

SNAP SHOTS

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It seemed to Lanny Devore that he saw jaws moving even in his sleep. Sometimes he wondered if the people in New York ever did anything but eat. He rarely ever saw them do anything else and, at times he got so sick of the operation that he would close his eyes to shut out the sight. But that didn't help much for it made more distinct the sound of rattling knives, forks and spoons, the tinkle of glass and the clatter of dishes, and he knew those jaws were moving up and down, perhaps in rhythm with the music.

Lanny handled the trumpet in an orchestra playing at The Le Boheme swankiest night club spot in New York. He also sang the vocals, so naturally he had to face that gallery of ever-moving jaws. It wasn't so bad when he first started with the orchestra, seven years ago, but after the United States began sending men over and he was turned down, flat, because of an eye that had been badly damaged in his youth, he began to get rebellious. He tried in every way to get in service but after the third denial, he settled back into submission and forgot some of his disappointment by marrying beautiful Leita Boyd, also a singer in the same orchestra. They were ideally happy and when Lanny arrived on the scene and Leita seemed perfectly contented to be a mother and housewife, Lanny decided that he was a mighty lucky guy.

"If only people wouldn't eat all the time!"
Then Lanny began to day-dream. He and Leita had been thrifty, his salary was very good with many concessions thrown in by adoring patrons of Le Boheme. He would buy a little farm up Connecticut way where Junior could frolic to his heart's content. Lanny hadn't given much thought to the few little hints coming from Leita that Junior being old enough to be left with Annie who had been with him since he arrived, she would like to sing with the orchestra again. He knew only too well how quickly her services would be snapped up if she only made the suggestion. He had been the envy of every orchestra leader in town when he married the popular Leita, and only his firm insistence had kept her from accepting the many offers coming to her.

He would close his eyes when he was playing his most sympathetic love songs and see the green reeds waving in the summer breeze along the banks of the murmuring brook, he would imagine the water being poured into waiting glasses was the tiny waterfall

Here On Furlough



Sgt. Wayne C. Garrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Garrett, has arrived home for a 30-day leave from the Southwest Pacific theatre. He was inducted at Fort Bragg on November 17, 1942, and was trained at a number of posts in this country prior to being sent overseas. He has been serving as a clerk typist with the 7th Air Force for the past 25 months. He has been stationed at various posts in the Pacific.

Sgt. Garrett has two brothers in the service: Cpl. Robert R. Garrett, who is in Germany with the field artillery and Pte. James B. Garrett, who is serving with the infantry in Germany.

At the time he entered the service, Sgt. Garrett was employed at the Dayton Rubber Company.

he had built down below the meadow where the cows were peacefully grazing. Oh, it was a glorious dream and it helped to drown out the sound of rattling dishes and din the sight of moving jaws.

Then all of a sudden it happened. For a couple of days, Lanny played by instinct only. He couldn't see his notes, all he could see was a little farm with its white weatherboard, spreading house, nesting among the big oak trees and the willows by the brook. It was almost more than he could bear.

Leita had not him at the door and with arms tight around his neck had told him the wonderful news. Uncle John's will had been read and they'd been left all his money, oodles and oodles of it. He found himself whirled away on clouds of cozy nights in front of a blazing log fire in the huge living room, with Junior the even prophesied little Sister, and a big dog stretched out on a soft rug watching the dancing firelight. He would be in his own armchair, a little weary after superintending the planting, gardening, the many other pleasant duties of a home, and Leita would be close to him, sewing, knitting or just relaxing. No matter what she was doing she would manage to be near him. The dream covered every phase of his longing and the only thing it didn't include was a night club with jaws everlastingly working up and down.

For several days after the big news, he had noticed Leita had kept pretty quiet, only the sparkle in her eyes and the warmth of her affection had betrayed that something especially important and exciting was being incubated. Perhaps she had already found just the place he had in mind and was waiting for the

perfect moment to tell him about it. Whatever it was she was tremendously happy about the whole thing. And his hopes ballooned. Then the bubble burst with a mighty bang.

"Darling," she could hardly wait to get him inside the apartment, "we've got it. We've bought it. Derling, oh Darling," she danced around him like an excited child, "just think it's ours. We'll never have to worry any more and we'll always be together. Sweetheart, I've just bought controlling interest in the Le Boheme."

Sgt. Beecher Lindsey Now At Moore General

S/Sgt. Beecher F. Lindsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lindsey, of Clyde, has arrived at Moore General Hospital, after serving 14 months with Merrill's Marauders and its successor, the Mars Task Force. He has two brothers in the service and a third has been killed in action.

"The Japanese marines, 18th Division—supposed to be the Emperor's favorites—were next to us at

Myitkina, but they aren't there any more," Lindsey said when questioned about the condition in Burma. The cavalry was composed of American mules, shipped in from the States and good at carrying packs.

Food was furnished by air with rations dropped in once in three days when the men were marching and every day when they were in camp.

Lindsey was a replacement in the Marauders, but he is an old time weapons man serving three and one half years in the capacity

of weapons sergeant for a platoon in the 14th Infantry, stationed at Fort Davis, Panama.

He entered the service on January 2, 1940, and his outfit received the Presidential citation. He also has been awarded the Infantryman's badge. He has recently been given a furlough to visit his wife and his 10 months old son, Terry, in Henry, Neb.

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