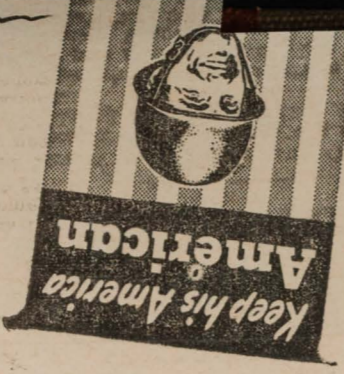


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tending the Fort Myers, Fla., flexible gunnery school. He was graduated as an aerial gunner and then attended the advanced navigation school at Hondo, Tex., from where he was commissioned a second lieutenant on July 15. He preceded from there to Gowen Field, Ida., where he was an instructor before being assigned to a combat crew and sent to Casper, Wyo., for combat phases of training. During that time the crew experienced a crash landing, which hospitalized most of the men. Some are still in hospitals. Altho not seriously injured, Lt. Falk was grounded for three months and during that period he is assigned to Greeley as an Air-WAC recruiter.

Lt. O'Byrne enlisted in the Women's Army Corps seven months ago from Chicago. She took basic training at Camp Monticello, Ark., and then attended officer candidate school at Fort Des Moines, Ia. She was assigned to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and then to training command headquarters at Fort Worth, Tex., and later to technical training command headquarters at Denver. For the present she is assigned to the air corps. Prior to her military service, Lt. O'Byrne was in the order department of Thomas J. Lipton, Inc. She is a Chicago business college graduate.

M/Sgt. Henderson has a colorful military background. A native of Claude, Tex., where he attended school, Henderson enlisted in the field artillery of the U. S. army in February, 1937, and was stationed for two and a half years at Fort Bliss, Tex. He then transferred into the air corps and took a mechanical course at Chanute Field, Ill., before being sent to Hickam Field, Hawaii, in June, 1940.

Sgt. Henderson was in Hawaii at the time of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack and was later trained as an aerial gunner. He flew as a B-17 engineer in raids at Midway and the Solomon Island area. He was in the Solomons from July, 1942, to March, 1943, when he returned to Hawaii. His unit was returned to the United States in May and until two weeks ago he was as-

### Superintendent Resigns To Join WACs

TECUMSEH (UP) Superintendent of schools in Johnson county—Mrs. Alton C. Wagner, has resigned to join the Woman's Army Corps, and will leave next week for Fort Des Moines, Iowa, for examination.

Lloyd D. Halsted of Tecumseh, former superintendent will fill the vacancy for the duration.

Mrs. Wagner has been superintendent for the past five years.

Cpl. Alles also visited the famed Stage Door Canteen, where she had an opportunity to meet and see many of Broadway's stars. "Lynn Fontaine really WAS washing the dishes," she reported. "I also went up to Radio City music hall and got to see several movies, and I attended a play also. All service women are let in for quite a bit less than civilians," she said.

On another three-day pass, Cpl. Alles made a special trip to the Thousand Islands regions in Canada, and another time traveled thru Boston and Concord, where she visited many places of historic interest. She reports that not only are the WACs trained for their jobs, but also in meeting and getting along with all different types of people. "It broadens your outlook on life, and the food and physical training are wonderful for you. I wouldn't trade the experience I'm getting for anything in the world."

Alice Baab, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baab, Jr., is now a corporal in the motor corps at Fort Des Moines. Cpl. Baab also teaches a physical training class there composed of WACs serving in the motor division.

Col. Frank McCoskrie, who is the commandant at the WAC basic training center at Fort Des Moines, Ia., reports "The Women's Army Corps is as efficient, as devoted, as essential to the conduct of the war as almost any military organization any where. I will say that the WAC is a good deal more efficient than many all-male military outfits that I could name. There are no better soldiers anywhere on earth."

"Partly because they are volunteers and mostly because they are women, they have an enormous personal pride and an acute sense of responsibility for the good name of the company and regiment to which they are attached. They are

Lt. Julia Adams, in charge of WAC recruiting for eastern and northern Colorado, is in contact with several local WACs. Any young women in the community who are interested in joining the WACs may contact her at her office in the city hall.

### Chinese Woman Is Waac Officer

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EMILY SHEK, Who is the first Chinese officer in the Waacs. She is in training at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Altho born in New York, Lieutenant Shek has a husband and two children in Hong Kong.

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thump of feet is sharp and crisp. The WAC band crashes into the Field Artillery song and Nan feels like a drum major. "Gee, this is fun," she murmurs to the girl on her right. "Sure is." The lieutenant beside the column frowns. "No talking in the ranks. You're marching at attention. Hup, two, three, four!"

Now come two forty-minute classes in Defense Against Gas Attack. The first class is given over to the explanations of gases and their results, the second to how to put on a mask.

