



I'M IN THE ARMY NOW

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Notes from My Notebook

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TOO FAR AWAY FROM HIGHLAND PARK, DEC. 7—

Readers will remember a column I wrote two weeks ago wherein I listed some of the "things" I like.

A Highland Parker who read the piece sent in some more "I Likes" the other day.

Here they are . . .

The 20th Century Limited to New York . . . Well-done meat . . . Riding a partially-filled North Western train FROM Chicago TO Highland Park . . . Joan Fontaine . . . The Waltzes of Strauss . . . Orchids . . . Fresh vegetables from victory gardens . . . The clicking sound made by North Shore trains . . . New golf balls . . . A train whistle late at night . . . The smell of hotcakes, bacon, and coffee blended together . . . Roast beef . . . That swishing sound when a basketball passes through the hoop . . . Barry Fitzgerald . . . Soft carpets . . . That invigorating sensation you get when you take a deep breath of this fresh December air . . . A warm bed on a cold night . . . Eating apples and fudge while sitting around a glowing fireplace in a cozy living room . . . Trimming a Christmas tree . . . Listening to the symphony on Sunday afternoons . . .

As one Highland Parker said the other day:

"By golly! There are a lot of things we like!"

CORRECTION, PLEASE . . .

Two weeks ago there were two misspelled names in this column. Both men are friends and if nothing else, they deserve correct spellings of their names.

So here, Sirs:
Lew Sarett.
Dale Harrison.

I NEVER KNEW . . .

A goat lives 10 years and gives a quart of milk daily . . . Turkey and chicken dark meat are good sources of iron . . . Some of the finest mink coats worn by Highland Parkers weigh only 75 ounces . . . Wrestlers in Japan sometimes weigh 350 pounds . . . That 19,000 deaths occur yearly from suicides . . . In pre-war days, Belgium's trade with the United States averaged more than \$1,000,000,000 a year . . . Yearly one million persons leave their homes because of debt, amnesia, boredom, wanderlust, and wife-nagging . . . Loudest noise ever heard in the world carried 3,000 miles: the eruption of the volcano Krakatoa in 1883 . . . The Amazon River basin is the largest tropical jungle in the world . . . Rubies and sapphires are used by the Army and Navy in delicate instruments . . . That

Santa Claus to his family this year, at 294 Hazel avenue, the family consisting of his wife, 14-year-old Russell, Sharon and Karen, two years apiece, and Gail, aged nine months. CPO Hansen is a veteran of the invasion of France. His sister, Mrs. Arthur Bess, lives at 108 McGovern.

Next to the thrill of seeing some dear one in the service is that of knowing he or she has contacted some old friend in his particular corner of the earth. So Mrs. Florence Schmidt, 640 Homewood, was delighted to hear that her son, Francis, recently promoted to the rank of chief petty officer, has visited with his old friend Roger Peddle, somewhere in the Pacific area. Now she is anxiously awaiting a photograph of CPO Francis in his new uniform. Mrs. Francis and baby daughter, Jean, recently visited at the Schmidt home.

Cpl. Betty, probably the only Highland Park WAO to be stationed overseas, is happily situated in an Italian town.

Eugene Peddle, of the army air corps, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peddle, 619 Homewood. A member of the 1944 graduating class, he completed his work in January of this year, and reported to San Antonio, Texas, where he completed his pre-flight training. Upon reporting to his base, Dec. 8, he will receive orders for the next phase of his training—primary flight. Eugene is 18 years of age.

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Ensign Pennish has seen a lot of war.

PARTING THOUGHT . . .

In after life you may have friends—fond, dear friends; but never will you have again the inexpressible love and gentleness lavished upon you which none but a mother bestows.—Macaulay.

IN THE NATION'S SERVICE

A happy Christmas is insured for the Amendola family, 1759 Pleasant, for S/Sgt. Frank, who has been stationed for 28 months in the Aleutians will be spending the holidays with them. He will also celebrate his 25th birthday, which falls on Christmas day.

The sergeant was, no doubt, greeted joyously by his pet dog, Kiaka, which he sent to his family from the Aleutians while he was stationed there. Amendola entered the service in April, 1941, and serves in the medical corps.

Also serving with the army medics is a brother, Earl, who entered the service in August, 1941. He is now stationed in the South Pacific area.

