

I'M IN THE ARMY NOW

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Dreams and Random Thoughts

With the Army Air Forces Somewhere in Chicago, Jan. 27—(Censored) Alright...

For over three years now your correspondent has had a deep desire to be a member of the Army Air Forces. He tried to enlist during his sophomore college year. But, no. Those who knew best advised not. And so he finished college, his eyes weakened.

College hurtled, he again tried to enlist. This time his eyes were too weak to pass the rigid air cadets requirements. And so he enlisted in another branch of the Army where good eyes are not essential.

Eyes and Mathematics

"Incidentally, your correspondent began to think this war was a war of Eyes and Mathematics... and, in a way it is)

He still saw the sleek, silver pursuit ships whizzing through the air. And his heart was still way up there in the bright, blue yonder.

And he saw his best friends returning from flight training with a new sparkle in their eyes, more bounce in their struts, more enthusiasm for the Army in their speech.

Besides, they were wearing golden bars and a pair of silver wings...

Your correspondent continued to dream... the Army Air Corps...

Boy... what he would do just to be able to wear the blue arm insignia with the outstretched golden wings, the white star and the red dot...

Yes, perhaps still a boy at heart...

Dreams Come True

And then... One day last week special orders came through and Pvt. WNS became a permanent member of the Army Air Forces!

Hopes and dreams have been realized, prayers have been answered, and faith has grown tenfold...

Yep, the Army Air Forces... a new, quick, wonderfully exciting branch of the armed services.

Your correspondent is proud to be an air corps man... and he knows his feeling is widespread among men in the air forces...

A friendly reader writes...

But, enough of these "true dreams." Remember, however, that those dreams way high up in your minds and imaginations may come true, and you'll again have your solid faith refreshed, revitalized.

A friendly reader writes: "Why don't you write a 'Thoughts at Random' column again sometime?" O. K. Here goes...

Random ramblings

I'm sorry, but I don't like the idea of men having their fingers manicured and polished. I like the Army way: clean, short, unpolished.

And you feel the same!... Judging by the way the Army demands neatness, promptness, orderliness, and top efficiency, it appears that men graduates from Army-World War II are going to be better, neater, more efficient...

Have you seen those persons who now deliver telegram messages? Note the radical change from the clean, bright, sparkling-eyed telegram boy from other days...

Army Food

Many have asked your correspondent about Army food...

Have you ever eaten at the Drake, Gotham, Blackstone, or Waldorf Astoria hotels.

You have? Good.

My description will therefore be clearer...

Take away what some called the "glamour" of these spots.

Add self-service.

Now increase the quality and quantity of the food, and you'll have a word taste of Army "grub."

In short, Army food is tops and tasty.

Remember we're the best fed (and best equipped!) Army in the world.

And that's for sure!

Rest assured, Highland Parkers...

Long, interesting talks with chefs, mess sergeants, and matronly-women-Army-food-servers have convinced your correspondent that your uncle, your brother, your Dad, and your son are being fed excellent food, carefully prepared.

And, besides, this correspondent's stomach reacts unfavorably to second rate food. And he's feeling great since he began wearing kaki.

Highland Parkers

Suggestion: more people ought to know the ranks of enlisted men and officers...

Now, I don't mind being called a lieutenant; but when sincere civilians start calling me captain and major and colonel... well, it's kind of embarrassing...

Whoooooops!...

My sergeant just came in.

And he's tired.

I am, too.

See you soon.

In The Nations Service

Lieut. Harvey Olson Is Attached to Amphibious Force

Word has been received that Lieutenant Harvey S. Olson, U.S.N.R., of 1643 S. St. Johns avenue, Ravinia, has been attached to the Administrative Command of the Amphibious Force, Atlantic Fleet. Lieut. Olson is the son



Lt. HARVEY OLSON

of Mrs. Hildur Olson and the late Nils Olson, who moved to Ravinia in 1908.

Lieut. Olson reported to his assignment on December 29, 1942, where he serves on the staff of Vice Admiral A. K. Hewitt, Commander of the Amphibious Force. Commissioned late in July, Lieut. Olson received his indoctrination at Quonset Point, Rhode Island.

"Harv" Olson, as he is remembered in Highland Park, was graduated from Deerfield Shields high school, now Highland Park high school. Active in athletics in his undergraduate days, he played on the football, basketball, and baseball teams. He graduated from Purdue university in 1929 and served as captain of the boiler-maker football team in 1928.

