



I'M IN THE ARMY NOW

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Piloting a P-99*

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CHANUTE FIELD, AAF TRAINING COMMAND:—

Readers will remember a piece I wrote a few weeks ago about Frank Sinatra earning more in two days than Gen. "Ike" Eisenhower earns in a year.

I was just kind of kidding about the whole matter. I think the boys sing well.

Somehow my gentle gibe crept into the sacred space of a well-known Chicago columnist who has about three million more readers than I do.

This Chicago chronicler received a letter from a Sinatra fan and the letter was forwarded to me.

QUOTES A LETTER . . .

Here's how some of it reads . . .

"I'd like to add my two cents worth (about Sinatra) and add that if the corporal (that's I, Highland Parkers!) is so upset about the money Sinatra gets, why don't he get equally upset about the salaries of Harry James and Betty Grable combined, and not to forget the load of money Bing Crosby has . . .

"Why of course not. He don't say nothing (ouch) against Crosby. But when it comes to Sinatra . . .

"And to sum it all up, let's not forget how generous Sinatra is. He's always writing out checks to some down and out person . . ."

And on she raves.

She ends her letter, "Sinatraly Yours."

How about that?

NEATEST TRICK OF THE MONTH . . .

I keep hearing these Army stories, Highland Parkers, and they bring me a smile, and so I like to pass 'em on to you . . .

There was a sergeant here who was granted a 10 day furlough. At the time, he happened to be dating three girls. They learned, as girls will, that he was coming home — but they didn't know for how long.

And here's where the sergeant used a bit of strategy.

He wrote and told each of his chums he was coming home for three days — on a three day pass, you know.

ROMANCE ON A PASS . . .

He came home. For three days he dated Mary. Then he said a long good-bye to her. Next day he was at Marie's house, carrying on operations there. Three days past and he said good-bye to her. That night he called on Mabel, this third chum, and spent three days with her.

That took care of nine of his furlough days.

He had one day left.

And what did you do with that one, Sarge?

"Kept it for myself. I was a sad sack after those rugged three, three day passes. I slept for 24 hours."

ADD AAF Sayings . . .

All soldiers are supposed to have an hour for lunch.

It usually doesn't take an hour to eat a meal in an Army mess hall.

(I once ate an Army Thanksgiving dinner in 10 minutes. The private sitting beside me downed the turkey in nine minutes.)

So . . . most AAF lads retire to the barracks, during their spare minutes and HIT THE SACK (bed to you Highland Parkers) and get in their FLYING TIME (sleep to you all.)

SUDDEN THOUGHTS . . .

Wonder why Lil' Abner isn't in the Army? Popeye, too? We could use those fellows.

I often wonder who those "unusually reliable sources" are, don't you?

A FUTURE HOPE . . .

When V-E Day (that means Victory-in-Europe in case you're behind in this world of abbreviations) has come and gone, and V-J (Victory-in-Japan) has past, and I return to Highland Park for good, there's one organization I definitely want to be a member of — the Men's Garden Club of Highland Park.

Club members I've met have been a grand group. And I like their creative goal: making our town more beautiful each year.

*FOOTNOTE . . .

A P-99 is my Remington typewriter with 42 keypower.

Gordon V. Johnson Awarded Air Medal

Gordon V. ("Gordie") Johnson, formerly a gunner on a B-24, but now Aviation Ordnance-man, 3/c, is enjoying a 30-day leave at the home of his mother, Mrs. Alvin Johnson, 597 Vine.

Although Gordon has modestly omitted mentioning the fact, an official communication just received states he was recently awarded the Air medal during ceremonies at the U.S. naval air station, San Diego, Calif., presentation being made by Rear Adm. W. K. Harrill, commander, Fleet Air, West Coast, according to 11th Naval district officials.

23-year-old Bluejacket Johnson, veteran of the Marshalls, Gilberts, and Marianas campaigns, earned the reward as gunner on a navy Liberator bomber last June 4. His citation stated: "During a search thru the Northern Caroline Islands, a convoy of five Japanese vessels was encountered and attacked successfully. One direct bomb hit was obtained and effective strafing left one vessel ablaze."

Johnson has two brothers in the service, Pfc. Arnold, who is now seeing action in France, and Pfc. Harold, stationed at a post in New Mexico.

Young Naval Veteran Becomes a Father

When he returns from India, where he is associated with a demolition squad, the 19-year-old Naval veteran, Jerome Schlabowski, boat-swain, 2/c, will make the acquaintance of an interesting stranger, Miss Andrea Lucille Schlabowski, no less, born Sept. 13 at the local hospital. The mother, the former Delores Carani, is making her home with her mother at 238 S. Central, Highwood.

One can picture some of the travel stories little Andrea will hear in later years from her much-traveled daddy, who joined the navy on his 17th birthday, and during the past two years has been pretty nearly everywhere. He expects to be stationed in India for a year and a half more.

