

In The Nations Service

Ensign Ross Rescued In Solomons Area

The Navy department has released a story as exciting as any adventure story. It concerns the rescue of Ensign George Henry Robertson Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. G. Ross of Wildwood lane, and Lieut. John F. Kennedy, son of former Ambassador Joseph Kennedy.

Ross, who was aboard Kennedy's PT boat because his own boat was out of whack, was on board when a Jap destroyer rammed their boat slicing it diagonally in two on August 1 in the Japanese controlled area of the Solomon Islands.

The crew was knocked into the water in the midst of the flaming gaso-

line. Two of them credited the 27-year-old Kennedy with saving their lives. A backstroke swimmer on the Harvard team before he was graduated in 1940, he went after Machinist's Mate Patrick H. McMahon, 39, of Los Angeles, and towed the badly burned man for about an hour. Then



he swam out again to get Gunner's Mate Charles Harris of Boston. Ross swam out to help Machinist's Mate Gerald E. Zinser get aboard the bow of the boat, which was kept afloat by watertight bulkheads.

They clung to the bow of the boat for nearly twelve hours and then made their way to a small island where the crews stayed for two days eating all the coconuts on the island.

Two more days were spent on a larger island where friendly natives fed them. One of the natives carried a message on a coconut shell and was able to slip through enemy lines to notify the U. S. Torpedo boat base at New Georgia.

On Aug. 8, a PT boat, whose executive officer was Lt. John William Ruff of Chicago, went through the twisted passages, guided by a native pilot, to make contact with Kennedy on an outer island. In constant danger of being seen by enemy planes, the PT boat waited while a native canoe made two trips in to bring all the men out.

Ten of the crew were rescued and two were lost. Ross was unhurt, but coral had infected his arm after he was rolled on a reef by a wave. Mr. and Mrs. Ross have not received any

word from the navy department regarding the condition of Ensign Ross' arm.

Army Calls For More Chaplains

Several hundred additional chaplains are needed from Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin to meet spiritual needs of members of the expanding Army.

Candidates for appointment must have reached their 24th but not their 50th birthday, have an acceptable ecclesiastical indorsement from their denomination and submit evidence of:

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2. Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree, or graduation from a recognized college, with a minimum of three years of pastoral experience, or

3. Bachelor of Divinity or Bachelor of Theology degree, or graduation from a recognized theological seminary and a minimum of three years of pastoral experience.

Applicants should address the Commanding General, Headquarters, Sixth Service Command, Civic Opera Building, Chicago, Illinois. Physical examinations will be arranged gratis by the Service Command Chaplain if other requirements are met.

Storekeeper George P. Plant, second class petty officer in the navy, and his wife, the former Irene Anderson of Waukegan, are expected in Highland Park this week end to divide his eleven-day furlough from his base on Staten Island, N. Y., between her parents in Waukegan, and his family on Park avenue.

Petty Officer Plant enlisted in January 1942 and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Plant.

Irving Veitch has completed his boot training at Camp Terry, Williamsburg, Va., and is at home on S-

Ridge road on a ten-day furlough.

Chief Petty Officer Wilson Richardson, former Highland Park police man is spending a week visiting his wife and children at their home on Michigan avenue. He leaves Friday for Boca Chica, West Indies.

Cadet Donald Siljstrom has reported to Pensacola, Fla., for the final phase of his flight training before receiving his commission as ensign in the naval reserve.

Cpl. and Mrs. Robert Zahnle are visiting their parents, the William Zahnles of East avenue, and the Anton Werhnaiks of McDaniels avenue, while Cpl. Zahnle is on furlough from Tacoma, Wash.

Midshipman Francis Sheahan is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sheahan of Central avenue, while on thirty day leave from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Mrs. Garnett H. Jones, the former Helen West, is visiting her parents, the E. E. Wests of Elm Place, while her husband, PFC Jones is a gunnery student at La Redo, Texas.

Lieut. Lawrence K. McGregor has been advanced to the rank of first lieutenant in the army ordnance department at Camp Atterbury, Ind. His wife makes her home in Highland Park. She is the former Fannie Turner.

George B. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Clark of Dell place, is enrolled as an aviation cadet in the army air forces preflight school at Maxwell Field, Ala.

Robert W. Nichols, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. V. Nichols of 1000 Wade street, has completed his thirteen weeks' training course at the officer candidate school at Camp Lee, Va., and has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the army quartermaster corps.

Yeoman Second Class Ted Schreiber stopped off in Highland Park last Saturday to visit his parents, Mr. and



I'M IN THE ARMY NOW

By
Col. Whitt N. Schultz

(Special to the Highland Park Press)
A SOLDIER'S SUNDAY!

At Headquarters, Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill., Aug. 22—
Highland Parkers, have you ever wondered what a soldier does on Sunday?