After graduation through 1939, he was president of the international travel organization, Campus Tours, Inc., with headquarters in Chicago and offices in London, Paris, Rome and Berlin, and in the decade prior to the outbreak of war, traveled extensively abroad. A travel column which he authored appeared in the Highland Park Press.

For the past two years Mr. Olson served as assistant to the vice president in charge of the Eastern Division of Eversharp, Inc., which position he left to accept a commission in the Navy. One of Lieut. Olson's shipmates is the former Hollywood actor, Lieut. Douglas Fairbanks Jr.

Three sons of Joseph Genest of McGovern street are in service. Arthur who has had twenty-two years service in the Navy, is a chief petty officer now stationed at Norfolk, Va., studying special training in mines, and was at Pearl Harbor on December 7th. Edward is on duty between Seattle and Alaska. He has been in the service twelve years and is now serving as a steward in the Merchant Marine.

Earl, who was inducted a few weeks ago is stationed at Blythe, Calif. with the Army Air Forces and is a private first class.

Lieut. Rex Andrews was recently advanced to the rank of Captain, according to a news release from Camp Wolters, Texas where he is stationed.

Captain Andrews, former Chief of Police who gave up his work here to report for active service with the armed forces, has been stationed at Camp Wolters for eight months. During this time he has been recognized as an outstanding officer as the result of the manner in which he has executed the duties given him, and is attached to the camp headquarters.

The son of Mrs. Myrtle Andrews of Wichita, Kansas, he is a graduate of Wichita university where he was a member of Phi Epsilon Sigma social fraternity and the Officers' Reserve Corps.

Captain Andrews is making his home in Weatherford near his post. With

him are his wife, the former Grace Saferite, and their two children.

When the men of the Anti-aircraft Artillery Training center go into action "Queenie" and "Sunsetter" will be there blasting away, and "Streen" and "Strahn" will be rattling out a deadly message in lead.

Like famous guns in history that have won the affection of artillerymen, many of the guns at Fort Sheridan are named. Brig. Gen. LaRhett Stuart, commanding general of the training center, approves heartily and says the artilleryman's custom of naming guns is indicative of good spirit and interest.

Trickiest name, with an eye to sinking the rising sun of Japan, is "Sun-setter" which is commanded by Sgt. Paul Tevlin. Other guns in the same battery are Sgt. Carl Wright's "Luf-walfe Buster," Sgt. Howard Russell's "Axis Headache," and Sgt. Bruce Crispell's "Mussolini Terror." "Queenie" is the name printed on the gun manned by Sgt. Malcolm Cooper and his crew because they're constantly humming the words of the popular song which goes, "Queenie, Queen of them all."

Gun commanders themselves come in for a share of the glory. Named exclusively for the nicknames of gun commanders are "Tab's Tigers" after Sgt. Anthony Taraborrelli, "Mac's Menace" after Sgt. Robert MacDivitt, "Kid's Killer" after Sgt. Roario (Kid) Enrigo, and "Scottie" after Sgt. Tom Clasper.

Some of the guns are named for illusive reasons. "Streen, Strahn, Freen and Frahn" are the rapid firing double-talking machine guns commanded by Sgt. Louis Intiscia. It doesn't look like much in writing, but in double-talk, he says they "Streen over the Strahn in the freen and frahn yesterday." Sgt. Nolan Hudson's gun is named "Old Faithful" because of the absence of Whammies, the artilleryman's version of the pesky Gremlins in and about the mechanism.

Wives and girl friends are not neglected. Sgt. Henry Potok's gun is named for his wife, Dottie. Sgt. Harry Smith named his "Lottie" to rhyme. Sgt. James Williams named his "Molly" after a girl. Sgt. George Aultore calls "Polly" to rhyme. He claims that "Polly" doesn't say "Polly wants a cracker" though. When in a talkative mood she bellows, "Polly wants a crack at Hitler," he says.

Sgt. William Hiltgen's gun "Sally" is named after Lucille O'Hair of the Salvation Army U.S.O. unit in nearby Highwood. Sgt. Hiltgen says, "No task is too great or too small for her if it makes some soldier happy. It is named in appreciation for everything she has done for the soldiers at Fort Sheridan. Women who wear the uniform of the Salvation Army are often nicknamed "Sal."

Pfc. John G. Ori who arrived in Africa three months ago has been made acting mess sergeant of his company.

Jack Dayton of Central avenue, Highwood, was recently graduated from the Naval Gunnery school located in Hollywood, Fla. A machinist's mate, third class, he is now taking training in covering flying, bombing, and radio at Sanford, Fla. He enlisted the day was declared.