Mask drill is hectic and complicated. "First," says the instructor, "remove all lipstick. Now—comp'ny, attention!" Nan's left arm is tight against her mask container. "Gas!" Nan

Marching back to barracks at 11:30, Nan begins to see what the shoe fitter meant when she complained because he gave her G.I. shoes a size longer and a half size wider than her usual 7-A's. "What'll I do? I can't wear these!" He had cocked a bored eye up at her. "What'll you do? Fill 'em with feet!"

In the barracks there is a concerted rush to the bulletin board and a hurried scanning of the daily inspection sheet. "Anybody get gigged?" A wail from Sue (bed 27), "Yes, darn it. My fatigue shoes weren't clean enough." A howl from Peggy (bed 11), "Who sat on my bed? I get gigged for a mussed bed!" Gigs are demerits, and having too many requires extra duty to work them off.

Dinner—noon meal is always called dinner—is the Army's biggest meal, and the trainees tuck away boiled ham, squash, string beans, raw celery sticks and peach tart for dessert. Nan finds it discouraging to see her dessert while still eating the main course—"I always like to be surprised."

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"I never dreamed I'd see the day when making up my bed seemed more important than making up my face!"

yanks off her hat and grips it between her knees. Snap go the buttons on her bag and she pulls out the mask. "One." Tucking her chin into the rubber face piece, she pulls tight the head straps, clears the filter by "blowing out," pinches the long tube to be sure it's working. The sudden sensation of suffocation convinces her it is. "Two." The carrier is snapped shut and hat replaced on her head. Nan flicks an eye about her and has a sudden desire to giggle. Can these women with strange antlike heads be her companions? "Now—before removing—test for gas!" Knee joints snap like firecrackers as 75 trainees bend close to the ground, pull a cheek pad loose and sniff like fox hounds. "Three." Standing up, they snatch off hats again and, grasping tubes just below the snout, with an up-and-out pull, jerk off the masks. "Four."

Hats back on heads, masks tucked securely into bags, the class stands at attention. Nan's hair is plastered to her temples and a drop of sweat slides down her cheek. She lets it go. "Attention means attention. Not slapping at gnats or wiping hot faces."

Now there is almost half an hour of free time, and the girls make the most of it. A steady stream wends its way to the lah-treen, irons in hand, dried clothes underarm. The laundry room is big and hot. Ten tubs have earnest scrubbers bent over them, while shirts get a thorough rubbing; steam rises in clouds as skirts are ironed smooth.

But all too soon whistles blow again and it's "Fall out" for afternoon classes.

In the three periods Nan learns Military Customs and Courtesies: "You will address all officers as Ma'am or Sir, as the case may be"; listens to a brief, comprehensive talk on current history: "Yesterday our bombers attacked the city of —"; and the third class is a lecture on personal hygiene: "To avoid picking up athlete's foot, always be sure you dip your bare feet at least once a day in the chlorine basins in the latrine."

Back in barracks, everyone hurries into her green-and-white seersucker (Continued on Page 148)

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Biffy discovers the meaning of "fatigue" in fatigue duty.

### Wacs Teach Aviation Cadets Radio Code



Corporal Shirley Sorkin, of the Women's Army Corps, replacing a man in a vital home front assignment, is shown giving radio instruction to Army Aviation Cadets at Hondo Army Air Field, Hondo, Texas, the Army Air Forces' large navigation school. Corporal Sorkin is a graduate of an Army radio school.

### Three Greeley Women In Colorado WAC Unit

Among the first to enlist in Colorado's own company of WACs are 10 women from the northern Colorado district. Lt. Julia Adams, located at the Greeley city hall, is in charge of district recruiting.

Three Greeley women are included in this number, with others from Longmont, Fort Collins, Golden, and Windsor. Local women are Fern Hay, who left Thanksgiving day for Fort Des Moines, Ia., for basic training; Eunice Marquart, the first Greeley woman to go as a member of the Air-WAC, leaving Thursday for Fort Des Moines; and Kathryn Mayer, graduate of CSCE, and now living in Denver.

Other women who have enlisted in the Women's Army Corps include Mary Grant, Longmont; Mattie G. French, Golden; Wanda P. Maxwell, Fort Collins; Ina Rains Souez, Windsor; Louella M. Peterson, Brush; Evangeline G. Ruggs, Golden; and Dorothy Baker, Henderson.

The all-states drive to recruit a company or more per state, opened Sept. 27, and will close on Dec. 7. The purpose of the companies is to replace the casualties of Pearl Harbor.

Miss Hay came here several months ago from Waterloo, Ia., and has been employed in a local restaurant. Earlier, she worked for the United Airlines in Cheyenne.

A resident of Greeley for the past five years, Miss Marquart, is a native of Culbertson, Nebr., and has been employed for the past three years at the Greeley Tent and Awning company.

Miss Mayer took a course at Columbia university in New York City, following her graduation from CSCE, and has been interested in many professional library organizations. She was employed at the Maroraneck junior high school in New York state.

These women, as a member of the Colorado company, will wear the Colorado emblem of the all-state insignia plan.

