



UNITED STATES ARMY

and then the other patiently waiting for the second show to begin at the old Strand. Eventually you enter the crowded building and come abruptly upon a stifling atmosphere of such intensity that you feel like reflecting an about face and to the rear march to the world of fresh air you left behind. Of course it is too late now to change your mind to do any backtracking so you move forward with the stampeding herd pushing in from the entrance. I have often wondered just what the mortality rate was in such forced movements. The quality of shows is excellent, being previews of shows which will be later released to the general public. The army apparently has a priority even on picture films. However there is considerable B-rate material sandwiched in to satisfy the intellectual variation and interests among the men. Price of show \$0.15.

Also situated near my section of Berkeley is a rather popular and notable building in the form of a combined officers mess and Nite Club. The building is nicely constructed and is used for lounging, dining and dancing. It is beautifully outfitted and possesses an atmosphere of formality compared to Hall Utah including orchestra, dancing, white table cloths and sharply dressed waiters etc. It is really a nice place. In fact it is a trifle too nice and always causes me to meditate upon the gross inequalities of rank in the army, whenever I chance to pass by and particularly at night when the climax of formality is in order. The difference between these privileged officers and the lowly and