I'M IN THE ARMY NOW

Cpl. Whitt N. Schultz



A Chat With Gertrude Lawrence

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PEARL HARBOR, T. H .:-

Six of us piled into an Army truck and bumped and rattled our way to Honolulu's beautiful Roosevelt high school where Gertrude Lawrence, "the undisputed queen of the light comedy stage," (as her press agent says), was appearing in "Blithe Spirit," "an improbable (very improbable) farce."

Before the performance I went backstage to see the famous actress. After getting by a couple of captains, I bumped into a third.

"No, you can't see Miss Lawrence now," he said. "She's dress-And, besides, she's always too nervous to see anyone before she appears."

Okay, I said; I'll see her after the show. NATWICK STEALS SHOW ...

It was a gay farce in three acts as you Highland Parkers doubtless remember. Mildred Natwick. playing the part of Madame Arcati, the slightly wacky seer-into-thegreat-unknown, stole the show which, I believe, could have been cleaned up and bettered.

After the play I went backstage again.

I met the captain who seemed now to be protecting Miss Lawrence from the public. But I was no autograph seeker, Sir, I explained. I am a member of the PRESS, on leave of absence, and, at present, working as a staff a legitimate show in post-war writer for BRIEF, the magazine years? Perhaps. But maybe he'll for men in the Pacific.

OH! A NEWSPAPERMAN! . . .

Well, the captain treated me a little differently after that: he was most gracious and he rushed me into the light comedy queen's dressing chamber.

Miss Lawrence still had on the billowy white dress she wore in the play; and she had just begun to take off that horrible gray makeup she had to wear as the returned wife.

She definitely was not at her

WHAT A GREETING! . . .

was introdeced to her as a Chicago newspaperman on leave of absence. She practically embraced me after that introduction and said in a voice that jumped from the bottom to the top of the vocal scale:

"Oooooooo, a Chicago man And a newspaperman, oo! Wonderful! I love Chicago! It treats me so well when I'm there in a play."

. With that she edged me away from the bewildered captain; then Miss Lawrence and I had a 30- OUT, PLEASE . . . minute chat.

ENTERTAINS 300,000 . . .

ished making a tour of all these is- Now I hope the Chaplain Corps like our stuff."

remarks at you during your tour, I inquired.

differently at a play than they mainland. do at other forms of entertainnified mood-and they maintain who feel the same.

that dignity during the show," she

PATHWAY TO BOX OFFICE As I understand it, I said to Miss Lawrence, the reason these theatrical companies are brought to the forward areas is to give soldiers up front a little better and perhaps a higher kind of entertainment than the type we've been getting in the past. Is that cor-

"Uh huh," she answered, "We feel that if the soldiers and officers are given an opportunity to see the finer arts, their tastes will be raised and sharpened. Then, too, we're not harming ourselves on these tours. In a sense we're building a pathway to our box offices. If the men like our shows now, they'll probably attend them after

(That seems logical; but is it? Now we're seeing the plays free of charge. Will the average GI be willing to pay \$4.40 a seat for need that \$4.40 to buy food. Or maybe he'd rather spend that \$4.40 at the race track or at the local bar. But to continue . . .)

A PLAY IN LONDON . . .

I asked about her future plans. "Well, I think I'll take a vacation first. I'm tired out. Perhaps in the fall I'll open a play on the London stage; then; later, bring that play to New York."

Just about that time John Hoysradt of "The Man Who Came to !. Dinner" fame, and a member of Miss Lawrence's troupe, told the actress he'd be waiting for her in

This presented a good chance for me to bid adieu.

"Thank you, Miss Lawrence," I

"Oh, no, thank you," she said. "I'm always anxious to talk to the PRESS. Please send my best wishes to my Chicago friends. Come and see me anytime. Good-

And she walked away scrubbing the makeup from her face.

BRING "OKLAHOMA"

I found Miss Lawrence a pleasant woman, quite frank, sometimes I asked the tall and very thin shockingly so, very gracious and actress what she had been doing vivacious. I believe she and others like her are doing a great deal "Well," she began, "I just fin- to raise morale out this way.

lands out here. We played before continues to keep a firm grip on 300,000 men and they seemed to the theatrical situation in the Pacific and allows only the best and Did the GIs make questionable cleanest plays to come up front.

I for one would like to see "Oklahoma!" on Okinawa; "Carousel" "No, They acted quite gentle- on the Ryukyus; and, perhaps, "Up manly. Soldiers seem to react in Central Park" on the Jap

And I'm certain there are many They seem to get in a dig- other khaki-clad soldiers out here

ing camp in North Carolina. will be 18 September 3.

