But a time to Marie and a second

I'M IN THE ARMY NOW

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Okinawa Stories

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SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC - OR, 5000 MILES FROM HIGHLAND PARK-

Around here, if you're not on the "rock"—the Hawaiian Islands you're "down under," or a bit nearer Tokyo. One of our staff members on BRIEF (weekly news-feature magazine written for all men in the Pacific ocean area) told me a couple of Okinawa Incidents, Curious Variety. I thought I'd pass 'em on to you, Highland Parkers, 'cause they show a touch of humor which came as an aftermath Oakwood. in the bitter Okinawa campaign.

For some reason a frontline soldier believes he's expected to pick up souvenirs just like he's expected to swear. The Army, obliging POLITE AND PLEASANT . . . at times, realizes this Yank-souvenir-Craze, and has, therefore, set up a Souvenir Clearance tent on Okinawa:

The other day a private who has developed the "Pacific Island Stare" - he's a trifle dazed, or a good baby, and therefore given punchy, from his rugged tour 3 hat name. It's a Korean custon duty - came to this tent with his souvenir.

WHAT IS THIS? . . .

It was a large glass of pickled vipers heads, about as big as your fist, staring through the glass looking meaner than the devil.

When the private was asked what he planned to do with the heads, he replied:

"O, put them on me mantle at home."

Veterans of Pacific-island-ad vances consider this viper keepsake the horror souvenir of the war .

TOO BAD, COLONEL . . . breathless-from-excitement

colonel popped into Souvenir tent one day, our scout says, carrying the gaudiest flag imaginable.

Humbly the colonel told the rather bored sergeant-in-charge-ofsouvenir-checking that the flag was a Jap regimental banner, wrested from the fanatic enemy.

(It was later learned, by the way, that the colonel had paid 100 dollars and two quarts of scotch for the flag.)

Well, before long, an officer who knows all about Jap flags knocked the colonel's story all to pieces. The flag was simply a banner presented to Okinawa children for their farming excellence or something like our Four-H club awards, you know.

The colonel walked away mut tering oaths to himself . . .

BOOM! . . . On another day a huge truck came bumping up to the tent

"Look our souvenirs over and see if they're okay to send home, Sarge," one of the GI truck drivers said.

gasped, almost fainted.

a deep dimple in any landscape . . . Pearl Harbor.

Well, that's frontline life for

Working in our photo lab is a very pleasant chap. His name Pfc. Soon Oak Lee. He's a Korean and says that Soon Oak means that when he was a baby, he was he said, to name babies of good character Soon Oak.

Pfc. Lee has two brothers, Chung Oak and Kun Oak. Apparfussed a bit when babies so they tacks. He will be home on a 30- pine liberations ribbons. He parwere called Chung and Kun.

Lee is a very polite fellow and us Yanks who, for some reason, are awfully boisterous and slightly vulgar when we land in strange lands. Lee said he was shocked at the way Vine. After further training he dated Aircraft in San Diego, Calif. the rank of corporal, is stationed Lt. Frank McKinley, USN, a we acted when he first met us, but will report to the carrier Midway. He received his training at Glen- at Pendleton, Cal. Marine Cpl. brother, has been serving in the now he's used to our ways and he seems to enjoy our casualness.

QUESTIONS CERTAIN

ACTIONS ...

There are a couple of actions he can't understand in our society, however.

He doesn't know why some Americans seem to take marriage so lightly, going into it carelessly, then getting a divorce if they don't like their mates. He says the Korean belief is that divorce is a sin. And anyone in his society who abuses the sanctity of the home is despised and ostracized.

He also said he didn't know why many of our women tried so hard to be unfeminine - swearing, drinking, wearing the clothes of

He says Korean men, at least the ones he lives amongst, hold their women in the highest respect, putting them up on pedestals chiefly because they are so feminine, and, they feel, deserving of courteous attentions.

STRENGTHEN MORALS . . .

