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TV PRODUCING 'MILSTRIP'



With production on "Milstrip" (Military Standard Requisition and Issue Procedures) expected to be finished before the Christmas holidays in the Center's Television Division, PFC Gifford Cummings, director of the 12 reel presentation, takes a break in filming to discuss the script with actor-technical advisor Mr. Francis Marsh on set.

The hour and one-half presentation has as military technical advisor, Major Warren Jepson, from the office of Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics.

Mr. Marsh, who has the double duty to perform in producing the film, has been working with the Department of Defense on "Milstrip." He is a noted lecturer in the supply field and is with the Rossford Ordnance Supply Systems field agency of Toledo, Ohio.

Production on "Milstrip" began 27 November.

COL JOHN FETTIG DIES

Colonel John J. Fettig, Special Assistant to the Commanding General, U. S. Army Signal Training Center, Ft. Gordon, Ga., died on December 3 at the Walter Reed Army Hospital.

BOOK REVIEW

THE MYSTERIOUS SEA

by Lester del Rey

There is a strange world circling our sun, virtually right at our doorsteps here in New York, that may be termed appropriately our last frontier. This is the sea, a world of water, lashed by great storms and teeming with monstrous forms of life; and the author presents so many varied and fascinating facts about it that this book threatens to rival the World Almanac as a source of vital yet interesting information.

Mr. del Rey is himself a scientist, but one who can make his subject become alive and hold the interest of the scientific-minded reader. For example, did you know that sea water is the strangest chemical solution in existence? That, but for a series of lucky breaks in the dim distant past, it couldn't even exist? Did you know that great, flat-topped mountains lie far beneath its surface? Or that a hole is to be drilled through the sea bottom, the bedrock of our planet, to tap the fires of the earth's heart to help us learn, after centuries of speculation and guesswork, just how our planet really was made?

Then too, there is an interesting chapter on the dolphin, that sea-going mammal (not a fish) that displays as much intelligence as man—perhaps even more, since it lives in peace with its fellow dolphins. The dolphin has its own built-in sonar, has a language of its own and has been known to be taught to speak English.

The author believes that sea-serpents probably exist in the form of a species of gigantic eel, that life originated in the sea, that as the earth's climate gradually gets warmer the polar icecaps will melt and that the water will cover much of the land that is dry today.

Why speculate on trips to Mars when this vast unexplored area is still to be investigated? A careful reading of this book will prove extremely thought provoking while at the same time increase your knowledge of natural history. Not to be undertaken lightly. (GBS)

COLLEGE GRADUATES CAN APPLY FOR

DIRECT REGULAR ARMY COMMISSIONS

Are you an engineer, pharmacist, educator, bacteriologist, or chemist? College graduates possessing degrees in these or in 140 other technical specialties, ranging from engineering to administration, may apply for a direct appointment in the regular Army if they meet the eligibility requirements outlined in Army Regulation 601-100, Section 6, according to a recent Department of the Army announcement.

It should be noted that regular Army commissions are open to all qualified persons under this program.

Interested persons can contact the military personnel office for further information.

If 50 million people say a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing.

Col. Bellusci Assumes Executive Officer Duties

Lt Col Frank P. Bellusci has assumed the duties of Executive Officer following the recent retirement of Lt Col Earl E. Bennetts, moving over to the main building from 48th Street where he was Chief of the Supply Office.



Col Bellusci came to the Center from Japan, where he performed Signal supply duties at the Yokohama Depot and the Sugami Base. During World War II he served in the European Theatre of operations and collected an impressive number of campaign stars on his ETO ribbon.

The new "Exec" comes to Headquarters with the reputation of one who gets things done quickly and well, and his impress already is being felt.

Post Yuletide Party Friday

Traditional Yuletide scenes and decorations compose the orders of the day 22 December when an expected large crowd takes over the Center cafeteria for the sixth annual post-wide Christmas party.

Mrs. Dorothy Kandel, Studio Branch, Production Division secretary, who is in charge of the party, relates there will be a four-piece combo from the First Army area for the dancing enjoyment of those attending.

Time for the party is from 1200 hours until 1600 hours.

