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Traditional Christmas Planned For the Post

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A VISIT FROM S(G)T. NICHOLAS

A Christmas Fantasy.

(With apologies to Clement Clarke Moore — to whom we can only say, "Tigs are tough all over.")

It was the night before Christmas
And all through the squad room
Not a GI was stirring
Not even the dice platoon.
Their blouses hung neatly
All shining with brass
In hopes their 1st Sgt.
Would grant them a pass

As they lay there all nestled
So snug in their sacks
With thoughts of New York
And breaking their backs
And the men in their undies
And I in my sheet
Had just settled down
For a dreary night's sleep

When down in the latrine
There arose such a burst
I sprang from my sack
Expecting the worst
Down the stairs
I fell with a crash
Ripped a gash in my forehead
As I skimmed past the sash.

I looked in the door
And what do you think?
I saw standing before me
The tub and the sink
Our beloved 1st Sgt.
With eight tiny details
Blowing his top
In a voice full of nails

And he blew and he shouted
And called them by name
"Now Finger! now Florimont!
Now Maero and Spotts-
wood! On Sheer, On Tunney!
On Salofsky and Botts!
Your Christmas will be one
That won't be forgot
Arising at dawn
You will wallop a pot!"

I gloried in his words
This Sgt. I did trust
Who made others do the work
That was ordained for us
I silently cheered
This creature divine
Who could force others to do
Work that was once only mine.

But I shouted my praise
I reveled too soon
I rejoiced in a scene
That was the dream of a goon

Because with the first break of dawn
I was dumped on the floor
With the Sgt.'s stern greeting
That is a Pvt.'s for evermore
(For all that went before
Was a dream you see)
"Roll out of your sack!
Merry Christmas to you
And to you—K.P!"

Claymarsh

Carol Singers Usher In Yule Season



Photo by Lent, U. S. Army Signal Corps.

Typifying the traditional spirit of Yuletide are these Fort Hancock WACs and enlisted men singing Christmas carols as part of the post-wide program of festivities. Shown here raising their voices in song are WACs S-Sgt. Betty Woodin and Pvt. Eleanor Friedin, and (L to R) EMs Pfc. Arthur Cupparo, Pvt. Robert C. Wagner, Pvt. James Strauss and Pfc. William Caldwell, who organized the carolers.

Widespread Festivities Programmed

By Pfc. Alan Kayes

In a setting brightened by the partial lifting of dimout restrictions, this post will observe its third Christmas with the nation at war in traditional fashion, with a festive program of Yuletide activities planned for personnel unable to rejoin their families for the holiday season.

The playing of carols at half-hour intervals Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, with the music carried to all parts of the Post through amplifiers, mass carol singing by members of the Young People's Society at various locations on Sandy Hook, distribution of gifts to soldiers, a Wassail punch bowl party, dances, and open house for civilians and servicemen at the YMCA and Service Club are highlights of the holiday observance in which officers, enlisted men and WACs, and civilian personnel living on the Post will join.

Fort Hancock's program of activities will be launched at 2:00 P. M. Friday with the annual Children's Christmas party at Post Theatre No. 2. Distribution of gifts by Santa Claus, impersonated by Major William J. O'Brien, singing of carols, and a Christmas movie will be the highspots of the event.

Call Home Early Bell Co. Urges

Voice highways will be crowded and telephone travel difficult on the Christmas weekend, the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company warns, urging personnel of this Post to make their long distance calls earlier or later than December 24 and 25.

The company is asking folks back home to yield the long distance lines during the holiday weekend to war calls, to help keep the telephone road home open for sons and daughters away in military service. But even so, the company is greatly concerned over the probability of greater traffic jams this year than last when many greeting calls were completed only after hours of delay.

"With war on the wires, important military and other essential war calls must go through as on any other day," the company says. "Holiday calls home in most cases do not have to be made on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. The operators can give service men better service earlier in the week or after the weekend, and the same reduced rates which apply on Christmas apply also every night after 7 and all day Sunday."

Last year's record volume of over

Yuletide Message From Gen. Gage

The Commanding General and Staff of the Harbor Defenses of New York extend to the members of this command best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Victorious New Year.

The twelve months just past have seen members of this garrison dispatched over the seven seas to the four corners of the earth. The next twelve months will doubtless see as many, if not more changes. If this word of greeting reaches any of those who formerly were here, it is hoped that they will feel that they are not forgotten at this time and that we also wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year regardless of where they may be.

P. S. Gage,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Commanding

100,000 long distance calls in New Jersey on Christmas Eve and Christmas is due to be exceeded this year, telephone traffic engineers expect, due to greater war activity and Christmas falling on a weekend.

Overseas Yule For Ex-Editor

Last year T-5 Franklin C. Reiley, then editor of Foghorn, spent Christmas with fellow Blitzers on Sandy Hook. This year the same Reiley, now a 2nd Lt. in the Air Forces, will enjoy Christmas with a distinct overseas flavor.

From somewhere in the Southwest Pacific theatre of operations, Lt. Reiley sends greeting to officers and enlisted men of Fort Hancock.

