

# I'M STILL IN THE ARMY!

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## Open Letter to Hollywood

HONOLULU, T. H.—

Dear Hollywood:

In the last 36 months I've seen 500 movies. Some of my friends have seen over 1,000. We feel, therefore, that we might be qualified critics, and we want to pass along some suggestions to you about your productions and your people.

Of the hundreds of pictures you've sent us, we've enjoyed 10. The others were poor and only fair. Most of them rated about C or D in our books.

### NAMES SIX BEST . . .

Of the 10 we liked, only six were outstanding. They are, "Going My Way," "Valley of Decision," "Rhapsody in Blue," "Kiss and Tell," "Our Vines Have Tender Grapes," and "Bells of St. Mary's."

Yes, there were a couple of others. But we can't remember them now.

Why is it, Hollywood, that with all your money, you can't give us more pictures like these?

### OUR CHIEF ENTERTAINMENT . . .

You see, Hollywood, movies are our chief form of entertainment. In some places they were our only form of entertainment for months. We needed you. But you let us down. Way down.

Like many newspaper editors, you patronized us. You thought we were mentally retarded. You thought we didn't know what fine writing and acting is. You thought, evidently, that our tastes were uneducated, that we didn't know, perhaps, about the better things in life.

Well, Hollywood, you were wrong. Dead wrong.

### "GOING MY WAY" BEST . . .

I guess we enjoyed "Going My Way" best. And who didn't? There was warmth in that movie; there was depth and fine writing and fine acting.

— And, most of all, there was a lesson; a lesson that stuck; a lesson that made us feel that what we were fighting for was real and good.

That picture jarred our thinking. It stirred up the creative thoughts which rest in every per-

son's mind. Indeed, it made us better persons — and we all can improve.

You see, Hollywood, that picture was a positive approach to life. It showed us Religion's place in the world. It showed us that Religion was as necessary in life as food.

### INGRID BERGMAN TOPS . . .

The other five pictures were not only entertaining, they made us feel good. They made us say, "That was an excellent movie."

You should try to get such reactions more often, Hollywood. . . . Since Pearl Harbor you've built many stars. Most of them will fall soon. Only a few, a very few, will stay on top. You know who they are: Ingrid Bergman, Margaret O'Brien, Greer Garson, Gregory Peck, and a couple of others.

Your Bacalls, Sinatras, Grables, and so on, will not last. You know that. Then, for heaven's sake, why don't you set your standards higher? Why don't you demand the best and, in turn, give us the best?

We want it. Ingrid Bergman is not only lovely and talented, she is quality. Her home life, we hear, is impeccable. She is a devoted Mother first; an actress second. We wish, Hollywood, that you had given us more actresses with as much poise and as much refinement.

### IMPROVE IN 1946 . . .

In a few days 1946 will be here. It is your year. You can do much to improve America in 1946. You can inspire, entertain, and educate.

We believe in you. We know you can better the nation if you want to.

I leave come through for us. Sincerely,

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honorably discharged and is going home from Air Transport squadron 11, the navy's largest transport operating squadron.

The squadron, landplane unit of the Pacific wing of the Naval Air Transport service, flies 100 four-engine Skymasters nearly three million miles a month between the Orient and Oakland, Calif.

### T. 4 Stanley C. Gibbs Ready for Discharge

Technician 4th grade Stanley C. Gibbs, whose wife lives at 1267 East St., returned to the United States aboard the support carrier USS Saginaw Bay, with more than 1,300 other soldiers ready for discharge. The group, which arrived Dec. 4, in San Pedro, Calif., comprised the first army unit carried by the Saginaw Bay since the ship joined the navy's "magic carpet" fleet carrying Pacific veterans home.

### Miss Adeline Ramond Scene Designer for Yale Dramatic Production

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 20. — Miss Adeline Ramond, daughter of Albert Ramond of 1069 Mosely Rd., Ravinia, was scene designer for the first major production of the Yale university department of drama during the current term.

