



I'M IN THE ARMY NOW

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This And That
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CHANUTE FIELD, AAF TRAINING COMMAND.—

A reader asks if I've ever had a blind date since I've been in the Army.

Nope.
But I had one once.
It was my first.
It was my last.
She was cross-eyed.
And I don't imagine she was too pleased with me, either.

I was in college. A roommate asked if I'd help him out — his chum had a friend, and so on.

We all went to a dance. We stumbled about a bit. (I guess I don't dance too well.) Then we sat the next 15 dances out. We talked — about English literature mostly. She was an English major. Intelligent, too. But I never knew whether she was looking at me, her nose, or at two other people.

O, well, it was an interesting evening — in an odd sort of way.

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

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Keep up the good work!

SEES A FRIEND . . .

I was covering a soldier boxing show the other night and I saw an old friend, Emmett Moroney, son of former chief-of-police Ed Moroney. Emmett's looking well. He surely is a big fellow. He's studying electronics — one of the toughest courses we have down here. He's an intelligent lad so he'll pass, I'm sure.

A BIT GRIM . . .

I don't know about you, but — it always seemed a little grim to me when I see those clocks — lighted at night, too — hanging out in front of funeral parlors, humming away the time so casually.

ON YOUTH . . .

It's funny how we want to stay young. For a while, when a youth I wanted to grow up, be a big man like my Dad. But now that I'm 22, I want to be a young boy again. About the age of Brit Davis, Woody and John Hansmann, Mickey Bower, Hal McClain of Highland Park.

GAY DAYS . . .

Those early days were happy ones.

Pockets filled with a top, a penny perhaps, a knife, string, marbles, an old piece of candy. Playing cops and robbers. Hitting a baseball and sliding in home — safe. Cutting your finger — and running into Mom who would kiss it and make it feel so much better. Going fishing with your Dad. Taking long auto rides in the country with the family and always looking for a suitable spot to stop and picnic. Learning to swim. Riding a bike — and falling off of it. Seeing that new electric train under the Christmas tree that Santa has brought.

Ah, yes, those days were nice. I wish I were young again.

PAST TIME . . .

Usually before we go to bed at night, a group of us go down to the PX and have a hamburger and a milk shake.

Some lads I don't know so well asked me to have a bite to eat with them the other evening. We ate. I was a bit weary later on so I asked them if they were ready to leave. They said no, not just yet. I asked why, knowing they were tired, too.

They said . . .
"O, we just want to stay around for a little while and look at the pretty civilian girls."

A HERO AND BANANA SPLITS...

The other day I interviewed Lt. James F. Backus, 28, a Flying Fortress pilot, just back from England. He flew his bomber on 30 missions, dropped 90 tons of bombs, some on rocket installations; and claimed he didn't know the first invasion (June 6) was on until he happened to switch on a radio at a headquarters office in England and heard an announcer tell of the landings.

He was coming back from a raid one day on three motors. He didn't mind this so much . . . but when he happened to glance out and see four-and-a-half feet of his left wing shot off, he was surprised.

COINCIDENCE . . .

The precise minute his wing was blown to pieces on that raid, his wife was giving birth to a baby boy in Atlanta, Ga.

I asked him what he wanted to do the minute he arrived in the States. "Get a banana split. And I did. A chocolate soda, too," he said, smiling.

SUCCESS . . .

Good luck to the newly-formed Highland Park Republican club!

Three local 18-year-olds, graduates of the 1944 high school graduating class, reported on Monday morning to the Chicago draft board. They are George Lequerq, Bill Winters and Herbert Alexander.

Pvt. Peter Rosalini, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rosalini, 123 Highwood, veteran of 12 months in India, with an engineering corps, is now stationed in Burma. His brother, Pvt. Adolph, is stationed in New Guinea after about eight months in Australia. Pvt. Clarence, another brother, is now at Camp Campbell, Kentucky.

