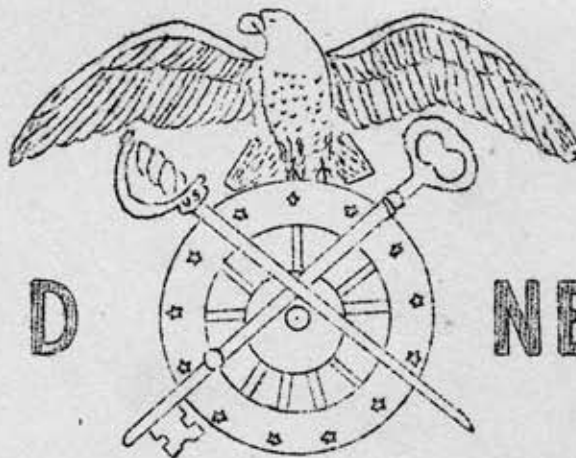


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TO ALL QCMD PERSONNEL

It was with pleasure that I received my assignment from General Gregory to come here and join you officers and employees of the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot.

I am fully aware of the outstanding reputation the Depot has all over the country, having heard in Washington and Camp Lee of its many accomplishments and fine operation. Every report was conclusive proof that the performance of your duties is beyond reproach.

I am cognizant of the challenge made me, and am fully aware of the outstanding example of leadership given you by my predecessor, and I shall exert my every effort to live up to the high standards set by him.

For the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot to remain on the same high level, for it to maintain the notable leadership it has attained among Quartermaster installations, depends upon your continued cooperation — and I know you can be relied upon.

Let us all work together toward our common ultimate goal—victory over the enemy.

CLYDE B. BELL,
Colonel, QMC,
Commanding.

This is the monthly newspaper published by and for the personnel of the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot in order to familiarize ourselves with the work, and the workers of all the various branches within this supply installation, as well as to inform ourselves more broadly concerning the Quartermaster Corps, of which we are a part, and its supply activities in this victorious war. All officers and civilian employees of the Depot are asked to contribute their wit, humor, and wisdom, and the Editorial Staff is comprised of the following employees:

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THE DEAD LINE for your February issue - Monday, January 29

THE FIGHTING QUARTERMASTER

(The Fighting Quartermaster is dedicated this month to an individual, a person whose every effort was devoted to the guidance of the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot for over three and one-half years, starting when the Depot consisted of only a few desks and a handful of employees occupying one corner of a Ford assembly plant building. During the intervening time, there was a rapid and tremendous expansion until today it is a complete, modern Quartermaster Depot operated by a staff of 80 officers and nearly 1,200 civilian employees. Words cannot express what the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot owes that person, Colonel C. W. Woodward, commanding officer, May 16, 1941 - December 16, 1944, whose devotion and loyalty was unflinching, and one could never put on paper what the Depot meant to him, but Miss Blanche Sparks, Secretary to him, makes an approach with the following article).

Day is done
Gone the sun
From the sky
And the hills
And the lake
Soldiers rest
All is well
God is love

Thusly, the bugle tapped the close of the abbreviated yet outstanding military career of our beloved Commanding Officer, Col. C. W. Woodward.

But, his spirit still pervades our daily Depot life, for it was with such spirit that he incepted the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot and commanded it for three and a half years.

We all know how he assumed his large task and assignment in 1941; how he steered the Depot through its early months of growth and development; how, under his fine administration the Depot took its "place in the sun" and came to be recognized as one of the most outstanding and most efficiently run depots in the country.

Colonel Woodward performed these military duties with great zest and with high qualities which mark a true

officer and gentleman. For those reasons his officers and employees looked up to their Commanding Officer and gave him their allegiance and the best of their ability to do a job well. This mutual spirit of cooperation was easily recognized by all who visited our Depot, and they remarked concerning it.

In turn, Colonel Woodward placed great faith in those working with him, believing that a real executive succeeds through the men and women in his employ. To prove this belief, he offered each one of us the opportunity to devote our efforts toward the progress of the Depot. He was interested in each employee—white or colored—his job and his welfare. He was highly tolerant and fair, and exercised the conviction that what was right for one employee was right for all. This characteristic was exemplified in the committees which he established for fair

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practices; in the parties and recreation which he planned for every employee on the payrolls, as well as for the military personnel; in the little personal things which he did, such as assisting a key employee secure transfer to another station in order to benefit that employee's family's well being. He was known to spend a week worrying about an officer's assignment or planning for a similar length of time about an elderly colored employee who was getting too feeble to perform his duties well and how he could give that employee a chance by placing him on another job. Yes, no matter, whether favorable or unfavorable, concerning an employee was too small to be brought to his attention. He spent his last two hours on duty tending to just such personnel problems.