Just a "boot" now, but soon to be moulded into a fighting Bluejacket is Ulrich H. Thomas. The son of Mrs. Helen Thomas of 291 Laurel avenue, he has reported to the world's largest naval training station at Great Lakes to begin his basic training.

At Great Lakes he will receive several weeks of vigorous physical conditioning and be indoctrinated in the fundamentals of seamanship and Naval procedure. As an important part of his program he will take a series of aptitude tests designated to aid in assigning him to the type of work for which he is best qualified.

On Friday, January 22 at the Highland Park U.S.O. club, the WAACs and WAVES were entertained at a Czechoslovakian Night. The party was one of the most unusual and colorful staged at the club. Men of Fort Sheridan and Great Lakes joined North Shore women in playing host to the uniformed ladies. Authentic Czech music and food were part of the evening's entertainment.



Aviation cadet Kurt Bruce Boehm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno J. Boehm of south Green Bay road, recently reported to the Greenville Army Flying school located at Greenville, Miss., for further flight training.

After completing his training at Greenville, Cadet Boehm will be sent to another flying field in the Southeast Army Air Forces Training Center for the final phase of his training.

Upon successful completion of this course, Cadet Boehm will be graduated and commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces.

In a letter to Mrs. C. A. Sanborn, Lieut. Helen Cawley of the Army Nurse Corps, stationed in Australia, writes of a Christmas party and get-together she attended.

In her V-mail letter to Mrs. Sanborn she says, "In spite of being overseas we had a very nice Christmas. We exchanged gifts in the quarters and in the evening held an extremely sociable 'open house' on the post. The 'dirty dozen' of our quarters sponsored the deal. So a good time was had by all."

She further wrote of activities in Australia saying, "we have some Red Cross workers attached to our organization who look after the welfare of our soldiers, as well as provide a recreation room with occupational therapy. The boys enjoy making rings, bracelets and jewelry pieces from pounded coins (Australian), also other bits of handicraft. A round or two of archery and other athletics occupy much of their spare time."

According to an announcement made January 22, seventeen-year-olds may now apply for Navy Pilot Training through a new program to go into effect immediately. The announcement comes through the Navy Aviation Cadet Selection Board in Chicago as preparations are being made to handle this group which was not eligible for enlistment under the previous requirement that the cadet must be eighteen years of age.

Youths eligible through the new plan will be required to receive a recommendation from their high school principal or college administrative head before being permitted to take the Naval aviation cadet examination. Upon passing these examinations, such students will be sworn into service immediately, but will not be called into training before they reach their eighteenth birthday and have been graduated from high school.

In discussing the new program, Lieut. Comdr. Carl G. Olson, Officer-in-charge of the Naval Aviation Board said:

"These seventeen-year-old boys are the only men we can now accept for our pilot training course, and they will be enlisted only until monthly quotas that have been established for this area are filled. This, of course, necessitates some fairly exacting requirements for the applicants to meet but we are not anticipating any difficulty in meeting our quota."

"I particularly want to point out to the young men who want to apply under this new program that they must first make sure that they are eligible and then to see their school head as to how to go about obtaining a recommendation. This will save them and our Board a lot of time and facilitate getting them sworn in for our air cadet training."

To be eligible now for enlistment under the program, seventeen-year-olds attending high school must be enrolled in the senior class and be graduated by June 30. Applicants also must have a scholastic standing in the upper half of the class, before asking for a recommendation. Physical requirements are the same as previously prescribed for Naval aviation cadets.

In the cases of those graduated from high school but not attending college, the applicant must have ranked in the upper half of his class and receive a recommendation from his high school principal. Applicants now attending college are required to have the scholastic ability to maintain a standing in the upper two-thirds of their class and to be recommended by the head of the college.

All men accepted for this program will be enlisted as Apprentice Seaman, Class V-5, and later transferred to aviation cadet. Those who enlist now but do not graduate from high school will be placed in Class V-6 and ordered to active duty in the Naval Service.

Word has been received that Ensign James Rutledge, former Highland Park resident who is an officer in the Armed Guard, met Ensign Harry E. Skidmore "somewhere in the south Pacific" recently.

Pvt. Herman Hart has returned to Fort Sill, Okla. after visiting his sister Mrs. Ben Helke of Deerfield road while on furlough.

Robert S. Ruwitch of 340 Moraine road and Edward J. Lowenthal of 1040 S. Sheridan road were both graduated from the officers' candidate school of the technical training command at Miami Beach, Fla. They received their commissions as second lieutenants and will direct administrative and supply operations, releasing trained pilots for full-time flying duty.

