

I'M STILL IN THE ARMY!

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The United Press President Says:

HONOLULU, T. H.—
"Emperor Hirohito asked me how I liked Japan. I told him I'd rather not answer that."
Speaking was Mr. Hugh Baillie, president of the United Press, the first American to sit down, talk, and have tea with the Emperor since Japanese capitulation. Mr. Baillie has just returned from more than two months in Japan and China on one of his periodic reversions to the role of ace reporter.

I had the distinct honor of being the first to interview Mr. Baillie when he arrived here. Our talk — by first assignment as a staff correspondent for The Stars and Stripes — began on a highly cordial basis. Mr. Baillie was most gracious and when he knew that I was well acquainted with his popular son, Lt. Hugh Baillie, the interview progressed even more smoothly.

TALKS GOLF WITH EMPEROR . . .

Mr. Baillie is the only American newspaperman ever granted an exclusively informal interview with the Emperor of Japan. Since December, 1941, only two other Americans have talked to Hirohito—Gen. MacArthur and New York Times Correspondent Frank Luckhohn. Both visits were strictly formal affairs.

"Our chat was a very informal one, lasting exactly 25 minutes. We discussed golf, the weather, and my trip to Japan mostly," the news executive said. "There were three Japanese officials in the room with us and they agreed with everything the Emperor said by nodding and smiling constantly."

"I found the Emperor taller than I had imagined and he had a professional manner about him. He has been a recluse most of his life, sheltered from the troubles of the world."

HIROHITO IS CONCERNED . . .

According to court procedure, Mr. Baillie had submitted questions in writing to the Emperor through official channels several days before the interview. The answers were handed to Mr. Baillie when he left the Emperor's chambers.

Judging by the answers received, Mr. Baillie commented, Hirohito seems most concerned about two pressing matters: food for his subjects and the desire for his people to appreciate the value of a democratic government.

"There's going to be mass starvation almost reaching pestilence in Japan this winter. The Japs are punchy; they're thoroughly beaten; they keep sinking further and further into the pit they have dug for themselves. They're a backward people and even their land smells like a privy and like dead fish," Mr. Baillie said.

WANT CONCENTRATION CAMPS . . .

"In my opinion," Mr. Baillie continued, "the Japs would love to be arrested en masse, put in concentration camps, and then housed and fed by the occupation forces. I say, let her live awhile in her own ruins, which have to be seen to be believed."

Mr. Baillie said it was hard for him to comprehend how the Japs ever expected to defeat the mighty Allies.

"Take Atsugi airport for example," the news chief began. "It is supposed to be the Japs' best

airport. It's supposed to be comparable to our best airports in America. In reality it's a very poor field, incapable of handling our large transports. And instead of a paved highway leading to the port, there is just a one way dirt road leading to the field."

SUICIDE PILOTS' QUARTERS . . .

Another fact which amazed Mr. Baillie was the living quarters of the suicide pilots. "Their destiny was presumably divine; they were to die great heroes. You'd think they would live in excellent quarters, decorated with silk curtains, exquisite furniture, and the like. But this is not so. The quarters I visited were hovels — small, dirty fit for pigs."

During his stay in Tokyo, Mr. Baillie was invited to dinner by Gen. MacArthur.

"I think MacArthur and his men are doing a superb job of occupation. Japan will never again be a world power if present occupation policies persist. Certainly she is going to be an industrial vacuum to the rest of the world unless somebody on the outside steps in. If we expect Japan ever to be a market, someone will have to prime the pump," Mr. Baillie declared.

FLYS TO CHINA . . .

From Tokyo the Nation's busiest news executive flew to China where he was able to obtain an exclusive interview with Generalissimo Chang Kai-shek.

(Mr. Baillie, incidentally, has interviewed many famous men including Hitler, Mussolini, Gen. De Gaulle, Chamberlain, and Gen. Eisenhower.)

"The Chinese leader told me the Japs should be treated practically rather than vengefully. They should be given the same treatment the Germans are getting. And he said he believed the Japanese people should be allowed to decide if Hirohito should remain in power," the newsman reported.

PRESS FREEDOM VITAL . . .

Mr. Baillie, long a leader in the fight for world wide press freedom, said the Generalissimo told him press freedom would come to China as soon as conditions were normal.

"He didn't say specifically when that would be," Mr. Baillie commented, "but he seemed to imply that it might be soon. And I hope he's right."

"There should be no dark corners where plots against the peace and the freedom of the people may be concocted behind their backs. If it is possible to gather news — and I mean the true facts! — everywhere, the people of the world will become better educated; they will learn to know and trust their neighboring countries; and there will be a permanence about this peace," Mr. Baillie concluded.

