

## I'M STILL IN THE ARMY!

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### Pecking at a Portable

HONOLULU, T. H.—Well, this has been a full, interesting week of staff writing for The Stars and Stripes and, in off duty hours, writing for the Honolulu, T. H., Daily Advertiser.

Tuesday I went to Honolulu's swank Moana Hotel where I interviewed Mr. J. Kyung Dunn, director of the United Korean committee. He and his staff are en route to Korea and are traveling on a top State Department air priority. They're going to Korea at the specific request of Gen. MacArthur to help alleviate certain "difficult situations" arising between the Allies and the Koreans.

**MISSION TO KOREA . . .**  
"Our mission," Mr. Dunn told me, "is to aid the Korean peoples in their program of rehabilitation and earliest achievement of independence."

Mr. Dunn seemed very sincere. Each of the men with him is a Korean leader who has spent many years at American educational institutions.

"With this intimate knowledge of both the Koreans and the Americans, I am hoping we can assist in making matters run more smoothly in Korea," Mr. Dunn declared.

And I hope he's right!

### DINES WITH GENERAL . . .

Over a thick steak in the dining room of the general officer's lounge at Hickham Field Wednesday, I had an hour's chat with Maj. Gen. Archer C. Lerch, the Army's Provost Marshal General.

Gen. Kerch just returned from an extensive tour of Jap prisoner of war camps at Manila, Tokyo, and Shanghai. He told me Allied investigating teams in Japan are gathering great amounts of PW documentary evidence—some even recorded on toilet tissue—in their intensive search to determine exactly how the Japs treated Allied civilian and military internees.

He said that by comparison with Nazi PW camps, which he inspected last May, the Japs beat their captives with greater regularity. He added that Allied civilians had been better treated generally than had the military.

### TALKS WITH GALLANT WOMAN . . .

I left the general then and went to the Honolulu library. There I met one of the most gallant and interesting persons I have ever met.

Her name is Dolores de Veyra. She is the director of the library's Department of the Blind. I had heard about her great work and her beautiful philosophy. I wanted to tell her story to the readers of the Advertiser, and now to the readers of the PRESS.

Soon after our introduction, Mrs. de Veyra, a small, delicate, totally-blind woman, told me her philosophy.

### YES TO LIFE . . .

"I have faith in people. I see the brighter side. I deeply believe that if you give much to life you will reap many rewards which will make your stay in this world happy," she said.

Twenty-seven years ago on a stormy Pacific ocean a Japanese ship, loaded with a crew and passengers stricken with tropical fever, plowed its way towards Honolulu. On that ship was a baby, one year old. When the ship reached port, many of the crew and most of the passengers were dead.

## IN THE NATION'S SERVICE

### Two Highland Parkers Win Commendation For Work at Luzon

Two Highland Park navy men, Robert E. Wicklander, 1200 Burton avenue, and Alfred S. McFadden, 344 Bloom street, and other members of the 115th naval construction battalion have won commendation for their work at Luzon, where they were called upon to complete emergency repairs and landing strips while exposed to large caliber shelling and Jap air attacks, the navy has announced.

Working in areas that had not yet been announced as "secured," the Seabees set up camp and radio facilities. Then, after the Japs had been driven out, they repaired the pre-war water supply for the area, and erected the major part of the buildings for that base.

The Seabee outfit previously had

G. Klomp, 836 Ridgewood drive. Both boys are June graduates of Highland Park high.

### Cpl. Vincent Faiola, European Veteran, Released from Service

Cpl. Vincent Faiola, husband of the former Dorothy Peck, 129 Hillcrest, received his honorable discharge at Ft. Dix, N. J., on Oct. 13th.

The former army man served for 22 months in the European area, leaving Camp Kilmer, N. J., aboard the Queen Mary and landing in Liverpool. After spending 6 months in England, he served with ordnance in Normandy, then was transferred to France, where he became a member of the 3rd Division Infantry.

His battle stars represent four major campaigns. He served in Normandy, Northern France, Central Europe and in the Rhineland, and was awarded the Unit citation and the Presidential citation.

Stationed for a time with the Army of Occupation in Germany, he embarked from Southampton, England, on the Texarkana and arrived in the States within 8 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Faiola have been living at the home of Mrs. Faiola's parents, the F. K. Pecks, but expect to leave shortly to make their home in New Jersey. Mr. Faiola's native state.

### Robert Carr First Of Four Brothers To Receive Discharge

Former Petty Officer Robert W. Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carr, 916 Lincoln, received his discharge under the navy point system recently at Great Lakes Naval Training center. He has been in active service since September 1940, at first in the Atlantic, aboard the USS Custer, and 3½

years in the Pacific besides one year in the States.

Pf M 1/c John "Bucky" Carr, entered service in 1942. He has been stationed aboard a transport for the past year.

Comdr. Stanley, who participated in the Sicilian campaign, is now aboard a cargo ship.

F. C. 1/c Donald is stationed at Norfolk, Va., as instructor.

### F. O. Howard Shea Of Air Transport Command Awarded Second Cluster

It has been announced that F. O. Howard G. Shea, stationed with the air transport command in the India-China division, has been awarded a second Oak Leaf cluster to his Air medal. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shea, 1518 Cornelia.

F. O. Shea has been with the air transport command since graduation from the flying school at Blytheville, Ark., in September, 1944. Prior to going overseas, he was stationed at Romulus field, Mich.

Vincent, a brother is with the U. S. army.