My talk with Lee was instructive for it seems to be his beliefs are sound and similar to those held by The sergeant-checker looked, America's best founding fathers. Methinks it would be wise for

The souvenirs were Jap cluster home-fronters to tighten up their bombs, each composed of 300 ex- morals for we've let them slip a plosive shells, potent enough to put long ways since the Japs splattered

tioned at Ft. McClellan, Ala. where he will receive two months German prisoner-of-war, is now of advanced infantry training. Recently he spent a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olson, 718 Ridgewood.

2nd Lt. Edward Fischer, with his wife and infant son, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Edwin Fischer, 589 W. Park. Member of a ground crew of a bomber group, Lt. Fischer left for England last March on the Queen Mary, returning last week on the same boat. After a 34-day furlough the lieutenant will report to Sioux Falls, S. D., for further orders.

of 21 months in the Aleutians, re- drive. ported recently to Camp Swift, Texas, after a visit to his parents,

from his station in Buvhen, Ger- 449th bomb group. many. A former postal employee,

is with the infantry on Mindanao. with his wife and small daughter, bombardier-navigator, he

Mrs. Herbert Honer, the former band, Lt. (jg) Honer, who is hos- chario, 141 S. Second. pitalized there, recovering from in- Overseas for 22 months, the juries received in the Pacific when young aviation metalsmith wears ently they cried a little more and his ship suffered 5 kamikaze at- the Asiatic-Pacific and the Philipday leave soon.

tioned at Newport, R. I. He re- Philippine sea. and two small children at 311 chario was employed by Consoli- Pfc. Jean, recently promoted to further orders.

Lt. Harry Hansen, husband of view naval air station.

the former Betty Kugel, former home on a 60-day leave.

Lt. Wm. J. Tilden, home from about the mo

the paper indutsry, which was his duty.

in landings at Bougainville, Green shalls. He entered service upon and Luzon. He is married and has June, 1943. two young daughters. 'The fami-Sgt. Robert Schneider, veteran ly lives at 2404 N. Deere Park Bowes Brothers Meet

Pvt. Wm. Flynn, 2z, son of Mr. Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Schneider, 439 and Mrs. W. J. Flynn, Briar lane, ion, awaits deployment orders after 6 months there with the ents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome P.

His brother-in-law, Lt. Daniel at the above address.

Marilyn Kugel, daughter of Mr. Herman J. Cucchario, AM 2/c. oak leaf clusters. flew 69 and Mrs. Leonard Kugel. 410 Lin is spending a 30-day leave with his over enemy territory. He has re-

Two brothers, Tony and Rich- F. O. Carrell, Glider ard, have received medical discharges from service.

serving 20 months with the amphi- in the Pacific, James Holmstead. bious forces of the Pacific, ex- m/m 3/c, is visiting his parents, pects a release to inactive duty Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Holmsted, 213 North, Highwood, while his ship is about the middle of this month, af- being overhauled. At the end of 92nd troop carrier squadron, 439th ter which he plans to engage in 27 days he will again report for troop carrier group.

Holmsted also participated in the The lieutenant has taken part campaigns of Truk and the Mar-Island, Emirau, Hollandia, Leyte, graduation from high school in

After Three Years

The Bowes brothers, Midshipman J. Channon, 22, and 1st Lt. is now stationed in Trinidad with Jerome III, 23, met for the first CWO Hugo, a brother, overseas the Army Air Transport command, time in nearly 3 years when they 14 months with an armored divis- where he went directly from Italy spent recent leaves with their par-Bowes, 176 Laurel.

The midshipman, now on cruise, he now holds the Bronze Star Burke, personnel officer at Clar- will finish at Annapolis in June. dina, Ia., a Japanese prisoner-of- The lieutenant, veteran of 2 years Pfc. Richard, another brother, war camp, is spending 15 days in the European theater, where, as awarded 3 Distinguished Flying crosses and the Air medal with 11 den, is in Norfolk with her hus- parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cuc- ported to Santa Ana Calif. for further orders.

RECENT PROMOTIONS IN CADY FAMILY

Margo is stationed at Honolulu. Pacific for 3 years.

