

SvcMen WW II

FULTON COUNTY, INDIANA

HANDBOOK

Service Men, World War II

1944

SERVICE MEN, WORLD WAR II, 1944

S/SGT. HAUSER REPORTED KILLED IN NORTH AFRICA

Word was received Saturday from the War Department by Mr. and Mrs. John Hauser, Fletchers Lake, that their son S/Sgt. Walter Henry Hauser, 21, co-pilot of a B24 Liberator bomber, was killed in action in the Atlas mountain aerea in North Africa. Further details of the crash were not revealed in the brief War Department telegram.

S/Sgt. Hauser had previously been reported killed in action on December 10th, but further confirmation of his death had not been received.

Mr. and Mrs. Hauser had received a letter from their son dated December 7th, from North Africa, stating that he was all right.

S/Sgt. Hauser was a graduate of the Grass Creek high school and was a member of the Grass Creek basketball team.

He had been in the service 15 months and has a brother, Edward, who is a member of the Army Air Corps in Texas.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 3, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Cpl. Richard McKee, who has spent a two-weeks furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McKee and family of near Athens, left Sunday evening to return to his base at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

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It was announced today that James Snyder has been promoted to a Staff Sergeant. Sgt. Snyder is now stationed at somewhere in Italy.

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S/C Robert Bell, of Great Lakes naval training station, is spending a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bell of Rochester.

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Sgt. Jacob A. Miller Jr. has returned to his station in California after spending a 14-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob F. Miller of Rochester.

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Pvt. Otis B. Putterbaugh, husband of Helen Putterbaugh of 1230 Jefferson St. this city, has been transferred from Ft. Benjamin Harrison to Ft. Knox, Ky., for his basic training.

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It was learned today tht Pvt. Earl Schrimsher, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Squires has been transferred from Camp Rucker, Ala. to New York, N.Y. His address is: Pvt. Earl Schrimsher 35371523, APO 9230, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 3, 1944]

120 REGISTER FOR DRAFT DURING THE PAST YEAR

After reaching the age of 18, eight Fulton county youths registered for military duty during the month of December at the local Selective Service branch.

Those registering are:

Lee Roy Hoehne

Richard Allen Sanders

John W. Davis

Charles Lee Fellers

William Eugene Stephen

Robert James Plantz

Ralph James Miller

Allen Anderson Wooley

This makes a total of 120 Fulton county residents registering for military service during the year of 1943. 115 registered because of reaching the age of 18 and five registered because of being discharged from the army.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 3, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Cpl. Billy O'Dell of Peabod, Kansas is currently spending a 14-day furlough with friends and relatives here.

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Major Lyman D. Burkett has been transferred from Stanford College, Calif., to Camp Reynolds, Greenville, Pa. Maj. Burkett went through Rochester Saturday, enroute to Greenville.

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Carl D. Overmyer left Saturday evening for Camp White, Oregon, after spending a 15-day furlough with his wife and son, Carl Bob.

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Ensign James Allison arrived here Saturday for a 14-day leave with friends.

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Pfc. Richard W. DeMont, aviation student at the University of Pittsburgh, spent Christmas at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. DeMont and family. While home Richard was also aguest of his graandfather, Leslie Stubbs and family of near Monterey.

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Pfc. Jesse Fingerle is currently stationed at Fort McClellan, Alabama.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 4, 1944]

ALLISON GOES TO MARINES

Harry Allison, Marine Corps recruit, left Monday for Indianapolis, Indiana, from where he will probably be sent to San Diego for his basic training. He had just completed a fourteen day furlough here. Mr. Allison was in the dry-cleaning business in this city and was the owner of the Allison cleaners.

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T-5 ART CRAIG RECEIVES PRAISE FOR GELA BATTLE

T-5 Arthur R. Craig of 225 W. 9th street, Rochester, member of a signal air warning battalion attached to a fighter wing of the 12th AAF Air Support Command, has been personally commended by the wing commanding officer, for his actions during the battle for Gela, Sicily, July 10-14, 1943.

The commendation, just received by the Wing, states: "At this stage of the battle in the Gela area, in the face of enemy counter-attacks, you were called upon to enter uncleared minefields and to aid in the defense of Gela in addition to the performance of your regular duties under extremely difficult conditions. The courage and devotion to duty which you displayed during this trying period not only reflected great credit upon yourself, but contribute in large measure to the success of our air operations."

The battalion has accompanied assault forces on two invasions, that at Gela, and later at Salerno. The principle task is to provide warnings of impending raids by enemy aircraft. Arthur is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Craig of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 5, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

The News-Sentinel employees have received word from their former fellow employee, Pvt. Earl D. Thompson, that he is at present stationed in a hospital in Australia and is improving from an attack of the malaria fever. Earl has been in action in the Southwest Pacific war theatre for several months. He has been in the service a little over a year.

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Pvt. Glen H. Overmyer, paratrooper stationed at Camp McCall, North Carolina, his wife and son, Rex. E., spent Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. DeMont, and family.

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S/Sgt. Richard E. Koch has returned to the Army Air Base at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, after spending a short furlough here with relatives and friends.

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Cpl. Richard McKee, son of Mr. and Mrs. George McKee of near Athens, has been presented the Good Conduct medal at his base in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 5, 1944]

PFC. WILLIAM MALIA REPORTED WOUNDED

In the official Navy Department's list of casualties released today, was the name of William Henry Malia, private first class in the Marine Corps, who was reported to have been wounded in action. Pfc. Malia is from the Kewanna community and is the son of Mrs. Nellie Malia of route 1, Kewanna.

Malia is one of 133 casualties listed by the Navy Department. He enlisted at Indianapolis July 17, 1942 and was sent to San Diego for his basic training. No further details were known as this edition of The News-Sentinel went to press.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 5, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt Echol McCalla, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester McCalla is home on a furlough from Camp McClellan, Ala, visiting parents and friends.

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The correct address of Sam Stephen is Sgt. J. Sam Stephen 35176343 APO 38, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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Pfc. Donald Gross is home on a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Gross.

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Pfc. Francis Kelly has returned to his camp after a 10-day furlough here with parents and friends near Leiters Ford. He has signed for overseas duty and is expected to be transferred this month.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 7, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. John Summers it was announced today has been promoted to a private first class in the United States Marine Corps. He is stationed at San Diego, Calif.

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Relatives received word today stating that Cpl. Albert L. Eshelman has arrived safely overseas and is now stationed somewhere in England. His address is: Cpl. Albert L. Eshelman 35258795, APO 12557-D, c/o Postmaster, New York City.

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The address of Cpl. Arthur R. Craig is: Cpl. Arthur R. Craig, 15104585, APO 525, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Eugene Koch has been transferred from Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, to Wendover, Utah. Koch is a staff sergeant.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, January 8, 1944]

NEW GUINEA SOLDIER WANTS GARDEN SEEDS

Staff Sergeant Ernest Miller, son of Mrs. Ernest Miller, wrote his mother a letter from New Guinea making the queer request for seeds. An explanation to the request is found in the fact that soldiers stationed in the New Guinea wilds, plant and cultivate a garden, nicknaming them "victory gardens."

The only drawback to the "Victory Garden" is that the soldiers fear they may be transferred before harvesting time. Here's hoping they're transferred to Japan where they may sow and reap victor gardens for many years.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, January 8, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Harry Bailey, who enlisted in the army a few weeks ago, is currently stationed at Camp Gordon, Johnson, Fla.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chester Overmyer have received word that their son, Donald E. Overmyer has been promoted from the rank of Corporal to Sergeant.

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Lt. John D. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Taylor, formerly of Rochester received his commission and wings Friday, Jan. 7, at the South East Training Center, Chester, Fla. The Taylors are residing at Lafayette.

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Friends and relatives have received word that Gene Thompson has been transferred from Ft. Benjamin Harrison to the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Maryland.

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Pvt. Robert D. Baker has returned to his camp at The Citadel, Charleston, S.C. after spending an eight-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker, south of this city. He is studying engineering at The Citadel.

S/Sgt. Cecil Patsel, of Camp Lubbock, Texas is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Patsel, Delong.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 10, 1944]

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Mrs. John Masters of this city has received word that her son, Pvt. Joe Daulton, who has served with the U. S. Army in Greenland for 16 months, has returned to the States and is a patient at the Lovell General hospital at Port Devers, Mass. Pvt. Daulton suffered a leg injury in Greenland several months ago.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 11, 1944]

KILLED IN ACTION

An official Navy Department casualty list released yesterday contained the name of Pvt. Lyle C. Weidner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Weidner of Monterey, who was reported to have been killed in action. Pvt. Weidner had been listed as missing in a report issued November 2nd.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 11, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Howard D. Holloway, formerly of Rochester, Ind., who was recently taken into the service, has been sent to the Ordnance Replacement Training Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., where he will receive his basic training as an Ordnance soldier. He formerly lived at R.R. 6, Rochester, Ind.

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Woodrow Rynearson, A/S, is currently stationed at Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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Mrs. Merlyn Morris, wife of Pvt. Merlyn P. Morris, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, revealed that her husband has received a letter of commendation from the Major General of the Eighth Service Command, his commanding officer. The letter cites Morris for his pride shown in work and cooperation. Morris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris of Roann. His wife is the former Mary Ruth Berger, who was formerly employed by the Lowman Oil Company of this city.

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Mrs. Maxine (Ambler) Thompson of this city, has received a cablegram that her husband, Lieut. Ralph Thompson of the U.S.A has arrived safely overseas.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 12, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Word has been received here that Pvt. Harry B. Allison is stationed with the Marine Corps Base at San Diego, Calif.

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It was announced today that Frederick L. Van Dien, 88, [sic] son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Van Dien, Sr., of Rochester, Indiana has won his silver pilot's wings at this specialized two-engine pilot school of the Army Air Forces Training Command. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant at graduation exercises.

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Seaman Donald Morgan has returned to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station after spending a nine-day leave here with his wife and mother.

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Paul Barts has been transferred from Fort Thomas, Ky., to Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

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William Maglecic today received a cablegram from his son, Cpl. Edward Maglecic, stating that has arrived safely overseas. The message did not state where he was stationed.

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The present address of Rolly A. Surguy is: c/o The Hinkins Steamship Agency, Baltimore, Md.

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Cpl. and Mrs. John Runkle of Thermal, Calif., have spent a 15-day furlough with friends and relatives in this community. Cpl. Runkle returned to Thermal Air Base Sunday to begin Cadet training. Mrs. Runkle was the former Mabel Crill of Kewanna.

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Pvt. Harold McCalla is spending a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester McCalla here. McCalla is stationed at Camp Rucker, Ala.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, January 13, 1944]

CAPT. RAY ROY IS BACK IN U.S. ON A FURLOUGH

Val Zimmerman today received word from Capt. Ray Roy, that he has just arrived back in the U. S. and is temporarily stationed at Camp Patrick Henry, Va.

The message also advised Mr. Zimmerman, that Capt. Roy's mother, Mrs. Ernest Ducette, passed away Tuesday, January 11th at her home in Port Angeles, Washington. The army officer did not state whether or not he would be able to attend the services.

Capt. Roy, who is with the 315th Service Squad, of the U.S.A., has been overseas for over a year and a half, serving in North Africa, Sicily and Italy sectors. Mrs. Roy and her two children are spending the winter months with her people in Gary, Ind.

The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 14, 1944]

25 FROM COUNTY LEAVE FOR PHYSICAL EXAMS

According to a new ruling the local Selective Service Board today announced the names of 25 Fulton county men who left at 7:35 o'clock this morning to report to the Indianapolis Motor Armory to take their final physical examination before entering the military service. Of these 25 men only those deemed physically fit for service will be inducted into the armed forces.

Those leaving today were:

Francis Oliver Coplen, student enrolled at Rochester high school.

Ray Eugene Bradway

William Ross Kriegbaum, son of Lisle Kriegbaum, local theatre manager, a graduate of Rochester high school. Kriegbaum was enrolled at Purdue University at the time of his enlistment.

Francis E. Reyome, married.

Robert Albert Edington

James Martin Richardson

Gerald Eugene Shriver

George Lloyd Harper, Jr., senior at Akron high school

Russell D. Rhodes

Richard William Hudkins

Calvin Luther Green

Emil Ruhnnow, Jr.

Joe Hammond Callahan, recent graduate of Rochester high school

Charles Darwin Lockridge, married, local photographer.

Robert Clarence Drudge, married

Virgil Whisman, married

Charles Edward Knight, married

Albert Joseph Rans, married

Sidney Richard Sadler, married

Harry Thomas Huppert, married

Hugh Hubert Rogers, married, employed by the City Street Department

Harry Urschel Newell, married

Daniel Vincent Rose, married, former war plant worker

John Loyd Coleman, married

Roy Edward Hill, married, local barber shop operator

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All married men in the group were pre-Pearl Harbor fathers. Coplen, Bradway,, Kriegbaum and Reyome were volunteers and Ray E. Bradway was leader for the group on the trip to Indianapolis.

The names of those accepted will be published as soon as they are received from the induction center, local Selective Service officials stated.

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SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller have received word that their son, Jacob A. Miller, has been promoted to the rank of S/Sgt. Another son, Pfc. James L. Miller, has been transferred from Seymour Johnson Field, N.C. to Chanute Field, Ill.

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Sgt. Douglas Sweany, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sweany, has returned to Camp Stewart, Georgia, after spending a 20-day furlough at home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sweany have received word that their son, Pfc. Melvin Sweany, has landed safely in England.

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Cpl. Frederick E. Bemenderfer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Estel BEmenderfer of 1407 Main street, Rochester, is home on a short furlough. Cpl. Bemenderfer recently graduated from Loredo Gunnery School, Loredo, Tex.

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SERVICE NOTES

Included in a new class of aviation cadets and student officers which have entered training in advanced aerial navigation at the Army Air Forces Navigation School at San Marcos, Texas, is Benjamin F. DuBois, 27, of this city, 921 Franklin avenue.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harley Walburn have received a letter from their son, Jean, stating that he has been transferred. His new address is: Sgt. J. W. Walburn 35361167, APO 627, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Pvt. Weldon Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Carr, underwent a major operation Wednesday morning at Camp Gruber, Okla., where he is stationed. Pvt. Carr's condition is fair.

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Seaman Frederick E. Shepherd is currently stationed at the U.S.N.T.S. at San Diego, Calif. He is the son of Mrs. Ora Stephen.

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T/Sgt. Dalton Kindig is spending a two weeks' furlough in Rochester with his wife and friends. Kindig is stationed in Mississippi.

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S/Sgt. Norville Merritt is spending a 10 day furlough here with his mother, Mrs. John Kolthoff, of Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, January 15, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Sgt. Wayne Mikesell has been transferred from Denver, Colo., to Montana, according to word received here today.

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Mrs. Chauncey Summers received word today from her husband, Pvt. Chauncey Summers, stating that he has been transferred from Ft. Benjamin Harrison to Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. He was inducted into the army January 7.

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Fred Van Dien left today to return to his camp at Charleston, S.C.

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Cpl. Fred Bemenderfer returned to his camp at Salt Lake City today, after spending a short furlough here with parents and friends.

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Pvt. Don W. Holloway is currently stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.
[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 17, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Harry Leopold, Monterey received word that her cousin, Sammie Buckalew, 19, of Little Rock, Ark., in the U. S. air forces located overseas, has completed his 25th bombing mission over the European area. He is a tail-gunner in a bomber crew.

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T/Sgt Trenson Klineis currently stationed at Atterbury Field, Columbus, Indiana.

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The new address of Pfc. Warren Cornell is Pfc. Warren L. Cornell 35563098, A.P.O. 4, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Word has been received by relatives and friends in this city that Sgt. James W. Nixon is now stationed in northern Ireland. Sgt. Nixon writes that he enjoyed the holidays and that the people of Ireland are very friendly toward the American soldiers. He also stated that he was receiving his News-Sentinels and that the last bunch had taken about 4 weeks to reach him. Sgt. Nixon is a member of the Engineers Battalion.

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Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Alber, of near Rochester, received word from their son Ramon Alber, Phm. 3/c Saturday night after he had disembarked at the harbor in San Diego. Seaman Alber had been in the South Pacific for 10 weeks. He also mentioned that he was visiting his aunt in San Diego, Mrs. Michael Murphy, the former Helen Alber of Rochester. The two had not seen each other for over five years.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 18, 1944]

11 ACCEPTED FROM HERE FOR ARMY, NAVY SERVICE

The Fulton County Selective Service Board announced today that 11 of the 25 men that went to Indianapolis Friday for their final physical examinations, had been accepted for military service.

Those accepted are now home enjoying their usual furloughs prior to beginning of active duty.

Those who passed were:

NAVY

Ray E. Bradway
William Ross Kriegbaum
Emil Ruhnnow, Jr.
Sidney Richard Sadler
Daniel Vincent Rose
John Loyd Coleman

ARMY

Robert Albert Edington
Gerald Eugene Shriver
Richard William Shriver
Joe H. Callahan
Charles D. Lockridge
Joe Callahan will be acting corporal for the army group on the return trip to Indianapolis.

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HAIMBAUGH LEAVES

Captain George Haimbaugh, who has been home visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Dow Haimbaugh, returned today to camp to be sent to the war front. Haimbaugh has served two years in the Pacific, having been on Midway Island and Pearl Harbor.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 19, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. Lewis J. Polk is now stationed at Camp Lee, Va.

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Albert Devon Miller is receiving his basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Miller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Miller.

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Pfc. Robert Brown of the San Diego Marine Training Base, is now home enjoying a 10-day furlough.

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It was announced today that Lewis J. Polk, husband of Mrs. Louise Polk, Rochester, has been transferred from Fort Benjamin Harrison to Camp Lee, Va., where he will receive his basic training.

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Pvt. Max E. Teeter is now enrolled in the air mechanics school at the Lincoln Air Base, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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Pvt. Estil Rowles, of New York, is home on an 8-day furlough visiting his mother, Mrs. Frank Rowles.

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Cadet Daniel H. Palmer, son of Mr. and Ms. James A. Palmer of 117 1/2 East 7th street, Rochester, Indiana, recently reported to Greenwood Army Air Field, AAF Training Command, Greenwood, Miss., as a student in basic flight training. He was graduated from Rochester high school where he received awards for outstanding performances in basketball and track. July 28, 1943 was the date of his acceptance as Aviation Cadet at Nashville, Tenn.

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Word has been received here stating that S/Sgt. Trenson T. Kline, of Savannah, Ga., has been promoted to a Technical Sergeant.

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Mrs. Lydia Jones received a telegram from her son, John Jones, stating that he has arrived in San Francisco after serving overseas. He expects to be transferred to a hospital in San Antonio, Texas for treatment.

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Aviation Cadet Charles R. Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wagner of Monterey is to receive a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps and his wings at graduation services at San Marcos Airfield, Texas, Saturday, Jan. 29.

A graduate of the Monterey High school of the class of 1940 the young man enlisted in the army air corps August 1st, 1942. He took pilot and navigation training at Sheppards Field, Texas, Shawnee air fields, Oklahoma, San Antonio, Texas, El Reno, Texas and San Marcos AAFNTS, Texas. He expects to be home on furlough right after commencement.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 19, 1944]

SCHAUBERGER ENTERS U. S. AIR CORPS SERVICE

Arthur Schauburger, storekeeper of the Public Service Co. of Indiana, Inc. supplies, of this city, will on Thursday go to Indianapolis where he will enter the U. S. Air Corps service.

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Arthur, who started work for the Public Service Co. in 1937 came here from Kokomo in June of 1941, where he has been in charge of the Public Service Co. supplies in this northern Indiana district. He is the sixth employee of the local branch to enter the service of the U.S.A. Mrs Esther Schaunberger, his wife, who is employed at the Wallace Mfg. Co. plant on East 8th street will continue to make her home in this city.

Miss Kathleen Foor will be in charge of the utility company's stock while Schaunberger is in the service, it was stated.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 19, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

T/5 Ray J. Linebrink has been moved from Italy to Northern Ireland, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Linbrink of Akron. He has also received a Good Conduct ribbon since he has been overseas.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zeller have received word that their son Sgt. Robert Zeller is currently stationed in India.

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William Maglecic has received word that his son, Cpl. Edward Maglecic is now somewhere in North Africa.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Becker, south of the city, were notified today that their son, Seaman 2/C Elwyn Becker is confined to the Naval hospital in Memphis, Tenn., with scarlet fever.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, January 20, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Biggs have received word that their son, Cpl. Dale R. Biggs, has arrived safely overseas.

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Pvt. William D. Biggs, of Sabine Pass, Calif., arrived home today to spend several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Biggs.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 21, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

It was revealed today that Pfc. Robert G. Brown, of the marine corps, was chosen honor man in his platoon, at the San Diego marine training base where he is stationed. He will receive his sea schooling shortly at the base.

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Sgt. Earl J. Bailey has been transferred from Gulfport Field, Miss. to Seymour Johnson Field, N.C.

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S/Sgt. T. J. Riley is spending a 16-day furlough with his parnts, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Riley, of this city.

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It was revealed today that Cpl. Billy O'Dell has been transferred from Concordia, Kansas to Hebron, Nebraska.

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Robert E. Squires, route 5, Rochester, is now enrolled in the nine-week training course at San Antonio Aviation Center at San Antonio, Texas. The course intends to mold the cadets into army air force pilots.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 24, 1944]

CAPT. RAY ROY IS HOME - SERVED IN ITALIAN DRIVE

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Capt. Ray Roy, who recently returned to the U.S. after several months service overseas arrived home here Monday with Mrs. Roy and children from Gary, Ind., where the latter had been spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Edward J. Burns.

Capt. Roy, who is now on a furlough stated he would soon be assigned to some post within the United States. At the time the Rochester man received his furlough, he was serving under the command of General Bernard Montgomery of the British 8th Army, on the east coast of the Italian boot.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 25, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Frank Ball received word today that her son, Everett, has been transferred to New York City. His new address is: Everett Lantz, H.A. 2/C U.S.N., c/o Fleet Postoffice, New York, N.Y.

