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It's three months today since The Dope was born - so we're celebrating with a home-town picture..... Ever see that old building before?..... Or that smiling face in the doorway? It's the same old Post Office and the same old John Campbell; but something new has been added..... We can only say of our Service Flag what we've often said before: We're mighty proud of every star in it - and we want the whole world to know it.

3 months have made quite a change in our roster: Many names have been added and many moves have been made - but as far as censorship permits us to know, the set-up today is as follows:

Cleo Arndt	England	Milton Jennings	In Transit
Fredrick Ash	Washington	Orville Millar	Mississippi
Harold Bartholomew	Kentucky	Stephen Millar Jr.	In Transit
Everett Bekken	New Caledonia	Neil Miller	New Guinea
Eugene Bieler	Alaska	Lewis Mueller	Arkansas
Leighton Buck	No. Carolina	Robert Mueller	Illinois
Jack Campbell	New Guinea	Buren Osterberg	Louisiana
Max Campbell	Texas	Alfred Pshea	Connecticut
Victor Culver	Illinois	Matthew Sabo	Tennessee
Charles Dailey	Ohio	Clair Schultz	Arizona
Robert Dempster	Texas	Harold Scott	Florida
Gordon Durham	In Transit	Lawrence Shumaker	In Transit
Benjamin Fisch	New Guinea	Leonard Shumaker	Virginia
Bruce Gates	Illinois	Bertyl Swanson	Hawaii
William Goshorn	Texas	Everard Thomas	New Guinea
Frank Haven	North Africa	Floyd Thomas	Florida
George Inman	Alabama	William Tisdale	Australia
Loyal Jennings	In Transit	Lawrence Welch	Oklahoma

That's fifteen more names and nine more locations than we had three short months ago..... The world moves on all right - and Douglas shows 'em the way.

Did you read the true story about the U.S. sailor whose ship was torpedoed and, when the U-boat captain called out for the name of the ship, cracked back: "It's the S.S. Bunchabananas".

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No word from Jake Jennings in New York recently. Jake was such a regular correspondent (and was making such threatening gestures toward Africa) that we feel certain he's headed East. And Boss, when last heard from, was on Angel Island in San Francisco Bay, the last stop going West. That's certainly spreading the Jennings family around the face of the globe.

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After two months in Norfolk Naval Hospital Billy Millar has been given a medical discharge from the Navy and is now with relatives in Lansing. Billy's Dad reports him still subject to draft by the Army, however.

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Of the 36 men on our roster today, we regret to report that 15 are still missing from John Norton's window. That's too many absent faces. John has really done something with his gallery, framing each picture individually in a 5x7-inch frame and displaying them beautifully. So how about you absentees snapping into it and getting a picture to John?... Don't be bashful! We want you in that window, and that's all there is to it.

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Bruce Gates and Robert Mueller are home on leave from Great Lakes this week - and a couple of finer looking young sailors you never saw in all your life. These 17-year old boys joined the Navy together, have just finished their "boot training", and are on their way. We've got to hand it to you, boys - you've got what it takes.

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Henry Van Dragt reports that Bertyl Swanson was moved recently, from the Sub Base at Pearl Harbor to Aiea in the island of Oahu. Address: 14th N.D. Small Craft Disb. Office, Aiea, Oahu, Hawaii.

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Cully Ash sends us an early-spring note: Andy Jager and Carl Wicks have opened a second front near East Saugatuck and are putting on an intensive campaign. Blondes, Cully reports.

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This issue of The Dope is mailed to all Douglas men in the Services through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Walz.

Benny Fisch sends the following to Floyd Jennings, from "somewhere in New Guinea" and dated December 21st: "Yep, Floyd, we're here in New Guinea, where nights are made for love, so they tell me, and all we have for companionship are flies, mosquitoes and Japs. And there is'nt a bit of difference in the three.... It was swell hearing from you. Thank you for the cigarettes. The only other thing I want is a quart of good American whiskey; but I understand that is'nt allowed. I can still want it though.... Jack Campbell and I are still together. See him every day. Ev Thomas is in our company but in a different section than we are so I have'nt seen him for quite a while. Dick (Severens), Fuzz (Fosdick) and Smoky (Miller) are around somewhere, but due to censorship I can't state. Hope to see you soon. And don't try to keep Tara going all by yourself".

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In connection with Tara, we're told that Charlie Koning, its owner and operator, is also swinging a defense job in Holland. Never sleeps at all apparently.

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At its weekly meeting on January 8th the Douglas Athletic Club elected the following officers for 1943: Garth Wilson President; Al Hamlin Vice-President; Iner Sather Secretary; Bud Bekken Treasurer; and an Advisory Committee of Joe Wilson, Ward Martin, Father Nugent and Harold Van Syckel. So the Club's all set for a fine year - though the old familiar faces are greatly missed.

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Did you hear about the General who announced to his staff: "Now for God's sake, gentlemen, please let me finish what I have to say before you start saying 'Yes'".

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Basketball: The game with Fennville on January 8th was a real old-fashioned humdinger. It was an all-out scrap from start to finish with the teams neck-and-neck all the way. The score at the half was Saugatuck 13 Fennville 12; at the three-quarter mark, Saugatuck 23 Fennville 20; with one minute to go, Fennville 30 Saugatuck 28; with ten seconds to go, Fennville 30 Saugatuck 29; and at the final whistle.....Saugatuck 31 Fennville 30!!! Ray Biller scored twelve points, Dale Van Leuwen nine, and Bob Anderson made the final toss just as the whistle ended the game. All the boys (Ray Biller, Dale Van Leuwen, Lawrence Monique, Bob Anderson, Jack McDermott, Ed Olsen and Gerald Rasmussen) played exceptionally fine basketball - a game for the book that will long be remembered. They left the floor completely washed up; and the spectators went out the same way.

So long,

H. S. K.