



I'M IN THE ARMY NOW

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Blood to Billy!

Chanute Field, Army Air Forces Training Command:
Hoping their blood, the wonders of science, and time might possibly cure the "incurable" kidney ailment suffered by 4-year-old Texan Billy Meers, 165 Air-Wacs and soldiers each gave a pint of their blood last week to a "supply of life" which was flown to Dallas in a flying Fortress.

Over 1,600 Air-Wacs and soldiers directly volunteered, but because of the lack of special, sterile vacuum bottles, blood was taken only from those 165 donors who arrived first. They represented 38 states.

Months of life for him . . .
Months of life for Billy were sealed in these bottles.

Doctors had given up hope for the boy's life as the Dallas hospital's precious plasma supply dwindled.

When Chanute Field soldiers heard that Billy had been denied further plasma, they offered their blood to prolong his life.

Under supervision of Col. Arthur H. Corliss, post surgeon, nurses and medical officers worked five hours last week taking the precious fluid from the soldiers' arms.

Air-Wacs arrive first . . .
Promptly at 8 a. m. the Air-Wacs arrived. Fifteen minutes later there were 35 Air-Wacs, sleeves rolled up, waiting to give blood.

Assigned to cover the story I interviewed some of the donors.

Said Air-Wac Pfc. Irene Thompson, a grandmother-whose son, James, survived the sinking of the U.S.S. Helena:

"When I learned about Billy's condition, my heart went out to him. I've never given blood before. But Billy might have been my two-year-old grandson. I would want him to live."

First soldier to give his blood was Pfc. Abe Wylly who comes from Dallas where Billy is confined in the Baylor university hospital.

He said:
"I'm happy to give my blood to the little fellow. If it'll help him to live, I'll be mighty pleased."

And this was the spirit of all of those soldiers.

Hero gives blood . . .
Said Silver Star winner S. Sgt. James F. Graham, back from the battlefields of Italy for further weather training:

"I didn't lose a drop of blood on the battlefield, so I figured I could spare some for Billy."

Taken from either the right or left arm of the donors, the blood was stored in large refrigerators.

At 4 p. m. a giant Fortress was warming up on the line, preparing to make a routine cross-country training flight to Texas.

Arrangements were made to fly the blood to Dallas.

When the donations were completed the precious blood was rushed to the plane, loaded on, carefully placed so it would be safe and remain, at a temperature of between 35 and 40 degrees.

Flies to Billy . . .

The bomber took off, headed for Texas. It arrived several hours later. Billy was sound asleep when his supply of life came.

Next morning Billy was playing soldier when two Chanute Field soldiers greeted him.

He stopped short and looked up into their faces.

Then he said:
"I know you. You brought me more blood. My mommy told me you were coming."

Said Billy's mother to the Chanute Field representatives:

"Thank God you've come. I never leave him. He's my only child."

Return to Chanute . . .

A small light, partly obscured, was on, and in its glow, the pajama-clad boy was a still, peacefully-sleeping form of curled limbs.

Off in the distance there was a mighty roar of four engines.

The lifeline from Chanute Field soldiers to little Billy Meers was joined by the gray bomber, built to rain death and destruction.

But that day that bomber carried life to a fine little boy.

A new recruit at the U.S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, is Geo. K. Kay, 30, husband of Mrs. G. P. Kay, 26 South Green Bay Road. Now undergoing "boot" training, he is being indoctrinated into Navy life and is being instructed in seamanship, military drill and naval procedure. Soon he will be given a series of aptitude tests to determine whether he will be selected to attend one of the Navy's service schools, or will be assigned to active duty at sea. Upon completion of his recruit training he will be granted a nine-day leave.

Pvt. Ernest Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harris, 852 Taylor Ave., who is stationed in New Orleans, La., was home recently for a 10-day furlough. Pvt. Harris has been confined to the hospital for some weeks where he underwent an operation on his knee. His condition is reported improved. He is married to the former Inez Ponzy, and has an infant son.

A/C Howard Johnson, who was graduated from the aeronautical university in Chicago in June, and was then stationed in Mississippi, and later in Florida, is now at Ellington Field, Texas, where he is receiving training as a navigator. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gust Johnson, 1850 Kincaid Ave.

