

World War II

Iowa Press Clipping Bureau Project



Beginning in 1942, the State Historical Society of Iowa employed a commercial newspaper clipping service to examine more than 90 Iowa newspapers for items documenting Iowa's war efforts at home and on foreign soil. Over 800,000 clippings cover approximately 30 topics. Due to the deterioration of the clippings, the collection has been closed to the public and researchers since the 1980's.

Iowa City Genealogical Society (ICGS) Members Charlene Hixon and Joni Hindman are co-directors of the Flying Glue Sticks Corps and have been working with a small group of volunteers since October 1995 reviewing , sorting the collection of clippings, assembling them according to topic, and gluing them to pages, ready for microfilming.

This storehouse contains valuable information on more than 30 topics that deals with many phases of Americans at war as experienced by a State which can serve as a guide of what happens when the country must go to war and its citizens are called upon to fight and die.

This information deals with accounts of Iowans in battle, tells of Iowans killed and wounded, how they train for war, and also their social activities such as deaths, marriages and births. Much has been done to cover the big battles and campaigns, but very little is available regarding how the war changed the unsung, unknown individual whose lives were very much affected and altered.

As much as possible, the clippings are organized chronologically by date of the newspaper. This allows immediate access to the film before it is indexed. When possible, topics have been subdivided to further assist the researcher. However, the sheer number of clippings and fading, almost illegible dates did not allow for a perfect arrangement. Only clippings that were collected by the State Historical Society of Iowa through the Iowa Press Clipping Bureau during 1941 - 1952 have been included and can in no way be considered a comprehensive file of WW II Iowa. Each microfilm frame has been assigned a number. The first four digits represent the year of the newspaper, the next four digits represent month, the last four digits are reserved for sheet/page number. For example, 1945 0011 4020 would be a newspaper from 1945, November, and the 4020th frame/page of film. Numbering starts over with each reel of film. The film is shelved under the call number D769.85.18W8.

TOPICS:

BUSINESS AND LABOR documents defense and civilian industry, training, production, recruitment, and the civilian workforce.

CASUALTIES include casualty statistics, repatriation or return of bodies, overseas cemetery information, and information on individuals who lost their lives, were wounded or reported missing In action.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING covers flight school, ROTC, GI education, accelerated education programs, and rote of education during war.

FARMING, FOOD PRODUCTION, AND RATIONING covers farm women, food programs, sugar rationing, victory gardens, farm war boards, food production, and collection of farm scrap metal.

MARRIAGES AND ENGAGEMENTS include announcements for men and women in service and those awaiting call to service, civilians in war-related occupations and, in a few instances, the Iowa military connection may be an individual in the wedding party or a wedding guest. Only clippings published within one year of marriage are included in the filming; announcements or articles/photos published one year or more after a marriage were included in Life and Activities. Unlike the other categories filmed, this topic includes clippings on a limited number of individuals who served in Korea.

PRISONER OF WAR CAMPS AND IOWA PRISONERS OF WAR clippings document prisoner-of-war camps in Iowa *and* Iowans in prisoner-of-war camps overseas and their return home.

PRISONER OF WAR CAMPS AND IOWA PRISONERS OF WAR ADDENDUM. The first Iowa POW reel has approximately 10,600 clippings. An additional 6,000 clippings are on the second reel. Both reels cover about the same time periods.

PUBLIC HEALTH covers physical fitness programs, blood drives, immunization programs, nutrition, social hygiene, nutrition checkups in schools, and first aid.

LIFE AND ACTIVITIES includes reports from individuals at Pearl Harbor during the attack. It also covers enlistments, commissions, promotions, addresses, furloughs, leaves, injuries, deaths, some births of children of servicemen, and letters.

WOMEN'S MILITARY ACTIVITIES cover military training in Iowa including setting up camp, staff from out-of-state and county recruits and Iowa women serving in the military.

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**"By January 22, 1943 no less than 129,080
clippings had been received..."**

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Food and Farming
Health and Nutrition
Men in Service
 Enlistment, Commissions
 Letters
 Life & Activities
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Prices & Rents
Prisoners of War
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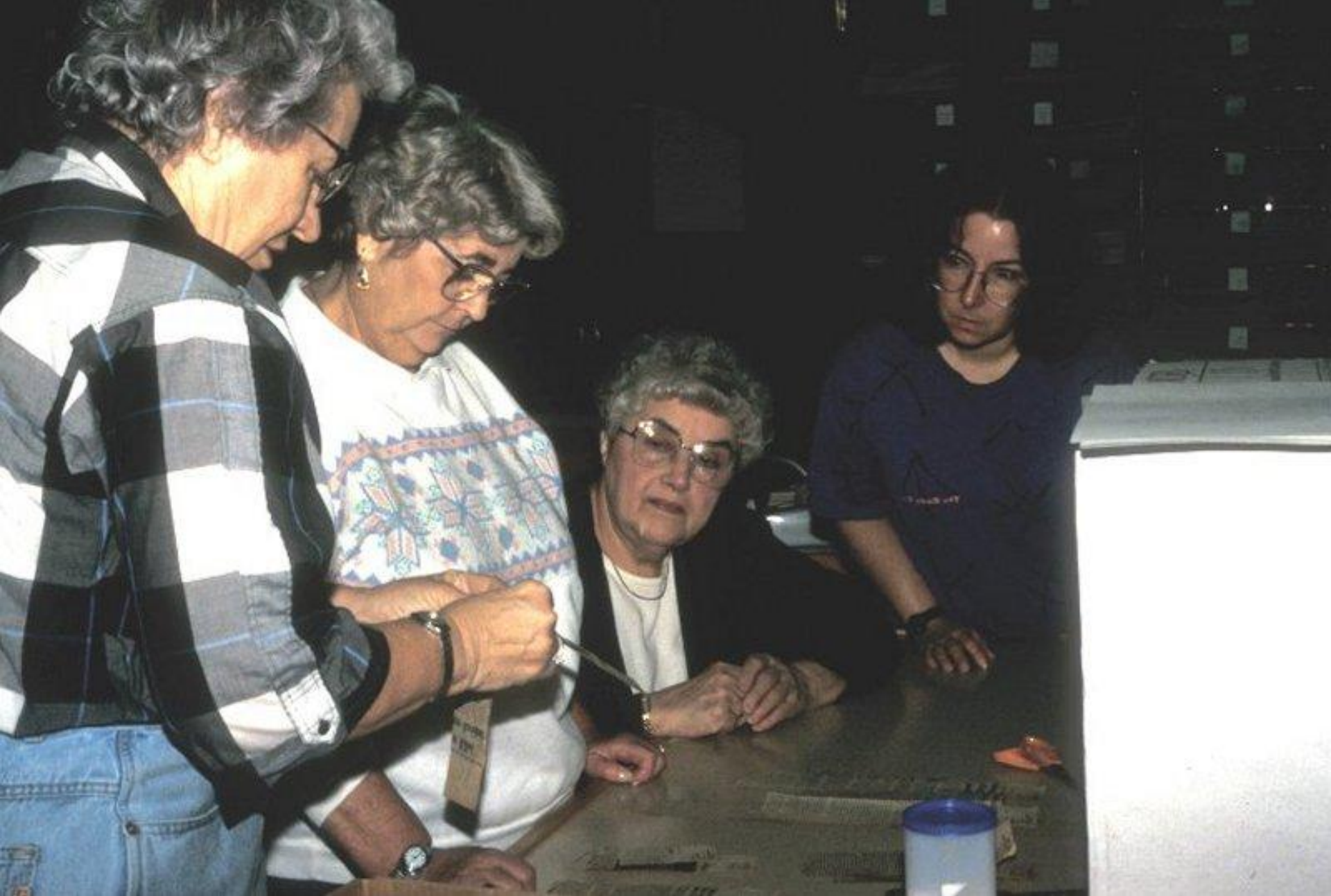


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Clippings sorted into piles according to topic