A drawing for attendance awards is scheduled for one of the highlights of the affair.

Prior to 1956 when the post-wide party was initiated, individual offices or branches would conduct their own parties.

APC BOWLING LEAGUE

NOW IN FULL SWING

Competition stiffens as the Center's bowling league swings into full steam prior to the expected Christmas and New Year's holiday lag in activities.

The Chowhounds continue to keep their lead in the Tuesday night league at the 34th Avenue Bowling Alley with a total of 42 points won, six points ahead of the second place team.

This all military team is composed of seven non-commissioned officers from the Center.

Members of the Chowhounds and their individual averages are: Sgt (E-5) David C. St. Pierre, 146; MSgt (E-7) Percy D. Ricks, Jr., 162; SFC (E-6) Donat J. Gouin, 157; SFC (E-6) Edmond N. DeLage, 131; First Sgt (E-8) Vito D. Bove, Jr., 163; SFC (E-7) Orville L. Ferguson, 130; and SFC (E-6) Walter L. Roeder, 150.

The other 15 teams and their standings in the fast paced league are: Clip Clops, 36; Tee Vees, 35; Pinheads, 34; Utilities, 34; the Spoilers, 29; the Follies, 29; the Wheels, 28½; the Sleepers, 26; Tyros, 23; Repairs, 23; Atta Babies, 21; the Rollers, 18; the Outcasts, 12½; and the Astro-nuts, 12.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS EXTENDED TO APC PERSONNEL FROM KENNEDY, DECKER, RANDLE

As Commander-on-Chief and as the representative of the American people whom you serve so well, I send you Christmas greetings for 1961. All the nation looks to the spirit, courage and determination of our Armed Forces in support of peace and freedom.

May you find joy and satisfaction during the Christmas season in the love and faith of your families and your countrymen.

John F. Kennedy
President

New Time Slot For BIG PICTURE

Effective Sunday, 21 January, a new time slot for THE BIG PICTURE series will begin for New York television viewers. The show will be seen from 11:30 p.m. to midnight on WPIX-TV.

First show in the new time slot will be "Caribbean Command." Previously the production has been telecast on Saturday at 11 a.m.

To all who serve the Army in its global mission in the defense of freedom, I extend heartfelt good wishes for a joyous Christmas and successful New Year.

With full appreciation of the hardships you endure and the sacrifices that you and your families are making each day, I commend you for your loyalty and devotion to duty. You have contributed significantly to the preservation of liberty and you have won the undying gratitude of all who revere the dignity of man.

As the holiday season approaches, I would hope for each of you that the bountiful blessings of our way of life will endow you generously and that the new year will again favor us with "Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will."

G. H. Decker
General, U.S. Army
Chief of Staff

Once again it gives me a deep and sincere feeling of personal satisfaction to extend hearty holiday greetings to all the military and civilian members of this command and their families. My thoughts are with you as we enter this joyous season with its merry making, giving of gifts and intimate home ties.

I feel we may review with pardonable pride our progress and achievements of the year now ending. As the result of your best efforts, professional skill and increased teamwork our mission has been accomplished with distinction, and I congratulate you on a job well done. By working together with this same spirit, I am confident that we shall enjoy even greater success in the coming year.

Please accept my best personal wishes for a most enjoyable Christmas and a bright, prosperous New Year, with good health and happiness for all of you and your families.

Robert B. Randle
Lt. Col., Signal Corps
Commanding

SEASONAL VISIT DELIGHTS YOUNGSTERS AT PARTY



(Photo by Sp-5 Ronald Partain)

The rooms of the Enlisted Men's Club at Mitchel Field rang out with the laughter and merriment of nearly 500 children. Sons and daughters of Armed Forces personnel residing in metropolitan New York frolicked at a gala Christmas party. Tykes of all ages enjoyed tricks of a magician, sang along merrily to an accordion playing seasonal songs, and screamed joyfully for the arrival of Santa Claus. The excitement proved too much for some who exercised their lungs by crying. Once quieted down by a harassed Marine sergeant, (pictured above with children and Santa) officers of each Armed Forces branch, including Lt. Col. Robert B. Randle, Commander of APC, drew lucky tickets for prizes. All merrymakers were given gifts by Santa at the end of the party. A highlight of the affair was the recording by Pvt. Jorgen Jorgensen, of the Center's TV Division, of children's voices saying hello and Merry Christmas to fathers overseas, unable to return for the holidays. The party was under the sponsorship of the Third Naval District.

