

In The Nation's Service

In the group of young B-26 bomber pilots who have seen action in the Mediterranean area, and who are now home on leave, is Lt. Harold Bloch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bloch, 607 Hob O'Link Rd., who arrived in town last Thursday.

Lt. Bloch is the possessor of the Air Medal and several Oak Leaf clusters. His bomber, the "Fly Baby" has flown on some of the most rugged raids in the Mediterranean area, and now, having completed the required number of missions, Lt. Bloch has returned to the states for leave and reassignment orders.

Formerly an accountant at Abbott Laboratories, Lt. Bloch received his wings at Roswell, New Mexico in October, '42, leaving for an overseas base in May, 1943.

His brother, Sgt. Arthur Bloch, with the Army medical corps, stationed in Italy, received a visit from Lt. Harold last January. Sgt. Bloch is now hospitalized in No. Africa.

Miss Jane Robbins, of the W.A.S.P. daughter of Mrs. P. A. Robbins, 100 Prospect Ave., has reported to the A.A.F. Weather wing at Asheville, N. Car., for reassignment to duty. Miss Robbins, who attended Elms Place school and Highland Park high, graduating from Manor Junior College, Wellesley, Mass., had flown for five years prior to joining the women's air force service pilot training school at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Tex. One of the first to don the uniform with the highest honors of her class of '40, and received the distinction of being named group commander while yet in training. Her brother, Lt. F. P. Robbins, is serving with a corps of engineers at an overseas base.

Howard Moran, Jr., ship-fitter 2/c, is spending a well-earned leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Moran, 719 So. St. Johns Avenue. Stationed for a year on board a repair ship in the Alaskan area, young Moran endured a long stretch of all work and no play, meeting no one except his shipmates. Their location was, of necessity, a secret. The boys were grateful for the hard work which made life bearable. The foggy days last week were a fair sample of everyday weather in that location. Monotony was the worst hardship. Young Moran was graduated from the local high school, received his basic training at Great Lakes, and has seen two years of service. After 30 days of rest he will be stationed at Norfolk, where he will study diesel engine. But Howard has a brother, Frank, yeoman 2/c, who has really been around Italy, North Africa, and now England have been his bases. Among the friends he has run across are Peyton "Eggs" Allen. They all report that wherever he is Frank is the life of the party. He likes England, which he describes as "beautiful in spite of the war." A graduate of the local high school, he studied art in Chicago for two years. Richard Moran, the youngest brother, left high school during his junior year to enlist in the Navy. He is stationed at Great Lakes, but his basic training was interrupted by illness, and most of his time there has been spent in sick bay.

Pvt. Lewis Picchetti, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rhea Picchetti, 447 Glencoe Ave., who entered the service in November, 1942, and who served for a year in the South Pacific, is now stationed in Panama, with an ordnance corps. The Picchettis were recently visited by their brother,

Pfc. James Murphy, who returned this week to his base at Camp Forrest, Tenn.

Paul Svendsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Svendsen, 327 Waukegan Ave., Highwood, was sworn into the service February 22 at the graduation exercises for the Northwestern University Naval ROTC, as ensign in the USNR. The class of 155, the largest in the history of Northwestern's Naval ROTC unit, included 80 members of the junior class who are being commissioned 3 months in advance of their regular graduation date. The ROTC is one of the three navy groups at Northwestern, which has become known as the "Annapolis of the Midwest." The combined enrollment totals 4,300 men.

Lt. Louise S. Phillips, USNR, first woman to be so distinguished, was recently made commanding officer of the specialist's school detachment of the Woman's Reserve at Camp Lejune, New River, N. C., at the same time receiving her promotion from 2nd to 1st Lieutenant. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert R. Smith, 614 So. Linden Ave. Mr. Smith is instructor of chemistry to students of the army specialized training program at Lake Forest College.

Capt. Paul Olson, formerly of Art Olson & Co., Central Ave., now stationed in England with the Army Quartermaster's Corps, has been promoted to the rank of Major.

Pvt. James Flaeger, 559 Forest Ave., has returned to his base at Camp Pickett, Va., after spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Flaeger. Prior to his induction he attended Purdue University, of which his sister, Mary Frances Flaeger is a graduate. She is now receiving basic training as a Wave, at Hunter College, New York.