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Cpl. Franklin Lantz is currently stationed at San Francisco, Calif. His address is Cpl. Franklin Lantz, 36465485, Fort Fnston, San Francisco, Calif.

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Phm. 3/C Ramon Alber, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Alber is now somewhere in the Pacific. Seaman Alber has been awarded the American Theatre of War medal and the Asiatic campaign medal.

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Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Shields, Monterey, received word from their son, Cpl. Billy Shields, stating that he has been transferred from Africa to Italy.

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Pfc. James L. Miller and Pfc. Pete J. Salook spent the week end with Pfc. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller.

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Seaman 2/C Lyman Dawson, of Brooklyn, N.Y., returned Sunday to spend a 9 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merley Dawson and his son.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 25, 1944]

LOCAL SOLDIER CONFINED TO HOSPITAL - IMPROVING

In a letter dated January 17, Mrs. Fern Schwenk, route 5, received word notifying her of the illness of her son, Pvt. Gilbert W. Schwenk, of Fort Bliss, Texas.

The letter received was from Major M. T. Bowman, executive officer of the camp, who informed her that Pvt. Schwenk had been removed to the hospital there January 16 for treatment.

Pvt. Schwenk was admitted to the hospital with signs of moderate cerebrospinal meningitis. On admittance, he had a very stiff neck and other evidence of meningococcal infection which was confirmed by the base laboratory.

His condition is considered serious, according to the report, but not critical and he is slowly improving.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 26, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Bill Maglecic today recalled that three years ago yesterday January 25th, the first contingent of Rochester and Fulton county inductees left this city for training in the U. S. armed services. One of Mr. Maglecic's sons was in this contingent, he stated.

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Seaman Roy Fultz is now spending a 15 day leave here with his relatives and friends.

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It was revealed today that Glen E. Cleland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cleland has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. He is stationed at Camp Barkeley, Texas.

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Seaman 2/c Arthur Buryl Reese arrived here today to spend a short leave with his wife and daughter.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 26, 1944]

WINS WINGS

It was announced today that Harry Sayger, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Sayger, route 1, has won the right to wear the wings and boots of the United States Army Volunteer paratrooper. Sayger made his fifth and qualifying jump, a night tactical leap, identical to actual combat work in Sicily, which completed his four weeks of jump training.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 26, 1944]

LIEUT. JACK SULLIVAN PRISONER OF GERMANY

Lieut. Maurice "Jack" Sullivan, Flying Fortress gunner-bombardier, is a prisoner of Germany following an Allied air raid recently. In this raid 333 enemy planes were destroyed against a loss of 58 Allied planes.

Lieut. Sullivan holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and the Purple Heart awards for heroic service on the twenty-four raids he had made. Lieut. Sullivan is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fromm and had visited many times in Rochester from his home in San Mateo, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 26, 1944]

'BILL' GILLILAND MISSING IN ACTION IN FAR EAST

Rochester relatives received word from the War Department yesterday that Sgt. William (Bill) Gilliland, of the U. S. Air Corps has been missing in action since January 18, 1944.

Sergeant Gilliland was a member of a flight engineer crew which was on transport duty, between India and China. In his last letter to his brother Geiger (Gig) Gilliland of this city he stated he and his crew were flying supplies into China with these big army transports. "Bill" stated among the cargo of these huge planes were small army "jeeps."

The local youth entered service three years ago, and has been on duty in the Panama Canal Zone, Kelly Field, Texas, Salt Lake City, Utah, Salina, Kans., New York state and on the west coast. He had been stationed in the Far East theatre of war for the past several months.

Relatives here are his wife, the former Miss Margaret Hickman, who is now a nurse at Woodlawn hospital; his brother Geiger, garage owner; a sister, Mrs. Frank Alber and his mother Mrs. John Inmann.

"Bill" was home on a furlough a year ago last Christmas.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 26, 1944]

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Word has arrived here stating that Pfc. Kenneth Bryant has arrived safely overseas and is now somewhere in England. His new address is: Pfc. Kenneth D. Bryant, A.S.N. 35371534, A.P.O. 230, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Pfc. Keith Barts returned Wednesday to Martinswork, W. Va. after spending a 5-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barts and family.

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It was revealed today that Pfc. Charles J. Good has been transferred from Shreveport, La. to Camp Bowie, Texas.

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Sgt. Estil Rowles left here last night to return to New York, N.Y. Sgt. Rowles is working at the A.P.O. office in New York.

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Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hammon, Kewanna, received notice today that their son is stationed in India. His address is: Pfc Ralph Hammon, 35138059, APO 465, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, January 27, 1944]

45 LEAVE TODAY FOR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

The Fulton County Selective Service Board forwarded their first contingent of selectees under the present system of pre-induction examination. A total of 45 men from this county left at 8 o'clock this morning for the physical examination at Indianapolis.

Under the present law those accepted will be given at least 21 days between the time of their pre-induction examination and the date of induction.

Later, as a larger pool of men is built up, selectees may receive a period longer than 21 days.

Acting as leader for the group was Timothy John Cronin, with Bobby Leonard Rouch as assistant leader.

The following left for Indianapolis today:

Francis Tyler
Donald Eugene Polk
Harvey Raymond Callahan
James Everett Rogers
Doyne Hoover
Robert Lee Easterday
Voris D. Swartz
Raymond Lee Hittle
Paul Higman Adamson
Gerald Arico Berry
Edwin Raymond Hektor
Merle Leon Kelley
Harry Raymond Showley
Charles Freeman Hemenway
William Kroft Miller
Richard Orvil Gray
John Donald Hagan
James Olin Epperson
Frank Milton Smiley
Nathan Benjamin Enyart
John Albert Vandegrift
Claude Everett Quinn
Max Dever Waechter
Frank Arthur Noftsger
Carl Harmon Kerby
Russell Dean Carr
Peter William Terpstra
Harold Dean Montgomery
Bobby Leonard Rouch
Calvin Andrew Kistler
Vernon Edward Stayton
Arthur Franklin Brubaker
Everett William Davis
Orville D. Large
Glenn Earl Hoover
Timothy John Cronin
Herman Chester Wagoner

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John Walter McGriff
Delbert Lemoin Floor
Elton Reuben Nelson
Lester Henry Carr
Ralph Lawrence Hoover
Russell Harrison Tilden
Robert Freeman Taylo
Charles Robert Hoffman

Volunteers in the group were: Tyler, Waechter, Polk, Noftsgger, Callahan and Kerby.
Taylo was transferred to this board from Monticello and Hoffman from Huntington.
[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, January 27, 1944]

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Lt. Robert Morris arrived yestrday for a visit with his father, Arley Morris. Lt. Morris is in the Army Medical Corps at Indianapolis.

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Lt. O. M. Hitch arrived safely overseas and is now stationed in Africa, according to reports received by his wife, the former Miss Lucyanna Peterson.

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The address of Everett Lantz is: Everett Lantz H.A. 2/c, c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, N.Y.

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F 2/c Roy Fultz arrived here yesterday to spend a 15-day leave with Mrs. Fultz and other relatives. Seaman Fultz recently completed his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill.

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Mr. and Mrs. Forest M. Pfeiffer, Rochester, have received word that their son, Cpl. Devon Pfeiffer, has arrived safely in Ireland.

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Pfc. Joe Daulton is spending a 30-day leave here with his mother, Mrs. John Masters and other relatives. Pfc. Daulton, who has been stationed for the past 14 months in Greenland, was sent to Lovell Hospital in Massachusetts recently due to a leg injury suffered in Greenland.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dean Nightlinger received a telegram from their son, Harold, stating that he has arrived in San Francisco, from Hawaii. Harold received a medical discharge from the Army and is now a member of the Merchant Marine.

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Pvt. LeRoy Sayger, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Sayger, Route 1, graduated this week as an aircraft mechanic from the technical school of Army Air Forces Technical Training Command at Seymour Johnson Field, N.C. He was sworn into the Army May 18, 1943. Pvt Sayger attended the Akron High School and was formerly employed by Y. S. & T. Co., East Chicago, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 28, 1944]

KEWANNA MAN WILL BE GIVEN COMMANDER RANK

Lt. DeVon Hizer, son of Mrs. H. G. Robbins, Kewanna, who has been stationed at Miami, Fla., for the past sixteen months and formerly saw two years service on the U.S.S. Wasp is soon to be commissioned Lt. Commander, and has been assigned to a new carrier now under construction and when complete will be one of the largest in the fleet.

Lt. Comdr. Hizer will be the VI Div. officer aboard ship and will have charge of every plane movement on both the flight and hangar decks, all landing, launching, upkeep and overhaul of all planes on carrier.

At present he is at an east coast naval station with his 285 officers and men which he will be in charge of getting his ship's crew organized.

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This new carrier is soon to be commissioned and each officer is allowed to have special guests aboard ship for this ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins expect to leave soon to be present for a short visit with Lt. Comdr. Hizer and wife before his ship goes to sea on its shake down cruise.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, January 29, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Sgt. Robert E. Smith arrived safely in England recently, according to reports received here from his wife the former Miss Marian Hoover.

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A/S Earl E. Rogers has been transferred from Jefferson Barracks, Nev. to Kent, Ohio. He is now enrolled in the Kent State University.

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The new address of Bob Brown is: Pfc. Robert G. Brown, Sea School, Marine Corps Base (M.C.B.), San Diego (41), California.

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It has been revealed that Pfc. Harold Kaley has arrived safely overseas and is now somewhere in England. His address is: Pfc. Harold Kaley 35371529, A.P.O. 230, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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A/S Donald D. Umbaugh, 18, of Argos, is now enrolled at the university of Toledo.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 31, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. Charles Wayne Redinger arrived last night to spend a 14-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Redinger. He has been stationed at Camp Haan, Calif.

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The present address of Dale Milliser is: Cpl. Dale Milliser, V.S.M.C.V.M.D. 254, c/o Postmaster, SAn Francisco, Calif.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coplen received word today from the War Department stating that their son, Cpl. Joseph Karns has arrived safely overseas.

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Sgt. Hugh L. Umbaugh's address is: A.P.O. 600, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Pvt. E. L. Braman arrived here yesterday to spend a seven-day furlough with his wife and friends. Pvt. Braman is stationed at Camp Wheeler, W. Va.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 1, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

T/Sgt. Trenson Kline of Camp Atterbury, Columbus, Ind., spent Monday here visiting his sister, Mrs. Carl Sanders, and daughter.

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The present address of Virgil Darkwood is: Pfc. Virgil L. Darkwood, 35578944, APO 9560, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 2, 1944]

21 FROM THIS COUNTY ACCEPTED FOR SERVICE

Twenty-one men of the 45 who left from this county January 27 for their pre-induction physical examination at Indianapolis, have been found acceptable by the respective branches of the armed forces, and will report for active duty in 21 days or more.

The percentage of men accepted the 27th is almost half, which is good considering the high standards being set for active duty.

Following are the names of those accepted.

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ARMY

Harvey Raymond Callahan
Vernon Edward Stayton, married

NAVY (including Marines and Coast Guard)

Donald Eugene Polk, married
Carl Harmon Kerby
James Everett Rogers
Russell Dean Carr
Peter William Terpstra
Robert Lee Easterday
Harold Dean Montgomery
Voris D. Swartz
Raymond Lee Hittle
Calvin Andrew Kistler
Arthur Franklin Brubaker, married
Harry Raymond Showley, married
Charles Freeman Hemenway, married
John Walter McGriff, married
Elton Reuben Nelson, married
Russell Harrison Tilden, married

Frank Arthur Noftsgger, Ralph Lawrence Hoover and Charles Robert Hoffman were accepted for limited service. Hoffman was transferred from Hntington, Indiana to the local board.

Russell Dean Carr is the fifth son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Carr, route 6, to have been inducted into the armed forces. Other sons of Mrs. Carr serving with the United States army are: Howard, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Robert Carr, Northern Ireland, has seen action in Italy, Sicily and North Africa; Weldon, Camp Grube, Okla.; and Byron, currently stationed at the Canal Zone.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 2, 1944]

CAPTAIN ROBERT ROSE KILLED IN N. AFRICA WHILE ON WAY HOME

The death of Captain Robert T. Rose, 30-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rose, route 5, Rochester, was announced today in a telegram from the War department, stating that the captain, in the air transport command, had been killed in North Africa, presumably while enroute to the United States.

The parents received word of the death of Captain Rose from his wife, Mrs. Gladys Rose, of San Antonio, Texas, who was notified by the War department that he had been killed in North Africa, Jan. 26.

Stationed in India

For the past 20 months Captain Rose had been stationed at Calcutta, India, from where he was flying general supplies into China. Details of the death are lacking in the War department's announcement.

The deceased was a graduate of Rochester High school in 1936, enlisting in the Army Air Corps shortly after gradating. He became a commercial [sic] for Eastern Air Lines after serving one enlistment with the air corps, and receiving a first lieutenant's commission. In April of 1942 he was recalled into the service and sent to India within a month.

He was born at Findley, Ill., in 1914, and was a member of Chicago Masonic lodge.

He is survived by the widow, and a two-year-old daughter, Paula Rita; the parents; a sister, Virginia, Rochester; three brothers, Daniel, in the Navy; Sgt. Marvin, with the U. S. Army in England, Murphy, of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 3, 1944]

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Mrs. Alta Ball has received word that her son, Pfc. Harold L. MILLER has been transferred from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. to the following address: Pfc. Harold L. Miller 35363941, APO 451, c/o Postmaster, Shreveport, La.

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Friends and relatives have received word that Cpl. Herman D. Mathews has been transferred from Long Island, N.Y. to Camp Edwards, Mass.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 3, 1944]

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The new address of George C. Nuell is: T/5 George C. Nuell, 35326093, APO 256, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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F 2/c Richard Deverl Sheetz is now stationed at St. Louis, Mo.

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S 2/c Robert O. DuBois is spending a short leave here with his wife and other relatives. Seaman DuBois is stationed at the Naval Training Station at Sampson, N.Y.

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It was revealed today that Kenneth L. Corbin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Corbin, of Leiters Ford, has arrived safely overseas and is now stationed somewhere in England. His address is: T/5 Kenneth L. Corbin, ASN 35583882, APO 507, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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S/Sgt Theodore J. Riley, recently returned to Camp McCain, Miss., after spending a 16-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Riley.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Squires have received word from their grandson, Pvt Earl E. Schrimsher, stating that he has arrived safely overseas and is stationed in England.

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Cpl. Charles A. Willard, Utica, N.Y., is spending an 8-day furlough with relatives and friends in this city.

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Mrs. Josephine Partridge has received word that her husband, Pvt. Leroy Partridge, has now been classified as clerk administrator of the Ordnance Branch. Pvt. Partridge is stationed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Maryland. He was recently chosen honor soldier in his company.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 4, 1944]

FIVE LEAVE TODAY TO BEGIN ACTIVE ARMY DUTY

Five Fulton county men left this morning enroute to Fort Benjamin Harrison to begin active army duty, after spending a 21-day furlough here with relatives and friends. The group was inducted January 14th into the U. S. Army.

Those leaving today were: Joseph Hammond Callahan, Charles D. Lockridge, Robert A. Edington, Gerald E. Shriver, Richard W. Hudkins.

Joseph Hammond Calahan was acting corporal for the group on the return trip to Indianapolis.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 4, 1944]

CULVER BOY KILLED OVER GOLD COAST, WEST AFRICA

Culver, Ind., Feb. 4. - Staff Sgt. Edward R. Patesel, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Patesel, was killed in an airplane crash in Acora, Gold Coast, British West Africa, Jan. 26, according to a telegram and a confirming letter from the adjutant general. Sgt. Patesel left the United States Dec. 1, 1943, for combat duty in India and only recently was transferred.

He had written that he was nearing the number of missions that would qualify him for a furlough and his parents had been expecting to hear of his arrival in this country. While serving as

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an aerial engineer and gunner with a medium bombardment unit of the 10th U. S. Air Force in India, he received the Air Medal.

Sgt. Patesel was born in Culver March 16, 1918, and attended the grade and high schools here. He is survived by his parents and two sisters, Mrs. Chester Kaley and Mrs. C. H. Barnhill.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 4, 1944]

SOLDIER SEND PURPLE HEART TO HIS MOTHER

Mrs. Della Van Dalesn, Macy, received a gift package from her son, Pvt. Richard Van Dalsen, recently, which contained the Purple Heart awarded to Richard after he received injuries in Italy.

Pvt. Van Dalsen has been in the U. S. Army for two years.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 4, 1944]

MARIETTA SPOHN JOINS WAC'S AT INDIANAPOLIS

With her husband and brother already in the Army, Mrs. Marietta Spohn, 904 1/2 Main street, Rochester, could not remain out of the service any longer. She was sworn into the Women's Army Corps at the headquarters office in Indianapolis this week.

Her husband, S/Sgt. Omer Martin Spohn, has been serving overseas one year, and her brother, Cpl. James F. Kindig, is now in the South Pacific area.

Mrs. Spohn is a graduate of Rochester High school and attended the College of Commerce at South Bend. She was working in a factory in South Bend before her enlistment.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, February 5, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

The new address of Dean Myer is: Cpl. Hubert Dean Meyer 85578952, APO, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Stewart have received word from their son, Hadden, stating that he has qualified for Air Corps pilot training. He is stationed at Miami Beach, Fla.

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Eldon Sherbondy has received word that his brother, First Lieutenant Arthur L. Sherbondy, U.S.M.C. has arrived safely overseas.

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Pvt. Kenneth Campbell, Camp Custer, Mich., is visiting his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Campbell.

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T/Sgt. Paul Cutshaw of Santa Maria, Calif., is spending a 15-day furlough here with his father, A. J. Cutshaw and family.

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Neil C. Simpson, route 3, Rochester, is one of many cadets now in training at the pre-flight school of the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, February 7, 1944]

VALOR OF MACY SOLDIER TOLD BY CORRESPONDENT

(The following story was written by S/Sgt Richard J. Murphy, Jr., of Chevy Chase, Md., a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent.)

Somewhere in the Pacific (delayed) - Marine Pvt. Ward V. Nickell, 20, of route 2, Macy, Ind., had two holes in his helmet before he even landed on Tarawa, but he got ashore and earned his battalion commander's praise for "conspicuous gallantry" in blowing up Jap pillboxes.

Pvt. Nickell doesn't know what kind of a bullet it was that went through his helmet. It went through the front, and came out the back, while Pvt. Nickell was still 30 yards from the beach at Tarawa on November 20th. The bullet didn't even scratch him, but tore to ribbons his mosquito net, which he had folded and put in the top of the helmet.

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Pvt. Nickell is a demolitions man and was carrying a demolition kit that weighs about 15 pounds, and was filled with explosives.

The marine advance, the morning of the initial assault, was being held up by a large Jap blockhouse from which machine gun and rifle fire was taking a deadly toll.

Pvt. Nickell, according to his commendation, crawled to a shell hole 15 yards from the fortification. Four times he ran to the entrance of the position to throw demolition charges there, finally putting it out of commission.

This was Pvt. Nickell's first time in combat, and the first time he'd had a chance to use his demolition charges on real Japs.

"They went off just as they did in practice," he smiled.

"It was pretty bad that day," explained Pvt. Nickell, in reference to the Japs' fire that first day. That night, Pvt. Nickell crawled in behind a log with several other Marines.

After several hours, with Jap snipers continually popping away, Pvt. Nickell decided he could use a fox hole. Raising up he started to dig. But not for long. The noise attracted more snipers and the fire became heavier. Pvt. Nickell decided that he'd be satisfied with the status quo.

Just before dawn, Jap mortar shells began dropping near Pvt. Nickell and his companions. One landed 15 yards away, but none of the boys was hurt.

From then until his regiment left the island, Pvt. Nickell acted as a rifleman and helped get the Japs out of pillboxes with his M-1 rather than with demolitions.

He had one more opportunity to distinguish himself.

An observation plane which had been flying continually overhead, dropped a message bag containing photographs of the island. The bag fell between the Marines' and the Japs' lines.

"Pvt. Nickell," his commanding officer states, "voluntarily crawled under heavy enemy fire to retrieve the bag, which lay a very short distance from enemy positions."

Again he escaped injury.

Pvt. Nickell, who worked at an ordnance plant in LaPorte, Ind., before enlisting a year and a half ago, is the son of Mrs. Minnie F. Caloway of Macy.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, February 7, 1944]

BILL SHOWALTER, USMC, IS MADE LIEUTENANT

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 7 - Billy J. Showalter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett W. Showalter of Akron, Ind., has been graduated from officer candidates' class and commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Lieut. Showalter is now attending reserve officers' class at Quantico, Va., receiving specialized training and upon completion of the course will be assigned to service with a Leatherneck fighting outfit. He attended Manchester college at North Manchester, Ind., receiving letters in football, baseball and basketball and enlisted as a Marine, July 20th, 1942.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 8, 1944]

S/SGT. OMER McINTIRE DIES IN ACTION IN ITALY

Staff Sergeant Omer McIntire, 23, was reported killed in action yesterday while on a bombing mission somewhere over Italy, presumably near the Rome vicinity. News of the fatality was sent to Sgt. McIntire's foster father, Charles Quackenbush, this city, in a brief War Department telegram.

S/Sgt. McIntire had been reported missing in action July 15th, 1943, but no further information was received until the terse telegram reached Mr. Quackenbush yesterday afternoon.

He was a radio operator and turret gunner on a large bomber and had performed in many missions over the European mainland.

Wife of Sgt. McIntire, Mrs. Lorraine McIntire, and a daughter, Rebecca Sue, reside at Ventura, Calif. The deceased was united in marriage to Mrs. McIntire in Kansas City shortly before he left for the war zone. The daughter is less than a month old, being born January 13th.

Graduate of R.H.S.

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S/Sgt. McIntire was a graduate of Rochester High School in the spring of 1939, and lived in this city with his foster father, Charles Quackenbush.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1941 at Indianapolis and received training in various parts of the nation. The former Rochester man went overseas in May of 1943 and had been stationed with the Army Air Forces in North Africa and finally Italy.

Further details of the tragedy were lacking in the short War department telegram.

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T/5 Carl D. Overmyer is now stationed at Fort Devens, Mass. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Overmyer.

