



I'M IN THE ARMY NOW

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This And That
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You Red Cross workers, and you who have studied first aid, will appreciate this.

As part of our military training here, we had to take a course in first aid. Attending the course was a hill billy soldier. We were taught how to apply tourniquets. We were warned never to put a tourniquet around a man's neck. We were also taught that if a tourniquet was needed to stop blood flowing from an arm or leg wound, that we should never leave it on for more than 15 minutes at a time.

Our instructor, a medical corps captain, asked the hill billy if it was correct to put a tourniquet around a man's neck if he had a head injury.

"Yes, Suh!" drawled the hill billy. "It's okeh to put it around his neck. But you've got to be sure to take it off every 20 minutes."

Uh huh. He was working on him, Pvt. Hill Billy. He's dead.

Sudden Thought

I've been in the Army Air Forces 17 months and in an airplane all of 17 minutes!

On "Siring" Privates

All my life I've been "siring" men older than I. And now that I'm in the Army, I haven't changed. I find it kinda embarrassing now and then when I "sir" a gray-haired private. By rights, you know, I'm only suppose to "sir" an officer.

New Quarters

In a recent Chanutte Field reorganization, your correspondent had his quarters moved along with several hundred others.

I like my new barracks—except the view out the window.

Out of it I see the guard house.

Jottings

That good-looking young man you see in that blue convertible driving down the streets of Highland Park is Lt. Wally Carr—honorably discharged from the Army. . . . Never, never, never commit the technical error of calling an airplane engine a motor. It's an engine! . . . Judging by recent movies, it seems to me that Hollywood has an abundance of tap dancers on hand, and that they're trying to work dancers to death. . . . Is Maj. Clark Gable going to be discharged, or isn't he? . . . Exmoor is more beautiful than ever this year. . . . Hope lots of Highland Park lads can be home to witness the opening of Ravinia opera.

A sergeant friend of mine who works at the library here said he picked up his phone the other day and an anxious voice at the other end asked:

"Could you tell me how many bathtubs there are in the United States?"

"Being conscientious, my friend answered, "No, sir. But I'll find out for you."

Well, he looked and he looked, but he couldn't find the information he sought.

He took a three day pass, went to Chicago, and, among other things, hunted through books in the libraries there.

And just in case you want to know, there are 20,606,386 bathtubs in America, he claims.

Sergeants and bathtubs

Few if any civilians, it seems to me, know why a soldier is on X Island thousands of miles from home, and why another soldier is living in a camp five miles from his home.

It's all a question of a man's orders. He goes where he's ordered to go.

In The Nation's Service

Mothers' Day became a red-letter day for Mrs. Paul W. Blanchard, Sr., 392 Walker Ave., for on that day she received the news of the promotion of her son, Lt. Col. Paul W. Blanchard, Jr., U. S. Army, to the rank of full colonel.

A West Point graduate, Col. Blanchard attended our local schools, as a boy. Stationed in Pearl Harbor at the beginning of the war, he later became commander of the San Diego air defense wing, 4th Fighter Command. He has a wife and young son living in Detroit.

Mrs. Harry Ray Chambers, 688 Central Ave., whose menfolk are, 100%, serving their country, last week received a long-awaited letter from her youngest son, Harry, aged 19, of the Army Cavalry. Since that time she has received another letter from him and one from his captain, who speaks feelingly of the faithful and valuable services of his troop and of their courage and gallantry in action against the enemy. Pfc. Harry is stationed in the Admiralty Islands.

Pfc. Jerry, USMC, aged 21, who saw action at Tarawa, is now in rest camp in the Hawaiian Islands, where his company has received the presidential citation for gallantry at Tarawa. Jerry speaks of baseball, rodeos, barbecues, beach rides etc., all of which pleasures he has richly earned.

Harry Sr., the father, is stationed at present in the Aleutians, serving in the capacity of cook for the Army engineers.

Cpl. James Rogan, serving with an Army postal unit in England, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. He is the son of Mrs. J. C. Rogan, 616 Onwentsia Ave.

Pvt. Robert Schwall, USMC, 18, has returned to his base at San Diego after spending a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schwall, 89 Clifton Ave. Robert likes his chosen branch of the service. Tough, yes—but what you learn there no one can take from you. He is prepared to "take it," and give it his best. Pvt. Schwall has been assigned to Sea duty, and will receive a special five-week training course, in addition to regular boot camp training.

