

I'M STILL IN THE ARMY!

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New Assignment

HONOLULU, T. H.—

Since enlistment 40 long months ago, this civilian-still-in-uniform had an ambition. Believing he could best serve the AAF flying a P-99 typewriter, he wanted to get on the staff of Stars and Stripes newspaper, reputedly the top GI publication. It has been a long road. Lots of copy has been written. Hundreds of men have been interviewed. Deadlines have been met. GI publications have hit the street on time.

First, you'll recall, we were on the staff of SKYLINES, weekly newspaper for soldiers of the AAFSTC stationed at the Stevens Hotel in Chicago. From Chicago to Chanute Field, Ill., where we were a staff member, co-editor, sports editor of WINGS, camp newspaper at that great AAF Training Command base.

BRIEF SPORTS EDITOR . . .

Then overseas; editing the ships' newspaper; co-editing the replacement depot's mimeographed newspaper with ex-Newsweek correspondent Pfc. Bernie Bour.

Then to the staff — as sports editor — of BRIEF Magazine, weekly slick paper publication of Gen. Spaatz's hard-hitting United States Army Strategic Air Forces — and the mighty B-29s.

But BRIEF is no more. It was a combat magazine. A new assignment, therefore, was imminent. Here was the chance, perhaps, to get on the select Stars and Stripes staff.

(When we arrived overseas, incidentally, it appeared a job on Stars and Stripes was possible. But, no. To get on the "exclusive" Stars and Stripes staff, we learned, AAF men had to get out of the Air Corps and get assigned to the Ground Forces. This is not easy, we discovered. The colonel said NO to our transfer request.)

TOP ASSIGNMENT . . .

So, happily, to the staff of BRIEF. And it has been a pleasant four months under S/Sgt. Clive Howard, BRIEF'S capable editor, and Maj. Kent B. Pritchard, gentlemanly officer in charge.

Comes word today that this Army correspondent is now on the staff of Stars and Stripes, Pacific

edition, with over 500,000 readers daily!

Hooray! A goal is reached. A top assignment to have while awaiting orders to Fort Sheridan — and gray flannels!

WELCOME . . .

Well, this news is indeed heartening. Comes word that this column has added more readers recently. We have a Winnetka "Customer," Mrs. George H. Simpson, 62 Warwick avenue. And Mr. Melville Rothchild, Jr., and family in Glencoe. And the E. Harmons and Jack Schramms in Chicago. Welcome you all to this pillar of type.

THOUGHT PROVOKERS . . .

"We have as yet no body of law to cover the rights and wrongs of strike and lockout. It is evident that such laws will have to be created. The life of a modern industrial nation has become too complex to be left exposed to the caprice of any of its components."
—Howard Vincent O'Brien.

"Why not . . . really begin working at the job of getting along with other nations and people? Why not, for instance, establish a department of peace? . . . For the cost of one battleship we paid the expenses of Rockefeller's Latin American good neighbor committee for four full years. It was dirt cheap. . . If we can head off the war with Russia that the brass hats are talking about, and secretly preparing for, not only will it be cheap, but it will save civilization."
—Drew Pearson.

PARTING THOUGHT . . .

"If you must kill time, work it to death!"

IN THE NATION'S SERVICE

Chambers Brothers, Overseas Veterans, Again Don Civilian Garb

Sgt. Harry Chambers of the U.S. army and his brother, Marine Jerry Chambers, having received honorable discharges from service, are now home with their mother, Mrs. H. R. Chambers, 688 Central.

Jerry, the elder brother, entered service in July, 1942, and served overseas for over two years, taking part in the campaigns of Tarawa, Tinian and Saipan, and besides his battle stars, has two Presidential unit citations. For the past few months he has been stationed in the States.

Sgt. Harry returned to the States with the first group of men from the 1st cavalry division in Tokyo. During his more than 2 years overseas, he took part in 4 campaigns, and possesses the Asiatic Pacific ribbon with stars for New Guinea, the Admiralty Islands, Leyte and Luzon. There are also two stars on his Philippine Liberation ribbon, and he was awarded the Bronze star, the combat infantry badge and the Good Conduct medal.

"It looks," writes their father, from the Aleutians, "as though the old man had been left at the post."

Richard B. Nash Of Navy V Program To Enter Iowa U

A/S Richard B. Nash, of the navy V program, who is home on leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Nash, 116 S. Green Bay, will report at the end of his visit to Iowa State university. He has been stationed in Minnesota. Richard, who is 18, has been in the service for four months.

Former Army Sergeant Receives Discharge After 9 Years' Service

Frank A. Baron, 448 Waukegan Ave., Highwood, was separated from service at Ft. Sheridan last month, after serving 9 years in army ordnance. The last 18 months of his service was spent in Panama.

"Jerry" Schlabowski Expected Home From Shanghai, China, Soon

"Jerome "Jerry" Schlabowski, 21, son of Mrs. Lucile Schlabowski, 125 N. Green Bay, is expected home soon after 19 months in the Pacific.

Formerly aboard a destroyer, he has been stationed with a demolition squad in Shanghai, China, and is now presumably on his way home. His wife, the former Delores Carani, and his 13-month-old daughter, Andrea, whom he has never seen, are living at 238 S. Central, Highwood.

His brother, Roland, 19, recently re-enlisted in the army, after a 54-day furlough, and expects to be sent to Germany. He entered the service last December.

Return of Sgt. Richard Balz From Mariannas Delayed by Storm

Sgt. Richard Balz, AAF mechanic, is stationed in the Marianas, the home of the B-29 bombers. His return to the States has been indefinitely postponed on account of the recent big storm in that section. "I don't care how long it takes," he writes, stoutly, "just so I get there. It certainly will seem good to hear 'Hi Dick!' when I walk down the street again."

