Long Island Warbirds With the Ninth Air Force

Sergeant Robert Kiesow Jr. of 88-47 179th place, Jamaica, tunes a short-wave radio receiving set in the radio room of a Ninth Air Force B-26 Marauder bomber. He is attached to the 322nd Bombardment Group "Annihilators."

Sergeant Louis G. Thorwarth of 2041 Menahan street, Ridgewood, uses these twin machine guns in his Marauder bomber to strafe enemy troops and ground objectives singled out for attack by the Ninth Air Force.

RUSSIAN TANKS RACE 20 MILES BEYOND VIENNA

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of the Danube River at a point 10 miles east of the junction of St. Poelten, 75 miles from Linz and 145 miles northeast of Barchtesgaden.

Tolbukhin's offensive appeared designed to cut the German route of retreat to the redoubt from Berlin. Some 90 German divisions, possibly the last organized force still available in Germany, were tied down on the Berlin front west of the Oder awaiting the Soviet attack.

Other Third Army troops crossed the Danube River canal in northeast Vienna and captured Leopoldstadt with its power plant, warehouses and factories. The Soviets reached the Ostbahn bridge across the Danube itself, but there was no indication whether they had captured it.

Germans Counter-attack

Of Vienna's 21 districts, still in German hands were Brigittenau, also between the Danube canal and river, and Floridsdorf, an oil refining center on the east bank of the Danube.

The Germans counter-attacked repeatedly in an attempt to stem the Soviet drive, but the Russians killed 4,000 of the enemy in street battles and pressed on relentlessly.

German broadcasts said Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian Army, closing in from the East, had entered the Lobau Island section of Floridsdorf, thus narrowing the Nazi escape gap out of Vienna to eight miles.

Izvestia said Vienna was in flames from German demolitions. The Germans blew up museums and monuments and left delayed action bombs planted about the city, the newspaper reported.

Spannberg Captured

Northeast of Vienna, Malinovsky's Second Army extended its bridgehead across the Morava River to 20 miles with a six-mile advance along the west bank. Duernkrut, 16 miles south of the Moravian border, was captured.

Spannberg, 49 miles south of the Moravian industrial center of Brno, also was swept up in the advance.

Berlin said the Second Army had made a new crossing of the Morava River 19 miles north of Duernkrut and invaded Moravia at a point 31 miles from Brno.

Farther northeast, the Second Army linked up with General Andrej Y. Yeremenko's Fourth Ukrainian Army and pushed on along the Orav River valley of northern Slovakia.

SEIZED WHISKY SENT OVERSEAS

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (UP)—Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of whisky is on an errand of mercy.

Black market whisky is going from St. Louis to the battlefronts of the world to be used for medical purposes.

This time the black market product will involve no profit; a fifth of the best bourbon whisky, which brought as high as $10 to $14, is free to the Army and Navy to treat Uncle Sam's wounded fighting men.

The liquor can be obtained by any eleemosynary institution upon proper application and payment of shipping costs, but most of the recently seized whisky has been shipped to the war fronts.

The contrabrand liquor was seized by federal alchohol tax agents in their drive to stamp out illegal liquor runners who attempt to introduce whisky into the dry states of Kansas and Oklahoma.

Since the beginning of the war, federal agents in Missouri, headed by Frank W. Harpold, investigator in charge, have seized approximately 15,000 cases of liquor worth nearly $500,000.

All but about 2,500 cases still held in government storage depots here, at Cape Girardeau, Joplin, Springfield and Kansas City awaiting court action have been turned over to the armed services.

As it is rounded up by federal agents, the whisky is cached in a huge storeroom in the basement of the new federal building.

DEATHS and FUNERALS

Patrick F. McDonough

Requiem mass will be offered in St. Rose's R. C. Church, Carbondale, Pa., at 10 A. M. tomorrow for Patrick F. McDonough of 104-59 111th street, Richmond Hill, a resident there for 15 years. The mass will be offered by McDonough's son, the Rev. Joseph McDonough, of Hazleton, Pa., who will be assisted by the Most Rev. Mons. John D. Wynne of St. Michael's R. C. Church, Flushing, a brother of Mr. McDonough's widow, Catherine.