Char Hixon, Beverly, Roberta, and Joni Hindman



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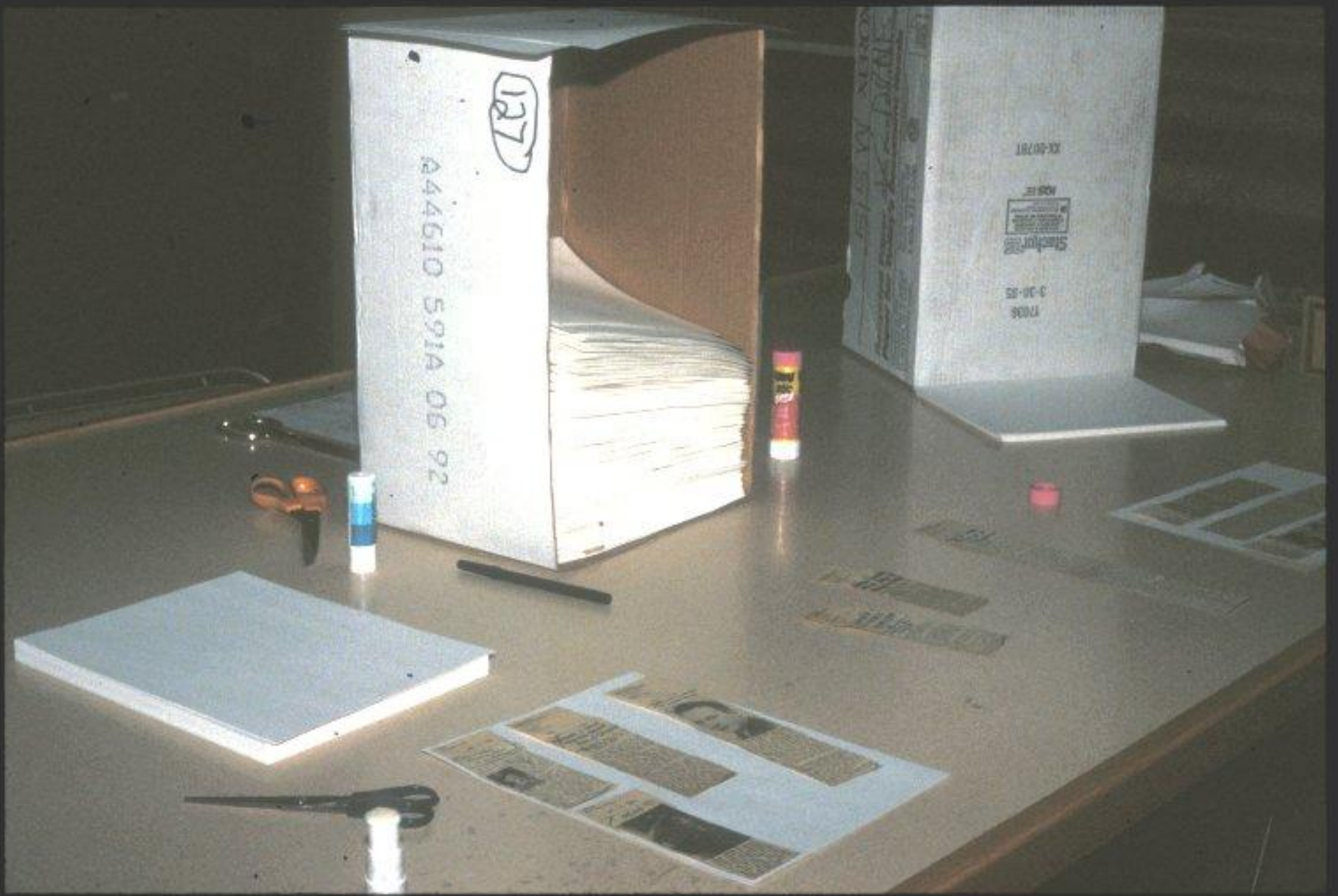
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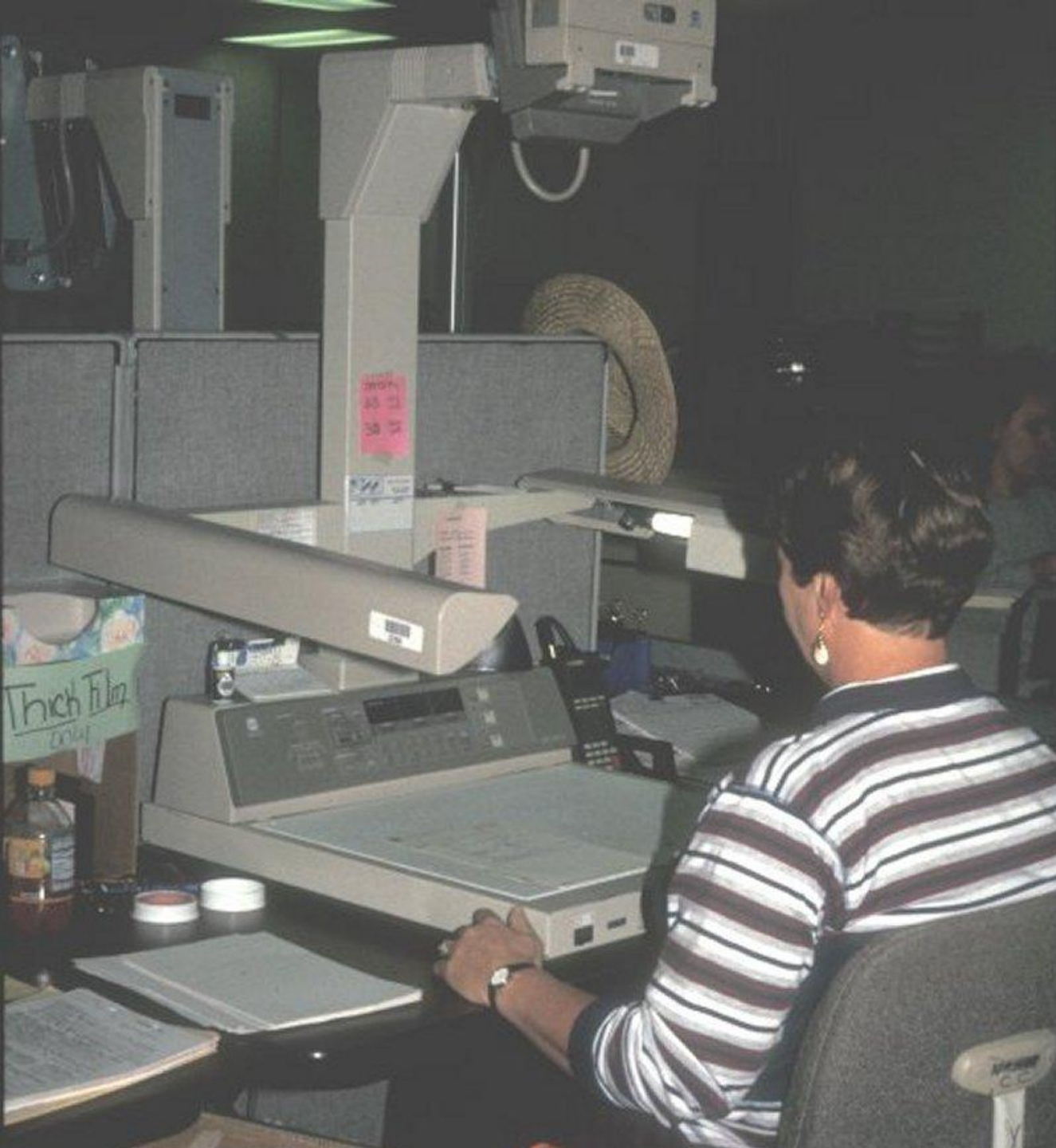
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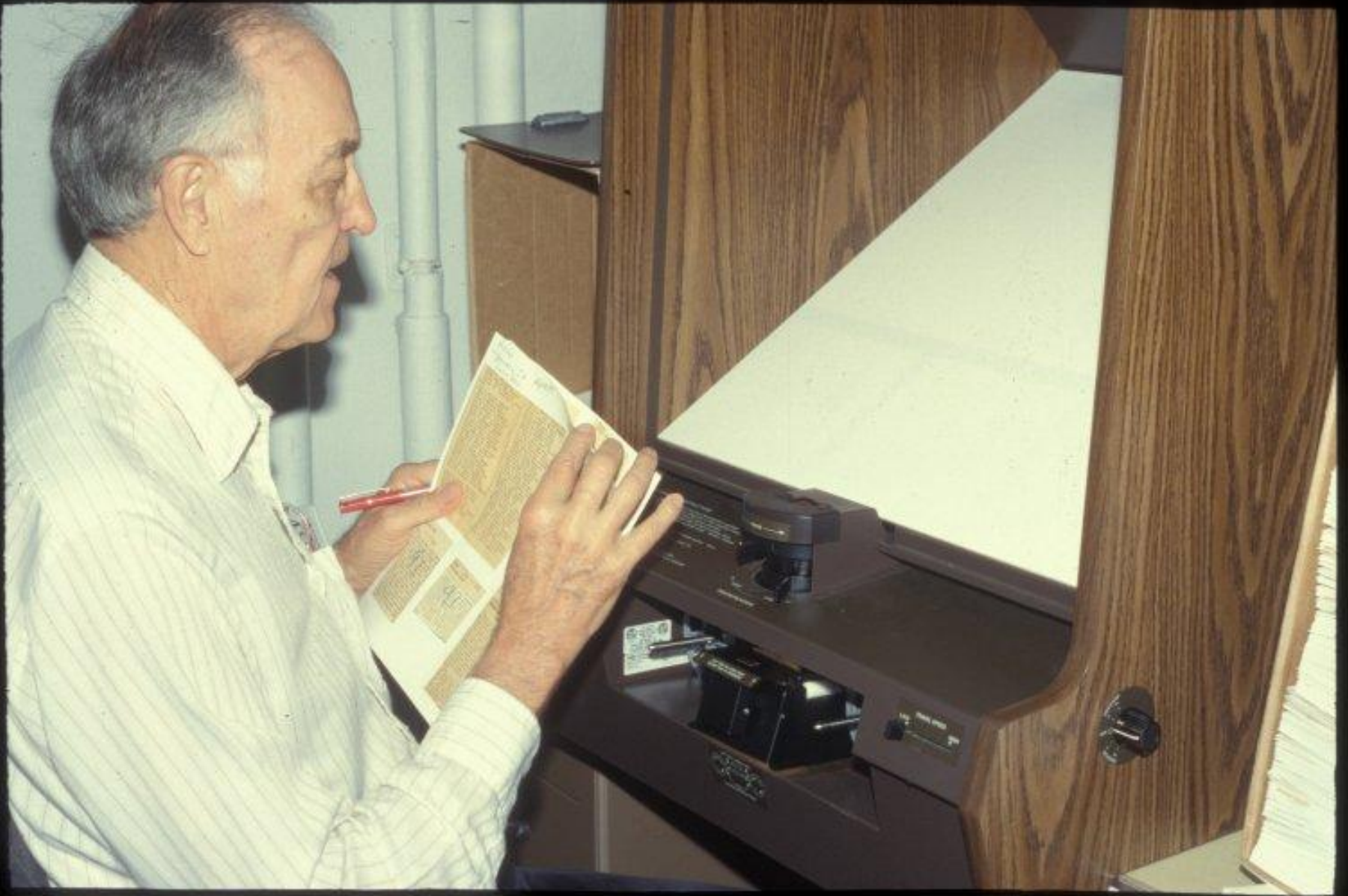












