



I'M IN THE ARMY NOW

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Count Your Blessings!

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TOO FAR AWAY FROM HIGHLAND PARK, DEC. 14—

A letter from Pvt. John "Punch" L. Heymann, popular Highland Park, the other day.

"Punch" is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Heymann of 115 Park Lane Ave. At present the young soldier is in gunnery training at Harlingen, Texas.

The last part of his letter kind of brought a lump in my throat. It went like this:

"Christmas isn't far off. I'm surely going to miss being home. There is always such a swell Christmas in Highland Park, what with all the dances and gay things. But all I have to do is forget about being home and think of the millions of other fellows that won't be home — and some of them who'll never be home again."

Yes, Punch, you're right. And brave, too.

We're proud of you and all your young friends. You fellows are going to deliver that all-important knockout blow to the Axis.

Good luck!
And take care of yourself.

SEEMS STRANGE

I read a short news story in the Press a few weeks back which stated Highland Park's excellent library "was to be closed on Mondays during the winter to save fuel."

That's the spirit that will win the war for us.

But it seems strange to me that a library, a place of learning, has to close when beer halls, taverns, night clubs, and the like stay open around the clock.

TRUE STORY

A nun who is a professor of English at Mundelein College for women in Chicago told her students this story about herself:

She was reading a romantic novel which was holding mightily to

her interest. One morning, just before classes began, she stopped reading at a particularly thrilling part of the story. All day she was anxious to return to her reading.

LATER

After school she went to her office, slipped the book under the sleeve of her flowing habit, and walked to the nearby elevated train station.

She boarded the train, seated herself in the back section of the car, looked at the passengers, then casually and cautiously slipped the novel out.

As she opened it, a housewife sat down beside her. The housewife, not noticing the nun, took a small black book from her purse and began reading.

The book was the Holy Bible.

The sister said she smiled and then secretly returned the novel to the sanctity of her sleeve.

WHEN? WHERE?...

From time to time friends ask me when I'll leave this country; and when I do depart, where will I go?

There is no way to answer.

Where are the snows of yesterday?

No one knows.

And no one knows what goes on in the big, cluttered-up mind of the Army.



Coast Guard Chief Sees Action in the Pacific

Coast Guardsman Robert G. Jackson, chief boatswain's mate, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Jackson, 1516 Westview Rd., is seeking action as a gunner on an anti-aircraft gun aboard a Coast Guard-manned supply ship ferrying supplies to our invading forces in the far Pacific. Jackson, 24, is married to the former Alice Hodges of Apalachicola, Fla., and is the father of little Katherine, born on Thanksgiving day, and of whom he has not probably even yet heard. He entered the service in August, 1941. Mrs. Jackson and baby daughter are living in Apalachicola, which, next to St. Augustine, is the oldest town in the state of Florida.

A local high school graduate, Jackson attended school at Deep Springs, Calif., for two years, and Northwestern two years.

YOUR BLOOD MAY SAVE A LIFE

Be sure and keep your appointment at the blood bank if you have one. If you wish to make an appointment, call Wabash 7850. Your blood made into plasma will help save the life of one of our fighting men.

The blood bank is located at 5 N. Wabash avenue, Chicago. If you haven't experienced the thrill of thinking you've saved a life, call to make your appointment.

Pfc. Joseph Cortesi, 19, of the army infantry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Domenic Cortesi, 648 Deerfield, is now in a convalescent hospital in France recovering from wounds received in battle on October 1. A graduate of the local high school, he entered the service in June, 1943, and last April left the country for overseas.

Naval Aviation Board To Process Applicants During the Holidays

The Naval Aviation Selection board in Chicago announced today that all young men interested in applying for the navy's top-notch air-crewman training program are urged to take the necessary physical and mental examinations in Chicago during the Christmas holiday vacation. The board will process applicants each day except Christmas day and Sundays, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

All those interested should make application and definite appointment by writing to the Naval Aviation Selection board, Room 301, Board of Trade Building, Chicago. Transportation to Chicago will be mailed to applicants and meals and lodging will also be furnished if necessary.