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Pharmacist Mate 2/c Robert Zimmerman is spending a 30-day furlough here with his parents and friends. Zimmerman was stationed in Alaska for many months.

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Lt. Russell D. Walter has returned to Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark., after completing four weeks schooling at Washington and Lee University, Va.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 9, 1944]

AKRON MAN PROMOTED

The War Department announced Tuesday that Major William Edward Heltzel, of Akron, had been temporarily promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel in the signal corps. Wendell Clare, Bedford, also received a similar promotion in the field artillery.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 9, 1944]

REPORT KEWANNA BOY WOUNDED IN ACTION

Relatives at Kewanna received word Monday that Harry Shidaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Shidaker, northwest of Kewanna, was wounded in action somewhere in Italy.

Shidaker is confined to a hospital there and his condition is reported to be satisfactory.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 9, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Holloway have received word that their son, Sgt. Conde Holloway, has been transferred from Santa Rosa, Calif., to Belmont, Calif.

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Pfc. Simon Talbott is spending a 24-day furlough at Kewanna visiting his father, J. B. Talbott, and friends.

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Mrs. Wilson Perdue received word today that her husband, Sgt. Wilson Perdue, has arrived safely overseas.

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The new address of Harold D. Drudge is: Cpl. Harold D. Drudge, 35578950, APO 5967, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

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S 2/c Clarence D. Alexander has been transferred from the great Lakes Naval Training Station to Norfolk, Va. He is currently stationed at Camp Bradford.

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The present address of Edward Maglecic is: T/5 Edward Maglecic, 35151726, APO 85-B, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Pfc. Arthur Maglecic's new address is: Pfc. Arthur Maglecic, 35154422, APO 254, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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S/2c Billy Gene Hudkins returned to Great Lakes, Ill., Monday after spending a 15-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Hudkins.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 10, 1944]

RICHARD W. WILSON ENLISTS IN U. S. NAVY

Richard Wayne Wilson, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew (Jack) Wilson, Rochester, announced today that he enlisted in the United States Navy Friday at the local post office. Wilson will leave in two weeks and go to Indianapolis where he will receive his physical examination.

He is a former high school student, one time member of the high school basketball squad and at present a substitute on the local Independent five.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 10, 1944]

FOURTEEN LEAVE FROM COUNTY FOR ARMY EXAM

Fourteen men from Fulton county left this morning for Indianapolis where they will receive their final physical examinations prior to active military service.

Those accepted will be returned and will receive a 21-day or more furlough.

Those leaving were:

Kenneth Monroe Mollenhour

Calvin Gene Lessing

Elmer Richard Ziesenhene

Gale Frederick Barter

Arnold Murray

Richard Allen Sanders

William Eugene Stephen

Allen Anderson Woolley

Russell Rex Gentry

Maurice J. Peterson

Joseph Willis Foster

Colburn Smith Hardin

Alfred Minten

Foster was transferred to this board from Cass county, Hardin from White county and Minton from London, Ky. The only pre-Pearl Harbor father in the group is Kenneth Mollenhour. Mollenhour and Calvin Lessing are volunteers.

Gale Barter, Arnold Murray, William Stephen are currently enrolled in Rochester high school. Richard A. Sanders graduated 1943 from here.

Leader for the group was Kenneth Mollenhour.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 10, 1944]

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A/C Earl J. Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. Bailehy, R.R. 1, is now enrolled in the Army Air Forces pre-technical school at Seymour Johnson Field, N.C. He is the husband of Mrs. Charlene Safford Bailey, Route 2, Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, February 12, 1944]

STAFF SGT. OREN SMITH IS MISSING IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. Omer H. Smith of Macy received a telegram Sunday from the War department disclosing that their son, Staff Sgt. Oren M. Smith, 21, is missing in action "somewhere over Germany."

The brief telegram revealed that he has been missing for over two weeks.

He was an aerial mechanic on a B-17 bomber and has been overseas since November 1st, 1943. Sgt. Smith had been in the service since October 1st, 1942.

Better known to his friends as "Buster," he was a graduate of Macy High school in the spring of 1941, and is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Smith, of Macy.

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[The News-Sentinel, Monday, February 14, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pfc. Richard Sherbondy is spending a two-weeks furlough here with his mother, Mrs. Ada Sherbondy. Pfc. Sherbondy is stationed in Louisiana.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, February 14, 1944]

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for the late Staff Sgt. Omer E. McIntire, beautiful in its brevity, was held Sunday morning in the Methodist church by Rev. Hugh McGlasson. Staff Sgt. McIntire was reported killed in action recently by the War department and his death was the first gold star to be placed on the service roll in the local Methodist church. Many relatives and friends of the late Sgt. McIntire, were present at the services.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, February 14, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Simpson received word Saturday that their son, Richard W. Simpson, of Coulee Dam, Washington, has enlisted and been accepted into the navy. Simpson is now stationed at Camp Ward, Farragut, Idaho, where he is receiving his boot training.

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The address of Richard (Dick) I. King is: S 2/c Richard L. King, ABD1, CBMU, 588 Hdq Platoon, Hueneme, Calif.

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Roy D. Fultz, F 2/c, recently completed his boot training at Great Lakes and has been assigned a special training course at the U. S. Naval Air Technical Training Center, Navy Pier, Chicago. His address is: Roy D. Fultz, F 2/c, Co 20, Sec. B, Billet 100, Navy Pier, Chicago, Ill.

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Pvt. Joe H. Callahan is now stationed at Camp Edison, N.J. His present address is: Pvt. Joseph H. Callahan, 6th Training Co., 848 Signal Training Bn., Camp Edison, Sea Girt, N.J.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 15, 1944]

FOUR FULTON COUNTY MEN RECEIVE WINGS IN TEXAS

Headquarters Army Air Forces Central Flying Training Command, Randolph Field, Texas, Feb. 15. - With that confidence in their skill which months of intensive training has given them, the largest class in the history of the central unit of the Army Air Forces Training Command today stepped out of the ranks of cadets into the ranks of the Army Air Forces' fighter and bomber pilots.

The class graduated from the Command's 11 advanced schools in Texas and Oklahoma. The class was the second to graduate during 1944.

Swelling the ranks of "the world's greatest air force" were graduates from every state and the District of Columbia. In addition, silver wings were awarded to pilots from Hawaii, Porto Rico, Canada, Brazil and Peru.

Fighter pilots were graduated from fields at Eagle Pass, Aloe and Foster Fields, Victoria, and Mission, Texas. Bomber pilots received their wings at Frederick and Altus, Okla., and Pampa, Waco, Houston, Lubbock and Brooks Fields, Texas.

The new pilots include four men from Fulton county. They are: Russell F. Williams, 420 West 8th street, Rochester (Moore Field); John W. Rainsberger, Kewanna (Blackland); Everett W. Hoffman, route 1, Akron (Ellingham Field, Houston, Texas); Flight Officer Harold E. Meiser, route 5, Rochester (Altus Field).

[Lieut. Russell Williams is a former employee of the Barnhart-Van Trump Company]

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 15, 1944]

ACCEPT 10 OUR OF 14 FOR MILITARY SERVICE

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Examiners at the Indianapolis armory Thursday, February 10, accepted 10 of a contingent of 14 Fulton county men for active duty with the United States Army and Navy, in the usual pre-induction exam.

Those acceptable for duty with the Army and Navy are:

ARMY

Kenneth M. Mollenhour
William Eugene Stephen
Joseph Willis Foster
Alfred Minton

NAVY

Elmer Richard Ziesenhene
Arnold Murray
Richard Allen Sanders
Charles Lee Fellers
Colburn Smith Hardin
Calvin Gene Lessing

Of the group Mollenhour was a pre-Pearl Harbor father, and Stephen, Murray and Sanders either 1943 graduates of the local high school or attending it at the time of induction.

Foster was transferred to this board from Cass county, Hardin from White county and Minton from London, Ky.

Lessing requested immediate induction and was inducted on the same date of his physical exam, February 10.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 16, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Lieut. Russell Williams, of Moore's Field, Texas, is enjoying a ten-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Edith Lindley, of this city.

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Mrs. Herman Jones received word today that her husband T/5 Herman D. Jones, has arrived safely overseas and is now stationed in New Guinea. His new address is: T/5 Herman D. Jones 35578953, APO 928, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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The new address of Harold Morrett is: Pfc. Harold D. Morrett 35566638, APO 109, c/o Postmaster, Shreveport, La.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 16, 1944]

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Harry Drudge's present address is Cpl. Harry D. Drudge 35578950, APO 9569, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Pvt. Charles Lockridge spent a 24-hour pass here Sunday with his wife and daughter. Pvt Lockridge was stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 17, 1944]

FIFTEEN DEPART FROM HERE FOR NAVY SERVICE

Fifteen Rochester and Fulton county men left this city at 11:35 o'clock this morning for Indianapolis where they will be sworn into the U. S. Navy and U. S. Marines. These men will be sent out from Indianapolis to training stations where they will begin their active service with the nation's armed forces.

The following left this morning:

Arthur Franklin Brubaker
Harry Raymond Showley
Charles Freeman Hemmenway

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John Walter McGriff
Elton Reuben Nelson
Russell Harrison Tilden
Donald Eugene Polk
James Everett Rogers
Russell Dean Carr
Peter William Terpstra
Carl Harmon Kerby
Robert Lee Easterday
Harold Dean Montgomery
Voris D. Swartz
Raymond Lee Hittle

Leader for the group was Donald Polk. There men were accepted on Jan. 27, 1944, and were the first group to receive their pre-induction examination under the present system of examination and induction.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 18, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

The new address of Richard Ginther is: Pfc. Richard L. Ginther 35895898, Co. C, 260th Infantry, APO Camp Shelby, Miss.

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R.m.2/c Vivian E. Cole is currently spending a 20-day leave here with his mother, Mrs. Wilson Drudge. Seaman Cole has been stationed in the south Atlantic ocean.

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Relatives have received notice that T/5 Dean Meyer has arrived safely overseas and is now in New Guinea

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Pfc. Rolland D. Newcomer is now stationed in the Hawaiian Islands. His new address is: Pfc. Rolland D. Newcomer 35176300, APO 38, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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Pfc. John Klise, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Klise of Akron, is home spending a 15-day furlough with his parents. Pfc. Klise recently was awarded the wings and boots of the U. S. Army Volunteer Paratroopers.

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Pfc. Curtis Coussore, Jr., is spending a 10-day furlough with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Coussore, of this city. He is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.

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Cpl. D. E. Becker of Fort Lawton, Wash., is enjoying a furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Becker.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bradway, east of Athens, have received word from their son, Ray that his address is: Pvt. Ray Bradway, Plt. 115, R.D., M.C.B., San Diego, 41, California.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, February 19, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Lt. (j.g.) Clyde Lyle is now spending a short leave here with his wife and son Jack. Lt. Lyle arrived here Saturday and plans to return to his station at New York on Wednesday.

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It was announced today that Pvt. William L. Chamberlain has been transferred from Keesler Field, Miss., to Truax Field, Madison, Wis.

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Cpl. Clair Strong is home spending a brief furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merr Strong, and friends. Cpl. Strong is stationed in Alaska.

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Pvt. Harry Bussert is home on a three-weeks' furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Bussert. He is stationed in Louisiana.

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P-O Harold Meiser returned to Liberal, Kans., Saturday morning.

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Pvt. Lynn Chamberlain enjoyed a short furlough here over the week-end.
[The News-Sentinel, Monday, February 21, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Della Smith has received word from her son, Donald L. Smith S 1/c, stating that he has been promoted to the rank of coxwain. He is now stationed somewhere in the south Pacific.

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William J. Rusler, son of Mrs. Mabel Rusler of Lake Manitou, has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. Announcement was made by the commanding general of the India-China-Wing Air Transport Command. Lt. Rusler is flying supplies from India to China across the north Burma hump of the Himalaya mountains.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 22, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Two local youths, Richard Wilson, 17, and Donald Lange, 17, left at 7:30 o'clock this morning for Indianapolis where they will receive their final physical examination prior to induction into the United States Navy. If accepted, the pair intend to leave Indianapolis immediately to receive their preliminary training.

Lange was employed at the Rochester Poultry Co. at the time of his enlistment and Wilson is a former Rochester high school student. Wilson reached his 17th birthday yesterday.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 22, 1944]

CONDE HOLLOWAY IN SCENES FROM SHOW "HAPPY LAND"

Rochester moviegoers may catch a glimpse of a local soldier in the film "Happy Land" now playing at the Times theatre.

Anyone closely following the action can see Sgt. Conde Holloway of this city in several scenes from the movie, taken near where Sgt. Holloway was formerly stationed.

Sgt. Holloway, the son of Mrs. Don Holloway of 520 Ohio street, stands directly behind Don Ameche in one phase of the film.

His quick rise to movie stardom happened while his company, the 107th cavalry division, was stationed at Santa Rosa, Calif. The entire group was asked to dress as World War I soldiers and march in parts of "Happy Land."

The wife of Sgt. Holloway, the former Ellamae Brown, is now with her husband at Bellmont, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 22, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

The new address of Kenneth Kochenderfer is: S/Sgt Kenneth D. Kochenderfer, 35577858, 671st M.P.D.G. Co., p.w., Camp Brady, Texas.

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John Lloyd Coleman, 34, husband of Mrs. Hattie Louise Coleman, 118 East 4th street, Rochester, is receiving his preliminary training at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Relatives here have received word that Albertus Van Dien, Sp. (m) was awarded his 2c rating last week. He is in the APO post office at San Francisco, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 23, 1944]

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BEGIN ACTIVE DUTY

Vernon Edward Stayton and Harvey Raymond Callahan left Rochester this morning to begin their active service in the Army. Callahan was a volunteer. They were both accepted at Indianapolis on Jan. 27, 1944.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 23, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

The new address of Wilbur Reese is: Pvt. Wilbur Gene Reese 35144695, Battery A 281, FA Bn., Post Office 2, Fort Sill, Okla.

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Pfc. Richard Sherbondy has returned to his camp in Louisiana after spending a two-weeks' furlough here with his mother and other relatives and friends.

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The present mailing address of Pvt. Emerson L. Braman, 35893664, APO 15135, c/o Postmaster, New Orleans, La.

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Miss Willeta Van Lue has received word from Pfc. Robert J. Minglin that he has again returned to active duty after spending a short stay in a rest camp. Pfc. Minglin has been overseas more than two years and served in the Italian and North African war campaigns.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Leininger of Akron have received word from their son Sgt. Robert G. Leininger, that he has been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant. He is now stationed in the South Pacific with the U. S. Marine Corps.

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Florence Juanita Cutshaw of Macy has enlisted in the AAF and is now receiving her basic training at Montgomery, Ala.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 24, 1944]

SGT. McINTYRE'S WIFE RECEIVES DECORATIONS

It was revealed today that Mrs. Lillian McIntire of Ventura, Calif., wife of Staff Sgt. Omer E. McIntire who was killed in Italy July 16, has been awarded the Purple Heart and Gold Oak Leaf Cluster by the War Department.

Sgt. McIntire was the son of Mrs. Charles Quackenbush of Los Angeles, Calif. He resided in Rochester before his enlistment July 1, 1941.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 24, 1944]

BODY OF LATE CAPTAIN ROSE IS BURIED AT ACCRA, AFRICA

Further details concerning the tragic death of Capt. Robert T. Rose of the U. S. Army Air Corps which occurred at Accra, (Gold Coast) Africa, on Jan. 26, 1944, have been received by Robert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel T. Rose, route 5, north of this city.

In an interview with the elder Rose yesterday, it was learned that Capt. Rose was buried with military honors at Accra, Africa, and that his body will remain interred there until the end of the war. Memorial services were held recently at San Antonio, Texas, where the captain's wife, Gladys Rose, and baby daughter, Paula, reside.

Two Brothers In Service

Other survivors are three brothers, Daniel Rose, in the U. S. Navy, formerly of this city, Murphy Rose, at home, Marvin Rose, a tech. sergeant in the U. S. Army, in England; a sister, Miss Virginia Rose, a teacher in the Richland Center schools; his parents, Daniel T. and Retha R. Rose, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Roller, of Crowley, La.

Robert was a graduate of the Rochester High school. Following his graduation he entered the Army Air Corps and graduated as a second lieutenant from Kelly Field. Later after receiving further advanced training, Robert was advanced to the rank of captain.

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In May, 1942, he piloted a plane to India, having a co-pilot, a celestial navigator, mechanic and radio man. The flight from Natal, Brazil, to Dakar, Africa, took 12 hours over the Atlantic and altogether from the United States to India required three weeks.

A letter written by Capt. Rose in May, 1942, stated that News Week of April, 1942, gave an accurate description of the base which was secretly established near New Delhi. From this base Rose flew rice, salt and medicine into the mountains of Burma, dropping the rice and salt and parachuting the medicine to the Chinese.

The captain's letter stated flying conditions were terrible at an altitude of 14,000 feet, sand would fill the pilot's ears, throat and eyes, blinding them completely at times. The planes made their return trip to their base without landing. Rose explained in one of his letters that flying was more hazardous into Burma on account of the mountains--the pilots had to fly low enough to keep away from the Japs' anti-aircraft guns and high enough to keep away from the mountain peaks. Whenever possible the flying was done between the mountains, over valleys which sometimes were so narrow the walls would almost touch the wings of the planes.

In the summer of 1942 Rose stated American food at the India base was unheard of--goat meat and camel milk was the main thing on the menu. The heat was so terrific that when water was spilled on the rough board floors of their tent it would dry almost as quickly as on a hot stove.

In October, at the end of the monsoons, Rose stated, conditions were improved. More supplies and comforts of life were being flown in. When the U. S. flight officers received their commissions the Maharajah, Coach of Indoor, entertained them at the Royal Palace, TajMahal--taking their pictures in his Royal Suites for their entertainment.

Robert, in recent letters to his parents, stated he had flown into China over the Himalayas and had been stationed at various air fields throughout India. He had served over 20 months in India and was enroute home on a 15-day leave when he met death in an accidental plane crash at Accra, Africa.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 24, 1944]

SHERIFF'S SON RETURNS AFTER DUTY IN ATLANTIC

An East Coast Port, Feb. 24. - Howard Edward Summers of Rochester, Ind., now serving as a signalman third class aboard a United States Navy war vessel, has returned to the States after a tour of sea duty in the Atlantic.

Summers is 23, the son of Sheriff and Mrs. F. J. Summers of Rochester. His wife and daughter, Karen Lee, aged nine months, reside at 606 1/2 North Main street, Rochester.

Since entering the navy in August, 1942, he has seen convoy duty in the Atlantic. He wears the campaign bar of the American theater at war.

He has three brothers serving in the armed forces: Cpl. F. J. Summers and Pvt. C. L. Summers, both in the Army, and Pfc. J. J. Summers of the Marine Corps Reserve.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 24, 1944]

LARGE GROUP OF COUNTY MEN LEAVE FOR PHYSICALS

One of the largest contingents of Fulton county men ever to be examined for Army duty left this morning for Indianapolis to submit to their pre-induction physical examination.

All men in the group were pre-Pearl Harbor fathers with the exception of Montgomery, Miller, Gibson and Burch. John N. Hiatt was leader for the group with Eldon Cessna as the assistant.

The 47 men leaving today will return tonight and those accepted will wait until called by the branches for which they were found suitable.

Those leaving were:

Donald Max Montgomery

Ralph James Miller

Charles Leroy Gibson

Charles Eugene Burch

Ernest Gerald Mehrley

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Robert Jerome Erwin
Vernon Marion Cumberland
Verl Wesley Rager
Herbert Leroy Sheetz
John Norman Hiatt
Herbert Owen Kubley
Dale Kesler
Jacob Elmo Casper
Gilford Leon Bowers
Don Robert Burkett
Leonard Eldon Cessna
David Winfield Shafer
Andrea Jack Bick
Kenneth Sherman Stockberger
David Wiley Nichols
Glen Dale Law
Robert Charles Kelly
Ermal Ray Kimble
John Arnold Bell
Rex Carlyle Arme
George Arthur Henderson
Don Rutherford Hill
Raymond Walter Bowers
Alfred Ray Coplen
William Joseph McPherson
Lewis William McCall
Vernon E. Gelbaugh
Donald Lemuel Hulbert
Floyd Otto Kindig
Robert Leroy Gray
Louis Leroy Alspach
Raymond Kruger
Charles Albert Smith
Merrill Devon Waltz
Herman John Pattee
Frank Edwin Hoffman
George Smith
Ronald Powell
Charles Nolen, Jr.
Raymond Eldon Hunter
John Richard Vernon
Alvie A. Vore

John R. Vernon was transferred to this board from Hammond and Vore was transferred to this board from Johnstown, Pa.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 25, 1944]

KEWANNA LADY'S BROTHER IS MISSING IN ACTION

Mrs. Paul Hattery, of Kewanna, received word Wednesday that her brother, Harold Swafford, 33, of Logansport, a first class motor machinist's mate in the Navy, was reported missing in action February 10, according to a telegram received from the Navy.

Swafford had left the United States only three days before he was reported missing. No details were given in the government message, which said that a letter would follow

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In the Navy over a year and a half, Swafford was stationed at Bunker Hill Naval Air Station from the day he entered the service on June 30, 1942, until last December 21st. He was the 103rd man to arrive at the station.

Born in Indianapolis, he was a resident of Star City until moving to Logansport.
[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 25, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

The new address of Melvin Shriver is: Pfc. Melvin L. Shriver, Moore General Hospital, Swannanoa, N.C., Ward 424.

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Cpl. D. E. Becker has returned to Fort Lawton, Wash., after enjoying a short furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Becker.

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First Lieut. Harold D. Myers of Rochester has been selected to attend the new unit officers course of the field artillery school at Fort Sill, Okla. Lt. Myers is the son of Mrs. Lillie Myers, route 5, and is a graduate of Purdue university.

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. DeMont have received word from their son, Richard that he has been sent to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, February 26, 1944]

HAD JOYFUL MEETING

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Weller recently received word from their son Raymond, who is somewhere in England with the U. S. troops, that he had a very pleasant meeting and an unexpected one with Francis Blacketer son of Mr. and Mrs. Kline Blacketer of southeast of Kewanna.