We admired our Colonel's dignity and dutifulness, and showed respect for his reserve. He was not, as we all know, the hail-fellow well met; but, those with whom he came in contact daily, appreciated his charming manner and his delightful humor and friendliness. At his desk, surrounded by Depot and visiting officers he liked to reminisce about his West Point days and to swap stories concerning life in the Army. One of his favorite stories was of an amusing incident which occurred when Colonel Woodward was a senior at the Military Academy, and I should like for you to hear it again in the Colonel's own words:

"It was my Senior Year at the Academy and not long until graduation. I had just attained the rank of Cadet Sergeant. During the late spring season, the cadets at the Point go out on annual hikes and it was this last hike that cost me my Cadet Sergeant's stripe. On the first day out, my company went into camp and the cadets were allowed quite a bit

of freedom as long as they didn't trespass the half-mile off-limits from the camp. Having never been out with just my class before, and knowing that the officers weren't imposing many restrictions, I ignored that rule about the off-limits, and with a couple of classmates, walked over to the site of the next day's camp, with the idea of making a date for the dance to be given after the hike, and of getting a free meal. We accomplished our mission (!) and started back to camp. Passing through a small town on the way back, one of us arrived at the bright idea of hiring a car and riding around a bit, (thereby breaking another rule). But, thinking we would see no one we knew, we launched forth on a tour of that area of New York State. As we drove through another small town, whom should we pass but several Academy officers in another car. However, I imagined that the infraction of summer restrictions would be lightly treated and was the only cadet in our car who didn't try to "duck". On return to the camp, said cadet was summoned, questioned, and upon confession, was restricted to the camp area for the rest of the hike. Arriving at West Point, after the hike was completed, I was immediately given a "slug" (confined to camp, in cadet slang), lost my Cadet Sergeant stripe, and ordered to walk 22 hours in the Area, which I almost accomplished by walking on Sunday and at night up until midnight the day before my graduation. By this time, I had missed my graduation dance, the long-looked-for occasion, worn out a pair of shoes, and sworn off walking for life. But, I still owe the Academy a half-hour of walking in the area, through some officer's good graces, which displayed themselves and allowed me to receive my diploma without paying in full. It is, always rumored that when I've been assigned to the Infantry, I always exclaim: 'Bring me a horse!'

He also liked to talk about the antics of his young daughter, Laura
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Bryan, who is very much the "little Colonel", and to speak with pride of his son, Lt. W. Griswold Smith, a B-17 pilot; for he was a very devoted husband and doting father. He loved to spend his evenings at home with his family, and in spite of the many demands upon his time, both officially and socially, enjoyed domestic life.

That is the serious-minded, duty-minded, yet very human man for whom we all mourn--from a very high-ranking officer in Washington who paid tribute down to the carpenter who said: "We shall have a hard time finding a C.O. as good as he was". That is the man of whom it was said by one of his former junior officers; "How many times I have come out of his office with other officers discussing among ourselves the conviction that we could not have had the finest and smoothest operated depot in the country without our Colonel". That is the man for whom devotion and praise has prompted eulogy in thoughts, words and tears.

A few days before his passing, Colonel Woodward was relaxing in his desk chair after having experienced a rather strenuous day and was musing over the week which was to follow.

"As soon as next week and its problems are solved", he remarked "I think I shall take a little trip and rest for a few days". When the next week came, the bugle tapped:

"Soldiers rest
All is well
God is love."

And our Colonel passed on, leaving his Depot to our care and responsibility and leaving us to carry on as he would have wanted it done. That we shall do, in remembrance of his love for the Depot and his soldierly spirit.

COL. CLYDE B. BELL ASSUMES DEPOT CONTROL

Colonel Clyde B. Bell arrived at the Depot Tuesday, January 9th, to assume command.

Colonel Bell, one of the Americans who sweated out the Jap sneak attack on Wheeler Field at the same time near-by Pearl Harbor was bombed, is a native of Gallatin, Tennessee. He was subsistence officer of the Schofield Barracks when the Japs made their attack. Later he was made Quartermaster of the Central Pacific Base Command, returning recently to the United States.

Married to the former Arnes McGlothlin of Gallatin, they have three children, two sons, Clyde B. Jr. and William A., who are attending Tennessee Military Institute, and a daughter, Dixie, high school student at Gallatin.

Colonel Bell attended the University of Tennessee three years before entering the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1915. When graduated in 1918, he was assigned to the cavalry and attended the school of small arms at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. In October 1918, he was assigned to the 5th Cavalry at Fort Bliss, Texas, and remained there until he was transferred to the 17th Cavalry at Hawaii in June 1919.

He returned to the United States for pilot training with the air corps at March Field and later transferred
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to the 4th Cavalry at Brownsville, Texas, in June 1921.