"The important thing down here is winning the war," writes Lt. Reiley, "and as soon as that is done we shall come home. You might not believe it from where you sit, but the greatest morale factor in the world to the soldier overseas is the thought that the soldier at home is still with him in spirit down here."

USO VARIETY SHOW SCHEDULED SUNDAY EVE

A USO Variety Show which promises to bring top Broadway talent to Fort Hancock, although names are unavailable at this date, will take over Theatre No. 2 Sunday evening for a presentation similar to previous ones that starred Allen Jenkins, Jay C. Flippen and other luminaries.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER MENU	
Fruit Cup	
Roast Turkey	
Sage Dressing	Giblet Gravy
Snowflake Potatoes	Cranberry Sauce
Buttered Asparagus	Creamed Corn
Head of Lettuce with Mayonnaise	Butter
Hot Rolls	Butter
Chocolate Cake	Mince Pie
Fruit Cake	
Assorted Fruits	Nuts
	Ice Cream
Coffee	Cigars
	Cigarettes

Prior to the Christmas Eve religious services at the Post Chapel and YMCA, members of the Rumson VSO will sponsor a party for enlisted personnel in the YMCA lobby. Following the lighting of the tree hundreds of gifts donated by residents of neighboring communities will be distributed. The party will conclude with carol singing and games.

At 11:00 P. M. Chaplains Moore R. Miller and Thomas D. Byrne will officiate at religious services in the YMCA while Chaplain Robert W. Woodward will conduct the Midnight Mass for Catholic personnel at the Post Chapel. Lt. William A. Goertmoeller will direct an octet of carol singers at the Mass.

At the Service Club an informal Christmas Eve dance will be preceded by an organized carol sing under the direction of Miss Rose O'Neill, organist of the Church of Mary Immaculate, Highlands. Distribution of 100 gifts to holders of lucky numbers will be made during the course of the dance, the gifts

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LET 'EM FALL WHERE THEY MAY - - -

Salvos from Batteries by Foghorn Reporters

GUMS ROAR

by S/Sgt. Ray D. Knight

STIFF AND COLD: Continued—
 She cooked their food and washed their clothes
 And she gave Mike his clothes
 And she gave Joe Joe's.
 Now, one day Mike off to town had gone.
 He decided he couldn't be happy without drawers on.
 So, he went to the store and he bought him a pair;
 After that he wore his drawers if it was cloudy or fair.
 Now, Joe had heard once or twice about drawers
 But he wouldn't wear a pair; he said they'd give him sores.

(More next week)

GUMBEATS: Charitable WINDOW WASHING DIXON. He contributed 2 to a Newark acquaintance a pass or so ago . . . YOU KERR's coming splicing. It should be any day now . . . LIBIDO LEBREDO due for an hearing in April . . . DANNY NEE. Come Friday he marries Far Rockaway's Muriel Shields. She's his old Tilden flame . . . PORKY PARSONS still hunting for his neck . . . HARVEY EZELL back . . . OKLAHOMA COLEMAN. He too is back, and from just where you think . . . BOOGIE DUGI's new chair. It's a fine thing but it won't work . . . SHEP FIELDS SHEPHERD's big-time orchestrations for "It Ain't Kosher!" . . . Simile culled from the Band's collection of Velardiana: "dead as toenail" . . . DAISY CHOCK's nice tomanyng. He chalked up an 88 . . . OLD MAN BRANTLEY. He is attending services at the Service Club again . . . ALABAMA SLIM BOLAN. Did the FBI investigate him? . . . BAT-TUM EYE BAKER's nice set of rumors. He displays them in his office every day between nine and ten . . . RUMOR STEWART's fine job in "It Ain't Kosher!" Even a dead mite didn't slow him down . . . CHIEF SWAMP WATER TYSON. Add him to the former bachelor set. Last weekend . . . COLD STEEL DUGGAR on the Service Club porch. He was causing a lovely's lipstick to wear off . . . SHOE-SHINE OWENS, PAT DYER, MIN-KO CLANCE, ABE BRYAN, and BISCUIT BISIGNANO among those catching "The Battle of Russia" . . . ROY ROYLANCE. He's heard from RED EICHORN, now a staff sergeant and still in Key West . . . ELLERY Q. LAESCH, BIG UNLEWIS, and PEEVE PEAVY keeping quiet. Are they behaving now, or are they just cagier? . . . SHIMMY SHIMEK, PUSS HANCOCK, CEASE TRACKING BARKER and Co. Never try to beat the boat to town with them. It's liable to be an overnight trip . . . BING BINGER. He dropped in for a visit two Sundays back . . . Lookalikes: LEO COOK and SHOO SHOO SHULTIES . . . Indestructible ELEPHANT MAN BOEHM. He phoned for his own ambulance after that shack blew off steam . . . MULLET MULLETT's girl. She reminds you that AWOL means After Women Or Liquor . . . SNOWSHOES FERNANDEZ taking a new interest in NY . . . RED YANDLE and BUGGA KNOWLES. Now that Bugga is back from school, they're probably working Newark again . . . WILL ROGERS. He loaned the authentic Indian blanket you saw in "It Ain't Kosher!" . . . Name-switch: Hair to PARAMOUNT PERMENTER. He's "the Eyes and Ears of the World," they say . . . GETAMOP STEEDLEY and SHIP-WRECK KELLY. They've reached the Christmas present stage with two Highlands lassies . . . MP's are the best satisfied men on the Post. BEATEM WALSH will tell you why . . . Gum-of-the-Week: Grabum bida trote!