The play, "Gideon," an historical melodrama, consisting of three acts, deals with religious fanaticism during New York's yellow fever epidemic in 1822. Based on historical fact, it is a record of the life and activities of Robert Matthews, who called himself "The Prophet."

Author of the play is Randolph Goodman, holder of a Rockefeller Foundation fellowship in playwriting in the Yale department of drama. The play was directed by Edward C. Reveaux, assistant professor of play production and director of the current Broadway show "Are You With It?"

Miss Ramond graduated from Colorado college in 1942. This is her second year at the Yale department of drama as a student of stage design.

### LOOK WHO'S HERE! (LOCAL STORK CLUB)

Among the 10 boys and two girls who arrived at the local hospital during the two weeks before Christmas, there was only one Christmas baby. And that one, an out-of-towner. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Halste of Northbrook. Almost on the line were the sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Nemic, of Ft. Sheridan, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fenwick, 2035 Prairie, who both arrived on the 24th. Little Charles Frederick Fenwick, a most remarkable child (we have the father's word for it) weighed 7 pounds 1/4 ounces upon arrival. He is their first.

Out-of-town babies were a girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Savage of Chicago, on December 11, and sons to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dahl of Winnetka, on the 13th and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lebo of Glenview, on Dec. 22. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clayton of Fort Sheridan on the 13th.

Boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. Guido Corsini, 5 Clay, on the 13th, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cimarristi, 243 North, on the 12th, and Sgt.

### Robert Patterson Tells —

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when our forces broke through to the Ruhr river.

### Beginning of the End

"Starting at 2:45 one day, our forces laid down what is said to have been one of the mightiest barrages in the history of warfare. Then, with the bridgehead forced, it was a fairly straight line to the Rhine with little resistance. From then on it was our task to drive on and contact the Russians, which we did, through unorganized resistance. Our gas gave out on the banks of the Ian river, (the Austrian-German border) and while awaiting supplies orders came to cease fire.

"From then on our work was guard duty, rounding up civilians and fixing up their papers, and — beginning to train for Pacific warfare."

Several times Robert owed his life to the cloudy weather, which permitted many Americans to slip through enemy lines to their own, after having been cut off from their own outfits. Though slightly wounded five times, he required no hospitalization.

### Yankee Sense of Humor

The thing which saved American morale, Robert states, was their sense of humor, which kept them from cracking under strain.

One fellow could imitate a speech, word for word, after one hearing. A slight fellow, he resembled, somewhat, a high-ranking British general who had made a preparation speech to the Yanks. This chap had a hat like the general's, and when the tension got too high he would don this hat and deliver the speech, word for word. It was an hilarious success, and, more than once, saved the day.

### Souvenir of the War

On April 10, 1945, the Americans captured a small town in Germany at 4 a.m. One hour later 15 special elite guard jumped in from the next town, and the colonel sought refuge in the house where Robert happened to be at the time. They met in the doorway. The colonel, a spic and span typical Prussian officer, clean-shaven and well-decorated, showed some reluctance to being captured by a Pfc, which was Robert's rank at the time. But, apparently, he overcame his scruples, for Robert now possesses his pistol as a souvenir.

So . . . after donning his first civvies, the no doubt well meaning lady who demanded to know why he was not in uniform brought forth this reply: "Well, I have fought my draft board for four years and have thus far managed to keep out."

and Mrs. Raymond Bartlet, 1631 Pleasant, on the 23rd; all of Highland.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leuer, 844 Centerfield, named their little son, born on the 17th, Joe John.

Just to be different, Mr. and Mrs. William McDonald, 359 Laurel, ordered a girl, who arrived on the 20th. They have named her Katherine Grace.

The Ralph Armstrongs, 371 Central, became the parents of a boy on the 19th, also Mr. and Mrs. James Collins, 146 S. First, on the 21st.