Pilot, Home On Leave

F. O. Edward T. Carrell, glider pilot, son of Mrs. Mary M. Carrell, 123 Pleasant, Highwood, arrived from France on Sunday, July 22, after serving for 10 months in the European theater of war, with the

An accounting clerk in civilian work before induction into serv- Last stationed at Okinawa, life, employed in Cleveland, O., F. O. Carrell now possesses the Presidential citation, the Air medal with oak leaf cluster and three battle stars. He has 97 points under the redeployment program.

While overseas Carrell participated in the campaign at Bastogne (Battle of the Bulge), and during the Khine river crossing he transported a jeep-load of medical supplies and men. The total carrying capacity of a glider is about 7500 pounds.

Gliders are practically one-trip conveyors. Of the 1500 flown across the Rhine, only about 50 were retrieved.

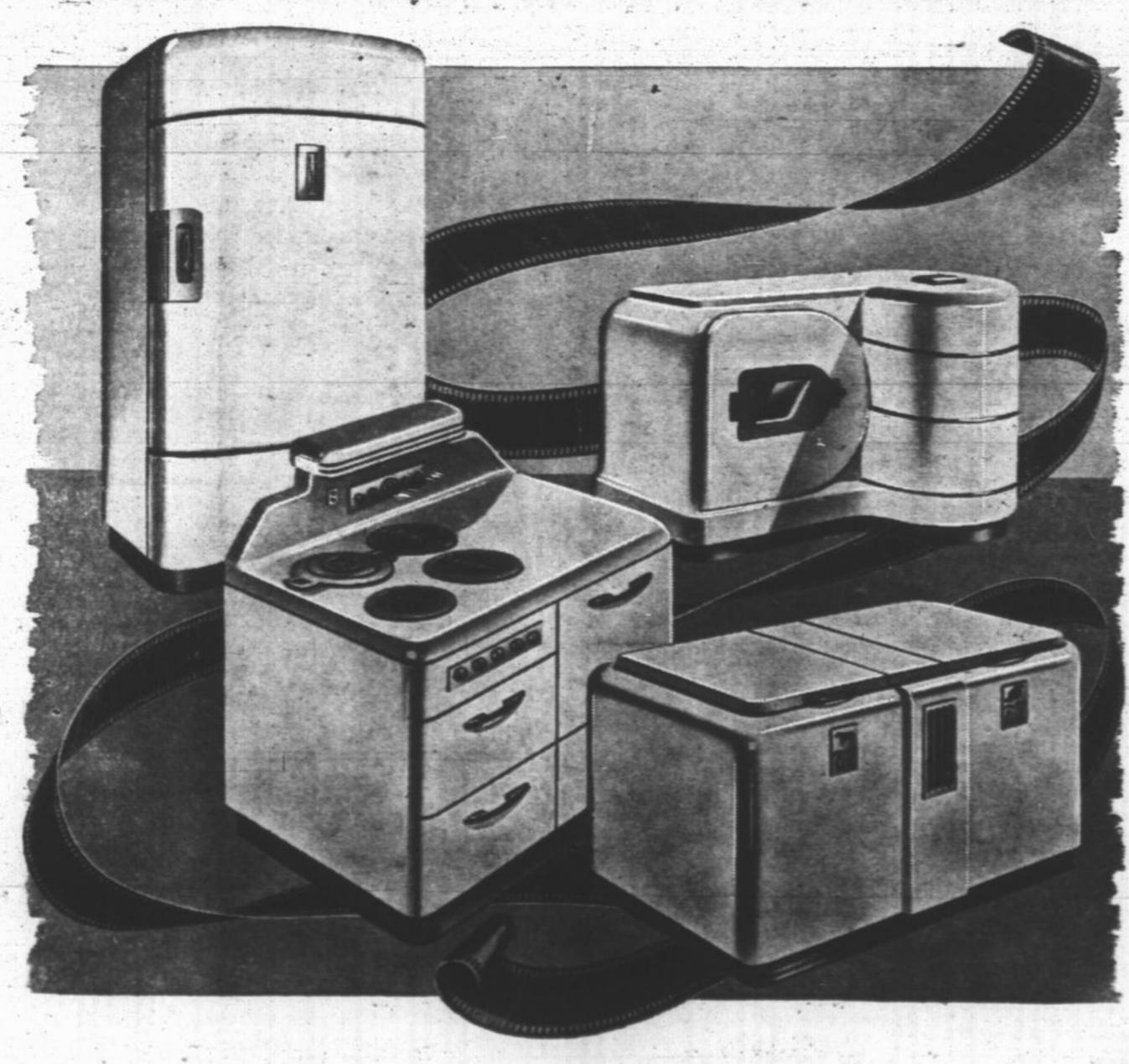
F. O. Carrell is a graduate of Oak Terrace and of Deerfield-Shields Two high school, and entered the service in January, 1942. At the end of his furlough he will report to Santa Ana for further orders

