

I'M IN THE ARMY NOW

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"I Sustain The Wings . . ."

At Headquarters, Chicago Schools, Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, Feb. 17—(Censored)—

He was well-dressed. His two suitcases were made of dark pigskin.

He looked like a prosperous businessman.

And he was.

"Can I get in here," he said to the soldier guarding his post—the main entrance of the Stevens, the world's largest hotel.

"No, sir," the soldier replied. "You see, the Army Air Forces took over here last August. The hotel now houses thousands of soldiers who are studying to be radio technicians."

Surprised, the civilian said: "Oh, I see, well thank you Soldier." And the man left.

A visitor once

Perhaps you once stayed at the Stevens—or friends of yours did. Maybe during Chicago's 1933 World Fair, or a business meeting, or a Democratic convention you were here. Or, maybe, you, like me, danced in the Stevens' beautiful Crystal Ball Room in peace times.

But not anymore.

There have been some big changes made.

No longer is the tall, giant hotel dark at 5:30 a. m. Now, by that time, soldiers are awake, dressed and marching across Michigan Avenue to Grant Park for calisthenics. And lights pierce thru the darkness from thousands of rooms.

Excellent food

Calisthenics completed, the soldiers return to their rooms in Units 1 and 2 (Stevens and Congress hotels) of Headquarters, Chicago Schools, Army Air Forces Technical Training Command.

Soon mess hall doors are opened and the cleanly-shaven soldiers file into the large room. One of these used to be the pretentious Crystal Ball Room. But now—tho the crystal chandeliers still hang and still sparkle—spotless wooden tables and stools are neatly arranged on the former dance floor.

And bright-eyed young men, trays and eating utensils in their hands, are served tasty food by kindly, matronly women servers. Their trays loaded

with healthful food, the men make their way to designated tables and remain standing at attention until all are present. Then they eat heartily not leaving the table until each man has finished eating everything on his tray.

This is a rule in the Army. Men must eat what they ask for because in this way waste is cut to a minimum, and the Army gets full value out of the top food it is buying.

Clean quarters

Breakfast over, the soldiers go back to their rooms and polish brass, mop and scrub bathroom floors, dust wood-work and vacuum rugs. Rooms are immaculate. Inspecting officers are vigilant and, too, the soldiers realize they can work, study and sleep better in clean quarters.

And now its time for classes in code, meteorology, aircraft instruments and radio mechanics. The studies are difficult but the men are serious and the work is done satisfactorily and frequently with excellence.

The day passes fast. Lunch, Study. Classes. Work. Drill. Retreat. Dinner. Study. Sleep. Men here are not only technicians, they are trained, healthy soldiers realizing that their job is vital and without their skills, their abilities, the pilots of our fighter and bomber planes would be helpless gladiators.

And they understand that their work will not always result in big, front-page headlines. They are somewhat like the linemen on a football team. They don't make the touchdown, but they sure knock the obstacles out of the way of the back-field men.

They know that their important work makes it possible for heroes to be flyers and flyers to be heroes. They know that they are one of an unbeatable trio—the plane, the air crew and the ground crew. They know that without their training in radio, code and mechanics the sleek fighter planes and giant bombers would remain motionless machines. They are proud to be a member of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command.

Draft Board Releases Names Of 54 To Be Called

Draft board No. 1 in Highland Park has released the names of 54 young men who will be called into the U.S. army within the near future. Those who will report are as follows:

Highland Park

John Norris Bingham, Russell Joseph Early, LeRoy Douglas Conklin, Jack Glen Allen, Maurice Lee Davis, Anton P. Frauenhoffer, Norbert Bigley, George M. Rossie, Guido Mazzetti, Cataldo Mike Acello, William R. Johnson, Dominic James Panerani, Tony Crimo, Frederick W. Shelton, Richard Evan Evans, Edward James Nevins and Francis Ronzani.

Highwood

Domenic Colo, Alfonso Rizzolo, Lawrence Joseph Morano, Bruno Morani, Louis P. Cantagallo, Henry A. Pasquesi, Nello Pagliai, James F. Kane, William J. Kane Jr., Frederick Caldarella, Philip J. Zoul, Harry R. Walz, Robert J. Pasquesi, Philip L. Axt, Adolphe John Rosalini, Evo Mini, Dominic Volpendesta and Pete Romitti.

