



I'M IN THE ARMY NOW

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This Changing Army

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Chanute Field, AAF Training Command—

For over two years now I've been trying to get a real high shine on my big GI shoes. I think I really hit an all time high last week when I shined them to the glistening stage. They looked keen — and I was pleased.

(Little things like that please you when you're a soldier.)

Then I went downstairs and read the section bulletin board.

A notice had just been posted. It read, in part . . .

"All men in this organization will immediately scrub their shoes with soap, removing all traces of polish."

I guess I'll never understand this Army.

"THESE ARE THE THINGS" . . .

A few years back we were humming and singing a sentimental song titled, "These Are The Things I Love."

Remember it?

The other night, after a rugged day, I was just kind of taking it easy on my sack — that's the Army's name for a soldier's bed. I was getting in some flying time, as the AAF lads jokingly say. And off in the distance I heard that song.

WONDERING . . .

And I got to wondering . . .

What are the things we soldiers love, miss, think about.

(I guess I'm a sentimental guy — but so are most of the civilian soldiers I know.)

I remember one fellow telling me how he missed the sound of his front gate when it slammed shut at home. And how he longed for the sound of his baby crying late at night.

WHAT HE MISSES . . .

A red-haired corporal, who looks young enough to be a high school sophomore, but who is married, a father, and a fellow soldier, says he likes to remember the smell of his wife's perfume. And the sweet baby odor of his daughter, Judy.

A rather rough sergeant I know says he can't wait 'til the war ends so he can go fishing up at some lake in Wisconsin.

Another soldier loves homemade popcorn and he's looking forward to the day when he can make some.

A CRACKLING FIRE . . .

I heard another fellow say he longed to hear a crackling fire in his fireplace again.

A Pfc. told me he couldn't wait for the war to end so he could get back to the tavern he owns.

A Wac who drove me around this field the other day in a big truck, said she was looking forward to when she could take off her uniform, put on some overalls, and wash, repair, and adjust the motor in her 1935 Ford V-8!

HUMAN INTEREST STORIES . . .

An officer I know misses the days when he used to go to the police stations in search of human interest stories for his newspaper.

A private out in the Pacific, who used to lifeguard at one of Highland Park's beaches, fondly remembers the days when his work was finished and he could go to Ravinia Park, spread a blanket on the grass, and listen to beautiful music under the stars.

PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICHES . . .

A Navy officer I know who's "Somewhere" remembers and misses the peanut butter sandwiches he used to eat for breakfast.

An ensign in Rome wants the apple pie a la modes his Mom used to fix for him.

A sailor misses the changing street cars that used to clamble by his apartment.

A soldier who works in the office next to mine was day dreaming the other day.

"Pratt," I said, "What are you thinking about so deeply?"

"Oh, just about that old bowling alley I used to hang around when I was a civilian. It was a friendly place."

RANDOM NOTES . . .

I kinda think the Hays office needs censoring . . .

Crooner Frank Sinatra, I'm told, made about 4000 dollars a day last year — that's more than the combined salaries of two lieutenants for a whole year!

Is Marion Hargrove a sergeant or a lieutenant?

Good!

It appears that women's skirts are going to be longer next year.

I understand the Red Star is the most popular of all the Russian newspapers. Among soldiers, too. And it has no pin-up pictures and no comics in it either.

Wonder why cigarette smokers rarely empty their own ash trays?

Pfc. Bill Lorrimer, USMC, for some time stationed at Great Lakes, is now stationed on the west coast, after a brief stay in Camp Lejeune, N. C. He states that in some ways Lejeune resembles Guadalcanal. His brother, Pfc. Neil, stationed in the Pacific area, is the veteran of several major campaigns.

H. P. AMERICAN LEGION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

On Thursday evening, at the election of officers, DeWitt J. Manasse was chosen commander of the Highland Park post of the American Legion.

Also elected to office were:

Saylor Shanafelt, Saylor Shanafelt — senior vice-commander;

Robert Grant — junior vice-commander.

Frank J. Zipoy — finance officer.

Raymond M. Haynes — service officer.

Ernest DeSanto — sergeant-at-arms.

Miller W. Schreiner — trustee.