FRED KELLY ASSUMES DUTIES

AS BART STAFFORD RETIRES



Bart Lanier Stafford, second from right, is commended by Lt. Col. Robert B. Randle, Commander of APC, right, upon his retirement from 20 years of Federal Civil Service. Stafford was Research Librarian prior to his retirement. He is replaced by Fred Kelly. Looking on are Lt. Col. James Malone, Chief of Production Division, and William Brown, Deputy Chief of Production Division.

A 'THANK YOU' TO LT. LAGANA

As his parting gift to the Center prior to shipment overseas, Lt. John J. Lagana, Jr., has contributed another of his excellent art works to be used on the front cover of "In Focus" this month. The cover he painted last year attracted universal commendation and, at the request of the Editor, he agreed to provide the beautiful scene of the Nativity for this issue at a great sacrifice of his personal time. "In Focus," on behalf of the post as a whole, extends sincere thanks and best wishes for a successful tour of duty at his new station.

OVERSEAS FORCES TREATED TO YULETIDE ENTERTAINMENT

Again this Yuletide holiday season American armed forces overseas will be treated to professional stateside entertainment as more than 100 entertainers, including Bob Hope, Danny Kaye, and Roy Acuff exhibit their talents during special shows planned by the USO.

Edwin E. Bond, national director for the private, non-profit organization, has declared that in addition to the shows, 26 USO clubs overseas have planned special holiday programs to make this season memorable for the servicemen abroad.

Part of this program, he said, included some 2,000 free telephone calls via commercial trans-oceanic communications carriers for servicemen to talk with their loved ones here in the United States.

New Policies Announced On Reserve Unit Assignments

New policies regarding mandatory assignment to a reserve unit of active Army enlistees or reservists who entered service on or after April 1, 1957, have been announced by the Department of the Army.

Those being released from two years of active duty may, at any time prior to the fifth anniversary of their initial entry on active duty, be mandatorily assigned to a unit.

However, they will not be required to serve involuntarily more than two years and after the two years will be transferred to the standby reserve.

Anniversary Transfers

If not sooner transferred to the standby reserve, they will be transferred on the fifth anniversary of their initial entry to active duty.

Upon release from three years active duty as a reservist or a member of the Regular Army, an individual may not be mandatorily assigned to a unit.

He may volunteer for a minimum of one year unit duty and at completion of the year be transferred to the standby reserve.

If a reservist, excepting those who serve four years active duty, is placed in the Ready Reserve Mobilization Reinforcement Pool (RRMRP) upon release from active duty, his ready reserve obligation will be until the total of his active duty and ready reserve time is five years.

Ready Reserve Status

Transfers to the standby reserve for the two and three year active duty members will not be made if the reservist elects to stay in the ready reserve and executes the appropriate DA contract to remain in that status.

In the case of persons serving four years of active duty as reservists or as members of the Regular Army, they may not be mandatorily assigned to a unit or the RRMRP.

Such service will be entirely voluntarily on their part.

HARTZER WINS TRIP HOME



Pfc James Hartzer, (r) assistant director on TV Division's production of "Milstrip" (Military Standard Requisition and Issue Procedures) is interviewed by Pvt Loren Tate of the Information Office, after being notified of his selection for a free trip home (Chicago) through the USO's "Project Reindeer". The USO, through the goodness of their hearts, are sending a serviceman from every military installation in the First Army area, who would not be able to do so because of finances, home for Christmas. Hartzer is in the process of writing a thesis, entitled, "Quality Improvements in TV Film Recording at U. S. Army Pictorial Center" for his Master's Degree.