He also leaves his wife, the former Catherine Wynne; three daughters, Sister Ann Marie, S.N.D., of Rose Valley, Pa.; Florence and Betty McDonough; two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Little and Mrs. Ella Loftus, and a brother, John McDonough.

Burial will be in Carbondale.

Philip W. O'Ryan

Requiem mass for Philip W. O'Ryan, 33, a biology teacher at St. Francis Prep, Brooklyn, who lived at 88-17 186th street, Hollis, will be offered at 10 A. M. Saturday in Monastery Church, Jamaica Estates.

Mr. O'Ryan leaves his wife, Adrienne; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William P. O'Ryan, and a brother, Navy Lt. William D. O'Ryan, stationed at Floyd Bennett Field.

The funeral will be from the Queens Abbey, 198-20 Hollis avenue, Hollis, with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Flushing.

Emma Bast

Requiem mass for Mrs. Emma Bast, 66, of 1475 Myrtle avenue, Ridgewood, will be offered at 9:30 Saturday morning in St. Brigid's R. C. Church.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Callahan; three sons, Edward Wolf, Roger and Clifford Bast; two sisters, Mrs. Katherine Bellmer and Mrs. Anna Leopold and a brother, Rudolph Sutterer.

The funeral will be from the George Werst Funeral Home, 71-41 Cooper avenue, at 8:30 A. M., with burial in Most Holy Trinity Cemetery.

Mary Dombeck

Requiem Mass for Mrs. Mary Schmidt Dombeck, 65, of 66-13 Stier place, Ridgewood, will be offered at 10 A. M. Saturday in Our Lady of Miraculous Medal R. C. Church.

Mrs. Dombeck leaves a son, Joseph; a sister, Mrs. Mathilda Drown, and a grandchild, Joseph Dombeck.

The funeral will be from the Wasmund Chapel, 66-04 Fresh Pond road, Ridgewood, with burial in St. John's Cemetery.

Edna M. Bligh

Services for Mrs. Edna M. Lockwood Bligh, 57, of 88-73 193rd street, Hollis, will be held at 2 P. M. tomorrow in the Fairchild Chapel, 89-31 164th street, Jamaica. Mrs. Bligh lived in Hollis 25 years.

She leaves her husband, Raymond V. Bligh; her mother, Mrs. Clara Lockwood, and a sister, Mrs. Genevieve J. Doherty.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn.

Martin T. Krum

Requiem mass for Martin T. Krum, 53, of 248-15 80th avenue, Bellerose, a sheet-metal worker, was offered this morning in St. Gregory the Great R. C Church, Bellerose.

Mr. Krum lived in Bellerose 18 years.

He leaves his wife, Dora T. Martin.

Burial took place today in St. John's Cemetery.

Frank H. Walter

Services for Frank H Walter, 86, of 85-41 89th street, Woodhaven, will be held at 2 P. M. tomorrow in the residence.

A retired jeweler, Mr. Walter lived in Woodhaven 36 years.

He was a charter member of Christ Congregational Church, Woodhaven.

He leaves a son, Arthur, and a daughter, Estelle V. Walter.

Burial will be in Memorial Abbey, Cypress Hills.

Frederick Enoch

Services for Frederick Enoch, who died yesterday at the home of a granddaughter, Madeline Lange, 166-06 Foch boulevard, Jamaica, will be held tomorrow at 8 P. M. in the Walter B. Cooke Funeral Home, 150-10 Hillside avenue, Jamaica.

Burial Saturday at 2 P. M. will be in Lutheran Cemetery.

Mr. Enoch, who was 78, leaves three daughters, Mrs. Mary Varneke, Mrs. Nellis Alexander and Mrs. Frances Lange, and two sons, Albert and James.

60 ATTEND OPA DINNER

The Jamaica OPA held a dinner last night at the Bellaire Castle, Bellaire. More than 60 attended.

In Memoriam

SIMMONS—April 12, 1935. Hattie H. (nee Rigney), devoted wife of John M. Sr., and loving mother of Lillian Hattie, John Jr. and Estelle.

When I come to the end—the end of the road
And the Land of Eternity I see.
When I come to the end—the end of the road
The face of my loved one I shall see.

