



# I'M IN THE ARMY NOW

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### When?

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#### CHANUTE FIELD, AAF TRAINING COMMAND:

After we soldiers talk about how the war is going, and what we're having for dinner, our talk now lingers around the demobilization point system — or when we'll get out of the Army.

That's really the No. 1 subject on our "bull" parade, I guess.

Well, let's see, the fellows who will be back in civilian clothes first are the older men who are married, have children, and who have fought overseas.

And that's okeh. They should come home first and I hope they do.

#### HOW ABOUT US? . . .

Well, the other day we got to talking about the fellows who have been stationed in the states for months — sometimes years.

When will we get out, we wondered?

One bright private, who has been in the continental limits for months and who is kind of anxious to give his wool and khakis back to the gruff supply sergeant, said the best way to get out of the Army is:

#### SIX SUGGESTIONS . . .

1. Get married — and start raising a family.
2. Get sent overseas — and he probably will. And soon.
3. Get into combat — with the Japs preferably.
4. Capture a live Jap general — a couple of them if possible.
5. Capture a whole Jap division — you'd almost have to do that to impress superiors at the rate the lads are gathering up the Nazis.
6. Get the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star — and you might if you accomplished Nos. 4 and 5.

Well, about this time he'd have quite a few points. Perhaps enough to return to the States and to his Brooklyn home.

I think he'd be kind of old, though.

But he does have something there.

#### GARDEN CLUB SHOW . . .

This corporal and his chum went to Lincoln school a couple of Sundays ago and saw the results of what Highland Park ground produces when cultivated by Highland Park gentleman farmers.

There were lots of blue ribbons around. Boy! That corn looked good. And those tomatoes! And the Pfister roses! And the Northmoor basket of victory food! And those flower arrangements!

Well, it all looked right good to this soldier. I think you Highland Parkers deserve a great deal of credit for the excellent job you've done. We in khaki are proud of you in "civvies."

#### THE CAMELLIA HOUSE . . .

A celebration of the evening

. . . and a visit to "Chicago's swankiest night spot,"—the Camellia House.

It was fun — even when the check came!

A grinning waiter, the kind that looks you over and says to himself, "Ah, there's an 'easy man'; we will charge him a great deal," hovered about our table.

#### WE GET THE "ONCE OVER" . . .

"What will you have?" he asked in broken, fashionable (for waiters) English, handing us a menu the size of your morning newspaper.

"Well . . . we'll have this and that . . . Oh, yes, and some milk."

(He looked a bit shocked at the beverage order.)

And so my chum and I danced . . . and waited . . . and danced some more.

And then our order came.

We ate it slowly.

My wallet began to get fidgety—check time was approaching.

#### OH, OH! . . .

What with taxes, cover charges, minimum and maximum fees, I kind of thought I'd have to donate my corporal's pay to the Camellia House this month.

But, no! The check came.

And, guess what? It was only \$1.96!

I was amazed. I looked up. And there was our waiter, smiling.

He said: "I have a son. He's a corporal, too. He's in Japan. I'd like him to get the same kind of treatment there that you're getting here."

And that was all.

I even had a hard time getting him to accept a tip!

#### HERO OF WAR . . .

This column's censor, Lt. Joseph H. Buckles, and I were talking the other day about generals.

There's one general who, though he gets credit, is not in the spotlight as much as he should be, perhaps. Therefore, this column, reaching out to millions of readers, is going to recommend a man who, it believes, will be the hero of the war.

His name?

Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, commander of the Allied ground forces in the European theater of opera-

He's my man.

#### DIFFERENT NAMES DEPT . . .

And then there's that AAF soldier whose name is MILES BAREFOOT. I think he should have been assigned to the Infantry, don't you?

#### PICTURESQUE SPEECH, AH! . . .

He had that wild, blue yonder look in his eyes . . . the horse smelled as clean as the inside of a new cedar chest . . .

#### distribution center at Miami Beach, Fla.

For five months in the European area, with 50 missions as radio operator and gunner on a B-24 to his credit, he has been awarded the Air Medal with 5 oak leaf clusters. Sgt. Graves is 23 years of age.

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Pvt. Gervase M. Brown, who is studying radio at Trux Field, Minneapolis, expects to graduate soon. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Brown, 501 S. St. Johns Pl.

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A joyous reunion took place in Pearl Harbor recently when Cpl. Neil and Pfc. William Lorrimer, USMC, 24-year-old sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lorrimer, 1251 Pleasant, met for the first time in over a year.

Enlisting in the Marine corps in December, 1941, they were sent overseas together. After months in Tulagi and Guadalcanal, Pfc. Bill was returned to the states, suffering with malaria. Well, now, he has returned overseas. Cpl. Neil is a veteran of Tarawa, Saipan and Tinian, in addition to his other experiences.

Although they may not remain in the same locality, they are thankful for having had this meeting. Cpl. Neil is due for a furlough home soon.

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A/C Philip M. Randall of the army, son of Maj. and Mrs. Philip Randall, 216 N. Linden, has reached the solo flight stage of his training at Carlstrom Field, Fla. Young Randall, 19, received his high school training in this town and in Newton, Pa. Enlisting in the air forces in May, 1943, he entered active service last November.

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Howard Montague Jackson, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Jackson, 104 Clifton Ave., has been awarded his silver pilot's wings at Pampa Army Air Field, Pampa, Tex., and appointed an officer in the army air forces upon completion of his twin-engine advanced training at this Top o' Texas unit of the AAF Central Flying Training command.

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#### Christmas Overseas Mailing At Local USO Club

Boxes may be purchased at the Highland Park USO for overseas Christmas mailing from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. From 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. hostesses at the USO club will be prepared to accept packages for wrapping and mailing. They are co-operating with the post office in this, and will have scales and stamps to take care of postage.

