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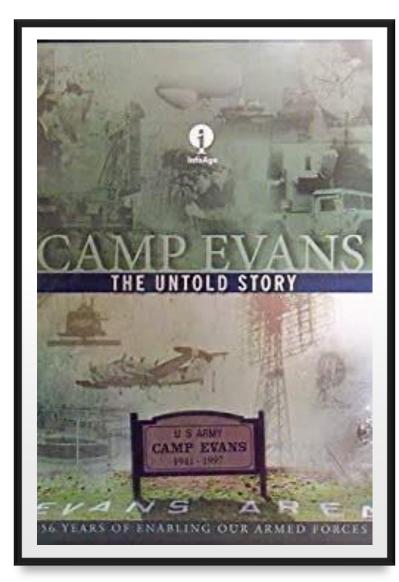
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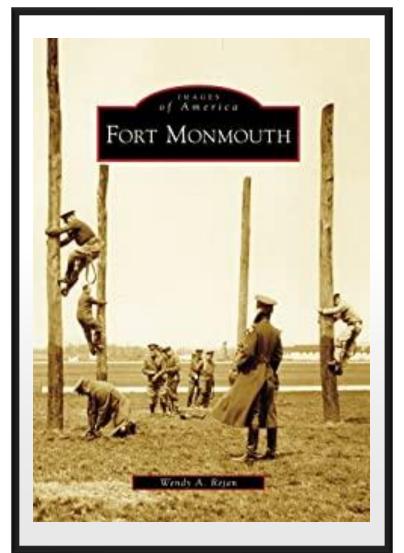


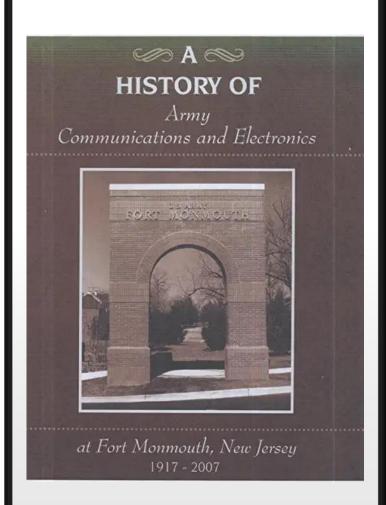












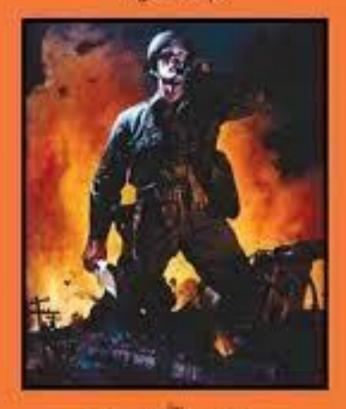
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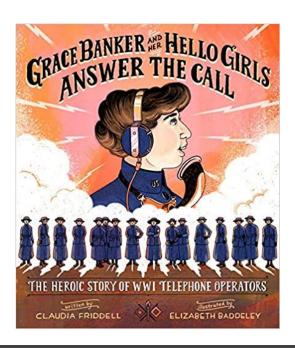
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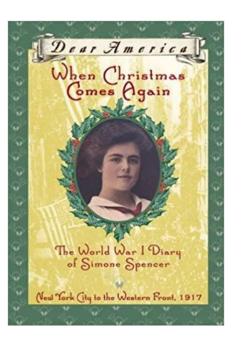
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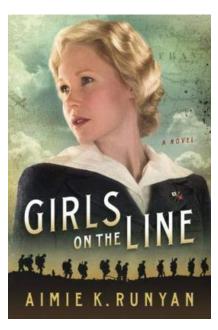
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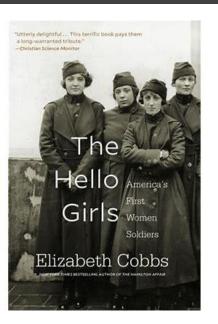
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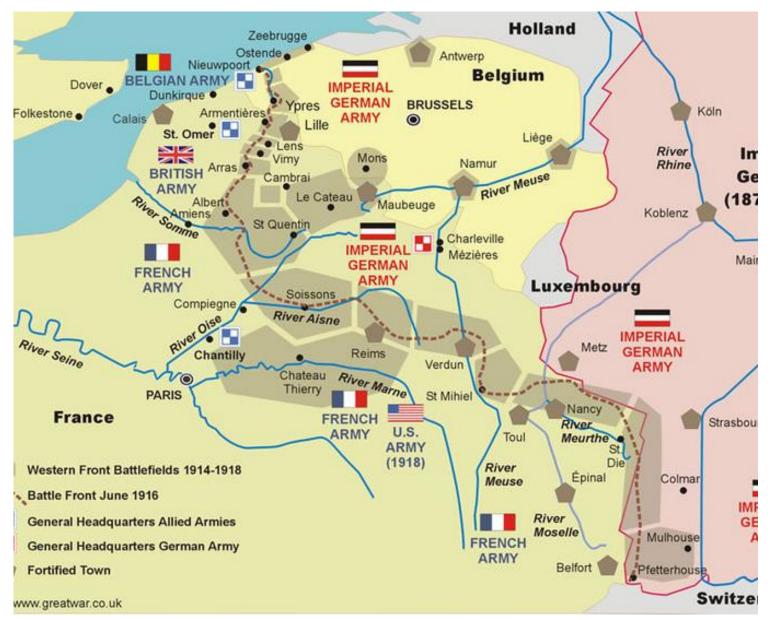




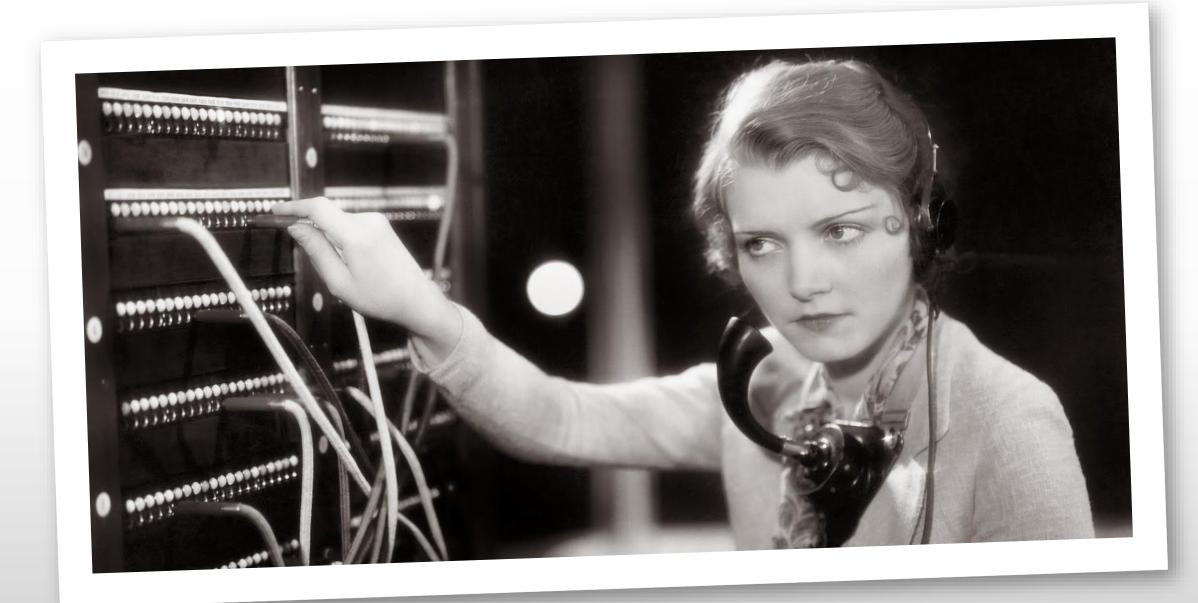












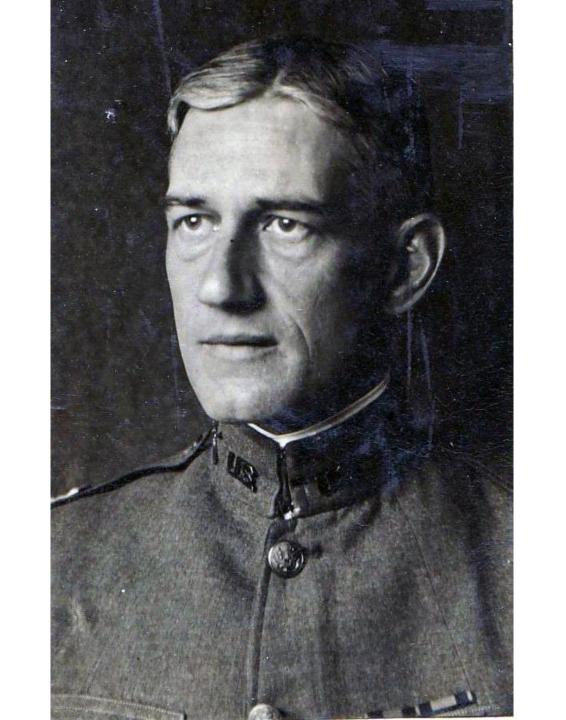
MOST "HELLO" GIRLS UNWED

Ninety-two per cent, of the female telephone operators of the United States are unmarried, 3 per cent, are widows and 5 per cent, are married.

