



I'M IN THE ARMY NOW

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AWAY FROM HOME:

It happened while my family and I were spending a vacation at Beaver Lake in Wisconsin. I was eight years old at the time.

Dad and I went into the local pavilion. There were slot machines all over and I was curious.

Dad, being a serious-minded father, wanted to teach me that gambling was evil.

"Son," he said, handing me a nickel, "this coin will buy you an ice cream cone or a big candy bar. Or, you can put it in the slot machine and lose it."

I thought for a minute.

Then I rushed to the slot machine, dropped in the coin, and pulled the lever.

I hit the jackpot!

ON BOB HOPE . . .

I used to think Bob Hope was the best comedian on the air.

His jokes were clean and clever then. But the ski-nosed comic has lowered his standards and is appealing to those who laugh at the "decencies which keep the world from falling apart" as The Pilot, official publication of the Catholic archdiocese of Boston, said recently when they severely criticized the actor for his "artful filth" and his bawdy gags and puns.

TOO BAD . . .

I remember when a large group of us used to gather around the radio and listen to Hope's Tuesday night fun show. He helped our morale on lonely nights.

That's not true now.

There are still radios in the barracks. But soldiers are no longer clustered around them listening to Hope.

In case you've forgotten, Bob, "the essence of humor is sensibility; warm, tender, fellow-feeling with all forms of existence."

Come on, Hope, give us clean entertainment . . . and help to raise our tastes and ideals.

Thanks.

POST EXCHANGES . . .

Several Highland Parkers have asked me about the Army post exchange.

It seems you all think soldiers can buy anything they want in an exchange store. And that we can buy unlimited quantities of whatever is available.

PURCHASES LIMITED . . .

Somehow you've been misinformed—like you were when you believed we were getting steaks, too.

A soldier can't buy a lot of things in the PX. And what he does

purchase is limited.

Let me give you some examples:

"Do you have any envelopes, Miss," I asked an exchange clerk. "Nope!"

"When will you have some?"

"I don't know. We haven't had any for a month."

(And so I went to a USO hostess and she gave me some envelopes.)

NO GUM, CANDY . . .

Belief is that soldiers can buy all the gum, film, candy, and cigarettes they want.

That's not true.

We're limited to one candy bar and one package of gum—if there is any of either.

And most of the time there isn't.

(Gum and candy are going to the lads overseas. They need it. They should have all we can send them.)

HOW ABOUT FILM? . . .

And how about film? For over a year now I've tried to buy my chum some. But the PX never seems to have any.

And cigarettes?

Well, I don't smoke, thanks, but some smoking sergeant friends of mine have dispatched me to the PX to buy smokes for them.

I find:

1. I can purchase only two packs—if there are any.

2. Cigarettes available are not popular brand preferred by the selective sergeants.

Draw your own conclusions from the above.

PARTING THOUGHT . . .

The average Highland Parker spends about 52 hours a year in church.

Yet, we expect that Man way up there in the wild blue yonder to guide, protect, and watch over us and our loved ones 8,760 hours a year.

We're not very appreciative, are we?

Foxhole Knees

Somewhere in the Pacific (Delayed)—The Saipan campaign added a new phrase to the pungent jargon of Marines, reports S/Sgt. Bob Cooke, Marine corps correspondent.

"Foxhole knees," the result of 30 nights of crouching in positions which would discourage a Hindu fakir, speak—or rather creak—for themselves.

SIXTH WAR LOAN BONDS—BUY THEM . . . KEEP THEM!

IN THE NATION'S SERVICE

Pfc. John M. Lawler, 22, paratrooper, veteran of engagements in North Africa, Sicily, Naples, Anzio Beach and Holland, is now taking part in the action in Germany.

Entering service in June, 1942, he shipped overseas the following April. Hospitalized at one time for malaria, he returned to action to receive wounds in the legs.

Pfc. Lawler is the son of Mrs. Beatrice Lawler, 448 Waukegan, Highwood.

Griggs Ehlman, son of Lt. Com. Waldo J. Ehlman, 1256 Burton St., has reported to Colgate university for training in the Navy Academic Refresher unit (V-7). The 86 men just entering form the fourth class since the Colgate unit opened July 27.

Ehlman, who holds a rating of seaman second class, will take 16 weeks of work at Colgate before entering a midshipman's school. All men in the unit were assigned direct from the fleet after showing officer aptitude. Ehlman was graduated from Mankato high school in 1940, and attended St. Olaf college. He joined the navy in Sept., 1943.

S/Sgt. Evo Mini, waist gunner on the B-17 Fortress, One Man's Family, has been awarded the air medal for meritorious achievement in aerial combat. Twenty years of age and a former student at the local high school, Sgt. Mini joined the AAF in March, 1943, and since reaching the European theater has taken part in 11 daylight bombing assaults. He is the son of Mrs. Julia Nardini, 321 Grove.