S/Sgt. Evo Mini, son of Julia Nardini, 321 Grove, Highland Park, recently enjoyed a seven-days' leave at an air service command rest home in England. The American Red Cross, in conjunction with the English air service command remodeled this English manor house to provide relaxation for American air men of the Allied armies in France.

This home supplies every type of recreational and rest facility—including a butler and tea served in bed.

Sgt. Mini, waist gunner on the B-17 Flying Fortress, "One Man's Family," is possessor of the Air Medal, and has completed 19 missions over enemy-occupied Europe. He is 20 years old.

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Roger, bugle master 3/c, USN, his 20-year-old brother, is aboard ship somewhere in the Pacific area. He is about a three hours' trip from John Schwalbach, of the Seabees, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Schwalbach, 600 Central, he writes but transportation is difficult.

Recently he received a surprise visit from CPO Francis Schmidt, son of Mrs. Florence Schmidt, 640 Homewood. Roger is a graduate of the 1943 graduating class.

Pvt. Wm. Riley, 186 Edgecliff, veteran of engagements in the Gilberts, Marshalls, Marianas and Carolines, has been commended, with the others of his outfit, for outstanding duty. Pvt. Riley serves with the maintenance forces of a 7th AAF medium bomber group, keeping the B-25 Mitchell bombers flying over the vast Pacific area.

"The ground crews and maintenance men have done their jobs well, and have won the respect of all who had an opportunity to work with them," said Col. Murray A. Bywater, commanding officer of the group, in his commendation.

Censorship has allowed Tom W. Brown, S1/c, (RM) USN, to reveal that he is now located aboard a PT boat in Leyte Bay, having taken part in the battle of Surigao straits and in the invasion of Leyte. His boat is called the "Galloping Guillotine."

He is in good health and appetite, having come through his "baptism of fire" without being too scared, he says.

Tom is 21 and has been with the navy since September, 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown, 353 Bloom.

Helicat Pilot Enjoys A Well-Earned Leave

Lt. (j.g.) and Mrs. Earling Zaeske, the former Bereath Nelson, with their son, Michael, returned last Thursday from a trip to Wisconsin Dells, and left the following day for the lieutenant's new base in Jacksonville, Fla., stopping in Missouri, Kentucky, Georgia and other points en route.

When Lt. Zaeske reached home on a 30-day leave, recently, for the first time in 13 months, he made the acquaintance of a very special stranger—his son Michael, just 21 1/2 years the junior of one of the "fightin'est" dads in the navy air corps, and undoubtedly lost no time in establishing a beachhead in the affections of the young fellow.

During his eight months in the Pacific theater, Lt. Zaeske was a pilot in Fighting Two, one of the navy's crack Helicat squadrons, which rolled up a score of 506 enemy planes destroyed, 2050 sorties and 1841 strikes, with 50,000 tons of enemy shipping sent to the bottom.

Duty in the States must seem "cushy" to the young fighter pilot (borrowing a term from World War I) for he has spent a rugged eight months in the Pacific theater, with 275 combat hours to his credit, his F6F Helicat often carrying 500- and 1000-pound bombs for blasting enemy installations and shipping. During this time he personally accounted for five enemy planes over Guam and Negros Island—the latter at a period when the whole Philippine archipelago was enemy-controlled. These accomplishments won for him the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal.

At one time, during the first

carrier attacks on the Philippines, less than 500 miles from Tokio, the seven fighters of Zaeske's squadron, facing vastly superior enemy odds, nevertheless accounted for 17 Jap planes with no loss to themselves.

A former track star at the local high school, Lt. Zaeske holds two county records for the half-mile run, and during his two years at Iowa State, was a member of the freshman track team. He won his commission and navy wings in April, 1943. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zaeske, 534 Lincoln Place.

Private Pete Boosts Morale of Unlettered

A comic strip entitled "Private Pete" has done its bit as a factor in training Uncle Sam's unlettered nephews in the use of the three R's. "Private Pete's" experiences in G. I. life correlate the student's immediate surroundings and interests with his studies. Ninety per cent of the trainees, taught in small groups, are said to absorb the equivalent of a 4th grade schooling in eight weeks, this accomplishment proving a definite boost to morale.

Four Moon Brothers Are Now in Uniform

A/C Verne A. Moon, AAFR, who enlisted in the service on September 6, 1943, and has been impatiently awaiting his assignment and uniform ever since, is now on his way. He reported to Ft. Sheridan on Dec. 6, and expects to train at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss. He is the fourth son of the Fred A. Moons, 598 Homewood, to don the uniform of his country.