Robert William Johnson, a member of the January high school graduating class, has been sworn into service in the AAF and will leave for training following his eighteenth birthday, which falls in February.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric L. Johnson, 646 Chicago Ave.

Lt. Peter Robbins, son of Mrs. P.A. Robbins, 100 Prospect, is now stationed in Burma. A local high school alumnus, Lt. Robbins was graduated from Colorado School of Mines and later was engaged in mining and engineering at Fairbanks, Alaska.

Graduating from the OCS at Belvoir, Va., a year ago, he is now stationed in the front lines in Burma, under the direction of General Pick.

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James ("Beans") Sheahan, water tender 3/c, USN, aboard an LST craft, arrived in town last week for a 30-day visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Sheahan, Sandwick court, and his wife, the former Lucille Grabowski of North Chicago.

Receiving basic training at Far-ragut, Idaho, Sheahan left the States later for Pearl Harbor and was soon in the thick of action in the Pacific. His experiences match those of Jack Sheridan, his cousin, with whom he was constantly associated. Guarded in his accounts of his experiences, he speaks of "tough opposition" at several points, and of the battle of Guam, where he was in the first wave, as one of the "bloodiest."

Sheahan will report to San Diego, Calif., at the end of his leave.

James Somerville, former local post office employee, now 3rd radio officer in the Merchant Marine, is stationed at a post in England. In private he was a licensed amateur and commercial radio operator, as well as mail carrier. His wife, formerly Dbrothy Wysocky, lives with her small son at 1016 Ft. Sheridan Ave.

Official War Films At Legion Smoker

The first in a new series of monthly smokers will be given by the Highland Park post of the American Legion Thursday, Sept. 28, in the club rooms at 21 N. Sheridan.

"These will not be mere smokers in the ordinary sense, but meetings designed to promote good will and community cooperation in rehabilitation and other post-war problems," said Commander DeWitt Manassee.

The features of the first program will be a dramatic official U. S. army film, "Battle of New Britain," taken under actual fire, and an equally exciting U. S. navy film, "Air War of the South Pacific."

The presentation of these pictures has been made possible thru the efforts of Lt. Com. Edwin L. Gilroy, head of the department of navigation at Abbott hall, and by courtesy of the United States Naval Reserve midshipmen's school of Northwestern university.

Lt. Com. Gilroy will give a brief introduction. The showing of the sound pictures will take about an hour and a half, after which refreshments will be served.

Mayor Garnett, city officials and heads of various business and fraternal organizations in Highland Park will be special guests and all members of the post are invited to attend.

Commander Manassee has appointed a special committee to take charge of arrangements. They are

Chester L. Hamilton, George T. Abernathy, Matt E. Maiman, Robert V. Grant, Saylor D. Shanafelt, William C. Henrichs, Ernest R. De Santo, and William Volpendesta.

Local Legion Auxiliary Adopts Three Sisters

Three little sisters, 4, 5, and 6 years of age, whose mother is ill and whose father is fighting in France, were "adopted" by the local American Legion auxiliary at the Lake Bluff orphanage Harvest Home festival last week. Gifts of clothing and toys, as well as remembrances on birthdays and at Christmas,

PFC. LOUIS SANTI WOUNDED IN FRANCE

Pfc. Louis Santi, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Santi, 665 Bob O'Link, is reported to have been slightly wounded in France on Aug. 29. A member of the infantry, he was transferred to England in May, and left shortly after D-Day for France. His father, of Santi Bros. Dairy, served in World War I.

Pvt. Richard Ronanzi, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ronanzi, 239 N. First, is officially reported to have taken part in the invasion of Morotai, only 375 miles distant from the Philippines, last week. A member of the field artillery, Pvt. Ronanzi entered the service in May, 1943, transferring overseas last March. He is a cousin of the late Francis Ronzi, paratrooper, who gave his life in the European area.

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In The Nation's Service

At the Pecos army air field at Pecos, Tex., Col. Henry B. Fisher presented wings to a large group of newly appointed pilots September 8 in colorful commencement exercises. The graduating class and troops stationed at the field passed in review before Col. Fisher in an early morning parade.

Among those to receive silver wings was 2nd Lt. Wm. W. Boehm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno J. Boehm of 733 S. Green Bay. The new pilot completed a course in training in twin-engine aircraft, and was assigned to a post at Ontario, Calif. He is a former student at Lake Forest university.

Jack Sheridan, g/m 3/c, USN, who for eight months has been on active duty aboard an LST boat in the Pacific, is spending a 30 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Sheridan, 247 North, Highwood.

Young Sheridan has seen action in the Marshalls, New Guinea, Guam and Saipan. Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Guadalcanal and the Russels are also familiar territory to the 19-year-old veteran. He reports the latter place to be really beautiful, and he found the natives of the Islands friendly and interesting. He will report to San Diego at the expiration of his leave.

