

Spring—You're Wonderful!

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You're wonderful, Spring!

You're so gay, so young, so fresh, so alive. You're that bud over there on that bush - bursting with life, blooming into a beautiful flower.

There's no meanness in you, Spring!

happy you don't.

You were born to renew, refresh, create. You're doing well hum? already, Spring, 'cause we're all feeling better since you same.

THE SOUNDS OF SPRING . . .

You bring with you such pleasant sounds . .

A baseball bat hitting home plate . . . Roller skates on chil- mind are really all that are im- Leathernecks in January, 1943. dren's active feet . . . The lazy lapping of the lake against the shore A cricket chirping . . . Wet. clean clothes flapping in the air from your warm and gentle breath . . . The roar of tractors as they pull plows through the wintered ground . . .

Ah, yes, Spring; you, like a Mother can make a man happywherever he may be . . . You can show him that all is not lost . That there is life . . . And there is deed, you're the heart of that Man happiness . . . And that man can live in this world light-heartedly sky. as you do . .

MEMORIES . .

O, Spring, what is this charm and ... well ...) that you have over us? This charm that makes us smile and open our hearts and remember the gay days in certain yesteryears? . . .

so easily all these sweet memories mayed by the one, dazzled by the of peaceful years, of years when our friends were here in Highland Park - alive, well, strong? . . .

How do you do this, Spring? Yes, and how do you make the You don't know there's a war rain smell so good? And how do going on. And I, for one, am you make the flowers grow? And Alex Haincek, USMC, the birds sing? And the frogs croak? And the bees buzz and

A MIND AT PEACE . . .

urges man to build, makes him the removal of a bullet imbedded realize his family, his health, his in a rib, during the engagement at home, and his peacefulness of Iwo Jima. Haincek joined the

Being in uniform, Spring, guess I should salute you . . . But I want to do more than

I want to embrace you; I want to drink in your loveliness; I want to fasten myself to your heart and find solace in your clean mind.

Yes, Spring, to us you're al that is right and bright. You're what the Church preaches . . . Inway far up there in the wild, blue

(Editor's Note: Spring settled in our typewriter keys this week

PARTINGTHOUGHT

"Shadow and light, dark days and bright. Evil and good will be How come you can bring back thy lot as everyman's. Be not disother. Keep thou the path. Life's achievements and not its pleasures bring thee lasting happiness."

THE NATION'S SERVICE

Greene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. on receipt of which they were de-George Greene, of 504 Gray ave- livered to Egypt, their original desnue, has been promoted to her present rank at the marine auxiliary air field. Congaree Field, S. Car.

May 22, 1943, and is now on duty his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. as non-commissioned officer in Nichols, 47 Elm, Highwood. Eighcharge of the bus department at teen months in the Pacific area, this field.

State Teacher's college, she was in Chicago. He is 23 years of age. employed as a school teacher at Waukegan, prior to her enlisting.

veteran of 33 months' service in blast concussion received at Iwo the European area, is enjoying a Jima on Feb. 29, according to of leave with his wife and two small ficial notices received by his mothsons, who are at present living at er, Mrs. O'Dell Waugh, 2 Burtis, the home of her parents, Mr. and Highwood. Leaving high school in Mrs. C. L. Perkins of Deerfield.

Capt. White, who possesses the bronze star medal, took part in the African, Tunisian and Italian campaigns. He will report for is at present hospitalized in Engduty early in May.

NAF, who has served for eight living with her parents at 414 Mcmonths in the Pacific area, is expected home daily by Mrs. Blatchford, who, with her infant son, is living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Roach, 199 Ravine.

During his service in the Pacific area, the lieutenant took part in the bombing of Tokio.

Lt. Wm. R. Tenney, Jr., USN, son of the W. R. Tenney's, 785 Oak Grove, has seen three and one-half years service in the Pa-During that time he has 8th. taken part in five major invasions -Green and Emerau, in the Bismarck group, Guam, Leyte and Luzon. The latter, he asserts, was the most rugged engagement,

2nd Lt. Robert, a brother, is with the infantry at Camp Maxey, Texas.

now stationed in Egypt, according chological unit to determine his to a letter received by his parents. qualifications as a pre-aviation ca-Mr. and Mrs. Harry Richman, 655 det.

way round to get there. New York, he and five other AAF when his qualifications have been men were given orders to stay determined he will go to the proper aboard until officially removed. army air forces training command Followed weeks of cruising, living station to begin his actual air crew in comfort, however, until they training. began to pine for dry land once Ens. Charles Shanafelt, NAF pis more. But leaving the ship would lot, now stationed at Jacksonville. be desertion, according to their or- Fla., recently visited his parents. ders. Through some slip, they had Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Shanafelt, 1410 evidently become forgotten men. Pleasant. His younger brother. Finally army authorities in Calcut- Don, 18, of the AAF, is now trainta received them vith reluctance, ing at Keesler Field, Miss.

Marine Staff Sergeant Vera M. | and checked up on their orders, up-

Hiram Nichols, Qm. 2/c, USCG, has returned to duty aboard ship,

She entered the marine corps after spending a short leave with Nichols recently under went an A graduate of Northern Illinois operation in a marine hospital

Henry J. Erickson, 19, hospital attendant 1/c, USMC, is at present Capt. Jack White, U. S. army, hospitalized at a Pacific base for May, 1943, to enlist in the service, he also took part in the invasion of Guam.