That's usually his day off, you know if a battle isn't raging. If he's big on maneuvers, or if he hasn't other duties assigned to him for that day.

Usually he sleeps a little longer in the morning. Instead of arising at 6 a.m., he takes it easy and sleeps to 6 a.m. Habit, you know.

Then he gets up.
Morning Routine
He washes, shaves, makes his bed, cleans up the floor around his bunk. Then... on goes his best uniform—clean, fresh, highly pressed. His shoes are glistening, too. Brighter than usual.

Then breakfast.
And it's excellent—hot cakes, sausages, cantalope, toast, jam, coffee, milk. He takes more time to eat today. After all, this is his day, his day to do as he wishes—so long as he conforms strictly to all Army regulations.

If he's Church-inclined—and many soldiers are, particularly those in bitter battles—he attends early morning service of his denomination. He prays deeply and silently. He knows that everything fine and good comes from high Above, way up there in the bright, blue yonder.

Prayers of Peace
First, he prays for peace. Next, he prays for his family. Then, his friends.
Sermon today was titled, "Your Speech."

Names of those we really love are held sacred and we demand others use those names respectfully. We are ready to fight those who don't.
Yet, asked the chaplain, how many of us hesitate to use the name of God and Christ in any way? We choose, usually in a disrespectful and insulting manner?

A good, sensible question!
Then why do we swear?
Largely because we're ignorant. We think it manly to swear.
A question is asked:
"Is it manly to take advantage of someone who is not going to enforce respect with immediate punishment?"

Swearing Shows Ignorance
Swearing is ignorance, too, the

Mrs. Phillip Schreiber of Glencoe avenue. He had been visiting his wife and daughters in Minneapolis and has now reported to his base at Orange, Texas.

Pvt. John Mussatto, who had been visiting his father, Tom Mussatto of Oak Terrace avenue, has returned to his post in Kentucky.

Carroll Binder, Jr., has received his wings as a navigator and has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the army air forces at graduating exercises held at Selman Field, La. He is the son of the Carroll Binders of Forest avenue.

Sgt. Annabel Wheeler of 2221 Dell lane, has been promoted to technical sergeant in the WAC detachment serving as a personnel adjutant clerk at Fort Mason, San Francisco, Calif.

Ensign Eric R. Haessler was able to visit his mother, Mrs. Mildred Haessler of Rice street, for three days while enroute to his base at New Orleans where he is serving in the navy engineer corps.

Ensign David E. Johnson, Jr., is visiting his parents of Berkeley road while on leave for two weeks from Miami, Fla., where he has been taking operational training in fighter type aircraft. He will report to Norfolk, Va., when his leave terminates.

Cpl. and Mrs. Louis Maiorano (Pia Denelli) are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Denelli of Clavey rd. Cpl. Maiorano recently graduated from the engineering school at Lexington, Ky., and is stationed at Fort Devans, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wistner of Laurel avenue, have been notified that their nephew, Lieut. (j.g.) David L. LaHue, is well and safe. Lieut. LaHue was serving aboard the USS Helena when it sank July 6 in Kaba-

Chaplain said, ignorance of the English language. Inability to express one's self adequately. When a man doesn't know how to handle other men or a situation, he curses and swears to cover up his ignorance.

A leader is known by what he accomplishes, his actions, not his cursing!

Church services over, the soldier returns to his barracks, talks with fellow soldiers, writes letters.

And how he writes them!
Loves to Receive Letters
He writes, quite frankly, because he wants to receive letters. They're his mental communication with those he loves.

A thoughtful letter can do more for a soldier's morale than anything else when he's away from home.

Remember that, Highland Parkers. We love to receive letters. It's like a short furlough home. We want to hear that you all are happy, well, behind us. That you are taking care of yourselves and protecting those little things we hold closest.

Sunday Thinking
And we do a lot of thinking about home on Sundays.

We remember Mom's Sunday dinners. We think about talks with Dad on the porch in the summer or by the fire in winter.

And we think about the convertible-car-rides down the pretty North Shore. About our dates. About all the good times we've had.

And we feel somehow that those days will come again. Someday. Someday not too far away.

Rest of the Day
We read Sunday newspapers and thereby have a summary of the week's news. We're quite human, too. We read funny papers. Funny books, too.
And then to lunch—roast beef, peas, carrots, mashed potatoes, bread and butter, cantalope, ice cream, cake.

Then a nap.
More letter writing.
A camp show.
And to bed.

It's a simple way of living.
Of course we're lonesome. But we know that being away, being on our own is good for us. And we know, too, that it is good for one to be away, for only then does he appreciate fully his home, his family.

Gulf in the Solomon Islands.

Lieut. Everett S. Anderson who graduated as a navigator on August 14 at Selman Field, La., has reported to Pyote Field, Texas, after a week's leave spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Anderson of Berkeley road.

