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Armament Women Know About Turrets, Guns

Housewives whose pre-war mechanical experience was gained through the use of a hairpin are now turning out intricate jobs on complicated machine guns in the Depot's rapidly expanding Armament Section. Twenty-three women are employed there as general mechanic's helpers, working under trained armament specialists.

Instruction gained at the Depot training school in the Armory prepared them to install turrets and armament, repair guns and equip guns with new parts.

APPEARANCE IMPORTANT

When the confidential laboratory for work on computing sights is completed, women will probably be used for the more tedious jobs. They will have to be very careful of their appearance, keeping immaculate at all times, since a flake of dandruff or a bit of nail polish might interfere with the accuracy of the sight. Elmo A. Booth, who will be in charge of the new laboratory, will have a great responsibility. An imperfect computing sight might easily be fatal for the crew of a ship.

Women workers in the Armament Section vary in age from 20 to 50. The younger women are assigned the jobs which require climbing about on the ships and making installations. Middle-aged women work inside, cleaning and repairing the guns. Several of the women are mothers of men in service. Mrs. Lena M. Allbaugh, for example, has both a son and a son-in-law in the Army Air Force.

PERSONNEL TO INCREASE

With a personnel of 100 men and women, the section head, Robert E. Lee, and the officer in charge, Lieut. Aubrey E. Wylie, Carthage, Ark., are operating one of the largest installations of its kind in the country. They plan to increase the personnel to 150 by the middle of the month.

Not only does the department clean and repair the armament of the ships which come to the Oklahoma City Air Depot, but they repair armament which has been removed from ships at depots all over the United States and sent here.

Men are being sent away at the rate of two a week to obtain special training in the East. At present, 18 are learning specific jobs at armament schools.

A WOMAN'S TOUCH—These machine guns will be no less deadly in a battle of the air because women mechanics repaired them. Twenty-three women mechanic helpers are now working side by side with men in the Armament Section. The three shown above are Mrs. Ester Walker, Mrs. Florence Page and Mrs. Lena Allbaugh.

E ALSO SERVES

omi Ruth Caldwell of Depot Sup- es a personal count to settle with taps. They bombed the front of her home at Wheeler Field awaii, that Sunday morning in ber, while she and her two children huddled on a nearby with the others who had fled homes.

husband, Technical Sgt. Bob ell, was a link trainer instructor the war. Last November, he nt back to the States and is now cer candidate school at Miami Fla.

Caldwell and her son and ter, Archie J. Caldwell III, now d Carole C., now four, were ted on the first ship to leave fter attack. Most of the pas- were wounded sailors, and the ted wives of service men had to r a great deal of their care, there were only two nurses

e February 16, 1942, Mrs. ell has been an employee of the She was sent to San Antonio ining and returned here June e and her children live at 728 st Thirty-fourth Street.

n asked what her first impres- s, that morning of December 7, "We were awakened by the out until the bombs started to thought they must be navy on maneuvers. That day at Field and the ensuing weeks, g crossing the Pacific in a out evacuation ship, are not the sort of think one likes to ber."

HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON HAS VETERAN SERGEANT

The latest promotion in 22nd ADG Headquarters Squadron is Technical Sergeant Arnold Monroe, Chillicothe, Ohio, to first sergeant. This soldier brings 20 years of Army experience to his new job. He has had a varied and interesting career, originally enlisting in the 28th Infantry at Camp Sherman, Ohio, in 1917, and later serving overseas for 18 months. Participating in five separate engagements, Sergeant Monroe was wounded in action five times. He was a member of Company A, First Division, 18th Infantry, during the St. Mihiel drive when his outfit was decorated with the Croix de Guerre for their action in that engagement. Returning to the States in 1919, he was mustered out of the service at Camp Dix, New Jersey.

Re-enlisting in 1921, the veteran fighter served with the 6th Infantry at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. He was in Panama from 1925 to 1927 and again from 1931 to 1934. Later he was sent to the 10th Infantry at Ft. Hays, Ohio. In 1942 Sergeant Monroe joined the Army Air Forces at Patterson Field, Ohio.

Headquarters Squadron has sent 13 men to OCS. This is an average of nine percent and that average is growing daily as more men feel they are ready to face the "Benzine Board."

Operations and Flight Section are now on the line as a unit and fast shaping up to the smooth working team that makes the wheels go 'round on a depot drome.

Capt. McCormack Has Held Many Jobs

"Old-timers" at OCAD are congratulating First Lieut. M. J. McCormack on his promotion to the rank of Captain.

Captain McCormack was one of the first officers assigned here. He left Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyo., in March of last year and reported to Colonel Turnbull in the Commerce Exchange building on March 22. Captain McCormack was then a second lieutenant. He received his promotion to a first lieutenancy on June 2.

The officer has occupied at different times the posts of automotive officer, clothing and equipage classification officer, salvage officer, assistant property officer, and has been a member, successively, of the court martial board, post exchange council and officer candidate board. At present he is assistant post quartermaster.

In civilian life Captain McCormack was a mining engineer employed by the Timken Roller Bearing Company. His territory was the entire Northwest with headquarters at Seattle. He took his degree at Michigan College of Mining and Technology.

IL SERVICE BOARD HOLDS DANCE

"pause in the day's occupa- e Civil Service Board held its supper dance last night for all es in the city, including the ce force, and representatives stigators from the St. Louis

ed in the list of those at- the affair at Abe Hales were: Mrs. A. St. Aubin, Elizabeth Giles, Floyd Hozapfel, s Hierdeing, Velma Wolf, or, Leveta Stringer, Corp. inger, Joe Stotts and wife, in, Larry Carrier, Mr. and ter Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. ttings, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. eorge M. Strong and Helen

A personal note from the OCAD board concerns the recent marriage of Jacqueline Kolb, nee Evans, to Pfc. Roy J. Kolb, Jr., now stationed at Enid Army Flying School. Mrs. Kolb will continue in her position as junior typist with the local Civil Service Board.

—Elizabeth Giles

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