Harry Weber

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Des Moines, Iowa

Tribune
Des Moines, Iowa

JUN 10 1945

GRAPHIC DISPLAY OF CASUALTY LISTS



These two stacks of American casualty lists at the public library here graphically show the increased tempo of the war during 1944 and the price that had to be paid. The smaller pile, 12 inches high, contains casualty lists of the nation as a whole for the first 6 months of last year. The other pile, 31 inches high, is of casualties for the last six months and does not include those since the German breakthrough last month. Mrs. Herbert Boyd, 1114 High st. stands beside the contrasting stacks.

Bystander
Des Moines, Iowa

DEC 23 1943

Christmas Season Again Saddened for Rollen Family



LEONARD ROLLEN

Another Christmas season for Mrs. Lillian Rollen and her family at 1024 Tenth street, is saddened this year as it was last December when the mother received the first message from the United States Navy, that her son, Leonard Rollen, was "missing."

The year rolled around during which time Mrs. Rollen listened and awaited for any news—some information about the whereabouts of her son. The sad news finally arrived the early part of this month while the mother was at work.

The message signed by Secretary Frank Knox of the navy revealed:

"A year has now elapsed since your son, Roy Leonard Rollen, cook second class, United States Navy, was reported missing in action. He was a member of the crew on board the U.S.S. Walke, when that vessel was sunk by enemy shells during an engagement in the vicinity of Savo Island on Nov. 15, 1942."

Rollen, the first Des Moines Negro youth to enlist in the navy, Nov. 2, 1941, at the age of 18, had tried to

been on the Walke five years.

Born in Mexico, Mo., Rollen who attended Washington Irving Junior High school here, would have been 24 on last November 25. He received his naval training at Norfolk, Va., and at the end of his first enlistment his mother had urged him to leave the navy, but Rollen reenlisted, as the captain wanted him on the same ship, his mother said.

Mrs. Rollen has two sons serving somewhere overseas with the army, Pvt. Joe Rollen and Pfc. Martin E. Rollen. On Dec. 11, Mrs. Rollen received her first overseas letter from her son, Martin, who is stationed somewhere in England.

Other survivors are: wife, Dorothy, Boston, Mass.; two sisters, Mrs. Isabelle Jaret and Zelma Rollen, Des Moines; nine brothers with the two overseas—Willie, Watson and Shedrick of Des Moines, Curtis of Ft. Madison, Bruce, Luther and James E. Rollen of St. Louis.

Star
New Sharon, Iowa

DEC 23 1943

Nephew Of George Drennan Killed In Action

George Drennan received the sad news of the death of his nephew, Pfc. James Ward, who was killed in action, somewhere in the south Pacific war zone, recently.

Pfc. Ward had been in the Service for two years and was 29 years old at the time of his death. He is the son of Mr. Drennan's sister, Mrs. A. E. Ward of Gilman, who is well known to many New Sharon people. They have the sympathy of their many friends and the entire community.

IOWA PRESS
CLIPPING BUREAU
Des Moines, Iowa

Express
Red Oak, Iowa

DEC 23 1943

SHRIMPTON IS COUNTY'S 18TH WAR CASUALTY

Family Told Monday That
Wayne Killed Dec. 1
in Italy Front

Pvt. Wayne Shrimpton, 23, Villisca, became Montgomery county's 18th casualty in World War II on Dec. 1 in the Italian battlefields.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shrimpton, Villisca, received word Monday that he was killed in action on the first day of the month.

Entering service in Villisca's Company F, he was a driver of a radio truck. In his last letter, written Nov. 25, he declared he "like my job fine. . . I wouldn't trade it with anyone." Adding a further note of satisfaction with his work, he told his parents that he "tranks high with my officers."

Pvt. Shrimpton had been in the army since in Co. F, before he was mobilized for training in February, 1942. He was born July 25, 1920, in Page county and attended Villisca high school. He was a member of the Baptist church.

He is survived by his parents, his wife, Betty Shrimpton of Villisca, two sisters, Norma Jean and Lois Evelyn, at home; a brother, Les Max, in the Navy, and a grandmother, Mrs. Alex Rhodes.

Sgt. Reed, Griswold,
Missing in Action

Mrs. Charles Combs received a wire Tuesday stating that her nephew, Sgt. Laurence Reed, 28, was missing in action over Italy. He was an aviation mechanic in the army air force.

He was a grandson of Mrs. W. A. Focht of Red Oak. He was born and reared at Griswold. His mother is Mrs. Anna Mungesser of Denver, Colo., and a sister, Mrs. Carl Smith, lives on a farm near Gris-

MAR 11 1941

Personnel of Jefferson Company with Boys Now "Missing in Action"



Here is the national guard company which left Jefferson in March, 1941, taken in the Jefferson armory just a few days before starting its trip to Camp Claiborne. The company has been in the thick of the battle in Tunisia and reports of "missing in action" have been received this week by many families.

To date The Herald has learned of 26 such messages. Previously the injury of Vernon Eagle, who is pictured here but who later became a commando, was reported.

The identification of the boys in the picture is printed here as it was in the issue of March 6, 1941, except that those missing in action are printed in blackface type. The publishers will appreciate prompt notification by families who may receive messages in the future.

FIRST ROW—left to right—HENRY MISHLER, CARL THOMPSON, KENNETH ROBBINS, DONALD HANSON, Lyle Montague, William Roth, Harold Reinart, Ernest Owen, Milo Pister, VIRGIL SCHLEISMAN, Corp. John Christian, Donald Stofer, Keith Perkins, Corp. David Busby, JACK LANGFORD.