These are some of the details concerning the telephone business brought out by a special investigation made by the bureau of labor and sent to the Senate by Secretary Nagel. P.

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Hello Girls Wanted.

Washington.—The signal corps needs women telephone operators between 23 and 35 years old, who are in good health and speak French and English fluently. Experienced operators preferred. Salaries range from \$60 to \$125 a month with rations and quarters the same as received by army nurses.

Units of women operators to be sent abroad will wear districtive uniforms and be considered from a military standpoint as in a similar position to the members of the British women's auxiliary corps. Vives of army officers and enlisted men in Europe or about to go will be accepted.

cellent railroad facilities and in addition | ve

Young Women of America, Attention!

Here's an opportunity to serve your country in France with General Pershing's Expeditionary Force—a chance to do as much to help win the war as the men in khaki who go "over the top." pa

Uncle Sam wants to have his teleprophone system in France operated by Ke the most efficient operators in the exworld and that means by American he young women. The Signal Corps have asked the telephone companies in the United States to secure these "switchboard soldiers" for them.

Just because you are or have been a telephone operator, don't think that wyou therefore can easily secure a position in this expeditionary operating unforce. The first and fixed requirement no is an ability to speak and read both alc French and English fluently and beable to understand readily French. French spoken over a telephone line. The American telephone system in France not only links General Pershing's headquarters with various points of military importance, but it also conversed the converse of t

nects directly with the French Governing ment telephone system. Knowledge of switchboard operation is also desirable, dubut if you do not have this knowledge ze and if all the operators needed are not mobtained from those already having experience, you may be accepted without

previous experience and given the necessary training by some telephone company.

Every member of the organization of must wear a standard uniform that has as been specified by the War Collage and for will be soldiers coming under military restrictions at all times. The pay will be \$60 a month for operators, \$72 for supervisors and a \$125 for chief operators, in addition to which, allowances will also be made for rations and quarters when these things are not provided by the army.

Information as to how application Secan be made can be obtained from the chief operators in the local telephone central offices or application blanks can be obtained from the Chief Signal Officer of the Army, Room \$26, Mills Building Annex, Washington, D. C., who makes the appointments to this work



THE HELLO GIRLS AT FORT FRANKLIN (NOW FORT MEADE) - FROM A VIDEO BY DENNIS SKUPINSKI

Women's Army Goes Haute Couture F.

Army Signal Corps Museum Corps work of the time.' has just acquired one of the blue serge uniforms worn by War 1.

The first unit of 33 female telephone operators to serve with the American Expeditionary Force arrived in Paris March 24, 1918. They were recruited, according to the Chief Signal Officer in the 1919 report, "because of the unquestioned superiority of women as telephone switchboard operators and to release men for service in more dangerous

The girls had to speak both French and English. The report says "Our experience in Paris with the untrained and undisciplined English-speaking French women operators was almost disastrous - The remarkable change in the character of the service at General Headquarters and other points when the American women took over was one

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In all, 233 telephone operators went to France to serve in six operating units in 1st, the "Hello Girls" of World 2nd and 3rd Army Headquar-

play in the uniform room of Army Corps. the Signal Corps Museum, located in Myer Hall, bearquarters of the Signal School. The hat is beaver. It was prosented by Brig. Gen. Mildred Long Branch.

The early uniform is on dis- C. Bailey, director, Women's

Beside it is another recent Dear acquisition - a World War II WAC uniform, donated by Mrs. Molly Rose, Elberon,

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PFC Diane Bumpus (left) wear World War II Women's Army Corps uniform with Eisenhower jacket and heavy shoes. Center is Spec. A Irona Moczarski in modern

WAC garb. Spec. 4 Glenda New wears the World War I telephone operator's uniform. All are stationed at Ft. Monmouth. THE BRIDGEPORT T

'Phone Girls to Join Boys at the Front ress-

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nered latest call for their services. and They all know that H. W. Cas-The ler, division advertising manager ittal- for the New York Telephone comroad, pany, has enlisted and is acting as dis- the telephone voice which is callsta- ing the "Hello Girls" to action and were his voice has been heard in this

the matter.

state in some training center and then Car- sent over to help win the war. held They will wear a uniform preelec- scribed by the War College and

livan, of dresses from the day they start ident, work until its all over "over econd there." Operators will wear a iaron, black brassard with a black telecorge phone transmitter on it. Superwreath under the transmitter, and derick the chief operator will have in adachu- dition the gilt lightning belt of the w Ha- Signal Corps. Operators will get Block- \$60 a month, supervisors \$72 and Jersey chief operators \$125. Rations and

quarters will be given in addition to the pay.

mars) Several telephone girls in this nound as at city have applied for more inforday it of mation regarding the Signal Corps Cami the of the United States army call for was rangs telephone girls in the service on and the military telephone wires in Majo itary France. There are a large number der. tion- of Bridgeport girls in the tele-301st otion, phone service and nearly the entire was working force are interested in the cers

city, according to the numerous lishn telephone calls for information on íco delpl The government wants girls who comi

have resources and initiative to "go it alone" if need be. Already 100 girls in New York have been acplan cepted for the service and they have started to learn French. As fast as the girls can be found they t the will be trained either at home or

> will say farewell to all other kinds visors will have a gilt laurel

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HOW OUR TELEPHONE OPERATORS WERE RECEIVED "OVER THERE."

to serve under General Pershing in Interesting in the army—yes, they're Prance arrived safely, according to a in it, too—they were lined up before cable received from "Over There" on a Signal Corps camera and shot. May 9. As you can imagine, they were Grouped about the base of a statue in welcomed with open arms by their a little Paris square, they presented a comrades who preceded them, and no doubt have already accustomed them ways do.)

The third detachment of telephone . They arrived just the other day and operators trained by the Bell System like everything else that's new and

selves to their new quarters and duties. The ladies of the line wear a real In the Stars and Stripes, the offical Army costume, save that their campaper of the American Expeditionary paign hats are dark blue and that they Force, and edited weekly in Paris, we have shown great originality by suband an account of the reception ac- stituting the skirt for the more conven-



The first Unit of Telephone Operators trained for foreign service by the Bell System. Photograph taken in France, where they have won the praise of Secretary of War Baker for their efficiency. (Committee on Public Information.)

corded the telephone operators' units | tional O. D. breeches and putts. Their that have arrived to Breeze Behold hat cords, those lovely orange and "Lear announcement!

ARMY DUDS

Signal Corps Colors Adorn Hats of New Bi-lingual Wire

THEY HAVE SERGEANTS TOO

hite things that the Signal Corps wears to suggestive of fillets of HELLO GIRLS HERE IN REAL orange blos.oms), are the real thing. So are their uttons. And they've got it on the rest of us in that they know how to ser on those buttons when they

> Their insignia, too, are real and terrifyingly complicated. The rank is indicated by arm bands. An Operator, First Class, wears a white brassard

called it, "Hobo House." We were among the first girls to go across, and arrangements were very sketchy in those days. The girls who came later waited in New York until the day they sailed, and didn't go through the experience of living in a

tramps' retreat.

We had to hop out of bed at seven in the morning and go through what we called a pajama drill in the cold, bare room. Making a military person out of a frivolous girl is an interesting and difficult evolution. Unless the girl has the idea firmly implanted under her coiffure that she is going to be a good soldier or die in the attempt, she will never be able to stand the strain. A number of the girls fainted at first, but they soon got so they could take their daily training like men. I even got so I enjoyed it.

