



I'M IN THE ARMY NOW

By
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D-Day and Little Things

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CHANUTE FIELD, AAF TRAINING COMMAND, June 22—

Your correspondent was sitting at his typewriter on D Day pounding out a news bulletin about the Allied landings. Suddenly I sensed someone looking over my shoulder.

I finished the sentence I was writing and glanced up.

I was shocked.

Standing behind me were two generals—a brigadier and a major.

I gulped.

They smiled.

And my fingers began pecking away nervously.

Seconds later the generals walked away. They had stopped by the public relations office to listen to the latest news.

Some other things have stuck in my mind about D Day . . .

Like persons all about saying, "This is it!" and looking grim and happy at the same time. . . Tired and hoarse radio announcers repeatedly saying: "We interrupt this program to bring you a special bulletin from Supreme Headquarters of the AEF" . . .

And . . . the many recordings of popular old times used as fillers between news flashes. . . Our dignified, high-ranking Army and Navy officers saying the secret pass word "Mickey Mouse" to get by the guards on the eve of the great day . . .

And seeing soldiers praying in the chapels here . . .

A Friend Over There . . .

The only friend I know who's over

in England now is Lt. Hugh B. Sprinkle.

I wonder what he's doing . . .

What to do? . . .

We soldiers are told NOT to put our hands in our pockets and to keep all outer garments buttoned.

It's more military, you know.

But . . . everytime I've seen Gen. MacArthur (in the newsreels!) he's had his hands in his pockets and his flight jacket open!

Interviews nurses . . .

In addition to my other duties, this corporal has been given the job of interviewing the nurses here.

I might add that it is a pleasant duty.

I talked with Lt. Genevieve V. Holmquist from Minnesota the other day.

I asked her why she enlisted . . .

"One day I got a letter from a friend of mine who is an Army nurse and who was a classmate in nursing school. She said she was taking care of 50 soldiers who had the mumps. I decided then and there to join. It looked like help was needed," she said smiling.

She told me she put a lieutenant colonel on a kitchen detail once.

"He was a keen fellow and he said when he got over his measles he wanted the same duty assigned to him that other soldiers in the contagion ward got. And he did," she added.

What powers these women have!

And . . .

Buy more war bonds!

In The Nation's Service

"Ma" Dean of The USO-NCCS

Mrs. Margaret Dean, 242 High St., Highland Park, who has befriended countless lonesome boys in her work there, is, herself, the mother of three members of the armed forces.

The youngest son, Charles, pharmacist's mate 1/c, USN, recently returned from 14 months in Trinidad, where he was associated with the Seabees. Trinidad, to him, means a land of terrific heat, with a daily downpour almost as regular as clockwork. He is undoubtedly glad to know that after his furlough he will be stationed at a post in the States.

Pfc. Dolores, USMC, also home on a brief furlough recently, is stationed at Edmonton, N.C. An office worker, she is very happily situated. The third family member to enter the service is Lawrence, who is married and has one daughter. He is now receiving his basic training at Great Lakes.

"Ma" Dean, as she is known at the Club, is some soldier, herself. Although not on the firing line, she is on the "chow line," a most strategic position, from which she finds her place in the hearts of hundreds of GI's—and keeps it. Often there are tears at parting, and "Ma" Dean's personal correspondence list includes from 75 to 100 names.

In addition to her duties at the Club, Mrs. Dean is president of the Highland Service Mothers' Club. Her many friends are imploring her to "take it easy" since her return to the Club after a two months' leave of absence on account of illness.

Charles Russel, P.O. 1/c, USN, who has been stationed for 28 months at the Naval Air Base at Norfolk, Va., with his wife and baby daughter is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Russel, Sr., 231 Sheridan Ave., Highland, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ross of Chicago, parents of Mrs. Russel. At the end of his furlough he expects to report to Quonset Point, R.I.

John "Ike" Freberg, pharmacist mate 1/c, USMC, who received a back injury in his duties overseas, and has been a patient at the hospital in San Diego, Calif., has been given a medical discharge, and will soon arrive in Highland Park. His mother, Mrs. Mary Flinn, who lives at 130 No. First St., has two other sons in the service, Frank and Norman Freberg, both of the U.S. Navy.

Cpl. Harry L. Canmann, of the Field Artillery, U.S. Army, has received his commission as second lieutenant and been assigned to the 790th Artillery Bn. at Camp Forest, Tenn. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Canmann, Sr., 1845 Kincaid Ave.

Sgt. Garnette H. Jones, ball turret gunner of a B-24 Liberator in the European area, has been promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. He has taken part in bombing expeditions over Germany, Italy and the Balkans. Mrs. Garnette Jones lives at 381 Elm Place.

The three sons of the Arthur Tillmans, 615 West Part Ave., are stationed in three quite different parts of the world. Paul, aviation m/m, 7/c, who entered the Navy two years ago, is stationed somewhere in the South Pacific. Pvt. William, of the Army Infantry, inducted last October, is now in Italy. Pfc. Lawrence, of the Army M/P for three years, is stationed in Oregon.