Deerfield

Robert Zane Norman and Howard R. Anderson.

Barrington

Robert John Charles Rachow, Charles McNaria Headley, Walter Gustav Moeller, Jack Beryl Becker and Robert Harold Pietsch.

Other Cities

Joseph Paul Beckett, Mundelein; Lewis Edmond Schwarz and Earl F. Young, Lake Zurich; Glenn Emil Miller, Stanley R. Nordstrom and Joseph F. Horcher, Prairie View; Charles Lavette Wallace, Elmhurst; Irving Bernardi, Rockford; Russell Paul Leonard, Elgin, Ill.; Edward Joseph Steffen, Evanston; Joe Martin Etringer, West Allis, Wis.; Floyd Wayne Stoller, Chicago.

Dorothy Aldridge Inducted Into WAACS

Miss Dorothy H. Aldridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Aldridge of 1408 Judson avenue, was inducted into the WAACS Tuesday and is on a two week furlough before reporting for active duty.

Miss Aldridge attended the Highland Park high school and graduated in June from Northwestern university, where she received an honorary bachelor of arts degree.

Pfc. William B. Bangs is studying at the Cook's and Bakers' school at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. He entered service three months ago and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bangs of Vine avenue.

In The Nations Service

George Titman Receives Wings At Blackland Field

From the Army Air Forces Gulf Coast Training Center at Randolph Field, Texas, comes word that the largest class of fighter and bomber pilots yet to be graduated held exercises on February 16. A Highland Park pilot to receive his commission and



wings is Lieut. George R. Titman, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Titman of 1019 North St. Johns avenue who graduated from Blackland Field.

The graduates were divided among nine advanced flying training schools in Texas. All pilots received their wings. Some were commissioned as second lieutenants, while others were appointed to the recently created rank of flight officers.

Six Local Students Enrolled In N. U. Technological School

Six Highland Park students enrolled in the Technological Institute of Northwestern university have just completed a transfer from three months apprentice work in industry back to the classrooms, according to an announcement made today by Dean Ovid Eshbach of the Institute.

Under the Institute's work-study plan, students alternate three months of classroom study with three months of industrial apprenticeship as an integral part of their engineering training.

The Institute, which was founded in 1939 and recently received a \$20,000,000 endowment from the estate of Walter P. Murphy, now has an enrollment of 700 full-time students from all parts of the country. Through its training of engineers and military research programs, it is today a vital outpost on the battlefield of science.

The six Highland Park students who have returned this quarter to Northwestern's campus for further class-work are:

Richard D. Harza, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Harza, 2299 Pierce rd., who has been taking a training program involving diversified experience throughout the plant of International Harvester Co., Chicago. A member of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, Harza is on the staff of Northwestern Engineer. He was graduated from Mercersburg, Pa., and is now studying mechanical engineering.

Alfred W. Okey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Okey, 1021 North St. Johns ave., has been taking a similar training program in the plant of Wright Aeronautical Corp., Lockland, Ohio. A graduate of Highland Park high school, he is now studying mechanical engineering.

Another graduate of Highland Park high school, Gordon A. Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Axel Olson, 1229 Pleasant ave., did his apprentice work in cement research for the Portland Cement Assn., Chicago. He is studying civil engineering in the Technological Institute.

Ira Ritow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ritow, 1170 Hill st., has been doing research in electronics for the Jolly Manufacturing Co., Chicago, during the past quarter. Vice-president of the Northwestern branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Ritow also is promotion manager for the Northwestern Engineer. He was graduated from the Highland Park high school.

Erecting work for Nordberg & Co., Chicago, was the apprentice work assigned last quarter to Charles Thorney, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Edward Thorney, 1525 Westview rd. Charles is studying mechanical engineering and is another Highland Park high school graduate.

Lee A. Wolterding, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. Wolterding, 335 Glenwood ave., has been with the engineering department of Kimberly-Clark, Neenah, Wis. A graduate of Highland Park high school, Wolterding is studying industrial engineering.

