

WAF Among Recent Enlistees Here

The army and air force recruiting office at O'Neill has announced the following recent enlistments.

For regular army: Arlo L. Hoefler of Elgin, Harold P. Clausen of Wausa and Frank B. Cerny of Verdigr.

For regular army (special assignments): Donald D. Kackneister of Ainsworth, to the paratroops; Jack L. Lambrecht of Johnstown, to stenographer school; Dwight H. Hallock of Springview, to army helicopter mechanics school; Joseph W. Richards of Bassett, to baking school; Danny D. Shearer of Creighton, to the engineers; Jerry D. Smith of Creighton, to the engineers; James O. Smith of Creighton, to the military police. These men were sent of Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., for processing.

For the air force: Willard D. Branstiter of Niobrara, James D. Foss of Crookston, Ray F. McNally of Bloomfield, James B. Ryan of O'Neill, William J. Gue-rue of Valentine, Naomi A. Thornton of Santee. These enlistees were sent to Lackland air force base, near San Antonio, Tex., for processing, training and assignment.

Ray McNally is an aviation cadet applicant and Naomi Thornton enlisted in the women's air force.

Mrs. Gallagher Hostess—Delta Dek was entertained by Mrs. E. M. Gallagher with dinner at the M&M followed by bridge at her home last Thursday evening. Mrs. Mabel McKenna and Mrs. Homer Mullen had the evening high scores.

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Planning fun for GI's is fun for Red Cross girls, too. This is a workshop (above) of the ARC billet at the IX corps rest center in Korea. O'Neill's "Lu" Birmingham (left), unit head, casts an

approving eye on a Valentine game between Miss Gwennell Schuphalm of Long Island, N.Y. (seated) and Miss Elizabeth Shradler of La Canada, Calif.—ARC Photo by Moore.

Winners Named—Jeudi club was entertained last Thursday evening by Mrs. John Watson. Bridge at her home followed the dinner at the M&M cafe. Mrs. Winnie Barger and Mrs. L. R. Sutcliffe had the high scores for the evening.

To Rochester—Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Burgess left Saturday for Rochester, Minn., to visit their daughter, Joanne. Doctor Burgess returned to O'Neill the first part of the week. Mrs. Burgess will remain in Rochester for a week.

'Powder Puff Patrol' Is Rough

KOREA — The GI's call them the "powder puff patrol", but there nothing fragile about the American Red Cross clubmobile girls who ride the rutted roads and bounce along the mountain trails of Korea.

Traveling in teams of two or three, these 91 American girls make regular escorted visits to isolated outposts where our men still are sweating it out as a part of the United Nations military forces in Korea. Miss Mary Lou

ise ("Lu") Birmingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Birmingham of O'Neill, is unit head for the 40th division's clubmobile.

It may take two weeks for the girls to make a complete circuit of visits—but they take the discomforts in stride. They organize games, sketching groups, group singing, handicrafts and other leisure time activities—and just visit.

The clubmobile girl's job is rough. It takes stamina. That stamina these young American women have in largemeasure.

Their reward? To see the look of pleased surprise, a big grin of greeting—a warm acceptance as part of the gang. That's reward enough for these young women, who work around the clock, bearing and sharing the rough life of our men in far-away places.

Excerpts from letters written by Lu to her parents are reproduced in the following paragraphs: Today I served salad in a partially completed mess hall. It had begun to snow and the ground around us was a regular sea of red ooze; rather like stepping in glue. The fellows just looked and stared. Most of them hadn't seen an American girl for many months. They are all so very kind.

These last two days are days I'll never forget. Big, gruff GI's wrapping tiny presents for Korean orphans... the wonderful love that these men who deal in death and destruction have for the littlest members of God's family is a beautiful sight.

Bit by bit, the unit is getting organized. We are on the road from 10 a.m., until 8:30 or 9 p.m. We make three stops, do a lot of traveling and talking to the fellows.

One of the most interesting things: Both General Hickey and General Barringer served under the late Col. F. M. Brennan at Ft. Leavenworth, Kans., back in the good old days. I kept telling them the people from O'Neill get around!

We've been going at a fairly good pace, but not the exhausting one we had before and after the holidays. Even now eight hours a day are a thing of the past, but I really love it.

The spring rains have begun and there are no vehicles on the road, including our clubmobile. So we 24 girls spent today in the quonset hut trying to catch leaks with five-gallon juice cans. The inconveniences that we now take for an everyday matter will be quite funny when we get home.