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"What are you staring at, soldier! Haven't you ever seen Mae West's before?"

BLITZERS

by Tom MacPherson

'Twas the morn before Christmas and through the mess hall
 The cooks were a-stirring, John Hannon and all.
 With three meals before them and Christmas to boot,
 Their patience was taxed with CQs under foot.
 The officers were fed and sent safely to work
 While MPs were grubbing more butter from Burke
 When out on the road there arose such a clatter
 Hannon sprang to the door to see what was the matter.
 And what to his bleary eyes should appear
 But a wheelless jeep and eight whopping reindeer
 With a little fat driver, a screwy sight,
 Wearing crimson fatigues all trimmed with white.
 More rapid than KPs (WOW!) on they came.
 Fat whistled and shouted and called them by name
 "Now Dasher! now Dancer! now Prancer and Vixen!
 On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donder and Blitzen!
 To the top of the roof above the mess hall
 Now dash up, dash up, dash up all!"
 To the kitchen went Hannon, yelling and seething
 "With meat so short and those GIs beefing
 Whaddaya think we got on the roof—
 A fat jerk with ten thousand pounds on the hoof!"
 As the cooks and KPs were turning around
 Down the chimney the fat guy came with a bound
 "Merry Christmas," he boomed, "Merry Christmas to you!"
 "What the hell!" roared Hannon, "Another CQ!
 Where are you from? That special service hole?"
 "Why no," answered Fatty, "I'm from the North Pole."
 "Hand me more of that bull and I'll skin you alive.
 You get no chow here, it's after 8:45!"
 Fatty looked puzzled but he made for the door
 Then he turned to the cooks and hollered once more
 "Happy Christmas to all and may the New Year

FINE DOPE

by Cpl. James A. Matroise

During the past week we had to say farewell to two of our boys. They are Behlmer and Mitchell. With them go our sincere and best wishes . . . The Pvs. have been dreaming again. They think that they can get up a volley ball team and beat the Noncoms. So far it hasn't worked out. Why? . . . Maybe they need more practice . . . I see that Pelkey thought he was in good shape to play. It wasn't long after that the "old man" had to lay down and rest. Someone said he looked worse the morning after. That's one I missed . . . "Soft Coal" De Castro has his trying times. It seems he can't even win with three aces. Ever try using an extra deck? . . . Better still, ask Detective Day how he does it . . . Some one put a baking manual in Van's locker. I wonder why . . . Costello is dreaming of a sergancy for Christmas . . . What a dream! . . . A few items the boys want for Christmas . . . Quinn would like more bunk fatigue . . . Brunner, a toupee . . . Londahl, an icebox . . . Lado, a new coal bucket . . . Mader, a concession at the Cotton Club . . . I could think of something else . . . Benesta, darker corners in the service club . . . Hynes, a new car . . . One that runs . . . Elam, the courage enough to say "I do" . . . That takes care of that . . . Will someone cash a check for De Traglia? For weeks he has been trying to find some kindhearted soul who would give him 60 cents for this valuable piece of paper. Until his check is cashed he will be awfully downhearted . . . Very few men know that Hilliard while on pass puts his baby to sleep with a melodious mandolin . . . Somehow or other he found out that it worked in the barracks so he took the idea home with him . . . In closing we turn a bit serious. Our boys are fighting in order that we may have the Christmas we have been accustomed to . . . Let us this Christmas lift our hearts in prayer for the boys over there. This, the biggest gift of all . . . Merry Christmas to all . . .
 Bring tons of happiness and lots of good cheer."
 Then his eyes met Hannon's and held them like glue
 And he said 'neath his breath, "the same to you."