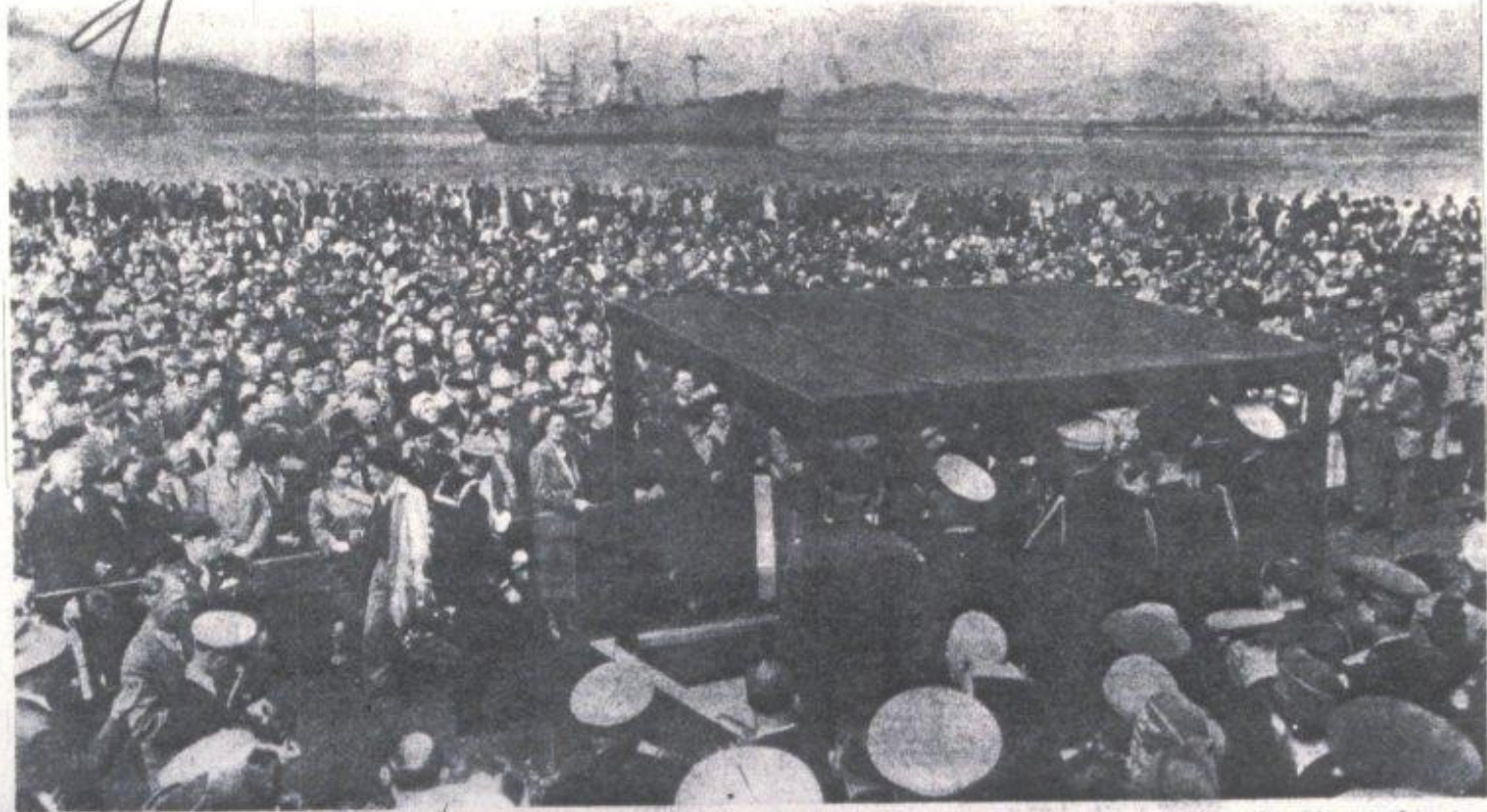
SECOND ROW—Corp. Henry Kiever, Corp. Robert Beckhoff, Corp. Max Jaques, Sgt. Cecil Conklin, SGT. BILL McCOY, SGT. DAVID REES, Staff Sgt. Carl Sayre, TECHNICAL SGT. ROBERT CARMAN, 1st Sgt. Eugene Duriam, LT. LUMUND F. WILCOX, Capt. Frank P. Williams, Capt. Ira Potter, Master Sgt. Carl Coffey, STAFF SGT. ERNEST PHILLIPS, Staff Sgt. Kenton Richards, Sgt. Vyri Eckard, Sgt. Phil Mogg, Corp. Douglas Moranville, Corp. Richard Porter, CORP. MERLE AVERILL.

THIRD ROW—James Hoover, Lemmie Finero, Ronald Bock, Calvin Stogsdill, Clifford Rice, Alexander Robertson, Raymond Bamsay, Fred Leyland, ROBERT McCOY, Donald Stewart, Russell Buckner, LEE COLES, Link Ford, Marshall Essinger, DALE RAY, Richard Tate, Wendell Dunivan, William Dunivan, BILLIE CONDON, Lyle Leonard, Vernon Eagle, Jack Stanley, Corp. Jack Hauptert.

FOURTH ROW—James Guttrin, VIEL LANGFORD, STAFF SGT. REX HAWN, FRANCIS GARRITY, DEAN DUNCAN, Paul Belleock, John Moore, Lowell Eason, WILLIAM KNESS, Gerald Hanson, Glen Hootman, FRANK TATE, James Jones, DEREALD HAMILTON, Fancer Port, Don Sexton, John Shaw, John Goodwin, ARCHIBALD GILCHRIST, Hugh Berry, JOHN McGLOTHLEN, Charles Young, Chester Allen.

Not in picture—Lt. Robert J. Brown, Lt. Clayton Jansma, Lt. Charles Jones, CORP. JAMES SAYRE and Pvt. Jack D. Roberts.

A Nation Pays Tribute as First War Dead Come Home

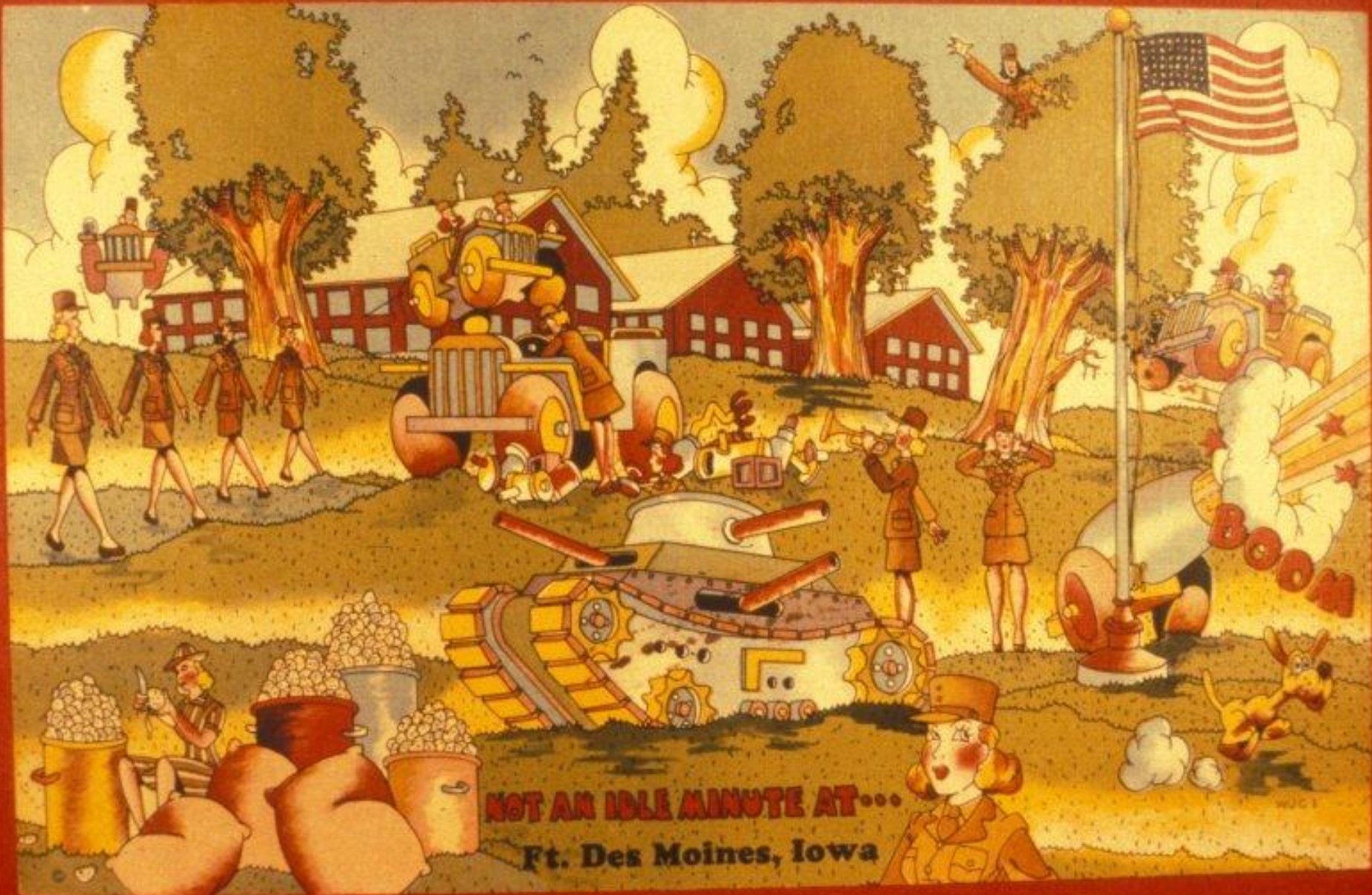


The nation's first returning war dead arrived in San Francisco bay Friday. With a destroyer escort (right), the Honda Knot paused 300 yards off shore while thousands gathered to pay tribute to the men who died in World War II. The gray transport carried 3,028 bodies,

