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'Holiday With The Girls' To Play Sites, Ladd-Eielson Next Week; Comic, Former 'Playmate' Top Bill

"Holiday With The Girls," a post-Holiday glamor package heavily laden with comedy will dance into the Yukon Command next week as the top winter offering of the USO.

Headed by comic Sid Marion, a veteran of vaudeville who has produced laughs on numerous motion pictures and on TV, the cast of 14 is playing a seven-week Alaska schedule.

Battery B, 562nd Arty, is the first stop locally for the "Holiday," with a performance at 1500 hours on the 9th Saturday night, the group plays at Battery A.

Sunday evening, the troupe moves into the Ladd Golden North Service Club for a performance and then returns to the sites with performances at D Battery Wednesday afternoon, the 13th, and at Charlie Battery that night at 1730.

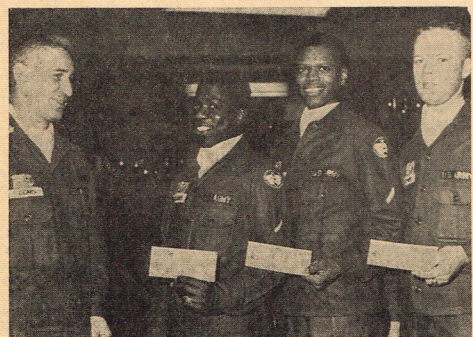
Final local performance will be at Eielson's Northern Star Service Club on Thursday, January 14th.

"Holiday With The Girls" also features the comedy team of Ken Delo and John Daly, and the magic of Dick O'Shaughnessy.

Glamorous Margee McGlory, a singer whose clever impressions of other show business notables have been seen in top night spots coast-to-coast, heads the show's vocal department.

Music and additional comedy for the USO package, "Holiday With the Girls" is whipped to a near-frenzy in the very capable hands of Happy Joe Lewis and his gang—the "gang" consisting of Jeanne Valley figuratively pumping a portable electric organ, Frank Valley on drums, and Billy Collins blowing a "cool sax." Happy Joe himself lays down a mean covering of harmony on guitar.

"The Girls" are dancers Cheryl Kubert, whom alert readers and viewers will recall as a former "Playmate," Evelyn Farney, Jeanene Ambler and Maria Korda.



BATTLE GROUP COLONEL ORDERLIES who were selected as outstanding soldiers three times at guard mount, receive \$25.00 Savings Bonds from Maj. Abraham M. Glass, Adjutant of the 1st Battle Group, 9th Infantry. (L-R): Maj. Glass; PFC John E. Williams of Co. A; PFC Johnny A. Wood of Co. B and PFC Ambrose G. Hopper of Co. B.

49TH STAR, NIKE FIRING STAND OUT AS TOP EVENTS OF '59 AS YEAR ENDS IN YUKON COMMAND

As 1960 draws near, the twentieth year of operation for Ladd Field, now Ladd AFB, it's time to review 1959, a year of change.

1959, Statehood for Alaska; with the 9th Infantry renewing historic ties with America's "Frontier" by raising the first 49 star flag in Juneau. It was the 9th Infantry that raised a 36 star flag in Sitka, then the Russian capital, in 1867 as the United States took over.

Beautiful Mural To Adorn Service Club Walls

A dark and dreary wall at the Service Club has been transformed into a beautiful mural 75 feet long and 15 feet high, thanks to the creativeness of Miss Ann Manion of S-1 and the art work of Sp4 Arnold J. Christiansen, Special Service's Specialist.

An idea was brought to the attention of the Service Club, that of the giant mural, and soon found itself on the drawing board. First, Miss Manion made a simple sketch on paper and then soon, she was found drawing the huge drawing on the south wall, which then was occupied by travel posters.

Sp4 Christiansen soon started to paint the huge mural with water colors. The mural, unnamed yet, will show all the ruggedness and beauty of Alaska's majestic mountains, trees, glaciers, blue streams, mostly uninhabited by man.

The drawing will show Alaska in the spring with the snow melting and the beautiful colors that come along that time of the year. Five majestic mountains are found in the mural, three on one side of a

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NIKE-HERCULES BLASTS OFF for a designated target east of Fairbanks in one of the most spectacular events to culminate the Army's year 1959.

