



## I'M IN THE ARMY NOW

By  
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### Our Readers Write

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#### ABOUT HIGHLAND PARKERS

Comes a letter from Lt. (j.g.) Alan Bede, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bede of 1813 Rice/St. Highland Parkers will remember Al was the lad who had a straight "A" average at HPHS and Northwestern and who ran a speedy high hurdle race for coaches. A. E. "Deac" Wolters and "Chuck" Lauer.

Alan was a supply officer with a Seabee outfit for 16 months in the Pacific area. He's a surplus supply officer now and is touring war plants hereabouts finding ways of selling excess war materials.

He pens... "I've been meaning to write you for a long time... I read your column weekly and get a real bang out of it. (Well, Al, thanks, ol' man.) Maybe this letter of mine can give you some recent dope on the goings on of Highland Parkers..."

#### SEES FRIENDS

"About a month ago S. Sgt. Tom Simpson (son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Simpson of 130 Roger Williams Ave.) was home from Keesler Field, Miss., where he's in the M.P.'s..."

"He's still the same old guy but probably a little quieter than before... He's been in the Army since '41 which is a long time in any man's language. (Right!)"

"Also home at that time was Marshall Johnson (son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall L. Johnson of 2141 Oak Knoll Tr.) who'd just finished pre-flight training. Now he's at some primary school although I don't know where..."

"Ensign 'Chuck' Rietz was home not long ago. (I'm sorry I missed him.) By now he's commissioned his new LSM. (Shorter version of LSMFT? Isn't this a war of initials, though?)"

#### JOE IS OVER THERE

"Lt. Jo Eyer (son of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey J. Eyer, 334 Marshall) writes that he's been in the CBI theater for over a year, but I can't find out what he's doing. (Nor I, Al. Last time I saw Jo was just after he received his commission. We met at Ravinia Opera on opening night.)"

"Seaman 1st Class Dick Thorsch

(son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Thorsch, 137 Beech St.) is at Coronado Cal., waiting to be shipped out as a quartermaster aboard ship. (Hmmm. I thought Dick was slated to be a Navy pilot.)

"Remember Paul Wells? (Very well.) He's a dental officer in the Navy and is now aboard an attack transport in the Pacific. (Around Iwo Jima, perhaps?)"

"Art Hoffman, after being at Great Lakes for a while, is now at Pensacola, Fla., going to aerial gunnery school. He had a tough time making up his mind whether to be a radio technician or a physical training instructor... He's one busy guy who hasn't changed a bit and is still the prince he always was. (Agreed. Where's his wife and his baby?)"

Some day perhaps our old gang can get together once more. (Speed the day) I hope so. (I, too.) Best of luck to you, Whitt. (Same to you, Al. And thanks for your letter. Write again soon—and that goes for the rest of you Highland Parkers!)"

#### HANK WRITES A BIT, TOO

Lt. Hank Wilder — voted the most popular in his high school graduating class '37, and one of Highland Park's favorites—writes this bit from away out on the lonely, blue Pacific...

"... There is so much that can be done to help the world — both in our communities and in the world at large. (True, Hank. If more towns were as fine as Highland Park, this would be a better world, I'm thinking.)"

"There are so many answers—yet so few are correct. How desperately the world needs men with foresight, leadership, and just plain GUTS! (Like navy officers who are executive officers on mine sweepers in bitter combat areas)..."

### Lt. Le Roy R. Haas, USMC, Writes From Iwo Jima

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy R. Haas, 2116 Grove, Highland Park, have had several letters recently from their son, Marine Lt. LeRoy R. Haas Jr., from Iwo Jima in the South Pacific.

Lt. Haas, former Highland Park high school athlete and captain of the baseball team in his last year, is assigned to headquarters battalion, 3rd Jasco (joint assault signal company) of the 3rd marine division.

In his first letter from Iwo, Lt. Haas said that he was writing from the regimental command post directly behind the firing line. Artillery and mortar shells were still exploding all around them and the whine of Jap snipers' bullets was almost constant. The marines, however, were moving forward and crowding the Japs back against the ocean.

Lt. Haas, who also participated in the invasion of Guam, characterized Iwo as the "most rugged action" so far as the Jap high command had prepared their defenses well. Moving up the center of the island to the north, he reports that while the marines suffered casualties, especially from the Jap 150 mm howitzers, they were gaining steadily and giving the enemy a mauling.

In his second letter, Lt. Haas said that while fighting was still going on, he had reached a point so far up the island that water was visible on either side and the remaining Japs were squeezed into two small pockets on the northernmost point of the island. He said that what he wanted most was a shave and shower, having had neither for more than three weeks, nor had his clothes off in that time.

The volcanic ash which covers the island had seeped into his hair, clothes and food, and there was no escape from it. As he wrote, Lt. Haas said that American planes strafing the remaining Japs were flying so low that he could distinctly hear their machine gun fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Haas have two Japanese rifles, one a .25 calibre carbine and the other a .31 calibre sniper's rifle, which their son sent them from Guam, explaining that "the guys he got them from won't need them any more."

Lt. Haas left Northwestern university in his junior year to join the marine corps and has been in the South Pacific a year. He trained at San Diego, graduated from officers training school at Quantico, Va.; the communications school at Fort Monmouth, N. J., and amphibious operations school, Norfolk, Va. He was promoted to first lieutenant in January.

### Every Woman Can Help As Red Cross Nurse's Aide

According to Mrs. Richard Kebbon, in charge of nurse's aide recruiting for Highland Park, every woman can find a job by alleviating the nursing shortage. In progress at the present time is a campaign to recruit thousands of women to serve in the nursing branches of the armed forces and civilian hospitals.