Lt. Col. Hugh A. McKinley Home from European Area

Lt. Col. Hugh A. McKinley, 597 Glenview, has returned from 32 Two promotions have recently months' service in north Africa, ticipated in the battles of Luzon, been made to members of the mar- Italy, southern France and Ger-S 2/c Arthur Kugel, navy radio Mindoro, Leyte, Peleliu and Min- ine-minded Cady family, 339 E. many. A regular army man, he I asked him what he thought about operator, her brother, is now sta- danao, as well as the battle of the Park. Lt. Hearst W. Cady Jr., had been stationed for many years USMC, now based at El Toro, Cal., at Fort Sheridan, where he will recently spent a leave with his wife Prior to entering service, Cuc- has been made a captain. Marine port at the end of his furlough for

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IN THE NATION'S SERVICE

Lt. Com. Horace W. Neill, USN, | during the now historic two-day of 866 Fairoaks avenue, Deerfield, air strike against the Ryukyus and a veteran of 53 months service the inland sea area of Japan. overseas, has been admitted to the hospital at Great Lakes.

Wade, Highland Park, and his wife, carrier. In addition, she is credit-Marion, resides at the Fairoaks ed with assists on six attacking enavenue address. He attended emy planes, while her 12-inch guns Northwestern university, and en- poured tons of steel on two Japlisted in the navy Oct. 12, 1940. held islands. While overseas he served in Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Marianas ion of the pocket battle ship, and and Palau.

Miami, Fla. - Illinois can get out the red plush carpet. More of her native fighting sons are headed home after being flown by air transport from far-flung battle

fronts. They were among 50,000 "chossen" ATC flies from overseas each month, the majority of whom land at ATC's Miami army air field. Spending less than a day here, they are taken by rail to Camp Blanding, Fla. Their next step toward home is a reception center for separation from the service or. furloughs prior to reassignment.

Among these lates returnees through ATC's Caribbean division hub was S/Sgt. Donald C. Whitney, 26, 504 Central avenue, of the quartermaster corps, veteran of 41 months in Germany.

ABOARD USS GUAM IN THE PACIFIC - John E. Huestis, 20, coxswain, USN, 685 Central avenue, served aboard this unique battle cruiser while she was proving her worth during nearly six months of combat from Okinawa to the fringes of Japan's Inland Sea.

The Guam made her battle de-

Guns of the big battle cruiser were credited with shooting down Neill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. two Jap planes as they attempted W. F. Neill, who reside at 1030 suicide dives on a nearby aircraft

> The Guam, the American versa comparatively recent addition to the Pacific fleet, cruised with her task force off Japanese shores for 61 days. In recent operations, supporting the Okinawa invasion, she protected carriers of her escort in

a series of battles, Like her sister ship, the USS Alaska, she is designed as a battle cruiser, the two being the only ships of their type in the fleet. She exceeds many battleships in length and tonnage, she carries 12-inch guns in place of the 8-inch weapons of the usual heavy cruiser, and bristles with heavy concentration of antiaircraft batteries.

Randolph Field, Tex. - Ready for transition training in B-29 superfortesses, 1st Lt. Wyatt L Peschman, son of Mrs. Henrietta Peschman, 1100 N. Green Bay, has reported as a student at Randolph

Here, B-29 commanders, pilots and flight engineers master operation of the giant super-bombers preparatory to combat assign-

Lt. Peschman's wife resides at 118 S. Second.

Bernhardt Olson, 19, a 1944 but on the morning of March 18, high school graduate, is now sta-