Pvt. Charles "Chuck" Hull, a 1943 graduate of the Highland Park high school for six months, a member of the ground crew of the AAF at Kelly Field, Tex., is enjoying a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hull, 1306 Pleasant Ave., Ravinia.

Cpl. Primo Cabri, inducted into the service in January, 1943, is now stationed with an engineering unit in the southwest Pacific. He is the son

of Mr. and Mrs. Leno Cabri, 321 Grove Ave., Highland.

Naval A/C Campbell Mills, having completed his course at the Navy Pre-Flight school at Chapel Hill, N.C., is now stationed at the Glenview Naval Air Base, where he is receiving primary flight instruction. He was a student at Amherst college at the time of his induction. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Mills of 602 St. Johns Place.

Ronald D. Smith, 17, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Smith, 133 So. Central Ave., Highland, is now a member of the Army Air Force corps. He will report next month to Knox college, Galesburg, Ill., for training.

His 19-year-old brother, Pfc. Loren Smith, USMC, stationed at a So. Pacific base, recently found himself stationed near an old friend, Pfc. Alex Haincek, son of Mrs. Joseph Borgini, 207 Jeffrey Place, Highland. Associated with each other for years in civil life, they joined the service within a few months of each other and trained together at the San Diego Marine base. Later separated, they discovered recently that they are located at the same base in the Pacific area.

"For exemplary behavior and faithful and efficient service," Cpl. Betty Schmidt, WAC, daughter of Mrs. Florence Schmidt, 640 Homewood Ave., has been awarded the Good Conduct medal. Cpl. Schmidt, who also possesses the European campaign ribbon with a bronze star, is now stationed in Italy with an Air-WAC platoon.

Situated near Naples, Cpl. Betty takes advantage of every 3-day furlough to see the city. "It's close, by plane," she writes, "but an awfully long way by horse and buggy." One of these trips she saw Irving Berlin's "This Is the Army," and was thrilled to find that Berlin, was himself sitting in the same box. Cpl. Schmidt has promised her mother, whom she calls her "chin-up girl," a lamp made from lava from Mt. Vesuvius.

Nurse Norman Foster, practical nurse, 618 Central Ave., who collapsed on the street last Thursday, has returned to her work in Lake Forest.

Scotty, the GI Dog With a Personality

When Pvt. Percy Lloyd, stationed for two years in the Hawaiian Islands, was ordered with his unit to that nature's paradise, the Gilbert Islands, the boys decided it would be alright to take Scotty along. The little dog received the tenderest consideration, along with the choicest bits of GI chow, and in return, presented the unit en route, with five lovely puppies.

The natives of the Gilberts, who have been badly treated by the Japs, like the Yanks, and do their laundry for them in return for cigarettes, soap and packages of GI rations. But Scotty simply cannot abide the natives, and to them Scotty is nothing short of a canine enigma. In her vicinity they tread lightly, watching her from the corner of the eye. And when her patience exhausted, she makes a break and rushes them, barking furiously, they take to the trees like monkeys.

Scotty considers herself exempt from rules. Wild chicken and ducks, which are taboo to the military, are caught and brought in alive by Scotty. Working hand in paw with their mascot, the boys pen the captives and when there are enough eggs to go around, they have a feast—a pleasing change from the powdered variety.

Pvt. Percy, owner of Scotty, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Lloyd, 515 S. St. Johns Ave. They have another son in the service—Chief Warrant Officer Edward, who enlisted in August, 1940, and is now stationed at the Blytheville, Arkansas, Army Air Base.

Ralph A. Bard, of Highland Park, now assistant secretary of the Navy, has been nominated by President Roosevelt to be undersecretary.

The nomination to put Bard into the spot left vacant when James V. Forrestal moved up to succeed the late Frank Knox.

Bard Nominated To Serve As Under Secretary of Navy

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Would You Call This One An Eager Beaver?

A seasoned veteran at the age of 18, Wayne R. Reeder, Owosso, Michigan, was legally inducted into the army at Ft. Sheridan last week. Of course his first four years—two in the Army and two in the Navy, including sea duty in the So. Pacific—were served under false pretenses. He was really 13 when he first enlisted in 1940.

But now that the young man is of military age, he can serve his country in peace, without fear of being discovered and discharged from service.

Sgt. Murray Sheridan Awarded Purple Heart

Sgt. Murray Sheridan, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Sheridan, 1632 Hillside Drive, who has served overseas as tail gunner in a B-24 since last March, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action over Italy. The only member of his crew injured, his flak suit, which probably saved his life, was torn to shreds. His back and left side were injured by flak. Sgt. Sheridan also saw action in No. Africa.

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Last Rites Held on Tuesday Morning for Lt. Vincent J. Peddle

Funeral services were held at the Holy Cross church in Deerfield, on Tuesday, June 20, for the late Lt. Vincent J. Peddle, bombardier navigator, who lost his life in a plane crash last week near Wichita, Kansas.