IN THE NATION'S SERVICE

T. S. Carmen T. Albert, Pacific War Veteran, Released from Service

The first of the three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Albert, 655 Chicago, to be released from service, T/S Carmen T. Albert, Pacific war veteran, has now been a civilian for over two weeks.

Overseas 45 months in the Pacific theater, Albert was stationed at Christmas Islands, Hawaii and Iwo Jima, and possesses, among other decorations, the American Defense ribbon, the Victory ribbon, Good Conduct medal and the Bronze star.

His brother, Robert, F 1/c, USN, arrived from Tokyo at a Washington port aboard a destroyer for Navy Day. Overseas one year, he took part in engagements at Luzon and Okinawa. He expects to join his parents, his wife, the former Angie Carzoli, and his two-

year-old daughter, Barbara, about Dec. 1.

Pvt. James is stationed in Pyote, Texas, as mechanic in the ground crew of a B-29 base. His wife and daughter, Rose, 4, are with him.

Capt. Kenneth Jones Returns After Two Years in India

Three and one-half years in the service and almost two years with the Headquarters Co. of the AAF in India, Capt. Kenneth M. Jones arrived in the States last week on the General Hodges, from Calcutta.

A graduate of Highland Park high and also of Dartmouth college, he is married to the former Elizabeth Ann Johnson, of this town. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Jones, 510 N. Linden.

Sgt. Irving Scott To Return to Civilian Life

Sgt. Irving Scott, Highwood, is one of more than 3,500 high-point army, navy and marine corps veterans whom the "Magic Carpet" brought back to the states aboard the USS Saratoga.

The Saratoga, one of more than 200 carriers, escort carriers and attack transports in the navy's famed "Magic Carpet" fleet, left Pearl Harbor Friday, Oct. 26, and arrived in San Francisco Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Passengers went directly to the separation centers nearest their homes to complete the formalities of obtaining their discharges before returning to civilian life.

Pvt. A. Rabattini Separated from Service At Fort Sheridan

Pvt. Anthony J. Rabattini, veteran of 4 years in service was recently released from service at Ft. Sheridan.

Serving for 2 years in Europe, he holds the Presidential unit citation and has participated in 5 battles.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rabattini, and his wife and son, Anthony Jr., live at 117 Highwood Ave., Highwood.

T.5 James Krueger Released from Service After 3 1/2 Years

T/5 James M. Krueger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Krueger, 517 McDaniels, was last week separated from service at Ft. Sheridan.

Veteran of 3 1/2 years' service, he spent 38 months in the European area, taking part in four campaigns, Normandy, North France, the Rhineland and central Europe.

Besides other awards he possesses the Presidential citation.

Highland Park Boys Get Release From V-5 Program Navy Air Corps

"One of the big breaks of the war," says Charles Bates, 1880 Lyman, referring to the release from service of his 19-year-old son, Charles Junior. With the V-5 program of the Navy air corps, Charles last attended preflight school at St. Mary's, California.

Entering service at the same school was William Murphy, 250 Bronson, who is also released from service.

Both Lloyd Sons Home with Parents

Percy Lloyd, overseas veteran of the Pacific area, received his release from service last week, at the termination of his 45 day furlough, and is now staying at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Lloyd, 515 S. St. Johns. His brother, CWO Howard, is also home from Amarillo, Tex., and is dividing his time between the Lloyds and the parents of his wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Abrams, 967 S. St. Johns.

Everett Bellei of The U.S. Coast Guard Released from Service

After exactly 3 years of service in the U. S. coast guard, aboard the Wisteria, Everett Bellei, 24, was released from service in Detroit, Mich., Oct. 22. He is now in Baltimore with his wife, Betty Ann, to whom he was married in May, 1944. They will return to take up residence with Mr. and Mrs. Everett, Sr., 1044 Ft. Sheridan avenue.

Cpl. Stanley Heck Arrives From Texas For Furlough

Cpl. Stanley Heck, hero of the European conflict, arrived on Wednesday to spend a 45-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Heck, 710 Central. He has been stationed at a hospital in Temple, Texas, but expects to transfer to a nearer station at the end of his furlough. His brother, Cpl. Russel, still in Europe, is expected home shortly.

V.F.W. Has Large Turnout for Meeting Thursday, Nov. 1

post No. 4737 of the Veenastr Highland Park Memorial post, No. 4737, Veterans of Foreign Wars, had a large turnout for the bi-monthly meeting at Elks hall, on Thursday, Nov. 1. It was most gratifying to see so many new faces who were all eager to join the newly formed post.