For example: The leaks in the roof. I woke up this morning with a puddle the size of Meadow Lark lake on the blanket. Glad the blankets are thick enough to repel the water.

The stoves have a habit of going out and that makes getting up a little cold.

The mud... that is a differ-

ent matter. It's like putting your foot into a large dishpan full of chocolate pudding—only not as tasty.

I've been busy these last few days trying to get a new schedule ready to roll. (Editor's note: Miss Birmingham is a unit leader and is in charge of a certain number of girls.) As it is, we are working about 11 to 12 hours a day with a lot of mileage rolled up. We travel anywhere from 40 to 90 miles a day, and over these roads it's quite a jaunt. When the girls come in at night, they're dead. All of this travel certainly takes the starch out of them. But now that we're planning to start earlier in the day, I hope it will be easier for them. The job that the girls are doing is simply wonderful. I'm sure their parents would be very proud of them.

Another day, and here we are, stopped, because of rain. It doesn't seem as though the sky will ever empty and they say that the rainy season hasn't started yet. The fellows, who are stationed here, are going to try to set up a movie for tonight. It would be a welcome treat.

Today for the first time, the sun came out, peaking its little head over the mountain and then scurrying for cover in the black clouds. It is supposed to rain again tonight. Just my luck, for I moved my bed back and cleaned the room.

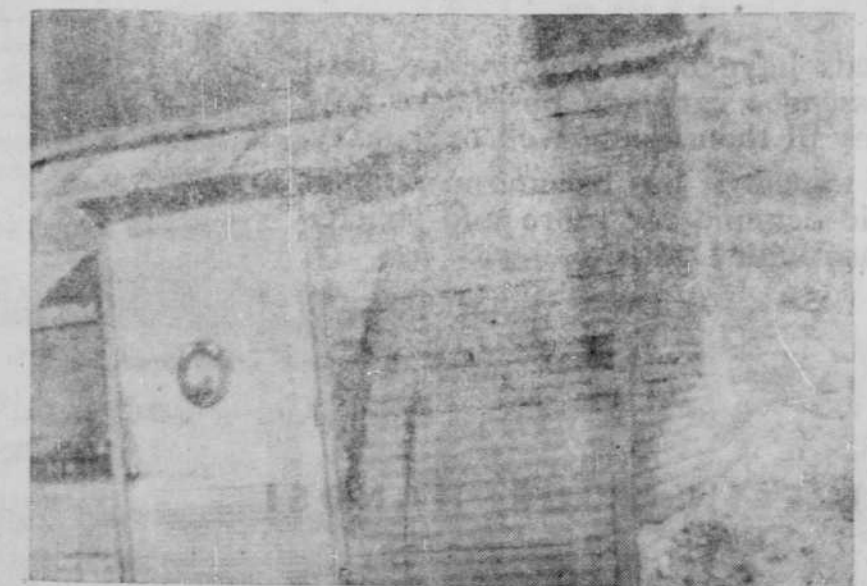
Tell Mrs. A. C. Miller of Atkinson that I saw Bill. He's well and healthy and looks forward to going home.

I'm still busy from dawn to dusk and still love my work. I have the 2 to 4 o'clock in the morning fire watch and then a 60-mile jeep trip to take, so will close.

Love,
LU



"Lu" Birmingham poses with Korean wife... GIs give kids yule gifts.



Crab-green quonset... home for ARC girls.

Emmet News

Miss Mary Belle O'Connor, a nurse at St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha, is spending the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James O'Connor.

Mrs. Charles Abart spent Wednesday afternoon, March 24, visiting Mrs. Wayne Bates and family.

Mrs. Rodney Livings and daughter, Jan, of Sioux City returned home on Friday after spending two weeks visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bates and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Kee of Emmet.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fritton called on Mrs. Emma Maring and sons Tuesday afternoon, March 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tomlinson of Grand Island, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tomlinson and Veldon of Star, Mr. and Mrs. Max Grenier, Mrs. Mabel Tomlinson and Albert and Marlene Sipes of O'Neill spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Fox and Barbara.