Wm. J. Saielli, Sr., husband of Mrs. Lucile Saielli, and the father of two children, of 45 Burtis Ave., Highwood, is completing his basic training at Great Lakes. Two brothers are also in the service. Pvt. Tom Saielli, who was inducted Feb. 7, and is now stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif., and Seaman 1/c Robert, who was inducted two years ago. They are the sons of Mrs. Letitia Saielli.

Miss Beverley Frisbie, 166 Lakeside Manor Rd., recently joined the W. A. S. P. training school for girl pilots at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Tex. The school offers a stepped-up training curriculum with additional hours of pilot flying, intensive training in navigation, thousand-mile cross country flights, and many other important phases of air pilot training. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Frisbie, Jr.

Richard "Dick" Metzler, son of Major and Mrs. Truman T. Metzler, 99 Sycamore Place, was sworn into the air force at Chicago last week, but will not enter active service until his 18th birthday on July 7. A junior at the local high school, Dick attended Culver Military Academy for two years, where he was a member of the Blackhawk troop. Major Metzler, the father, is now serving with the air corps in Algiers.

Two 18-year-olds, sworn into the army air corps last week, and now on call, are Demetrios "Jerry" Nickels, 1738 Pleasant Ave.,

Overseas Bomber Pilot Week-End Guest of Miss Rita Alders

Visiting at the home of Miss Rita Alders, 844 Vine Ave., last week-end, was Capt. Earl Hammond, of Eau Claire, Wis., who has just returned from eighteen months of flying service in the European area.

Brown-eyed, boyish and six-foot-two, Captain Hammond is, like all true heroes, modest. When asked about his Distinguished Flying Cross, he replied that it was in the pocket of his "other blouse." Not that he under-rates it. He admits, with a shy grin, "I had my eye on it from the beginning."

The Cross was awarded him after he flew his battered fortress, the "Dirty Gertie," in for a forced landing on a newly-completed runway in Sicily. Said he, climbing out, "I'm sure glad you got it finished, boys. Otherwise we'd all be splashing around in the drink." This incident was recounted via radio at the time.

Quitting college in the middle of his senior year, Jan., 1942, Captain Hammond, who had already done some flying, received his pilot training with Lieutenant "Ted" Peters, of local fame, and also flew with him overseas Hammond's nine oak-leaf clusters are in recognition of 51 combat missions over Greece, Italy, Sicily, Germany, France, Austria and the Balkans, each time returning his crew, unharmed, to its base. He says, with a twinkle: "I was just lucky enough to 'zig' at the right times."

Young Hammond, who has two younger brothers, both over six feet, in the Navy and the Merchant Marines, will spend several months in the states, two of which will be a rest period in Atlantic City, N. J. After that he expects to look into the intricacies of the new flying fortresses, with China in mind. Capt. Hammond is 23 years of age.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The North Suburban Philatelic Society will hold its regular meeting on March 7 at 8 P. M. at the Community Center. Many fine auction lots will be on display. Mr. Ben Reeves, well-known stamp collector of Chicago, will give another of his interesting talks on different phases of the hobby of stamp collecting. Refreshments will be served.

whose father, A. J. Higgins served in France during World War I.

Two youths of 17 who were recently sworn into the air service, not to be called to active training before their 18th birthdays, which both fall in May, are Harold E. Krueger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger, 715 Deerfield Ave., and Rudolph Scassellati, son of Mr. and Mrs. Constantin Scassellati, 1941 Northmoor Rd., Ravinia. Both will graduate from high school in June.

Visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Patterson, Saunders Road, Deerfield, is S/Sgt. Earl Patterson, of Camp Phillips, Kan. Twenty months in the service, Sgt. Patterson was formerly stationed at Camp Laguna, Ariz., where he received desert training. He was formerly employed by the Highland Park Press. A younger brother, Pfc. Robert, of a tank destroyer battalion, is stationed at Camp Hood, Tex.

Charles W. Brown, AMM 3/c, formerly stationed at Glenview Naval Station, has left for an overseas base. He has been in the service for about 18 months. A brother, Pfc. Edward, is stationed at Lake Charles, La. Both boys are graduates of the local high school and are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Brown, Sr., 648 Michigan Ave.