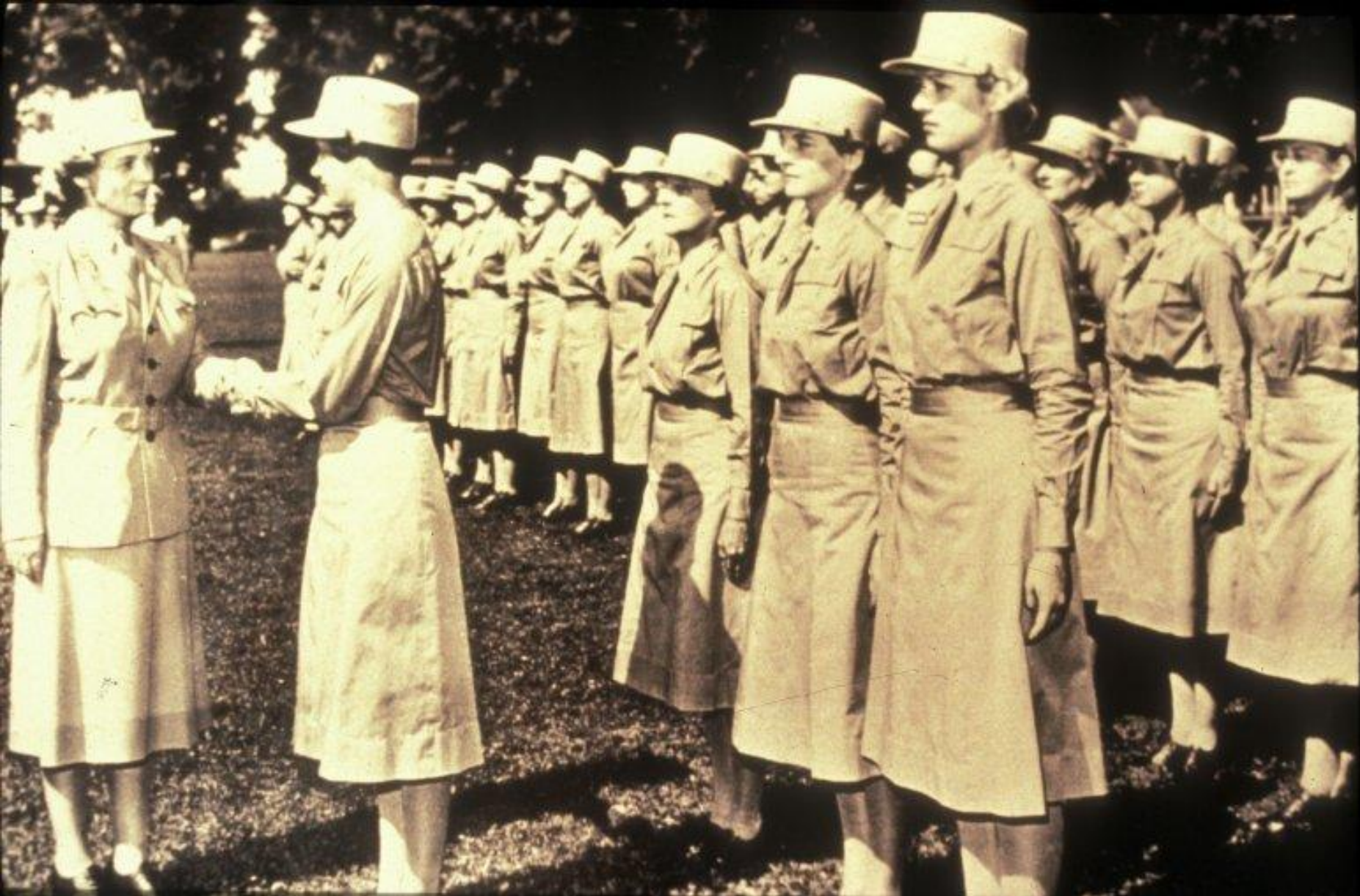
62 of them ~~Iowans~~. Following the ceremony, the ship moved on to Oakland army base, where caskets will be unloaded and shipped, with guard of honor, to four points in the country where relatives will claim the bodies.—WIREPHOTO (AP).

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Not an Idle Moment atFt. Des Moines, Iowa



Women's Army Corp--WACs



WACs



From The Aleutians

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Aleutian Nurse Wed February 22



First Lieut. Urell Couchman, daughter of Mrs. Emory Stagg, route No. 6, was married February 22 in California to Lieut. E. L. Commons, Jr., of Portland, Ore.

The bride was graduated from the University of Iowa school of nursing in 1940 and has been serving as an army nurse on Adak Island in the Aleutians for the last 20 months. She is expected to arrive in Iowa City soon to pass part of her leave with her mother. She will then return to an Anchorage, Alaska, hospital to resume her nursing duties.

Dear Helen,
Forlorn looking isn't it?
And typical!

Certainly enjoyed your
very recent letter and
I'll answer it after the
holidays. So just a note
now to wish you the
best of everything.

Nothing new with
working in

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Harness Maker, Aided by Boy, 12, Turns Out Army Holsters for His 3rd War

A youngster 12 years of age and a veteran harness maker of 65 years work side by side in a shop at Blue Grass turning out holsters for use by members of the United States armed forces.

The youngster is Jackie Leffler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Leffler of Blue Grass, is probably the youngest person engaged in defense work in the state of Iowa.

His job is to string a leather thong thru the holster, place a leather plug in the bottom, and add the finishing touches by trimming the edges of the leather. He started work only a few weeks ago, and is planning on learning the harness makers trade. He works only part time in the shop, taking time off from his work for swimming, baseball and other youthful sports.

HIS THIRD WAR.
The veteran is William Teufel, owner of the harness shop in Blue Grass. This is the third war in which he has been engaged in producing leather goods for the army. During the Spanish-American war he worked at the Rock Island arsenal where he worked in the harness shop on bottles and saddles for the cavalry. During the first World war he was also employed at the arsenal, and during the two years that he worked there, most of the items produced consisted of harness for the horses used in the artillery. Since the army is using motorized equipment, his work during the present conflict consists of work on holsters for the army in his own shop at Blue Grass.

Teufel, who has been engaged in the harness making business for the past 45 years, learned his trade in a shop in Wilkes, beginning at the age of 17. He worked in several shops in eastern Iowa before starting up in Blue Grass in 1905.

LONG HOURS.
In spite of the added work of stitching holsters, Teufel does the usual work about the shop, which includes repairing harness, thrashing bolts and many other jobs. He states that this work is also important in the war effort, and although it means many long hours, he turns the work out on time.



FINISHING TOUCHES—Pictured above is Jackie Leffler, probably the youngest worker in Iowa, putting the finishing touches on one of the holsters to be used by the United States armed forces.

Democrat
Des Moines, Iowa

111 5 1942



STITCHING A HOLSTER—William Teufel, veteran harness maker, is pictured above stitching a holster. Although much of the work is done by machine, there are steps in the manufacture that require the skill of an experienced harness maker.

Harness Maker, Aided by Boy, 12, Turns Out Army Holsters for His 3rd War



End of the war enables publication for the first time of air views of the 53-million-dollar Des Moines ordnance plant where nearly four billion cartridges were turned out at total operating cost of 379 million dollars. This view, looking northwest, shows all the buildings in the 2,400-acre main manufacturing area, and all the buildings of any size except the primer manufacturing building. In the center foreground is a .50 caliber ammunition building, with two parking lots in line with it. In the second tier are two more .50 caliber buildings, with the power house and a warehouse at upper right. In the third tier are miscellaneous buildings. Toward the left are two .30 caliber buildings. Beyond them are temporary office buildings and administration building. Another view on Page 4.—Staff Photo by John Houlette.

air views of the 53-million-dollar Des Moines ordnance plant looking northwest, shows all the buildings in the 2,400-acre center foreground is a .50 caliber ammunition building, with

Aid to War Casualties Stepped Up

Hospitals Use New Reconditioning Method.

CLINTON, IA. (AP)—Through a new technique of "reconditioning" convalescent wounded and sick soldiers—substituting the tough regime of an athlete for the old-time "rest cure"—the army is making marked progress towards getting hospitalized men back to duty in half the time formerly required.

This was reported Tuesday by Col. Augustine (Gus) Thorndike, formerly surgeon for the Harvard football team and an authority on rapid restoration of athletic injuries.

He explained that the schedule, in addition to toughening physical exercise, includes extensive mental and occupational activities "instead of the old regime of just lying around in bed counting the cracks in the ceiling, or hobbling over to the movies once in a while."

Officials Report.

Thorndike, in charge of the army's recently inaugurated service-wide program of reconditioning, said in an interview at the army's Schick general hospital where reconditioning officials of nine service commands are trying to make first complete reports on the program:

In one general hospital over-where I witnessed the new plan in action, the period of convalescence was cut from an average of 35 to 24.4 days—roughly, a third less time—and 1,500 patients went back to full duty in five months, 300 a month from a general hospital of 1,000 beds. And, I'm confident that

OFFERS HER EYE



Mrs. Charles W. Venard, 25, University of California co-ed and wife of a navy torpedoman on sea duty, admitted writing a letter to England offering one of her eyes to Sergt. Forest Vosler of Livonia, N. Y., who she read was blinded by shrapnel on an air mission over Europe. "I can get along with one eye if the other will do him any good," she said, "just a side contribution to the war effort. . . ."—WIREPHOTO (AP).

He said primary evidence also indicated that the reconditioning schedule was lessening the number of re-admission to hospitals.

The program is aimed primarily at toughening men up for return to active duty, but it extends as well to those who must eventually be discharged as disabled in order to put them in the best possible condition for return to civilian life and possibly war-industry jobs.

Thorndike said the regime commences almost immediately after a man enters the hospital—beginning with light physical exercises that can be done in bed, and reaching a climax when the convalescent makes a 15-mile hike carrying a full military pack.

"Cast" Platoon.

Between those stages, on the physical side, there are grass drills, like football players do, gymnasium work, obstacles course drills, wall climbing and scores of other tougheners.

"We even have a 'cast' platoon," Thorndike said. "These consist of men who have casts on their legs or arms, but who do such things as chop and saw wood, dig ditches, do carpentry work—anything to keep their uninjured muscles from getting soft and flabby."