COL BENNETTS RETIRES



After more than 20 years of Federal service, Lt Col Earl E. Bennetts, Executive Officer (foreground), 'Presents Arms' for the last time, during the retirement ceremonies recently held in his honor in the rear of Building #24. Personnel of the Troop Command and employees of the Center attended the ceremonies. Members of the Color Guard are (l to r) Pfc Calvin Fraley, SSgt William Wright, Sp-5 Clarence Greene and Sp-4 Herbert Coulthard.

ARMY SAYS GOODBYE TO MESS HALL TIN TRAYS

The Army has announced the approval of dishes to replace the 20-year old compartmentalized trays in mess halls.

The announcement was greeted with what could be called much skepticism. Like most changes made by the Army, there will be a pro and con.

One ex-mess sergeant was overheard as saying, "Where I only had to worry about one 'tin tray', I will now have to keep a count on dinner plates, cups and saucers, bread and butter plates, soup bowls, tumblers, sauce plates and trays to carry all of those dishes."

The men who "pull K-P", think about all of the extra dishes that must be washed.

There are some who feel, "The use of tempered glass for dishes is more hygienic and easier to clean and sterilize."

Increases Morale

Still, there are some who argue, "The use of dishes instead of trays, is a definite factor in increasing the soldier's morale and the enjoyment of his meal."

While official sanction for use of dishes instead of trays is new, many units have bought glass, china, or plastic dinnerware with unit funds and used them, keeping trays on hand to meet inspection requirements for property accounting.

For years now, the Air Force has been using a mixed set-up, with both trays and dishes. The Marine Corps is the only one, out of the four services, that provides dishes in its mess halls.

'Chowhounds' Affected

The "Chowhounds" are really the only ones that will really be affected. Where they had to make two trips with a tray, they will have to go four times with a plate. The extra walk might help in holding down the bulging waistlines.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE FORMED

IN CITY AREA FOR ARMY PERSONNEL

A First U. S. Army Legal Assistance Office, under the direction of Lt Col William H. Fickes of Newport, Pa., has been established at Governors Island to aid members of the Army and their dependents living in metropolitan New York area on legal matters. In addition to advising the military as to their rights, Army attorneys will draft wills and contracts and, in cases of litigation in court, refer personnel to local bar associations through which the services of volunteer civilian attorneys may be procured. The office is located on Governors Island in Bldg. 400, Section B, 2d floor. Telephone: Whitehall 4-7700; Ext: 2577 or 4287.

Today 50 per cent of Government employees are engaged in work that was unknown prior to World War II.

PAY RAISE PLANS STARTED BY CLASSIFIED, POSTAL WORKERS; SUPPORT PLEDGED BY KENNEDY

Plans for a pay raise drive by postal and classified employee unions have been laid which, representatives declare, will be the most intensive drive ever staged.

Chances for a successful drive appear good, mainly because of a recent presidential veto in Washington, D. C.

President John F. Kennedy's veto of a postal longevity pay bill reportedly obligates his administration to support a reasonable general pay raise for postal workers next year.

This would appear good for classified employees since, in the past, they have realized pay raises when wages for postal workers were increased.

President Kennedy, in effect, has pledged administration support of such pay adjustments with his statement:

"The classified and postal pay structures, including the longevity and within-grade provisions are in need of extensive revisions, and will receive the sympathetic consideration of this administration, with recommendations to be forthcoming at the next session of Congress. The reforms needed are fundamental and sweeping..."

Government Reminds Aliens To Report Addresses In January

The Immigration and Naturalization Act requires all aliens in the United States and its possessions on January 1 of each year, with few exceptions, to report their addresses to the Attorney General during the month of January.

Aliens temporarily absent from the United States during the month of January must report their addresses within 10 days of their return to this country.

Cards with which this report can be made are available at any U. S. Post Office during January and at offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at any time. The cards should be filled out and returned to the clerk from whom received.

Willful failure to submit the report may lead to serious penalties, such as fine, imprisonment and/or deportation. Compliance with this requirement is of importance to all aliens in the Armed Forces of the United States and to members of the Army having relatives who are not citizens but residents of this country.