Pfc. Frank, three years in service, a part of which time was spent badge. overseas with the military police, left last week after a 30-day furlough for Camp Grant, from which place he expects to be assigned to a base in North Dakota.

service and one year overseas, is wood. Pvt. Eugene has completnow stationed in France.

marine corps.

Ens. Arthur J. Krohn, Jr., 836 S. St. Johns, a 1942 high school graduate and an accomplished musician, is now serving aboard a navy refueller in the Pacific area, having already served nine months in the Atlantic area. In the navy since July, 1943, he received his 21 years of age.

Lt. Ted Cook, glider pilot, vet- 1630 Broadview. eran of 17 months' service in the European area, recently arrived in ly after graduating from high town for a visit with his mother, school in June, 1943. Mrs. Harry W. Koch, 611 Central. Based in Srape - 7 3 Deland France, transporting paratroops charge from the army, with 112 and returning the wounded. He is discharge points, after over a veteran of seven major engage- years' service. Over three years

A sister, Martha, WAIT, sta- tral and South America. tioned at San Bernardino, Calif., was recently home on leave.

9 months in France, Germany and idan, 247 North, Highwood. Austria, is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm.

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___V__ The Hainchek brothers, Pvt. Eugene, AAF, and Marine Pfc. Alex, were recently reunited at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos-Pfc. Charles, 19, two years in eph Borgini, 209 Jeffrey, Highed his basic training and will re-

Mrs. Frank Lichtwalt Jr., the port to Sheppard field, Texas, at former Dolores Hepp, of Chicago, the end of his furlough. Two and will report soon for training in the one-half years a Leatherneck, and veteran of 18 months overseas, Marine Alex is at present stationed at the naval hospital in Farragut, Idaho, recovering from wounds received last March at Iwo Jima.

Harold Schimmelfeng, 20, veteran of 3 major battles as a member of an armored division during his six months' service in France, commission at Notre Dame. He is Germany and Austria, is spending Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Schimmelfeng,

He reported for service short-

Robert Fenton Hudson, hue and since February, 1944, he has been of the former Barbara Sheridan, engaged in ferrying gliders over has received an honorable disof his service were spent in Cen-

At present Mr. and Mrs. Hudson and daughter, Sharon Lynn, are staying with Mrs. Hudson's par-Pfc. Louis Santello, veteran of ents, Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Sher-__y__

Peter Rettig, QM 3/c, son of Santello, 435 Funston, Highwood. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rettig Sr., 220 Santelo has served in two regi- Highwood avenue, Highwood, the H. & C. company, 1277th enments, both of which were awarded writes from the west coast that he gineer combat battalion, now sta- years old.

the Presidential citation, the lat- is stationed temporarily in the tioned in Germany, has sent home ter also possessing the French States until the destroyer on which pictures taken with his own person-Unit citation. Santello, 23, also he serves returns to duty. He re- al camera, which bear out the tes-Combat Infantry cently received a hand injury on timony of atrocities practiced by board ship.

iterranean area, the 21-year-old navy man has served for the last 7 months in the Pacific.

His brother, Jack, storekeeper technician, USN, is stationed in Hawaii.

Pvt. Eileen Sullivan, WAC, Home on Furlough

On August 16 Pvt. Eileen Sullivan of the WAC will report to her base at Redfield, Ohio, having Rankin Twins Both spent a furlough with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James I. Sullivan, 8 N. First. Her work is in supply analysis in connection with the army air corps.

here and studied at Mundelein col- base at Honolulu. lege, Pvt. Sullivan was employed a 30-day furlough with his parents, by the Aluminum Company of 1/c, USN, who received his latest America in Los Angeles, Calif., for promotion June 1, has been transtwo and one-half years prior to en- ferred from Boston and is now tering service, enlisting at Red- serving aboard a range boat atfield after spending a month with tached to the naval torpedo staher family last September.

T/Sgt. John T. Maledon, hus- ers are 23 years old. The former Mary Jane Sullivan, arrived from Heidelberg this MARINE AT REST CAMP week after spending 26 months in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. He is assistant band master and drum major for his unit, and possesses the bronze star medal awarded for service between March 8 and May 8 of this year.

Sergeant in Germany Sends Home Pictures Of German Atrocities

M'/Sgt. Louis J. Maiorano, of

the Nazis in prison camps at Da-Veteran of 9 months in the Med- chau, Germany, as shown on the

Entering the service in March, 1943, Sgt. Maiorano has served overseas for 19 months, and was awarded the Bronze Star for services in Austria in June, 1945.