William L. Fagan

Requiem mass for William L. Fagan, 47, of 106 95th avenue, a life-long resident of Ozone Park, will be offered at 10 A. M. tomorrow in the Church of the Nativity. Mr. Fagan was in the trucking business.

He leaves his wife, Mary; a son, William F., and a brother, John.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Dorothy M. Hazenzahl

Requiem mass will be offered at 10 A. M. tomorrow in St. Mary Magdalene's R. C. Church, Springfield Gardens, for Dorothy M. Hasenzahl, 23, of 221-16 134th road.

She leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hasenzahl; a brother, Robert, in the maritime service, and a sister, Margaret.

Burial will be in St. Charles Cemetery.

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ARCHAMBAULT—Jeanne H. (nee Ronder), April 10, 1945, beloved wife of the late William, devoted mother of Mrs. Arthur Osterburg, Mrs. Michael Keenan, Mrs. William Veith, loving sister of Louis Ronder; also survived by 4 grandchildren.
Reposing at Rosedale Funeral Home, 245-01 Francis Lewis blvd., Rosedale, until Friday, 9:30 A. M. Requiem mass, St. Clare's R. C. Church, Rosedale, 10 A. M.
Interment Calvary Cemetery.

BAST—Emma, on April 10, 1945, age 66 years, dear mother of Dorothy Callahan, Edward Wolfe, Roger and Clifford Bast; sister of Katherine Bellmer, Anna Leopold and Rudolph Sutterer; 6 grandchildren also survive.
Funeral Saturday, 8:45 P. M., from George Werst Funeral Home, 71-41 Cooper avenue. Thence to St. Brigid's R. C. Church, Mass 9:30 A. M.
Interment Most Holy Trinity Cemetery.

BLIGH—Edna M. (nee Lockwood), on Monday, April 9, 1945, beloved wife of Raymond V., loving daughter of Clara Lockwood and sister of Genevieve J. Doherty.
Service at the Fairchild Chapel, 89-31 164th st., Jamaica, Friday at 2 P. M.

DAMBECK—Mary (nee Schmidt), age 65 years, on April 10, 1945, loving mother of Joseph, sister of Mathilda Drown and grandmother of Joseph.
Reposing at Chapel, 66-04 Fresh Pond road, Ridgewood. Requiem mass Saturday, 10 A. M., Church of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal.
Interment following St. John's Cemetery. Direction of ROBERT F. WASMUND

EHRET—Adolph, on Tuesday, husband of Loretta.
Funeral services at his residence, 133-27 221st st., Springfield, Thursday, April 12, at 8 P. M.

ENOCH—On April 11, 1945, Frederick, beloved husband of the late Nellie, devoted father of Albert, James, Mary Varneke, Nellie Alexander and Frances Lange.
Funeral services at the Walter B. Cooke Inc. Funeral Home, 150-10 Hillside avenue, Jamaica, L. I., Saturday, 2 P. M.
Interment Lutheran Cemetery.

FAGAN—William L., at the home of his mother, 106-71 95th street, Ozone Park, beloved husband of Mary, devoted father of William F., brother of John.
Funeral Friday, 9:30 A. M. Solemn requiem mass Church of Nativity of B. V. M.
Interment Calvary Cemetery.

KEARNEY—Mary A. (nee Ryan), on April 12, 1945, at her residence, 173-15 104th road, Jamaica, beloved wife of the late Thomas, devoted mother of Ella Cook, Matthew B., Margaret Fay, Edward V. and John H.
Funeral from the Thomas M. Quinn & Sons Chapel, 168-31 Hillside avenue, Jamaica, L. I., Saturday, 9:30 A. M. Solemn requiem mass St. Monica's R. C. Church, 10 A. M.
Interment Calvary Cemetery, under the direction of Thomas M. Quinn & Sons Inc.

McCANN—Alfred D., on April 10, beloved husband of Winifred (nee Carroll), father of Charles E., Joseph A. McCann Sr., Bernadette McCann, brother of Alice L. McCann, Joseph B. and Gerald.
Funeral Saturday morning from his residence, 88-50 241st st., Bellerose, 10:30 A. M. Mass of requiem will be offered at St. Gregory the Great R. C. Church, 11 A. M.
Under direction of Thomas F. Dalton, Floral Park.