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**THE spirit of 1946 is Progress.** So let us all determine right now to do everything a little bit better than last year, to take advantage of every available opportunity for improvement, and in this way assure for ourselves a happier community of happier homes.

As for ourselves, we will leave no stone unturned to give you still better values and a still higher grade of service in the year to come.

And so, wishing you all a very Happy New Year, we join with you in giving a royal welcome to 1946.

## Shelton's Fountain Grill

11 S. St. Johns Ave.

➔ January 31  
➔ THE LAST DAY  
➔ FOR MEN NOW IN THE ARMY TO  
➔ RETAIN THEIR PRESENT GRADES  
➔ BY REENLISTING . . .

Men now in the Army who reenlist before February 1 will be reenlisted in their present grade. Men honorably discharged can reenlist within 20 days after discharge in the grade they held at the time of discharge, provided they reenlist before February 1, 1946.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEW ENLISTMENT PROGRAM

- Enlistments for 1½, 2 or 3 years. (1-year enlistments permitted for men now in Army with 6 months' service.)
- Enlistment age from 17 to 34 years inclusive, except for men now in Army, who may reenlist at any age.
- Men reenlisting retain present grades, if they reenlist within 20 days after discharge and before February 1, 1946.
- The best pay scale, medical care, food, quarters and clothing in Army history.
- An increase in the reenlistment bonus to \$50 for each year of active service since such bonus was last paid, or since last entry into service.
- Up to 90 days' paid furlough, depending on length of service, with furlough travel paid to home and return, for men now in Army who enlist.
- A 30-day furlough every year at full pay.
- Mustering-out pay (based upon length of service) to all men who are discharged to reenlist.
- Option to retire at half pay for life after 20 years' service—increasing to three-quarters pay after 30 years' service. All previous active federal military service counts toward retirement.
- Benefits under the GI Bill of Rights.
- Family allowances for the term of enlistment for dependents of men who enlist before July 1, 1946.
- Opportunity to learn one or more of 200 skills and trades.
- Choice of branch of service and overseas theater in the Air, Ground or Service Forces on 3-year enlistments.

There's a long list of attractive reenlistment privileges in the new Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945. The ability to keep your present grade is only one of them, but this privilege expires on January 31.

There are plenty of other reasons why many thousands of men have enlisted, and more thousands are enlisting every day. You'll certainly want to know all of the opportunities open to you. If you'll read them carefully, you'll know why a job in the new peacetime Regular Army is being regarded today as "The Best Job in the World."

### PAY PER MONTH—ENLISTED MEN

In Addition to Food, Lodging, Clothing and Medical Care	Starting Basic Pay Per Month	MONTHLY RETIREMENT INCOME AFTER:	
		20 Years' Service	25 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
Private First Class	54.00	35.10	60.75
Private	50.00	32.50	56.25

SEE THE JOB THROUGH  
**U. S. ARMY**  
BE A  
"GUARDIAN OF VICTORY"  
AIR, GROUND, SERVICE FORCES

ENLIST NOW AT YOUR NEAREST  
U. S. ARMY RECRUITING STATION  
WAUKEGAN



## 1946 WELCOME

### NEW YEAR'S IS MORE THAN A DAY!

It is the spirit of men and women who throw off the impediments of yesterday and determine to make a better start for today.

As we enter the year 1946 we raise a toast to our many good friends, with the hope that each succeeding day may bring you nearer to coveted goals.

Happy New Year to you!

## ERMINE CLEANERS

445 WAUKEGAN AVENUE

HIGHWOOD



### AT THE STROKE OF 12—

• The midnight hour strikes—and, presto! We shed our worried old selves and enter a new world of light, merriment, good cheer and hope.

With firm faith in the future, we enter the year 1946 heartened by your constant consideration for us, and hoping that the New Year will be rich in good cheer and blessings for you.

## SANTI BROS. DAIRY