WEST PLEDGES BERLIN DEFENSE

"The Western powers have calmly resolved to defend, by whatever means are forced upon them, their obligations and their access to the free citizens of Western Berlin and the self-determination of those citizens. This generation learned from bitter experience that either brandishing or yielding to threats can only lead to war. But firmness and reason can lead to the kind of peaceful solution in which my country profoundly believes." (President John F. Kennedy, Address to the United Nation General Assembly, 25 September 1961).

EARLY PRESENT

APC Entry Awarded Honor At International Film Exhibition

The Center has received an early Christmas present in the notification that one of its films has won honorable mention at the Sixth International Exhibition of Scientific - Didactic Films at Padua University.

"Mouth to Mouth and Mouth to Nose Resuscitation" was the APC entry awarded this honor, according to a letter from the Exhibition signed by Flavia Paulon, secretary, with the comment that the production was "received with great interest by the specialized audience."

Efficient Illustration

"The international jury awarded an Honorable Mention to the film with the following Motivation: 'For the efficient illustration of and important system of artificial breathing most suitable for divulgation.' The diploma issued in this connection will be sent to you in the near future.

"We have to ask if you will kindly consent to allow us to keep the print, as foreseen by the regulations, in deposit in the film library of the University, for eventual showings to special audiences in the realm of the University."

War Buddies

As an interesting sidelight, three of the people who helped to make this film were members of the same Army outfit in the South Pacific during World War II, Frank Payne, project officer; Jack White, director, and Charlie Hemingway, special effects.

PENTAGON RULES OUT CHRISTMAS 'EARLY OUTS' FOR ARMY SHORT TIMERS

Hopes of APC "short timers" for an early out before the Christmas season have waned as the result of a ruling from the Department of Defense.

Spokesmen of the department have notified all service secretaries there will be no special Christmas early releases this year.

The ruling effects personnel whose term of service was due to expire in late December or early January.

Cause of the suspension was related by defense spokesmen to be current efforts to increase and strengthen the armed forces.

Department officials have stressed the suspension applies only to those who would have received early releases because of the holidays.

It does not revoke the normal authority of the service secretaries to release personnel early under certain other circumstances.

FORMER APC OFFICER KILLED IN CRASH OF PRIVATE PLANE

Belated notice of the death of Lt Raymond Hemmersmier, who was assigned to the Center approximately six years ago, has been received here by SFC Alzen Floyd, Camera Branch. The notification from the parents of the deceased officer contained no details except that Lt Hemmersmier was killed on June 20, 1960, in the crash of a private plane.

Keys To Good Position Description: Simplicity, Brevity, Clarity



The two replies by the employee in the cartoon give exactly the same information.

In conversation, anybody who digs ditches is likely to say simply "I dig ditches." If he were describing it as a duty in a position description, however, and followed the pattern of some Federal employees, a strange temporary madness would descend upon him and he would write, "I wield assorted manual implements of entrenchment, etc.," or something even worse. (Yes, it is possible to get worse - any classifier can show you several examples in a moment.)

Why? Are these people ashamed of speaking good English? Even ditch dig-



gers can - and many, in fact, do speak better English than some Ph.D's. As it happens, "I dig ditches" is a perfectly good English sentence. More than that, it is classically good. It is grammatical; it is short; it conveys a complete thought clearly; it has simplicity and cadence; and every word in it stems from the purest Teutonic. No writer of distinction, from William Shakespeare to William Faulkner, would be ashamed to admit that it sprang from his pen, and anybody that has any right at all to claim that he can speak the language can understand it. It is, in fact, not possible to write a better one.

TECH MAIN KEEPS WHEELS TURNING TO MOVE FILM THROUGHOUT CENTER

At APC, some five million feet of film is processed each month. To reach that mark, many wheels must turn many times. This month In FOCUS visited the Technical Maintenance Branch of Service Division, which is responsible for making those wheels continue their endless turning.

Technical Maintenance

The Technical Maintenance (Tech Main) shops support all types of pictorial equipment in use at APC, including field maintenance on equipment received from other agencies, to include the Marine Corps, Redstone Arsenal, the Pentagon, the Atomic Energy Commission and others.

The shops perform such services as, maintenance of equipment (which is continuous at APC), design, construction and modification of equipment.

Tech Main is divided into two sections, Mechanical Maintenance and Electronic Maintenance.