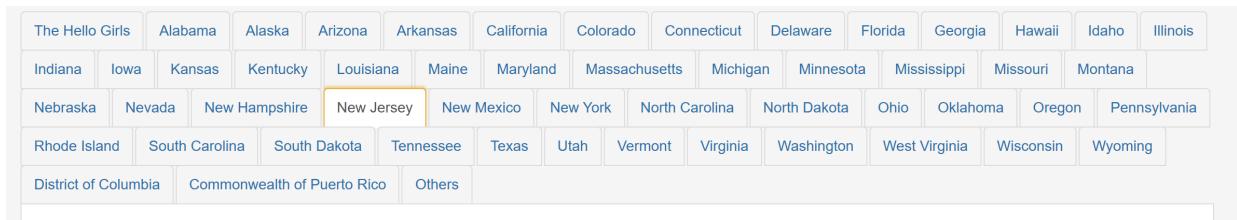
Afternoons, we used to stand up in our white spats, on high-heeled pumps, and drill again. We certainly must have looked like a cartoon, standing up there in costumes that were designed to make us look like pretty girls, and going through the gymnastics of the defenders of our country. We looked more like a group of chorus-girls than like the soldiers we felt we were. But after we got our uniforms, and bought our regulation shoes and hats, we knew that we really were in the army at last.

I my third shot in the arm for typhoid in Hoboken The

"Good morning, Lady Telephone,
With your hair cut just as short as mine!
Good morning, Mrs. Telephone.
You're surely looking fine.
Ashes to ashes and dust to dust,
If the Engineers don't get you the Signal Corps must.
Good morning, Lady Telephone,
I'll love you till the end of time!"







Your Hello Girls: 4 (1 Chief Operator, 1 Supervisor, 2 Operators)

- Grace Banker (Chief Operator)
- Marie L. Beraud (Supervisor)
- Suzanne M. Beraud
- · Louisette H. Gavard

Housing Girl Workers With Our Army in France

Special Correspondence of The Star.

TOURS, France, November 1, 1918.

HE man who knows most, perhaps, about their work in France, kindly, thoughtful Capt. Edwin Stannard, formerly a telephone traffic engineer of Boston, thus speaks of them:

"They are worth putting in hotels," he says, "because when we say to a young lady, 'Go to Paris,' she packs her baggage, we take her to the depot and she goes up to Paris by herself. She travels about France where she is sent, without making conditions, objections or observations. Our signal Corps girls give no trouble, but do fine work, go on time and take care of themselves."

They are A. E. F. telephone girls, helping win the war.

About 225 such are actually in France and about 40 more, recruited as much as possible by the great telephone companies, arrive every six weeks.

By their experience and success they may be looked on as a kind of model by any ambitious W. O. C. girls of the 5,000 now being enrolled by Miss Elsie Gunther of the office service department, labor bureau A. E. F., in American cities.

So they are interesting. There are others.

Fifty Quartermaster Corps girls and an Ordnance Department unit, chiefly of stenographers and secretaries, have been in Tours two months. Recruited.



AMERICAN TELEPHONE GIRLS IN AN ADVANCE ARMY EXCHANGE IN FRANCE.

a chateau, ruins or historic beauty spot. In twilight, strolling to their hotel, through the gay Rue Royale, there are two young officers beside

The telephone girls wanted to go to

They made a formal petition, and it was granted as much as is compatible with chivalry.

"They are not in battalion telephone exchanges," said Capt. Stannard emphatically, "but they are with the 1st Army headquarters. They will never be nearer the front than the headquarters of the army—moving with headquarters, and isn't that enough?"

When Paris risked evacuation, in the dark days of last March, the girls said firmly: "We stay—we go with the last!" And John J. Carty, illustrious American scientist and chief engineer of the telephone company before he came to France as a Signal Corps colonel, says that their stanchness is a characteristic. It is the same

"Not a week passes in the United States in which telephone girls do not distinguish themselves for devotion," says Col. Carty. "They hold the exchange in cases of floods. train wrecks, catastrophes, strikes, fires and troubles. It is a characteristic of the American girl when she feels that she forms part of a corps!"

W. O. C. girls, now being enrolled at home, it is up to you.

All this is yours-to live up to.

The Women's Overseas Corps, 5,000 strong, will be a grand corps, with a mightler revealing spirit to Europe. Already its first contingent is arriving in France. Recruiting of other units will be carried on rapidly, to meet the demands of the big Army departments, and particularly of the







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Telephone Girls Beach France.

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Thirty-three American telephone girls, who speak English and French equally well, have just arrived in France to operate the switchboards in the various Army headquarters. They have been divided between the principal Army centers, Paris, Gen. Pershing's headquarters in the field and the headquarters lines of communication.

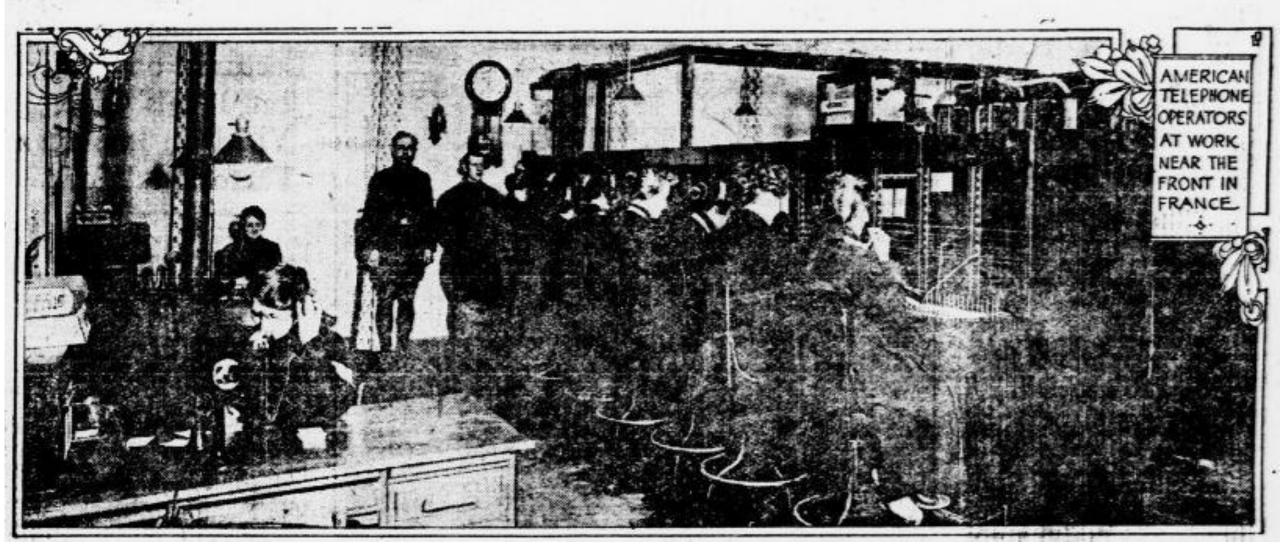
American officers have been pleasantly surprised when taking up the telephone receiver to hear the familiar "Number, please," or "Line's busy," instead of the usual French equivalent.

Each of the girls is provided with a regulation colored skirt and blouse and a dark blue hat with the orange and white cords of the Signal Corps, to which they have been attached. A white bressard indicates their rank. A blue outlined design of a telephone mouthpiece designates a first-class operator; the same with the wreath marks a supervisor and a wreath and lightning flashes is used for the chief operator. If the experiment with girl





Brave Girl Soldiers of the Switchboard





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GERMANY'S WAR LORDS DISCUSS TERMS:

MISS M'COOK THRILLS

Railroad Junction tinue Progress Along Entire Front, While Ameri-

cans Consolidate Tremendous Gains of Last Few Days Along the Meuse.

INVASION, NOT EVASION

Tells of Her Work In France-Miss Schooley of of National Y. W. and Fav of Long Branch

Others Speakers In U. W. W. Drive.

HUNDREDS AT SAVOY SHOW SCULLY WON

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33 Votes.

CALL GENERAL RAILROAD STRIKE THRUOUT GERMANY CHANCELOR MAX RESIGNS

in Germany, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the nge Telegraph Co., quoting Berlin advices to the Social

BASLE, Switzerland, Nov. 8 .- A republic has been pro-BASLE, Switzerland, Nov. 8.—A republic has been pro-claimed in Buseria at the conclusion of a great popular meet-ing restreds, as it is a present the property of the GOPENIAGEN, Nov. 20.—The uprising in northwestern Germany, according to the only direct news from Germany early today, is reported to have speed to Hanover, Oldenburg early today, is reported to have speed to Hanover, Oldenburg

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Courier Hastens to Spa With Allied Demands-No Answer Possible Before Late Today Unless Wireless Authority to Sign Is Given. No Cessation In Fighting.

PARIS IS CONFIDENT PACT WILL BE SIGNED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.-Allied armistice terms were today being discussed at German grand headquarters with an answer required by Marshal Foch bestring stempore) added to was my mist

experience."

