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'Shootin' Iron' Women Will Aid Guards

Post Provides Ample Recreation; I. Need Only Look, Survey Shows

In answer to a point raised by an enlisted man recently that Tinker Field and Oklahoma City were shy on recreational activities a survey made by TAKE-OFF revealed that such was not the case considering recreation placed on everything by war.

The survey has revealed that the up and at 'em Special Service Office is making available to men in the service the best entertainment

through not as swank as some resort spots in the south. The recreational activities that are offered this summer at Tinker Field and by Oklahoma City are much to fill up the off-hours of non-fun-minded men in service.

As Ralph P. Merickel, Special Service Officer, Toledo, Ohio, has declared a program that is interesting and entertaining.

ACTIVITIES OFFERED
Various forms of recreation, including seasonal activities, have been arranged for both on and off post. Captain Merickel declared that he also stressed that most of the facilities will not cost the man more than a red cent.

Included on the list of "things to do" are golfing, swimming, tennis, dancing, stage entertainment, and various special sporting events which will be developed from time to time.

Arrangements have been made for the Oklahoma City Park department for free use of the city's municipal tennis courts equipped with night lighting. To the many women that golf, they may practice on the Woodlawn and Lincoln Park courses without cost, Merickel observed.

BANG—First woman guard at Tinker Field fires her first pistol shot into the dirt target butt. Although Miss Ruth Cothner's eyes may be closed on this first shot, in another two weeks her eyes will be wide open and she and others will be able to match shots with male guards. Telling the rookie how it is done is Guard Paul E. Stansberry. Photographer Sgt. Wilburn Davis clicked his lens of the split second the shell was ejected from the G.I. .45 calibre automatic.

In step with the regular civilian guard detachment last week were eight skirt-clad rookies marching to the drill ground and rifle range for training that will qualify them in two weeks for regular patrol duty at Tinker Field.

One housewife, four Depot employees, two former school teachers, and one woman "who just wanted to do her part" compose the nucleus of the Oklahoma City Air Service Command's latest effort to alleviate the manpower shortage.

The eight women applicants are the first of 50 requisitioned by the provost marshal's office through civil service channels to supplement present patrol personnel.

SUPPLY'S BAER TREES NEW IDEA

Somebody hits on an idea and puts it into operation and the general reaction is "Why hasn't someone thought of that before?" The simplest and most obvious inventions are usually the most evasive until they have been brought into play. Then folks wonder "Why didn't I think of that?"

ALBERT BAER SCORES
And so it is with an idea originated and put into effect eight months ago by Albert Baer, chief supervisor of Shipping in Depot Supply. From gallon and quart tin cans discarded by mess halls on the post he has devised a means of saving the government thousands of dollars and at the

same time the Shipping department still complies with the strict regulations regarding the shipment of supplies for our troops overseas.

Regulations demand that all boxes and cartons packed for ports of embarkation must have three packing lists containing itemized lists of the contents on each box. Two of these lists are uncovered except by waxed envelopes. The third list must be enclosed in a metal covering which is bradged on the box. All lists are

sprayed with olive drab after being placed on the boxes.

SAVES METAL
Due to the great metal demand which is being used for more vital purposes in the war effort it was Baer's idea that used tin cans can be converted and utilized as a covering for packing lists. These cans are collected from mess halls on the post by employees of the shipping department.

CUT INTO PIECES
They are then taken to Sheet Metal and Repair where they are pressed and cut. Four pieces of tin measuring 4x6 inches are obtained from each gallon can. Four or five hundred pounds of tin cans, the amount usually collected at one time, will last year on an average of three months. This idea has completely eliminated the necessity of buying the regulation type of metal holders formerly used.

LATE BULLETIN
The American State Bank at Midwest City will remain open Monday evening, June 21, for the convenience of Depot workers who wish to cash their pay checks. Monday will be the first day of business for this bank.

include Blackhawk Park, east of Oklahoma City on 23rd street; at Lincoln Park, northeast of the city, and at Highland Beach, west of Oklahoma City on Northwest 39th street.

The Special Service officer stressed the fact that admittance to all state service league baseball games are free. Many of the games are between teams with former big leaguers.

Among the many special observances service men have recently at Oklahoma City are two Father's Day programs this weekend. The USO Club, assisted by the active American Legion Post No. 35, is sponsoring a buffet supper at 208 North Broadway, Sunday, June 20, from 5 to 8 p.m. The Temple B'Nai has invited soldiers to a dinner Saturday evening at 7 p.m.