Military funeral services had already been held at Salina, Kansas, where on May 2, he was married to the former Jane Schneider, daughter of Mrs. Frances Schneider, 706 Ridgewood Ave., Highland Park. The young widow accompanied the body home.

The news of the tragedy came as a shock to the community, where Lt. Peddle has been well known since babyhood, having attend the grade schools and graduated from Highland Park high school.

Two months ago the lieutenant was home on furlough, and called home again by phone on June 11. With a trusted captain and efficient crew, he felt comparatively safe. The crash was caused by an explosion in midair, only four of the crew being able to parachute to safety.

Entering the service in June, 1942, Vincent received his training at the Army base, Big Springs, Texas, and was awarded his navigator's wings at Hondo, Texas, in December, 1943.

Beside his widow, the deceased is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peddle, 619 Homewood Ave., four brothers—Roger, bugle master 3/c, USN, now at sea, A/C Eugene, in training at Indianapolis, Ind., Lawrence and Henry, living at home and three sisters, Mrs. Ruth Jacobs, Spokane, Kansas and Monica and Carole, living home.

Interment was made in the Lake Forest cemetery.

Evangelical Vacation School Well Attended

The Vacation Bible school at the First United Evangelical church during the past two weeks has been well attended, proving to be the largest attendance and the best school conducted at the church.

According to the pastor, Rev. F. S. Robinson, credit is due those who have cooperated by presenting gifts and bringing their children to the school.

First Outdoor Dance At Local USO Friday

Friday, June 23, the first outdoor dance of the season will be held. It will be sponsored by the Service council of the club and the Highland Park G.O., as well as members from other North Shore groups will attend. The 344th army band will play for the dancing and there will be a short variety show during intermission. At 9:30 the Briargate Country club will provide refreshments.

Lt. Lawrence Wygal Is Reported Missing

According to news received from the War Department, 2nd Lt. Lawrence Wygal, army pilot, son of Mrs. Nelen Wygal, 340 Bloom St., has been reported missing in action over Europe.

A graduate of the local high school, Lt. Wygal received his wings and commission at Marfa, Texas, in February, 1943.

Pfc. Wm. Wygal, USMC, brother of Lawrence, stationed in the Pacific area, is in possession of the Purple Heart, in recognition of wounds received in action. Mrs. Wygal, the mother, is at present out of town.

Parents Awaiting Further News From Lt. Harry Hansen

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hansen, 645 Chicago Ave., and the former Betty Kugel, parents and wife of Lt. Harry Hansen, reported missing over Austria since May, are hopefully awaiting favorable news of the young aerial navigator. There is considerable hope that he may have parachuted to safety when his plane fell.

A local high school alumnus, Lt. Hansen attended Northwestern University for two years, and was assistant manager at the Eskmoor Country Club. He received his training at Selman Field, La., and was transferred overseas last December, winning his final promotion in May.

While at a rest camp on the famous Isle of Capri, Lt. Hansen contacted W. O. David Pasquesi, then stationed in Naples. It is through Pasquesi that the first news will probably come. Lt. Hansen had completed 48 of the required 50 missions, and was expecting to complete his 50th this month.

A/C Robert Hansen, a brother, now 15 months in service, is stationed at Corpus Christi, Texas, and a brother-in-law, Capt. John Robb, Field Artillery, U.S. Army, is now in China engaged in training Chinese troops.

USO-Salvation Army Random Shots

The Stork—Several birth announcements have arrived this week from former Sheridanites, announcing the safe arrivals of family additions in time for Father's Day.

Request of the Week—"I miss my sailboat at home. Can you help me find someone who will let me sail with them?"

Post Cards—We enclosed several postcard views of the club in our last letter to our widely scattered service family. A reply has just been received from England with this comment, "It took the 'Gang' about 3 seconds to recognize the photo and yell HIGHWOOD! I wish I could drop in one of those easy chairs and sleep again."

Practical GI's—An ironing board and table lamps added a home touch to the articles turned out in the Hobby Shop this week.

Dark Rooms—In spite of film shortages, our two dark rooms keep very busy. The Blues and Whites of the Navy are showing up more frequently.

GLENCOE

Theatre 630 Vernon Avenue

THU, FRI, SAT, June 22-23-24
Ann Sheridan, Dennis Morgan
"SHINE ON HARVEST MOON"

SUN, MON, TUES, WED, June 25-26-27-28
Betty Hutton, Eddie Bracken
"MIRACLE OF MORGAN'S CREEK"

THU, FRI, SAT, June 29-30-July 1
Margaret Sullivan, Ann Sothern, Joan Blondell
"CRY HAVOC"

Coming: "Lady in the Dark," "A Guy Named Joe," "Heavenly Body," "In Our Time," "Cover Girl."



LET'S MARCH AT THEIR SIDE

Here is an opportunity for every citizen of Highland Park to get into this war in a mighty important way.

During the period from June 12 to June 26, subscriptions for war bonds amounting to \$775,000 out of the city's total quota of \$925,000 must be obtained from individual buyers.

The