Pfc. Donald Erickson, a brother, land, having contracted pneumonia while fighting in France. His Lt. F. Kent Blatchford, of the wife, the former Gloria Orsini, is Daniels.

> Pfc. Gilbert Pantle, 23, stationed in France, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pantle, 828 Deerfield, of slight wounds received. He is, he states, receiving the best of care, and expects to be released soon. Inducted into service in December, 1942, he left for overseas last August.

> Pfc. Alvin, 21, a brother, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in Germany, Dec.

> Pvt. Willard, 18, inducted last November, is presumably now stationed at an overseas port.

Having arrived at Keesler Field, Miss., Pvt. Leonard Fred Farelli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peno Farelli, 227 Highwood avenue, is now being examined by the AAF training T/Sgt. David Richman, 23, is command station medical and psy-

Deerfield, but he went the long The period of his stay at the field will include a number of Placed aboard a Liberty ship in phases of military training, and

Local Man Wins Legion of Merit

WITH THE VI CORPS, SEV. ENTH ARMY, France. - It was announced recently that Col. Kermit L. Davis of Highland Park has been awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious service with the VI corps in France, by the commanding general, Maj. Gen. Edward Brooks.

Col. Davis, a graduate of the U. S. Military academy at West Point in 1934, holds the Purple Heart, Silver Star and Bronze Star.

His wife resides at 396 Walk er avenue. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Davis, reside in Rockwood, Mich.

The colonel has been serving overseas for 28 months, and was formerly with the Third division.

Wounded at Iwo Jima

Pfc. Alex Haincek, USMC, son of Mrs. Joseph Borgini, 207 Jeffry, Highwood, has written from True, you are the awakening a fleet hospital in the Pacific that season. You are that time that he has undergone an operation for and left for overseas the following November. He will be 22 on April 11.

When a salvo of marine artillery would cut loose on Iwo, marines would assure themselves: "That's ours." When an explosion would send gullies of sand running down the shelter walls, someone would remark: "That's theirs."

was close."

T-Sgt. Evo Mini Is Home on Leave

T/Sgt. Evo Mini, of the AAF, 1943 graduate of the local high with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julio Mini, 321 Grove, Highwood. It is marvelous, being home again,

territory, and has been awarded fox-holes. the air medal with five oak leaf Cross, and the Presidential citation with one cluster "for meritorious achievement for participating in aerial combat." His toughest assignment occurred on Dec. 5, he

Although he asserts that being home gives you the most wonderful feeling, he is anxious to get started again. He will report on April 25 to Santa Anna, Calif., for three to six weeks' rest, and then expects to be assigned to a B-29 for service in the Pacific area.

A brother, Pvt. Albert Mini, now stationed in Washington, D.C.

Dancing Parties at Highland Park USO

Special Parties-Friday, April 6-

Dancing party from 8 to 11. Music by the 344th army band. Variety show at 9 p.m. Refreshments at 9:30. Tuesday, April 10-

The Wilmette Rotary club will sponsor a special dancing party from 8 to 11. Service men and GSO girls will dance to the music Later, finding Jap duds in their of the 344th army band. An all area, with shell fragments in their G. I. show presented by men from sandbags, the comment was: "That Fort Sheridan. Refreshments at

Cpl. Philip Zoul Safe on Iwo Jima

Friends who have been concerned as to the safety of Cpl.

Carl Johnson Promoted To Rank of Captain

the rank of captain.

France, Belgium and Germany. Anna Johnson, 641 Glenview.

Six Busy Women Work Wonders at 'Y'

A special feature of the annual YWCA meeting, April 5, will be school, is enjoying a 21-day leave Philip Zoul, 21, who was known to an exhibit of 23 or more quilts. have taken part in the Iwo Jima dozens of children's dresses. engagement, will be glad to learn beanies and sweaters to be given that two letters from him arrived to the Red Cross. These items at the Llewellyn home, 121 Prairie, were turned out in the last two or The fine-looking young bombar- Highwood, on Saturday, stating three months by seven women who dier, just turned 21, has been in that he was safe. No letter had have asked to remain anonymous. the service since March, 1943, and been received from him since Jan. Who meet faithfully at the. "Y" based in England for the last nine 26. He states that he has been every Thursday and who donate months. During this time he has kept busy, the going has been rug- or beg friends for materials used. flown on 35 missions over German ged and that he lives mostly in Sometimes practically worn out women's dresses find themselves Cpl. Zoul also took part in the amazingly cut down and trimmed clusters, the Distinguished Flying Marshalls, Saipan and Tinian cam- up into very useful children's clothing. As for wool "gathering"-beware of the seven ladies' itching fingers - for odd balls of yarn turn out many an unepected tiny sweater and cap. Small Carl J. Johnson, P-47 thunder- pieces of cotton material so hard bolt fighter bomber and flight to buy now help make up the many commander, has been promoted to quilts turned out by this energetic group. Old sheets, worn cot-He has been awarded the Dis- ton blankets, even drapes, help to tinguished Flying Cross, the Air fill and back the quilts. Anyone Medal with 16 oak leaf clusters viewing the display, which is open and the Presidential Distinguished to the public Thursday evening, Unit badge, and has participated will be moved to look around at in more than 95 missions over home for odds and ends gathering dust or moths and drop in to see He is 28 and the son of Mrs. the ladies some Thursday at the

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