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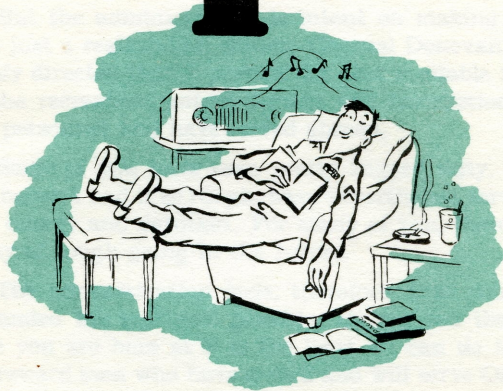
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WELCOME TO

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The purpose of this booklet is to tell you quickly what Area F is all about.

Primarily, F is the OSS Reallocation Center. Men returned from duty overseas — after their furloughs — are assembled here pending reassignment to new duties.

But the administration is intent on making F more than just a reallocation center. General Donovan has expressly directed that F provide the best available facilities for the recreation, entertainment and instruction of the OSS personnel who have served abroad.

Some of you have seen pretty rugged duty. Others, who haven't had it so rough, have nevertheless served OSS with energy and devotion. For many of you, there will be plenty of tough going in the future.

The administration feels, therefore, that you should be handed the best deal possible. Giving you the breaks while you are here at F is the least we can do to honor and reward men who have served and will serve OSS overseas.

The Physical Set-up

Area F used to be the Congressional Country Club, a favorite spot among legislators for golfing, swimming, elbow-bending, and other sports. The club grounds consist of 400 acres of rolling Maryland countryside — which is plenty of grounds for taking long brisk hikes. On the other hand there are plenty of grounds for not taking long brisk hikes, so suit yourself.



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In the clubhouse, on the main floor, is the lounge... fireplaces at either end, a stone's-throw apart. Also on the main floor is a sun-porch, pool room, barber-shop, mess-halls, and an officers' lounge.

On the mezzanine is the infirmary, and a well-stocked library, with facilities for writing letters. And downstairs the gymnasium, locker rooms, and a PX.



Chow

If you insist you can stay in the sack, but it's not recommended as the chow here is good, and breakfast has been pushed back to 0730.

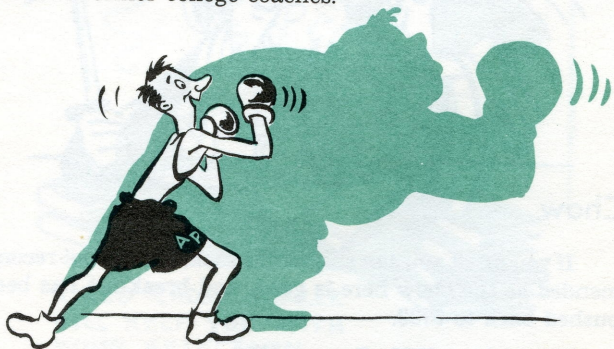
Dinner is at 1200. Supper, 1730.

Sports

For the winter athletics program, fields have been laid out for touch football, and courts set up for volleyball. Indoors the best bet is the gymnasium, which is equipped for basketball and badminton. Provision will also be made for boxing and wrestling.

The Spring and Summer program is considerably broader. It includes the 18-hole golf course, the large outdoor swimming pool, baseball, and other warm-weather sports.

Individual and team competitions will be arranged by athletics director Wesley Fesler and his assistant, John Wood — former college coaches.



Games

Pool. There is a pool-room on the Main Floor, and additional tables downstairs.

Ping pong. You'll find a half dozen tables on the sun porch.

Chess, etc. Naturally there will be plenty of gear around for chess, checkers, and the like.

Cards. If you feel like promoting a game of Gin or Poker, the supply room will lend you cards and chips. Bring your own money.

Other Activities

We plan to organize practical courses and workshops in a variety of educational and occupational activities. Don't get alarmed at that phrase, "educational and occupational activities." We realize it sounds like a plot to take a guy's mind off sex by teaching him how to weave a rug.