Capt. H. B. Lustigman, in service two years, is now serving with the auxiliary surgical corps of the U. S. army in Paris. Capt. Lustigman is a former house doctor at the local hospital.

Max Sues arrived in town recently on leave from his duties in radar at Pearl Harbor, and will receive a new assignment at the end of his leave. S/Sgt. Richard Sues, U.S. army paratrooper, is now stationed in New Guinea. They are the sons of Mrs. L. R. Sues, 536 Glencoe.

On Nov. 11, John R. Wheeler, son of Mrs. Peter McHugh, 135 Ravine Drive, received his commission as chemical warfare officer at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., after which ceremony he accompanied his mother home for a two-weeks' leave. He has now reported to Edgewood for assignment.

Lt. Wheeler, 19, was a student at Bell school, Lake Forest, and Phillips Military academy at Andover before attending the local high school, from which he was graduated in January, 1943. Then followed an accelerated course at Northwestern university, with further training at various posts before assignment to chemical warfare at Camp Rucker, Ala.

T/5 Arthur M. Lowrie, Jr., son of the late Arthur and Mrs. Lowrie, of Ravinia Park, is stationed in New Guinea with a malaria control unit. Entering the service in August, 1943, he has been six months overseas. Mrs. Arthur Lowrie, Jr., lives at Ravinia Park.

Pvt. Jimmy Buys Gets His Nazi—But Good!

"One of the bravest men in the regiment, repeatedly volunteering for hazardous duty," is Pvt. Jimmy Buys, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Buys, 367 Ravine Dr., according to his superior officers of Gen. Clark's 5th Army. And by the way an unsafe person for the enemy to monkey with.

Pvt. Buys was seeking a foxhole to occupy for the night. He found one, but in it was a German soldier who stood up and began to hurl hand grenades. Buys' rifle was blown from his hand and he received two head wounds.

This made Pvt. Buys just plain mad. Seizing a convenient pick-ax, he let the fellow have it—right over the head. Once was enough. Then Pvt. Buys reported for a brief hospitalization.

Jimmy is a graduate of Morgan Park high school, and was a student at Northwestern at the time of entering the service. He is 19 years of age and has served overseas since April. The family moved to Highland Park last spring.

Among the 18 men from Illinois commissioned signal corps 2nd lieutenants at Ft. Monmouth, N. J., Nov. 25, at the signal corps officer candidate school, was Robert E. Coleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Coleman, 25 Piccadilly avenue.

Lt. Coleman was graduated from the local high school in June, 1941, and attended Notre Dame university until the time of his enlistment in the army air force. Since that time he has received training in various air force schools of the country, previous to attending the signal corps school at Ft. Monmouth.

Stf. Sgt. Harry Walz Awarded Air Medal

"For exceptional meritorious achievement while participating in five separate bombing combat missions over continental Europe," is the beginning of the presidential citation received by Mr. and Mrs. George Walz, 220 Sheridan, Highwood, in behalf of their son, Stf. Sgt. Harry, 20, now held prisoner in Nazi territory. The commission will be followed shortly by the Air Medal, to be presented by an officer of the 6th Service Command, Chicago.

Following a raid over Germany last June, Sgt. Walz, tail gunner on a Liberator bomber, was taken prisoner. He is imprisoned in Stalag Luft No. 4.

Twenty months in the service, Sgt. Walz has been stationed in the European area since last March. His brother, Cpl. Raymond, is stationed in the Pacific area.

D-DAY VETERAN GETS HONORABLE DISCHARGE

Wounded in the invasion of France on D-4 day, hospitalized for three months in France for leg wounds received in that engagement, Pvt. Walter Jones, son of Mrs. Gertrude Weinacht, 139 North, Highwood, was granted an honorable discharge from the service on Nov. 20. He arrived home last week from a Missouri hospital. Pvt. Jones entered the service 20 months ago.

Gordon D. Banker, gunner specialist, 1/c, of the AAF, is now stationed at Vero Beach, Fla., where he is instructing in gunnery. His brother, T/Sgt. Willard, AAC, is stationed at Mercer, Calif. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Banker, 676 Deerfield Ave.

War Record of Air Group Eight

With a successful job of paving the way for the October landings in the Philippines, the Navy's crack Air Group Eight completed a 72,000 mile prowl of the Pacific, during which it hunted down the Japanese from New Guinea to Formosa, destroying and damaging 691 of his aircraft and sinking 44 of his ships.

Led by Commander Ralph L. Shifley, USN, of Mounds, Ill., Air Group Eight, operating from an Essex-class carrier, sent against the harried Jap a total of 192 strikes in actions ranging from the spectacular first battle of the Philippines Sea to the bombing and strafing of two-score enemy airfields.

The group is now in the United States on leave, after which it will enter training for another tour of duty. It numbers among its personnel a dozen or more top-flight Naval aviators whose exploits have been told in part before.

