

Selvoski, Helen

Bethlehem WAC At Work

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WAC Mess Sergeant Helen Selvoski, of this city, starts the task of making out menus a week in advance for the WAC detachment at Fort Des Moines, Ia. Formerly "Mom" to members of the Bethlehem Boys Club, she is now "Mom" to hundreds of enlisted women in the Women's Army Corps, who eat in her mess hall.

(Official WAC Photograph)

"Mom" Selvoski, WAC Mess Sergeant, Likes Her Job

FORT DES MOINES, Ia.—Affectionately called "Mom" by WACs who eat in her dining hall, Sgt. Helen Selvoski, formerly of Bethlehem, claims that she wouldn't trade her job as Mess Sergeant for the WAC detachment in the Women's Army Corps at First WAC Training Center, Fort Des Moines, Ia., for anything in the world.

Sgt. Selvoski's job is to train bakers and cooks and frequently her personnel changes every Tuesday. Nevertheless, she manages to turn out the best of meals every day for her "chicks" and very frequently carries away the "Honor Mess" plaque.

According to those who have inspected Sergeant Selvoski's mess hall, every nook and cranny of her

kitchen is kept spotlessly clean. She is also adept at planning menus in such a way that the food served has that added "homey" touch which means so much to the WACs who eat in her mess hall day after day.

Her experience in civilian life prior to August 15, 1942, when Sergeant Selvoski joined the WAC has been an asset, she says, in making her outstanding as a mess sergeant. She has been a housewife, a doctor's assistant, and served as counselor for the Bethlehem Boys Club. For three months she roughed it with the boys in camp, where she became accustomed to cooking in large quantities.

Sgt. Selvoski has one son, Joseph, who is now in the Navy, stationed in Honolulu.

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