Mrs. Bob Cole entertained the following guests at her home on Friday afternoon: Mrs. Dewey Schaffer, Mrs. Larry Schaffer and son, Dewey, Mrs. Bud Cole and children, Mrs. Guy Cole, Mrs. George Cook and children and Mrs. Georgiana McGinnis. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Beckwith and son, Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Puckett and Mrs. Alex McConnell were Sunday, March 21, visitors at the Georgiana McGinnis home.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cole went to Omaha Monday to see Mrs. Alice Bridges, who entered St. Joseph's hospital for surgery on Tuesday, March 23.

Mrs. Joe Ziska called on Mrs. Emma Maring Tuesday afternoon, March 23.

Mrs. Bob Cole and sons attended a birthday party given by Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Ramsey of Atkinson in honor of the birthday anniversary of their son, Jackie, on Monday, March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pease and family moved back to their farm from their home in O'Neill on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Fernau of Redbird moved to the Henry Patterson ranch Tuesday, March 23, where they have employment.

Donald Skopec, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Skopec, celebrated his 10th birthday anniversary Wednesday, March 24, with a party at home that evening. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Yusten of O'Neill and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Skopec, jr.

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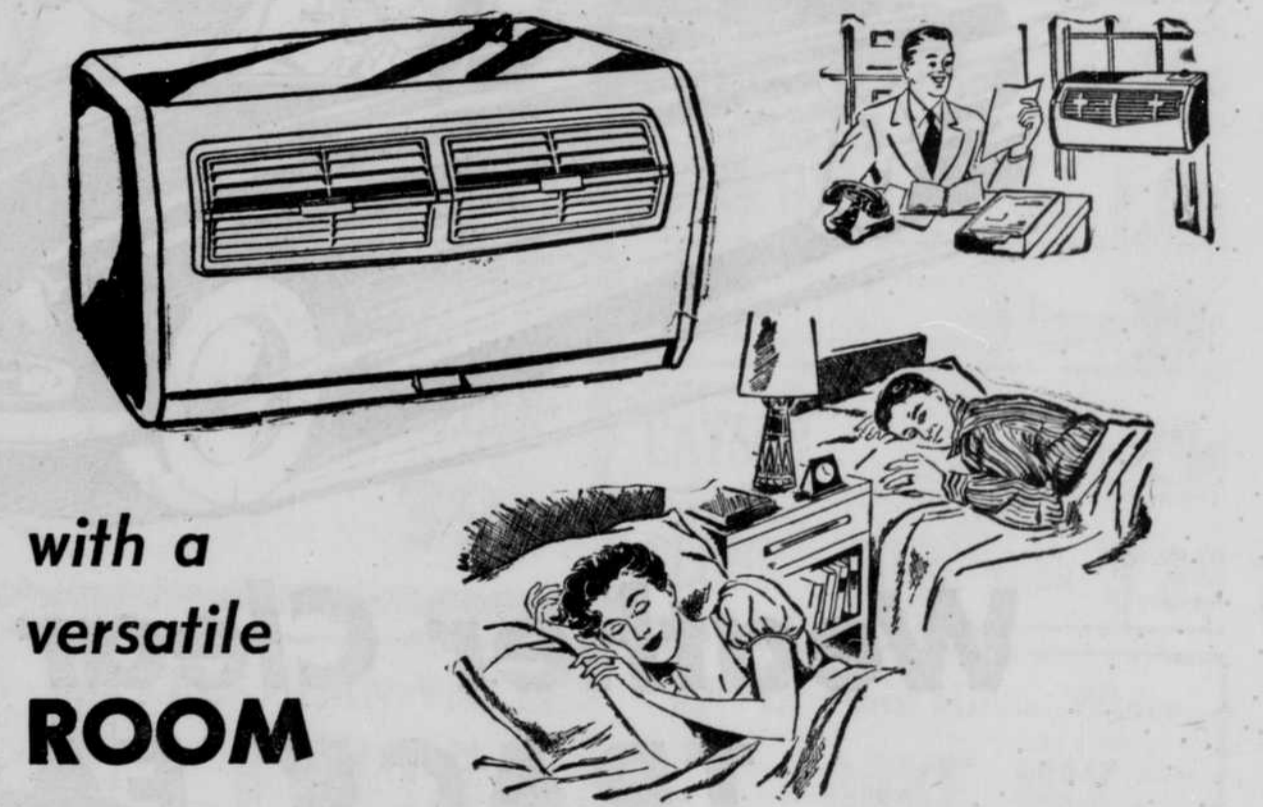


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