THE MOLES

by Cpl. William L. Fortune

Christmas came in with a bang for the "Moles," with a party, (steak, beer, shrimp, etc.) that many said was the best "chow" they had eaten in the Army. It included orchestra, nickelodian, decorations and all the rank on Sandy Hook. But what a sober bunch—half the beer was left—for another party, and all was quiet after 10 p. m.
 What with ailments and check-outs Building 23 is taking on the aspects of a hotel. Sparks T/4 Milt Janda and T/4 Al Shiminsky have left for parts unknown, and Cpl. Raymond L. McNaughton is said to be off for maintenance school shortly. Pfc. Waldo Leslie is back from the hospital and Pfc. Jack Soroka's furlough was too much for him—he too is now in the hospital. This means that the Soroka-Rashkin bout is postponed, but Soroka's parting words were "Rashkin can't punch his way through a paper bag." Pvt. Joseph Michael, whose girl from Baltimore is visiting him, has left the "Moles" staff and has been replaced by Pfc. Edward McCall.
 Pvt. Boris Jesenoff, chief of the S-5 section, expects to have a telephone installed soon. Pfc. Edwin Richardson has returned to his old outfit, and another member of the same group, Pfc. Maurice Barsky (note spelling), is still making news—the boys say he has been "pretty good lately." M/Sgt. Howard Claflin has sent Xmas cards to every member of his section—which reverses the "bucking" procedure. Sgt. (?) Thomas McKenna is going to have a white Christmas—his girl is going to visit him.
 T/5 Arthur Cornish is being converted by a certain WAC, becoming a church-goer and very literary, and T/Sgt. John Johansen is receiving all kinds of Yuletide presents from girls. Oh, to be so popular. A couple of "Moles" have received presents from their old employers—Cornish got some money and S/Sgt. Goffrey received 12 cartons of cigarettes. T/5 Benny Valocchi has the record for Christmas cards—he has sent out 50 of them. Cpl. Arnold has a disguise, a new moustache, which he says is because his girl has joined the Marines. Guess a new face makes one forget the past. Pfc. Millwood, carpenter deluxe, is busy these days—toy-making.
 The party ended on a sad note—"Sweetheart" was found dead in the latrine when it was over.
 But that doesn't prevent us from saying "Merry Christmas."

WAC'S WORKS

By Pvt. Dollie Carpenter

There's not another outfit at Fort Hancock having trouble hanging onto mascots that the WAC Detachment can't surpass with a much sadder story.
 Wackie, the black and tan mongrel pup has been lost, strayed, stolen, picked up, returned and lost again. Present status of Wackie on the morning report is AWOL with suspected intentions of desertion.
 Two weeks ago Wackie made the Foghorn in a tearful plea from editor Hammond for her return. Friend of the WACs, Cpl. Herman Kemp brought her home after finding her half way across the post.
 Her stay at the WAC barracks was short lived. Wackie is gone again and the WACs have thrown in the sponge this time swearing to make the next mascot something as docile as a cow that won't entertain adventurous ideas, and something as big as a cow that can't be lost. But then that brings up the problem of just where to hide that sized mascot at inspection time.
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 Two WACs and seven GIs presented a scroll to Miss Marjorie Lawrence of the Metropolitan Opera Co. last Saturday evening telling her that she was the official "Chin Up" girl of Fort Hancock.
 The story of Miss Lawrence is a real inspiration and one that justifies her "Chin Up" title. The two WACs who aided in the presentation were Lt. Katherine Stroud and Pvt. Ramona Washer, both Californians and who incidentally both have their money on Cal. for the Rose Bowl game. (They don't know it but Cal. hasn't a chance against Washington in the classic tilt.)
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 WAC happenings — Midge Faler is henceforth known as "Sleeping Beauty Faler"; ask her about it . . . Back in the harness as 1st Sgt. is Sgt. Johnk who is really Mrs. Hahn now but still "Mom" to the gals . . . Off for Christmas furloughs are Cpl. Nancy Beyer, Pfc. Margie Mansfield, Pvt. Fannie Green . . . Don't be surprised if you call the WAC barracks and get in reply to the ring, "WAC's Castle." Everything in the Army gets a pet name after a while . . . Pin up WAC Betty Brown should rate a contract to pitch for the Yankees next season . . . 30 with a thanx to editor Hammond for his kind words to the WACs in last week's editorial. We can take any joking and ribbing you have for us and give it back. Six months of service at Fort Hancock, we've found a home — and we like it too.

SEVEN UP

By ROWDYDOW

Merry Christmas Everybody . . . even privates . . . HQS . . . Hats off to Cpl. CLARK REID our new Social Director booking all events . . . ditto JOHN HORAN and his able assistant T/5 PERLOW doing a swell job with Christmas Mail . . . Cpl. BAROLETTI must receive mail everyday or he will have a nervous breakdown . . . "My Little Rabbit" . . . Pfc. FOLTZ the burning fireman . . . T/4 VIC CASTAGNETTI and his new adventure . . . All Hqs. men walking around with tongues wagging for coming Christmas dinner . . . A . . . Au Revoir Sgt. LOU LOMBARDI, we don't mean good bye . . . it was swell having you with us, and we'll all miss you . . . Congrats are in order for the future Pappy SMITH, bout time isn't it "Kitten" . . . If you throw cigarette butts around throw them as close as possible to Harris the Goat, A's mascot . . . he makes a meal of them . . .