HAPPIER CHRISTMAS FOR MARANATHA CHILDREN

Capt. Bill L. Dutton, CO of Company D, 1st Battle Group, 9th Infantry, and his men showed real Christmas spirit this year by making Christmas happier for 18 children of the Maranatha Children's Home-stead.

A huge decorated cake, fresh fruit, and money were donated to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, the guardians of the Home-stead, by Capt. Dutton and his thoughtful community spirit-minded men.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson came from Yonkers, New York, 10 years ago to do Missionary work in Alaska. Since they have been in Alaska their family has grown to 20 members. They have taken in 18 needy children from the ages of 20 years to 15 months as part of their family. They have had the help of Miss Drake and Mr. Dean Ractliff in bringing up this large family.

Christmas 1959 will long be remembered by this large happy family for the act of thoughtfulness by the men of Company D.



Sp4 Arnold J. Christiansen working on the 75 foot long mural at the Ladd Service Club. He has already used 7 pints of white paint on this magnificent painting.



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much of the training was yet to be done.

The efforts of the battalion culminated in the test in December. The 2nd Missile Bn combined with the 4th Missile Bn from Anchorage for the annual service practice.

Battle Group

A new Commanding Officer for the Battle Group highlighted the year, as Colonel Donald J. Richardson assumed command in May. Colonel Richardson replaced Colonel Willard Pearson, who moved to the G-3 position in USARL.

July, 33 members of the Battle Group set off on the historic patrol, "Operation Nimble Nomad." The reconnaissance patrol covered 800 miles of arctic country in 23 days, traveling by foot, river boat, truck and plane gathering information on the possibilities of moving troops through the rugged terrain during the summer.

New USARL Commander

In September, Major General John H. Michaelis, new USARL Commander, arrived at Ladd for a familiarization visit of Yukon Command Troops.

General Michaelis had assumed command of USARL in August, replacing Brig. General Thomas H. Beck, who returned to the Yukon Command.

Sports

In the Yukon Command Sports picture, Battle Group units and Headquarters Company, Yukon Command, topped the company level scene. Headquarters Company won the USARL Softball Championship at Wildwood Station. C Company took the Commanding General's Trophy for sports participation.

Eielson's Warrior and the Ladd Rangers deadlocked for second place in the North of the Range Football Conference.

Ladd's John Sochor won All-Army recognition for his play with the Rangers.



"FIELD" EXPEDIENT FOR "DRY RUNS" — Lack of snow at Fort Lewis, Washington, doesn't stop "Warriors" of the 1st Battle Group, 12th Infantry, from training for Exercise Little Bear—scheduled to be held in Alaska in February, 1960. Some slick straw serves as a ski run for STRACman PFC Irving Schmertzler. The 1st Battle Group of the Warriors is a part of the STRAC 4th (Ivy) Infantry Division.

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Manchu Minutes

During the past week the men of the 1st Battle Group, 9th Infantry have been celebrating the Christmas season. Many of them attended either Candlelight Services or Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, or one of the chapel services on Christmas Day.

In the barracks, decorations sprouted everywhere. Christmas cards hung around and everybody shared the cookies, candy and pastries sent by families from all over the country. Letters, cards and packages filled the mail rooms making the mail clerk another Santa Claus.

Holiday dinners in every company of the Battle Group on Christmas Day were the result of an all-out effort on the part of the cooks. They used all of their best skill to decorate the mess halls and load the tables with holiday fare.

Half-holidays that began in the Battle Group on December 21 will continue during the twelve days of Christmas except for another full holiday over New Year's Day and the following weekend.

SERVICE CLUB MURAL

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glacier that is breaking up as the blue mountain water is shown running through the ice over a waterfall with two more mountains on the other side of the glacier. A tree covered peninsula quietly edges itself into the glacier giving a beautiful contrast of green to the white covered mountains.

Specialist Christiansen, from Nebraska City, Nebraska, hopes to complete the mural before mid-January, when he will be rotating back to the lower states. The Service Club mural by Miss Marlon and Sp4 Christiansen is the first big art project that they have undertaken. Although only half completed, the mural adds an attractive touch of beauty and cheerfulness to the club for all the men in the Command.