MEYER—Julius F., April 10, 1945, beloved husband of the late Adelaide (nee Haller), devoted father of Ruth E. Vodicka, Irene Sloan, Harold F. and Willard E., loving brother of Minnie Michealis, Henry and John; also survived by 6 grandchildren.
Funeral from the Thomas M. Quinn & Sons Funeral Home, 36-10 Broadway, L. I. City, Friday, 1 P. M. Arrangements are being completed under the direction of Thomas M. Quinn & Sons, Inc.

MOELLER—Anna A., beloved wife of John J., devoted mother of Joseph and Otto and Mrs. Mae MacKenzie; also survived by 3 grandchildren; sister of August Rehm.
Reposing at Darmstadt Funeral Home, Central avenue corner 68th street, Glendale. Solemn requiem mass Saturday, 10 A. M., St. Pancras Church.
Interment St. John's Cemetery. St. Pancras Altar Society, St. Catherine's Hospital Aid Society respectfully invited.

NUETZEL—Caroline, on Thursday, April 12, 1945, beloved wife of the late John, and devoted sister of Albert, Joseph and Jacob Roehrig.
Funeral from Werst Funeral Home, 71-41 Cooper avenue, Glendale, on Saturday, 9:30 A. M. Solemn requiem mass St. Margaret's R. C. Church, 10 A. M.
Interment St. John's Cemetery.
CHARLES M. LARMANN, Director

O'CONNOR—Mary Anni, wife of the late Thomas F., suddenly, on Thursday, April 12, 1945, in her 83rd year, beloved mother of Mary K., Edmund J. and Charles J.; also survived by 8 grandchildren.
Reposing at her residence, 49 Hempstead avenue, Lynbrook. Requiem mass at Our Lady of Peace R. C. Church, Lynbrook, on Monday, at 10 A. M.

OTEY—James H. Jr., suddenly, beloved husband of Frances, devoted father of Geraldine.
Reposing at Columbus Circle Chapel, 43 West 60th street, N. Y. C. Services Saturday, 11 A. M.
Interment Flushing Cemetery.

WALTER—Frank H., on Tuesday, April 10, 1945, beloved father of Arthur and Estelle V. Walter.
Services at the residence, 85-41 89th st., Woodhaven, Friday at 2 P. M.

WEBER—Augusta, on Wednesday, April 11, 1945, beloved wife of Paul S., beloved mother of Mrs. Helen Romano, Mrs. Pauline Catalanotto, Ernest and Paul S. Weber Jr.; also survived by 9 grandchildren.
Service at the Fairchild Chapel, 89-31 164th street, Jamaica, Friday, at 8 P. M.

WIRTH—Margaret, at her residence, 67-29 Cooper ave., on April 9, 1945, beloved wife of Louis, loving mother of Margaret Conrad; also survived by 2 grandchildren, Virginia and Carolyn Conrad, and 2 brothers, Joseph and Fred Hauser.
Reposing funeral home, 507 Liberty ave., Brooklyn, where religious services will be held Thursday at 8 P. M.
Interment, family plot, Evergreen Cemetery, Friday, 2 P. M.

Card of Thanks

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9TH CROSSES ELBE, 60 MILES FROM BERLIN

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wick, left far behind in the push to the Elbe River, after a suicide stand by its Nazi garrison.

Set Record Pace

Major General Isaac D. White's Second Armored Division smashed through to the Elbe at Magdeburg at a better than four-and-a-half-mile-an-hour clip, one of the fastest advances ever made in this war.

A dispatch from the Ninth Army front said it was not known whether Magdeburg had been captured, but the Elbe runs through the eastern outskirts of the city and it was likely that armor had knifed straight through the center to the river.

Two railway and two highway bridges span the Elbe at Magdeburg and a fifth crosses the river at the Rhur-Berlin super-highway, just to the north.

There is still another bridge across the Elbe at Schoenebeck, seven miles southwest of Magdeburg. The German DNB agency said the Americans had reached the Elbe at Schoenebeck.