The contents of packages should weigh not more than four and one-half pounds, as the box, empty and wrapped and tied, weighs one-half pound.

#### Four Questions

1. Is there any written matter or personal correspondence? If so, the post office says you should enclose an address slip duplication of the "to and from" on the outside of your package. You are allowed to write a simple dedicatory inscription on the flyleaf of a book, but no long note of letter-like proportions.

2. Is there any fragile article in the package? You must cushion any breakable object with crushed newspaper or substitute.

3. Is there anything perishable? You cannot mail bonbons, fresh fruit or crumbly cookies.

4. Anything inflammable or liquid? Matches cannot be mailed, nor anything else inflammable, the post office warns. Not over two ounces of liquid can be shipped and that must be in a completely absorbent wrapping.

The post office begs you to tell the truth about what is in the package, if you expect your serviceman or woman to receive your gift.

#### TWO HIGHLAND PARKERS RECEIVE DEGREES OF B.A.

Among 310 graduates to receive degrees from the University of Chicago at the convocation ceremony, Friday, Sept. 8, were Mrs. Kathleen Bedill Comstock Pfister, 1848 Pleasant, under the Chicago plan, and Nancy K. Goodman, 316 Hazel, who received the conventional B.A.

#### Jeanne M. Jenkins Becomes Cadet Nurse

Miss Jeanne M. Jenkins, who studied for two years at the University of Illinois, and recently completed a course in chemistry at Lake Forest university, has enrolled at the Evanston hospital as cadet nurse. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jenkins, 31 N. Sheridan. Her brother, Sgt. David Jenkins, who has received a medical discharge from the army after several months hospitalization, left last week, with his wife, for Charleston, Ill., where he will enroll as a student at the E. Illinois State college.

#### London Mills Girl Weds Sgt. Cronkhite

News has been received of the marriage of Miss Rosaline McLamarrah, London Mills, Ill., to Sgt. Jack Cronkhite, son of A. Cronkhite, 225 S. Central, Highwood, on Aug. 13.

Sgt. Cronkhite, well known in this vicinity as an artist, is stationed with the medical corps at Mayo General hospital in Galesburg, where his bride is also employed.

#### Harley E. Monk Jr. To Enter Cranbrook

Harley E. Monk, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley E. Monk, 318 Roger Williams, will leave for Cranbrook school, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., on Sept. 19, registration day for boarding students.

#### Chamber of Commerce Holds Fall Meeting

The first fall meeting of the local Chamber of Commerce was held last Tuesday evening, with dinner served at the Sunset Valley club.

Outstanding speaker of the evening was Geoffrey F. Morgan, manager of the speakers bureau of the Douglas Aircraft Company, who was present last year at a similar occasion. He chose as his topic, "The Shape of Wings to Come."

Present also as honored guests were Lt. Donald Siljestrom and Sgt. Robert Anspach, both recently returned from European battle areas.

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## In The Nation's Service

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Patterson, Saunders Rd., Deerfield have received the Purple Heart awarded to their son, Earl, wounded in action July 8, in the Cherbourg push. Earl is now making rapid recovery in a hospital in England. A letter from him states that "I am getting the best of care and food and am getting fat. I will have some very interesting stories to tell when I get home."

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Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Schoonover, Sr., 1783 Deerfield, had as their guest, recently, their daughter, Pvt. Eleanor Schoonover, of the Marine Corps Woman's Reserve, stationed at Quantico, Va., where her duties include driving a truck. She entered the service last April.

Also a guest was Cpl. Ivan Bame, of Milan, Mich., who is now stationed at Camp Haan, Calif., but who served for 26 months with an anti-aircraft artillery unit in the Aleutians.

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Ens. David C. Stuke, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. David C. Stuke, 702 S. St. Johns, has left for DeLand, Fla., after arriving home on a short and unexpected leave. The visit followed his completion of the prescribed flight training course at Pensacola, Fla., the "Annapolis of the Air," when he won his navy "Wings of Gold."

Ens. Stuke will receive operational training before being assigned to a combat zone.

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2nd Lt. and Mrs. Edward W. Harty and baby of 126 Highwood Ave., Highwood, arrived in town recently for a 10-day leave. Lt. Harty was recently commissioned at Altus, Okla., where he received the silver

pilot's wings of the AAF. Mrs. Harty has accompanied him to his different bases during his training, and will follow him to Altus, in a couple of weeks.

From the advanced 2-engine pilot training school the lieutenant will go either to a multi-engined bomber school, or to the central instructors' school at Randolph field, after which he will be prepared for combat or to become an instructor. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harty Sr., of Highland Park.

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"For exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity," Sgt. Orville E. Costello, whose wife lives at 602 Homewood, has been awarded the Good Conduct medal. Sgt. Costello is a member of the army air corps personnel department.

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Cpl. Ray Castellari, brother of John Castellari, 8 Webster, Highwood, and his brother, Col. Raymond, both of the U. S. Marines, held a reunion on Guadalcanal recently — the first in three years. Neither had previously seen the other in uniform.

Cpl. Roy is a former resident of Highwood, while Cpl. Raymond lived in Centralia, Ill., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Castellari.

Two other brothers are in the service—Pfc. Leno, stationed in England, and S/Sgt. Alfred, in the battle zones of France. All the brothers have been in the service two years or over. Other brothers and sisters of the four servicemen live in this vicinity.

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T/Sgt. Ronald Graves, a graduate of the local high school, and son of Alfred Graves of Mundelein, is now stationed at the army air forces re-



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