

I'M IN THE ARMY NOW

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Off We Go!

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AT AN OVERSEAS REPLACEMENT DEPOT SOMEWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES—

My orders read that I was to leave Chanute Field and the plains of Illinois last Thursday, April 26. There was much to be done before I departed.

Granted two quick passes, I sped to Highland Park in order that I might be with my family for the last few hours. My hours at home were happy and they were highlighted by a visit with my sister, Mary Jane Roberts, in Evanston. Sis surprised all of us recently—including herself—when she gave birth to twin boys. She was expecting a baby girl and had purchased all the dainty necessities which go with a feminine youngster.

FEEDS A TWIN

Sis permitted me to feed John Northmore Roberts at his two o'clock "bottle feast." Frankly I was thrilled at this new experience and I do hope I didn't give the little fellow too much in too big a hurry.

Judy, my youngest sister, fed William Taft Roberts with far more skill.

From Sis' Evanston home I returned to Highland Park to visit with Wally Carr, Sally Brooks, and others. If only there had been more hours to say goodbye to all my friends... But a soldier's time is so limited—particularly when he's readying himself for overseas.

LAST DAY AT HOME

My last day at home—there wasn't time for a furlough or a delay en route—I went to the PRESS offices where I chatted briefly with my editors, Mr. and Mrs. Lester S. Olson. I told them that I'd continue to write these weekly pieces.

"Write about all the things you're doing," pleasant Mrs. Olson said, "and tell us all about your new life and experiences."

And that I will. So... back to Chanute I went to turn in my clothes—we get new ones when we go over—to complete final processing, and to say more goodbyes. I almost got through the processing line when a dental officer stopped me and said:

"I can't let you go overseas with teeth like that!"

"How come, Sir?" I questioned, telling him that the dental clinic had just finished hours of drilling and pounding, and capping on my

teeth, pronouncing them perfect, or Class 4.

"They're some cavities still there, Corporal, and you can't leave 'til they're filled."

"Yes, Sir." Back I went to the clinic for a RUSH appointment. For 150 minutes I sat in that dentist's chair—sweating, jumping, making faces of great pain.

"That's all. Your teeth are perfect now. You can go overseas," he said.

"Thank you, Sir," I said, sounding like my mouth was filled with red hot rocket bombs.

Processing finished, I began bidding farewell to the scores of friends I had made during the 20 months I was a Chanute.

Maj. Thomas V. Watson, public relations officer and my "boss," gave me some good advice and jokingly asked (I think!) if he could have a job working for me after the war.

My other friends—Al Sager, Ben Lentz, Dave Dillon, Russ Clary, John Hedrick, Bill Henley, Elbur Parnell, Ken Olds, Kit Bray, Mike Duncan, Manny Duran, Dot Harris, Elmer Pedersen, Bill Judy, Dick Welty, William Davis, Al Buthers, Joe Schoenberger, Pat Stanton, George Leonard, Ralph Bartolemi, Loyd Null, Herb Hedblom, Jack Chaiken, and many others—wished me good luck as I hoisted my barracks bag on my shoulder and left Chanute's gates.

LEARNED A LOT

My tour of duty at Chanute had been interesting and I had learned a lot about newspaper writing and editing while there.

I was routed through Chicago. When I arrived in the Windy City for the last time, I called my folks. They wanted to come to the station and say goodbye... and I wanted very much to see them for the last time... but I figured it would be best if we let our last goodbye suffice. And we did.

Promptly at 8:30 p.m., last Thursday, April 26, S. Sgt. Edgar Dodenhoff, a young father and my traveling companion, and I left Chicago bound for this overseas replacement depot.

(To be continued)

Cpl. Arthur Stancliffe, husband of the former Marian Bell, 522 Lincoln, is now stationed in Calcutta, India, with a ground crew of the AAF. Cpl. Athol Bell, her brother, has been stationed for several months with the 7th army in Germany.

Highland Parker Wins High Military Awards

High military decorations—the Silver Star and the Bronze Star—have been awarded Lt. James Garrity, husband of Mrs. Rose Garrity, 235 Oak Ridge, Highwood, in the Pacific theater of action.

These honors were won by his efficiency as a leader and his natural bent for scouting and patrolling, put to use on New Guinea and Luzon.

It is attributed to his resourcefulness and remarkable technique in jungle reconnaissance that his platoon has suffered no casualties.

Lt. Garrity is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Garrity, 141 Highwood avenue, Highwood.

Pfc. Leland Plagge Lost in Action April 8

V-E Day is robbed of its thrill for Mr. and Mrs. Harold Plagge,

519 Elm, Deerfield, for on Monday they were notified by the war department that their eldest son, Pfc. Leland, 22, was lost in action in Germany on April 8.

Pfc. Leland joined the army in July, 1942, and had since seen action in Africa, Sicily, Italy and France. He had been wounded twice, once in North Africa and again at Anzio Beach. Overseas 28 months, he served first with the amphibious corps and later in the infantry.

Born in Deerfield, he attended public school there and later Highland Park high.

Other than his parents, he is survived by his brother, Pfc. Raymond, USMC, aged 17, now hospitalized in Hawaii for wounds received on Iwo Jima; and two sisters, Elaine and Betty.

S. Truax Dedicates Blood to Late Hero

Mr. Sewall Truax, 330 Egandale road, son of Mrs. Eva Truax and grandson of Mrs. W. C. Egan, recently made a trip to Detroit, where he donated his 13th pint of blood to the service. In accordance with the new custom of dedicating blood to someone, in or out of uniform, who has rendered outstand-

ing service to his country, this 13th pint was dedicated to his cousin, the late Lt. Col. Chandler H. Johnson, USMC, who was lost on Iwo Jima. The late Marine commander who rose from the ranks, was manager of the football team at West Point at one time. He was cited for his achievements in leadership at Guadalcanal, and his name was mentioned in an article on the Iwo campaign recently published in Collier's magazine.