G. I. Service Caps Rate Discharges

Service caps belonging to enlisted men at Tinker Field are doomed for the ash can or the old trunk in the attic at home. If there is no sentiment attached they can even be burned. The idea is to get rid of them.

An order issued June 11 states that the service cap is not an item of the official summer uniform for enlisted men. Men who have service caps are ordered to dispose of them at once. It was also announced that inspections will be made on the post to determine that this directive has been observed.

The order further suggests that the caps may be disposed of by shipping them home, destroying them or any other convenient method.

Due to a delay in obtaining the prescribed uniforms, the new feminine gendarmes will receive twice the amount of training given male patrolmen, Miss Allyn Phillips, patrol clerk, explained. The prescribed course is two weeks, and uniforms will be unobtainable for three or four weeks yet.

Included in the regular training course are subjects in riot control, close order drill, military courtesy, first aid, gas drill, manual of arms, army regulations, post regulations, pistol and machine gun drill.

UNIFORM SWANK
Uniform designed for wear by the trainee patrolmen will consist of an aviation blue wool skirt, light blue shirt with OCAD insignia, and blue overseas cap. The women will also wear a Sam Browne belt and pistol.

Pay, duties, and ratings will be identical to those given male members of the civilian patrol, and no distinction will be made between the two groups, Lieut. E. B. McFadden, provost marshal, stated.

Applicants for the new type feminine jobs must be between 25 and 35 years old, over 5 feet, 4 inches tall, and able to pass a rigid physical inspection. Women must also be capable of performing many strenuous duties that may come up in line of duty.

An education through the eighth grade is required of accepted applicants, and only women of high cali-

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Bonds Now Being Distributed



SERVICE WITH A SMILE—Though the look on the face of Mildred Love (right) may be construed as slightly skeptical, it is no slight of hand trick as Velma Lee Cockrell hands her a certificate on one of her regular bond deliveries in Headquarters. Despite certain unavoidable delays that may occur, bonds bought on the payroll deduction plan are now being distributed to purchasers throughout the Depot within 15 days after the final deduction on a bond has been completed.

GENERAL FRANK'S PRESS CONFERENCE

Patterson Field, Ohio.

(The regular meeting between newspaper correspondents and Major Gen. Walter H. Frank, Commanding General of the Air Service Command, was conducted this week in the General's absence by Lieutenant Col. Morris Martin, the Executive Officer.)

MILITARY TRAINING

Col. Jess B. Bennett, formerly with the Flying Training Command, has reported to this headquarters and has been assigned director of Military Training in the Training and Operations Section of the Personnel and Training Division, it was disclosed by Colonel Martin. Colonel Bennett is a former executive of the Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia. He believes, from first-hand observation, that the aircraft mechanics of ASC "have more so-called glamour per inch of man than the pilots who fly the ships they service."

BUILDING GOODWILL

As an example of Air Service Command's influence in the upbuilding of the Good Neighbor policy in South America, a program started some time ago by the ASC and the Brazilian Government has resulted in establishing the South American Republic in a military aircraft industry of its own, it was revealed. The ASC first shipped to the Brazilians from an American aircraft factory a small number of complete airplanes in knocked-down form, the Brazilian factory workers got their kindergarten training in the assembling of these airplanes.

Then under the ASC's program, the aircraft parts were furnished in an even more disassembled form. The final phase found ASC supplying them only with the raw material for the manufacture of the complete airplanes. Necessary drawings and

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technical data were furnished with each phase of the program.

The Brazilian Government has now informed ASC that it can furnish its own aluminum, steel, and copper tubing from its own manufacturing plants. It can now furnish also a large portion of the metal bolts, nuts, and rivets, as well as most of the wood work and all of the rubber tires.

WAAC'S FUTURE

First Officer (Capt.) Louise A. Kennedy is Air Service Command's WAAC Staff Director at these headquarters. She will depart for Washington, D. C., soon to huddle with WAAC Staff Directors of the AAF, to learn the significance of the pending legislation which will convert Women's Auxiliary Army Corps to Women's Army Corps, or WAC. The Captain will also represent ASC at a general conference of Staff Directors of ASF, AGF, and AAF, to be held concurrently. WAAC detachments at depots and sub-depots may expect a communication in the near future clarifying the status of women in the Army.