Herbert Chambers has been promoted from second class hospital corps attendant to pharmacist's mate, third class petty officer in the South Pacific where he is serving. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chambers of McDaniels avenue, he has been in service a year.

Mrs. John Lawler of Highwood avenue, Highwood, has received word that her son, Pvt. John M. Lawler, is safe after taking part in the paratroop invasion of Sicily. He enlisted in the army in June 1942 and received his paratrooper's wings last January. He has been serving overseas since May.

Electrician's mate, third class Frank G. Miller, Jr., is on sea duty with the navy. He is the son of the F. G. Millers of Homewood avenue and enlisted in the navy a year ago.

Pvt. Frank Nizzo who entered service in June 1942, is now serving with a crash crew of the army air forces in Alaska. His home is at 340 Oak Terrace, Highwood.

Pvt. Harry Walz has qualified as a gunner in the army air corps. He is attending radio school at Fort Monmouth, N. J.

A brother, Cpl. Raymond Walz has been in service almost two years and has been serving with the coast artillery in Hawaii for the past thirteen months.

They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Walz of Sheridan avenue, Highwood.

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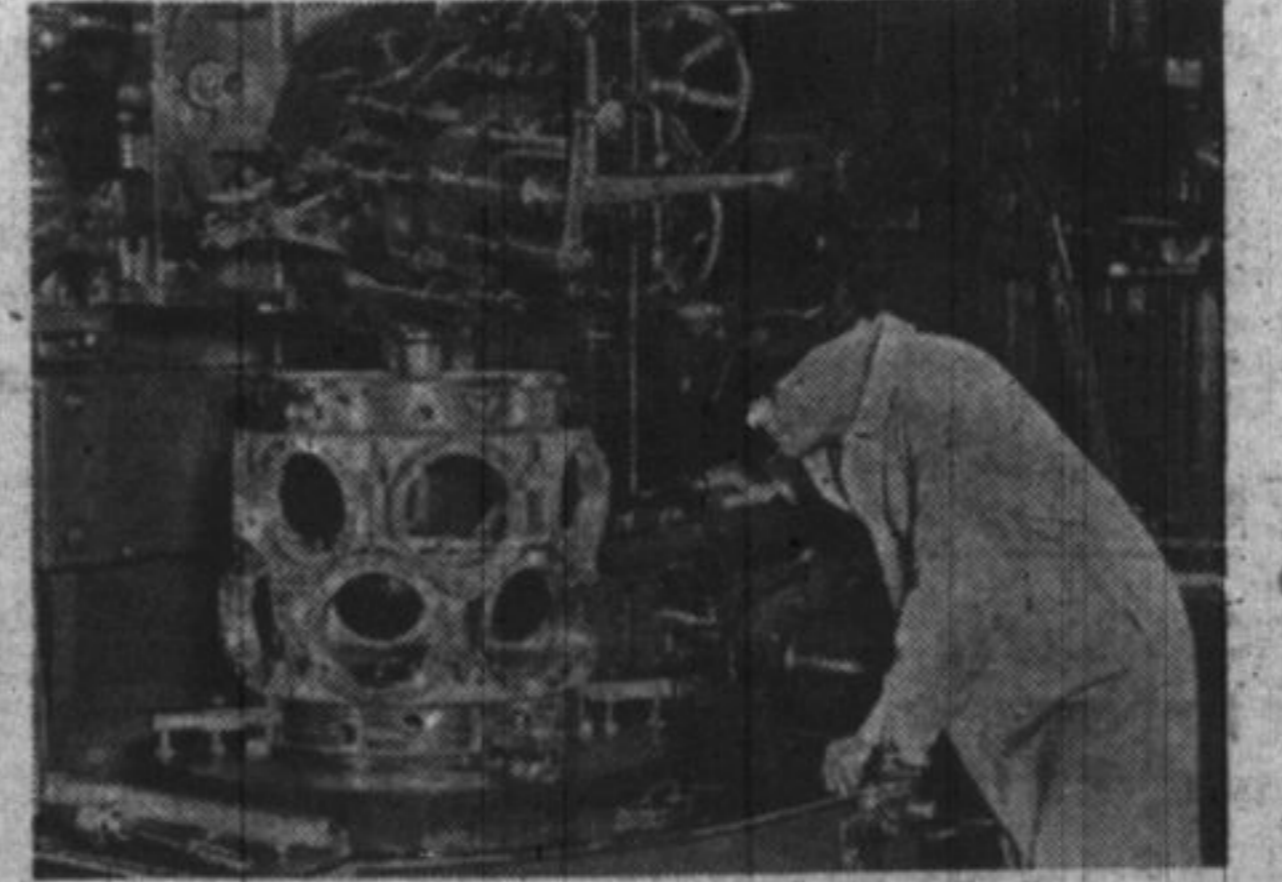
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