A brother-in-law, Edward Haines, husband of the former Ann Schwall, 106 So. Central Ave., has been for 2 years a member of the Naval Aviation ground crew at Glen View.

Lt. Douglas Brown, who received his pilot's wings and commission last month at Lubbock Field, Texas, is now receiving 10 weeks' training with B-24's at a transition school in Liberal, Kansas. His wife, is the former Marilyn Cook.

Robert, a brother, is employed at a war plant in Pontiac, Mich., as efficiency engineer. They are the sons of Mrs. Violet Brown, 709 Ridgewood Drive.

Ens. Monic E. Eyer, having completed her training at the Naval Reserve midshipman's school at Northampton, Mass., has been assigned to the office of chief of Naval personnel at Washington, D. C. Ens. Eyer is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Eyer of Ravinia.

Pvt. Charles F. Hull, local high school graduate of the class of '43, is now a student at the mechanics' ground school at Kelly Field, Tex.

Prior to his entering the air service in June, '44 he was an employee at Abbott laboratories. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hull, 1306 Pleasant Ave., expect a visit from him sometime in June, at which time he is slated for a furlough.

George D. Harrison, 1733 Pleasant Ave., Ravinia, a member of the Merchant Marines, was one of 7 from a group of 14,000 contestants to qualify for a radio course in the U. S. Maritime School at Gallipoli Island, Boston, Mass. But evidently through an abrupt change of plans, he has left for an overseas post, according to a letter received by his wife, Mrs. Harrison, who spent a recent week-end with him, returned to resume her duties as manager of the Ravinia Auto Service in the absence of her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Brown, 1009 No. St. Johns Ave., have two sons in the Army. Cpl. Thomas, now home on furlough, is a member of the reconnaissance squadron, mechanized cavalry, Camp Chaffee, Ark. Pvt. Robert is in the field artillery at Camp Roberts, Calif. Thomas has been in the service about 14 months, and Robert was inducted last March.

Lt. Wallace T. Carr, son of Mr. Geo. W. Carr, 614 Woodpath Ave., recently received an honorable discharge from the Army on account of disability resulting from injuries received in training.

Lt. Carr, 24, is a graduate of the local high school, of Northwestern University, and studied for 3 years at Carleton College, Minn. He entered the service in July, '42, and received his training in Field Artillery at Ft. Bragg, N. Carolina, and Ft. Sill, Okla. After being commissioned the lieutenant returned to Ft. Bragg as Battalion Motor officer. He will remain at 614 Woodpath Ave. while recovering from his injuries.

Pvt. Coit Spalding, USMC, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Spalding, 29 N. Sheridan Rd., arrived home Saturday evening for a short furlough and left Wednesday for his base at San Diego, Calif. A week-end family reunion was held at the Spalding home, with Miss La Nelle home from Drake University, Des Moines, and the Orin Spalding family of Algona, Iowa, present.

After three weeks' experience as drummer in the Marine band, young Spalding will be promoted to the rank of Pfc.

Donald J. Seguin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Seguin, 661 Central Ave., who enlisted in the Maritime Service last January 19, has completed his training at Sheephead Bay, Brooklyn, N. Y., and has been stationed temporarily somewhere in No. Africa. Donald likes his work in this rugged and essential branch of the service, especially the travel, and it must be admitted that the Merchant Marines do get around. He is a graduate of the local high school and of the Worsham College bombing school in Chicago.

Pfc. Ernest Giarelli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Faust Giarelli, 250 Highwood Ave., who has been a member of the Marine corps at San Diego, Calif., since last June, is expected home for a 10-day furlough next month. Pfc. Giarelli, 19, and a member of last year's graduating class, is an airplane mechanic.

G. I. This and G. I. That!

Sitting on my G.I. bed,
My G.I. hat upon my head,
My G.I. pants, my G.I. shoes,
Everything free, nothing to lose.

They issue everything we need,
Paper to write on, books to read;
Your belt, your shoes, your G.I. tie,
Everything free, nothing to buy;
You eat your food from G.I. plates,
Fill your needs at G.I. rates.