### Eugene Detmer, Former Technical Sergeant in Italy, Receives Release

Among those recently released from service at Ft. Sheridan is former T/Sgt. Eugene Detmer, 22, who entered the service in March, 1943, and left a year later for overseas, where he served in Italy as mechanic on power turret guns for the AAF.

A graduate of Highland Park high and a former student at Williams college, Mass., he is the son of Howard Detmer, 565 Bob O'Link.

Also discharged from Ft. Sheridan were Pfc. Ettore Travetto of Highwood, and Pfc. Raymond S. Johnson.

### John Friedlich Aboard Destroyer Escapes Kamikaze

ABOARD THE DESTROYER USS JOHN H. WEEKS, OFF JAPAN (Delayed) — John Friedlich, quartermaster 3/c, USNR, of 636 N. St. Johns, Highland Park, and other men of this ship, which was assigned to the occupation forces at the end of the war, had a narrow escape from five Jap suicide planes just a few hours before the Japanese made their first peace bid.

In action since last January when the Weeks joined the 3rd fleet in the Philippines, she was one of four destroyers on "picket" duty in the waters near Tokyo Bay when the five suicide planes attacked on Aug. 9.

The suiciders whirled out of the sky and attacked with bombs, strafing and straight-on plunges. Four were knocked into the sea or blown to bits in the air, two of them falling to the guns of the Weeks. The fifth crashed into a destroyer nearby.

### Sgt. Charles Connolly Stationed Near Manila With Medical Unit

Sgt. Charles F. Connolly, of the medical department of the 86th Blackhawk division, is now stationed in the Philippines, about 12 miles from Manila.

Entering the service in January, 1943, he served with Patton's 3rd army in Germany, Austria, France and Belgium, where he earned the Good Conduct ribbon, the ETO ribbon with one battle star and the combat medic's badge.

His wife, Elsie, makes her home with her parents, the F. C. Fulhams. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Connolly, 594 Home-wood.

### Three Rosalini Brothers Hope Soon to Be Reunited

Two Rosalini brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Rosalini, 123 High, met for the first time since March, 1943, recently, when Pfc. Adolph, home on sick leave from Vaughn hospital, greeted his brother Clarence, veteran of the European theater, now released from service. A third brother, Pvt. Peter, stationed for 2 years in the China-Burma-India theater, is now on his way home. He has served with the U. S. engineers for 4 years.

Pfc. Adolph, veteran infantryman of the So. Pacific area, hopes to receive his discharge soon. Clarence was formerly technician 5/c, serving with the 48th tank battalion in the European theater.

### Highwood Man, Veteran Of Five Campaigns, Receives Discharge

Former Pfc. Meno Passini, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Passini, 39 Elm, Highwood, was released from service November 1 at Camp Grant, after completing three years of duty, nearly two of which were served overseas. Besides a Bronze star, awarded for duty during 17 days under fire at the Saar river, Passini, an artilleryman, possesses five battle stars for campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and central Germany.

### Lt. Raymond W. Hadley On Terminal Leave

Lt. Raymond W. Hadley, 2600 N. Deere Park drive, recently discharged at Great Lakes NTS, is now home on a 60-day terminal leave. Three years in the service, he spent 1½ years of that time in Pearl Harbor, the Marshall islands and other points in the Pacific.

# When Will Home Appliances Be Available To You?

Here are the answers—based on the most recent information we have received.

As you probably know, most appliance manufacturers have encountered problems in converting from war to peace production. It's not easy, for example, to convert from the production of radar devices to electric irons.

Fortunately, however, peacetime planning went ahead during the war. Experimentation and development went ahead. And war-learned lessons in production and engineering were incorporated in appliance manufacturing plans. So today, with plans completed, your much improved home appliances are actually in production.

The information below is based on news given us by manufacturers. But we cannot, of course, guarantee that all home appliances will be available when planned. Material shortages or unforeseen factors may delay deliveries.

**Ranges.** Some range models—in limited quantities—are available at many neighborhood dealers now. Some may even be installed in time to cook that big Christmas dinner. Quantities should come in after the first of the year.

**Refrigerators.** The same situation that prevails for ranges holds true in regard to refrigerators.

**Home Freezing Units** may not be widely available before early Spring. Radical changes and improvements in design and construction have made much new manufacturing equipment necessary. But, if you're fortunate, you may be

able to secure a Home Freezing Unit shortly after the first of the year.

**Vacuum Cleaners** are on the way to neighborhood dealers right now. And while some dealers may not have them available for immediate delivery, they should be a bit more plentiful within the next month.

**Irons** are available in limited quantities now. Automatic irons will probably be available by the first of the year.

**Home Heating Units**—some heating contractors have limited supplies now; should be generally available by late Spring.

**Washing Machines**, in some cases, are now on display. First deliveries should be made by December.

**Smaller Appliances**—waffle irons, toasters, clocks, etc., may be available by the last of this year—in sufficient quantities to make it possible for them to be given as thoughtful Christmas gifts.

Since many factors, as noted above, may delay deliveries it is suggested that you stop in at your Public Service Store from time to time for the latest information on appliances. Public Service and dealers will always welcome your visit, and will answer your questions to the best of their ability.

### IS THE WAR OVER?

It isn't for the wounded and maimed of our country's armed forces. They must still receive the best of care—and that takes money. So your country asks that you buy Victory Bonds. Remember, you help your country, the men who served their country, and yourself, when you make the sound investment of a Victory Bond Purchase.

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