Amputees—men who have lost their legs or arms—have physical routines adapted to their abilities, including workouts on parallel bars, or with weight machines.

Aid Blind.

Maj. Walter E. Barton, chief of the blind and deafened rehabilitation branch, said the blind are kept toned up physically and "they also get instructions in steering clear of walls by measuring echoes made by snapping their fingers, whistling, or tapping their canes on the floor. They're even taught to play poker with braille playing cards."

Maj. William S. Briscoe, chief of the educational reconditioning branch, said the men are kept mentally active with "everything from simple arithmetic to calculus," and are given "quickie" courses in foreign languages and a variety of technical and classical subjects to "help get their minds off the disquieting idea of sickness."



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James Van Allen and U of I students with a rocket near the Old Capitol Building in Iowa City, Iowa

One of seven 12-foot rockets assembled on the State University of Iowa campus for test-firing in Greenland is inspected by research crew near Physics and Old Capitol buildings in Iowa City. Holding the 190-pound sky-roamer are (left to right); L. H. Meredith, graduate student; Lee

Blodgett, Creston student; R. A. Ellis, Kansas City, Mo., graduate student; Dr. M. B. Gottlieb, assistant professor in physics department; and Dr. James Van Allen, department and project director.—Staff Photo by Jervas Baldwin. Another Picture on Page 3.

Big Balloons Will Lift 7 Iowa-Built Rockets 50 Miles Over Arctic

IOWA CITY, IA.—Seven Iowa-built rockets—riding aloft on “Skyhook” balloons—will be test-fired soon in the skies high over Greenland.

Put together in the physics laboratories and shops at the State University of Iowa, these shiny 12-foot, 190-pound rockets will be lifted to 55,000 feet by the balloons and then exploded upwards at a speed of 3,000 miles an hour.

S. U. I. Scientists to Test 3,000-Mile-an-Hour

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FOR SHIPMENT TO BRITAIN, RUSSIA

Iowa Milk and Eggs Dried Here for Export

NEW EQUIPMENT AT CO-OP PLANT

Shipping Space Saved
by Process.

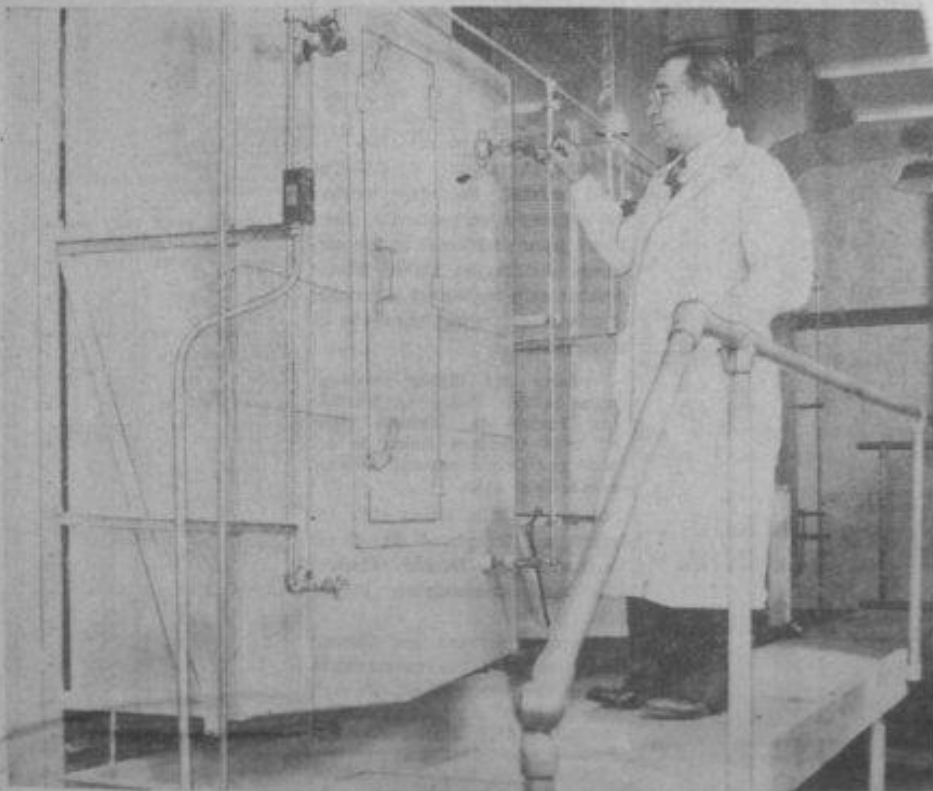
By J. S. Russell

(Register Farm Editor)

Iowa eggs and milk are going to the fighting men in Britain and Russia and in Ireland and Australia and helping keep the civilian population in Britain from starving.

Shipment of these high vitamin foods to other lands in concentrated forms represents one of the outstanding accomplishments in connection with the world war from the standpoint of nutrition and transportation.

Installation of a spray process drying equipment for milk and eggs by the Des Moines Dairy Co-operative Marketing association at the plant in Des Moines was completed last week and shipment of dried milk and eggs from this area will be stepped up immediately.



This is an outside view of a portion of the chamber in which the eggs and milk are being dried by the spray process at the plant of the Des Moines Co-operative Marketing association. Earl Bartley of Goldfield, Ia., representative of the Price & Sons produce firm is shown at the controls.

To Britain, Russia.

Britain and Russia are getting the bulk of these shipments from this area with the American armed forces also eating Iowa raised eggs and milk.

A. N. Heggen, manager of the co-operative here, visualizes the day when the drying process will revolutionize the merchandising of food.

In the first place, the drying and shipment of eggs and milk have proved so successful that there is a possibility that dried tomatoes and other concentrated or dehydrated foods will be used in feeding the armies and the allies of the United States.

Add Water.

The installation of the drying equipment probably will mean that housewives will be able to buy dried eggs and dried milk and perhaps dried fruits and vegetables after the war is over.

"It may be that in the future you can go to the grocery store and buy a pound of dried milk and add enough water for a gallon of milk," Heggen said.

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With Those In Se

Brother, Sister Serve In U. S. Armed Forces



A brother and sister, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Meyers of Nichols, are in service with the United States Armed forces.

Second Lieut. Doris J. Meyers, with the 31st general hospital recently arrived safely somewhere in the southwest Pacific, her parents have learned.

PFC. Donald W. Meyers, in the U. S. Marine Corps, has the following address: PFC. Donald W. Meyers, Tng. Sqd. 25, Brks. 68, M. A. D. — N. A. T. T. C., Norman, Okla.

Wife Visitors

Lieut. and Mrs. Okley Wheeler, the latter the former Marjorie Mae Radke, of Jefferson City, Mo., who were married at Travis Park church in San Antonio, Tex., Tuesday, Nov. 2, departed today for Salt Lake City after a visit at the home of Lieutenant Wheeler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Wheeler, 419 Harrison avenue.

Mrs. P. J. Neuendorff of San Antonio and Lieut. Charles Steward of Topeka, Kan., were attendants at the ceremony for which the bride wore a beige gabardine suit, black accessories and a corsage of gardenias.

The wedding dinner was served at St. Anthony hotel in San Antonio. En route here the couple visited the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Radke, in Jefferson City, Mo.

Mrs. Wheeler is a sister of Mrs. O. L. Harrison and a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schalle and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kramer of Burlington. She has been a frequent visitor here. She was graduated from Jefferson City junior college and attended the State University of Missouri. Lieutenant Wheeler attended Grinnell college. He was graduated from a bombardier school in June, and is now in advanced navigator training.

Democrat
Fort Madison, Iowa

NOV 22 1943

BOYS IN THE SERVICE



HOME ON VISIT

Ensign George W. Tucker has been home for the last two weeks visiting his mother, Mrs. J. C. Huebner of Wever. For six weeks he had been attending school in Flint, Mich., and he is now on his way to another school in Solomon, Md.