SANTA'S HELPERS: Sgt. Sidney J. Ball and Arvil Neal, Btry D, 2nd Mst Bn gave Santa an assist in making two local families happy this Christmas. They are shown with the collection of toys collected and made by men of the Battery for the two families the Battery adopted this Christmas.

CADUCEUS

Sergeant Walker and his family received a surprise Christmas gift last week. Mrs. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, have flown up from Texas to spend the holidays.

The detachment duty roster has been a point of interest for the past two weeks. Sp4 Lee caught Charge of Quarters on Christmas Eve and Sp4 Pullen got the chore of Ambulance Duty Driver. New Year's Eve PFC Maslov will be holding the fort, accompanied by PFC Plaisance.

Sergeant Yowell, hospitalized for the past three weeks, is recovering from a knee operation. He is confined to quarters with daily visits to the hospital for treatment, but has been able to spend the holidays with his wife and children.

New Specialist Fourth Class eagles are flitting about the detachment. Promoted to Sp4 on the 18th of December were Gerald Fischer and John Sampson.

Rotating the first part of January are Sp4 Bruce Addison, Sp4 Adkins, and Pfc James Matthews. Specialists Addison and Adkins will become civilians again but PFC Matthews has been seen talking earnestly with Sgt. Yowell, the reenlistment NCO.

Telephone calls from home were received Christmas Eve. PFC Rawls talked with his mother and sister in Norfolk, Va., PFC Nemic with his mother in Whippany, N.J., Sp4 Lee with his parents in Tribune, Kans., and Sp5 Matthews exchanged greetings with his wife in Fayetteville, N.C.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The Golden North Service Club is sponsoring a black and white winter scene, photograph contest. The contest will be open to all military and dependent personnel. A limit of one photograph entry may be made by each individual. Any size photograph may be entered until the deadline of January 28. All entries should be made to the Service Club. Three cash prizes will be given to the first, second and third place winners. Prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5 will be given respectively according to places.

Army Developing TV For Missiles

Washington (AFPS)—The Army is developing new television equipment to be affixed to ballistic missiles that may take the guesswork out of reconnaissance.

Army missile authorities explained that the new device offers only the type of reconnaissance which takes place after firing.

A small capsule containing a TV camera is attached to the missile and after firing is ejected in flight. The camera views the impact area and transmits a picture to screens behind the battle lines where observers can see how the missile performed. This process is termed "target damage assessment."

The new missile TV is being developed for the Army by Radio Corporation of America and Chrysler. The Army says that it has been extensively ground tested and will soon be air tested at Eglin AFB, Fla.

Local Soldier's Art Recognized By President

If you are looking for talent in art, you may stop looking because at Eielson, Pfc Ted Jaslow, all round artist has just received recognition for his art work from President Eisenhower.

President Eisenhower's birthday was celebrated recently, with the USO sponsoring a dance honoring him, and with Jaslow drawing a portrait picture of Eisenhower on a birthday card that he had made and having the USO send it to the White House.

Soon after, a letter was received by the USO from President Eisenhower thanking them for the card, "especially to the serviceman, Ted Jaslow, who painted my portrait on it — that you so thoughtfully sent me."

Now assigned to Det 1, Hq Co, he is working for the Base Education Center as part of the cross service agreement, painting educational posters that may be seen all over Eielson. Most of the posters being made are of original cartoon characters and animals, with amusing riddles to encourage education among base personnel.

The young Brooklynite attended one year at the Brooklyn Museum Art School for drawing and sculpture, from 1954-56 he attended Copper Union for the Advancement of Sculpture and Art, and received a degree in Fine Arts and Graphics, and at the same time attended the Arts Students League, all being in New York.

On his own time, Ted likes to do sketch work of people, like recently he did sketch work on the Warrior's basketball games, of the players and the reaction of the fans.

Making another strong bond between the Army and Fairbanks, Jaslow is a member of the Service men's Council which plans the monthly schedule of activities for the GI's at the Fairbanks USO.

Only 18 years ago! A state of war was declared between U.S. and Germany and Italy on December 11, 1941.

Casanova says that a girl who is the only pebble on the beach is usually a little bolder.

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