Weller was leaving a Red Cross club and had stepped aside to permit a woman to pass through a doorway and in so doing bumped into a soldier standing near, turning quickly to make excuses for bumping into the soldier he was agreeably surprised to find that the soldier was Francis Blacketer of Kewanna, an old friend. Yes, they started right in to have a real for sure visit.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, February 26, 1944]

PVT. ROBERT BROWN AWARDED HONOR BADGE

One of the most coveted awards of recruit training, the honor badge of efficiency, has been awarded to Pvt. Robert Gene Brown by Marine Corps Colonel George T. Ball, commanding officer of the recruit depot, Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif.

Pvt. Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd C. Brown, route 2, Rochester. This award is made to the man who has shown particular aptitude and efficiency in military training.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, February 26, 1944]

STAFF SGT. SHAW IS BEING HELD BY NAZIS IN INTERNMENT CAMP

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Shaw, of route 4, Rochester, announced today that they have received a postcard from Staff Sergeant Gordon O. Shaw, stating that he is alive and well. Staff Sergeant Shaw was an aerial engineer on a large B-17 bomber and had been reported missing in action over Rennes, France, December 23rd, 1943.

He is now being held in an internment camp somewhere inside Germany.

The card was the first word received from Gordon by the Shaws since a letter received the 9th of November. The postcard was dated October 9th and had evidently been held up four months before finally reaching Mr. and Mrs. Shaw today.

At the time he was reported missing in action, Staff Sergeant Shaw was aboard a B-17 bomber on his fifth bombing mission over continental Europe.

Shaw is a graduate of Leiters Ford high school and attended Rochester high school for three years.

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He was inducted into the armed forces September 14, 1942 and went overseas sometime in August, 1943.

One brother, John, is also in the service and is now in the hospital at Camp Blanding, Fla. recovering from a broken wrist.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, February 28, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Aviation Cadet Joseph F. Ault, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O. Ault of 312 W. 3rd St., Rochester, Ind., has arrived at Frederick Army Air Field, Okla., where he will receive his final phase of training as a bomber pilot. Upon successful completion of the nine-week course at this newest advanced school of the Central Flying Command, Cadet Ault will be awarded his silver wings and commission as Second Lieutenant or flight officer.

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Cpl. Tom DuBois is now home on a week's furlough. Cpl. DuBois will leave for his station in California next Sunday.

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Lieut. (j.g.) Clyde S. Lyle has been confined to the base hospital at St. Albans, Long Island, N.Y., for observation and treatment. Lt. Lyle's address is: Lt. (j.g.) Clyde S. Lyle, USNH, A-111, St. Albans, Long Island, N.Y.

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Cpl. Albert Flora is home on a 10-day furlough visiting relatives and friends. He is stationed at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

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H.A. 1/c Ward McCarty spent the week-end here with his parents, Attorney and Mrs. Murray McCarty.

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Mrs. Donald Polk received word today that the new address of her husband is: Pvt. Donald Polk, Ptn. 14, RDMCH, San Diego 11, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, February 28, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Hertha Graeber received a cablegram that her son, E. D. Tompson, had arrived safely overseas.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 29, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Ed Becker has received word that her niece, Cpl. Shirley E. Wessels of the U.S. Marines, has been transferred from Washington, D.C. to San Diego, Calif. Cpl. Wessels enjoyed a seven-day leave with her parents and other relatives at Fairbury, Ill., recently.

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Coxswain Julian A. Powell has returned to Brooklyn, N.Y., after a 10-day leave here with his mother, Mrs. Wilson Drudge, and brother, Vivian E. Cole, RM 2/c. Fivian Cole will leave Sunday to return to his base in the British West5 Indies.

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The new address of Clarence E. Carr is: Cpl. Clarence E. Carr, 35141358, APO 7628, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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Two recruits at Fort Benjamin Harrison are: Vernon Stayton, son of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Stayton of Argos, and Pvt. Harvey Callahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Callahan, also of Argos.

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Mrs. Alfred Nixon has received word that her husband, William Alfred Nixon, has received his rating of hospital apprentice first class, and is now awaiting placement orders at Great Lakes, Ill.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mark Beattie have received word that their son, Don, has left for overseas duty. His address is: Don M. Beattie 1/c, c/o Navy, 128th APO, San Francisco, Calif.

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Bernard E. Decker, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Decker, of this city, has been advanced to the petty officer rating of Baker 2/c, as a result of examinations which he passed recently. Decker is attached to the commissary department on the Jacksonville station as an instructor in the baker's school.

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Donald E. Polk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis J. Polk, 514 West 5th street, was inducted into the U.S. Marine Corps through the selective service system last week and is now receiving basic training at the Marine Corps base, San Diego, Calif., according to an announcement by Major Ralph E. Boulton, officer in charge of Marine Corps induction and recruiting in Indiana.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 1, 1944]

LESS THAN HALF PASS FOR MILITARY SERVICE

Less than half of the group of men that went to Indianapolis Friday, February 25 for pre-induction physical exams were found fit for active military service, selective service officials announced today.

Twenty-two of the group of 47 men were accepted the draft board revealed and are now home waiting until they are called for induction.

The following were accepted by the armed forces:

ARMY

Donald Max Montgomery
Jacob Elmo Cooper
David Wiley Nichols
Glen Dale Law
John Arnold Bell
Don Rutherford Hill
Raymond Walter Bowers
Merrill Devon Waltz
Herman John Pattee

NAVY

Ralph James Miller
Herbert Leroy Sheets
John Norman Hiatt
Don Robert Burnett
Leonard Eldon Cessna
David Winfield Shafer
Andrew Jack Bick
Alfred Ray Coplen
Lewis William McCall
Floyd Otto Kindig
Frank Edwin Hoffman
George Smith
Charles Nolen, Jr.

The local board has also been advised that Charles Wiliam King has been found acceptable by the United States Army. He was transferred to Indianapolis for his pre-induction physical examination.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 1, 1944]

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The present mailing address of Don H. Potter is: Don Hollis Potter R.D.M 3/c, O.U.B. 12, 2nd Echelon, c/o Fleet Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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A happy reunion was effected in Italy when former buddies Israel J. Smith and Lester Beehler met. Beehler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Beehler and "Izzie" is a former Rochester resident.

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The address of Raymond Showley is: Harry Raymond Showley, a/s, Co 383, USNTS, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Ferris D. Johnson, son of Mrs. Arthur Johnson, left recently for Trinidad, South America where he will serve in the capacity as cook at a naval base there. Mr. Johnson formerly was stationed at the Peru naval base and was a former Rochester resident.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, March 2, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Robert L. Zimmerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Zimmerman, returned Wednesday to his base after spending a 30-day leave here with his parents and friends. He is now stationed at Camp Parks, Shoemaker, Calif.

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Pvt. Gene Thompson, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, arrived here this morning to attend th funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Joseph Thompson.

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Pfc. Loren J. Weaver, of Washington, Pa., leaves tonight for his new station at New Cumberland, Pa., after spending a five-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Weaver, of Route 2, Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 3, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Wash., March 2. - Marine Robert S. Robertson, husband of the former Betty Ann Meader, 700 Pontiac street, Rochester, Ind., on duty here with a Marine guard company, has been promoted from private to the rank of private first class. Robertson, who is the father of a three-and-a-half-year-old daughter, Rebecca Ann Robertson, was graduated from Peru, Ind., high school in 1934 and while in school won letters in basketball and football. He was a student at Indiana university for a year and at the University of Notre Dame for a like period of time, and received a year's training in ROTC.

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Cpl. Clair E. Strong is home enjoying a 21-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merr Strong, after 30 months in Alaska.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 4, 1944]

MISSING IN ACTION

The War department today listed First Lieut. Richard J. ROTH of Star City as being missing in action. He is the husband of Mrs. Dorothy I. ROTH of that city.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 4, 1944]

LOCAL YOUTHS AWARDED DFC B WAR DEPARTMENT

Two local youths recently were awarded the distinguished flying cross for extraordinary achievement while under fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Cessna, who reside on a farm west of this city, received word that their son, Staff Sgt. Frederick (Fritz) Cessna, has been given the distinguished flying cross by the War Department. Sgt. Cessna is a turret gunner on a Martin Marauder.

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Fritz has been on 31 bombing missions over Europe and recently broadcasted from England, his talk being heard by many local residents. In the radio account he related some of his experiences as a gunner.

The other Rochester youth receiving the distinguished flying cross already has three oak leaf clusters for gallantry. He is Staff Sgt. Edward H. Drew, 24, who has participated in a number of bombing missions over Europe.

Like Cessna, Drew is also stationed aboard a Marauder, one of the trickiest ships in the Army air force.

A 1939 graduate of George Rogers Clark high school in Whiting, Sgt. Drew entered the Army on April 11, 1941, at Fort Benjamin Harrison. He then attended aerial mechanics school at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Mississippi, and gunnery school at Tyndall Field, Panama City, Florida.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Drew, live at 123 West 4th street, in this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 6, 1944]

INDUCTED IN NAVY

Local Selective Service officials announced today that Howard James Cross, formerly of Rochester, has been found acceptable for Navy duty at Indianapolis, February 29th. He had been transferred from the local board to Wayne county for induction.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 6, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Deardorff have received word from their son, George, that he has been promoted to Technician Fifth Grade. He is now stationed at Gulfport, Mississippi.

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Lt. James A. Deardorff is now stationed at Camp Polk, La.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray McCarty of this city have received word that their son, Ward, has been advanced from HA 1/c, to Petty Officer, Pharmacist Mate 3/c of the U.S.N. Ward is stationed at the Armory in Indianapolis.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 6, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Dick Wilson, now at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, has been made athletic director of his company. Seaman Wilson has been at Great Lakes for two weeks.

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Lt. Russell Williams has been made an instructor in the Advanced Flying School at Moore Field, Texas.

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Dean J. Rans is now stationed in England. His address is: Pvt. Dean J. Rans, 35145826, APO 578, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Gene D. Thompson, a trainee at the ordnance replacement training center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., was recently honored by receiving an expert medal, the highest award given by the Army in rifle marksmanship.

Pvt. Thompson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Thompson of route 1, Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 7, 1944]

LOCAL MAN RECEIVES THREE DECORATIONS

Relatives have received word that Sgt. James H. Henderson has received his North African campaign ribbon and a good conduct ribbon and also a silver Aircraft Mechanics medal.

Sgt. Henderson is the grandson of Isaac Shelton of this city and has been overseas for 17 months.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 7, 1944]

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SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Estil Bemenderfer have received word that their son, Cpl. Frederick Bemenderfer is now stationed at an Army Air Base at Dyersburg, Tenn. Cpl. Bemenderfer, who is a radio gunner, had been in Salt Lake City, Utah until his transfer.

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A new recruit at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., is Arthur Carl Shambarger, 27, husband of Mrs. Mary Esther Shambarger, 624 Fulton avenue, Rochester.

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The present address of Herschel Ray Gibson is: Herschel Ray Gibson S 2/c, c/o Fleet Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 8, 1944]

FELLOW OFFICER GIVES DETAILS OF ROSE'S DEATH

Daniel T. Rose, father of Capt. Robert Rose, of the U. S. Air Corps, who was killed in a transport plane crash on Jan. 26th at Accra, Africa, is in receipt of a letter written by Mrs. Thelma Lee Bell, of Searcy, Ark., which gives more details concerning Robert's death.

Mrs. Bell is the wife of Lieut. Bill Bell, who was serving with Capt. Rose in the mid-east area. Mrs. Bell writes, in part:

"Lieut. Bill Bell saw Capt. Robert Rose and talked with him on January 21st, and he was expecting to leave any time then. His plane left India on January 24th and the accident happened on January 26th in Africa. Lieut. Bell did not leave India until Feb. 2nd and also he saw a list of the passengers and he said Capt. Robert Rose was the only one of the men of his Ferry group who was a passenger on the plane. Capt. Rose was a passenger on the plane with 14 others. The plane was a passenger transport and Capt. Rose was not part of the crew who was piloting the plane.

"The accident occurred at a city airport on the takeoff and no one knows the cause. There were no survivors and all the boys in the accident were given military rites at a memorial service at Accra.

"I send my sympathy to Capt. Robert's family and parents and I hope this information is what you want to know. Lieut. Bell seems to think the above facts are about all that is known about the tragedy . . . "

"Yours very sincerely,

Thelma Lee Bell."

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LIEUT. GEO. M. WALTER IS MISSING IN ACTION

Charles Kriegbaum of Lafayette, Ind., early today received word that his son-in-law, Lieut. George M. (Jack) Walter, is missing in action in a raid over enemy territory.

Lieut. Walter, a Flying Fortress bombardier, has been stationed at an air base in England for the past six months and in a letter received by his wife a few weeks ago, Lieut. Walter stated that he had completed 11 successful raids over enemy targets at that time.

The missing bombardier had visited Rochester on numerous occasions and has a wide acquaintance among the younger folk of this community.

Lieut. Walter's wife, the former Marietta Kreighbaum of this city, and baby daughter, Lynda, reside at Lafayette.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, March 9, 1944]

GROUP LEAVES TO BEGIN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Nine Fulton county men left yesterday for Indianapolis to begin their active training in the armed services. Those leaving yesterday had previously passed their pre-induction physical examinations on February 10 and have been enjoying a furlough before beginning active duty.

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Those leaving were

ARMY

Kenneth M. Mollenhour
William E. Stephen
Joseph W. Foster
Alfred Minton

NAVY

Elmer R. Ziesenhene
Arnold Murray
Richard A. Sanders
Charles L. Fellers
Colburn E. Hardin

Kenneth Mollenhour was the acting corporal for the group leaving for the Army and Charles Fellers was leader for the Navy group.

Both Mollenhour and William Stephen were volunteers.

Minton was transferred from London county to the local Selective Service board for induction. Hardin was transferred from White county and Foster from Cass county.

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Second Lieut. Florence J. Cutshaw recently was graduated from an Army nurses' basic training course at Maxwell Field, Fla., and is now assigned to duty with the Army Air Forces Training Command.

Lt. Cutshaw's home is in Macy.

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Pvt. Harvey Callahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Callahan of Akron, has been transferred to Camp White, Ore., for his basic training.

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Cpl. William D. Heldt, husband of the former Miss Ruth V. Jennens of Rochester, is now enrolled in the basic flying school at Majors Field, Texas. Cpl. Heldt attended Indiana university prior to entering the armed forces.

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Mr. and Mrs. David A. Stayton of Argos received word from their son, Pvt. Vernon Stayton, that he is now stationed at Fort McClellan, Ala., where he is receiving his basic training.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, March 9, 1944]

STAFF SGT. OREN SMITH, MACY, KILLED IN ACTION

In a telegram to Mr. and Mrs. Omer Smith, of Macy, the War Department revealed today that their son, Staff Sergeant Oren M. Smith, age 21, was killed in action January 30 in the European area.

Staff Sergeant Smith had previously been reported missing in action over Germany.

An engineer and aerial gunner, he had been flying on a Flying Fortress somewhere overseas, and since November 1943 had participated in many bombing missions over the European continent.

He was a graduate of the Lincoln, Neb., air base school and received his silver wings from Kingman Air base in Kingman, Ariz. He completed his training at Howard air base, Howard, Neb., and was almost immediately sent overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Smith, Macy, are grandparents of the late Staff Sergeant Smith.

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SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Clarence Breen received word today that their son, Cpl. Dean Meyer, has been promoted to sergeant. Sergeant Meyer is stationed in New Guinea.

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FORMER LOCAL LADY'S SON, AIR CRASH VICTIM

Rochester friends have received word of the tragic death of Naval Aviation Cadet Richard True Schwab, of Washington, D.C., which occurred recently at a Memphis, Tenn., air base when his training plane collided with another plane.

Cadet Schwab was the son of Mrs. Margaret True Schwab, a former resident of this city. Besides his mother, he is survived by a sister, Margaret Jane, and his grandmother, Mrs. Lloyd True, all of Washington, D.C.

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MAJOR ZIMMERMAN IS IN ARMY AS A PRIVATE

What's in a name? Maybe that's what Major Zimmerman, son of Mrs. Blanche Zimmerman, is wondering today, after passing his pre-induction examination for the army at Bakersfield, Calif.

Major will enter the Army as a private, but if his name suggests anything he'll be an officer in short order.

The former furniture dealer was transferred from the jurisdiction of the local draft board to the one at Bakersfield.

Mrs. Zimmerman now has three sons in the service, Cpl. Leo Zimmerman, Lemoore, Calif; S 2/c James Zimmerman, Oakland, Calif., and Major Zimmerman. Herbert Zimmerman, also a son of Mrs. Blanche Zimmerman, was in the Army from July, 1942, to March, 1943, when he received an honorable discharge.

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SERVICE NOTES

Flight Officer Harold E. Meiser, of Rochester, was transferred to the Majors Field, Texas basic pilot school with duties as flying instructor. Meiser is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meiser, route 5, Rochester, and was employed by the Studebaker corporation, South Bend, prior to his induction into the armed forces.

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Ensign Eli Partridge is spending a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Partridge, of this city.

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Pvt. William Lynn Chamberlain has been transferred from Truax Field, Wis., to Scott Field, Ill.

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Pvt. Ted Merley of Hill Field, Ogden, Utah, returned to camp Saturday after spending a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nyle Merley, of Akron, and friends.

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Pfc. Dick Newell and Pfc. Victor Harris of Fort Custer, Mich., spent the week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Newell.

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Cpl. Howard Henderson returned to Sioux Falls, Iowa Saturday after spending a 10-day furlough here with his mother, Mrs. Dora Henderson.

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Devon Graham is home on a ten-day furlough. He is stationed in Florida.

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F 2/c Arthur Buryl Reese arrived here from New York Sunday to spend a few days with his wife and daughter Shirley Ann and other relatives.

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Mrs. Rosella Hemenway received a letter from her husband, Charles Freeman Hemenway, stating that he is in the base hospital. Mr. Hemenway has been in the Navy three weeks. His address is: Charles Freeman Hemenway, U. S. Naval Hospital, Ward B-2, Sampson, N.Y.

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Bob DeBruler was present at the recent American Red Cross Mostyn club in London for a reunion dinner of Indiana service men.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 13, 1944]

50 LEAVE FOR MILITARY EXAMS MONDAY A.M.

Fifty Fulton county men left at 8 o'clock this morning for their pre-induction physical examinations to be given at Indianapolis. Donald Ray Miller was leader for the group with Lester Harold Shidaker as assistant leader.

These men will return to Rochester tonight and those who are found acceptable will wait until called by whatever branch they chose and were found acceptable.

Those leaving were:

Robert Eugene Davenport
Lowell Eugene Pfeiffer
Carl Damron
Floyd Edward Mollencupp
Charles Walter Bernhardt
Robert Vernon Newcomer
Charles Herman Cannon
Harold Flynn
William Jennings Mikesell
Merl P. Sriver
Earl Smith
Donald Ray Miller
John Donald Pyle
James Wallace Sperry
William Paul Warren
George Allen Swango
Donovan Elmer Brugh
Omer Ray Hook
Gerald Devon Kindig
Raymond Lee Cook
Robert Ray Gamble
Louis Rose
Mahlon Aaron Pennington
Fred Russell Howard
Joseph Walter Gutknecht
Joe H. Runkle
Viorgil Eugene Faulstich
Ralph Frederick Crist
Forrest Earl Brown
Charles Walter Miller
Harlan Paul Kirk
Orville Ross Pickens
Robert Lee Kilmer
Floyd Kenneth Nuell
Roy Earl Ness
Robert Dewayne Horn
Raymond Russell Jones

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Donald Reno
Richard Howard Woods
Gilbert Earl Flohr
Charles Reed Bilyew
Carl Emil Swanson
Lester Harold Shidaker
Harold Russell Utter
Add Howard
Elson John Zumbaugh
Ben E. Daulton
Willis Irvin Green
Vernon Harold Burns
Donald Darwin Fisher

Those transferred from other boards to the local Selective Service board were Howard, from Prestonburg, Ky.; Gamble, from Marshall county; Zumbagh, Marshall Co.; Rose, from Philadelphia, Pa.; Daulton, LaPorte; Pennington, Dearborn Co.; Green, from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Howard, from Tampa, Fla.; Burns, Peru; Gutknecht, Blue Island, Ill.; and Fisher, from Cass county.

Also scheduled to leave with this group were Paul Leroy Black, Kenneth Alsobado Watkins, John Francis Caton and Francis Leo Bastow. Due to the fact that they were so far from the local board they were transferred to the following Selective Service offices: Black, to Grant Co; Watkins to Vigo Co; Caton to Platteville, Wis; and Bastow, to Chicago, Ill.

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HUGH HOLMAN HAS BEEN IN PACIFIC 23 MONTHS

Hugh Holman, Jr., Yeoman first class in the Navy's construction division, the "Seabees," arrived home Saturday after 23 months of service in the South Pacific. He is spending a 30-day leave in Rochester visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Holman, of 1331 Madison street.

Holman has been stationed on three islands in the Pacific, Tonga, New Hebrides and Wallace, since his enlistment Dec. 8, 1941, the day following Pearl Harbor.

He was sent overseas in April, 1942, and will return to his base at Camp Parks, Calif., April 8, to resume active duty.

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RECEIVES CITATION

Announcement was made today by the War department that 12 Indianapolis young men in action in the South Pacific have been awarded Oak Leaf Clusters. Included among those receiving the citation was S. Sgt. Donald H. Cornell, grandson of P. O. Cornell, Fulton street, Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 14, 1944]

NAVY DEPARTMENT REVEALS MACY SEAMAN KILLED

The Navy department today announced 141 more casualties of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. The casualty list included 10 dead, 110 wounded and 21 missing.

Included among those having been killed in action is the name of Earl Geppinger, Jr., an ensign in the naval service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Geppinger of Macy.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 14, 1944]

LOCAL MAN PROMOTED TO RANK OF COLONEL

Mrs. Laura HOFFENBACHER today received word from her husband, Maj. W. E. Hoffenbacher, stating that he had been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the U. S. Army Chaplain Corps.