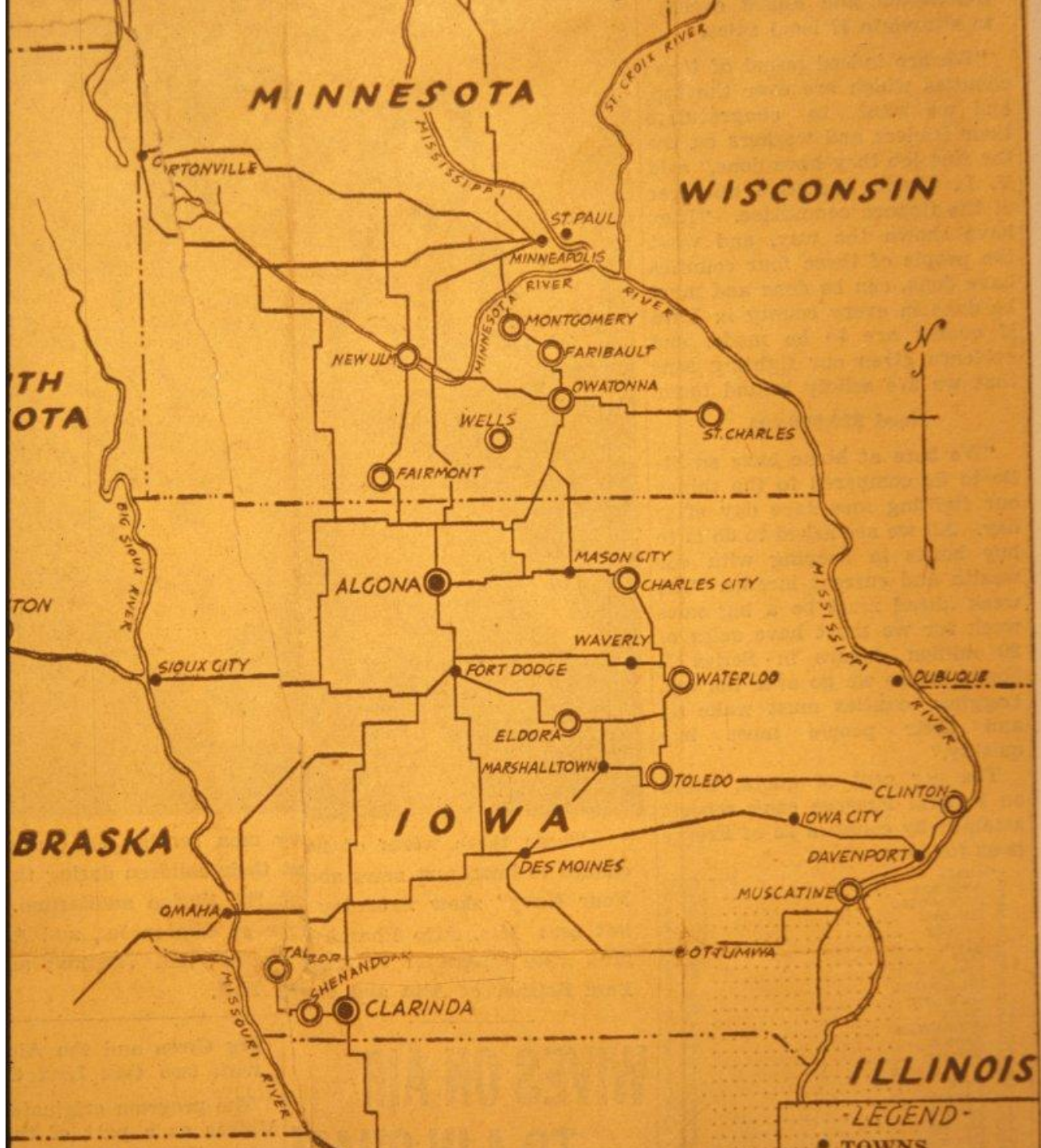
SERVICE MAGAZINE HAS STRANGE ADMIRERS—A copy of "Yank", the American Army weekly, found its way to the distant Fiji Islands. Here a Fijian chief and his family view its pictures with interest ranging from the patriarch's critical study to outright amusement among the younger members of the group.

Dutch Off to Join the Army



Actor Ronald (Dutch) Reagan, former Des Moines radio announcer, Saturday left his Beverly Hills, Cal., home to report for duty as a lieutenant in the cavalry. Accompanying him to the car were his wife, Jane Wyman, and daughter, Maureen.

Actor Ronald (Dutch) Reagan, former Des Moines radio announcer, Saturday left his Beverly Hills, Cal., home to report for duty as a lieutenant in the cavalry. Accompanying him to the car were his wife, Jane Wyman, and daughter, Maureen.



Robert Merriam and Family Interned At Manila

Robert T. Merriam, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Merriam of Sheldon, his wife, Mrs. Nadia Sergeevna Merriam and their daughter, Audrey, 12, are prisoners of the Japanese in Manila, Philippine Islands, according to word received last week by Mr. and Mrs. Merriam. This was the first information concerning them that Mr. and Mrs. Merriam had received for a year and three months and was the very first information they had had concerning Mrs. Merriam and daughter. They had previously been notified that their son had been taken prisoner.

Mr. and Mrs. Merriam and daughter had made their home in the East for sometime, Mr. Merriam having a position with the R. C. A. in Manila. Prior to the bombing of Pearl Harbor they had planned to visit in the United States in March, 1942.

The notification received here came through the American Red Cross, the letter stating in part: Mrs. Dora Kaiser, Secretary O'Brien County Red Cross Chapter Court House, Primghar, Ia.
My dear Mrs. Kaiser:

Through the International Red Cross Committee, the War Department has received a cable from Tokyo which gives an official list of civilian internees at Santo Tom-

Mrs. Nadia Sergeevna Merriam, housewife.

Robert Trieb Merriam, sound engineer.

The day following the receipt of the letter from the Red Cross they received the following from the Department of the Interior, Office of the United States High Commissioner to the Philippine Islands:

"My dear Mr. Merriam:

The Provost Marshall General directs me to inform you that the persons listed below have been reported to be interned by Japan in the Philippine Islands (Japanese Official List):

ROBERT TRIEB MERRIAM

While communication by mail is still difficult due to infrequency of transportation between the United States and the Philippines, you may direct letters to the persons mentioned using the following form on the envelope:

Civilian Internee Mail
Postage Free
Interned by Japan,
Santo Tomas Camp
Manila, Philippine Islands,
VIA: New York, New York.

On reverse of envelope: Your complete name and address.

As all such mail will pass through American and foreign censors, you should be very careful not to mention any public matters, or any matters remotely concerning the armed forces of the United States or any other nation, or of the personnel thereof. Your letters should be short and limited to purely personal and family affairs. It is further deemed unwise



Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Merriam and daughter Audrey, visit the home of Mr. Merriam's parents in Sheldon. The Merriams spent four years in a Japanese Concentration Camp in Manila P. I.

Robert T. Merriam Family Here, After Four Years in Jap Prison Camp in Manila

V-E Day was doubly a day of rejoicing for one Sheldon mother, for on Tuesday she welcomed home her son and his family who had been interned for four long years in a Japanese prison camp.

Prior to Pearl Harbor, Robert T. Merriam, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Merriam of Sheldon, was a radio engineer employed by the firm of Erlanger & Galinger, distributors for R. C. A. in Manila, P. I. Mr. Merriam and his family had lived in this island metropolis for over four years.

Rumors of an impending war with Japan had been rife in the islands for many years and idly the resident Americans had speculated as to when the war might come.

But the news of Pearl Harbor had hardly left the wires cold when the Japanese ordered the Americans in Manila into a camp, "for your protection," the Japs blandly stated. "Bring three days supply of food and clothing," they said. "After

consisted of father, mother and daughter. Audrey, the daughter was but nine years of age at the time of their capture.

Life In a Jap Prison Camp

Classrooms of the ancient University, the oldest school of higher learning under the American flag, were divided into sleeping quarters. Rows on rows of bunks, cots and self improvised sleeping accommodations lined the barrack-like halls. The camp occupied two large buildings. The camp was self governed, under the watchful eye of the Japanese.

The Filipinos were wonderful, Mr. Merriam said. At first they brought us food—eggs that cost them a day's pay and they probably walked clear across town to bring them to us, Merriam said. He had been listed in the records as a telephone engineer. To have been listed as a radio technician would have entailed complications he stated.

Food

The food situation was bad—very bad, the family was first

The first Christmas real Cross packages came and were more than welcome but afterward, if they were ever received, they were not distributed. After the regular Japanese army took over, conditions were worse. The Filipinos tried to provide food for the prisoners but the Japs refused permission.

A School Within A School

Good schools were provided for the youngsters in the old University building. Many capable teachers were interned and Mrs. Merriam, who was born in Russia, was on the staff as a language teacher. Regular classes were held in all grades and a college course was taught in some subjects.

Miss Audrey Merriam attended a special school outside the wire, the famous Maryknoll School where about a hundred pupils were enrolled.

Shells Fall On Manila

The Merriams were taken prisoners in January of 1942. They were released February 3rd of this year arriving in Sheldon on V-E Day.

The prisoners were released from the camp in groups of about 500 and for the last ten days of their stay in camp, the city was constantly being shelled by the American battle ships.

Mr. Merriam is a graduate of Sheldon High School and spent a year in the Junior College here. He attended R. C. A. school in the east and attended Pratt Institute.

He spent several years with the

Liberate Four Waterloo Boys in Germany

Allied armies, sweeping through Germany, have liberated four more Waterloo soldiers, according to word received Saturday from various sources.

To the growing list of Americans freed from German camps were these:

Pvt. Theodore R. (Ted) Adams, 37, of 560 Archer avenue.

Pfc. Karl J. Shade, 33, of 341 Grand boulevard.

Second Lt. William J. Doherty, 28, of 126 Sunset road.

Pvt. Vern R. Davis, 30, of 227 Courtlandt street.

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Private Adams, a former Courier reporter, wrote his wife on April 16, that he had been "liberated by the Yanks," and that he was confined to a French hospital. The letter was written by him using his left hand, because of a wounded right arm.

He wrote that he was "getting along fine" and that he would "be home soon." The letter was received by Mrs. Adams on Friday.