His wife, the former Eva Dinelli, and 15-month-old daughter, Eva Louise, are living with her parents at 1302 Clavey road.

Receive Transfers

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Rankin Sr., 627 Vine, have received word from their son Lt. (jg) Leslie NAF, Although she attended school that he has now reached his new

His twin brother, James, BM tion at Newport, R. I. The broth-

Marine Pvt. Earl Reynolds, whose wife, Rose, lives at 322 Highwood Ave., Highwood, is in a Pacific rest camp, after having been twice wounded at Okinawa.

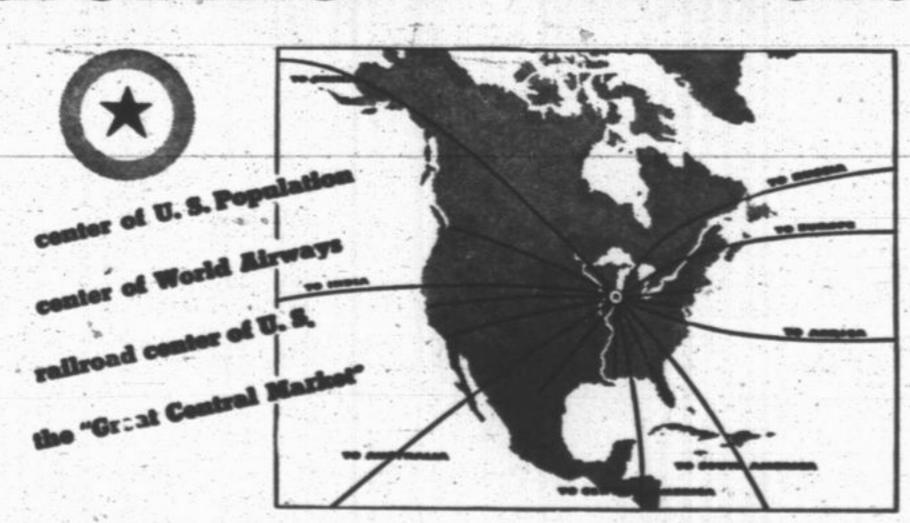
The young marine, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reynolds, live at Vernon, Ill., joined the Leathernecks in June, 1944, left for overseas six months later, and reached Okinawa last April, receiving his injuries in May and in June.

His daughter, Karen Jean, is two

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IN THE NATION'S SERVICE

ABOARD A BATTLESHIP IN mentals, structures, fuel and oil THE PACIFIC. - Two sailors systems, propellers, electrical sysfrom Highland Park are serving tems, instruments, engine operaon this ship. They are D. W. Pett, tion, basic airplane inspection and electrician's mate, second class, of hydraulic systems - preparatory 1026 N. Green Bay, and Earl L. training for possible entrance into Riddle, seaman, first class, of 330 one of the several specialized Vine.

Pett attended school with Rid- given at Keesler field. dle's brother, Robert, who was killed while with the army in New Pfc. Charles Parson, based at a Guinea. Pett is the son of Mrs. Texas hospital since March for Georgia S. Pett of the Highland wounds received on Leyte, last De-Park address. His wife lives at cember, is now home for a visit 709 Monroe, Evanston. Riddle's with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. B. Parson, 728 Ridgewood. Riddle of the Vine avenue address.

__v_ -The job of helping keep Ameri- from service on July 29, his 24th ca's giant bombers in fighting birthday. Fabbri was seriously trim for their aerial assaults on burned in an airplane accident at the Axis awaits Pvt. Howard T. Glenview June 3, of last year, and Siegele, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. has undergone seven skin grafting Siegele, 2201 Half Day road.

Pvt. Siegele was enrolled this and young son, Leonard, live at week for Keesler field's 76-day 245 North, Highwood. basic airplane and engine mechanics course, having qualified for the army air forces training command George, 17, into the U. S. Marine technical school with outstanding corps, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Licht-

titude tests.

airplane mechanics courses also

Reno Fabbri, AMM 3/c, USNR, KEESLER FIELD, Biloxi, Miss. received an honorable discharge operations since. His wife, Nora,

With the entrance of their son, marks on the army mechanical ap- walt Sr., 1403 West, have three sons and one daughter-in-law in His training program includes in- service. A high school senior, struction in maintenance funda- George left last week for a train-

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