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Lt. Col. Hoffenbacher served in the Navy during the first World War and later as a chaplain in the Indiana National Guard. He was called into active service shortly after Pearl Harbor and went with the first American contingents overseas. He has been stationed overseas for the past two years.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 14, 1944]

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The new address of Emerson (Bud) Braman is: Pvt. Emerson L. Braman 35893664, APO 827, c/o Postmaster, New Orleans, La.

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Mrs. Katherine Brubaker received a cablegram from her husband, Claude, stating this his address is: Cpl. Claude Brubaker, 36320835, APO 7561, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Friends have received word that Paul E. Smiley, who is in aviation training at Columbia university, Missouri, has received his second promotion within a month. Cadet Smiley has been made student captain of 307 C.T.D. and is instructor of 1,000 men. Cadet Smiley also has a grade of 98% in military discipline, the highest in his class. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Smiley, Young America, Ind.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cooper have received word from their son, Robert, that he is now stationed at Great Lakes, Ill.

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Mr. and Mrs. Verne Smiley have received word from their oldest son, Pfc. Julius Smiley, stating that he is in the U. S. Army hospital, Australia, with a wounded foot. The message did not reveal how Pfc. Smiley was wounded.

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Pfc. Lloyd K. Weaver is now in a hospital in England according to word received here today by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Weaver of route 2, Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 14, 1944]

WOUNDED IN ACTION

Mrs. Paul Mattix received word from the War Department today telling of the injury of her son, Pvt. Paul W. Mattix. Pvt Mattix received leg injuries while in action in Italy with the 3rd Division.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 14, 1944]

CULVER YOUTH IS GLAD HE'S IN TANK BATTALION

Washington, D.C., March 15. - Bumping along over the treacherous trails of the Italian front in total blackout driving a truckload of gasoline frequently is like swimming under water--you're not sure where you are until you get there.

That's the way it seemed to Pfc. Jesse E. Hawkins, 23, of Culver, Ind., who is at Walter Reed general hospital, Washington, D.C. for medical treatment.

Hawkins was a truck driver for a tank battalion attached to an infantry division. He was in Italy from Sept. 12 to Jan. 13, when he became ill and was flown back to Washington.

"Tough as our job is, I take my hat off to the infantryman who has to walk over those same or worse trails carrying his equipment, weapons and rations to go into combat," Pfc. Hawkins said, in an interview released by the War Department today.

Had Close Call

"I saw them fighting in the mud near Cassino and they can really dish it out to the Jerries," he said.

Pfc. Hawkins said a German shell almost put him out of action shortly before he became ill.

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"We had just loaded our truck with gas and rations for the front when we came under German artillery fire," he said.

"I was crouched behind a thick fence post when a shell skidded across the top of the post and exploded on the other side of the road. Fragments flew over us but none of us was hit. One piece of shell cost us part of our load, however, as it went through two boxes of rations and three gasoline cans. It didn't set the gasoline on fire."

Hawkins spent 10 months overseas. He went through the Sicilian campaign and landed in Italy near Salerno shortly after the invasion.

His wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hawkins, live at Culver.
[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 15, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. Thomas Sausaman is returning to Camp Phillips, Kan., after spending a week with Mrs. Gladys Sausaman and Clifford Sausaman and friends.

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Cpl. C. L. Shriver is enjoying a two-weeks furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shriver. Cpl. Shriver is stationed at Camp Gordon, (? ?) Fla.

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Lt. Col. W. H. Hoffenbacher, who recently was promoted to that rank, is now stationed in England. He has been service overseas for the past four years.

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Pvt. Max E. Teeter of Lincoln, Neb., is spending a 15-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Teeter.

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Cpl. and Mrs. Floyd Gaumer arrived here yesterday to spend a short furlough with friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 15, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Tracy of Argos recently received three letters from each of their boys now in service. Roy is in Italy, Robert somewhere in England and Gene is at Great Lakes.

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Gene Reese, who has been enjoying a two weeks' furlough in the home of his parents, has returned to Fort Sill, Okla.

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Mrs. Robert Woodcox received word today that her brother, Donald P. Davis, has been promoted to the rank of corporal. He is now sttioned at Fort Ord, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, March 16, 1944]

28 ACCEPTED FROM HERE FOR ARMY, NAVY DUTY

Selective Service officials reported today that 28 of the 50 Fulton county men that went to Indianapolis Monday for their pre-induction physical examinations, have been accepted by the Army and Navy.

Four of the men accepted are available for Army limited service only.

Those inducted are now home awaiting call to begin active Army or Navy service.

The following were accepted Monday:

ARMY

Lowell Eutene Pfeiffer
Ralph Frederick Crist
Floyd Edward Mollencupp
Robert Vernon Newcomer
Orville Ross Pickens
Robert Dewayne Horn

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Raymond Russell Jones
Donald Rans
James Wallace Sperry
William Paul Warren
Charles Reed Bilyew
Robert Ray Gamble
Mahlon Aaron Pennington

ARMY (LIMITED SERVICE)

Roy Earl Ness
Gerald Devon Kindig
Raymond Lee Cook
Louis Rose

NAVY

Robert Eugene Davenport
Virgil Eugene Faulstich
Charles Walter Bernhardt
Charles Walter Miller
Floyd Kenneth Nuell
Donald Ray Miller
John Donald Pyle
Donovan Elmer Brugh
Carl Emil Swango
Elson John Zumbaugh
Ben E. Daulton

Robert E. Davenport was a volunteer. Gamble was transferred to the local board for induction from Marshall county; Zumbaugh from Marshall county; Rose from Philadelphia, Pa; Daulton from LaPorte; and Pennington from Dearborn county.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 17, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Harry Ginther has received word that her son, Pfc. Richard Ginther, has been promoted to the rank of corporal. Cpl. Ginther is stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss.

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Pvt. Gene Thompson is ill with scarlet fever in the hospital at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, according to word received here by his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thompson.

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T/Cpl. James Alfred Towne has returned to Camp Coxcomb, Calif., after a 15-day furlough with his wife and parents.

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Mrs. Lois Doud has received word from her husband, Cpl. Gerald Doud that he has been transferred to Camp Polk, La.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 17, 1944]

LOCAL MAN PROMOTED TO RANK OF MAJOR

The War Department today announced the temporary promotion of William Delos Keyes, of Rochester, to the rank of major in the U. S. Army Air Corps.

Keyes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Keyes of West 9th street, this city. His promotion from captain to major was one of 15 awarded to Hoosier Army officers.

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Pvt. Norman E. McColley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson McColley, Akron, got one of the highest scores in the platoon to qualify for the sharpshooter's badge on the rifle range at the Infantry Replacement Training Center at Fort McClellan, Ala. He is a former accountant for the South Bend Lathe Works and was living in that city when inducted December 15th.

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Mrs. Don Beattie received a cablegram from her husband that he has arrived safely overseas. His address is: D. M. Beattie, Em 1/c, c/o Navy 128, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

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Mrs. C. G. Apt has received word that her nephew, Wilbur J. Beattie II, has been transferred to New Guinea from Australia. He is in the 5th Cavalry and has been in the Pacific since last August. He is the son of Harry E. Beattie, of Indianapolis, and a former resident of this city.

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Although he already has seen front line action in the rugged mountain passes of Italy, S/Sgt. Omer M. Spohn, 25, 804 1/2 Main street, Rochester, Ind., nevertheless still is engaged in a training program being conducted "somewhere overseas" to prepare American soldiers to meet ever-changing battle tactics and conditions. S/Sgt. Spohn, a member of an Airborne unit, is receiving instruction in map reading, communications, booby traps, mines and weapons. S/Sgt Spohn is the husband of Mrs. Marietta Spohn, who is serving with the WACS, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Spohn, 218 N. Fulton street, Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 18, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Cpl James Walton is enjoying a short furlough here with his wife and friends. His wife, the former Martha Jean Day, is society editor of The News-Sentinel.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clevenger received word today that their son has arrived at the San Diego Marine base in California. His address is: Pvt. Charles W. Clevenger Jr., 234 R.D.M.C.B., San Diego, (41), Calif.

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Officials at Fort Benjamin Harrison announced today that Pvt. Kenneth M. Mollenhour, husband of Mrs. Kenneth M. Mollenhour of this city, has been transferred to Camp Lee, Va.

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The new address of Richard Sanders is: Richard Allen Sanders A/S Company 512, U.N.E.T.S., Great Lakes, Illinois.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Biggs have been informed that their son, Cpl. Dale Biggs, is now stationed in the Hawaiian islands.

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S 2/c Frederick E. Shepherd has returned to Urbana, Ill., after spending a week-end leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Stephen.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 18, 1944]

FORMER AKRON MAN PROMOTED TO MAJOR

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Swick of Akron received word today from their son, Ralph Swick, that he has been promoted to the rank of Major in the United States Army.

Major Swick was an instructor in the School of Business at Indiana university before entering the Army.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 18, 1944]

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Sheriff and Mrs. Frank Summers have received word that their son, Pfc. John J., has arrived safely overseas in the Pacific area.

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Capt. Ray Roy, who has been spending a few days here with his wife and family, left this afternoon for Robin Field, Macon, Ga., where he'll be stationed temporarily. Capt Roy recently returned from Italy after nearly two years of service in the Middle East war theatre.

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Everett R. Bass has been promoted from a Seaman First Class to a Radar Third Class. Bass is aboard the U.S.S. Colorado. His address is; Everett R. Bass, RDM 3/c, Box 29, c/o Fleet Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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Chanute Field, Ill., authorities reported today that Pfc. James L. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Miller, of 1213 South Jefferson street, has completed training and has been graduated from the Chanute Field School of the Army Air Forces Training Command.

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Pvt. Earl Edward Wheatley has been transferred from the University of Pittsburgh to Indiantown Gap, Pa. Pvt. Wheatley received a rating of 99.6% on his final exams at the university and was graded "Superior Attainment" by the university, according to a certificate received by his mother, Mrs. William Wheatley of the Leiters Ford vicinity. Pvt. Wheatley graduated from the Leiters Ford high school.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 21, 1944]

L. MEDARY RECEIVED GOOD TREATMENT IN GERMAN WAR CAMPS

Following is an article recently released in New York by the Associated Press, following an interview a news correspondent held with Leroy Medary, former resident of Rochester and South Bend. Leroy's sister, Mrs. George Heer, of Lakeville, Ind., mailed the story to The News-Sentinel. Mrs. Heer's maiden name was Inez Medary. The Medarys resided on South Main street, this city for several years. Devery [?] Medary was one of Fulton county's first casualties in World War I.

New York - Music comes first with Leroy Medary, former South Bend resident who was among the state department employes who arrived in Jersey City, N.J., on the exchange liner Gripsholm after being interned for a year in Baden Baden, Germany.

The first thing he did after checking in at a New York hotel was to shop for some music to replace the repertoire which he was forced to leave behind in Nice, France, before his internment. Before he left South Bend in 1931 he was a popular tenor singer in that city, and he admitted today that singing continued to be his avocation.

Mr. Medary, who was an employe of the American consulate in Vichy before he was interned by the Germans, said he expected to leave New York within a week or ten days to visit his sister, Mrs. George Heer, R.R. 1, Lakeville, Ind.

Says He was Treated Good

"I had very good treatment and had nothing to complain about," Mr. Medary said of his stay in the internment camp. He was taken to Baden Baden Jan. 15, 1943, after first being detained at Loudres, France, from Nov. 15, 1942.

He described the trip home on the exchange ship as uneventful "except for a little rough weather" but admitted he was "very, very glad to get home."

Mr. Medary had not been in the United States since 1931 when he left South Bend, where he resided at 926 East Donald street, to go to France to study voice. After the outbreak of the war he offered his services to the American embassy in France, and he was held with other members of the diplomatic corps when the United States government severed diplomatic relations with Vichy.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 22, 1944]

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SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. Robert V. (Beezer) Bennett writes friends here that he has been transferred from Sioux Falls, S.D., to Madison, Wis. Pvt. Bennett's new address is: Pvt. Robert V. Bennett, 35148048, 29 T.S.S., Truax Field, Madison, Wis.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 22, 1944]

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The new address of Francis Norman Kelly is: Cpl. Francis Norman Kelly 35141388, APO 9718, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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O. A. Davis received a letter from his son, Pvt. Ostinel T. (Buddy) Davis today saying that he had been transferred from Camp Blanding, Fla. to Fort Benning, Ga. His new address is: Co. L. Class 116, 1st Prcht. Tng. Regt. - Alabama Area, Fort Benning, Ga.

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Pvt. Marietta Spohn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kindig of 704 1/2 Main street, this city, has begun training at the First Women's Army Corps training center at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

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Pvt. Harold Emmons has been transferred from Detroit, Michigan to Shreveport, La. His address is: Pvt. Harold L. Emmons 35148054, APO 258, c/o Postmaster, Shreveport, La.

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Gene Richard Tippy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Tippy, of 117 W. 10th street, has graduated from the Strother Army Air Field, Kansas, where he received his Army basic flying training.

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John Hoesel's address is now: Pvt. John Hoesel, 15312831, Btry. B., 696 A.F.A. Bn., APO 308, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, March 23, 1944]

T. SGT. MARVIN T. ROSE DOING PERSONNEL WORK

An Eighth A.A.F. Service Command Depot, Somewhere in Ireland, March 24. - A newcomer to this Eighth A.A.F. Service Command Depot is T/Sgt. Marvin E. Rose, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel T. Rose, of Route 5, Rochester, Indiana. Upon his arrival at this depot, he was, due to his long experience in the army immediately given the position of Assistant Personnel Sgt. Major, a job he is proving to be able to handle exceedingly well. This position carries with it a good deal of responsibility, for it is his job to relieve the men of their worries concerning personal problems, thusly, leaving their minds free for their main job, that of preparing planes for combat duty. T/Sgt. Rose, after graduating from Rochester high school enlisted in the Army on August 21, 1940, which gives him well over three years of invaluable experience. He has a brother, Petty Officer 3/c Daniel V. Rose, who is serving in the U. S. Navy. Another brother, Capt. Robt. T. Rose, was killed in a plane crash at Accra, Africe, a few months ago.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday March 24, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Bkr 1/c Charles Flagg, Jr., of this city, has received a medical discharge from the Navy as a result of injuries received when his ship was sunk by enemy gunfire at Salerno, Italy last September. Flagg owns the Tom Thumb cafe in Rochester, and will take over the management.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ora Stephen received the address of their son, Pvt. William E. Stephen. The address is: Pvt. William E. Stephen, 35244844, T-G 305, Sheperd Field, Texas.

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ENTERS VETERANS HOSPITAL

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Raymond Schultz, an employee of the Kentucky Stock Farm, has been taken to the Veterans hospital at Indianapolis for treatment. Schultz received severe shrapnel wounds while on duty in New Guinea.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday March 24, 1944]

RECEIVES COMMISSION

Selective service officials here announced today that Dr. J. A. Hafert, Fulton dentist, has been commissioned a lieutenant in the U. S. Navy. Robert Henry Myers of Indianapolis, formerly of Kewanna, has been commissioned a lieutenant (j.g.) in the U. S. Navy.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 25, 1944]

S-SGT. JOHN R. PERRY, BOMBER GUNNER, IS AWARDED MEDAL

Rochester relatives recently have been apprised that S/Sgt. John R. Perry of Los Angeles, Calif, has been decorated for outstanding service in the U. S. Air Corps. The youth is the son of Mrs. Edith (Robbins) Perry, 5876 West Second street, Los Angeles. His father, Walter Perry, passed away a few years ago.

Following is an article which appeared recently in a Los Angeles newspaper.

“For exhibiting courage, coolness and skill in five separate bomber combat missions over enemy-occupied continental Europe, Staff Sergeant John R. Perry has been awarded the Air Medal.

“A former Los Angeles high school student, Sgt. Perry has special merits awarded him in .50 calibre machine gunnery and has earned many medals in pistol shooting. He was assigned as tail gunner on a Flying Fortress and sent to England in September, 1943. He has made a total of between 25 and 30 missions over Germany and France.”

Sgt. Perry is a grandson of L. B. Perry and Charles Robbins of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 25, 1944]

MISSING IN ACTION

First Lieut. Walter R. Carpenter, Jr., of South Bend, was reported missing in action Friday by the War department. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George Carpenter of Akron. The South Bend youth was reported missing after a bombing mission over Berlin March 4.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 25, 1944]

41 LEAVE THIS MORNING FOR PRE-INDUCTION EXAM

Forty-one more men from various sectors of Fulton county and the city of Rochester left early this morning for Indianapolis where they will submit to their pre-induction examination and if accepted, join the increasing ranks of Fulton county service men.

All will return to Rochester this evening and those accepted will wait until called by the branches of service for which they were found physically acceptable.

The following left today:

Earl Lester Moore

Fred Zellers

Keith Weston Hermance

Lloyd Elmo Zimmerman

Robert Clarence Drudge

Gerald Grant Knauff

Arthur Junior McKee

Bernard Pearl Bridegroom

Loyd Wilbur Craig

John Newton Dickover

Raymond Andrew Tabler

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Clarence Paul Smith
Jesse Arthur Brown
Claude Donald Sweares
George Francis Eshelman
Robert Oren Barker
Robert Wiley Richards
L. G. Alber
James Allen Benner
Norman Dale Zimmerman
Harold Levi Gilbaugh
Frederick William Mohler
Dean Kenneth Utter
Wilfred Dale Hisey
Charles Elvie Green
Manford Albert Zartman
John David Baldwin
Robert Denby Hill
Otis Knebel
Clifford Harold Boring
Alfred Leroy Large
Vern Richter
Paul Timothy Briney
Charles Howard Polk
Edward Shipp
James Lowell Guffin
Leroy Barkman Hoffman
John Edwin Decker
Ralph Hubert Bitterling
Silas Miller
Burdette Romeo Walton

Moore, Zellers, Hermance were volunteers. Jesse A. Brown was the leader for the group and Keith Hermance acted as assistant leader.

Bitterling was transferred to the local selective service board from Jackson, Mich., Miller from Owingville, Ky., and Walton from Noble county, Indiana.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 25, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. William E. Stephen, son of Ora A. Stephen of this city, has been transferred from Fort Benjamin Harrison, to Sheppard Field, Texas.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 25, 1944]

GRANDSON OF LOCAL COUPLE IS MISSING

Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson, who reside west of this city, were notified Saturday night that their grandson, Sgt. Marvin D. Anderson, of LaCrosse, has been missing in action over Germany since March 4.

Sgt. Anderson was a gunner on a Flying Fortress, and had participated in a number of raids over the continent. He attended Rochester public schools for some time and is a graduate of LaCrosse High school.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. G. Anderson of LaCrosse.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 27, 1944]

16 LEAVE THIS MORNING TO BEGIN ARMY-NAVY DUTIES

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A large contingent of Fulton county men left early this morning bound for Indianapolis where they will begin active Army and Navy duty.

The 16 men who left here this morning were accepted for military service February 25th.

Those leaving today were:

ARMY

David Wiley Nichols
John Arnold Bell
Raymond Walter Bowers
Donald Max Montgomery
George Smith

NAVY

Herbert Leroy Sheets
John Norman Hiatt
Don Robert Burnett
Leonard Eldon Cessna
David Winfield Shafer
Alfred Ray Coplen
Lewis William McCall
Floyd Otto Kindig
Merrill Devon Waltz
Charles King
Colburn Smith Hardin

Hiatt was leader for the Navy group and Montgomery was acting corporal for the Army contingent.

Those entering the Army reported this morning to Fort Benjamin Harrison and the Navy group reported to the Post Office building at Indianapolis.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 27, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

It was announced today that Albert Fisher, son of Edna Fisher of this city, has been promoted to a First Lieutenant. Lt. Fisher is stationed in India.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Teeter, of Rochester, have received word from their son, Pvt. Max E. Teeter, that he has arrived at Camp Kearns, Utah after a 15-day delay enroute here from Lincoln, Nebraska. His new address is: Pvt. Max Teeter, 35141392, 505 Training Group, Ordnance No.2, Bks. 2236, Kearns, Utah.

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Raymond Lee Hittle, S 2/c, of Route 3, Rochester, will complete his recruit training Tuesday at the Sampson, N.Y. training station and will receive a short leave.

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Cpl. Howard G. Coleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey H. Coleman, 201 W. 13th street, Rochester, works as a jeep driver and motor mechanic for a mobile bakery unit. He is now stationed in London, England. Cpl. Coleman, who entered the Army in January, 1943, was a truck driver and gas station attendant for Forrest R. Heyde during peace time.

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Fred Batz, farmer residing northwest of this city, is in receipt of a copy of the "Guinea Gold," the official newspaper for the Yanks on the isle of New Guinea. The paper, which was of tabloid size, was full of interesting articles concerning the Americans, Japs and natives, was published March 3, 1944.

Batz's son, Cpl. Charles M., of the U. S. Signal Corps, is stationed on New Guinea.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 27, 1944]

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ACCEPT 22 FROM HERE FOR MILITARY SERVICE

Selective Service officials in this city today reported that 22 of the 41 Fulton county men receiving their pre-induction physical examinations at Indianapolis last Saturday were accepted for military service.

Many of those accepted were pre-Pearl Harbor fathers.

Those accepted were:

ARMY

Gerald Grant Knauff
Loyd Wilbur Craig
Claude Donald Sweares
L. G. Alber
James Allen Benner
Wilfred Dale Hisey
Charles Elvie Green
John David Baldwin
Robert Denby Hill
Alfred Leroy Large
Charles Howard Polk
James Lowell Guffin
John Edwin Decker
Burdette Romeo Walton

NAVY

Earl Lester Moore
Fred Zellers
John Newton Dickover
Jesse Arthur Brown
Robert Oren Barker
Robert Wiley Richards
Harold Levi Gilbaugh
Frederick William Mohler

Walton was transferred to the local board from Noble county. Robert C. Drudge was held over at Indianapolis for further examination.