Retiring Comdr. Arthur Johnson, Comdr. Manasse and an adjutant (to be appointed next week) were named as delegates to the state convention to be held August 25, 26, and 27 at Springfield.

GREAT LAKES SAILORS ARE TAUGHT TO SWIM

Nearly a million sailors — 996,100, to be exact — have been taught to swim during the 16 months that the huge swimming pool at Great Lakes Naval Training station has been in use. Chief Specialist M. J. Hamlet and a corps of instructors are giving on an average of 16,000 lessons a week.

Of the multitudes of recruits who enter the center less than 50 per cent can swim. Before they are shipped out, 98 per cent have been taught how.

SIX DAILY BATHS FOR GI IN INDIA

Alexander McPherson, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Grant, 844 Forest, writes that his present base could be correctly described as "all quiet along the eastern front." No bullets and no bombs in his present location. Birds and motor engines furnish the only prominent sound effects, together with the crash of thunder during occasional electric showers.

The monsoon season has set in, and six daily baths are his portion— five during his outdoor duties as electrician's assistant on detached duty, and one, inside, after work. The rains, however, keep the temperature bearable and electric fans, as well as lights, have been installed at his base. These things are in pleasing contrast to the lot of GIs in other parts of the country.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF H. P. HOSPITAL

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the local hospital will be held on Wednesday, August 9, at the parish house of Trinity Episcopal church. Surgical dressings at 10 a.m. will be followed by the monthly meeting and luncheon, served at 12:30. Mrs. Horace Vaile, president, will preside.

The John Tethers Receive Letters From English Canteen Hostess

A letter written by a hostess in an English canteen was received recently by Mr. and Mrs. John Tether, 145 S. Green Bay Rd., stating that their son, Pvt. Kenneth Tether, when stationed in England, was a frequent visitor at the canteen. She was the lady said, always sure of help when Kenneth appeared on the scene. She had entertained him in her home, and felt she knew his folks, having heard so much about them and seen their pictures.

Several letters lately received from Kenneth reveal that he is now stationed somewhere in France.

GUESTS AT OFFICERS' CLUB, ROMULUS, MICH.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest T. Blume, 1040 S. Sheridan Rd., were guests at the officers' club at Romulus, Mich., where their son, Capt. Marshall Blume, is at present stationed.

Another son, Ernest, Jr., USN, of Minneapolis, Minn., fire protection engineer, is leaving for New York. His wife and two sons will live with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest, Sr.

ENS. HELEN SPEED AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Ensign Helen M. Speed, of the WAVES, has been assigned to duty at the naval gun factory, Washington, D.C.

Ens. Speed, who attended Vassar college and received a B.A. degree from the University of Michigan, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kellogg Speed, 580 S. Sheridan.

Mrs. Loizzo reached home Wednesday. Funeral arrangements at Kelley's Chapel await the possible arrival of his brother, Vincent.

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In The Nation's Service

Jerome Thomas Flaherty, 19, husband of Mrs. Beverly Jane Flaherty, 306 N. Green Bay, is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes.

His recruit training consists of instruction in seamanship, military drill, and general naval procedure. During this period a series of aptitude tests will be taken by the recruit to determine whether he will be assigned to a Naval Service school or to immediate duty at sea.

His recruit training completed, the seaman will spend a period of leave at home.

William Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood B. Lowe, 241 Laurel Ave., reported last week at the Great Lakes naval station for basic training.

Francis E. Carroll, 1729 Deerfield Road, who was graduated recently from a course in Diesel engines in the naval training school at University of Illinois, is now eligible to qualify as petty officer, motor machinist's mate 3/c.

Pfc. Narchie J. Flocchi, son of Mrs. Louise Flocchi, 822 Railway, Highwood, has been promoted to the rank of corporal. Corp. Flocchi's wife is staying with him at Bruning air field, Nebraska, where he is connected with air corps supply.

Mrs. Mona Shupe, graduate of the WAIT, Chicago, is now stationed in Rome, N.Y., where she is engaged in the work of repairing and maintaining aircraft instruments. The population of Rome, she states, appears to consist of soldiers, WACs, and civilian employees. Planes brought in after combat she finds very interesting.

Mrs. Shupe's late husband, Sgt. Ray Shupe, crew chief of a B-17, was reported lost over Italy last February.