That's not what we have in mind. What we wish to provide is practical work in fields such as the following:

Mechanics and carpentry

Printing

Radio

Movie-making and still photography

Commercial art . . . posters

Weapons . . . target practice

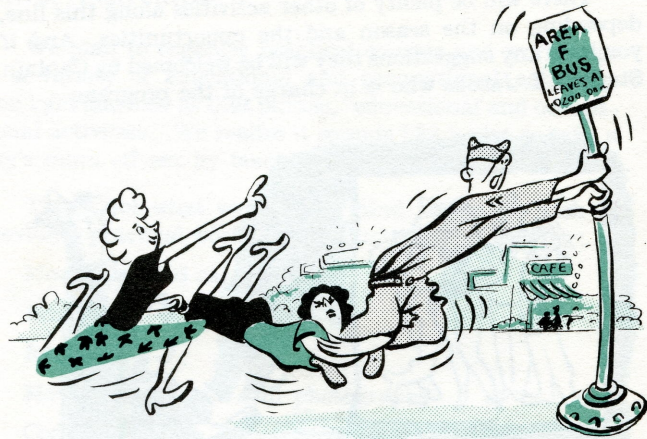
We urge you to sign up for some part of this program because we think we have a pretty good set-up. For example, there's a printing press on the premises. There will be 16mm motion picture cameras, and we've made arrangements for 48-hour service on getting the film developed and shipped back ready to project. And on the range, Lt. Colonel Fairbairn will be in charge of weapons and target practice.

There will be plenty of other activities along this line depending on the season and the opportunities. And you have any suggestions they will be welcomed by Captain Stephen T. Jacobs who is in charge of the program.



Passes

We realize you may have in mind some pastime for which F is unequipped. So if you want to go to Washington of an evening you can. Bear in mind though that the Mellon Art Gallery, the Congressional Library, and other points of interest close at 1800 — and there is nothing much to be found after dark except saloons and government girls.



If despite this fact the trip still seems worthwhile, apply and your pass will be issued. Bus transportation will be provided every night to and from Washington. See the bulletin board for the schedule.

Evenings at F

Movies. First-run films will be shown here, at the customary army fee of fifteen cents. We get the shows a week or so before they are played in Washington.

Dances. There will be some dances, with gals imported from OSS-Washington and other sources. On the subject of women, it has been mentioned that some of the OSS gents have a pretty rough idea of how to be charming. Take it easy, or you'll queer the deal for everybody.

Speakers and discussions. A schedule of speakers is being planned by Mr. Gus Parsons, World War I veteran. The guest speakers will be experts from a variety of fields — men who can talk with authority, answer questions, and lead discussion.



As soldiers of a Democracy we should know what the shooting is all about. This program is designed to broaden our knowledge of the world at war, to bring those who have been isolated up to date on international affairs, and to teach those who are going overseas to new theaters something about the peoples, the customs, and the military problems of the countries in which they will fight.

Special events. From time to time there will be special dinners and so on, so keep an eye on the bulletin board.

Interviews

The OSS is anxious to learn as much as possible about the war experiences of its returnees, the special difficulties, discomforts, and dangers encountered by every man in every theater of operation. It is important for the administrators in Washington to know the mistakes that have been made, to understand why some operations have succeeded and others have failed.

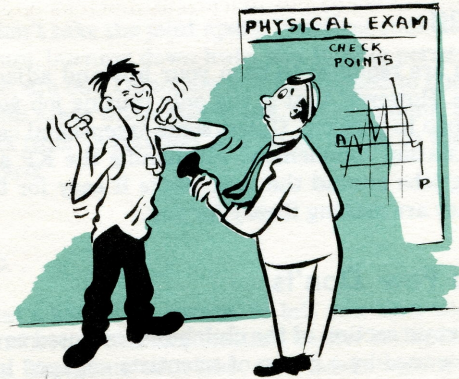
Therefore, every returnee will be scheduled for an interview . . . up two flights, Room 20.

You can help us by speaking frankly of your satisfactions and dissatisfactions during your period of service overseas, your hardships, grievances and disappointments. Major Henry A. Murray and Dr. G. Colket Caner will be in charge of interviews.

(Arrive a little ahead of time for this and other appointments. Failure to be prompt will necessitate a postponement which could seriously interfere with your plans.)

Medical Examination

The OSS wants to make certain that every member of the organization is fit and, if not, to help him recover his well being and best level of efficiency. To this end brief physical examinations will be conducted by Major Albert H. Waffle and his staff on the mezzanine floor.





Policing

You are required to keep your hut and adjacent area in shape. However, that is the only routine job you will be called upon to perform. Unless some exceptional case comes up, the station complement will handle the KP and other servicing jobs around the area. Make it easy for them, because they are making it easy for you.

And a Few Don'ts

A certain section of the club house is closed to all of us. It is being used by a group of scientists engaged in laboratory research. Don't try to enter. It is Out of Bounds.



And don't take the joint apart. Practices such as breaking furniture, burning down huts, and tossing personnel off the terrace, are out. Offenders will be shipped to one of the isolated OSS areas where the woods, the log cabins, and the remoteness from civilization, are better suited to the rough pioneer spirit.

And So . . .

. . . that's about all, except to tell you that the Commanding Officer of this Reallocation Center is Captain Robert C. Ellis. Cooperate with him, take advantage of the opportunities Area F offers . . . and enjoy yourself.