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Miss Schooley said it was a scream om to hear French girls sing, "John Brown's Baby Has a Cold Upon Its The French, she said, are doing their utmost to master the English language. In one educational center established by the Y. W. C. A. there were 700 registrants the first rou She told of the splendid work being done by the Signal Corps girls Uncle Sam's "Hello" girls, and by the nurses and those in charge of the hostess houses and recreational cenhat ters. Commending the work of the a English women, she said, "My admiration is unlimited for the work being done by the women of England. In one munitions center there," she said, more than 27,000 women were employed, and the increase in the output over that produced by the men a rail was 90 percent-and three out of and every five of the women are wearing crepe bands." She said 65,000 Engan lish women have enlisted in the army and are doing everything a soldier his does but shoulder a gun. ion

SELECTING WAR HEROINES.: WOMAN'S OVERSEAS LEAGUE New York Times (1923-); Jun 30, 1926; ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The New York

SELECTING WAR HEROINES.

Woman's Overseas League Considers Four Names.

OMAHA, June 29 (A).—The names of four women were suggested for the honor of "outstanding heroine of the World War" by delegates at the Woman's Overseas Service League convention here.

Edith Cavell, the English nurse, who was executed by the Germans; Marion Crandell, Omaha girl, who was the first American women to be killed as the result of shell fire; Jane Delano, head of the American Red Cross Nurses, who died in Paris, and Katherine Baker, another Red Cross nurse, who died in foreign service, were the ones proposed.

Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, for her organization genius, was called worthy of honor. The Salvation Army girls were mentioned as having been a group that performed the most outstanding service. The telephone girls were said to have done the bravest work.

As for the outstanding hero of the





Inez Ann Crittenden Stricken by Pneumonia on Day That Armistice Was Signed.

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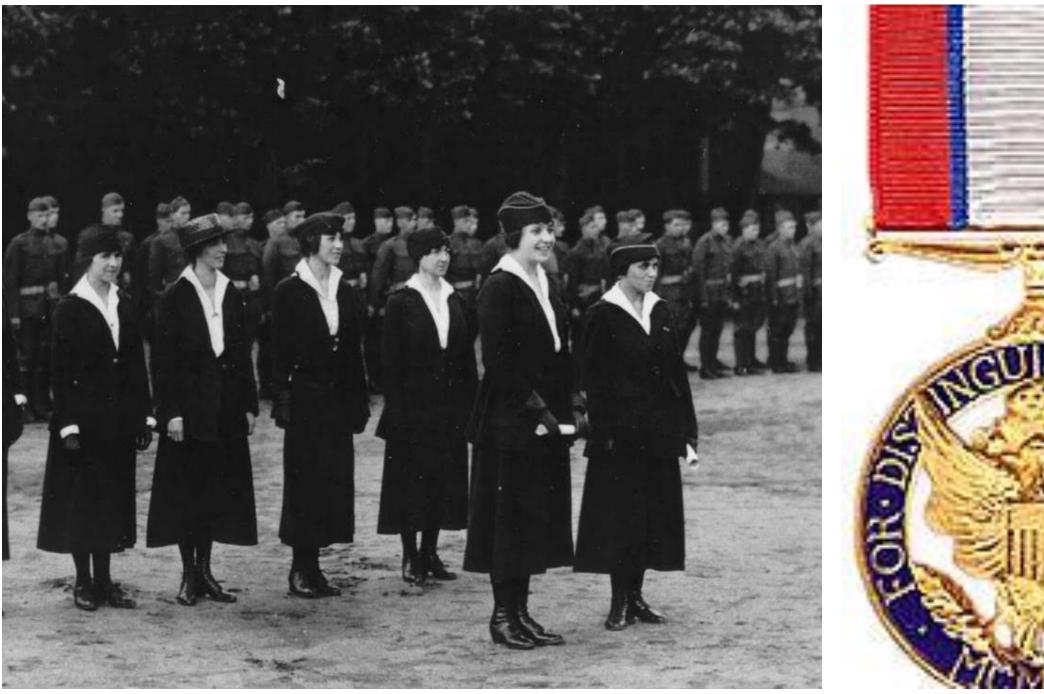
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CHANGES IN STATES.

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Thursday evening at her country home | tend. near Sugar Grove. Games and music were enjoyed and late in the evening refreshments were served. The guests were Misses Clara Hill, Mable Sanders, Cuba Sawyer, Ruby Gilmer, Blanch Davis, Meree Oler, Sarah Gamber, Mary Hatfield, Ollie Bane, Louise Lindey, Katherine Strickler, Louise Harris Rosella Keever, Gertrude Cain, Rathel Gwinn, Mildred Hill, Lucile Swain, Charles Riggs, Dallas Stevens, Carl Simpson, Kenneth Nicholson, Glen Veal, Aaron Lindley, Ray Wise, Clarence Shiebla, Walter Cain, Lloyd Saunders, Delson Cox, Luther Sowers, John Robinson, Horace Boyd, Harold Cook, Benjamin Franklin, Horace Statts, Donald Gause.

OXFORD, O .- The second session of Miami university's summer school vill open Monday. Dean H. C. Minnich says he is expecting an attendnce of 700 to 800 students. The sesion will last six weeks.

Miss Anna D. Habekost, of West dexandria, has been appointed actng dean of women at Miami univerity this summer, to serve in the place f Dean Elizabeth Hamilton, who has one to Kittery Point, Me., to spend er vacation.

GREENVILLE-Mayor Wright and he police department have declared var on the indiscriminate firing of air ifles in the city limits. Any boy aught shooting birds will be brought efore juvenile court, warns the nayor.

Hugh Thompson of Red River, has een taken to the insane hospital at Dayton following complaint of neighors that he has been frequently firing off dangerous weapons.

Oliver Fourman, living near Arcanm, was before juvenile court charged with neglect of his children. After beng confined in jail for an hour he vas released on promise to follow the ourt's orders.

John Calderwood has received word f the death at Sautell, Cal., of his rother George W Calderwood

---- cacretoco tor the fittle children and Charles Shultz officiated. They are several playlets for the intermediate spending their honeymoon in Chicago. boys and girls with songs by the Miss Lucile Swain entertained on school. Everybody is invited to at-

U. S. "HELLO" GIRL WINS D. S. MEDAL



Miss Grace D. Banker.

Miss Grace D. Banker of Passaic. N. J., has received the Distinguished Service Medal from Gen. Hunter Liggett for "exceedingly meritorious and distinguished service, and untiring devotion to her duties under trying conditions during operations against St. Mihiel salient and north of Verdun." Miss Banker is chief operator of the army telephone service in Coblenz. She has been overseas a year and was supervisor of the first thirty-two "Hello Girls" the enlisted in March, 1918.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday-Mary Pickford in "Daddy Long Legs."

Wednesday and Thursday-Mabel Normand in "When Doctors Disagree." Friday and Saturday-Pauline Frederick in "The Fear Woman."

MURRAY

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday-Enid Bennett in "The Law of Men." Thursday, Friday and Saturday-Lila Lee in "A Daughter of the Wolf."

MURRETTE

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday -Douglass Fairbanks in "The Knickerbocker Buckaroo."

Wednesday and Thursday - Ethel tagonist. Clayton in "Vicky Van."

Friday and Saturday-Frank Keenan in "The Master Man."

WASHINGTON

The triangle, the bone of contention uation, to which the unsur in contemporary society, is one of the Scarr adds the fourth ang hinges on which the plot of "The Fear brought out in "The Fe Woman," Pauline Frederick's latest by Miss Forrester better Goldwyn production, swings. And tri- than in any other play is angles in society often have more than vivid Miss Frederick ha the traditional three angles, as the sit- peared.

INVESTIGATE POGROMS

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, June 21.-President Wilson selves but large in effect. has decided to appoint a commission mand's Goldwyn pictures to investigate reported pogroms in ples of this, and in "WI Poland.

is to be shown at the theatre, commencing Fr forth.

The triangle, as old as offers a number of angle tion. In the case in "T man," a sorrowful, wel woman, Helen Winthrop, fate into the household of a blase married couple. ing it is expected that the include Helen Winthrop. and Mrs. Scarr. On the the author has woven the Mrs. Ccarr, the offender; well society "favorite," Winthrop, with the latter

In saving the wife's Helen Winthrop makes sacrifice for a woman-the own good name.

The subtlety of the tri

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Here's Richness for All Who Love a Good Story

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moets | would not do without it is what they favor | all say.

Telephone Operators' Work in France.

It is difficult for us to realize the scope of the work that has been done and is still being accomplished by the telephone operators in France. To serve the needs of an army of two million men, and to connect that army up with the French by telephone was a matter that required no small amount of organization and planning on the part of the Signal Corps. The distribution of the girls in the Signal Corps service asked for careful study and met with unqualified success.

