REUNION

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John relates he did not know whether or not any other members of his real family were alive until about a month ago when he received a letter from an Ohio woman stating she had seen his photo in a Dayton newspaper and she believed John to be her nephew and that she could contact his real mother and brother.

Correspondence continued until it was proved that the lady was right. Marker then obtained permission to go home to meet his new family.

John found he had been living within 34 miles of his mother, Mrs. John Manning of Houston, O., for nearly 18 years and that he remembered seeing her several times, but of course, had never realized who she was. A younger brother whom he had never seen before was home on furlough from an Army camp at Fort Knox, Ky. John also met his aunt and grandparents who live only 36 miles from Greenville.

Back this week from his furlough, John boasts he has sure got a swell family.

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## MAN OF THE WEEK



With a background like Corporal Thomas B. Smith has in the world of Science and the study of biology, Seymour Johnson Field has been fortunate in discovering one of the finest Bacteriologist in this part of the country.

Corporal Smith is the Chief Bacteriologist at the Base Hospital, and also the only colored fellow doing a job as important. Smith was born in Georgia, but has spent most of his time in High Point, North Carolina prior to his induction almost six months ago. He graduated from William Penn High School, N.C. with high distinctions and after earning a degree of B.S. at Wilberforce University, Ohio, he attended Michigan University to carry off another degree of M.S.P.H. (Master Science Public Health). Upon completion of his courses he returned to William Penn High School where he taught biology, bacteriology and chemistry for eight years.

Smith continues to pass on his bacteriological knowledge to enlisted men who work under him in his respective department of the hospital.

Just a few of the very important things included in his job are testing the milk that the personnel of this field consumes. Checking blood for widely distributed microscopic organisms, rod-shaped or corkscrew-like. Some are benign, but most are harmful.

Smith is from the 80th Aviation Squadron, and works under Captain Jacob Pomerantz, Laboratory Officer.

## Firing Range

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In the future will also be given the opportunity for practice.

The range will be completed when the dirt abutment behind the targets is finished.

All personnel are warned not to enter this area without first making certain the range is not in use.

## Outdoor Stage

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It is proposed that instead of regular curtains for the stage, a fountain arrangement be installed by which the spray from the fountain can be adjusted to form a screen in front of the stage.

A date for completion of the amphitheater has not yet been set.

## Hospital Quiz Program Proves Big Success

Pfc. Herbert C. Libas of the 797th Squadron authored and "manned" a sprightly bit of Quizzes last Friday evening, March 19th, for the amusement of patients in the Red Cross Auditorium.

Two sets of contestants—nurses versus doctors, and patients versus ward boys—took part in the session for a full hour of tricky questions and snappy answers.

The nurses team, with 2nd Lt. Mary D. Cain leading the field to carry off first prize (a scroll of wacky cartoons depicting various treatments given in the hospital), outran the doctors to an easy victory in the first half of "Brain Busters."

Of the doctors' team, Captain Jacob Pomerantz placed ahead of the others and carried home a runner-up scroll—less elaborate but nonetheless suitable for decorative purposes!

2nd Lts. Mary A. Ward and Margaret E. Ford, the other nurses on the winning team, received prizes, too—a corn cob pipe and a sack of Bull Durham tobacco each! And, the consultant doctors—1st Lts. Clarence Weinberg and Sydney H. Gordon—became the proud possessors of "housewives", practical little mending kits which belie their silly name.

After a brief intermission, the second half of "Brain Busters" got under way with ward boys and patients battling it out to a close finish. Pfc. Henry (Hank) Whittamore pleased the judges with enough information to attain first place on the winning team of patients. Pfc's. William Mahaffey and John David Wilkinson aided him in the war with the ward boys—Pvt. Solomon H. Drucker and Pfc's. Caraine DeRoos and Clifford Peterson. The second place award for the second half of the "Brain Busters" program went to Pvt. Drucker.

Miss Louise Dickinson, Recreational Director of the Red Cross, and one of the Hospital's most diligent workers, introduced the contestants throughout the program. Judges were Capt. Everett H. Baker, Capt. Meyer Notkin, and 1st Lt. Maude Johnson.

Patients and staff are wishing for some other patient to put his hospital leisure hours to use cooking up a second "Brain Busters" program. Pfc. Libas hopes to be "in the pink" and back with his Squadron soon.

## Post Movie Schedules Undergo Time Change

A change in time of Post movie schedules was made effective this week, Lt. D.E. McCracken, Theater Officer, announced.

Movies will be shown at Theater No. 1 at 9:30, 1300, 1830, and 2030. Films at Theater No. 2 will be shown at 0930, 1230, and 1930.

On days when U.S.G. Camp Shows are appearing at Theater No. 1, regularly scheduled movies will be shown at Theater No. 2 once in the morning and afternoon and two times in the evening.

## APRIL 1 IS DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING CARS

April 1 is the deadline for registering all privately owned vehicles operated on the Post with the Office of the Provost Marshal. Vehicles not registered by Thursday will not be permitted to enter the Post.

Field tags to be placed on windshields are issued upon registration. Enlisted men must apply for field tags in writing to the Provost Marshal through their organization commanders.

## French and Spanish Classes Begin At Theater No. 2

Classes are from 1600 to 1700 every afternoon except Sundays. French is taught every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Spanish is taught every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

The first French and Spanish language classes were held at Theater No. 2 last week. It is still not too late to register for these classes. Anyone interested in learning to speak these languages can do so by signing up at the information desk at the Service Club.

## Sgt. A. W. Smith,

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belly went Smith to man the guns that do the job.

The people of every country I happened to be in are really swell Smith said and continued "They practically worship the Americans. As to girls, well "The girls of Burma India and Egypt are much prettier than the girls of the U.S. with," he added quickly, "the exception of my wife, who incidentally is enroute to Goldboro."

It was heat stroke and a bout with malaria which brought Sgt. Smith back to the States. "I am glad to be back," said Smitty, but I am ready to take off for foreign service again, only this time "I'd like to get a crack at a Nazi." We hope you get a crack at them too, because with men like you in the bellies of our B25s, victory is that much closer.

## Advance Rank

during the last war. He attended Stevens Prep School and also Stevens Tech.

Edward E. Viriraki was promoted from 1st Lt. to Captain. Captain Viriraki is from Jackson, Michigan. He attended Northwestern University. He served as a Physician and Surgeon in civilian life. He is in the Medical Detachment here. Capt. Viriraki is married and has a one year old son.

Others promoted were: James D. Montgomery, Beverly C. Moore and John D. Woodard - from 2nd Lt. to 1st Lts.