Mechanical Maintenance

The Mechanical Maintenance Section is headed by Lawrence Glennon, Chief, Tech Main, a Mechanical Engineer. The Electronic Maintenance Section is under the supervision of James Kennedy, Deputy Chief, Tech Main, an Electrical Engineer.

In the Mechanical Section are the Camera Repair Shop, Machine Shop and Laboratory Maintenance Shop.

The Camera Repair Shop provides services for Camera Branch, PE&IO and TV Division, plus outside agencies. In repairing a camera and a part is not in stock or cannot be purchased, the shop will go to work and make the necessary part. Thus saving time that would be wasted while waiting for shipment.

Machine Shop

In the Machine Shop, services are provided for all elements of APC. The shop is presently cleaning and modifying motion picture developing machines to be installed in the motion picture labs.

The Laboratory Maintenance Shop performs maintenance on all motion picture laboratory processing and printing equipment.

The Electrical Maintenance Section is composed of the Sound Maintenance Shop, Projector Repair or Maintenance Shop and the Electrical Shop.

The Sound Maintenance Shop maintains, repairs, modifies and installs all studio sound channels recording and recording equipment.

Projector Repair

The Projector Repair Shop is responsible for and maintains, repairs, modifies and installs projection and editing facilities and equipment utilized in production and library activities.

The Electrical Shop installs all pictorial lighting equipment (other

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James Kennedy, Deputy Chief, Technical Maintenance, Electrical Maintenance Section (left), Lawrence Glennon, Chief, Technical Maintenance, and Harry Novak, Administrative Clerk, are some of the few men at the Center that actually thrive on other people's problems (pictorial equipment, not finances). At Tech Main, whenever modification ideas are spoken of, they become a reality if they are feasible. Work is presently being done on equipment on a drawing board that is expected to increase the output of film drying greatly. After an idea leaves the drawing board it might go into the Machine Shop for construction, but before it is completed, many changes will be made to improve the performance.

(Photo by Pfc Charles Taylor)

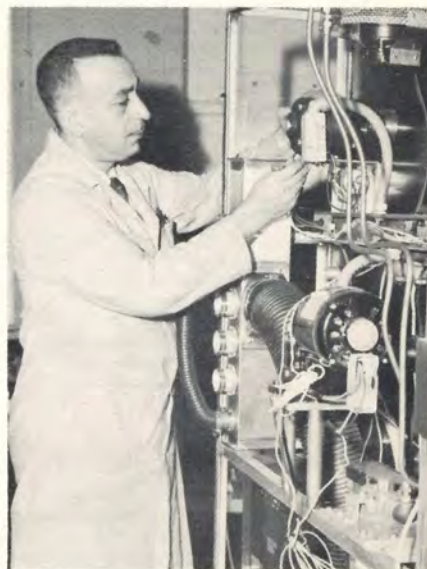


Michael Bedry, Camera Repair, Tech Main Section, is one of the men in the Camera Repair Shop that knows all of the cameramen at the Center by their first name. Bedry a good man on the Mitchell, is also good turning a few threads.

than stage lighting) and all types of pictorial equipment requiring electrical work.

With that brief run down of the shops in Tech Main, it is evident that in some way, all sections at the Center come in contact with the product of Technical Maintenance.

Movement of film through the Center depends on wheels and the men at Tech Main, keep the wheels turning.



Sal Speciale, Machine Shop (above) is making some final adjustments on an Ultra Senic film cleaning machine designed and made in the Tech Main Branch. The machine emits inaudible sounds that can clean film at better than 250 feet per minute. The men in the Machine Shop are also in the process of constructing two continuous printing machines that can handle both the 35 and 32mm film.