Lieut. (j. g.) Robert Hutchinson of 205 High street, Highwood, has been assigned to duty with the Navy aboard a transport in the Pacific.

LIEUT. ALFRED C. MEYER SERVING IN BUNA

In the first letter in three months to his mother, Mrs. Alfred C. Meyer, former Vine avenue resident who now lives in Chicago, Lieut. Alfred C. Meyer writes of warfare in the jungles. Newsreel scenes shown at the Alcyon theatre last week of Buna, picture Dr. Meyer smoking a pipe. His sister, Mrs. Rudolph Singer, resides on Woodland road.

His interesting letter in part reads as follows:

"It is difficult because of censorship to tell you much of our experiences. They have to deal with carrying out surgery as scientifically as possible in a few blacked out tents near the front lines. We were the forward hospital unit and did most of the emergency surgery. We had as many as 60 casualties a day at times. We used a tremendous amount of human plasma and it saved many lives.

"We had two operating teams working at a time, both in the same tent, both doing major stuff including compound fractures, chest wounds, etc. We improvised methods of sterilizing our equipment and hands. We had bands of stockinette around our arms to keep the perspiration from dripping into the wounds.

"All the the night work was done with flashlights. We all feel we have learned a lot and have had some good results. In abdominal wounds especially, we had almost 50% recovery as against 100% fatality reported by previous field hospital units.

We also had our share of excitement from enemy firing. At first we were very jittery. We had cold food for 15 days because we were afraid of the smoke from a fire. We ate our food with our helmets on, seated at the edge of a slit trench—and we trembled all night. Gradually we became veterans, however, and now we have hot food, sleep on canvas cots and almost enjoy life. Things are quiet now and we hope to go back to Australia soon. We have just heard what the President said, about the New Guinea forces, in his Christmas message, and we wonder if we might ever get back to the U. S. A.—but that sounds too good."

Lieut. Meyer graduated from Elm Place school, Highland Park high school and Dartmouth college. He received his medical degree at Northwestern university and had a residency at the Mayo clinic when inducted into the army.

Ezekiel Farmer who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Farmer of Deerfield place, recently graduated from the naval air school in Memphis as a radio man, third class.

Pvt. Grover Q. Grady, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Grover Q. Grady of Forest avenue, is stationed at Fort Sheridan.

Third class petty officer Robert Bartoni of the naval aviation metallsmith unit has been transferred to Tillamook, Ore. He enlisted in August and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bartoni of Ashland avenue, Highwood.

Pvt. William Cortesi, Jr., of Clifton avenue has been assigned to duty with the army air forces at Miami Beach, Fla.

Men over 38 will be discharged from the army according to these rules and requirements: (1) at least 38 years old; (2) enlisted or inducted on or before February 28, 1943; (3) Has submitted voluntary request for discharge to his commanding officer, must be before May 1, 1943; (4) has submitted statement from responsible person showing that he will be employed in essential industry, including agriculture; (5) release of soldier must not seriously effect the efficiency of his unit.

Miss Joan La Plant of Evanston and Staff Sergeant David Pasquesi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sante Pasquesi of Railway avenue, Highwood, were married on Saturday, February 6 in the office of Judge Clarence Shetzley. Attending the couple were the groom's sister, Miss Josephine Pasquesi, and the bridegroom's brother, Robert.

Sergeant Pasquest, who has been in service for the past eighteen months, is stationed at Camp Grant. The bride and groom are making their home in Rockford.

Harry C. Pertz, 17, has been sworn into the naval air corps as a cadet. A senior at Highland Park high school where his father is a member of the school faculty, he will not be called for active duty until he completes his schooling as a graduate in June.

An active student, he is president of the Boy's club, secretary and treasurer of the senior class, president of the school band and earned his letter in football as end on the varsity team. To other teen-age students he is known as a popular drummer.

V-mail letters to a sailor will have a better chance of reaching him without delay now, as the Navy has expanded its V-mail services. Four New V-mail stations have been sent abroad. Small, portable machines that can be quickly set up in remote areas will now be available to speed up the delivery to sailors.