Extracts from letter of Miss Helen Cook, chief operator at Chaumont, General Pershing's headquarters, read: St. Naz

I was in Paris for a few days ast week and saw Miss Barbour, who is now chief operator in charge of the Paris district, which includes La Belle Epine, a toll switching point just outside of Paris in direct charge of Miss Banker, an exchange at Aviation, one at Crillon, the Peace Headquarters. one at Mediteranne, one at the Red Cross, operated by French citizens and in direct charge of Miss Marsh, one at St. Anne, and a large exchange at the Elysee Palace All of the chief operators of these exchanges report to Miss Barbour. Miss Egan is in charge of the exchange at Crillon; Miss Frankfort is in charge of the P. B. X at President Wilson's house.

All of the business in Paris is probably temporary. Five of the girls are in Treves, the General Headquarters in connection with the Army of Occu pation, and the Headquarters which

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DANCE WITH GEN. PERSHING.

Telephone Girls, His Guests, Found Fighter Unspoiled by Fame.

How General Pershing "surrounds himself with the good-will of all the subordinates in his army" was shown in a letter received by Miss Veronica Taaffe of Stone Avenue, Yonkers, from Miss Charlotte Gyss of 82 Hamilton Avenue, who went to France last year in charge of a corps of women telephone and telegraph operators now on duty at the headquarters of the army. The letter tells about a reception for the women, and says:

Wonder of wonders! General Pershing asked us all to tea at his château. We were taken there in limousines, and Miss Anne Morgan poured tea. It rather threatened to be a stiff party until the General said:

"' Let's take up the rug and have a little music."

"The General danced with mostly all of the guests, and believe me, he is some wonderful dancer. It turned out to be the most wonderfully jolly party. You know, the General is a most democratic, unspoiled-by-fame man you would ever want to meet, and we all lost our hearts to him"





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irl of the Signal Corps cuirasses, and help awful thing to the ordinary folks. Not The demand for so, says the army.

He wanted me to find out if she can in a room adjoir go home in the U.S.S. George Wash- des Glaces, and ington. If she goes first, the perils of of the actual sign the deep may swallow her up, or she Glaces is a long re may be tomahawked at home. I mildly front of the palace point out that she crossed the ocean end, where more when the submarines were at their worst, licaine were stat and perhaps could be trusted in the un- from crowding in civilized country from which she came. "Now, Miss Benham, you know a fellow feels differently about all that when he is married." Unanswerable!

On go my hat, my best veil and while Mrs. Wilso smile, and I go out to beard an awful somebody who is at the head of the telephone service. So awful is the repu- Lansing and Mi tation of this ogre that Corporal Allen leaves the car and takes me as far as the door. I tap timidly. Somebody Mrs. Wallace and snarls, "Come in." Behind a desk, intrenched by a breastwork of telephones and inkwells, is HE.

A saccharine voice comes from my throat. He tells me in stentorian tones that the girl has brought disrepute upon the Signal Corps (female branch) by were on a raised marrying and should have been disissed, and her boy friend of the A. E. has endangered her reputation by taking her to a hotel from which they were

married." Then I made an appeal to the two guards I am not married, but we all have a kindly feeling toward young people in again and withdo love, and just married." "Madam, I have none. I have just secured a divorce

I gathered up my belongings and tried Short-Story and sample copy of THE WRITER'S to slip silently away, when a human MONTHLY free. Write today. gleam came into his eyes, and he suggested that I should sit down again and talk the matter over. But I didn't get that permit for her to go back on the George Washington.

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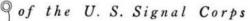
HERE is an American girl's own story of her "official life" with the American army in France and across the Rhine from the time she left home until she came back, after having been sought out for a dance by the Prince of Wales, who is making his first visit to America now.

AM essentially a business girl. My element is the world played seriously. From the time I started in March, 1918, to be a telephone-operator in the Signal Corps, I felt that it was a business proposition,—Uncle Sam and Co. against Bill Kaiser,—and it seemed to me that every call that was not put through successfully simply meant that we had lost that much in competition with the other firm.

But I was probably as frivolous as the ordinary American girl until I went into the Service. Then it came to

me, for the first time in my life, that I had to be serious and earnest. It was at a farewell luncheon given for us by the officials of the telephone company that it all dawned on me, and I first realized that on the next day we were to leave our homes behind us, and start for the place where everybody was working so earnestly and giving up so much.

I had been wearing a beautyspot all during my training. I
rather suspected that it annoved
some of our instructors, but they
had been very patient and had
not said anything. But I felt
that I had to do some outward
act to symbolize my new feeling,
and so I turned to everybody and
said, "Here's where my beautyspot comes off, girls," and I pully-



it from my face and threw it away. I did not wear one again while I was in the service,

When we boarded the train the next day for New York, my vaccination began to take, and I was as miserable as a sick puppy for a few days. We had been told to say "I don't know" to everything that we were asked on the train, and not to let people overhear us talking about our affairs. So we chatted in French to each other. We all thought we knew a lot of French,—I was particularly proud that I remembered so much of it from my boarding-school days in Belgium,—but we found after we got there that there was a good deal we didn't know about the language. I never shall forget the humiliation I felt when a French operator requested me to "put some one on the line who can speak French." But at this time we all thought our French was good, which, for American French, it really was.

Drusilla Palmer and Helen Orb, two of the other girls, were very much excited. We were all a little bit tensed up over the fact that we were actually going to France. Each one of us moreover had a different reason for going.

Some of the girls went because they had sweethearts "over there," others because they needed jobs, and others because they wanted to get back to their homes on the other side. But

the majority of them were going, I think, as Drusilla and Helen and I were going, because they wanted to do what they could to help win the war. I am not the type that makes good in the sick-room. I couldn't be a nurse, and I felt that the Signal Corps was the place for the real business woman who wanted to serve her country efficiently.

Learning to operate the telephone had been tedious, hard and wearisome work. I should not care to make a life profession of telephone-operating as the French girls do. It is wearing and nerveracking. In my months of training I had become expert at making connections and saying, "The line is busy!" "Waiting," "I will ring them again," and various



"We lived in an old school in Bordeaux."

I T was at a party given by the British Mission at the officers' club that I met and danced with the Prince of Wales.

"Your Majesty, I want you to meet one of our American girls," said the cap-

tain who presented me.

I suppose that I should have been completely awed and overcome by the royal presence, but the majesty of his bearing was somewhat handicapped by the fact that it was perfectly evident he had no idea what to do with his hands and feet, and that he preferred to look at the ceiling or out of the window rather than at the girl he was talking with, or rather, the girl who was talking at him. He had nice fresh English color, and seemed like any other nice boy that you meet, who is just a bit embarrassed.

I had always said that I would never "Your Majesty" anyone, and so I just naturally stuck out my hand, and said, "I'm very glad to meet you; I have always wanted to"—which was the truth, and we just danced.

The Prince wasn't a bad dancer either, and we managed to say the usual things 104 THE GR

to each other; and when he had finished and he asked me if he had danced all right, I told him he was all right for a Prince, but I thought I liked the American way of dancing best.

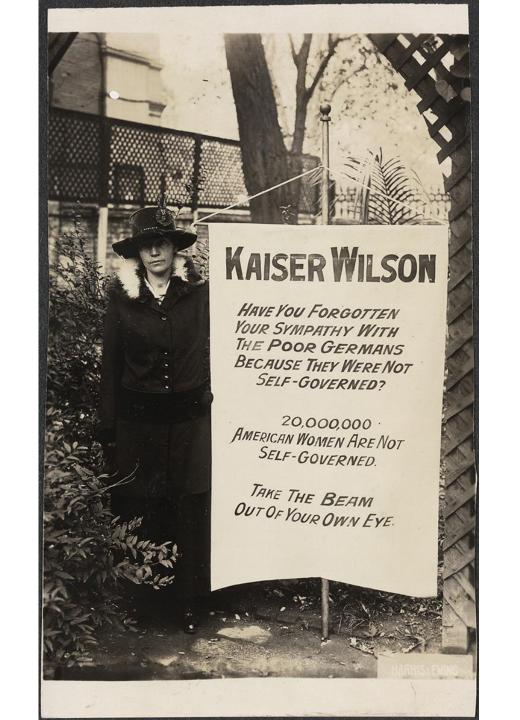
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If You Are Good Enough for War You Are Good Enough to Vote



Value of Play as a Factor in Education

DE DAVID S. ORKENBERG.

Author of "A Busines of Killie Thickes," "Mandes," etc.



work out a dovetailed plan of action | statement which would do much to promote in the Uni efficient work by the various agencies | must be ac in contact with juvenile delinquents.