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Balz, 232 N. Second, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on the 25th of last month.

Pfc. James Dennis to Be Separated From Service

Pfc. James F. Dennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Dennis, 2400 Green Bay, will receive an honorable discharge from service at Ft. Sheridan at the end of his present furlough, Nov. 14, his first visit home in 31 months, 21 months of which was spent in the Pacific. His five battle stars represent engagements during service at New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, the Solomons, Bougainville, New Guinea, Peleliu and Miliniao. He also holds a unit citation ribbon.

Cpl. L. Sanders Lately in Japan, to Receive Discharge

Cpl. Lloyd Sanders, nephew of Lloyd Hicks, 406 Waukegan Ave., Highwood, who is now stationed at Ft. Sheridan, expects to be released from service shortly.

Entering service in November, 1942, he trained in Hawaii, and later served with the infantry at Saipan, where he was seriously wounded, the Marshalls and Okinawa. He was last based in Yokohama, Japan.

His brother, Pfc. Bert, now 2 years in France, hopes to be home by Christmas. He has seen 3 1/2 years of service.

George Bergdahl Returns to Position At Abbott Laboratories

Following his release from service in the navy as fireman 1/c, George Bergdahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bergdahl, 323 Palmer, Highwood, has resumed his duties at Abbott Laboratories which were interrupted nearly four years ago.

Two years of his service were divided equally between the Atlantic and Pacific areas, aboard a repair ship.

Former Highland Parker, S. Sgt. Charles Adair Visits in Town

S/Sgt. Charles Adair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Adair, former Highland Parkers, visited in town this week at the home of the M. E. Kopps, 1427 S. St. Johns. He is back from a year as bombardier in the army air forces, stationed in the China, Burma, India theater.

He left on Tuesday for California, where he will receive a release from service.

Former Sgt. N. Durment Honorably Discharged At Fort Sheridan

Former Sgt. Norman Durment, brother of the Albert Durments, 22 S. Green Bay, was honorably separated from service on Saturday at Fort Sheridan.

Entering service in November, 1942, he was sent directly to Hawaii for training. Later he served in engagements in the Gilberts, the Marshalls and the Mariannas, receiving wounds at Eniwetok and on Okinawa. Later he was with the first forces to occupy Japan.

Sgt. Ruth Durment of the WAC, a sister, is now stationed in Germany.

Pfc. Walter Ruekberg Terminates 3 Years' Service in Army

Pfc. Walter Ruekberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Ruekberg, 1050 Oak, this week terminated three years' service in the army at Ft. Sheridan.

Veteran of service with an evacuation hospital unit in No. Africa and Italy, he possesses 4 battle stars, the invasion arrow and the Meritorious Service unit plaque.

Levinson Brothers Both Serving With Army Infantry

Pfc. John Levinson, 23, of the army infantry, is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Levinson, 619 Bronson lane, following 10 months of service in the European area. He will report to Camp Grant the 5th of this month.

His brother, Pfc. William, 20, also of the infantry, who was wounded at Okinawa last spring, is stationed in the Philippines.

Thomas Brown, Radio Man, Now Stationed In Philippines

Thomas W. Brown, R 3/c, USNR, is now stationed in the Philippines, on the island of Samar. During his 13 months in the Pacific he has been on 39 combat patrols.

While in New Guinea, his squadron — 7th fleet, PT squadron 12 — was awarded the Presidential Unit citation for disposing of 69 Jap barges, 2 submarines and 5 planes. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, 353 Bloom street.

Nello Tamarri Again A Civilian After 4 Years in Uniform

T/5 Nello J. Tamarri, veteran of 4 1/2 years of service, two of which were spent in the European war theater, is back at the home of his mother, Mrs. Ida Tamarri, 430 N. Central, Highwood.

While overseas he served in campaigns in Normandy, Belgium and Germany, with the engineers of the 1st army. He wears 5 battle stars on his ETO ribbon.

Three Cronkrite Brothers Veterans from Highwood Released from Service

The three sons of Abe Cronkrite, 225 S. Central, all sergeants, with a total war service of 10 years and 8 months, were released from service last month.

Sgt. Raymond has 6 battle stars to represent his service in the campaigns of Germany, Belgium, France and Holland.

S/Sgt. John was attached to an engineers' aviation battalion, and participated in the invasions of North Africa, Italy and Sicily, lat-

er serving in India, Australia and Egypt.

Sgt. Jack, now back at Mayo brothers as a civilian, served there for a year and a half with the medical corps.

Highwood First Lady Marine, Dolores Dean, Receives Discharge

Thirty-one months with the marine corps is the record of Cpl. Dolores Dean, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Dean, 242 High street, Highwood, to last week, when she received her honorable discharge at Camp LeJeune, N. C., with 31 points to her credit.

The first Highwood girl to join the corps, she received her training at Hunter college, N. Y., with the first group of volunteer girls to enter the marines, and was last stationed at Cherry Point, N.C., as telephone-teletype operator.

Edwin C. Dennett Makes Acquaintance Of Daughter, Donna

Edwin C. Dennett, former lieutenant of the army infantry, has received an honorable discharge from service. He arrived in Baltimore on October 11, after a year in Germany, two days before the birthday of his year-old daughter, Donna, whom he had never seen. Mrs. Dennett is the former Virginia Stricklen, daughter of the Leroy Stricklens of Baltimore.

S. Sgt. John, his brother, is stationed in Alexandria, La. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dennett, 615 Homewood.

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