



I'M IN THE ARMY NOW

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I Hate Shots!

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CHANUTE FIELD, AAF Training Command:

I was feeling kind of happy the other day and then I read the squadron bulletin board. There was my name written in capital letters.

No, I wasn't being recommended for the Silver Star, the Congressional Medal of Honor, or an honorable discharge.

Nothing like that. Rather, I was informed that I must report to the hospital at once to get three shots in the arm: typhus, cholera, and yellow fever.

And how I hate shots! WOW!

I remember the first time my arms were punctured by the Army. Hours after I had been processed at Fort Sheridan, I was told to go and get my shots. Bewildered, as every man is when he suddenly finds himself a soldier, I marched in a formation to the dispensary.

"Do they give us shots here," I asked, not knowing a soldier doesn't ask questions like that.

"You'll see," said a smiling private first class whom I thought was really of a high rank.

THEY JABBED

Well, I saw—and felt, too!

I walked in. Three soldiers in white holding long, fat needles stepped forward. "Roll up your sleeves, Soldier," I did. They smiled. I winced. They jabbed. I jumped.

Seconds later I had been vaccinated and filled with tetanus and typhoid serum. I went to my barracks still bewildered and a bit ill. But I got over it and recovered from the shock.

And then the other day . . . WAITING AGAIN

For 30 minutes I stood in line. Then needle-wielding soldiers in white approached me again. Suddenly I felt typhus, cholera and yellow fever bugs rushing into me, meeting, greeting, fighting, and pounding on the interior of my arm.

I left . . . a little less bewildered . . . but back to work . . . felt sick . . . returned on the job . . . and resolved that I'd never take another shot.

But I did. Three more of 'em yesterday.

"GOT A SMOKE, BUD?"

I feel kind of sorry for all these poor people who can't get cigarettes. Habit can be a painful, nerve-jarring master. Smokers fail to realize their habit is like a cable—each time a cigarette is light-

ed and inhaled a strand is added and soon that cable is nearly unbreakable.

But it's slated to snap soon! And just as well.

Cigarettes, like booze, never did anyone any good. And I'll defy anyone to prove that a carton of smokes or a case of whiskey benefited his health.

OFFERED THOUSANDS

In the last 10 years I figured I've been offered at least 8,000 cigarettes. When I was being rushed by fraternities at Washington and Lee and Northwestern universities, "smooth brothers" would offer me smokes by the carton. But I've just never taken up the evil weed. And I'm glad of it.

If I smoked, I'd buy all the equipment and puff on a pipe. That's a man's smoke, I think. Women, it seems, have taken over the cigarette. And this shortage might do some good along the feminine line, too.

Why women during the past years have tried to be like men, I don't know. Surely returning veterans don't want their womenfolk rough, ready, masculine.

Nope.

Soldiers want to see lace and silk and daintiness and smell that clean odor that lingers with a woman who doesn't smoke.

So . . . maybe the shortage isn't so bad after all . . . particularly if it can break the rotten habit of smoking . . . and remove yellow finger stains, stop the cigarette cough, and take away the tobacco breath of men and women alike.

TALL GUY

You meet all kinds in the Army. There's a soldier here who's six feet nine inches tall — that's three inches taller than he should be to get into the Army.

But he's in . . . and in the hospital.

You see, this tall guy is a bit of an oddity. When he entered the Army he stood six feet three inches.

And that was okeh by Army doctors 'cause he was breathing, too.

Several months ago something happened to his glands and he began to grow, jumping six inches in 16 months — and he's still headed upwards.

"It's a funny thing about old John," one of his negro buddies was telling me, "but every time John works, he grows. So they put him to bed, and he ain't grown none since."

Top that one if you can!

remain for two weeks' rest and recreation. At the end of this time he will be reassigned to duty. He has been stationed in the European area.