Road Open to Berlin

Except for minor lake barriers, the road to Berlin was wide open beyond Magdeburg as far as the terrain was concerned. The Germans had been expected to make a stand along the river, but the speed of the Ninth Army's advance indicated that the line would be breached beyond repair before the enemy could muster effective resistance.

The Second Armored Division took off on its flight to the Elbe from a point south of Brunswick. After a skirmish with diehard Nazis in the Goering steel works at Wolfenbuettel, six miles south of Brunswick, they rolled on without hardly firing a shot.

Retired Hero Cop Fined $500 For Beating Up Volunteer Policeman

James A. Broderick, a retired Queens police hero with five bandit bullets still in his body, was fined $500 today in Queens Special Sessions for beating up a volunteer traffic policeman during the hurricane last September.

"It was a brutal and unprovoked assault," said the court, which was comprised of Justices Gustav Wiebolt of Woodhaven, Thomas A. Doyle and Alfred J. Hofmann, both of Flushing.

Broderick is 42 and lives at 193-08 53rd avenue, Bayside Hills. He was retired from the department Jan. 15, 1943, on three quarters pay for disabilities incurred in the line of duty.

On the night of Sept. 14, Broderick was driving home along Northern boulevard, a short time after the hurricane had passed.

At 245th street in Little Neck, a fallen tree had all but blocked the road, forcing cars to pass the point in a single line.

George Huer, 35, of 17 Overlook road, Great Neck, had taken it upon himself to direct traffic and keep cars moving in an orderly fashion.

According to the testimony, Broderick objected to waiting in line, and there was an altercation with Huer.

The smaller man was beaten almost unconscious by the husky ex-policeman, who holds the department Medal of Honor for the gun battle he waged three years ago with bandits holding up the Loft Candy Company in Long Island City.

COAL PEACE NOW UP TO WLB

WASHINGTON (UP) — Government agencies today began studying the new soft coal wage contract to determine if they can approve it under the Administration's stabilization program.

The initial responsibility fell to the War Labor Board. But the Office of Price Administration and Economic Stabilizer William H. Davis also were involved because coal operators will ask a price increase to compensate for wage raises provided in the contract for John L. Lewis' miners.

In the hope of preventing further work stoppages in the soft coal fields, the federal agencies hoped to complete their task by April 30, when the extended old contract finally expires. The miners traditionally refuse to work without a contract.

Hopes for averting a general coal strike appeared to rest on two factors:

1.—Whether Lewis would agree to another contract extension if the new agreement isn't approved by April 30.

2.—Whether he would accept modifications if the WLB and Davis decide some sections conflict with stabilization policies.

Some quarters believed modifications were inevitable.

The contract was signed by the operators and Lewis late yesterday.

Mitchel Field Masons Invited to Meeting

Masons stationed at Mitchel Field today were invited to attend the next meeting of the Mitchel Field Square Club, April 24 at 7:30 P. M. in the Williston Park Masonic Club Building.

A hundred servicemen attended the meeting this week in the Morton Masonic Temple, Hempstead.

George Rasch, deputy state president of the National League of Masonic Clubs, showed motion pictures.

Sergeant Frank Lawton, president of the club, presided.

The club will attend the May 4 meeting of the Long Island Railroad Square Club in the Jamaica Masonic Temple.

Games May 4 At G.O.P. Club

ELMONT—The Ladies East End Republican Club will hold a card and games party May 4 at 8 P. M. in the Meacham avenue firehouse.

Mrs. Theodore Dralus and Mrs. May Tate, the chairmen, will be assisted by Mrs. Joseph Cichocki, Mrs. Marcella Phillips, Mrs. Harry Enger, Mrs. John Hilgendorff, Mrs. Joseph Williams, Mrs. Paul Gardner, Mrs. Frank Zavel, Mrs. Anthony Parvetta, Mrs. Emil Worthman, Mrs. Albert Meyer, Mrs. Adolph Clug and Mrs. Andrew Kraus.

Mrs. John Hilgendorff heads the hospital committee serving refreshments April 29 to the wounded at Mitchel Field.