OVERSEAS WOMEN

It will come as surprise to many of it which who have not realized how great was make it p the number of women who served overseas in the World war, that they totaled more than 50,000. And it will be a shock to learn that of these there are thousands in acute need, suffering from disease contracted in or the result of deprivation and exposure in the service.

These women, on their return, to utilize signed releases absolving the organizations which had sent them, from further responsibility, and now there is no means of providing for them and many are helpless. They were nurses, canteen workers, signal could bree corps telephone operators, Red ers under Cross, Y. W. C. A., Salvation Army | country pr and Jewish Welfare workers. The done with Women's Overseas Service League wil convene in New York city in July to consider, mainly, means of meeting this serious problem.

We are a prosperous nation. These women who served in our time of need should not find us ungrateful There have been drives for various other causes in which large sums have been raised. Some attention reason w should at least be directed toward the plight of these women.

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Measure Providing Elastic Control of Public Works Is Recommitted.

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The Kenyon bill to give the President power to speed up in slack times and retard in prosperous times construction of public works, as a means of meeting unemployment conditions. was recommitted to the Senate committee on education and labor · late yesterday, after an amendment had been adopted which Senator Kenyon said practically destroyed the measure.

The amendment was offered by Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, of the and would exempt from the proviname of sions of the bill all river and harbor

\$56,304 AWAITS DECISION ON STATUS OF CIVILIAN "HELLO GIRL" OVERSEAS

By the Associated Press.

PHILADELPHIA, February 17 .-Whether a telephone operator overseas during the world war was a member of the military forces of the United States was argued before Judge Thompson in the United States district court. The case involved an inheritance tax of \$56,304 on the estate of Mrs. Adaline Pepper Gibson, socially prominent and a relative of Senator George W. Pepper, who enlisted as a telephone operator with Base Hospital 38.

She died January 10, 1919, leaving an estate valued at \$780,000. Heirs are suing for a return of the inheritance tax, on the ground that Mrs. Gibson was a member of the military forces of the United States, served as a nurse and interpreter as well as a telephone operator, wore a nurse's uniform

and overseas chevrons.

Assistant United States District Attorney Henry B. Friedman urged that Mrs. Gibson enrolled as a civilian telephone operator and that her status had not changed at the time of her death. Judge Thompson reserved decision.

15 Women Discharged By Army 60 Years Late

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Aug. 25 (AP) — Fifteen women, aged 80 to 91, received their Army discharges this week, 60 years after leaving Government service as wartime telephone operators in France.

"It took them an awful long time, but now that it has happened it's wonderful," said Estelle Pheeney, 85 years old, of Jamestown, after receiving a discharge certificate from Secretary of the Army Clifford Alexander Jr. at the United States Naval War College in Newport.

She is among 15 surviving members of the 350-woman Army Signal Corps Female Telephone Operators Unit that served in France during World War I. The unit was established in response to Gen. John J. Pershing's call for women operators who could speak French and was disbanded at the end of the war.

The surviving operators were officially discharged Thursday as the result of a recent Defense Department ruling that allows civilians who served in combat areas to be considered active members of the armed forces.

"I had never been anywhere before, so it was the most exciting time of my life," said Mrs. Pheeney, the former Estelle Caron.

Her French-Canadian heritage gave her a fluent command of French, and she was a telephone operator supervisor in Brockton, Mass., when she signed up.

Mrs. Pheeney and the other former operators are now eligible for veterans



Why "Hello Girls"?

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SIX MICE APPEAR

pandemonium in the main exchange of ens, watching little electric lights gleam the Chicago Telephone Company, Wash- out upon their switchboards, calling ington and Franklin streets, recently, softly, "Hello" and "Number, please," The tiny rodents, drawn from their he beheld such a bewildering array of labor mural lairs by a tempting smell of luncheon cheese, stampeded 100 hello intendent Kelly is a brave man. girls and sent them flying pelimell to perches of safety on stools and switchboards.

feminine shriek:

"receiving caps" from their heads, dashed down their "plugs" and rushed for refuge from the sudden danger. Some sought safety on the tops of stools. Some climbed to the high central ridge of the switchboard. Others sprang upon desks, window sills, and chairs, and drew their skirts about them.

The hubbub brought Superintendent he saw, he blushed. Instead of the cus- main exchange.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30 .- Six mice raised | tomary line of demure and busy maidsnowy linegerie and dainty hose that Thea for a moment he hesitated. But Super- ing

With one Napoleonic glance he took in the situation and realized he con- Chur fronted a crisis. So, covering his burning face with his hand-but peeping, it | Social The peace which wrapped the ex- is alleged, through is fingers-the suchange suddenly was broken by a wild perintendent groped his way to a broom in a corner, Armed with this weapon, said he charged the mice, The battle was ers, short and furious. Five mice were sent izing Instantly scream after scream ran scampering back to their holes, leavdown the long line. Terrified girls threw ing one of their number dead upon the

Victorious, but still blushing, the conqueror turned his back upon the girls and caled out that all was safe. So 100 prettily draped statues of "Fright" climbed down from their eyries and hand arial coignes and became "hello girls"

past.

The incident explains why for twenty minutes in the afternoon patrons of the telephone company all over the city Kelly running from his office. He came, unable to get connections through the

Many Operators in New York Desert Jobs to Wed.

COMPANIES ARE IN TROUBLE

Hello Girls' Amalgamated Union Would Have Marriage License Bureaus Established Next Door to Exchanges-Managers Appeal to Subscribers to Fill the Places Left Vacant.

From the New York Press.

Cupid and Hymen are perching on the telephone wires 24 hours a day in this city and the neighboring counties in Long Island and New Jersey, and telephone operators are getting married so fast the New York Telephone Company and its subsidiaries find difficulty in keeping the switchboard filled. Every time the wind blows through the wires it seems to play a wedding march into the ears of the girl operators in the exchanges, and their hearts keep going pitty-pat until the right man comes along Then off they go to man comes along them who the bouseborn

CUPID ON PHONE WIRES ALICE PAUL BOOMED FOR PRESIDEN

> Pretty Operators of Quaker City Organize a Suffragette Society.

> PHILADELPHIA, March 11 .- Miss Alice Paul, of Moorestown, N. J., was boomed for presidentess of the United States at the initial meeting here last night of the Telephone Girls' Suffragette Society.

> Mrs. Milton Orme, the suffragette organizer of this city, for months has been quietly at work among the working girls here, and the first conference looking to the complete organization of the hello girls under the suffragette banner was held last night at the Edgeton, Forty-first street and Parkside avenue. Mrs. Orme presided.

At the same hour a wee meeting of the first hello girl suffragettes was held at one of the big telephone buildings downtown. The hello girl that presided made a thrilling little speech in a real sweet voice, and called upon the other hello girls never to forget their native land, and told them that they should anize, carry banners, roast the nasty

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Why "Hello Girls"?

The American woman of any age is the best-looking woman in the world now. She will certainly to her charms a bit (but not too much) of "sophistication."

Ann and I were sitting in the lounge of the Plaza Hotel in our metropolis, waiting for Doris. "She i "By the way, did you notice her new dress last night? I think it is a pity that a good-looking wom her figure by such an unbecoming outfit. How do you feel about it?"

"I don't mind the cut so much, but I object to the color," I said. "Such an unbecoming brown! Do she would just try to match them. . . . Instead of that she wears that dull color which very few w

I stopped. I saw Doris entering the hall.

"Hello, girls." (In the U.S.A. they address you as "girl" even if you are a grandmother.) Doris, to me colored dress and a matching hat and handbag with it.

"I'm sorry I'm late, but I just got this lovely handbag. It was made to order to match my outfit."

About Well-Known Folk In Books, Art, Politics

War Department Approves Rogers' Bill for Women's Army

Auxiliary Corps

By ROBERT CRAWFORD.

With Representative Edith Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts the World War did not end with the armistice in November, 1918, insofar as the interests of the men and women who served were concerned. During the 23 years since then she has kept in constant touch with them and as the only woman member of the House Committee on World War Veterans' Legislation has ever been watchful of their interests.

As an official observer abroad during the World War, Mrs. Rogers had the opportunity to observe the work that women did with the American forces and the work of the women of England who served with the American forces. After a thorough study of the situation she concluded that not only in Europe but in this country more efficient, more effective work and less duplication of duties could have been obtained if the work of the

women in the Army had had official status, and if volunteer workers, could have been classified as to rank.