SGT A. CANTAGALLO WOUNDED IN GERMANY

1st Sgt. Americo "Nick" Cantagallo, attached to Gen. Patton's 3rd army, was slightly wounded in Germany on April 12, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Cantagallo, 324 Ashland, Highwood, recently. Ten months overseas, Sgt. Cantagallo is with an armored division.

The mightiest powers by deepest calms are fed.—B. W. Procter.

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Recipes

EGG SALAD BUFFET

6 hard-cooked eggs, chopped coarsely
1 cup diced celery
2 tsp. chopped green pepper
1 tsp. grated or minced onion
¼ cup salad dressing
Dash Tabasco sauce
4 tsp. vinegar
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
3 round buns
¼ tsp. Worcestershire sauce

How to prepare it:

- 1) To the eggs, add celery, green pepper, onion, salad dressing, sauces and seasonings. Chill.
- 2) Serve salad on hollowed-out halves of buns on chop plate and garnish with pickle sailboats and sliced tomatoes. Serves 6.

How to make sailboats:

- 1) Cut a slice lengthwise of a small sweet pickle. Scoop out and fill with cream cheese.
- 2) Insert a triangular slice of salami in upright position for sail.

EGGS CREOLE

2 tbsp. fat
¼ cup chopped onion
¼ cup chopped green pepper
2½ cups tomatoes
2 cups water
1 cup uncooked rice
Salt
Pepper
6 eggs

How to prepare it:

- 1) Melt fat. Cook onion and green pepper in fat until onion is lightly browned.
- 2) Pour in tomatoes and water and bring to boil.
- 3) Add rice and cook slowly until tender (25 to 30 minutes). Season.
- 4) Drop eggs in mixture, cover and let simmer about 10 minutes or until firm. Serves 5.



HELPS AT HOME BOX

Ideas for Meat-Scarce Days...

Pan-broil wide, thinly sliced circles of ground beef. Top each with a poached egg, and serve with hot biscuits.

Serve meat-stretching meat stews

with well-seasoned macaroni, noodles, or spaghetti instead of the usual potatoes.

For tasty meat shortcakes split corn muffins or biscuits in half; spread with margarine. Cream chipped beef or left-over ham—and

spread between layers and on top of biscuits.

Try soon! Heat large bologna slices (¾ thick) in fat 'til edges curl into cups. Fill with baked beans—serve with coleslaw and piping hot cornbread.

IN THE NATION'S SERVICE

Three sons of the Charles Pantles, 828 Deerfield, are now in the European area. Pvt. Willard, 18, of the infantry, arrived recently in France, while Pfc. Alvin, 21, is on guard duty in Germany. Pfc. Gilbert, 23, is back with his unit after being dismissed from the hospital. Pfc. Alvin also possesses the Purple Heart.

Lt. Bernard A. Rause, USNR, officer in the amphibious forces, with two years of sea duty to his credit, arrived in town on leave, last week, to visit his wife, the former Shirley Varner, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Rause, of Waukegan. Mrs. Rause plans to spend a month with her husband in San Francisco at the end of his leave.

Pvt. Sheldon Fell, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Fell, 514 Midlothian, recently spent his third birthday in the service. Now with an evacuation hospital unit in Germany, he tells of the thrill he experienced at seeing the American flag waving over enemy territory. The big hospital tents are erected with great speed, requiring only a matter of a day or so to be gotten into working shape. German people in the devastated territory are better dressed, shod and fed, he says, than those of England and France.

Jerry Fell, fireman 1/c, USN, a brother, who joined the navy on his 18th birthday, July 29, is receiving his training at San Diego, Calif. Both boys are graduates of Highland Park high.

Cpl. Melvin "Bud" Moon has been transferred from San Francisco to a hospital in Battle Creek, Mich., where he will be treated for wounds received in Pacific warfare. During a stop-over of 90 minutes in Chicago, his family was able to visit with him for the first time in over a year. His visitors included Mrs. Melvin, 26 S. Green

Bay, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moon, 598 Homewood, and his sister, Marian. After being installed at Battle Creek, the corporal will receive a furlough.

Jack E. Huestis, husband of Mrs. Vivian Huestis, 696 Central, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Huestis, Lake Forest, joined the navy in December, 1941, and has seen 34 months of sea duty. Recently aboard a new ship in her maiden battle in the Pacific, the guns on board destroyed two Jap bombers. His rank is BM 2/c, and he is 20 years old.

James A. "Jimmy" Smith, 19, AEM, seaman 1/c, now stationed at Putercent River, Md., where he is engaged in experimental work, spent a day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Smith, 278 Beech, last week.

In service over a year, his basic training was received at Great Lakes Naval Receiving station.

Pvt. John Zahnle, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Zahnle, 703 Grandview, a 1944 graduate of the local high school, has qualified as a cadet in the AAF and is awaiting further orders.

Pvt. Arthur Supple, USMC, in service since a year ago when he left high school to enlist with the Leathernecks, is at present fighting with the 1st marines division on Okinawa, according to a letter recently received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Supple, 218 Lakeside. He left the States for overseas last September.

2nd Lt. Nathan Udell, instructor in navigation at San Marcos, Tex., spent the week-end with his family, the John L. Udells, 102 N. Sheridan. Lt. Udell, who served for 13 months in England, wears three stars on his overseas ribbons.

His wife, the former Betty Hallberg, is living with him at San Marcos.



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