BEES . . . Roses are red, violets are blue, My laundry is grey, is yours too, Lou? . . . What Fire-eater had to be shown where the hydrant was by a Battery Member? Was his hair red? Fire stay away from my door! . . . Sgt. J. Masone, president of the "BIG Adolphs" . . . Mystery of the week—Who klunked KLUNK on the head? . . . C . . . DEAD . . . From D . . . RIGOR MORTIS . . . E . . . POST MORTEM . . . And F . . . What cooks men, we'll print it . . . To Flashlite . . . Good luck to your new weekly . . . Competition, eh? . . . Big Party 1-9-44 . . . Boys rejoicing over 1st Sgt's wife's recovery . . . Congrats to T/5 Dionisio—wife gave birth to a baby girl! . . . T/5 McEvoy and Pvt. Myer sad sacks at the NCO . . . one sackier than the other . . . FLASH . . . This column wants to be the first to announce the engagement of the popular and gracious Sgt. H. R. (A Grand Boy) to a BROOKLYN lovely, ARLENE SINGER . . . So long . . .

Post 'Athlete of Year' Poll Starts Today

Trophy Goes To Winner; All Can Vote

With the final whistle sounding on Fort Hancock's 1943 sports program, Foghorn, in conjunction with Major Robert F. Spottswood, Post Special Service officer, today launches its post wide poll to determine by popular vote, Fort Hancock's outstanding athlete of the year.

Sterling performances in baseball, boxing, basketball and tennis, offer performance dopesters a sizeable field to choose from, and with officers and enlisted men eligible to submit ballots, a heavy vote is forecast.

In line with other polls now being conducted by newspapers and wire services, the Fort Hancock soldier athlete vote will close Tuesday, December 28, with announcement of the winner carried in next week's edition. Voters are urged to fill out the ballot form on the bottom of this page and submit it to the Foghorn office no later than 5 P. M. Tuesday.

According to Captain Tracy Maero, assistant Post Special Service officer, Fort Hancock's ace athlete will receive a suitable trophy, engraved with his name. Offered for the first time this year, it will be renewed annually, with winners getting permanent possession of each trophy as well as being eligible for nomination in subsequent polls.

Qualifying rules for Fort Hancock's "Outstanding Athlete" award are simple. Any enlisted man, who by participation in one or more competitive sports, has revealed outstanding athletic ability, is eligible for nomination in the poll. Competitive sports in this case are interpreted as organized athletic activities in which teams organized or sponsored by Fort Hancock have played competitively with other service or industrial teams. While this narrows the field of athletic activity to baseball, boxing and tennis, all other activities having been conducted as intra-mural activities, the large turnouts for these activities provide a sizeable field of nominees. Votes are limited to one ballot per person.

SUB NET

By Justasnooper

Merry Christmas, GANG . . . A helluva swell way to start our first column, but believe us when we say, "Everything will not be so rosy for the clever gents who move an inch from the beaten path." Brace yourselves; we promise to rub against the grain but hard and often . . .

Wishes For Christmas in Rhyme

ABRIEN wants a pass to stay home, BLACKOUT will settle for a bone . . . ZIELNSKI a girl about eighteen, and HOPPFELD a Kosher Pastrami sandwich nice and lean . . . WALKER a doll 'bout five feet five, BENNETT anything as long as it's alive . . . HINES wants a flush or a full house, AMASCATO some T/5 chevrons for his blouse . . . SWEENEY a little vice-versus, FIRTH a hospital with only nurses . . . SUSAT a picture pass for his wife, And NELSON the girl he fought for with his life . . . D'AGOSTINO a post theatre No. 3, WHITLOW a barrel of beer, "Just for me" . . . PEIERSTEIN the girl from the East who went West, STINE a change of station to give his jaws a rest . . . PROCCA-CINO a boy friend for his daughter, and CONLON a drink and he doesn't mean water.

IT'S BEEN TOLD THAT: . . .

BENINATI is a capable sub for GRIMALDI as the representative for the married men at the Service Club . . . The inspecting officer did the walking, FRY found the fault . . . Perhaps the Sgt. has given up all hope of pushing HOOT out of his job and now casts an eye toward the Inspecting General's Department . . . "TOUPEE OR NOT TO PAY IS THE QUESTION," said bald-headed AURINGER as he rode over the farmer's hare . . . Henceforth, Sgt. PERCEY will wear FM 22-5 in place of his dog tags . . . WILLIAMS' dive into the drink put "Young blood" FOSTER to shame . . . "Tie salesman" RUSO was on probation when the Army bought his contract . . . Sgt. BUTLER couldn't get permission to see the B. C. so, he had to take the usual seven and one . . . CWO PARKER arrived from furlough on time and was given a private suite . . . Lt. BISSELL taking Sinatra's place in the hearts of the weaker sex . . . It's exactly time for an Army ten minute break so, we'll see you later . . .

Boxers Pad Winning Streak, Sinking Naval Air Base, 5-0

The Fort Hancock fight squad chopped out another notch in their new winning streak last Thursday by defeating the Floyd Bennett Naval Air Base of New York with

five wins, one draw and no losses. It was the fourth consecutive win for the Hook squad in the new streak started after their September loss to Camp Kilmer, which had snapped a streak of 28 wins.

The split decision came in the first bout when Frank Allerton met Melvin Fambro and fought a fast flurrying fight that was even throughout.