Late reports received by the local draft board revealed today that Joe H. Runkle, who went to Indianapolis for his pre-induction physical examination on March 13, has been accepted for Army duty.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 28, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

The current address of Raymond Goss is A/S Raymond Goss 19050469, Class 44-C-4, Squadron A, Flt. 2, 62nd C.T.D., Gainesville, Fla.

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Pfc. Joe Rynearson of San Diego, Calif., is spending a short furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lowe Rynearson and other relatives.

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Mrs. Lonus Wise of Warsaw, and formerly of Akron, received word today that her husband, Pfc. Wise has arrived safely in England.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 28, 1944]

FORMER MACY YOUTH IS KILLED IN ACTION

The War department today released word that S. Sgt. Oren M. Smith, son of Mrs. Harriette SMITH of box 23, Macy, has been killed in action in the European theatre of operations.

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The casualty list released by the War department included names of 468 United States soldiers killed in action. This included casualties in the Asiatic, Central Pacific, European, Mediterranean, North American, South Pacific and Southwest Pacific areas.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 28, 1944]

ACCEPTED BY NAVY

Rochester draft board officials revealed today that Bernard Bridegroom and Keith Hermance passed their pre-induction examinations at Indianapolis Saturday and were accepted for active military service. Both county men left with the selectees last Saturday, but requested immediate induction. They were accepted for naval duty.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 29, 1944]

HOWARD AND BASTOW ACCEPTED BY ARMY

Parents of George Howard and Fritz Bastow, members and part owners of the King's Jesters band, were notified today that the two musicians had passed their pre-induction examinations in Chicago and were awaiting their calls to begin active training.

Both members of the popular band are married and have families.

Howard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Howard, and Bastow is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bastow.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 29, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

The address of Julian A. Powell is: Coxswain Julian A. Powell, Armed Guard, c/o S.S. James Gordon Bennett, c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, N.Y.

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Pvt Joe Smith of Camp Mead, Md., is spending a short furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Smith, and other relatives.

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Word has been received of the change of address of Sgt. Lloyd E. Fisher by his wife, Mrs. Vonda Fisher. It is: T-4 Lloyd E. Fisher, 15106144, APO 9789, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Sgt. and Mrs. Robert L. Fisher of Camp Campbell, Ky., are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer L. Fisher and family.

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Mrs. Dean Drudge has received word that her husband, Cpl. Dean Drudge, has arrived safely in England.

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Among those graduating from an intensive course at Great Lakes, Ill., was Calvin Arthur Riley, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Riley, route 3, Rochester. Seaman Riley is now an electrician's mate.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 29, 1944]

8 FROM HERE TRAINING AT GREAT LAKES, ILL.

Eight Rochester men are receiving their initial indoctrination at the United States Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Ill.

Their "boot" training consists of instruction in seamanship, military drill and general naval procedure. During this period a series of aptitude tests will be taken by the recruits to determine whether they will be assigned to a naval service school or to immediate active duty at sea.

Upon completion of training these men will spend a period of leave at home.

They are: Arthur F. Brubaker, 33, 1109 Pontiac street; Donald P. Lange, 17, 1401 College avenue; Elton R. Nelson, 29, 310 West 10th street; Harry R. Showley, 35, 1325 Madison

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street; Voris D. Swartz, 801 East 17th street; Richard W. Wilson, 17, 608 Jefferson street; Russell D. Carr, 19, route 2; Peter W. Terpstra, 18, route 2.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 29, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. Paul L. Miller has been transferred from the military police replacement training center at Fort Custer, Michigan to Fort Crook, Nebraska.

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S 2/c Richard W. Simpson and family, who have been visiting at the home of Seaman Simpson's parents, left Wednesday night for their home at Coulee Dam. S 2/c Simpson will then report to Camp Ward, Farragut, Idaho.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, March 30, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Marine Private First Class Robert G. Brown of route 2, Rochester, has been graduated from the sea school at the Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif., and is now awaiting transfer to sea duty.

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Pfc. James R. Hines is spending a five-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hines of Kewanna. James is receiving training in the ASTP division of Army Medical School, Chicago, Ill.

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Mrs. O. M. Hitch, the former Lucyanna Peterson of this city, today stated that her husband, First Lt. O. M. Hitch, has been promoted to the rank of captain. Capt. Hitch is now stationed somewhere in Africa.

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It was learned today that Charles King was the only one out of 48 young men from the mid-west area who successfully passed the "Eddy test" examinations for special navy radio technician training, which were held in Indianapolis March 27.

Phases in algebra, geometry, trigonometry, physics, chemistry, shop, electricity and radio were embraced in the strenuous exams, it was stated. Charles, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester King, left for the Great Lakes Naval Training Station today. He will receive his course of instruction at the navy radio training school in Chicago. Mrs. King, who has been employed in Indianapolis, plans to make her home in Rochester. She was formerly Miss Jean Neighbor of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 31, 1944]

2 MORE ACCEPTED FOR ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE

Rochester and Fulton county Selective Service officials today revealed that Rodney Arnold, one-time manager of the Gamble store in this city, has been inducted into the United States Army at Fort Snelling, Minn. Arnold was inducted March 22.

He was transferred from the local draft board to Nobles County, Minn., for induction. Arnold is married and has a family.

Draft board officials further strated that Robert Drudge, who was held over from the March 25th contingent for further examination, has been accepted by the Army for active duty.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 31, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Friends here have received news that Pfc. John J. Summers, U.S.M.C., has arrived safely overseas. His address: MAR-ARR, South Pacific c/o Fleet Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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The new address of S/Sgt Charles E. (Bill) Hunter is: Staff Sgt. Charles E. Hunter, 35359464, APO 30, Ft. Dix, New Jersey.

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[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 1, 1944]

ACCEPTED BY NAVY

It was revealed today by local draft board authorities that Howard Jones Cross, former county resident, has been inducted into the Navy at Chicago. He was accepted March 28. Cross was transferred from the local board to Mattoon, Ill., for induction.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 1, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pfc. Dick Miller and Arthur Weaver are enjoying a 21-day furlough here with relatives and friends. Both have been stationed in Panama for the past 27 months.

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William C. Willard is now stationed at Camp White, Oregon. His address: Pvt William C. Willard, 35138046, Co. A, 382nd Infantry, APO 96, Camp White, Oregon.

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Pvt. Joe Sparks returned Sunday to his camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison after spending a week-end here with his parents and friends.

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Pvt. Robert V. Bennett returned to his camp at Madison, Wisconsin Sunday after a short furlough here.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 3, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Major L. H. Meyer, son of Mrs. Bertha Meyer, has arrived in camp at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., where he will receive a nine weeks special training course.

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S 2/c Raymond Showley, of Great Lakes naval training station, is spending a 10-day leave here with his family and friends.

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The present address of Seaman David Shafer is: A/S David Winfield Shafer, Co. 671, U.S.N.T.S, Great Lakes, Ill.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, April 5, 1944]

TWO ROCHESTER YOUTHS TRAIN AT GREAT LAKES

Two Rochester men are receiving their initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Ill.

Their "boot" training consists of instruction in seamanship, military drill and general naval procedure. During this period a series of aptitude tests will be taken by the recruits to determine whether they will be assigned to a Naval Service School or to immediate active duty at sea.

Their recruit training completed, these men will spend a period of leave at home. They are Robert E. Cooper, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas A. Cooper of 717 1/2 Main street, and Richard A. Sanders, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion W. Sanders of 402 Jay street.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, April 5, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. George McKee have received word that their son, Richard, has been transferred from Florida to Virginia. His new address is: Cpl. Richard McKee, Battery D., 53rd C.A., Camp Pendleton, Virginia.

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The present mailing address of Pvt. Thomas Sausaman is: ASN 3593667, APO 079, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Pvt. Winsel G. Heckathorn has arrived in London, according to latest reports. Pvt. Heckathorn, a Fulton youth, met James Fall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fall, also of Fulton, on a troop transport ship enroute to England. It was the first meeting of the pair since their induction into the army.

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Floyd O. Kindig is now receiving his "boot" training at the Great Lakes naval training station. His address: Floyd O. Kindig A/S, Co. 684, U.S.N.T.S., Great Lakes, Ill.

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Mrs. Dewey L. Zolman of Athens, has received word from her son, Pfc. Richard S. Zolman, that he has been promoted to the rank of Corporal. Cpl. Zolman's address is: Cpl. Richard S. Zolman, 15333178, Transient Unit-A.T.C., Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Fla.

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The current address of Henry N. Cox is: Pvt. Henry N. Cox, 35895940, APO 15185, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Pvt. John W. Champlin, son of Rev. and Mrs. G. R. Champlin of Laketon, enjoyed a brief furlough with his parents and friends. He has been in the dispatch division.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 6, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

The present address of Alfred Coplen is: Alfred Ray Coplen, A/S, Co. 960, U.S.N.T.S., Great Lakes, Ill.

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Reports received here indicate that Pvt. Kenneth Stevens is currently stationed somewhere in China. His address is Pvt. Kenneth M. Stevens, APO 627, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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S 2/c Richard Wayne Wilson and S 2/c Don Lange are home after completing their "boot" training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Both are enjoying a 10-day leave here with friends and relatives.

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Master Sergeant Russell Parker, Jr., is spending a 10-day furlough here with his parents and friends. He is stationed at Camp Young, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 7, 1944]

COUNTY WOMAN JOINS WASPS, TRAINED HERE

Mary Jo Bardsley, Kewanna resident, has received her final orders by telegram from Fort Hayes, Ohio and will report for duty at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas, April 18, as a member of the Women's Air Force service pilots. At Avenger Field she will receive six months instruction under army control.

Miss Bardsley is the daughter of Mrs. Ruth Bardsley, Kewanna, and has worked at the Kingsbury Ordnance Plant for the past two years. During the time she received basic flight instructions at the Rochester municipal airport. She has more than 65 hours of flying time to her credit.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 7, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Fort Myers, Fla., April 8. - Cpl. LeRoy Sayger, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Sayger, Route 1, Rochester, Ind., was graduated this week from the A.A.E. Training Command's Flexible Gunnery School at Buckingham Field, near Fort Myers, Fla.

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Now qualified as an aerial gunner, he will soon become a member of the Army Air Forces' bomber crews. He will receive his crew training at an operational training field in the United States then go overseas.

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2nd Lieut. Billy J. Showalter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett W. Showalter, Box 184, Akron, Ind., was graduated from Marine Corps reserve officers' class at Quantico, Va., Wednesday, April 5, and will now be assigned to active duty. The Marine officer, who attended Manchester college, was selected from the ranks to enter the officer training. Enlisted in July, 1942, he was a staff sergeant when he began training for a commission.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ross Moore were notified today of the change in address of their son Harold. His address is: Cpl. Robert H. Moore, 35097938, Hqs. Co. 653, T.D. Bn., Camp Rucker, Ala.

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Mrs. Elmer Lamb received word today that her brother, Owen Moriarity, has arrived safely overseas. He is now stationed somewhere in New Guinea.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 8, 1944]

LOCAL MAN RECEIVES PURPLE HEART

Mrs. Gene Mattix received word recently that her husband, Pvt. Paul W. Mattix, has been awarded the Purple Heart citation for injuries received at the Anzio beachhead. Prior to his induction into the armed forces he resided in this city with his wife.

He has been in the service almost a year and has been overseas since Oct. 3. In civilian life Pvt. Mattix operated an Indiana Motor bus.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 8, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brubaker, south of this city, today received word from their son, Cpl. Kenneth E. Brubaker, that he has been transferred from the Philadelphia Navy Yards to Cherry Point, NC. His address is: Cpl. Kenneth E. Brubaker, A.E.S., 44 V.S.M.C.A.S., Barrackes 216, Cherry Point, N.C.

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Another son of Mr. and Mrs. Brubaker, Deverne, reports that he is now stationed near Cassino and has ascended Mt. Vesuvius. He states that he has ash trays made from lava while on the mountain top and other souvenirs of Italy. He has been in the Army overseas for two years.

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New Haven, Conn., April 10. - Earl J. Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. Bailey of route 3, Rochester, Ind., has entered the Army Air Forces Training Command School at Yale university for aviation cadet training in aircraft maintenance engineering. Upon successful completion of his course here he will be commissioned a second lieutenant and assigned to active duty with a Yank combat squadron.

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The new address of Eldon Cessna is: Leonard Eldon Cessna, A/S, Co. 671, U.S.N.T.S., Great Lakes, Ill.

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Another Rochester man stationed at Great Lakes is Lewis McCall. His address is: Lewis William McCall, A/S, V-6, Co. 671, U.S.N.T.S., Great Lakes, Ill.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 10, 1944]

ACCEPTED BY NAVY

Joseph William Hite, formerly of Rochester, passed his pre-induction examination at Indianapolis on April 4th and has been accepted by the U. S. Navy, according to information

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received here. Hite was transferred from the local Selective Service board to Cass county for his examination.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 10, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Word has been received here by Mrs. Van Brown that her husband has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. Sgt. Brown is now stationed in India.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 11, 1944]

WOUNDED IN ACTION

Pfc. Harry Shidaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Shidaker of Monterey, has arrived in the United States from Italy and is now in an Army hospital in Charleston, South Carolina. He was recently wounded in action, suffering the loss of his right leg.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 11, 1944]

NINE LEAVE FROM HERE FOR ACTIVE ARMY DUTY

Another contingent of Rochester and Fulton county men left this morning for Indianapolis to begin active army training. These men received their pre-induction physical examinations during the month of March.

Leader for the nine local inductees was Lowell Eugene Pfeiffer.

Those leaving were:

Frank Arthur Noftsgar

Orville Ross Pickens

Robert Dewayne Horn

Raymond Russell Jones

Donald Rans

James Wallace Sperry

William Paul Warren

Lowell Eugene Pfeiffer

Ralph Frederick Criss

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 11, 1944]

ROYAL CENTER MARINE IS COMMENDED FOR BRAVERY

Washington, April 12 - A Royal Center, Ind., Marine has been commended by the commanding general of a Leatherneck aircraft wing in the South Pacific for rescuing a Marine fighter plane pilot Dec. 7, last, it has been announced at Marine Corps headquarters here. He is Marine Private First Class John T. Rhody, son of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Rhody of Royal Center.

The Hoosier Marine, along with two other enlisted Leathernecks, navigated a crash boat nine miles through uncharted coral reefs to rescue the pilot despite rough seas and in a leaking boat, the leak caused when the craft scraped a reef. The men were kept busy bailing to keep the craft afloat.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, April 12, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reed of Fulton have just received word that their son, Dwight, who is stationed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., has been promoted from staff sergeant to first sergeant.

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According to word received here, T/Sgt. Charles Mow of this city, has been promoted to the post of Warrant Officer. Warrant Officer Mow is currently stationed in India, with the Army

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Air Forces. He has been serving overseas for over two years and has seen action in China and India.

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Roy D. Fultz, F1/c, who recently completed a Diesel training course at Navy Pier, Chicago, will remain at that station for an eight weeks course in advanced Diesel school. His address is: Roy D. Fultz, F 1/c, Co. 18, Billet 021, Navy Pier, Chicago, Ill.

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Reports received here reveal that Hugh Holman, Jr., is now stationed at Camp Parks, Oakland, Calif.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Snyder today received word that their son, Eddie, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. He is stationed in Iceland.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 13, 1944]

SEVEN LEAVE TO BEGIN ACTIVE NAVY TRAINING

Seven Rochester and Fulton county men left here this morning to begin their active training with the U. S. Navy at Indianapolis. The group passed their pre-induction examinations during the month of March.

Donald R. Miller was leader for the group and Robert Davenport was a volunteer.

Those who left to begin active duty are:

Robert Eugene Davenport

Virgil Eugene Faulstich

John Donald Pyle

Andrew Jack Bick

Floyd Kenneth Nuell

Donald Ray Miller

Donovan Elmer Brugh

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 13, 1944]

SEVEN FROM HERE TRAINING AT GREAT LAKES STATION

Seven Rochester men are receiving their initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill.

Their "boot" training consists of instruction in seamanship, military drill and general naval procedure. During this period a series of aptitude tests will be taken by the recruits to determine whether they will be assigned to a Naval Service School or to immediate active duty at sea.

Their recruit training completed, these men will spend a period of leave at home. They are:

David W. Shafer, 26, husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Shafer, 1220 Pontiac; John N. Hiatt, 34, husband of Mrs. Mary C. Hiatt, 1303 Monroe St.; Lewis M. McCall, 36, husband of Mrs. Dorothy A. McCall, R.R. 3; Leonard E. Cessna, 28, husband of Mrs. Lois A. Cessna, 401 W. 11th St.; Elmer R. Ziesenhene, 21; Floyd O. Kindig, 31, husband of Mrs. Dorothy A. Kindig, 1226 Pontiac St.; Alfred R. Coplen, 35, husband of Mrs. Trella M. Coplen, 1330 Franklin Ave.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 14, 1944]

TWELVE MILE AIRMAN INJURED IN ENGLAND

Lt. Estel Ulerick, son of Cecil R. Ulerick of Twelve Mile, is in a hospital in England recovering from injuries received when he made a forced landing on a Royal Air Force field in Britain. His injuries are reported as not serious, and he is expected to be out of the hospital soon.

Pilot of a P-47 Thunderbolt, Ulerick has been in service two years and has been overseas since last October. He is formerly of Logansport and Twelve Mile. His wife, Mrs. Frances A. Ulerick, is now working for the Navy at Arlington, Va. She is the daughter of Arthur Bowman of near Logansport.

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Lt. Ulerick, who has previously served as a bomber pilot, holds a citation awarded for five bomber combats.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 14, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

T/5 Harold Flora has been transferred from Nashville, Tenn. to Alabama. His new address is T/5 Harold W. Flora, 35097951, Co. B, 653 T.D. Bn., Camp Barker, Alabama.

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Cpl. Mike Zartman, who has spent the past two years serving in New Guinea with the U. S. Army, arrived last night for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cora Zartman. This is his first furlough since he was sent overseas.

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Clarence Charles Higgings, 31, of Kewanna, is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, according to word received here.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 15, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. Earl Edward Wheatley has been transferred from Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Pennsylvania, to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, according to reports received here today. Pvt. Wheatley is in the field artillery. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wheatley of the Leiters Ford vicinity.

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Pvt. John A. Bell, son of Mrs. George E. Pollock of Route 3, Rochester, has been transferred from Fort Benjamin Harrison to Camp Blanding, Fla., for his basic training.

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S/Sgt. Telford Conrad of Camp Hann, Calif., is spending a two weeks furlough here with his brother, Dean Conrad. Sgt. Conrad has been in the West for over two years. Sunday he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Fultz of this city.

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Sgt. R. P. Chapman is spending a nine day furlough at home with his wife, Betty, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Chapman. He is now stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

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Sergeant Marjorie Tomb, of the WAC, is now home on a brief furlough.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 17, 1944]

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Pvt. Emerson Enyart of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Enyart of this city.

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Five local men have been transferred from Fort Benjamin Harrison to Camp Hood, Texas for their basic training, according to reports received here. Those transferred were: Pvt. Raymond Jones, Pvt. William Warren, Pvt. Lowell E. Pfeiffer, Pvt. Ralph F. Crist and Pvt. James W. Sperry.

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Pfc. James L. Miller has returned to his new base at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas after spending two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob F. Miller of this city. Pfc. Miller graduated from instrument specialist school at Chanute Field, Ill.

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Second Lt. Joseph Ault is spending a 15 days furlough here with his wife and son, Denny. He is stationed with the Army Air Corps at Frederick, Oklahoma.

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A/C William L. Tippy has been transferred from Arkansas State college to a classification center in San Antonio, Texas.

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66 FROM FULTON CO. LEAVE FOR PRE-INDUCTION EXAMS

Another large contingent of Rochester and Fulton county men left this morning for their pre-induction examination to be held at the Indianapolis Motor Armory. Robert E. Overmyer was leader for the 66 men with Kenneth Morrison assistant leader.

Following are names of those leaving:

Jesse Floyd Shriver
Virgil Dale Olinger
Loyal Judson Hudkins
Francis G. Hudkins
Donald Lee Fry
Raymond Harold Craig
Maurice William Keyser
Francis Oliver Gibson
Edward Lee Mow
Herbert DeVerle Severns
Ralph Edward Curtis
Raymond Earl Enyart
Warren William Robinson
Arthur Virgil Brockey
Leslie Fay Shackelford
Byron Eugene Ginn
Vern Ellsworth Barker
John Edwin Perkins
John William Kirby
John William Urbin
Clyde H. Cook
Claude Bradley
Harold Leon Poorman
Vern Eugene Herrell
James Franklin Thomas
Don Emmons
Marcus Hendley Steenbergen
Kenneth D. Cooper
Von Leroy Zartman
Donald Eugene Wilson
George Norman Hayden
Earl Eugene Hoffman
Roger Wilson Werner
Robert Paul Brown
Robert E. Overmyer
Guy Frederick Ault
Walter Bowen
Ezra George Cooper
Earl Dean Arven
Thurl Paul Alber
Murray Maudlin
Olen Dever Eshelman
Demoine Town
John Joseph Hill
Joseph A. Bogenwright
George Richard Rouch

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Ralph Deverl Bowers
James Edward Mikesell
James Irvin Murray
Paul Edward Walters
David Leroy Thomas
Stanley Eugene Samuelson
Dennis Eugene Warren
Donald Alvin Norris
Donald Dean Kilmer
John Edward Schenck
Wayne Edward Rider
Don E. Beattie
Gerald Lewis Eastburg
Kenneth Nelson Hiland
Harley Edward McClain
George Reed
John Wesley Sawyer
Stanley Rider, Jr.
Kenneth W. Morrison
Charles Curran

Of the group Shriver, Poorman, Bogenwright, Olinger, Herrell, Rouch and Hill were volunteers. Bradley was transferred to the local board from McArthur, Ohio; Hill from Seattle, Wash., and Curran from Crawford county, Kansas.

Many of this contingent were those who had been deferred because of their occupations but who were under 26 years of age. Their deferments were cancelled recently by selective service officials because of their age.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 18, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Bernard Pearl Bridegroom, 34, son of Mrs. Jennie Bridegroom of Leiters Ford is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Ill.