A/C Kendrick Bridges, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bridges, 823 Ridgewood Drive, was one of the 17 in a class of 74 who qualified for pilot's training. He is stationed at Miami Beach, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Orris, 1545 So. St. Johns Ave., experienced a joyful surprise last Sunday when they received a long distance telephone call from their son, Cpl. James Orris, USMC, who has arrived in the States after nearly two years of service in the Southwest Pacific. He expects to be with them this week-end. Cpl. Orris enlisted in the Marine corps during his junior year at University of Iowa, Feb. 1, 1942.

A/C A. Wm. "Bill" Okey is spending a nine-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Okey, 1021 No. St. Johns Ave. Young Okey has completed his course at the Naval Pre-flight school at Iowa City, and will next report to the Naval air station at Grosse Ile, Mich. He received his preparatory training at Monmouth college and his war training course at University of Purdue.

Ens. Beryl Shapiro, who recently spent a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shapiro, 152 Highwood Ave., Highwood, is now stationed at Ft. Pierce, Fla. Ens. Shapiro graduated from Northwestern University in June, '41, enlisting in the Navy in June, '42. He earned his commission in October, 1942, after receiving deck officer's training at Ft. Schuyler, N. Y. and serving as Yeoman 2/c in Washington. Sgt. Jack Shapiro, a brother, is stationed at Camp Forrest, Tenn., where he is at present engaged in maneuvers.

Miss Martha Neelly Wed At Home of Sister Mrs. Truman Metzler

At high noon, on Saturday, Feb. 26th, Miss Martha Neelly, daughter of Mrs. Richard Neelly of Ruleville, Miss., was married to Robert G. Jordan of Chillicothe, Mo. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Truman T. Metzler, 99 Sycamore Place, and the marriage lines were read by Dr. Louis W. Sherwin, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

The bride, in white satin, carrying gardenias and freesias, was attended by her twin sister, Miss Frances Neelly of Ruleville, Miss., as maid of honor, and Misses Margaret Shay of Highland Park and Marilyn Gooder of Deerfield, as bridesmaids, wearing gowns of apricot velvet and carrying blue iris with yellow jonquils. Clyde Smith, of Emporia, Kansas, was best man. Ushers were Truman Thwing Metzler and Dick Neelly Metzler, twin nephews of the bride, her brother, Albert Jackson Neelly, and Robert Church Schumacher, all of Highland Park. About 100 guests were present at the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan will make their home in Emporia, Kansas, where the bridegroom is civilian instructor with the Army air corps. Major Truman Metzler, brother-in-law of the bride, is stationed with the Army air corps in Algiers.

Highland Park Woman Wintering in Texas, Heart Attack Victim

Mrs. Margaret Denzel, of 115 No. Second St., passed away suddenly Saturday in Harlingen, Texas, where she and her husband, Herman, were spending the winter. She had been ailing since her arrival in the south.

Mrs. Denzel was born in Chicago 74 years ago, and was for 43 years a resident of Highland Park. Besides her husband she is survived by two sons, Robert and William, both residents of Highland Park.

Pvt. Jack Blade At Ft. Sheridan's RRC A Seasoned Veteran

Pvt. Jack Blake, who recently entered the RRC at Ft. Sheridan, is a remarkable man. For one thing it is his third hitch in the service, and, although even now only 19 years of age, the lad has really lived.

Pvt. Blake appears to have been a well-grown boy for his years, for he entered the National Guards at the age of 13, and it was not until three years later, at which time he had become staff sergeant, that his true age was discovered and he was discharged from service.

Two years later, then 18, he became an Air Cadet, but contracted a fever and was again discharged from the service, with pension. Later he got a job as transport pilot with the Pennsylvania Central Airlines between Chicago and Los Angeles, but suffered sunstroke and temporary color blindness. He was

UP TO NOW

The charge that "these people don't know there's a war on," was hardly being leveled at Highland Park—or any other community that bought 190 per cent of its bond quota in the Fourth War Loan Drive. Highland Park, always ready to aid in any worthwhile cause, made good its pledge—"Highland Park Will Do It Again."