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Ens. James F. Crane, USN, who recently received his degree and commission at Harvard university, stopped on his way west to visit his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob L. Crane, 329 Park. He will report, shortly, to San Francisco, where he will join his ship.

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Ens. Wm. D. Anderson, 20, son of the William Andersons, 434 Lincoln Pl., is an October graduate of the Naval Reserve midshipmen's school at Notre Dame. A graduate of the local high school class of 1942, he entered the Navy, V-12 program two years ago, completing the course in Newberry, S. C., in June.

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T/5 Wm. J. Rectenwald, 810 S. Ridge, who served in Alaska for 14 months, after a year in the States is now stationed in England with an engineering corps. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Rectenwald.

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Wounded in action for the fifth time in 14 months is the record of S/Sgt. Howard Lonngren, son of Mrs. Mabel Lonngren, 338 Palmer, Highwood.

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A member of the army infantry, Sgt. Lonngren was stationed in England prior to D-day. He is married to the former Zola Dickenson and is the father of an infant daughter, Marjorie.

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Harold Connolly, seaman 1/c, USN, is now stationed at Navy pier in Chicago, where he is attending radio school. His wife and two children are living with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Connolly, 120 N. Green Bay.

Sgt. Murray C. Sheridan, 20, has arrived at Army Air Forces Redistribution station No. 2 in Miami Beach for reassignment processing after completing a tour of duty outside the continental United States.

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Medical examinations and classification interviews at this post, one of three redistribution stations operated by the AAF Personnel Distribution command for AAF returnee officers and enlisted men, will determine his new assignment. He will remain here about two weeks, much of which will be devoted to rest and recreation.

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Sgt. Sheridan was a B-24 tail gunner in Italy and Africa. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Sheridan, 1632 Hillside Dr.

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Ensign William Cope of the navy air corps is spending a 20-day leave with his mother, Mrs. Ruth Cope, 645 Vine. After 23 months in service, both as cadet and instructor at Grosse Ile, Mich., Ens. Cope is still convinced that there is nothing to compare with flying.

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Mona Schupe, WAIT, who has been stationed in Rome, N. Y., was in town this week, looking very fit and trim in her uniform. She enjoys the work, and is on her way to Dayton, Ohio, to which place she has been transferred.

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Capt. Robert K. Carlstone, commander of a heavy weapons unit of the "Blue Devil" division, whose home address is 233 Glenwood Ave., had a hand in training and instructing a Brazilian unit now stationed in Italy serving with an American army. The captain states that he found them quick, responsive, apt and eager to learn.

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An alumnus of the University of Illinois, Capt. Carlstone is the possessor of the European theater ribbon with one star, the pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon, the Combat Infantry badge and the Purple Heart.

Mrs. Carlstone, with her son, Darry, is now living in Talequah, Okla.

Receive Radio Message From Lt. George Greene

That a touch of sorrow makes the whole world kin has been demonstrated over and over, in this period of dread and anxiety. Quite often parents receive letters from total strangers who wanted to make sure they did not miss some message broadcast concerning a son or a daughter. The Russel Gilberts, 909 Taylor, received many such messages concerning their son, Lt. "Stan," and now Mr. and Mrs. George Greene, 504 Gray, have received nearly 30 letters from people residing in the eastern and southeastern states, all relaying a message broadcast last week by their son, Lt. George, who is interned in a Nazi prison camp. Aside from this, their last message from him was a postcard written August 29, stating that he had been taken prisoner.

This last word reveals that he is well and safe, sends his love and his address, asking them to write.

Lt. Greene's wife is a member of the WAVES, and his sister is a sergeant in the Marines.

Kiwanis Club to Sponsor Thanksgiving Meet at USO

The Kiwanis club of Highland Park will sponsor its 4th annual community Thanksgiving meeting to be held at the Highland Park U.S.O. at 8:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22.

Invitations have been sent to all church service clubs and civic organizations of the community. Anyone not reached through these channels is cordially invited. Honored guests will be men and women of the armed forces.