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Cpl. Donald P. Davis has arrived home to spend a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis, of Kewanna.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Simpson have received word of the transfer of their two sons to new camps. S 2/s Richard W. Simpson has been transferred from Camp Ward, Farragut, Idaho, to Shoemaker, Calif. A/C Neil C. Simpson has been moved from San Antonio, Texas, to Garner Field, Uvalde, Texas.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, April 19, 1944]

FORMER KEWANNA MAN MISSING OVER EUROPE

First Lt. Harold Glen Garman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carrow Garman of Mishawaka, has been reported missing in action after a raid over the continent. The brief statement by the War department revealed no further details of the raid in which the bomber was lost. Lt. Garman was a navigator on a Flying Fortress.

Mr. and Mrs. Garman, former Kewanna residents, have three other sons in the armed service: Herbert L. , with the U. S. Army in England; Charles D., machinist first class stationed at Philadelphia, Pa., and John, stationed with the U. S. Navy at San Diego, Calif.

Mrs. Margaret Zimpleman and Leroy Garman of Kewanna are grandparents of the missing youth.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 20, 1944]

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TWELVE MILE SOLDIER DIES IN ANZIO FIGHTING

Pfc. Herman E. Brower, 30, was killed in action in Italy on march 4, according to a telegram received by his sister, Mrs. Bernice Grable of Twelve Mile, route 1.

He was in the infantry and was known to have been on the Anzio beachhead since the latter part of January. No details were given in the government message but it is assumed he died in the fighting in that area.

Brower [sic] was born on May 4, 1913, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Brower, near Twelve Mile. He graduated from Twelve Mile High school in 1930 and was a member of the basketball team during his junior and senior years.

He entered the Army on June 17, 1942, and was stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison for six months, then going to Camp Butner, N.C., for basic training, and later to Camp Shenango, Pa. He went overseas in August of 1943, first to North Africa and then to Italy.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 20, 1944]

LOCAL MAN PARTICIPATES IN FOUR MAJOR BATTLES

Cpl. Frederick Greer, of this city, probably feels now that he is as much a cosmopolite as Eleanor Roosevelt. The 21-year-old medical corps man has participated in four major battles and has received the same number of decorations and ribbons.

He began his army duties March 1, 1941, at the age of 18 as a volunteer and traced his training career across the United States to Camp Pickett, Va., from whence he was sent to French Morocco. He engaged in the Tunis campaign and others in North Africa and was shipped to Sicily where he again served under fire.

Cpl. Greer distinguished himself at Salerno and finally at the Anzio beachhead where the fighting was toughest.

A good conduct ribbon, before Pearl Harbor ribbon, theatre of operations award and Silver Star medal are worn by the local man, whose bravery carried him to within 15yards of actual Nazi infantrymen in the Anzio fight.

Cpl. Greer is one of many from this city proving his worth with the armed forces.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 20, 1944]

KILLED IN ACTION

Word has been received in the Kewanna neighborhood of the death of Sgt. Albert McLochlin, Jr., 19, son of Albert McLochlin, formerly of Grass Creek and now of South Bend. The youth was killed in action in the Admiralty Islands.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 20, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Robert C. Miller, son of Arthur E. Miller of this city, has been promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant, according to word received here today. He is stationed in New Guinea and has served overseas for the past 14 months.

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Cpl. James Kindig is confined to a hospital at his base in New Guinea because of illness.

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Pvt. Marietta Spohn, of the WAC, is in the base hospital at Westover Field, Mass., with pneumonia. Her address is: Pvt. Marietta Spohn, A-514665, W.A.C. Detachment, Army Air Base, Westover Field, Mass.

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Lt. and Mrs. Russell D. Walters of Little Rock, Arkansas are visiting Lt. Walter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Walters, of this city.

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Pfc. Russell Cauffman has been transferred from somewhere in Panama to Fort Benjamin Harrison, it was learned today. He is spending a 21-day furlough with his wife, the former

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Marjorie Alber, of Tiosa. Pfc. Cauffman will leave for Camp Meade, Maryland on May 11 for active duty.

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Kenneth Paul Steininger of this city, recently graduated with his class and was rated Torpedo Man, third class. He was also selected as honor man of his class.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 20, 1944]

LOCAL YOUTH MEMBER OF U.S.A. PARATROOPERS

Fort Benning, Ga., April 20. - Pvt. Ostinell T. Davis, son of Ostinell A. Davis, of 1430 South Monroe street, Rochester, Indiana, has won the right to wear Wings and Boots of the United States Army Paratroops. He has completed four weeks of jump training during which he made five jumps from a plane in flight, the last a tactical jump at night involving a combat problem on landing.

Jumping at the parachute school has been steadily developed to a recognized war science. There is less than one per cent chance of injury while jumping at the school.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 20, 1944]

ACCEPT 37 FOR DUTY WITH ARMY AND NAVY

Selective Service officials reported today that 37 of the 66 Fulton county men forwarded to Indianapolis for their pre-induction examinations April 18th, were accepted for military service.

Of the group 10 were accepted by the Army, 26 by the Navy, and one for limited service. Twenty-five of the group were rejected and four had a status undetermined at the time the reports were received.

The following men were accepted for duty.

ARMY

Joseph A. Bogenwright
Paul Edward Walters
Francis Oliver Gibson
Robert Paul Brown
Wayne Edward Rider
Don E. Beattie
Leslie Fay Shackelford
Byron Eugene Ginn
Ezra George Cooper
Claude Bradley

NAVY

Jesse Floyd Shriver
George Richard Rouch
Loyal Judson Hudkins
Ralph Deverl Bowers
Marcus Hendley Steenbergen
Raymond Harold Craig
Vern Eugene Herrell
Kenneth D. Cooper
David Leroy Thomas
Stanley Eugene Samuelson
George Norman Hayden
Donald Alvin Norris
Roger Wilson Werner
Donald Dean Kilmer
John Edward Schenck
Warren William Robinson
Robert E. Overmyer
Walter Bowen

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Gerald Louis Eastburg
Earl Dean Arven
George Reed
Murray Maudlin
John Wesley Sawyer
John William Urbin
Clyde H. Cook
John Joseph Hill

Earl Eugene Hoffman was accepted by the United States for limited service. Hill was transferred to this board from Seattle, Wash., and Bradley from McArthur, Ohio. Shriver, Bogtanwright and Rouch were volunteers.

John Joseph Hill requested immediate induction and did not return home but entered active military service immediately.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 20, 1944]

S/SGT. LOUIS BALL REPORTED KILLED IN SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

A terse telegram from the War Department late Thursday revealed that Staff Sergeant Louis (Monk) Ball, formerly of this city, had been killed in action. The concise message received by Mrs. Rethal Ball, of Akron, stated briefly that her 26-year-old son had been killed somewhere in New Guinea on April 9th.

Sgt. Ball served as a tail gunner on a B-24 bomber in the Far Eastern theatre of operations and it is presumed that he died in a plane crash somewhere in the Pacific.

The former Rochester resident had once before, on October 18, 1943, been reported "missing in action" by the War Department, only to escape 11 days later from steaming Solomon island jungles. After his New Guinea based plane had been forced down, Sgt. Ball and companions fought disease and insect infested brushland through a small island in the Solomons group before emerging on civilization 11 days later.

Brother Long Missing

The tragic death of the youthful Fulton county man is the second case of the war striking the Ball family. Private Norval (Killer) Ball, well known in northern Indiana boxing circles as a bantamweight fighter, is still missing somewhere in the southwest Pacific. No word has been heard from the former prizefighter since the War Department announced him as missing in action January 6, 1943. Like his brother, Pvt. Ball was a tail gunner on a large American bomber.

Staff Sergeant Louis Ball was born in Rochester on December 11, 1917, the son of Norval and Rethal Ball. He was employed by the Buick Company in Chicago prior to his induction into the service October, 1942. He was sent overseas last August. The deceased was a member of the Trinity Evangelical church of this city.

Surviving are the mother; one sister, Miss Willodean Ball, of Akron; three brothers, Barton, South Bend; Robert, Chicago; and Sgt. Hovey James, now on his way overseas with the United States Army.

Sgt. Hovey Ball is also a tail gunner on a bomber with the U. S. Army Air Corps.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 21, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pfc. Richard M. Miller left this morning for Fort Monroe, Va., after spending a 21-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Miller and [sister] Janice. Pfc Miller was formerly stationed in Panama.

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The new address of Pfc. Dick Newell is: Pfc. Richard Newell, ASN, 35138067, S.C.V. 3109, P.O.W. Camp, 456 M.P.E. G. Co., Fort Devens, Mass.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 21, 1944]

NINE FROM COUNTY BEGIN ACTIVE ARMY DUTY TODAY

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Another contingent of Fulton county and Rochester men left this morning for military training as selective service officials in the government began scraping the bottom of the manpower bucket for more fighters.

The nine men leaving today were accepted for service during the months of March and early April and will report today to U. S. Army officials at Fort Benjamin Harrison to begin active training.

Those leaving are as follows:

Frank Arthur Noftsger

Floyd Edward Mollencupp

Joe H. Runkle

Robert Clarence Drudge

Gerald Grant Knauff

Claude Donald Swears

L. G. Alber

Charles Elvie Green

Robert Denby Hill

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 22, 1944]

LOCAL PRISONER OF WAR RECOVERING IN HOSPITAL

Perhaps the finest news received by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Master in months was a rectangular piece of paper sent from inside Europe this week containing a message from their son, Lieutenant Orlyn E. Master, now a German prisoner of war.

He was lucky, indeed, reported the bomber crew member, when shot down over Europe, for the pilot, co-pilot, engineer and turret gunner of his plane failed to bail out and probably met certain death in the fiery funeral pyre of the wrecked airplane.

Lt. Master further informed his parents that he was still in the hospital, in nice barracks and was being well fed by the American Red Cross. He also pointed out that he and other members of the crew "had tough luck. We almost made it back. I don't know yet what happened."

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 22, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Relatives here have received word that Sgt. Donald E. Overmyer has arrived safely overseas. He is now stationed somewhere in Great Britain.

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Friends today reported that Pfc. Harold Miller has been transferred to Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky for training.

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The address of John Flynn is: Pvt. John R. Flynn, 35138063, Guard Detachment of South Carolina, S.C.U. 4760, Bldg. 7-47, Prisoner of War Camp, Concordia, Kansas.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 22, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Charles William King, 21, husband of Mrs. Eugenia Neighbor King, 217 East 10th street, Rochester, is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Ill.

The recruit training completed, the seaman will spend a period of leave at home.

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S/Sgt. and Mrs. E. J. Surge spent Friday with the latter's grandmother, Mrs. Laura E. Babcock, and other relatives and friends. S/Sgt. Surge is a member of the field artillery, stationed near Winoni, Miss. Mrs. Surge, before her marriage, was Miss Mary Lee Foglesong, formerly of Rochester.

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Chaplain Russell H. Blackburn is now stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas which is an Army Air Force Basic Training Center. Caplain Blackburn attended grade and high school in this city. His parents are now living on East Ninth street, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Blackburn. Chaplain Blackburn has a brother, Glen A. Blackburn, who is also a chaplain in the United States Army.

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Benjamin O. Severns, MM 3/c, is spending a brief leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Deloise Severns.

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Relatives of T/Sgt Trenson (Pinky) Kline were notified today that he has arrived safely overseas. He is now stationed somewhere in England.

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Pvt. and Mrs. Paul Barts, of St. Paul, Minn., are visiting relatives and friends in Rochester. Pvt. Barts is now enjoying a 15-day furlough.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 24, 1944]

ROCHESTER WOMAN SOON TO HAVE FIVE SONS IN SERVICE

When Benny Daulton, former dray line owner in this city, leaves for Indianapolis Wednesday to begin active navy training, the fifth star will be added to Mrs. Lucy Daulton Master's service flag.

The local lady now has four sons in the service, three in the Navy and one in the Army, and all have been or are serving overseas. Glenn, Wayne and Dale Dalton, all in the Navy, are now somewhere at sea, and Joe, in the Army, served 16 months in Greenland before being returned to the United States because of a knee injury.

Glenn was inducted in September, 1941; Wayne, May 13, 1943; Dale in September, 1943, and Joe in May, 1942.

Three of the men, Wyne, Dale and Benny, are married.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 24, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Sgt. Reuben Rynearson, who has been stationed in the Panama Canal Zone, is spending a short furlough here with his parents and other relatives.

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A/C William L. Tippy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tippy, has been classified as a pilot at the San Antonio classification center.

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The present address of Raymond Showley is Harry Raymond Showley, Seaman 2/c, Naval Receiving Barracks 0533, Battalion 5, Shumaker, Calif.

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Cpl. Edward Maglecic has notified Rochester friends tht he was stationed for some time in North Africa and is now in Italy at the front. Cpl. Maglecic stated that he spent his birthday, April 9, in Italy fighting the Germans.

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Pfc. Dwight E. (Jiggs) Pollock is home on a seven-day furlough from Camp Shelby, Miss. Pfc. Pollock's parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Pollock, route 2, Rochester.

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Pvt. Louis J. Heckathorn has been transferred from Buffalo, N.Y., to Camp Pickett, Va. His address is: Pvt. Louis J. Heckathorn, 35145819, APO 78, Camp Pickett, Va.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 25, 1944]

DIES IN CRASH

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Pfc. Forrest W. Weissert, flying mechanic of the Army Air Corps, stationed at Ardmore, Okla., was killed Monday night in a crash of a Flying Fortress at Ardmore. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Weissert of Bourbon, and a nephew of L. D. McGriff of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, April 26, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Rolland Roe, 18, husband of Mrs. Donnabelle Roe, of 533 East 9t St., this city, is now receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Ill.

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Mrs. Edna Tobey Allan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Tobey of Rochester, has been transferred from Byron, New York to Stillwater, Oklahoma. Mrs. Allan is a Seaman Second Class in the WAVES.

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Lieut. Ben DuBois, of the U. S. Air Corps, is now home on a three-day pass from San Marcos, Texas, visiting friends and relatives in Rochester.

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Lieut. Joe Ault left Tuesday for Randolph Field, Texas, after a short leave here with his wife and child.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, April 26, 1944]

NINE MORE LEAVE FROM HERE FOR NAVY TRAINING

Local Selective Service officials announced today that nine more Rochester and Fulton county men left this morning for Indianapolis to begin active naval training. Many of the men are married and have families.

Those leaving today were inducted late in March or the early part of April.

The following left today:

Earl Lester Moore

Fred Zellers

Charles Walter Bernhardt

Kenneth A. Watkins

John Newton Dickover

Carl Emil Swanson

Jesse Arthur Brown

Ben E. Daulton

Elson John Zumbaugh

Daulton was transferred to the local board from LaPorte and Zumbaugh was transferred from Plymouth. Brown acted as leader for the contingent.

The local board further added that they have been notified that Wilburn James Whipple, formerly of Rochester, has been inducted into the Army at Richmond, Virginia. Whipple was at one time an employee of the local fish hatchery and had been transferred to Charles City, Va., for induction.

He was accepted by Army officials April 15th.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, April 26, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Vonnie Whisman of 721 South Main street, Mishawaka, formerly of Kewanna, have received word from their son, Ralph L., seaman second class, is at present stationed at Shoemaker, Calif.

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Betty Wallace, daughter of Charles G. Wallace, local attorney, is now enjoying a seven-day leave here. She is serving with the Hospital Corps of the WAVES at Norfolk, Va.

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Pfc. Harold L. Miller is spending an eight-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ball. Pfc. Miller is stationed at Camp Breckenridge, Ky.

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Pfc. Orville R. Pickens, husband of Mrs. Ollie Maud Pickens of Macy, has been transferred from Fort Benjamin Harrison to Camp Robinson, Ark., for his basic training.

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Pvt. Donald Polk of the U. S. Marine Corps is spending a short furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Polk. Pvt. Polk is stationed at San Diego, Calif.

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The present address of Pvt. Lewis Polk, Jr., is Pvt. Lewis J. Polk, Jr., 35901022, A.S.F.F.R.T.R., Co. D, 13th T, 643, Camp Lee, Va.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 27, 1944]

ROCHESTER MAN KILLED IN ACTION OVER PACIFIC

According to a War department telegram received Thursday afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Wright A. Robbins of 712 Pontiac street, their son, Lieut. Robert A. Robbins, 25, had been killed in action somewhere over the Pacific. The notification further revealed that Robbins had died April 1. News of the local man's death came to Lt. Robbins' wife, who resides in Niles, Mich.

The local man was a pilot of a Flying Fortress and had been serving overseas for several months. He received his silver wings a year ago at Altus, Okla., and went overseas in the fall of 1943.

A graduate of the Greenwood, Ind., High school, he attended the Kalamazoo, Mich., teachers' college, Purdue university and graduated from the University of Minnesota. At the time of his induction into the Army he was employed by the Bendix Corp. in South Bend.

He was united in marriage Christmas day, 1942, to Miss Marjorie McKinney of Niles, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, parents and a sister, Mrs. Charles Murphy of this city.

The Robbins family moved to Rochester from Edwardsburg, Mich., two years ago.

The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 28, 1944]

LIEUT. AULT TAKES COURSE AT INSTRUCTORS' SCHOOL

Lieut. Joseph F. Ault, who recently completed his advance twin-engine training course at the U. S. Army airfield at Frederick, Okla., is now taking special training at the instructors school at Randolph Field, Texas.

"Joe," as he is familiarly known to his Rochester friends, received his primary training at Pine Bluff, Ark., his basic course at Independence, Kan., and special training at San Antonio, Texas.

Lieut. Ault is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O. Ault, 312 West 3rd street this city. His wife [Mary Helen (Nixon) Ault, and baby son Denny are also residents of Rochester.

The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 28, 1944]

MEISER'S PLANE DAMAGED ON MISSION OVER GERMANY

An Eighth Air Force Liberator Station, England (Special) - April 28.-- Flight Officer Norman E. Meiser of route 1, Rochester, Ind., did not come home on a wing and a prayer from his first mission over Germany. But he did help bring home his huge Liberator bomber safely, its crew uninjured despite the fact that the hydraulic system was shot out and neither the plane's brakes nor wing flaps were in operation.

Flight Officer Meiser is the bombardier of the plane. It was while bombing the airfield at Achmer, Germany, that his hydraulic and electrical systems were shot out by enemy flak.

He aided in the ship's return to England, then moved with his crew to the tail of the fuselage to hold the nose in the air. The plane was stopped just before the end of the runway was reached.

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Flight Officer Meiser is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Meiser of southwest of this city. Norman, who is a gradate of the Rochester High school, attended Ball State college and was a member of Delta Phi Sigma fraternity. He graduated from West Texas Bombardier Quadrangle Feb. 9, 1943.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 28, 1944]

LOCAL BOY LEAVES FOR U. S. AIR CORPS TRAINING

James Carruthers, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Carruthers, south of this city, left Thursday for Fort Thomas, Ky., to begin active training in the Army Air Corps. From Fort Thomas he was transferred to Shepherd Field, Texas.

Carruthers enlisted several months ago as an aviation cadet. He is a member of the 1944 Rochester High school graduating class.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 29, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Marlowe E. Strauss, S 2/C and former student of Rochester high school, graduated last Saturday from the Navy Ordnance School at Memphis, Tennessee and was transferred to Norfolk, Va. for advanced schooling. Strauss was promoted to the rank of Seaman First Class after four months of training at the Ordnance school in Memphis.

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Pvt. Donald Polk, of the U.S.M.C., leaves today for San Diego, California to resume training. Pvt. Polk as been visiting his wife and son and other relatives in Rochester.

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Pvt. Emerson Enyart has returned to Camp Reynolds, Pa., after spending a short furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Enyart, and other friends. His address is: Pvt. Emerson Enyart, 35897918, A.S.F. Personnel Depot, Camp Reynolds, Greenville, Pa.

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Jack Hayden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hayden of Akron has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, it was learned today. Lieut. Hayden is a bombardier on a Flying Fortress and has completed 18 bombing missions over Germany.

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Miss Hazel Frettinger, Y 3/c, U. S. WAVE, arrived today from Washington, D. C. to spend a few days' emergency leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Frettinger, west of Rochester.

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Pvt. Harry Wells Bailey, son of Rev. and Mrs. Harry Bailey, is now enjoying a furlough here with his parents and other relatives. Pvt. Bailey is stationed at Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 29, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Word has been received by relatives in this city that Bill V. Ritchie has been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant. S/Sgt. Ritchie is in action somewhere in Italy with the armored field artillery.

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S/Sgt. Ted Riley of Camp McCain, Miss., is now spending an 11-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Riley.

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Frederick E. Shepherd, S 2/c, of Urbana, Ill., spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Stephen.

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Cpl. Richard Ginther is enjoying a seven-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ginther and family. Cpl. Ginther is stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss.

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The new address of Raymond Showley is: Harry Raymond Showley, S 2/c, Barracks "J" Room 8, Bunk 63, Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif.

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S/Sgt. Marjorie I. Tomb, of this city, has just completed a year's training in the Women's Army Corps and has been awarded the Army's Good Conduct ribbon at the Third WAC training center, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 1, 1944]

LIEUT. 'BOB' BIGLER ALIVE AND BACK ON DUTY MISSING SINCE AUG. 10 PILOT OF FORTRESS RETURNS TO ENGLAND

Lieut. Robert "Bob" Bigler is alive and well.

That news, though slightly more cryptic than a War Department message, received by Mrs. Betty (Jennens) Bigler at 10 o'clock a.m. Monday morning, through regular U. S. mail service, was joyously received by the bomber pilot's wife and a host of friends in this community.

Lieut. Bigler had been missing on a bombing mission, presumably over France since August 16th, 1943. His wife, who resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Jennens, 813 Pontiac street, this city on August 25th, 1943, received official notice from the War Department, Washington, D.C., that Lieut Robert Bigler was missing in action while on a raid over enemy territory on August 16th.

Today's message, which was from the Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D.C., read:

"Mrs. Betty Bigler

"Rochester, Ind.

"Dear Mrs. Bigler:

"A report has been received that Lieut. Robert Bigler has returned to his unit for duty. You can write him at his old address . . ."