W. J. Doherty

another officer on April 7. He said that he had a slight arm injury. A letter received Saturday afternoon, written by Doherty himself, stated that he had been liberated on April 7.

A son of Mrs. Mary Doherty, 319 Randolph street, the officer went overseas last August and was stationed with Patton's Third army. He previously served 15 months in New Caledonia, returning here in April, 1943 to attend officers candidate school. He was commissioned at Ft. Benning, Ga., in January, 1944.

A graduate of Sacred Heart High school, Waterloo, and Loras college, Dubuque Ia., Lieutenant Doherty was employed by the

Stewart-Simmons Co., before entering service.

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Private Davis, whose wife, Evelyn, resides at 227 Courtlandt street, was released by the British Seventh armored division from the largest prison camp in western Germany, at Fallingbostel, southeast of Bremen.

Mrs. George C. Murphy, 126 Sunset road.

This information, the first definite word Mrs. Doherty has had of her husband since he was reported missing, came in a letter dictated by the lieutenant to

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SR. MARY EUSTELLA IS JAP PRISONER IN CHINESE AREA

Sr. Mary Eustella, 45, Catholic teacher who formerly lived in Cherokee county, is a prisoner of the Japanese at Tsingtao, China, it was learned here Monday.

Sr. Eustella, whose name is Gertrude J. Bush, is listed by the Chicago Tribune as one of 154 United States citizens interned in various Chinese cities.

Mrs. Forrest Campbell of 800 West Cedar street, her sister, said no word has been received from Sr. Eustella since October, 1941, when she was aboard a vessel entering the harbor of Shanghai, China.

Mrs. Campbell asked the American Red Cross to check on her sister last August but so far has received no reply.

Sr. Eustella was superintendent of St. Joseph's Middle School for Girls at Tsingtao. She had been head teacher of the school since before it was completed about 12 years ago.

She was a missionary teacher was born in Cherokee March 23, 1898, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bush and at the age of 17 entered a Catholic convent at Milwaukee, Wis. She went from Milwaukee to Marquette University at Chicago, Ill. She has four brothers and two sisters.

After 10 years in the school at

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bell home here. During her visit here she took time off for a lecture tour in the east. She came back to Cherokee and soon left for the west coast to return to her work. Despite the gathering clouds of war in the orient, Sr. Eustella expressed herself as believing her place was in China with her students no matter what happened and in spite of warnings from the state department to all U.S. citizens to leave, she decided to go back to her work. She left this country September 6, 1941, and arrived in China just a short time before Japan attacked Pearl Harbor and the Pacific war got under way.

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SPIRIT LAKE MAN IS JAP PRISONER

SPIRIT LAKE — Mrs. W. H. Drummond of Washington, D. C., had notified Mrs. Bert Ash of Spirit Lake that her husband, Lt. Col. Hinton Drummond, is a prisoner of war of the Japanese. He had been at Fort McKinley in the Philippines prior to the fall of Corregidor. By coincidence, Mrs. Drummond had learned the news from a returned nurse before she received the war department message. Mrs. Ash is a sister-in-law of Mrs. Drummond. Lt. Col. Drummond was with the medical corps at Fort McKinley and was also on Bataan and Corregidor service.

Herald
Carroll, Iowa

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PFC. Heuton Is Prisoner Of Japanese

Washington (AP)—PFC Wilbur E. Heuton, son of Mrs. Marie Heuton of Carroll, Ia., is one of 334 American soldiers announced by

Courier
Ottumwa, Iowa
MAR 8 1943

Local Nurse A Prisoner In Manilla

Miss Goldie Ames O'Haver, former Ottumwan and a navy nurse who has been missing in the Philippines since Japanese invaded the islands, is known to be a prisoner of the Japanese government.

This information came through Red Cross headquarters here. Miss O'Haver, it was reported, is interned at Camp Santo Tomas, Manila, P. I., and information on her mailing address may be obtained from the Red Cross.

Until this word came it was not known whether the nurse was dead or a prisoner. She had been on



NURSE O'HAYER.

duty at the naval hospital, near the Cavite naval base, an area that was heavily bombed by the Japanese air forces.

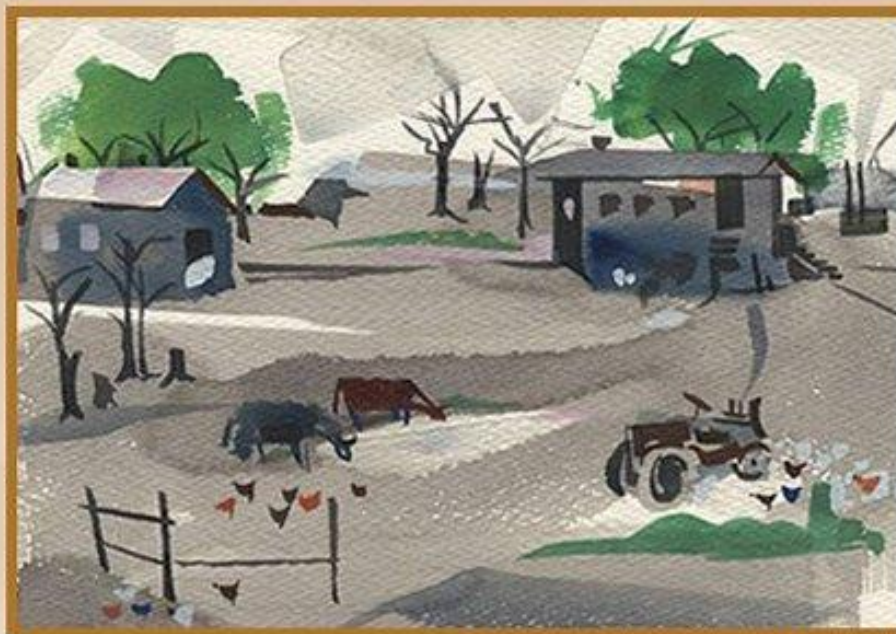
A graduate of St. Joseph hospital in Ottumwa, Miss O'Haver practiced her profession here before entering the service. She went to the Philippines with Miss Thelma Metcalf, also of Ottumwa. Miss Metcalf was en route to this country with a patient at the time the Japs struck a year ago last December and thus escaped Miss O'Haver's fate. She is now stationed at the Great Lakes naval training station hospital, near Chicago.

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1. 1,000 -- and WAACs too -- hear band

2. 1,000 prisoners are added to the Algona camp
- are all ages3. 1,000 WAVES to reside in Bartlett
dormitory4. 1,000 women to open first class Dec.
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5. 1,040 WAVES graduated from campus



6. 1,050 trainees will arrive next Tuesday

7. 1,050 Waves "roll in" at teachers
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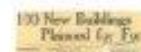
9. 1,200 WAACs stage review



10. 1,300 women pass officer examination

11. 1,500 trainees are slated to arrive
Tuesday12. 1,600 see a premiere and help bond
drive13. \$10 contribution buys 130 pounds of sugar for the
friendship train

14. 10 truckloads of WAAC mail

15. 10 young women for WAAC quota for
Warren Co.16. 10,000 ladies of the Navy will be
trained at T.C.

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Tranquil Concert Scene in Wartime—

1,000--and WAACs Too--Hear Band

—11 From Corps Play Own Parts

The most peaceful place in the community Sunday night probably was that which is closest to the war.

It was the Fort Des Moines army post, where more than 1,000 Des Moines residents gathered on the parade ground lawn to hear the weekly concert by the post band.

Dozens of uniformed men and women were mixed with the crowd. Women's army auxiliary corps members, who are themselves a drawing card for post visitors, mingled with the spectators—and in the band, too.

Originally it was announced that only one WAAC member would play in the concert. Actually 11 appeared, and played in all sections of the band.

The crowd was one of the largest ever to attend a concert at the fort, but peacetime days never found the scene more tranquil. It was cool, and the music carried crystal clear over the post.

Many families attended the concert. They brought quilts, coverlets and Indian blankets and occasionally a few camp stools so that they might sit on the broad grounds. Youngsters occasionally wandered off and parents chased down the parade ground to retrieve them.

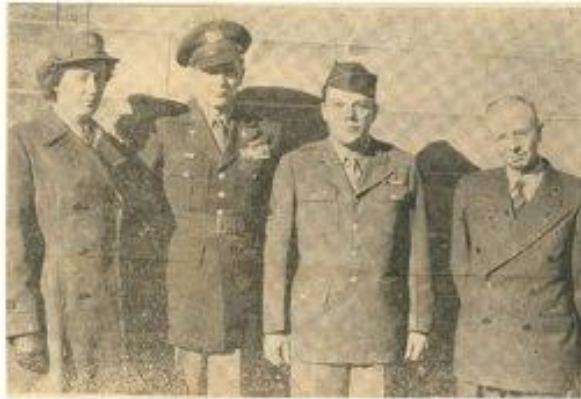
"The WAAC March."

The most enthusiastic applause came with the playing of "The WAAC March," written by Corp. Robert Fiester of Independence, Ia. The song was unofficial, and its reception inspired an encore.





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