It's G.I. this and G.I. that,
G. I. haircut, G.I. hat;
G.I. razor, G.I. comb,
G.I. wish that I were home!

—The Gilcraft

Methodists to Honor Servicemen on Sunday

Service men and women of the Highland Park Methodist church will be honored in the special honor program which is to be held Sunday morning, May 28, at 10:30 o'clock. The service flag will be dedicated, along with a re-dedication of the American flag. Special invitations have been sent to the families of those in the service.

Rev. Lloyd G. Lafler, pastor of the church, will preach the sermon, and Chaplain Boatman of Fort Sheridan plans to be present to assist in the program.

Several religious and patriotic selections will be sung by the church choir. Arthur Fuller will play "The Keller Hymn" in a clarinet solo, and Jim Bench and Arthur Fuller are to sing "America the Beautiful" in a duet.

The church is located at North avenue and Lauretta place, Highland Park.

Graduating Class Honored At U.S.O.

On Sunday afternoon, May 28, from 3 to 6 at the Highland Park U.S.O., there will be a tea dance for the graduating class of the Highland Park high school.

This is an introduction to U.S.O. for a large number of young people. Many of the boys will be going into the services soon after graduation and the girls will be joining the Girls Service organization. By seeing U.S.O. in action now they will know what to expect later on when the boys are in camps away from home and the girls come in to be junior hostesses.

Autos Banned From St. Mary's Cemetery

John Picchetti, president of St. Mary's Cemetery association, requests visitors to that cemetery on Memorial day, not to drive their automobiles into the cemetery, as there is only a single driveway, and in turning they would have to run their cars over private lots. It is also requested that after cleaning lots all rubbish be put in the proper place for a weekly pick-up.

St. Mary's cemetery on Ridge road, Highland Park, is the Catholic part of Mooney's cemetery. Mr. Picchetti and members of the association will appreciate the cooperation of visitors in the parking of autos outside the grounds.

Devil Dogs And Parapups

The Marine Dog Platoon is no longer an experiment. The value of dogs in wartime as sentinels, messengers and supply carriers has been fully proved.

The first "Devil Dog" Platoon consisted of 21 Dobermans, 3 Shepherds and 48 enlisted men, working in pairs with an additional six instructors and Headquarters personnel, under the command of a former Cleveland high school professor, amateur fancier and trainer of Dobermans. An exhibition of their training led to their being added to a Raiders' unit, and at Bougainville the dogs saw real action.

Caesar, a big German shepherd and a favorite with the men, who conveyed their first war message, still carries a slug of lead behind his left shoulder. Jack, another shepherd, was at one time the only means of communication with an advance party. Andy, a big Doberman, aristocratic and aloof, alerted two enemy machine gun nets, leading to their destruction.

Marine "Devil Dogs" undergo daily military routine and inspection. Illness and disease among them is surprisingly low. Some handlers become so attached to their charges that they want to keep them, although the dogs are loaned by their owners only for the duration. One lad wrote that he had very little money, but what he had he would be willing to pay for the comrade with which he had so long shared tent and foxhole alike. He received the dog as a gift.

In the Alaskan area, also, "man's best friend" is being utilized to rescue grounded airmen. One flier, grounded and lost for 84 hours, close to the Arctic circle, was saved in this manner.

A unit of "parapups" is maintained under the supervision of Major Joseph Westover, of Winnetka, peace-time pilot for American Airlines. Two of this unit, "Jigs" and "Maggie," each weighing 100 pounds—the accepted weight in this branch of the service—merit "parapup" wings for having completed five jumps each.

"Maggie" is a blue-eyed Siberian husky. Recently these two have been making jumps attached to a single parachute, fashioned so that it opens automatically at the proper time. Though quarrelsome in disposition, personal feuds are cast aside on these "mercy trips," the dogs plainly realizing the gravity of the situation. Rugged up with canvas harness, lined with sheepskin, and each loaded with 30 to 50 pounds of food, warm clothing and emergency kits, they are hoisted over the side of the plane, without protest, and land, relaxed and safe, ready to hit the trail.

Sermon Topic: From Sinai to No. Shore

This Friday evening Rabbi James A. Wax will deliver a sermon written specially for and dedicated to the confirmation class of the North Shore Congregation Israel, Glencoe.