Pvt. Anton Viventi, son of Stanley Viventi of Highwood, is receiving his training at Little Rock, Ark.

Miss Linda Rollery left January 25th to report to Fort Des Moines, Iowa to begin her training in the Woman's Auxiliary Army Corps. She was sworn into the WAACs on January 5.

A Highland Park high school graduate of 1937, for the past few years she has been employed in the regional office of Montgomery Ward in Chicago. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lazzaro Rollery of Roger Williams avenue.

Private and Mrs. George Lindsey, the former Frances Greening Montecchi, are now at home to their friends on Pleasant street in Highwood. The couple were married on January 16 in the home of Mrs. Helen Wygal. The groom is attached to the Military Police at Fort Sheridan and is a private, first class.

Henry W. Boyd Jr., formerly of 235 Prospect avenue, now of Nashville, Tennessee, has accepted an appointment from the War Production Board. He is to be chief of the men's unit of the W.P.B.'s shoe section.

Warrant Officer and Mrs. Henry Sherman Vail II, whose wedding took place in Highland Park on December 26, are now at home in Newport, Rhode Island. Mrs. Vail is the former Mary Louise Harrison and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Harrison of Deere Park drive. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm D. Vail of Lakewood place.

Pvt. Joseph Connolly was recently voted the "neatest dresser" at Camp Rucker, Ala. by members of his outfit. He is training with a medical unit and has been in service since last November. He is the son of the Joseph Connollys of north Green Bay road.

On Saturday, January 23rd, at one o'clock a birthday luncheon with Captain Edith M. Davis, commanding the WAAC company stationed at Fort Sheridan as guest of honor, was held at the Moraine Hotel. Officers of the Highland Park USO headed by Mrs. Theodore Osborn tendered luncheon to Captain Davis.

First mail was received last week by Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wolterding from their son, Lieut. Daniel Wolterding, fighter pilot with the Army Air Corps. Lieut. Wolterding left by plane for overseas service six weeks ago, and is now somewhere in the Pacific.

A beauty shop has been opened in the WAAC quarters at Fort Sheridan. Chief dispenser of glamor at the shop is Joe Kumbera, who runs the place. The hours in the beauty parlor will be from noon until nine p.m.

The shop is open to WAACs, army nurses, officers' wives and women employees on the Post. The WAAC hairdo requires that the hair be one inch off the collar.

Pvt. John Hickey is at Fort Riley, Kansas, taking his military training. A former member of the Highland Park police force, he is the son of Mrs. John Hickey of North St. Johns avenue.

Another local boy who has arrived in Africa is Corp. Marvin Brownlee. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brownlee of Highwood.

Large Crowd Attends Dance At N. C. C. S. USO

One of the largest Saturday night crowds attended the dance sponsored by the Sanctuary guild of Faith-Hope and Charity church of Winnetka, with Mrs. F. L. Gibbons as chairlady at the Highwood N.C.C.S.-U.S.O. club.

They served home-made cakes, cookies and coffee. Those who assisted in the preparations of cutting and serving were: Mrs. Edward Young, Frank A. Baker, Vincent Brennan, David Adler, T. J. Carmody, Gerard M. Ungaro, and Misses Dorothy Gibbons with Jean Carter. Mr. Carmody also attended.

St. Bonaventure parish of Diversity parkway in Chicago sent fifty young ladies who acted as dancing partners for the boys, and they were chaperoned by Mrs. Winfield H. Wauder, Mrs. M. Bretting and Miss Margaret L. O'Connor. They came by special bus.

Those who chaperoned the other Victory Belles to their homes and trains were, Mrs. S. Bernardi, Ellen Bellei, Mauro Bartelletti, A. Capitani, Maria Caminiti and Edrige Cassei.

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City of Highland Park, Lake County

PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, March 2, 1943

Candidates for Nomination for

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS

of the City of Highland Park
at the Primary Election

For Mayor
(Vote for One)

JOSEPH B. GARNETT

For Commissioners
(Vote for Four)

- W. J. CUROTTO
- LYLE GOURLEY
- HERBERT O. HUBER
- EDWARD J. MORONEY
- NATHAN S. SHARP
- LEO J. SHERIDAN
- ARTHUR H. SWANSON

V. C. MUSSER, City Clerk

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PRIMARY ELECTION

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Candidates for Nomination for

POLICE MAGISTRATE

of the City of Highland Park
at the Primary Election

For Police Magistrate

(Vote for One)

HENRY ANDREW HANSEN

V. C. MUSSER, City Clerk