Sgt. Murray Sheridan, 20-year-old gunner on a B-24 Liberator, is now a patient in a Memphis hospital, recovering from shrapnel wounds in the back and arm, received during action over Austria last May. Hospitalized for a time in Italy, he was returned to the States this month.

Sgt. Sheridan is the possessor of the Air medal as well as the Purple Heart, and was wounded while carrying out his 7th mission. Since that time eight of his crew have been reported missing and two are said to be in German hands.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Sheridan, 1632 Hillside, the sergeant is a 1942 alumnus of the local high school. He enlisted in the service during his freshman year at the University of Illinois.

Richard P. Jones, m/m, 1/c, USNR, husband of the former Beryl Daniels, living at 807 Deerfield Road, is home on a 21-day leave. Twenty-seven months in the service, the last eight have been spent in the Asiatic-Pacific area. He is the son of Mrs. Louise Jones of Deerfield.

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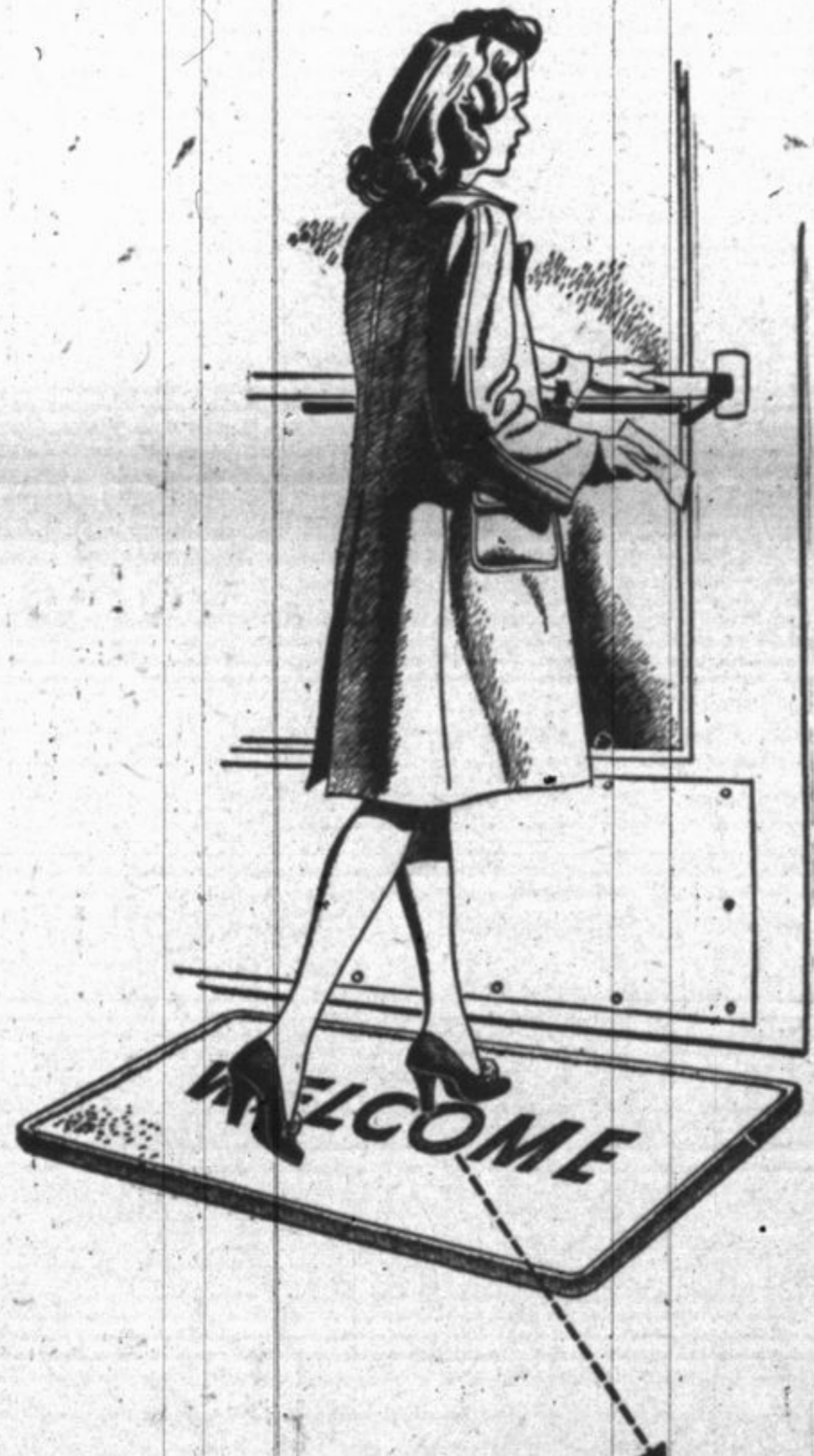
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