Probably the best boxing exhibition came next when Peck Boree fought Roswell Woods. By fighting from a crouch, Seaman Woods kept things even until the third frame. Boree's fast lefts kept flicking away and straightened his opponent up early in the third. It was then he walloped home enough points to take the judge's nod.

Hancock's Steve Santana scored the first K. O. when he met Bob Durrah, and stiffened him in 1:38 of the second. Santana was in trouble early, but came back hard for the kill.

Coast Guardsman William La Roch showed class in his debut with the Hook team and took a clean decision from Arthur Jenkins.

Pat Dyer supplied the next K. O. of the card by dropping DeWitt Rowland in 1:25 of the second

round. A hard right over the heart set up Rowland for the count.

Carmen Perecca took a decision over Roger LeClerc in the finale, and only the bulling tactics of Le Clerc saved him from Perecca's devastating knockout punches.

This card was made up at the last minute to take the place of the Fort Monmouth card that the Signalmen forfeited.

IN ACTION

by B. B. M.

The officers and men of "G" thank everyone for the beautiful Christmas cards received, particularly the Post Chaplains, Col. Willard, "A" and Capt. and Mrs. Neri for theirs.

Around the battery street we see . . . T-5 Perlow working for a charge . . . Higley, the swoon-crooner, serenading the boys in the latrine . . . By the way, who discovered him, Kaiser or beaver? . . . the Gestapo warning, "Hard Labor" Monahan to be on the 2:30 boat . . . Handsome Panteleo, the baritone, singing "I'll Be Here for Christmas" . . . He's sweating out 30 days . . . Larry turning his room into a bridal suite—what's the panels for, Sarge? . . . "Bad Boy" Morrone sponsoring "Schoolboy" Segali's crap games. (It got Morrone \$23) . . . Cpl. Habereski, the presser magnet, shooting dice . . . Is that what they teach him at school? . . . "Jitters," alias "Nervous" Killion, returned from furlough, inquiring about a new furlough list . . . Monahan, Byrne, Hodgekins and Galca volunteering for overseas duty . . . Scrry boys, it only takes one G-man to lick the Huns . . . Ask Haines if he has all his teeth . . . He'll say, "Sure, and even some left over in my foot locker" . . . "Hey, Monk! Where does it go? . . . details on request . . . The boys are wondering when do we get those "Cats" ordered some time ago . . . Wanted: Cube throwers . . . see Kwasnik, Marrone and Rose . . . Well, that's all for now . . . and a Merry Christmas, boys!

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TRCOPERS

by Pvt. Charles Wm. Stewart

Here it is another Christmas. Everyone may not have a "White Christmas" such as being with the folks at home. But with sincerity in their thoughts of Christmas and their belief in what they are serving for, future Christmases will be white for the future Americans and Allies.

This is one dream we can rest assured some of us will look back on and smile at and say to ourself "This is what I served for, this beautiful White Christmas." We now know that it isn't snow alone that makes a White Christmas. It is more or less the beauty of heart and the being a part of something faithful and universal. Is it only because it is Christmas and people are giving and taking that they feel overwhelmed with joy in doing so? No! It is the response of the soul and heart in the knowledge of its faith in Christmas. Therefore if this faith were to carry on the year around there would be less differences between people.

Who who are serving on this side, regardless of what it may be, should do so with greatness of serving those on the other side who are doing their utmost for themselves and us; to secure the faith and the White Christmas of the future.

Idea of Marsh

By Sgt. Clay Marsh

Dear Santa Claus,

Am enclosing a Class "A" pass which will enable you to get on the Post the night of December 24th (or 24 December if you're GI too). Be sure to visit us, chum. There's a hunk of boys and girls out here just whittling their fingernails down to their elbows awaiting your coming. Now don't let that scare you away. Our tastes are simple. Something plain will do. Say a few boxes of plain diamond rings, a crate of plain everyday white-wall-tires—things like that.

Don't bother with anything expensive like a Chrysler (green, with a radio, heater and fluid drive). After all, it's not the cost of the gift, but the spirit with which it is given—our French governess instructed us to say.

Yes, Santa, we all live simple lives (try and live any other kind of life on that weekly salary they give us once a month!) so don't give us that old pitch about things being tough all over. You know the angles kid, so pull a few strings and fill this list.

First, Captain Maero. Bring him some tall boys who have a speaking acquaintance with a basketball. Then for his stocking, bring him a basket-stretcher. He has a better squad than last year, but that's not enough for the Captain. Here's a man with Vision—a junior Alonzo Stagg.

Then there's Sgt. Roseberg. He wants so MUCH, but we'll try to keep it down. Bring him a couple of men with blood of the red variety. You see, he is the Chief of a Stoop, Squat and Swat Club here, and this unfortunate boy needs new members. Poor lad, all he has is a handful of underfed playboys who are always one tottering step away from utter collapse. We personally know this is right, because he tells us so every fight night, just before those tired old men are helped into the ring so that they can proceed to tear holes in their opponents' heads. You might include a T.S. slip in his stocking too.