William B. Roush, 17 year old son of Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Hoyt L. Roush of 958 Ridgewood drive, went to Toledo on January 28th so as to be sworn into active duty with the Navy by his father who is stationed there as a cost inspector for an airplane factory.



A former Highland Park high school student, Roush quit his senior year to volunteer in the Navy. He then returned to Great Lakes to begin his boot training, and hopes to be an aviation machinist mate. He said he is the youngest in his company, but was quick to add, "I don't look it."

Lt. Comdr. Roush was home on a five-day leave and during that short time saw his parents in Jewel, Kansas, who are not well. He was able to attend his neighborhood group dinner, the Ridgewood Park Association, which was held February 8.

Ensign John W. Christensen, who received his civilian pilot's training at Sky Harbor and Lewis School of Aeronautics, expects to graduate as an instructor in naval aviation from Purdue university within the next month. Other schooling includes two years at the University of Illinois and six months at Armour Tech. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Christensen of Deerfield place.

A twentieth coed of Northwestern university has joined the nineteen previously named who will take part in the beauty contest to be held at Fort Sheridan on February 18. She is Marge Mitcheson of 40 East Turon street, Chicago.

Nick Tomei, noted North Shore magician and first class petty officer in the Navy, had a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luigi Tomei of McDaniels avenue last week. He has returned to Camp Perry, Williamsburg, Va.

Barcus Hagen, 17, of 415 McDaniels avenue has been selected for the United States navy pilot training under the new program which limits eligible youths to seventeen year olds.

A graduate of Highland Park high school, Hagen played with the varsity baseball team and was a member of the rifle team. He is presently employed in a circulating department of a newspaper.

Men enlisted now under the new Navy program will not be called for training at least until they reach their 18th birthday and have been graduated from high school. On completion of pilot training cadets will receive a commission as ensign and be awarded the Navy wings of gold.

Corporal Fred Morani is home visiting his parents, the Tony Moranis of Waukegan avenue, Highwood, on a furlough from Scott Field where he is on duty with the medical corps of the army air forces.

Aviation Cadet Robert L. Phillips, formerly employed by the post office in Highland Park has reported for active duty with the army air corps. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Phillips of Vine avenue.

Second class seaman Frank Miller, Jr., recently arrived at his home on Homewood avenue after three months' convoy duty with the Navy. A short leave was spent with his parents before reporting back to duty.

Lieutenant Russel J. Gilbert recently received his commission as second lieutenant in the Army air corps at Kirkland Field, Albuquerque, N. M. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gilbert of Taylor avenue, he received his wings and graduated as an aircraft observer and bombardier.

He is a graduate of Highland Park high school and was selected from his regiment to attend an advanced aviation school in Monroe, La., where he will be stationed for the next few months. He reported for active duty in January, 1942, and received his basic training at Patterson Field, Ohio.

Auxiliary Elizabeth Calhoun Clarke has begun her training in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. She is the daughter of the James O. Clarkes of 2237 Lincolnwood road.

Private Richard F. Balz is now stationed at Barclay Field, Colo. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Balz, he recently graduated from the mechanics' school at Perren, Texas. Enlisting October 28, he is stationed with the army air corps.

USO-Salvation Army

444 Washington Ave., Highland, Ill. Maj. Ira Fitzpatrick, Director

Local groups have been active of late in entertaining the Wives' club at the unit. On Thursday, Feb. 11, a valentine luncheon, with games and prizes, was given by the Pythian Sisters of Highwood, Miss Rose Alma Roth, commander-in-chief. On Tuesday, Feb. 16, tea was served, followed by bingo and prizes, by the Sorosis Amicae, an Eastern Star group of Highland Park. Mrs. Art Swanson is president of this group, and the committee in charge consisted of Miss Lillian Culver, Mrs. E. W. Briddle and Mrs. Dave Carlson, chairman. On Thursday, Feb. 25, luncheon will be served by a local group, sponsored by Mrs. Geo. Kenry, Mrs. N. C. Risjord, and Mrs. Victor Walecka. Luncheon will be followed by games and prizes.