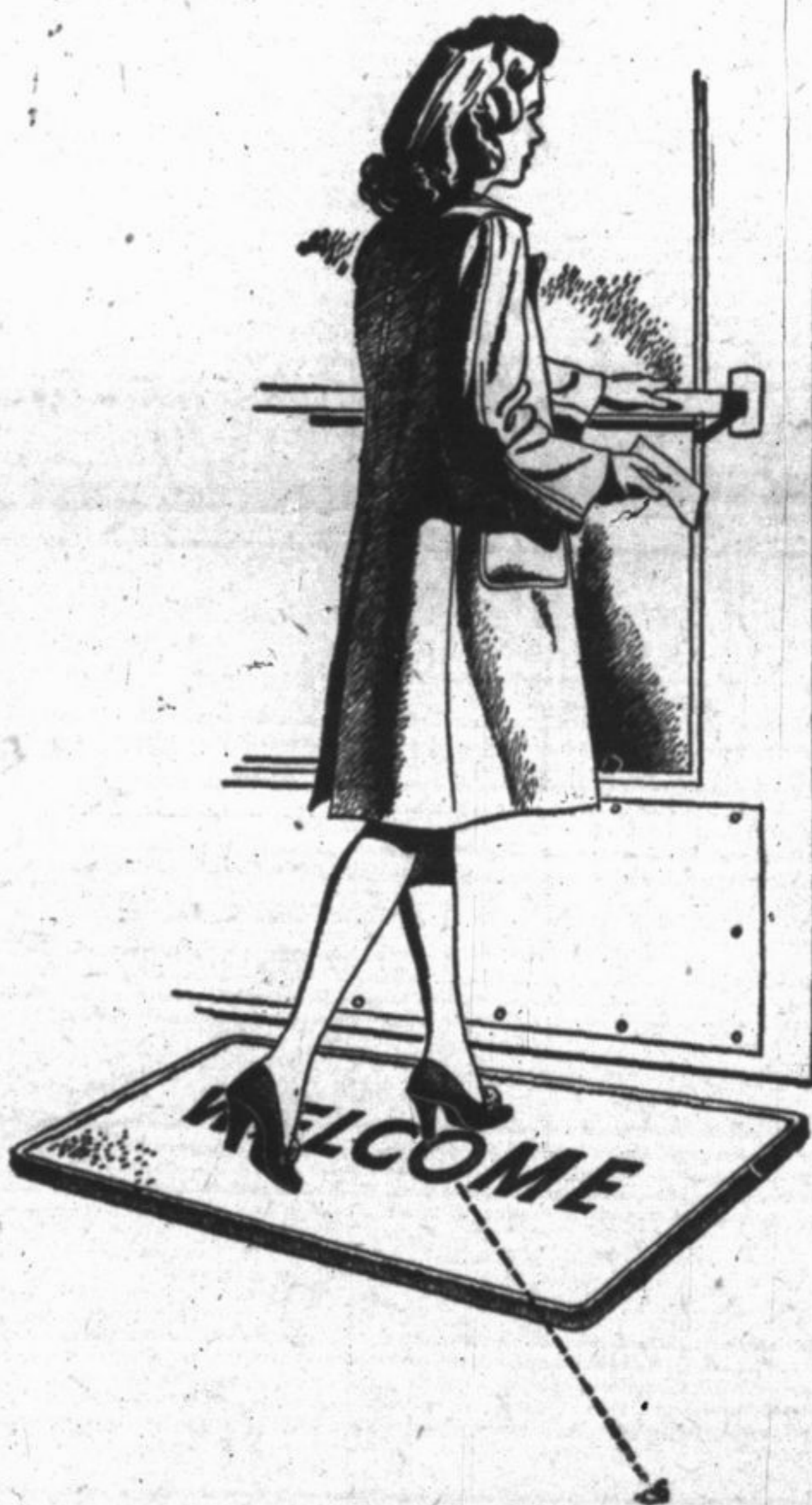
Lt. Robert E. Moon, who has been stationed as flying instructor at George Field, Ill., left recently for an overseas base.

Cpl. Melvin "Bud," with a light pontoon unit, is "dodging bombs n' bullets" in the Philippines. His duties include the occasional driving of a bulldozer.

Pvt. Lloyd is stationed in England with the motor pool of a hospital unit.

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