In September 1921 Colonel Bell was sent to the Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kansas, graduating in 1922. He was then assigned to the 6th Cavalry at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and after this tour of duty he was transferred to the signal school at Fort Manmouth, N. J., graduating in June 1926. Following this he was sent to the 2nd Cavalry at Fort Riley and in June 1927 joined the 2nd Cavalry Brigade at Fort Bliss, Texas. He remained there until November 1930 before transferring to the mechanized force at Fort Eustis, Virginia. In December 1931 he moved to the 1st Cavalry at Fort Knox and remained there until July 1935 and was then named instructor of the Kansas National Guard, Iola, Kansas.

After 5 years of duty in Kansas, he was detached to the Quartermaster Corps in September 1940.

NOW MORE THAN EVER SILENCE MEANS
SECURITY!

A recent statement by Major General Lewis B. Hershey, Director, of Selective Service, lists the total Armed Force personnel of the United States as approximately twelve million in number.

The huge number of organizations into which the members of the Armed Services are cast have myriad interdependent relationships. The vast undertakings of the military and naval might of this country constitute a continuing lesson in coordinated and cooperative effort. The concept is that the services operate in a multitude of places and under sharply different conditions as a team of one man.

Interwoven through the whole fabric of our war effort, strict security measures are always of paramount importance - at fighting fronts in all parts of the world, in the vast system of supply and service behind the front lines, and at all Armed Force installations in this country.

Security means keeping all of our vital information safe - it means denying the enemy any knowledge of our dispositions, our plans, our weapons, and our men. Justifying itself many times over as our forces meet desperate and fanatical enemies, security finds its real bench mark in the saving of lives of American fighting men and in the attainment of our objectives with minimum use of the crucial factor of time.

In comment on the "transcendent" need for the safeguarding of military information, a recent War Department publication says: "There is no release from this responsibility until the war ends...the subject grows in importance at the same rate that our forces become increasingly engaged in operations overseas".

The fiercest battling against both Germany and Japan lies ahead. In an Associated Press dispatch filed from Paris in December, Don Whitehead, who has covered the operations of the U.S. First Army since the Normandy landings, said: "Thousands of new gold stars will appear in the windows of American homes this winter - the hardest and most savage fighting of all the invasion is under way".

Security at home and security abroad always go hand in hand. It is not a far cry from any point in this country to the fighting fronts around the world. The road of silence on military matters in the highway to military security. Now more than ever, silence means security!

TAB THE GAB
ON MILITARY MATTERS

DEPOT SETS NATIONAL RECORD FOR 1944 WAR BOND SALES

The 1944 National record in the purchase of war bonds for installations—civilian or army—employing more than 1,000 persons goes to the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot, it was announced January 10 by Colonel Clyde B. Bell, commanding officer.

A report of sales during 1944 showed that an average of 1,075 employees converted 18.14 percent of their total wages into war bonds through the payroll deduction plan. In other words, \$349,456.07 out of \$1,926,073.76 in salaries went into war bonds through payroll deductions alone. In addition they purchased \$73,411.40 worth of bonds in cash.

"The attainment of such a high record in bond purchases by employees at an installation of this size can be contributed directly to the willingness of the people themselves to devote their every effort to the winning of the war outside their routine daily work at this army installation", said Colonel Bell.

Another contributing factor to the phenomenal bond purchasing of these depot employees is their closeness to the fighting men in the frontlines by supplying them with enumerable Quartermaster items.

Captain Theodore R. Brown, depot war bond officer, has accepted for the employees every citation and commendation available from the Treasury Department, and state and county war bond organization for the outstanding war bond purchases made by depot personnel.

Captain Brown finds it not unusual

for employees to flock to his office on pay days and make cash purchases of war bonds in addition to their regular payroll deductions. The depot was awarded the "T" flag in May, 1943, when 90 percent of employees were participating with a minimum of 10 percent deduction. The 100 percent participation mark was reached in October, 1943, and the Depot has maintained that perfect figure ever since.

Captain Brown was assigned war bond officer in March, 1943. During the past year he has addressed and organized bond payroll deduction organizations for 23 commercial firms, all who have been or will be awarded the Treasury "T" Flag. These 23 firms have over 14,000 employees. The depot war bond officer was chairman of the Industrial Division of the Mecklenburg County War Bond Committee during the Sixth War Bond Drive.

Colonel Bell said that bond purchases have not been made spasmodically but have increased continually, with employees being urged to keep their bonds and not cash them in. He added that the Depot policy has been one of not overselling as well as not underselling employees when they desire to purchase bonds, and pointed out that bonds cashed in within a few months after they are purchased hinder the war effort as well as being costly to the government.

Captain Brown pays periodically visits to every section on the reservation and makes short war bond talks, and his office is always open to any person who desires consultation on the various phases of bond purchasing.

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