The one-hour program arranged includes a few musical numbers, community singing and a short Thanksgiving talk by the Rev. Robert B. Pierce of Glencoe. There will be no admission or solicitation.

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IN THE NATION'S SERVICE

The Charles Pantles, 328 Deerfield Rd., have three sons in the army. Pvt. Willard, 18, sworn into service last month, leaves Saturday to begin his basic training. Pvt. Alvin, 21, in the service since March, 1943, is now in England, with the army infantry. Pfc. Gilbert, 22, also of the infantry, was inducted in December, 1942, and is now stationed in France.

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Pvt. Robert Turelli, of an anti-tank unit, who has been stationed at Camp Blanding, is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Olimpia Fabri, 125 North, Highwood. At the end of his furlough, he will report to Ft. Mead, Maryland.

The husband of his sister, Margaret, Sgt. Fred Frimm, 10 months overseas, is now stationed in Belgium.

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Sgt. Robert Umans, serving aboard a hospital ship in the Pacific theatre of war, is spending two weeks' shore leave in San Francisco. His wife, the former Marie Leonard, 318 Railway, Highwood, is with him during his leave.

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The John Rosalini, 123 High, Highwood, have three sons and one son-in-law in the armed services.

Pvt. Peter, who entered the service in August, 1941, and left the States two years later, has served with the engineers in India and China, and is now stationed in Burma.

Pfc. Adolph, 19, of the army infantry, has seen action in New Guinea, and is at present in the Dutch East Indies.

Pvt. Clarence, in service since May, 1942, is now with a tank battalion in England.

S/Sgt. Frank Supanich, husband of the former Helen Rosalini, who entered the service early in the war, and has served overseas for 20 months, is now with ordnance maintenance on Guadalcanal.

Sgt. Raymond Stafford, 19, son of Mrs. A. H. Emerson, 812 S. Linden, is a member of an AAF Liberator bomber group, stationed in Italy, which has been cited for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy, and as such, has been awarded the Distinguished Unit badge.

This veteran group, under Col. Thomas W. Steed, Tennessee, was given the nation's highest organization award in recognition of their highly successful attack of May 10 on the aircraft center at Wiener Neustadt, Austria. In spite of adverse weather conditions, they virtually wiped out this strategic enemy manufacturing center.

Since January this unit has completed over 115 combat missions over major enemy targets including Ploesti, Roumania; Munich, Germany; Steyr, Austria, and Blechhammer, Germany.

Sgt. Stafford, a graduate of the local high school class of 1942, and a former student of Brown university, has been a member of the AAF for two years and has served for one year overseas.

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Sgt. Alex McEwan, who recently spent a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex McEwan, 256 Naida Terrace, has returned to his post at Ft. Ord, Calif. He is a member of an amphibious tank battalion.

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S/Sgt. Robert L. Phillips of the AAF, who has been stationed in the European area since August, has taken part in six daylight bombings, as radio operator aboard the "Miss Carol," a B-17 Flying Fortress. Sgt. Phillips, 22, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Phillips, 358 Vine, has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial combat.

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Cpl. Jack Gross, son of Mrs. Ethel E. Gross, 131 Pleasant, of the AAF, is now at a redistribution center in Miami, Fla., where he will



In spite of optimistic prophecies to the contrary the war is far from over and even if the shooting ceased tomorrow the tremendous cost of this conflict would still have to be met.

The Treasury Department has set aside the period from Nov. 20 to Dec. 16 for the Sixth War Loan campaign. Highland Park's quota is \$894,337 of which \$744,337 is allotted to the sale of bonds to individuals.

Highland Park has never failed in a War Loan drive to meet the quota set for it. The citizens of this community in the past have deemed it a privilege as well as a duty to

support with their dollars the men in our armed forces. The Highland Park Sixth War Loan committee believes that this community will more than live up to this excellent record during the current drive.

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