TECH MAIN (Contd)



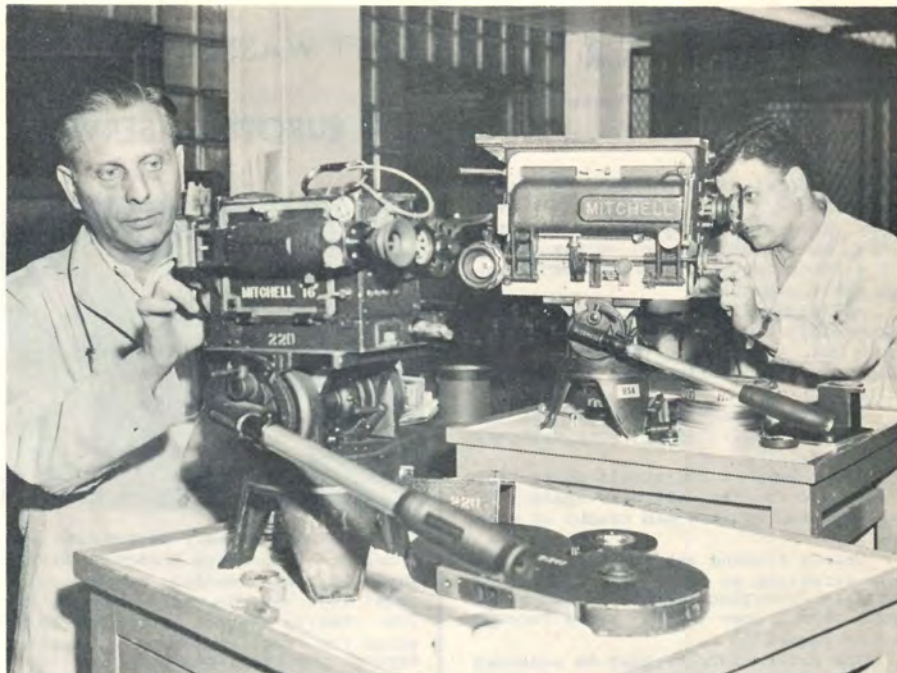
Howard Bahlburg, Laboratory Maintenance, is making his daily rounds in the Quality Control Room in Lab Branch, to check out some of the equipment maintained by his section. Bahlburg is a photo equipment repairman.



The men pictured above, Don Materdomini, James Dipp, and James Pennachio, Shop Foreman of the Machine Shop, Tech Main, are in the process of repairing film cleaning squeegee to be used in motion picture developing machines, to be installed in the Motion Picture Laboratory at the Center.



John Jorgensen (standing) and Frederick Frintrup are putting the finishing touch on two newly acquired 35mm Magnetic Recorders to be used in the sound recording room. The new recorders can record and play back, whereas the old ones could not. The two machines above will replace six of the "primitive" types, of which three are still in use.



Louis Delfino (left) and George Anello, working on two Mitchell cameras, are the cameraman's best friend at the Center. The men in Camera Repair are constantly conducting preventive maintenance on the cameras at the Center to try and prevent a loss of time because of a break down. In the event of a break down on any of the cameras, repairs are made immediately if parts are available. If parts are not available, the men have the skill and the necessary machines to make duplicates and modifications. Before a camera leaves the Center for a frigid area, the men in the repair shop must adapt it for the climate and put it in operational order by placing it in a specially constructed 'Ice Box' that can go down to sixty degrees below zero.



In Projector Maintenance and Repair Shop, Matt Keehan (left), is the 'Sound Man' and Norman Kessel is the 'Picture Man'. Together the two men maintain and repair some 24 projectors throughout the Center, they also maintain the Moviolas at the Center and make necessary repairs for the Marine Corps in the Metropolitan area. They design projection equipment for special usage and put on Projection shows for all requesting government agencies. Both men have been on the job for more than 19 years each.

LENSE CAP

BY clarence 'SCOOP' greene

A couple of issues ago, we ran a joke about a Civil Service Clerk Typist. The whole thing started out as a joke, but turned out to be the answer to a clerk typist dream and the average man's ambition.

All along I knew that my job as Editor of In FOCUS was only a temporary one, but after being there for a few issues, I had really begun to like the place.

Recently a new man walked into the office and said, "Scoop, your days are numbered."

Right away I saw myself doing the "stockade shuffle" all over again. It seemed as if my past had caught up with me.

Before finding out what the fellow was arresting me for, we sat down and started "chatting." We became so relaxed, that I knew that I had a "scoop" on my hands.