Yet, from time to time there are some indications that the citizenry of this and other American towns are not fully aware of all that war means. Americans don't know what it is to be bombed out of their homes, to see friends and neighbors carried off as slave labor, thrown into concentration camps, hanged, or just slaughtered offhand, with the fine disregard for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness that characterizes both the Jap and Nazi warlords. However, we HAVE seen the gold stars go up, we HAVE read of our boys dying in the far places to which this war has taken them—we know there's a war on.

So—it would be nice if the belly-achers, the moaners and the pessimists would give it a rest. It may be true that we grouse sometimes about scarcities, high prices, high taxes and the other discomforts (which we know are minor in comparison to those found in a foxhole or the rear turret of a heavy bomber), but all in all, Highland Park and the rest of the nation, (which after all is just a lot of other bigger or smaller Highland Parks) has come through when the chips were down. We think they'll continue.

Possibly apocryphal, but nevertheless, worth repeating, is the story of the recently graduated boat at Great Lakes who was up in Waukegan on his first billeting and decided to call a pal at the naval station. He gave the extension number and, after getting Great Lakes, and asked to speak to his friend.

"I'm sorry," came the reply, "There's no one here by that name."

"Don't give me that stuff," retorted the recruit. "He's there, all right. You're just too lazy to look for him. Now look around and find him."

"Do you know who this is," queried the voice at the other end of the line.

"No I don't," answered the recruit.

"Well, this is Lieutenant Commander So and So."

The recruit thought fast.

grounded.

Recovering, with his usual bounce, he suffered pangs of conscience for not actively serving his country, and again volunteered. Then, during his two-weeks' induction furlough, he married and settled his new wife in his home at Grand Rapids, Mich.

New Zealand soldiers call Marines "cobblers," meaning pal or buddy.

—USMC—

The first rule of education, in all lands, is never to say anything offensive to anyone.

—Voltaire.

"Do you know who this is?" he asked and when the answer was "No," said "That's good," and hung up the receiver.

Congress has given FDR the old heaveho on the tax bill and gives every indication of an intention of being anything but a rubber stamp. That can be all to the good—if Congress doesn't louse things up by throwing everything out of the window that comes from the White House.

In this dispute Congress had a bill and FDR had ideas. FDR said his demands were necessary and that the proposal of Congress was insufficient and a lot of other things—all uncomplimentary. Congress insisted that its proposal was right, just, adequate and all it should be.

Time and events will prove who was right, but the important thing is, that in this instance, Congress had a counter proposal—a counter-proposal that the members believed in and were willing to back—one with which they were willing to identify themselves.

That is what was, is, and will be needed every time the members cross swords with the president. If, when they don't like what he proposes, they put up something definite of their own, they may be able to show FDR where the bear ran through the buckwheat. If they don't—if they sidetrack proposed measures and take refuge in mumbblings of slogans and empty phrases, he may take his case to the people with very unpleasant results for his opponents. FDR has a habit, very disconcerting to his enemies, of landing on his feet.

All of which brings up a case very much in point—the soldier vote. Whatever "plan" the state's rights boys may be dreaming up had better work. If the boys overseas are denied a vote, they are going to think that the state's rights boys idea of preserving state's rights means, in effect, the abrogation of the individual's right to vote.

All in all the serviceman in general takes a rather sceptical view of politicians in general. The pithy comment of a sergeant, a veteran of the Tunisian campaign, who was recuperating from wounds last June at the Ashford General Hospital in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., is pretty well indicative of their attitude.

"I've seen 'em wavin' the flag," he said, "but I never seen one wavin' a bayonet."

Mayor Joseph Garnett 3rd Time Grandfather

A third son, Wm. Garnett Newton, was born last week to Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Newton, Ann Arbor, Mich. Mrs. Newton is the former Jane Garnett. The two older brothers, David James and Charles Whiting III, are visiting at the home of their grandparents, Mayor and Mrs. Joseph Garnett, 622 So. Linden Ave.

True delicacy, as true generosity, is more wounded by an act of offence from itself, than to itself.

—Greville.

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Announcement of Highland Park's new community locker plant at Clavey Road & Skokie Blvd., has brought a rush of reservations. The number of units available is decreasing rapidly.

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