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THESE MEN ADVANCE IN RANK

First advancement of officers during the past few weeks was announced Friday when four first lieutenants were promoted to captains and 10 second lieutenants were advanced to first lieutenant or Tinker Field.

Promoted to captain were Lieuts. Boyd P. Edwards, Montgomery, Ala.; Donald Wilder, Dayton, Ohio; Leonard W. Harper, Beaumont, Texas, and Frederick H. Blazer, Denver, Colo.

Named first lieutenants were Lieuts. Claude B. Holder, Evansville, Ind.; Barton G. Jackson, San Francisco, Calif.; Raymond P. Wedmore, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Charles E. Beyer Jr., Beverly Hills, Calif.; Martin J. Glenn, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Wayne V. Wyström, Dallas, Texas; Aubrey E. Wykowski, Carthage, Mo.; Albin W. Rynell, St. Paul, Minn.; Simon L. Streiffer, New Orleans, La., and Henry S. Palmer, Baltimore, Md.

Ten enlisted men were advanced to the first three grades. They, and other men receiving promotions, are listed below:

MASTER SERGEANT: James M. Milan, Kenedy City, Mo.
FIRST SERGEANT: Walter W. Eberhard, Bellevue, Ohio; Charles W. Earley, James town, Ohio.
TECHNICAL SERGEANT: Harold W. Lander, Des Moines, Iowa; John H. Vander Wal, Hudsonville, Mich.; Arthur E. Holloway, Biraninwood, Wis.; Albert S. Neal, Washington, D. C.; Alcide N. St.

Aubin, New Bedford, Mass.; and Walter L. Young, Wharton, Texas.
STAFF SERGEANT: Joseph G. Bookbinder, New York City, N. Y.;
SERGEANT: Charles S. Johnson Jr., Dallas, Texas; Stanley J. Follert, Festus, Mo.; Harvey E. Grieb, Milwaukee, Wis.; Robert Kutz, Springfield, Ohio; Alphonse Rieu, New York City, N. Y.; Robert M. Van Deusen, Albany, N. Y.; Gordon Ardron, Los Angeles, Calif.; Howard F. Young, Ellsworth, Wis.

TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE: Norman Dandurant, Kansas City, Mo.; Donald L. Dufflo, Loville, N. Y.; and Cloyd F. Albright, Westmoreland, Pa.
ORPORAL: Arthur C. Castleberry, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Richard G. MacDermott, Evanston, Ill.; Angelo T. Policone, St. Paul, Minn.; Louis L. Kuhl, Beatrice, Neb.; Dudley F. Rigg, Culver City, Calif.; Paul H. Goodwin, Hempstead, N. Y.; Louis Sopko, Curtville, Pa.; Grover C. Wright, Hattiesburg, Miss.; James C. Calhoun, Choudrant, La.; Marion G. Miller, Hattiesburg, Miss.; George Dolenic, Youngstown, Ohio; Arthur Klein, Bronx, N. Y.; David A. La Porte, Cleveland, Ohio; Marion C. Goldsbee, Rusk, Texas; Maurice Kaplan, Swainscott, Mass.; Solomon Kramer, Brooklyn, N. Y.; William J. Kramer, Toledo, Ohio; Germain C. La Breque, Chicago, Ill.; Aldor J. Lemie, Waukegan, Wis.; Kenneth S. Hicks, Bakersfield, Calif.; Robert P. Smith, Niles, Ohio; Joseph G. Minnow, Minneapolis, Minn.; Robert J. Nickelson, Klamath Falls, Oregon; Erwin W. Black, Chicago, Ill.; and Tom Peters, Shawnee, Okla.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS: Robert Weinbroer, Elida, Ohio; Henry Bardwick, Barberton, Ohio; John Laska, Marblehead, Ohio; Andrew R. Vereb, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Wesley G. Grant, Denver, Colo.; Bernard Good, Parma, Ohio; Lincoln Massengill, Harrogate, Tenn.; Max S. Lees, Elon, Ohio; and Nikolaus Kadel, Afton, Mo.

Armed Women Train To Help Post Guards

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bre who will command respect at their posts will be considered, the provost marshal declared.

First applicant accepted was Miss Ruth Cather, formerly a typist in the pay roll section, and she would have completed her training period this week had uniforms been available. Other Depot employees accepted were Mrs. Mary J. Ward, Engineering Section; Miss Dorothy M. Rogers, Maintenance student, and Miss Opal M. Hudnall, formerly of the Placement Training department.

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