The fellow told me that he attended Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, majoring in pre-med, attended the University of Hawaii, graduated from Woodbury College, Los Angeles, Calif., with a Bachelor Degree in Journalism, minoring in advertising. The guy was also City Editor of Inglewood, Calif., Daily News.

His hobbies, he told me, included traveling, the legitimate theatre, creative writing, water skiing, playing the piano, clarinet and bass clarinet. He even attended school in Eunice, New Mexico, where his parents still reside.

After that spiel, I thought "This guy is out to knock me for the CO's Trophy."

He told me that I could have the Trophy, as he wasn't interested in the least.

Suddenly it dawned on me, "My Silver Airborne Wings."

I jumped into a desk drawer and closed it after me and yelled, "Take my NCO Club Card, but not my Wings."

I awoke on the floor beside my bunk the morning after the last company party with Loren Tate standing over me assuring me that he was going to replace me, and the things that I had been dreaming were true.

Major Yeldell Earns Masters



Major Thomas J. Yeldell, left, Provost Marshal, is congratulated by Lt. Col. Robert B. Randle, Post Commander, for receiving his Masters Degree in Guidance and Personnel Administration from New York University.

CAPT WASSER HONORED ON EUROPEAN SERVICE



Captain Roy Wasser, second from left, Chief of Laboratory Branch, Service Division, was awarded a commendation medal this month by Col. Robert B. Randle. During special ceremonies he was cited for distinguishing "himself by meritorious service while serving as officer in charge, Motion Picture and Editorial Section, 69th Signal Company (Photo) in Europe. He was responsible for producing motion pictures about the countries in Europe. Lt. Col. Robert Nothdurft, Chief of Service Division, left, and Leonard Pace, right, Deputy Chief, Service Division, watch.

PERFORMANCE PAYS



Conscientious devotion to duty and "sustained superior performance" have paid off in cash awards for two employees at the Center, Mrs. Sandra Jacobs, left, Service Division, and Victor Petitto, right, of the supply office, are congratulated by Col. Robert B. Randle, post commander, after being presented with checks totaling \$100 each. Frank Crema and Sam Salzer, of the Service Division, were awarded \$7.50 each for a suggestion accepted by the Post. They were unable to attend ceremonies in the Command Office.

ARMY 'PIPELINE' ON THE MOVE

42% of our Army is stationed abroad and each year 200,000 come home and must be replaced. So, on an average day, year in and out, the Army has 16,000 men on the move. This is what is called the "pipeline."

Finances Fouled Up?

HOW TO ESTABLISH A BUDGET

If your finances seem all fouled up, ask yourself this simple question. "What caused me to get into this mess in the first place?"

If your answer is---"Because there never is enough money at the right time"--you probably need to establish a realistic budget.

As a serviceman, you are on a fixed salary. You know how much it is and when you will get it. You also know there are certain obligations or payments that roll around regularly that must be paid.

Regulate Income

The Legal Assistance Division in the Army's Judge Advocate General's office points out that millions of Americans regulate their income and outgo with a budget.

The pitfall and attendant money troubles come, officials say, when installment buying is over-extended, and when there is no provision for the future through savings, or failure to allow for unexpected expenses.

Here are some suggestions to help you keep the creditors away from your door:

Actual Record

* A budget and record of actual spending should be kept to enable you to know what and how much you can buy.

* Buy only what you can really afford. When tempted by the old slogan "buy now, pay later," carefully consider "later," for there may be more important needs for your money at the time.

* Read any contract you sign.

* Deal with businesses that have a good reputation in the community.

* Try to save now for future needs and desired products.

If you do this you can buy for cash, with no interest to worry about. By careful planning your future purchases will cost you far less than if you had to buy on time.

OFFICERS ELECT CLUB BOARD



The Center's Officers Open Mess held the annual election for Board of Governors and officers this month. They are, from left, Capt Laurence Souville, Capt Herbert Hill, club secretary, Capt Frank Hursey, Capt James Lane, Major Harry Fair, board president, CWO Joseph Downs, Leonard Pace, Capt Robert Vaughn, Major James Harrington, Lt Bernard Sweeney, and Lt Glen Wilfert, board secretary.