John R. Wheeler, 135 Ravine Dr., is now enrolled in the OCS at Edgewood Arsenal, Md. A 1943 alumnus, he enlisted in the army in Dec., 1943 at the age of 17, attending Michigan State Agricultural college as a member of the ASTP. Later he transferred to Ft. Benning, Ga., for basic training. He had reached the

rank of sergeant before attending the OCS. He is the son of Mrs. Peter McHugh.

Sgt. Evo Mini, the son of Mrs. Sullia Mini of 321 Grove Ave., recently completed an orientation course designed to bridge the gap between training in the States and combat soldiering against the enemy in France.

At this air service command station, Sgt. Mini attended a series of lectures given by battle-wise veterans which included instructions on chemical warfare defense and pertinent tips on staying healthy in a combat theatre.

His next station will be one from which America's fighting planes cover our liberation of occupied Europe.

Before entering the army air forces, he was employed as a time clerk by the Henry Erickson company in Great Lakes.

Capt. John F. Hennessy, 345 Central, has been promoted to the rank of major at the headquarters of the AAF, Western Flying Training command, Santa Ana, Calif. In civil life, Major Hennessy was associated with the Commonwealth Edison company of Chicago.

"Proud to be a part of the 82nd air borne division" is Capt. Donald E. Rossiter, our former health commissioner. The Germans, too, respect it, he adds.

Capt. Rossiter is working the clock around at his post somewhere in France. In the thick of things, oxygen, plasma and other remedies and restoratives are in constant demand. Fresh eggs and fresh milk are as great a treat to these veterans as a bath and change of clothing, and foxholes are shared with beetles and lizards.

Bradford Craig, 17-year-old son of the Arthur B. Craigs, 608 Laurel, has qualified for air combat crew training with the AAF. He has two brothers and two brothers-in-law in the service: Pvt. Jesse Craig and T/5 Norman Craig, both of the army and stationed in the Pacific area; Major Larry Busker, US Army, stationed in the Pacific area, and Robt. Carter, USN, stationed on the west coast.

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"New Recruits" for tasty Summer Suppers

from The American Home

TANGY LIMA CASSEROLE

3 cups lima beans parboiled	1 onion sliced	1 tsp. salt
2 cups stewed tomatoes	1 lb. sausage meat	¼ tsp. pepper
1 green pepper sliced	1 tsp. shortening	3 tbsps bread crumbs

Form sausage meat into small cakes and brown slightly in a skillet with 1 tbsps. shortening. Place a layer of lima beans and tomatoes (which have been mixed together and seasoned with salt and pepper) in a greased casserole, add slices of pepper, onion and a layer of sausage cakes. Repeat this sequence until casserole is filled. Sprinkle the top with bread crumbs and bake in 350° F. oven for 1 hour. Serves 6-8.



from Good Housekeeping

SALMON RICE PLATTER

3 1-lb. salmon steaks (1½" thick)	1 cup milk
5½ cups hot cooked white rice (about 1½ cups uncooked)	1 egg, beaten
6 tbsps. butter or margarine	½ cup mayonnaise
1½ tbsps. flour	1 to 1½ tbsps. lemon juice
½ tsp. salt	¼ cup minced parsley or fresh herbs
Speck pepper	Watercress

If necessary, scale the steaks. Remove any small bones in the tapering ends of each steak; then skewer these ends into place with metal skewers or toothpicks. Arrange the steaks toward the front of an oven-glass platter (a baking pan may be used). Brush top surface with salad oil; then bake in moderate oven of 350° F. for 20 min., or until the fish close to the center bone flakes easily, but is still moist. Brush with salad oil once or twice during baking. Meanwhile, cook the rice.

ALSO PREPARE THE FOLLOWING SAUCE:

Melt 2 tbsps. butter or margarine in a saucepan; stir in flour, salt, and pepper, then the milk. Cook, while stirring constantly, until smooth and thickened. Remove from heat, pour slowly over beaten egg, while stirring constantly. Return to low heat for 2 min., while stirring. Stir in mayonnaise and lemon juice, and serve at once. When fish is done, remove; arrange the hot rice, to which ¼ c. butter and the parsley have been added, around back of steaks, with watercress garnish in front. Pour sauce over top of steaks. Serves 4 to 6.

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