With this in view, Representative Rogers, after receiving the approval of the War Department, on the 28th of last month introduced in the Congress a bill to establish a Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, for service with the Army of the United States. The bill recites that the corps shall not be a part of the Army but it shall be the only women's organization authorized to serve with the Army, exclusive of the Army Nurse Corps. The bill specifically states that nurses shall not be enrolled in the W. A. A. C., and nothing in the act shall affect or change the Army Nurse Corps as of interest in the Capital and nearby now established by law. The Rogers sections today is that made by Mr. bill states that enrollment in the and Mrs. Alexander John Wedder-

the primary purpose of her bill is burn, and Mr. Robert Loyd Burleigh. training or active combat service; 11 at 8:30 o'clock in the Church of who are now performing the the Covenant.

Engagements Of Interest In Capital

Ann Wedderburn To Be Bride of Robert L. Burleigh

Among the many announcements auxiliary corps shall be voluntary. burn of the engagement of their Mrs. Rogers makes it plain that daughter, Miss Ann Lewis Wedder-

to release enlisted Army men for The marriage will take place July

gram; to continuance of the hot by J. W. Lawson, district superinlunch projects in the schools; to tendent of schools for Calexico.

Army Proposes Organization Of Women's Auxiliary

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20—(UP)—I tary affairs committee today. The army will recruit an initial force of 12,200 volunteers to form a women's army auxiliary corps if enabling legislation recommended by the war department is approved. Lieut. Col. Ira Swift, of the army's general staff, told the house mili-

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Swift estimated it would cost \$10,000,000 to get the program un-

Although he set the initial force Nuff at only 12,200. Rep. Edith Nourse Thor Rogers, R., Mass., author of the bill. said the force probably would reach a total of 20,000 to 25,000 women in non-combatant posts.

Earlier Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, informed the committee by letter that the bill presented "a sound method for meeting military requirements."

Swift said 9,700 wemen probably would be used in air raid warning and "filter" stations.

About 6,000 civilian women workers are now working in air raid information posts but there is a need for "military control," he said. Defects of the existing system, he said, are absences of the unpaid workers and the great turnover in personnel.

Women with the air raid warning service could perform such duties as clerks, plotters, tellers, spotters and messengers, he aid, and in other military work they could serve as clerks, machine operators, telephone and telegraph operators. dieticians and possibly hostesses.

Swift said the ultimate size of the WAAC will depend on military requirements which cannot be determined now.

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Vanguard Of WAAC Arrives To Plan 'Invasion' Of Fort

WAACs Look Over Future Work Here



Here to size up various jobs which will soon fall to the lot of their organization, these two WAACs report to WAAC Lt. Mabel R. Comegys at headquarters of the 15th Signal Training Regiment, as Lt. William L. Bost, Personnel Adjutant of the regiment looks on. They are Cpl. Maxine Goldman, laft and Cpl. May F. Reed.

Babies Master Radio Code-Honest!

And are Radio GI's Faces Red

Women Soldiers To Relieve Men For Field Jobs

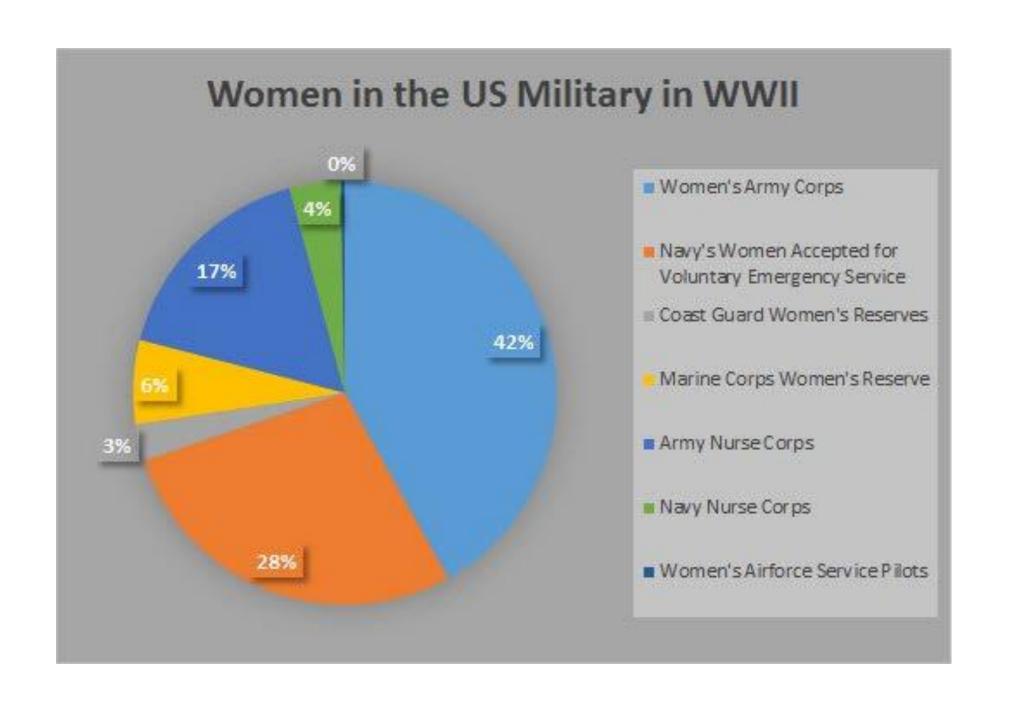
Delegation Paves Way For Auxiliary Set to Handle Processing

A forerunner of what is to come within the next week or two visited the Fifteenth Signal Training Regiment this week. A delegation of WAACs swooped down upon the "Fightin' Fifteenth" headquarters, where they looked over the situation, and made last-minute plans for a gala entrance into this historic regiment.

Col. Frank H. Curtis, commanding officer of the regiment, greeted the WAACs with one of his impressive talks. The Colonel's staff stood by with balted breath to note every reaction of the "old man" as he went through the process of greeting the newcomers, Everyone knows Colonel Curtis is Regular Army through and through. The question as to his immediate reaction was one of debate for the old-timers who knew him from "way back.

All went well, however. The Colonel beamed his friendly smile, as only he alone can do. He even went so far as to shake their

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WAC Directorship to Be Abolished

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—Clifford Alexander Jr., Secretary of the Army, announced today that he was abolishing the directorship of the Women's Army Corps. The action follows a statement in which Defense Secretary Harold Brown told Congress that women had become "full partners in our national defense" and required no separate organization within the military. Brig. Gen. Mary E. Clarke, the WAC director, is to be given another assignment.

Army Opinions about Women in the Army

Abstract: Survey data collected from U.S. Army personnel show t who are a substantial minority (about 12 percent) in the Army, w ment in which their usefulness and accomplishments are view men and women and also by personnel holding different ranks. that the acceptance of women remains limited. Indeed, to even which were asked about them would seem to marginalize wo apart—and this in an institution that places a high value on cohes als in other institutions may harbor similar reservations, but the be open to (and received) rather negative responses; other in: different, or they may be more self-censoring.

Background

Twice a year the Army surveys its troops on a wide rai Fall of 1994 an interesting set of questions was asked relate Specifically, soldiers were asked to state the extent to which agreed (or neither agreed nor disagreed) with statements like assigned to any specialties for which they can pass a test to qua

11,000 New Positions in Army Open to Women After Review

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Army Women Face Bias on Macho Base: Sexual harassment in the Army takes By ERIC SCHMITTSpecial to The New York Times

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Army Women Face Bias on Macho Base

By ERIC SCHMITT

Special to The New York Times
FORT BRAGG, N.C. — For Specialist Treneé Maddox, it was sexist innuendo from leering sergeants about her appearance. For Capt. Priscilla Mondt it was sexually suggestive lyrics in soldiers' marching cadences. For former Specialist Pamela Metras, it meant an assault in her barracks.

At Fort Bragg, one of the Army's largest bases, women encounter the same kinds of sexual harassment that many women have complained are common in the Navy. The climate for women here is ex-

tremely difficult given the macho envi-ronment of a base that is home to the 82d Airborne Division and other elite troops. Only 12 percent of the 43,000 soldiers here are women — roughly the same ratio in the Army over all — but

"This is already one of the most high-stress, physically demanding places, so when you add some level of harassment, it's that much tougher," said 1st Sgt. Maria Hurlburt, a hard-bitten, 39-year-old former drill ser-geant from Staten Island who is now company sergeant for a 142-persor communications unit.

Other minorities can tap into exter Other minorities can tap into exter-nal support organizations at Fort Bragg; for example, black soldiers can turn to groups like the local chapter of the N.A.A.C.P. But women here say their opportunities to form networks orf-just discuss their common problems are virtually nonexistent. The harder to be made to the soldiers of the country of the soldiers of the soldiers of the rounded by so many men," said Cap-tain Mondt, who is the first and only female chaplain assigned to the 82d

female chaplain assigned to the 82d Airborne. "I see a trend that many women do not feel empowered."