Plans were made for the institution of the post on Nov. 15. The following officers will be installed at that time: Gordon Clavey, commander; Edward Moroney, sr. vice-commander; Wayne Jannigen, jr. vice-commander; William Hennig, quartermaster. Three trustees are John Gibbons, Eggert Carlsen and Frank Moroney. Refreshments will be served under the direction of Malcolm Tillinghast and Martin Segal.

The drive for new members has gone far above expectations and charter memberships will be closed shortly. It is expected this post will grow to several hundred members in the coming year. There are still a lot of men who are eligible but as yet have not joined. It is the sincere desire of the Highland Park Memorial post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars that all who are eligible will contact one of the members at once so that they too may become members, and benefit from this nation-wide organization. All meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at Elks hall at 8 o'clock.

Many Face It, Though

Judson Morgan, of Jamestown, N. Y., recently celebrated his 90th birthday and defended his bachelorhood with the assertion: "Marriage is more dangerous than nitroglycerin."

Gaylord A. Buchanan of New York City put a radio in his wooden leg so that his fellow prisoners in a Jap concentration camp might hear the outside news.

Evans Feed Store Changes Hands

John J. Lidicker has sold his interest in Evans' Feed store to two recently discharged war veterans, Walter Strange and Gordon V. Davis, both of Skokie, Ill. Strange is a veteran of three years of service in Africa, Belgium, England, France and Germany. Davis, of the army air corps, spent 18 months in this country, stationed in Texas and Florida. Both received discharges at Fort Sheridan.

LOIS BALL AIDS IN PRODUCTION OF PLAY AT STATE UNIVERSITY

URBANA-CHAMPAIGN, ILL.—Lois Ball, 628 S. St. Johns avenue, is a production crew manager for the Illini Theatre guild play, "Three Men on a Horse," to be presented Nov. 9, 10, 16 and 17 at the University of Illinois. The play will be the first guild production of the year.

The Shakespearean play, "King Lear," will be presented January 18, 19, 25 and 26.



Coming through!

Thousands and thousands of service men are passing through Ft. Sheridan these days.

Many of them are just back from overseas. It's the first chance they've had in months to talk to the home folks—and that's the first thing most of them want to do.

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AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR THOUSANDS OF ARMY VETERANS NOW IN CIVILIAN LIFE

Between now and November 21, thousands of Army veterans will reenlist in Uncle Sam's new volunteer peacetime Army. Because—men who have been discharged between May 12 and November 1 of this year and reenlist on or before November 21 will be able to return to the Army with the same grade as they held when discharged.

Men with six months of satisfactory service discharged as privates will, on reenlistment before November 21, be given the grade of private first class.

Men now in the Army who apply for discharge after NOVEMBER 1 for the purpose of reenlisting in the Regular Army will also retain their present grades, if they enlist within 20 days after discharge and before FEBRUARY 1, 1946.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEW ENLISTMENT PROGRAM

- Enlistments for 1 1/2, 2 or 3 years. (1-year enlistments permitted for men with 6 months' service.)
- Men reenlisting retain their present grades, if they reenlist within 20 days after discharge and before Feb. 1, 1946. The same applies to men discharged between May 12 and Nov. 1, 1945, who reenlist before Nov. 21, 1945.
- An increase in the reenlistment bonus to \$50 for each year of active service since the bonus was last paid, or since last entry into service.
- 20% extra pay when overseas.
- Paid furlough, up to 90 days, depending on length of service, with furlough travel paid to home and return, for men now in the Army who enlist.
- Mustering-out pay (based upon length of service) to all men who are discharged to reenlist.
- Option to retire at half pay for the rest of your life after 20 years' service—or three-quarters pay after 30 years. (Retirement income in grade of Master or First Sergeant up to \$155.25 per month for life.) All previous active federal military service counts toward retirement.
- Benefits of GI Bill of Rights.
- Family allowances for the term of enlistment for dependents of men who enlist or reenlist before July 1, 1946.
- Choice of branch of service and overseas theater in Air, Ground or Service Forces on 3-year enlistments.

PAY PER MONTH—ENLISTED MEN

In Addition to Food, Lodging, Clothing and Medical Care	Starting Base Pay Per Month	MONTHLY RETIREMENT INCOME AFTER:	
		20 Years' Service	30 Years' Service
Master Sergeant or First Sergeant	\$138.00	\$89.70	\$155.25
Technical Sergeant	114.00	74.10	128.25
Staff Sergeant	96.00	62.40	108.00
Sergeant	78.00	50.70	87.75
Corporal	66.00	42.90	74.25
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