Upon successful completion of the tests, applicants will be eligible to be sworn into the navy for this training which offers approximately fourteen months of instruction, equivalent to two years of college in such subjects as radar, mechanics, and ordnance.

Upon graduation, each man will also be awarded the coveted Navy's Silver Wings and a petty officer rating. As aviation specialists they will be equipped to team with the finest airmen — the navy pilots — in the greatest aid force in the world.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Turnquist, Chicago, a girl, Dec. 16.

Sgt. and Mrs. Harold Tobin, 917 Taylor, a boy, Dec. 16.

Capt. and Mrs. Robert Heelan, Fort Sheridan, a girl, Dec. 19.

Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph Lenzi, 336 Railway, Highwood, a girl, Dec. 20.

Nathan Udell Gets His Wings

Nathan L. Udell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Udell, 102 N. Sheridan, graduated from the school of navigation in San Marcos, Tex., Saturday, Dec. 16, and received his wings.

Lieut. Udell passed through Chicago Sunday on his way to spend a furlough with his wife in Orange, N. J. Upon his return to San Marcos he will be an instructor of navigation.

Lt. Udell served one and a half years as an aviation engineer in England.

WAR'S PACE REFLECTED ON HOME FRONT

The intensified pace of military operations everywhere is reflected in continued firm controls of civilian economy and further official steps to concentrate needed manpower and materials into war production. Thus Americans, as they celebrate Christmas day with appreciation of the fact that their fighting men have enabled them to keep lighted the Christmas spirit, are aware that they are about to open a new year of hard, incessant work with victory still to be earned.

CURRENT MAGAZINES ARE WANTED FOR HOSPITAL

Only current magazines are desired by the American Red Cross to be distributed at McIntyre hospital, Great Lakes. No women's magazines are wanted, but a suggestion to those contributing magazines is to include any type of geographical reading matter.

Magazines may be taken to the Red Cross center in the Public Service store, 521 Central. They are taken to the men at Great Lakes by Gray Ladies.

Highland Park USO

Thursday, Dec. 21—

There will be a juke box dance at 8 p.m. Refreshment sat 9:30, served by Mrs. Jester and her committee.

Friday, Dec. 22—

The Wives club will meet for luncheon at 12:30 at the USO. There will be music by the 344th Army band. During the band intermission there will be a variety show. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Carlstone and her committee.

Saturday, Dec. 23—

There will be dancing to the juke box and a movie at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Johnson.

Sunday, Dec. 24—

The Java club will meet for breakfast at 10 a.m. Supper will be served from 6 to 8 by Mrs. Newman and other members of Johanna lodge. At 7 p.m. the movie, "Holy Matrimony," with Gracie Fields and Monty Wooley, will be shown. From 9 to 11, there will be dancing to the juke box.

Monday, Dec. 25—

Dance instruction by Mrs. Lucy Smith will begin at 7 p.m. There will be dancing to the juke box and a home-like Christmas party. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Early.

Tuesday, Dec. 26—

The 740th MP band will furnish music for a formal dancing party sponsored by JWB. Men from the out-going unit at Great Lakes will be special guests. There will be entertainment during the band intermission. Refreshments served at 9:30.

Wednesday, Dec. 27—

The Married Couples club will meet for supper at 6:30. The duplicate bridge and tournament will continue at 8 p.m. There will be dancing to the juke box. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Holly.

IN THE NATION'S SERVICE

Home for a 30-day furlough, Don Seguin, of the U. S. Maritime service, is spending his birthday and Christmas day this year with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Seguin, 661 Central. Don was 22 on Dec. 19.

With the Merchant Marines since October, 1943, Don has crossed and recrossed the Atlantic in convoys to Africa, Italy and France. He returns to duty Dec. 26.

Sgt. Vaughn Winfrey, USMC, is spending a part of his 30-day furlough with Mrs. George Bowden and family, 625 Central, with whom he made his home before enlisting in the service. A close friend of the late Sgt. Geo. Bowden, he enlisted with him in the Marines and was with him in the tragic engagement at Tarawa.

Twenty-seven months in the Pacific area, he has seen action in various engagements, and was most recently stationed at Saipan.

