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# Graduates Report

## By Mail

*Dorothy Drown gathers excerpts from letters to faculty members written by recent graduates*

**H**ARD at work are Iowa State graduates busy at jobs in wartime nursery schools, drafting laboratories, food service centers and hospitals. Experiences in the line of duty are told in recent letters to members of the faculty.

"Here is another T & C major doing drafting, but perhaps you'd be interested to know that I haven't entirely forgotten my major. A few weeks ago my boss asked me to drape a formal gown for his wife and of course I said yes," writes Jean Aufderhiede, '43, who is now employed as a draftsman in Flint, Michigan.

Harriet Swift, '43, writes of her work in the Pentagon cafeteria in Washington, D. C. "We have been busy this month trying to forget Thanksgiving at the Pentagon Cafeterias. Perhaps you read about the 35 cent special dinner which brought most of Washington straight to the Pentagon. My present job is to check all prepared food from the kitchen and bakeshop and distribute it to fill the orders from the three floors."

Margaret Stuart, '31, is enjoying her work as the only commissioned dietitian at Langley Field, Virginia. She is in charge of two hospitals which are three miles apart but the cooperation from the mess sergeants and the enlisted men aids her a great deal.

"I am working as a draftsman in the Naval Research Laboratories and I have learned much about drafting," remarks Kay Haworth Hamilton, '43, Washington, D. C.

Marjorie Gillingham, '43, writes that she has been teaching four and five-year-olds at the Scranton Child Center, the first war nursery under the Lanham Act. She is now stationed at the Child Care Center of Swan Island, Kaiser Shipyards, Portland, Oregon.

"My first big thrill was the day I had my first tank ride," says Ruth Vogel, '43, who is now employed at the General Motors Proving Grounds.

"I have taken a turn at all sorts of things from repairing decrepit toaster cords to helping with reader inquiries concerning bedbug control and even having a fling at some copy work on the *Ladies Home Journal*," remarks Florence Jane Kas, '43.

"My first job was in the Federal and Marine Division of the general offices and being called everything

from commercial engineer to technical clerk. We acted as the middlemen between the navy and the G. E. factory, taking orders for motors, generators and controls for some of the big ships being built. Much of my engineering background came in handy, and it is marvelous to see the equipment used on the ships," writes Marjorie Boyts, '43.

"I have a perfect set-up here at the Kaiser Shipyards teaching children from 18 to 36 months. This is certainly a dream for every child educator with the very best of equipment and lots of it," says Evelyn Lindquist Krabbenhoft, '42.

"I have completed my training in Medical Technology and I am now in charge of the blood bank at the University Hospital in Omaha," reports Claire Greenfield, '42.

*Child development graduates are caring for children in special nursery schools sponsored by industrial concerns in war centers*