It has been learned that Lt. Geo. Heiden, husband of the former Phyllis Carpenter, formerly teacher of English in the local high school, was slightly wounded in the battle of Saipan. Mrs. Heiden is now living with her parents in California.

Lawrence "Bud" Dean, seaman 2/c, son of Mrs. Margaret Dean of Highwood, has returned to his base at Great Lakes after visiting his mother, wife and daughter, who all reside at 242 High. He will attend a special school to train for armed guard duty. His brother, Charles Dean, pharmacist's mate, 1/c, is now at Norfolk, Va., and his sister, Pfc. Dolores, USMC, is stationed at Edenton, N. C.

Lt. George R. Titman Veteran of 59 Missions

Lt. George R. Titman, assistant operational officer with the India-China flying command in India, has completed 59 missions, according to a letter received by his father, Mr. George A. Titman, 1019 N. St. Johns. This is the famed "Over the Hump" trail of such vital importance to our allies, the Chinese, accounted the world's most hazardous air route. Lt. Titman completed his training at Randolph Field, Texas, in February, 1943.



The accompanying picture, sent by the U. S. Coast Guard to the Highland Park Press shows Peyton S. Allen, QM 2/c, aboard a coast-guard-manned LCI (large) off the French coast. The craft landed first-wave troops during the assault on Normandy beaches on D-Day.

For undisclosed reasons the crew abandoned ship and sought safety in foxholes on the open beaches, where they spent many hours under constant enemy fire. They finally returned to their ship and limped safely back to England, where they were literally mobbed by camera and newsmen. None of the crew was lost.

The full story of the 83 was given no little publicity in a New York paper, but as yet the Press hasn't the particulars. This is just another example of the fine job our Highland Park boys are doing at the front.

Peyton enlisted in the Coast Guard Sept. 15, 1942, and trained at Battle Creek, Mich. He studied navigation aboard the "City of Midland," car ferry plying between Ludington and Milwaukee. He studied gunnery at Great Lakes, and was sent to Texas in February. Then came a cruise in southern waters, and on April 1, 1943, the crew shipped to North Africa.

Peyton has been in four major

battles. The first took place off North Africa around July 4th, of which he wrote: "Exmoor was never like this." His ship was among the first to put the men ashore in the Sicilian invasion, and also hard at it in the Salerno battle.

For some time Clarence Slack of Highwood was one of the crew. After the Mediterranean campaign Peyton went on to England, where he has been for almost a year.

Peyton, called "Eggs," is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Everett Allen, 528 S. Linden. His brother, Cpl. James ("Pete") Allen, is in the army air corps, stationed at San Angelo, Texas.

Births at the H. P. Hospital

Mr. and Mrs. Otis W. Andrews, 1749 Deerfield Rd., Aug. 17, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Olsen, 44 Prairie, Highwood, Aug. 18, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Harris, 665 Bob O'Link, Aug. 18, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Smith, Jr., 710 Westgate Rd., Deerfield, Aug. 20, a boy.

Pvt. and Mrs. Ralph Ori, 1 Walker, Highwood, Aug. 20, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Samsen, Mundelein, Aug. 21, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis F. Gerkin, 774 S. St. John, Aug. 21, a girl.

Special Parties At H. P. USO This Week

There are two special parties to be featured at the Highland Park USO this week. The first is the big out-door dance to be held Friday, Aug. 25, from 8 until 11, at the USO club. The 344th Army band will play for dancing and during the short intermission there will be a floor show by the Keeney Dancers. At 9:30 refreshments will be served by Mrs. Lindell Peterson and her group.

On Monday, Aug. 28, Mrs. Willard Dunham and her West Ridge group will serve the August birthday cake in honor of all service men and women whose birthdays are in August. In addition to this, there will be the regular dance instruction period by Mrs. Lucy Smith and the square dance program accompanied by the Braeside Five. At 9:30 refreshments will be served.