This campaign, states Mrs. Kebbon, is a part of a joint nationwide nursing-recruiting plan just completed by American Red Cross officials and all agencies concerned with recruiting army and navy nurses, veterans administration nurses, WAC hospital technicians, Red Cross volunteer nurse's aids and Red Cross home nursing students.

### One Hundred One Girls Serve Red Cross Overseas

One hundred and one girls from the Chicago area are serving with the Red Cross overseas as hospital workers, stenographers, and staff assistants.

Red Cross girls are serving in England, North Africa, New Caledonia, India, Sicily, France, Australia, Iceland, Greenland and the Middle East. Other women are needed to help them meet these far-flung assignments. Women over 25 with college or professional experience to qualify them for such work are urged to apply at 529 S. Wabash avenue, Chicago, personnel office, immediately.

Staff assistants are called upon for a variety of recreational work in the clubmobiles, leave area clubs, rest camps, fleet camps, and aerohuts.

### Military Funeral for Irvin Veitch, Seabee

Sailors from Great Lakes naval training station assisted at the funeral rites of Irvin Fred Veitch, of the Seabees, on Monday, at 2 p.m. at the United Evangelical church. Mrs. Thelma Daggett sang two hymns. Rites were conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. S. Wilson.

Irving passed away at a naval hospital in California following a year's illness. He was 20 years of age.

Interment was made at the Northshore Garden of Memories.

A brother, Willard, USN, stationed at Ft. Lauderdale, was present for the services. Also surviving are his mother, Mrs. Lottie Veitch, his grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson and an aunt, Mrs. August Bleich, 625 Ridge.

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## IN THE NATION'S SERVICE

Lt. John Benson, of the AAF, arrived in town last Saturday to spend a 22 days' leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Benson, 1412 Pleasant.

Two years in the service, Lt. Benson has served one year in the European area, performing 65 missions over Germany. He possesses the E.T.O. medal with 4 battle stars. At the end of his leave he will be stationed at a California rest camp.

His brother, S/Sgt. Robert, also of the AAF, is now in Italy. The brothers were inducted in service within one month of each other.

The Fred Mooria, 598 Homewood, are represented by their four sons in various areas of war. T. S. Melvin, "Bud," veteran of the invasion of Leyte, and with the first convoy to land on Luzon, is now in a New Guinea hospital, recovering nicely from wounds received in an engagement in or near Manila. Lt. Robert, AAF, and Pfc. Lloyd, member of a hospital unit, are stationed in England. They met recently for a short visit. Pvt. Verne, AAF, training at Ft. Meyer, Fla., expects to become a gunner on a B-29.

One of the marine corps daughters of the Hearst W. Cadys recently spent a 15-day furlough with her parents at 339 E. Park. Accompanying her was a buddy, Pfc. Gretta Barker, of Lawrenceville, Ind. The young marines are stationed at Pendleton Field, Calif.

Cpl. Margot, the other daughter, is stationed at Honolulu, serving in an auditor's office. She was one of the first of the corps to leave the country for overseas.

Two lieutenants and one captain represent Mrs. George W. Kellner, 157 Vine, in the armed services. Recently 1st Lt. Robert, of the army infantry, married Lt. Evelyn Eller, of the army nurse corps, adding a fourth officer to the family score. 2nd Lt. William and Capt. George are both stationed in Germany.

Rev. and Mrs. Christoph Keller, 340 Prospect, are enjoying a visit from their son, Capt. Sherman, squadron navigation officer, and

veteran of 40 completed missions in the Pacific theater of war. The captain is the possessor of the distinguished flying cross.

Robert Wieder, coxswain, USN, 1943 graduate at Highland Park high, who left the country the following August, after completing his basic training at Great Lakes, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Wieder, 1916 Hiawatha, that he is now stationed on Leyte.

Two of the three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Early, 214 N. Second, have been wounded in the service of their country.

Pfc. Howard, wounded in Germany last October, is now a patient in a hospital at Temple, Tex. His wife and daughter are with him. He recently spent a 45-day furlough at home. He has undergone several minor and one major operation.

Pvt. Russell, now at a hospital in Walla Walla, Wash., was injured in New Guinea last September. He expects a furlough soon.

Robert, radar 2/c, USN, has been for 15 months in the Pacific area. His wife and son live in Chicago.

Camp Davis, N. C. — Captain Charles Osborn of Deerfield, has reported here for duty as the assistant special services officer. Camp Davis is an installation of the army air forces personnel distribution command.

Prior to reporting here, Capt. Osborn was engaged in special services work at both Nashville, Tenn., and Louisville, Ky., at convalescent hospitals. Before entering the service, Capt. Osborn worked with the Caterpillar Tractor company at Peoria, Ill. He previously had attended Bradley Tech in the same city.

#### Coast Guard Firsts

First to carry the news of Dewey at Manila was the coast guard cutter McCulloch, which carried it from Manila to Hong Kong, where it was put on the cable. And a coast guard-manned frigate fired the first shot in the recent liberation of the Philippines.

# SAVE OUR TREES



Until a few days ago this was a beautiful, wooded park on Roger Williams Avenue in Ravinia.

For generations these trees have been preserved as part of the natural beauty of Highland Park. Does their destruction mean that our community has lost interest in protecting its most precious asset?

Two of our Park Board members steadfastly opposed the destruction of these trees. These two men, W. Fred Gallagher and Marshall Johnson, have consented to be candidates for reelection.

If Highland Park is to continue to maintain its prestige as a lovely place in which to live, it is essential that only those who appreciate the worth of trees be members of our Park Board. If you want to stop further butchery of our parks, it is your civic obligation to register your disapproval of this ruthless tree slaughter. Go to the polls and vote for

**W. FRED GALLAGHER**  
and  
**MARSHALL JOHNSON**  
at the regular Park Board Election, Tuesday, April 3rd