Pack a placque (try saying that on New Year's Eve!) and present it to the Bullet Busters for the swell work they did in drawing the Hook's 1943 sports picture. They participated in every game known to Man, but "Drop the Handkerchief," and they made a good showing in all of them.

Give a pair of nylon stockings to each member of the WAC basketball team. The smallest outfit on the Post, and yet they have managed not only to get together a team, but in addition they have turned in a good record, as the year cinches itself. Based on relative strength, there isn't an outfit on the Post that is so active in sports. So drop off 1 pr. ea. stockings, nylon at the girls' dormitory.

There it is Santa. If you don't have enough gas, you can use our "C" book, but be sure to get here. Yours, The Hook, Sandy.

"Chanukah" Parties at Long Branch Canteen

Enlisted men of the Jewish faith are invited to attend a "Chanukah Festival" dance next Tuesday evening at the Long Branch Community Center, Second and Bath Avenues,

GI REPLY

With this issue Foghorn inaugurates a new feature, designed to help enlisted personnel by answering GI questions. GI Reply will not be an Emily Post or a Mr. Anthony column. If your problem is one of the heart, Dorothy Dix and Doris Blake are still doing business at their old stands. Questions on subjects of interest to all GI personnel will be welcomed. Submit your question to the Foghorn office, Building 26, or through Post Headquarters message center and the question, together with the correct answer, will be printed here.

Q.—Is it true that if a man is physically qualified for retention in the Army he is also qualified physically to attend an Officer Candidate School?

A.—No, that is no longer true. WD Circular No. 64, Section II, has been rescinded and supplanted by WD Circular No. 320. Section II of the new circular revokes the provisions of WD Circular No. 64, which stated that if a man is considered physically qualified for retention on active service in an enlisted status, he is considered physically qualified to attend some Officer Candidate Schools.

Q.—I received a chain letter recently. Am I permitted to forward it?

A.—No. The mailing of chain letters is a violation of Postal laws and Army regulations, and unnecessarily burdens the military mails. (Section II, WD Circular No. 232).

Q.—What is the length a WAC is permitted to wear her hair?

A.—No fixed length is specified, but Par. 2, Section I, WD Circular No. 289 says that "hair will be neat and well above the collar." It also says that makeup and nail polish will be inconspicuous.

under the sponsorship of the USO Coast Canteen.

Wednesday evening an officers dance will take place. Entertainment, refreshments and gifts are promised at both parties. Music will be provided by a seven-piece orchestra.

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Photo by U. S. Army Signal Corps
 Major H. E. Timmerman, station complement CO, presents scroll signed by Gen. Gage to soprano Marjorie Lawrence in her dressing room at the Met as (L to R) WAC Pvt. Ramona Washer, Pvt. Eugene Flynn, Pvt. Henry Snyder, and S-Sgt. Sam Rizzo look on approvingly.

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"There seems a magic in the very name of Christmas—" —CHARLES DICKENS

(Guest Editorial by Chaplain Thomas D. Byrne)



Chaplain Byrne

There is something magic about Christmas. People are different. Everybody is more cheerful, exchanging hearty greetings and good wishes. The Christmas spirit has an almost miraculous effect upon everything we do and say during the season. All things conspire to create a merry time. Though some are rushed in preparation for the day, though some must stick to their jobs, and some face strange and new experiences in the days to come, all feel the effect. Even on our fighting fronts and fighting ships at sea and in the air, men will know it is Christmas, and will feel a lift as they remember the happy times at home. The family waiting patiently at home for news and the return of loved ones will be a little happier because of the season, and the worker in the factory will know that he is helping to hasten the return of the real old Christmas. People are all just naturally better at Christmas time.

The magic is that people change during the season. No longer preoccupied with their own pursuits and pleasures, they are out to buy presents for Mom and Dad, wife, child and friend. They are addressing and mailing cards of good cheer. Their meetings with others are the occasions for wishing them the best of everything. They are planning meals to make the time happier. Some are hanging decorations that others may feel more of the spirit Christmas brings. The change is from pure self-interest to an interest in everything and everybody.

The most satisfying things we can do are the things we forget ourselves in, for then our minds and hearts are occupied in worthwhile activity. Even time seems to pass all too quickly. I was asked to write this editorial because I had something to do with a show that offered a bit of entertainment for this post. Everyone who worked on that show did a lot on his or her own time. We all had fun and got pleasure from it, and our greatest concern was not who would get the credit for it, but that the show would be well received and that it would mean a few additional moments of merriment to our fellow soldiers. There are many who have done similar things. Their reward has been the feeling of something accomplished, of some contribution made to the general good.

Here is the fundamental thing that makes Christmas a magic season. People are out to do something for somebody else, and are bent upon a happy and merry time. And He whose birthday this season celebrates would not find this spirit out of place. He came to work for others, to bring about a change in the lives of men, and He called that change the abundant life. He did not come to make people sad and gloomy. Never was He accused of being stuffy and formal. Rather did He express contempt for the class of His day who were stuffy and too formal in their religion, and these same people talked against Him because they thought Him too liberal. He came to free men of superstition and meanness, and to make life generous, noble and happy.