Capt. and Mrs. Russell Peterson have left for Nashville, Tenn., after spending a furlough with Mrs. Peterson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wolterding, 335 Glenwood Ave.

A/C Robinson G. Gourley was recently commissioned 2nd Lieutenant at the AAFTC school at Yale University. Prior to entering the service, Lt. Gourley studied at Cornell University and University of Colorado, receiving bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Gourley, 271 Cedar Ave.

Ens. Peter J. Trucano, USN, is now stationed at Ft. Schuyler, N.Y. A graduate of Northwestern University, Ens. Trucano joined the Navy last April. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Trucano, 317 Grove Ave., Highwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Cameron, 659 Michigan Ave., have three sons in the service. Don, AMMF 1/c, has been in the Navy for over two years. Joe, seaman 1/c, USN, is in the athletic department at Ottumwa, Ia. Cpl. Tom Cameron, paratrooper, has been in the army for three years, and is at present stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga. All three were graduated from the local high school, and Joe studied, also at Georgetown College, Ky.

Cpl. Neuman Fell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fell, 123 McGovern St., was married to Cpl. Babette S. Geisenberger, WAC, on Jan. 10. Both are stationed at Camp McCoy, Wis.

Lt. Edward Tomneson, of the Army air corps at Miami Beach, Fla., received a visit from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Tomneson, 2190 S. Sheridan Rd., recently. Lt. Tomneson, at one time pilot of a troop carrier plane, was injured in Italy, but has now recovered.

Major Eben R. Wyles, 2nd Cav. RCN Squad, and executive officer of his unit, is stationed at Ft. Jackson, S.C. Battalion major at N. Mexico Military Institute, he became a reserve officer in 1933. He is married and the father of one child. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wyles, 360 Park Ave.

Miss Isabel Mann, Yeoman 3/c, of the U.S. Coast Guard Women's Reserve, has been on active duty in the Military Morale Office of the District Coast Guard Office, Norfolk, Va., since the completion of her training last October. She received her Yeoman training in a 3-months' course given at the Spar Training Station, Palm Beach, Fla. Yeoman Mann attended the Deerfield-Shields high school, and Roycemore, Evanston. She is the daughter of Mr. Wm. D. Mann, 218 Sheridan Road.

Pvt. Dan S. Hunt, Jr., who was inducted into the army in Nov. 1942, is now undergoing training as a pre-aviation cadet, and is stationed at Greensboro, N.C. He is the son of Dan S. Hunt, 1055 Fair Oaks Ave., Deerfield.

Mary Fleager, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Fleager, 559 Forest Ave., is receiving her basic training with the WAVES at Hunter College, New York.

Mr. Alden Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Harris, 373 Central Ave., has been inducted into the Army and will report at Ft. Sheridan on Feb. 7. He is married and has a son of five and a daughter three.

Two Deerfield youths have qualified for the army air force and are awaiting their call—George Alfred Moen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert O. Moen, 731 Deerfield Rd., and Raffaele Intranovo, son of Mrs. Maria Intranovo, 859 Deerfield Rd. Both are seventeen years of age and students of the Highland Park high school. They will enter service at the age of 18.

Donald A. Anthanas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Crist Anthanas, 447 So. St. Johns, reported for duty in the U.S. Navy this week. He is eighteen years of age. His brother, Lampros, is already in the U.S. Army.

Lt. Comdr. Oscar W. Goepner, formerly engaged in the N. African area, is stationed temporarily in this country. He spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne H. Chambers, 130 Roger Williams Ave.

Miss Florence Branvald, one of the Highland Park hospital's most valued obstetrical nurses, who enlisted in the Army Nurses' Corps during November of last year, has been called for active duty, and reported on January 20 at Camp Carson, Colo. She has been spending a few weeks at her home in Waseca, Minn.