Legal Notices

FILE NO. 5781—1944

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW York, by the grace of God free and independent, TO: Charles William Lichtenstern, Virginia L. Oake, William H. Lichtenstern, Francis Lichtenstern, Lottie (Charlotte) Mansco, Evelyn Moore, Virginia Reilly, Madeline Mosher, George M. Lichtenstern, Louis V. Lichtenstern, Josephine Betts, Isadora Dot Knight, Paul Lichtenstern, John Lichtenstern, Elmer Lichtenstern, Virginia Lichtenstern Munk, Lloyd Litchtenstern, Josephine Fisher, Margaret Riordan, Pauline L. Walker, Mark Lichtenstern, send greeting:

WHEREAS, Jeanette Lichtenstern, residing at 95-10 Waltham Avenue, Jamaica, Queens County, New York, has lately petitioned our Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to have a certain instrument, in writing, bearing date the 22nd day of May, 1940, relating to Real and Personal Property, duly proved as the Last Will and Testament of George M. Lichtenstern, deceased, who at the time of his death resided at 95-10 Waltham Avenue, Jamaica, in the County of Queens and State of New York. WHEREFORE, You and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before our Surrogate of the County of Queens, at the Surrogate's Court, to be held at Jamaica, Borough of Queens, City of New York, County of Queens, on the 10th day of May, 1945, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, why the said Last Will and Testament should not be admitted to probate.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have caused the seal of our said Surrogate's Court to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, Hon. ANTHONY P. SAVARESE, Surrogate of our said county, at Jamaica, Borough and County of Queens, City of New York, the 22nd day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-five.

(Seal) F. C. HARRIS,
Clerk of the Surrogate's Court.
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Navy Hospital Builds New Annex As Baby Boom Logs 100 a Month

By ELIZABETH S. CARPENTER

PHILADELPHIA (UP).—A Navy doctor in the maternity ward of a hospital here picked up the phone. An excited Marine was calling from Australia. Was his wife all right? Was it a boy?

The doctor smiled and answered yes to both questions.

That is the nicest part of the job of Lieutenant Commander, Dean Sheldon of Sandusky, Ohio, who heads the family dispensary in the massive Naal hospital here.

And Dr. Sheldon has quite a job for a Navy baby boom is now logging more than 100 infants a month. That's why a family annex is being built next to the large white hospital. This annex which should be completed by June will have 145 beds, delivery rooms, laboratories, and the family dispensary.

"Two years ago we were having only 12 deliveries a month," Dr. Sheldon said. "Then last year there were 900 new babies. Now that number is increasing to over 100 a month.

Cost Runs $50 to $75

No longer is a floor at a local hospital adequate to care for the dependents of the men of the U. S. Naval Coast Guard, and Marines. And the waiting room of the dispensary in the Navy hospital is getting crowded with 3,900 patients each month. About one-third of these patients are maternity cases.

The reason for the sudden baby boom is nobody's guess. For one thing, the Navy's size has skyrocketed. Then it may partly be caused by the inexpensive treatment which is available.

There is no charge for the nine months of parental care, averaging a visit every three weeks to the dispensary. The cost comes with hospital charges. This usually runs from $50 to $75. Enlisted personnel may borrow the sum from the Navy Relief and pay back, without interest, over a long period of time.

With the new family annex, hospital costs will be well below the present level. And when the price goes down, the Navy birth rate may go up another notch. Already Dr. Sheldon and his five assistant doctors are kept busy all day and two physicians busy all night.

Can Choose Method

The Navy doctors administer all kinds of deliveries—twilight sleep, continuous casual, Caesarean, and just a regular delivery. Navy wives are allowed to choose—along with the doctor's recommendation — the type of delivery they prefer.

It's the job of Lieutenant (jg) Kathryn Coxsey of Houston, Texas, top nurse at the dispensary, to see that Navy wives reach the hospital in time for delivery. So far, not a single baby has been delivered in a taxicab or a waiting room.

"I guess Navy babies just wait until time to report," she laughed.

It's also her job to keep track of the hundreds of patients who pass through the dispensary daily. During 1944, the total was 30,000. Besides the maternity cases, about one-third of the patients are children who are treated for various ailments and may receive all kinds of inoculations. the other third are miscellaneous cases with everything from skin rash to appendicitis.

Normally, many unusual cases come through the dispensary, but the Navy nurse chuckled, "so many are unusual that nothing seem unusual any more."