In his sermon, entitled "From Sinai to North Shore," Rabbi Wax will discuss the nature of Judaism and its application to contemporary life and conditions. The president of the congregation will present the confirmation certificates and Bibles to the members of the confirmation class.

During the month of June, regular Friday evening services will be conducted, starting at 8:15 o'clock and lasting approximately one-half hour. Rabbi Wax will officiate at this time, and further announcement will be made concerning services for the remainder of the summer.

Musical Program At Church Sunday

A program of special music will be given at the First United Evangelical church Sunday evening, May 28, at 7:45 o'clock.

The music of the evening will consist of solos, duets, quartets and instrumental numbers. The choir will present several selections. Mrs. Thelma Daggitt is choir director and Miss Rowayne Gunsteens is the organist.

EDMOND LEHMKUHL LEAVES FOR WEST

Edmond H. Lehmkuhl, carpenter's mate third class, who has been stationed at Great Lakes for the past year, left Wednesday night for San Francisco, Calif., where he will report for sea duty. His wife, Margaret, and mother, Mrs. Charles Lehmkuhl, reside at 390 North avenue.

Honor Students of Highland Park High For Final Six Weeks

At the top of the local high school honor roll for the final six-weeks period, with a showing of 'five A's' each, are the following students: Kenneth Beimet, senior, Patricia Olson, junior, Nancy Mills, Robert Notz, Stephen Sickle, and Dean Dickinson, sophomores.

Four A's and one B were earned by the following: Barbara Bailey, John Allen Meyer and Robert Peterson.

Next on the roll, with four A's each are: Robert Barnes, Delores Becker, Bernadine Booth, Erminia Bruno, Diana Cabonargi, Marilyn Crane, Elmer Dahl, Jerry Darby, Martin Detmer, Mary J. Eriksen, Georgia Glader, James Goldman, Richard Hagen, Eugene Hotchkiss, Mark Hout, Richard Keblon, Nancy Knight, Barbara Lasier, Ann McCaffrey, Douglas McLain, Jean C. Miller, Donald Nash, Bunny Norman, Stephen Pollack, Anita Rehors, Bruce Robinson, Lenore Rogalski, Helen Saret, Delora Schemmecker, Janice Schick, Rutha Smith, Betty Sniolenski, Charlotte Stone, James Teeters, Frances Watanabe, Winslow Whitman, and Grace Williams.

Highwood Mothers Help Servicemen

The Highwood Service Mothers have taken upon themselves the obligation to serve other mothers' sons until their own return to them. Daily the service mothers are on duty at the U.S.O. club operated by the National Catholic Community service in Highwood to care for the many needs that can only be met by a mother. They sew on buttons, chevrons, and braid; pass out towels and soap for showers; serve coffee, cakes and sandwiches, make home cooked "man-sized" breakfasts every Sunday morning; prepare special refreshments for dances; and cook home cooked meals several times each month.

Meet Once A Month

The mothers meet every month at the club and plan their service a month in advance. After their meeting, they adjourn for a social evening at the club. Occasionally the mothers are invited to a special movie by the club staff.

The U.S.O. club director, George Wilson, recently paid tribute to their work for the service men when he stated that "if other mothers elsewhere show the same spirit as the mothers in Highwood, no mother need worry about her son during his off duty hours."

Organized As Group

The Highwood mothers are organized as a group. Mrs. Margaret M. Dean is president; Mrs. Peter Rettig, vice president; Mrs. Walter Smith, secretary; Mrs. Santi Bernardi, treasurer; Mrs. Colo and Mrs. Barconi, activities chairmen; cookie chairmen, Mrs. Vanderbloemen, Mrs. Rettig, Mrs. Colo, Mrs. Barconi, Mrs. Paul Muzik, Mrs. Charles Fiore, Committee for June, Mrs. Mahoney, and Mrs. Bellei. The club has eighty-five active members.

A belated Mothers' day program will be presented tonight (Thursday) at the Women's Prosperity club meeting at the Labor temple at 9 o'clock. The business session will be held at 8 o'clock.

Featured on the program will be dancing by the girls of Oak Terrace school and members of the club will present musical numbers.

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