The change worked in people by Christmas magic is the change He would work. It is a change for the better in the lives of all, a working example of that which we see at this season—a change from smallness to greatness of outlook.

We cannot have Christmas all the year, but we can take into our everyday lives some of its spirit of friendliness and good cheer born of consideration of others and a generous, outgoing attitude toward everybody. Let the change wrought in us by Christmas magic go with us throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS

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being provided by the Post Special Service office.

Religious observances in the Post Chapel Christmas Day include Masses at 8 and 9 A. M. conducted by Chaplain Woodward, and an inter-denominational Holy Communion at 10:30 A. M. with Chaplain Miller officiating.

Company mess halls, the station hospital and civilian mess halls, all gaily decorated with holly gathered on Sandy Hook, will be the centers of activity for the traditional Christmas Day dinner. Roast turkey, cranberry sauce, mince pie and other delicacies rarely served during the year will hold the epicurean spotlight. Brigadier General and Mrs. Philip S. Gage and members of their family will be the guests of the Headquarters Detachment of the Post's station complement in the company mess hall.

Later in the day the YMCA, which will hold open house Christmas Day, has planned a Wassail punch bowl party. Motion pictures will be shown at the hospital for ward and ambulatory patients. The Service Club has scheduled a dance for enlisted men, with dancing partners coming from Newark, Elizabeth, Westfield and New York City and remaining for another dance in the evening.

Christmas Sunday religious services include Masses at 8:30 and 9:30 A. M. in the Post Chapel and another at 10:30 A. M. in St. Mary's Chapel, conducted by Chaplain Woodward. Religious services will be conducted by Chaplain Miller in the Post Chapel at 10:30 A. M. and an Episcopal Communion will be held in the Chapel at 11:30. Members of the Young People's Society, led by Cpl. James Cummings, will meet in the Civilian Recreation Hall at 8:00 P. M.

Civilian employees living on the Post will celebrate Christmas Eve in the recreation hall of the civilian barracks. It has been decorated festively by the residents of the barracks and they will exchange gifts in front of a nine-foot Christmas tree which they have decorated themselves.

Met. Star Marjorie Lawrence Selected Post's "Chin-Up" Girl

The title of Fort Hancock's "Chin Up Girl," in tribute to her courageous spirit, was conferred upon Miss Marjorie Lawrence, Australian soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Association, last Saturday evening, by Major H. E. Timmerman, station complement CO, and a group of WACs and enlisted men who visited the star in her dressing room before her performance in "Tannhauser."

The singer, who performed here

last summer in her first appearance at any Army camp since her illness, received a scroll signed by Gen. Gage which read as follows: "By her courage and fortitude in the face of great obstacles Miss Marjorie Lawrence has been an inspiration to the personnel of Fort Hancock. In recognition thereof, and in tribute to her vocal artistry which has given them so much pleasure, she has been chosen their 'Chin Up Girl'."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

YMCA—Bible Class at 6 p.m.
 Game Nite Party at 8 p.m.
 Service Club—Informal dance.
 Guardsmen band. Dancing partners.

"Government Girl," with Olivia DeHavilland and Sonny Tufts, at both Post Theatres.

FRIDAY

YMCA—Christmas Eve party, 8-11 p.m.
 Service Club—Informal dance; Christmas carols, gifts, refreshments and dancing, 8 p.m.
 "Government Girl" at both Post Theatres.

SATURDAY

YMCA—Open house all day.
 Wassail bowl party. Movies at 7 p.m.

Service Club—Informal Christmas Day dance, afternoon and evening.

Double feature nite at Post Theatres. "Crime Doctor's Strangest Case" with Warner Baxter and Rose Hobart; "The Sultan's Daughter," with Ann Corio (no kiddin') and Charles Butterworth. Dancing should be fun.

SUNDAY

YMCA—Open House all day.
 Rumson VSO.

Service Club—Junior hostesses, afternoon and evening.

"The Gang's All Here," with Alice Faye, James Ellison,

MONDAY

YMCA—Java Club at 7:30 p.m.
 Dr. William Williams on "Africa."
 Coffee, cakes. Square Club at 8 p.m.

Basketball in Gage Gym—Fort Hancock vs. Camp Wood, 8 p.m.
 Service Club—Juke Box dance.
 "The Gang's All Here" at both Post Theatres.

TUESDAY

YMCA—Mending service at 5 p.m.
 Basketball—Fort Hancock vs. Fort Totten, 8 p.m. Dancing afterward.

Service Club—Dancing class, 7 to 9 p.m.
 "Tarzan's Desert Mystery," with Johnny Weissmuller and Nancy Kelly. No comment. At both Post Theatres.

WEDNESDAY

YMCA—Movies at 6 p.m. Arts and crafts at 8 p.m.

Service Club—Game night, followed by dancing at 8 p.m.
 "The Ghost Ship," starring Richard Dix and Edith Barrett. Your guess is as good as mine. Both Post Theatres.