On Monday of this week a Valentine party, with appropriate decorations and refreshments was given the servicemen and their wives by Mrs. B. J. Rosenthal. Tuesday a group from Zion, Ill., gave a variety entertainment presenting the Zion Men's Octette, Laverne Edwards, boy soprano, the Missin Girls' Trio and Rhoda Wise, accordionist, with her sister Arline, tap dancer and baton-twirler. Refreshments were served by the Mothers' club of Highland Park. Wednesday the entertainment and refreshments were provided by the JWB, Mrs. Roy Wyle of Highland Park, chairman.

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Thursday, Feb. 18

Special music by Eugene Bertaccini and Louis Calderelli of Highwood. Gold stamping service. Sewing service. Coffee club at 10 p. m.

Friday, Feb. 19

Special movie feature. Coffee club at 10 p. m.

Saturday, Feb. 20

Keeno and prizes with Mrs. B. J. Rosenthal. Gold stamping. Coffee.

Sunday, Feb. 21

Open house all day. Hymn sing at 5 p. m. Vespers with Grace Methodist church of Highland Park at 7 p. m. Coffee at 10.

Monday, Feb. 22

Harry Pertz and Coit Spalding, drummers of Highland Park. Gold stamping. Sewing service. Craft shop instruction. Coffee at 10.

Tuesday, Feb. 23

Afternoon, Wives' craft shop. Evening, Mrs. S. N. Nelson, vocalist, of Winnetka. Leather-craft. Coffee club at 10 p. m.

Wednesday, Feb. 24

January birthday party for servicemen, sponsored by Winnetka JHO. Jewelry craft instruction.

Exhibit of Work by Joseph P. Nash At Woman's Club

The art exhibition of Joseph P. Nash at Highland Park Woman's club included portraits of prominent North Shore residents, character studies of the common man, and scenes from the Teton mountains.

Joseph P. Nash received his formal art education at the Chicago Art Institute where he studied some seven years under such well-known instructors as George Bellows, Leopold Seyffert and John Norton. He later traveled extensively in Europe. He has exhibited portraits in Chicago Art Institute, in New York and in seven different states.

Thirty military portraits done by Nash in the last two years are now hanging in the Rosenwald Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. They are to remain there for the duration of the war. The artist is known to many Highland Park residents for his splendid accomplishments as art director at Elm Place school.

Evening Party At High School Friday

On Friday, Feb. 19, the student council will hold their first evening party at the high school from 8 to 12 p. m. There will be music, dancing, card games, group singing, ping-pong; also other games and refreshments.

All high school students are invited.

Lieut. Edward J. Loewenthal of 1040 S. Sheridan Road who graduated from the officers' candidate school at Miami, Fla., in November is now stationed in Washington, D. C. in the Air Transport Command.

After completing his officers' training with the army air corps, Lieut. Loewenthal took a special four-weeks training course at La Guardia Field, New York City before reporting to Washington.

Marian Hocking Brookover of Prairie avenue, Highwood, was pleasantly surprised last week end when her husband, First Sergeant R. R. Brookover arrived home on a seven-day furlough before reporting for duty at Boston, Mass.

Corporal Daniel Grady is taking a clerical course and is stationed with the army air corps at the Embassy hotel in Los Angeles.

Rocco Volpendesta, second class petty officer, is on duty at Elyson Field, Pensacola, Florida. He is the son of Mrs. Dina Volpendesta of Llewellyn avenue, Highwood.



The average American family will have a tax bill of \$1,100 in the next fiscal year according to an estimate of a noted tax expert. (We still prefer the U. S. A.)

Sign in grocery store window:

"Boy wanted—over 50"

Many different kinds of shortages affect the manufactured gas business—steel, oil and manpower. We are attempting to meet the manpower situation by means of training classes for new men and substituting girls for men on as many jobs as possible. Some neighboring utilities now read meters bi-monthly and send an averaged bill on alternate months. When we lose more men to the armed services, we shall probably be forced to do likewise.

An advertisement in a matrimonial paper reads:

"I'm short, fat, broke and 4-F."

North Shore Gas Co
"The Friendly People"
TOM CLARK
Manager