Every Friday at the Highland Park USO there is a luncheon for all wives of service men. Reservations may be made by phoning the club, H. P. 4650, by 10 o'clock on Friday morning, and all wives are cordially invited to attend.

Every Wednesday evening at 6:30 at the club, the married couples meet to have supper. This has grown to a large, congenial group of regular couples and they welcome any new couples who care to come.

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In The Nation's Service

Robert Peterson, seaman 2/c, USN, has completed his basic training at Great Lakes! After spending a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Peterson, 127 N. St. Johns, he is now stationed temporarily at Indian Head, Md. Eighteen years of age, he is a 1944 alumnus of the local high school.

Donald, 19, a brother, storekeeper 3/c, USN, is stationed in the South Pacific.

Stationed at a base in the South Pacific area, Robert Tagliapietra, USMC, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. An alumnus of the 1943 high school class, he entered the service later in the same year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tagliapietra, Sr., 1854 Burton.

Cpl. Edward Rogan of the ground forces of the army air corps, now stationed in Naples, Italy, has sent home many interesting souvenirs. While in Rome, where he, with other American soldiers, was granted an audience with the Pope, he sent his family two beautiful rosaries, a Catholic medal, a crucifix and some books. His latest gift consists of three pairs of lovely real silk stockings.

His brother, Cpl. John, now stationed in the European area, after 29 months in Iceland, is attached to the medical department of the army signal corps. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rogan, 612 Laurel.

Pfc. Howard Lonngren, army infantry, who has been stationed since last September in the European area, and is now taking part in the invasion of France, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. He is the son of Mrs. Mabel Lonngren, 335 Palmer, Highwood, and the husband of the former Zola Dickenson of Jacksonville, Ill.

Jack Gibbons, coxswain, USN, is confined to a naval hospital in San Diego, Calif., recovering from combat fatigue. He is the son of S/Sgt. and Mrs. Carroll Cashman,

Pvt. James J. Kirk, Jr., USMC, spent four days with his parents, at 360 Orchard Lane, after completing his basic training at San Diego, Calif. He returned on August 16 to his base where he will now attend sea school.

Pfc. Ralph S. Higgins, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Higgins of 693 Central, was graduated last week from the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery school, Laredo Army Air Field, Laredo, Texas, a member of the AAF Training Command. He is now qualified to take his place as a member of a bomber crew.

Along with his diploma, he received a pair of aerial gunner's silver wings and a promotion in grade at brief graduation exercises. He was prepared for his place in America's stepped-up air offensive by a comprehensive six weeks course in every phase of aerial gunnery warfare. Besides learning to fire every type of weapon from camera guns to the deadly caliber .50 Brownings, he studied turret manipulation, aircraft identification, stripping and reassembling of machines while blindfolded. He climaxed the course by air firing on towed targets.

Pvt. Geo. Koller, of the army field artillery, now stationed in the Hawaiian Islands, has been promoted to the rank of private first class. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Koller, 198 Beverly.

Several pairs of local twins have been widely separated by the war — in one instance, tragically. The Kampling twins, 23-year-old sons of Mrs. Charles Goodrode, 404 Waukegan, Highwood, are also far apart. Cpl. Norman, who left in December, 1942, for Iceland, has been stationed in England, Ireland, and now in France. He is with the army signal corps.

Pfc. Raymond joined the army infantry in October, 1942, left the States 14 months ago for Hawaii, and is now stationed in New Guinea.

Mrs. Smith is in a dither!

While she toils at her war job,
household worries cloud her mind...
She needs a vacuum cleaner,
but they're so hard to find!

Mrs. Smith and others, busy with both a war job and a household, need electric appliances to save time at home... But because of the war, these conveniences are scarce.

To obtain appliances for these women, your electrical dealer will SWAP War Stamps for electric aids you no longer use. He even gives stamps for disabled things he can repair.

Here are a few of the electric items wanted: vacuum cleaners, irons, washers, ironers, toasters, grills, waffle bakers, roasters, refrigerators.



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