Isolation in a Male World

In interviews with more than a dozer officers and enlisted personnel, women here talk about a sense of loneliness and of being isolated in a male domain making harassment more difficult to

Women here say the frequency of called only one or two minor incidents in their military careers, while others said they regularly endured jibes, taunts or worse.

But women here also say the inci-dence of sexual harassment depends on several factors. Enlisted women are more likely to have problems than are officers. Younger, less assertive wom-en are more vulnerable to harassment than are older, more confident women Units with large numbers of women experience fewer troubles than those where females are a small minority.

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Sexual harassment in the Army takes many forms.

"But there are some units whose com manders let that stuff slide. That's where you have problems." Given its size, Fort Bragg offers

Given its size, Fort Bragg offers a broad demographic sampling that illustrates an array of attitudes toward women and sexual harassment, attitudes that are also common in the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps.
The former Army specialist, Ms. Metras, 26, said she left the Army last December mainly because of the steady harassment she had endured steady harassment she had endured to the common state of the steady harassment she had endured to the state of the steady harassment she had endured to the state of the state

while a parachute rigger in a quarter-master unit. Ms. Metras said that in October 1990, a month before being deployed to Saudi Arabia with her unit, she had been raped in her barracks by an enlisted man. "I was just sleeping and next thing I

know, someone was on top of me," said Ms. Metras, who is now a nursing stu-dent near Detroit. "I didn't report it because in my unit than youldn't do

but still demeaning. Specialist Maddox, 25, said a senior sergeant, asking how she had got a coveted job as a communication battal

ion secretary, suggested it must have been because of her looks rather than her clerical talents.

"Sure, it's a problem, but little things like that happen so often you could spend all your time filing complaints," Specialist Maddox said.

Fort Bragg's equal-opportunity of-fice received five sexual-harassment complaints from women soldiers in 1991 and six so far this year. Army officials said they did not know if the figures were low because other comlaints had been handled in the chain of command, as is recommended, or be cause women thought that the office vould not pursue their complaints.

Senior Army officials here and in

Washington condemn sexual harass-ment in the ranks and say the Army was taking steps to prevent abuse long before anyone ever heard of the Tailhook Association, whose convention in Las Vegas last year was the scene of incidents that brought to na-

scene of incidents that brought to na-tional attention the issue of sexual har-assment in the Navy.

Brig. Gen. Charles H. Baumann, the chief of staff at Fort Bragg, issued an order last Dec. 3 to end sexually suggestive lyrics in the singsong cadences that soldiers bark out during their running exercises.

In a memorandum dated July 10, the head of the 82d Airborne Division, Maj. Gen. Henry H. Shelton, reasserted the Army's overall policy against offensive comments, gestures or inappropriate

Commanders Are Warned

"Recent military and civilian scanment is more prevalent than previous ly thought," General Shelton said. " expect all commanders to become pe sonally involved in monitoring their units' awareness of the prevention of

In one recent case in the division, one sergeant was reprimanded and an-other was demoted, docked \$1,200 pay and given 45 days of extra work after a 21-year-old female private first class complained that the men were harassing her and sending her abusive letters.

In a second incident, two sergeants were reprimanded and one was relieved of his duties for pinching and verbally harassing a 23-year-old fe-male specialist.

male specialist.

Some women here say that things are getting better. In June, for example, Lieut. Col. Ann Dunwoody was appointed as the 82d Airborne's first female battalion commander

In a division where only 300 of the 15,000 soldiers are women, Colonel Dunwoody, 39, now commands the

Nov. 14 (AP) — A the military's treatits ranks ended toannounced that it er of noncombat ocd previously been

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Maj. Jeanne Lang, a 35-year pilot, walking by a line of Apj sed to women. with Warrant Officer Jerry Sed to women.

all message is that unit has about 50 women.
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division in a critical position."

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Praise for Opportunities

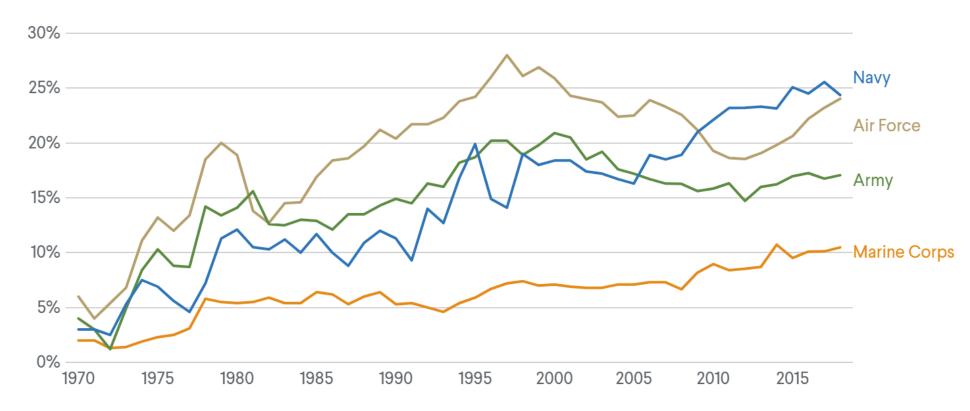
Another positive account came Maj. Jeanne Lang, 35, a Black transport-helicopter pilot who

The task force found that while roughly 50 percent of personnel were assigned to combat positions and roughly 50 percent were in noncombat support jobs, thousands of jobs required judgment calls that frequently went against women.

"Each of the services had a way of designating positions," Dr. Armor said. "That led to situations where a reconnaissance aircraft in the Navy was closed but it was open in the Air Force. So what we've really done here is adopted the same value in evaluating risk."

The new rule specifies that a particular occupation should be judged not on the basis of the skills involved or the unit to which it is now assigned, but on whether the position would expose an individual to the same risk of hostile fire as a combat job.

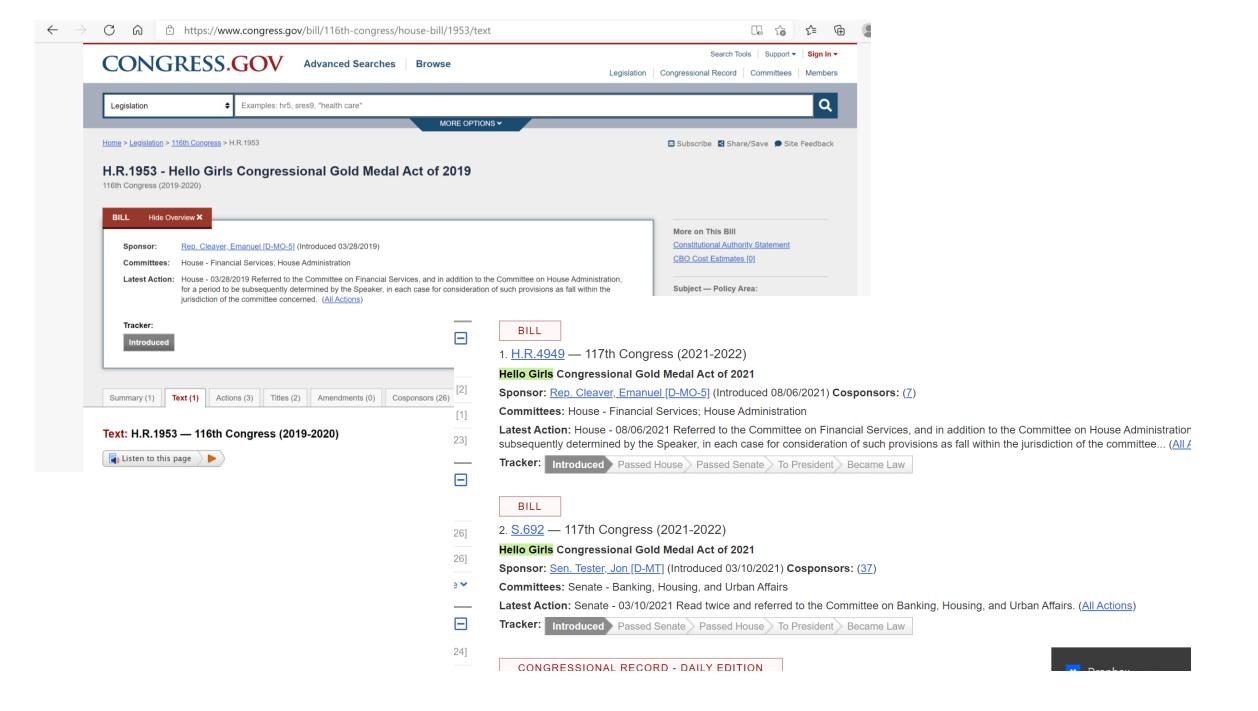
Percentage of Female Enlisted Recruits, 1970–2018



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