Sgt. Winfrey will spend Christmas with his mother, who lives near St. Louis.

Sgt. Alfred Stratford, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Stratford, formerly of Highland Park, but now a resident of California, has received his fourth battle star and fourth gold star overseas chevron for service in the European area, according to letters received by his sisters, Mrs. Ruth Koppman, 395 North, and Mrs. Margary Kempke, 215 Everts, Highwood.

Thirty-one months in the service, Sgt. Stratford took part in the first engagement in Africa.

A brother, Cpl. Leonard, with the army engineers, is stationed in Italy, from which place have come many treasured souvenirs, among which are a luncheon set and a rosary blessed by the Pope. The brothers have been trying to stage a reunion, unsuccessfully, as yet.

A third brother, Sgt. John, AAF, is stationed in China, and souvenirs from that country include silk handkerchiefs, scarfs made from parachutes and a unique hand-tooled pin. Sgt. John has also been stationed at points in India and Africa during his 12 months overseas.

Donald G. Carr, P.O. 2/c, USN, has arrived home from the Pacific area to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Clara A. Carr, 916 Lincoln. At the end of his leave he will report to Washington, D.C., where he will attend advanced fire control school.

Pvt. Walter Oweiss, Jr., paratrooper, formerly stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga., is now receiving glider training at Camp Mackall, N. C. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Oweiss, 2215 Dell.

Pvt. Robert Christopher, 19, USA, who has been in the service for the past year and a half, is now stationed at Pearl Harbor. He is the son of Sgt. and Mrs. Walter Smith, 321 Oak Ter., Highwood. Sgt. Smith is a patient at the Madiga hospital, Fort Lewis, Wash.

Lt. (j.g.) John O'Connor, aboard the Carrier Princeton, which was lost recently in Philippine waters, is visiting his wife, infant son, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connor, 590 Glencoe. He is on a 30-day leave.

Louis Wagner, Yeoman 1/c, USN, veteran of the invasions of Africa, Sicily and France, and of many months of sea duty, will again report for duty after spending the holidays with his wife at 125 N. Green Bay.

Daniel Murphy, seaman 2/c, USN, recently took part in the battles of Surigo and Leyte. In service since March, Seaman Murphy has been for six months at sea aboard a destroyer. He is the son of Lyman Murphy, now engaged in civil service work in the Aleutians, and the nephew of Mrs. Enea Picchietti, 447 Glencoe, with whom he has lived in recent years.

A local survivor of the escort carrier, St. Lo, Lt. (j.g.) Bradford Larson, is spending the holidays with his wife and son, Kent, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Larson, 133 S. Green Bay. Lt. Larson was rescued after being in the water for over two hours. Further details await the lifting of the censorship.

MORE WARWORKERS OR MORE WAR?



"Your increased work will shorten the war and save thousands of lives."
—GENERAL EISENHOWER

MEN! WOMEN! Provide firepower for Eisenhower GET A WAR JOB! KEEP IT!

This is an emergency. Need for warworkers in certain key industries has suddenly increased. Our armed forces have advanced with such amazing speed—and fighting is now so intensely violent—that we have actually used up ammunition and supplies intended for use next MARCH.

Shells are being rationed on some fronts. . . General Eisenhower states that Aachen could have been taken several days sooner, and many American lives could have been saved, if we had had more shells. . . other materials and equipment—such as tanks, jeeps, big guns, small arms ammunition, aircraft engines—are also needed desperately by our fighting forces.

The warworkers of this area have already done a magnificent production job. But now, more production than ever is needed.

Unfortunately, our military successes have led many people to believe our need for war production is nearly at an end. THIS IS NOT TRUE. War Production Board has just announced that war production will probably not be cut back much more than 15% when Germany is defeated—because we will need so much firepower and equipment to defeat Japan.

Help shorten the war—get a war job and keep it. Call your nearest U. S. Employment Service office.

These are "MUST" jobs . . .

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- Mechanists • Turret Lathe Operators
- Radar Equipment Assemblers • Mechanics
- Pattern Makers • Core Makers
- Tool and Die Makers • Inspectors
- Engine Lathe Operators • Designers
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