Jack Barton Steffen, son of Mrs. Bessie Steffen, formerly of Highland Park but now living at 4428 No. Magdolia St., Chicago, has been sworn into the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve, according to Capt. F. A. Wilgus, president of the AACOFB of Chicago. Young Steffen, 17, will be called to active training at the age of 18. Prior to that time he will serve in the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve and will wear the small blue and silver wings on civilian garb. His training will consist of 13 to 15 months of a crammed schedule, heralded as the finest aviation education in the world, costing Uncle Sam well over \$25,000. Upon graduating, Aviation Cadets are finished pilots, bombardiers or navigators, and are either commissioned 2nd lieutenants or appointed flight officers.

Another young man in the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve is Bertram James Abrahams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Abrahams, 2301 So. Sheridan Rd. Young Abrahams, also 17, is a graduate of the local high school, class of '43, having returned to receive his diploma from Chicago University, which he has attended for 1 1/2 years.

Mrs. Mary Mazzetti Of Highwood Dies In Local Hospital

Mrs. Mary Mazzetti, 55 years old, died Saturday night in the Highland Park hospital after an illness of 2 months.

Mrs. Mazzetti, who lived at 235 North avenue, Highwood, was born in Italy and came to this country 31 years ago. She had lived in Highwood since 1924.

Highland Park Women to Hear Lecture on 'Antique Jewelry'

"Antique Jewelry" has endured through the ages as elegant feminine adornment regardless of prevailing fashions, according to Alexander Hamilton, who will lecture before the Collectors' Study group of the Highland Park Woman's club on Tuesday evening, Feb. 1, at 10:30 a. m.

A rare collection of cameos, and by royalty and purchased in Vienna after the last war will be part of the exhibit which Mr. Hamilton will be illustrating the various periods in the history of jewelry. Examples of English craftsmanship will also be on display.

Romantic incidents connected with the famous Hope and Cullinan diamonds; tests for gold; at what time a piece of jewelry becomes an antique and ways to remodel and modernize old brooches are salient points which will be discussed by Mr. Hamilton, who has spent over a decade studying the value and history of antique jewelry. Mrs. Charles G. Mason, chairman of the Collectors' group, is preparing for a large meeting. The meetings are open to the public with admission at the door.

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In The Nation's Service

It is told of a local family man who was recently drafted, that he returned from the examining board to be met at the door by one of his children.

"Did'ja make it, pop?" asked the lad, eagerly.

"Yes, son, I made it."

"What branch, pop?"

"Well," returned the father, standing a bit more erect, "I am now a member of the Marine Corps."

"Aw, shucks," exclaimed the boy, "I thought you'd at least make the Commandos!"

Cpl. Grace L. Fearing, USMR, recently promoted from PFC, is now stationed at Camp Elliott, San Diego, Cal. She is the daughter of Mrs. Grace Fearing who is associated with the local USO.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Childs, 850 No. Sheridan Rd., are represented 3 times in the armed forces. Lt. Robert L. Childs, USNR, commands a PT squadron in New Guinea. Lt. (j.g.) Wm. D. Childs is on duty in the Pacific area, and Barney, the dog, is also doing his part in the war at an overseas base.

A letter recently received by Mrs. Florence Schmidt, 640 Homewood Ave., states that her daughter, Cpl. Betty Schmidt, of the WAC, who at last report was stationed in New York, has now reached a new post in North Africa. Her brother, Francis, yeoman 1/c USN, telephoned from New York about the same time. He mentioned seeing Melvin Miller and George Plant.

A/C Howard Jackson is now stationed at Gikeston, Md., with the 309th Army Air forces, having completed his army air preflight training at San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Jackson, Sr., 104 Clifton Ave.

Cpl. Wm. Kopp, stationed somewhere in India, writes that he and his buddies passed a very quiet Christmas, and are still looking forward to receiving their Christmas packages, probably about the last of January. Cpl. Kopp, who entered the service 18 months ago, is the son of Chief of Police and Mrs. Martin Kopp.

A/C John J. Ullman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ullman, 224 Lincoln Ave., is now stationed at Ellington Field, Tex., where he is studying navigation. He was graduated from Columbia University basic aviation training school.

Ezekial E. Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Farmer, 25 Deerfield Place, who is in the Navy air corps, writes that he will receive the rating of radio man 2/c starting Feb. 1. He has been stationed in Brooklyn, N.Y., but was recently transferred to a base in Rhode Island.

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