A member of this group is Lt. (j.g.) Robert A. Gosling, husband of the former Ann Mills, 602 St. Johns place. Mrs. Gosling is now in San Francisco with her husband.

MARINE VETERAN HOME FROM THE SO. PACIFIC

Pfc. Frank Jenks, USMC, veteran of 25 months' service in the South Pacific, is now in the States, and according to a telephone conversation on Tuesday evening, is in the market for plenty of "ham and mashed potatoes," his favorite food. Pfc. Jenks is 23 years of age and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jenks, Sr., 301 Ashland, Highwood.

LT. KLEMP SEEN IN NEWS REEL

An unexpected thrill greeted Mr. and Mrs. John Klemp, Sr., 310 N. Ridge, last week, when the picture of their son, Lt. John Klemp, flashed upon the screen during a newsreel at the local theatre. He was one of a group in England receiving congratulations from Gen. Doolittle.

Overseas since July, Lt. Klemp, a pilot, was recently awarded the air medal and the oak leaf cluster.

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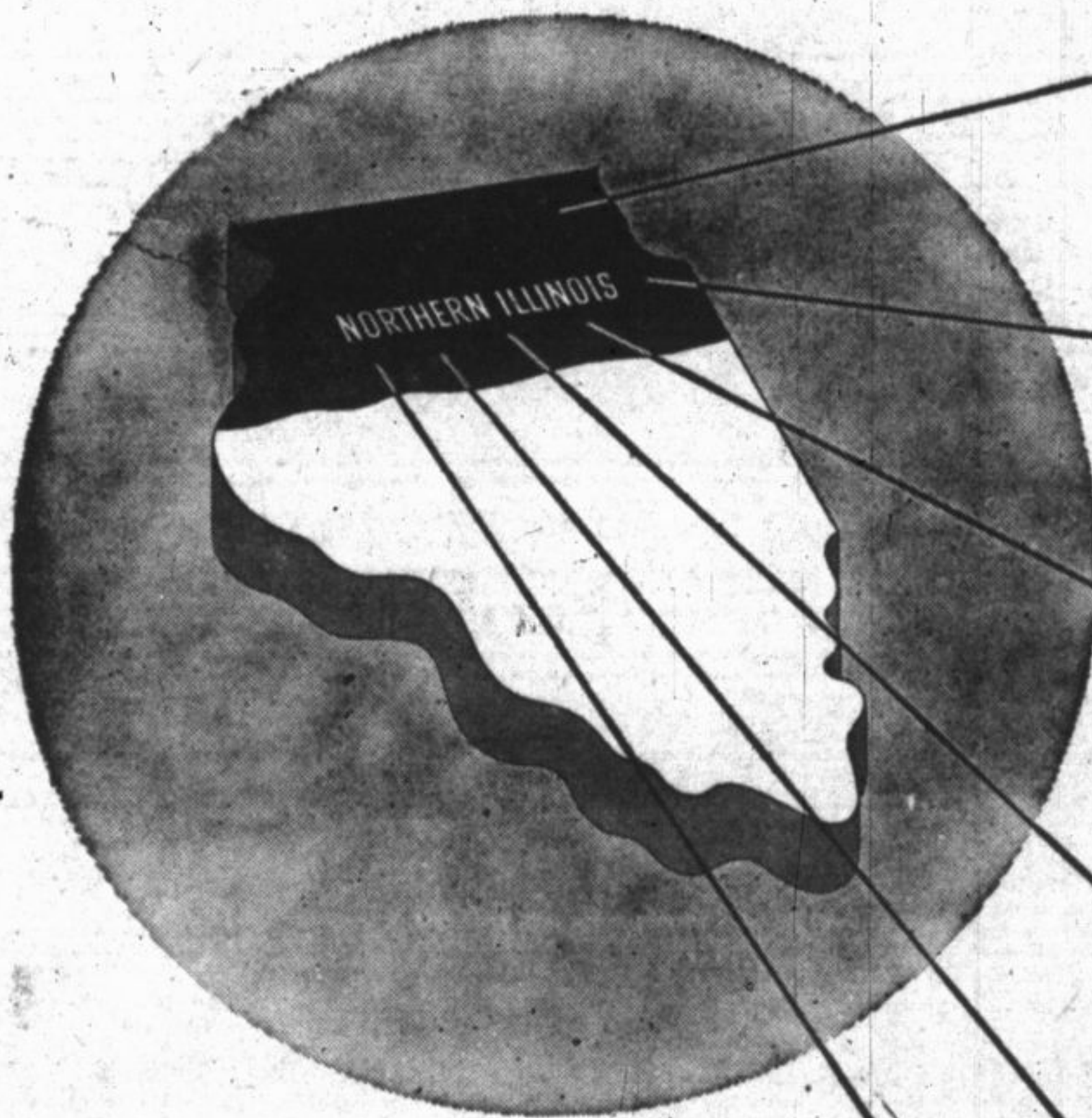
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