In an interview with Betty this morning, she stated that at no time had she given up hope that her husband was alive and well. When questioned as to why she held this implicit faith that all was well with "Bob" she replied:

Saw "Bob" Leap

"Well, you see we received word from a member of the crew, who escaped by 'chute and was taken prisoner by the Germans, that he had seen "Bob" bail out and start to earth safely."

The bomber pilot's wife later received reliable information that four of the members of Bigler's bomber crew had parachuted to safety from the crippled Fortress "Judy B" and were taken prisoners by the Nazis.

It was the belief of the diminutive Rochester bomber pilot's wife that he had landed on French soil and had been given aid by the French underground agencies. The fact, that it took "Bob" practically eight months to work back to his base in England gives credence to Mrs. Bigler's supposition.

Cited For Bravery

Lieut. Bigler received world-wide recognition for an act of bravery and excellent flying ability, when on a bombing mission over Germany, his co-pilot was killed by fire from an enemy plane. With his friend's body entangled with his own and also with part of the mechanism of the huge bomber jammed, "Bob" brought the battered craft and its crew to a safe landing at its home base in England.

"Little Big," as Bigler's U.S. Air Corps friends call him, was a graduate of the R.H.S. with the class of '41. He was also a star on the R.H.S. zebra basketball squad and a member of the track team.

Lieut. Bigler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bigler, reside in Logansport.

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FORMER ROCHESTER AND KEWANNA BOY KILLED

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According to word received Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Eunice Coplen, her nephew, Lieut. K. Norris Harshberger, 21, of Miami Beach, Fla., has been killed in action over Europe. The radio engineer and navigator of a Flying Fortress was a former resident of Rochester and Kewanna. His death occurred while on a bombing mission over the continent April 11.

Lacking in details, the War department telegram telling of Lieut. Harshberger's death was received by his mother, Mrs. Mary Barkman Blackwell of Miami Beach, who notified her sister, Mrs. Coplen, immediately.

The deceased was born in Rochester and spent his boyhood in this city and Kewanna. He was a graduate of the Riley High school in South Bend.

Enlisting in the Army Air Corps in November, 1942, Lieut. Harshberger received part of his training at Maxwell Field, Ala., and later as an instructor at Wendover Field, Utah. He has been overseas for several months.

Lieut. Harshberger's father, the late K. R. Harshberger, was an office supply salesman in Rochester, Kewanna and South Bend.

Survivors are his mother, his grandfather, M. L. Markman of South Bend, and two aunts, Mrs. Georgia Trash of Hobart and Mrs. Coplen.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 1, 1944]

SIX TRANSFERRED TO BASIC TRAINING STATIONS TODAY

Ahorities at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, today reported that a number of Fulton county selectees have been transferred from the induction center at Indianapolis to various army camps for their basic training.

Six men from this county have been transferred either to Sheppard Field, Texas, Camp Blanding, Fla., or Camp Stewart, Ga., for their initial indoctrination.

Those transferred were: Pvt. D. G. Alber, husband of Mrs. Helen M. Alber, to Camp Stewart; Pvt. Robert D. Hill, husband of Mrs. Opal Hill, to Camp Stewart; Pvt. Claude Swears, husband of Trella Swears, to Camp Stewart; Pvt. Joe H. Runkle, son of Herbert Runkle, to Camp Blanding, Fla.; Robert C. Drudge, husband of Mrs. Helen Drudge, to Camp Blanding, Fla.; and Pvt. Gerald G. Knauff, husband of Joanna Knauff, to Sheppard Field, Texas.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 2, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. Hadden Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stewart, enjoyed a short furlough here Saturday and Sunday with his parents and friends. Pvt. Stewart is stationed at Camp Campbell, Kentucky.

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Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. James Bowell of this city, that their son, T/Sgt. James F. Bowell, formerly of Laughlin Air Field, Del Rio, Texas, has been transferred to Seattle, Washington for 10 weeks schooling. Mrs. Bowell accompanied him to Seattle. His address is: T/Sgt. James F. Bowell, 15062265, 13th A.A.F.T.D., 6600 Ellis Ave., Boeing Aircraft Corp., Seattle, Washington.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 2, 1944]

FIVE LOCAL SEAMEN WILL ARRIVE TODAY

Five Rochester residents will arrive here this afternoon as apprentice seamen in the U. S. Navy. The group have just completed their initial indoctrination at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center and will enjoy a short visit with their relatives and friends.

Those arriving today are David Shafer, Don Burnett, Bill McCall, Eldon Cessna and John Hiatt.

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LOCAL MAN HONORED

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Pfc. Raymond D. Walters of Tonopah, Nev., has received one of the honor medals given to the 20 outstanding boys in a class of 1,700 for good conduct. The news was received by Pfc. Walters' various friends in this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 2, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

The new address of Arthur Brubaker is: Arthur S. Brubaker, F 2/c, Co. 43, Sec. I.S.G.N.T.S. (elect), Foot of Perry St., St. Louis (7), Mo.

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Arthur P. Maglecic, 27, husband of Mrs. Pearl E. Maglecic, route 6, Rochester, is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Ill

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, May 3, 1944]

CPL. DAWSON GOES INTO ACTION FOR SECOND TIME

Cpl. Harry W. Dawson of the U. S. Marine Corps and formerly of this city, is back in action in the South Pacific area.

This news was received by Cpl. Dawson's mother, Mrs. Jennette Dawson, a former local resident and now of South Bend.

After completing his preliminary training in the United States he was sent overseas and served under fire on Guadalcanal Island in the Pacific for ten months. Cpl. Dawson received the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in fighting on Guadalcanal and was returned to the States.

After a brief furlough he was moved to Camp LaJeune, New River, N.C., where he graduated from a quartermaster school as a corporal.

Cpl. Dawson's second embarkation to active duty was made from Oceanside, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 4, 1944]

U. S. DIET TOO RICH FOR MADARY AFTER 13 MONTHS IN GERMANY

(Editor's Note: The following article which appeared in a recent edition of the South Bend Tribune will prove of interest to Rochester and Fulton county friends of Leroy Madary [Medary?]. Mr. Madary, who is a former resident of this city, recently returned to the U. S. from Germany where he was interned in a German prison camp for several months. Leroy's brother, Deverl, was one of Fulton county's first overseas casualties during World War No. 1. The Madarys moved from Rochester to South Bend, several years ago.)

By W. R. Walton

Managing Editor of the
South Bend Tribune

"The thing that's hardest for Leroy Madary to get used to in America after living for 13 months in internment in Germany is the food, and when he says that he's not thinking in terms of rationing. The part about it that is getting him, or rather his stomach, is the richness of our wartime diet.

Bend, [sic] arrived in New York March 15 on the exchange ship Gripsholm and he's just now getting around to the point of being able to enjoy a typical American meal again.

"In the first place butter was a rarity in Germany and it's difficult for him to realize that the amount available to an ordinary individual in this country is really rationing. As for the richness of our food, he thinks it's in the preparation. The food he received in Germany was prepared without benefit of fats and greases.

"Mr. Madary, a resident of France for 13 years, is visiting his sister, Mrs. George Heer, near Lakeville, this county, and is renewing old friendships made in the days when he lived in South Bend and took part in musical affairs.

In Cannes at Outbreak

"When war broke out in Europe in 1939 he was living in Cannes, France. In August, 1941, he entered the employ of the American vice consul at Nice in charge of British interests. He

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remained there until November, 1942, when the United States broke relations with the French Vichy regime. With other Americans he was interned at Lourdes, France, until Jan. 16, 1943, when the whole party was moved to the German spa at Baden Baden.

"In France Mr. Madary's weight had dropped to 153 pounds, but when he left Baden Baden to return to America just a month ago he tipped the scales at 188 for a 35-pound gain, but don't give the German diet credit for it.

"The regaining of my weight, he said, was due entirely to the American Red Cross. Through the cooperation of the International Red Cross the American Red Cross was able to send each of us eight pounds of concentrated food every two weeks. The packages, he said, contained the foods necessary to a balanced diet.

Lauds Red Cross

"Mr. Madary is enthusiastic in his praise for the work the Red Cross is doing and describes it as nothing short of 'marvelous.'

"Life in an internment camp can get pretty dull, but such was not the case with the 143 internees at Baden Baden who were housed in one of the spa's luxury hotels. They organized the Badheim university and Mr. Madary brought home with him two certificates, one showing that he had taught courses in physical training and English grammar and another which was awarded him as a 'student.' To be eligible for the latter he had to earn five credits for courses completed.

"The university year,' he said, 'was divided into three semesters, winter, spring and fall. We also had three holidays, spring vacation from April 16 to May 10, summer vacation from July 31 to Oct. 4, and Christmas vacation from Dec. 17 to Jan. 11.'

"The vacations, like Saturday afternoons when there were no classes, didn't mean much as no one was allowed to go anywhere, 'but we did have fun planning trips to Berlin, Paris and other places.'

Eight Children in Classes

"The university was set up along American lines and the internees elected Philip W. Whitcomb, a newspaperman, president; Dr. Harold C. Stewart, a Red Cross official, dean of men, and Miss Laura Leyson, dean of women. Among the students were eight children, ranging in age from 11 to 17, and other interested internees.

"Biggest thrill of the 13 months came on the evening of Feb. 10 when announcement was made that arrangements had been completed for a demonstration, friendly or otherwise, on the part of the townspeople. As a matter of fact, Mr. Madary didn't believe the local Germans cared one way or another, but the government was taking no chances.

"After five days in Biarritz and a week in Lisbon he said they finally boarded the Gripsholm on March 5.

"Now back in America again Mr. Madary said he is somewhat aghast at what seems to him to be a short [?] of apathy toward the war.

"We must not delude ourselves,' he said. 'The German spirit is not broken. It will take months, perhaps years, to defeat them. Hitler is still in full command and what an exchange of internees.

"The Germans got us up at 3:30 o'clock in the morning on Feb. 18 and we left Baden Baden at 5:30 o'clock on a special train," Mr. Madary recalled. 'The reason for or predawn departure was undoubtedly to prevent doubts that do exist are kept under cover.' All Germans live in fear, he said.

"Mr. Madary doubts that the average American appreciates the hardness of the average German upon whom, in his opinion, rests as much responsibility for the war as on the Nazi party leaders.

"We must not make the mistake we did in 1918,' he said. 'This time Germany must be crushed. Our air raids are bringing the war home to them as never before. Continuance of the raids and a widening of the scale will go far toward breaking the German spirit.'"

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Pvt. Lawrence Brown of Camp Campbell, Ky., arrived last night, to spend a 10-day furlough.

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After a short furlough here with friends, Pfc. Harold Miller returned today to Camp Breckinridge, Ky.

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Word has been received here that Pvt. Henry N. Cox has arrived safely overseas. He is now stationed somewhere in England.

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The present address of Merrill Waltz is: Pvt. Merrill D. Waltz, 35240561, 417th Q.M. Depot Co., Camp Barkley, Texas.

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Carl Swanson is now receiving his initial indoctrination at the Great Lakes Naval training center, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Mrs. C. D. Swears today revealed that her husband's address is: Pvt. Claude D. Swears, 35834588, Camp Steswart, Georgia.

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Pvt. Marietta Spohn of this city has been transferred from Fort Des Moines, Iowa to the WAC training station at Westover Field, Mass.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 4, 1944]

'BOB' BIGLER, 20, RETIRED FROM COMBAT DUTY, DUE HOME SOON

If Betty Bigler, pretty wife of Lieut. "Bob" Bigler, had any doubts about the authenticity of a War department letter apprising her that her husband, who had been on the missing list for over eight months, was O.K., such qualms were thoroughly squelched yesterday when the local postman brought her nine air mail letters all in the familiar handwriting of her bomber pilot husband.

This small avalanche of correspondence was written between April 23 to 29 and was presumably mailed from an air base in England.

Gave No Details

In an interview with Betty today she stated "Bob" did not give any details as to how he had worked his way back to England after he parachuted to enemy soil when his four-motored bomber, the "Judy B," was destroyed by the Nazis while returning from a mission over Germany on Aug. 16, 1943.

Lieut. Bigler's wife, from the time the first news came in that "Bob" was missing in action, was secure in her belief that her husband was still alive. Later word received from another member of the crew who escaped via parachute from the wrecked "Judy B" and was taken prisoner in Germany, related that "Bob" was seen floating safely earthward on his 'chute.

In one of the letters received yesterday, Lieut. Bigler stated he had seen Don (Cy) Stout, another Rochester aviator, who is stationed in England. Incidentally, Bigler informed his wife that he sure caught up on the home news as Stout gave him a bundle of recent News-Sentinels. "Bob" stated he had just completed a "test" flight with one of the big four-motored bombers and came through all right.

Pilots who have been out of service for any length of time are required to make a "test" run before they are qualified to return to duty. Bigler also reported that he had also had a flight in the Allies' new B-19 bomber which is rated to be the finest fighting and bombing craft in the world. A number of these will be put in use during the coming invasion.

Mrs. Bigler stated her long-missing husband would return to his home here in Rochester on or before this coming August. Under the rules of the U. S. Air Corps Lieut. Bigler will not have to fly on any more combat missions in any theatre of war. This rule holds good wherever a flier is shot down over enemy territory, it was stated.

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Bigler also stated he was to be advanced to the rank of first lieutenant on May 7. Mrs. Bigler received her husband's Distinguished Flying Cross in a ceremony held at Baer Field, Fort Wayne, Oct. 21, 1943. "Bob," who is a graduate of Rochester High school and a former star of the Zebra basketball squad, graduated as a veteran of bomber pilots at the age of 20 years.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 5, 1944]

WOUNDED IN ACTION

The War department announced today that included in the list of names of 658 United States soldiers wounded in action was that of Second Lieut. Darwin D. Sayers, husband of Betty Jo Sayers of Route 2, Star City. Lieut. Sayers was wounded while fighting somewhere in the European theatre of war.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 5, 1944]

SELECTIVE SERVICE HALTS EXAMINATION OF MEN OVER THIRTY

A dispatch received late Thursday by the Fulton county draft board saved 30 prospective local draftees from departing to Indianapolis this morning for their military pre-induction examinations. The report, the first of its nature to ever be received by the local board, emanated from the State Selective Service headquarters in Indianapolis and excluded all men over 30 years of age from an examination.

Reason for the sudden action is still unknown. No further word has arrived from State Selective Service officials.

48 Leave Today

Forty-eight residents from this county left this morning for Indianapolis, however, and will return late this afternoon. All men accepted between ages of 18 and 25 inclusive will report for duty in the near future and those physically and mentally fit between 26 and 29 years of age inclusive will be called to service according to further notice from the Selective Service headquarters.

Those leaving today were:

Howard Eugene Wildermuth

Harry Junior Overmyer

Orville Burkett

William Grant Mow

Raymond Frederick Roach

Jack C. Severns

Carl Thomas Westwood

Luther Bradley

Floyd Henry White

Rollin Edwin Nette

Gene Deloyce McIntyre

George Thomas Traver

George Winfield Kuhn

Robert Omer Butt

Edward Lee Thompson

Vernon Dean Ault

Robert Louis Cribb

Cecil Franklin Hudkins

Edward Lavon Murfitt

Garland Franklin Sriver

Edward Ellis Campbell

Norman W. Cumberland

Eugene Shedrick Denton

Glen M. VanScoyk

Cecil Kline Davis

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Raymond Leroy Cooper
Robert Marion Mow
Robert William Graham
Rolland Ralph Meyer
Richard Burton Lease
John W. Davis
Richard M. Talbott
Voris Lee Lowe
Walter Edgar Denny
Benjamin Robert Brown
William Allan Cessna
Raymond Eldon Hunter
Edgar J. Baney
Ralph Elain DePoy
Hubert McIntosh
Robert Harry Traver
William Earl Cutshaw
Robert Kaley
Chester William Traver
Jerry Drudge Metzler
Joseph Russel Chaney
Raymond Harold Bevington
Earl Richard Oden

Volunteers included in the contingent were Wildermuth, Davis, Overmyer, Cooper, Burkett, R. Mow, W. G. Mow, Graham and Roach. Robert Marion Mow acted as leader for the group with William Grant Mow as assistant.

Chaney was transferred to this board from Berrien Springs, Mich.; Denton from Madison county, Ind.; Bevington from Posey county, Ind.; VanScoyk from Cass county, Ind.; and Earl Richard Oden from Cook county, Ill.

The 33 men affected by the Selective Service board's order were:

George Burkett
Kermitt R. Sage
George Maby
Vernal G. Ash
Kenneth Taylor
Carl McConkey
Walter Becker
Charles Jones
Aubrey Zellers
Donald Ray
Earl Davis
Francis Thomas
Clarence Hiatt
Estil Bowman
Cloral Hartz
Alfred Moore
Darwin Penny
Ellis Engle
Harry Dowb
George E. Ravencroft
William Green
Carlton Haskett
Harold Hammond

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Howard Eisenman
Charles Hoover
Harold Abbott
John R. Sheperis
William Sweet
Lloyd Edinger
Harry Mather
Robert Slocum

Emery Wagomon, transferred here from Elkhart county.

Other men over 30 slated to leave but who have been transferred are: Thomas E. Berry, to Posey county, Ind.; Don Saord, Detroit, Mich.; Herman Barkman, Elkhart county, Ind.; Albert Fiscus, Xenia, Ohio.; Cecil B. Button and Roy E. Button, both to Pulaski county, Ind.; L. E. Hardsaw, Randolph county, Ind.

Also scheduled to leave with this group were Kermit Biddinger and Robert Van Lue. Mr. Biddinger, however, has been reclassified and Van Lue has been injured.

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Pvt. Frank A. Noftsgger, husband of Mrs. Burnette Noftsgger of this city, has been transferred from Fort Benjamin Harrison to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dan Willard of Rochester have received word that their son, Pvt. Bill Willard, has been transferred from Camp White, Ore., to Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif.

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LOCAL SOLDIER AMONG FRONT LINE PICNICERS

With the Fifth Army in Italy, May 6. - Glen Squires, of Rochester, Ind., was together with his Indiana buddies recently when the first "Hoosier picnic" was held in Italy. Also attending the meeting of Indiana servicemen on the front lines was Robert Rhodes of North Judson.

In an olive grove studded with wild flowers, where hogs and cattle peacefully grazed, Squires, Rhodes and approximately 100 sons and one daughter, 2nd Lt. Frances Moscher of South Bend, gathered to reminisce, pitch horseshoes, throw darts or root for a team of South Benders as they topped a group from Indianapolis on the volley ball court.

From the earliest Hoosiers to arise, when S/Sgt. Elwood Ashby found a neighbor from Oakland City, Pfc. Carroll Cooper, who he had not seen in four years, the native sons were meeting and recalling common friends or acquaintances.

The picnic, the first gathering of Hoosiers in Italy, will serve as the forenner for other get-togethers for members of the armed forces who have some claim to Indiana and are serving in Lt. General Mark Clark's Fifth army in Italy.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, May 6, 1944]

LIEUT. LEY INJURED ON BOMBING FLIGHT OVER SOUTHERN GERMANY

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ley, of Kewanna, early today received word that their son, Lieut. Ed Ley, of this city, pilot of a B-24 Liberator bomber, was wounded in action while on a bombing run over southern Germany on April 23rd.

Ley was wounded in the foot by a piece of flak. The injury it was stated will require from eight to ten weeks hospitalization and upon his recovery Lieut. Ley is to be granted a furlough to his home here in this city. The aviator, who married Miss Jean Miller, former society editor of The News-Sentinel, was employed in the offices of the County Triple A for several months prior to his enlistment in the U. S. Air Corps.

On 39th Mission

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Although Ley has been overseas but a few months he has flown on 39 missions, most of which were launched from bases in Italy or northern Africa.

The message received by the aviator's parents did not state whether other members of the Rochester pilot's crew were injured on this run.

Mrs. Ley, who has been making her home here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Miller, since her husband was transferred overseas, is now visiting relatives in New York state. She has been apprised of Ed's injury.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, May 6, 1944]

MACY BOY FIRST YANK TO FIRE SHOTS IN HOLLANDIA CAMPAIGN

(Editor's Note: The following story appeared in this morning's edition of The Chicago Daily Tribune. Ensign Conner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Conner of Macy, and nephew of Mrs. Milo Coplen, of this city. He is graduate of Macy high school and the Logansport Business college. Prior to his enlistment in the Naval Air Corps, August 1942, he was employed as an accountant with the Muehlhausen Spring Corporation at Logansport.)

"Aboard a Carrier Flaggip off Hollandia, New Guinea, April 22. (Delayed) - Ensign Jack Conner, 22, of Macy, Ind., flew unerringly through the darkness to touch off the swift Army-Navy invasion of this elaborate but weak Japanese base.

"Hundreds of sorties from this huge carrier force yesterday followed Conner's night time patrolling and strafing which kept enemy planes on the ground. By this afternoon the Army was racing pell-mell into Hollandia.

"A full day's aerial blasting preceded simultaneous landings far to the east and at Tenahmerah and Humboldt bays, flanking Hollandia.

"This is one bit Gen. MacArthur's forces cut off another big chunk of New Guinea coast. The lack of opposition amazed aerial observers, who watched troops reach the beaches unmolested.

Fires First Shots

"It was Conner who fired the first shots half an hour before dawn, sending streams of 50 caliber bullets through Japanese barracks and along idle runways on an island off the coast.

"Fifteen miles away on the New Guinea shore Lt. Comdr. Evan P. Aurand, 26, of Shamokin, Pa., skipper of a fighter squadron, also circled looking for enemies. 'I saw ack-ack shooting up at Conner,' Aurand related. 'Finally I said by radio, 'How you doing?' and he said, 'Oh, swell.'"

"'It's a queer feeling, flying at night,' said Conner later. 'Not scary exactly, but you sure are wary. You keep waiting for those tracers to start up at you. The first thing you notice is flashed like someone blinking orange flashlights at you.'

Father Commands Here

"Aurand, whose father, Maj. Gen. H. S. Aurand, commands the 6th Service command at Chicago, and Conner left the carrier before daylight. Another group went in a little later.

"'We went out late the first day and tried five successive targets before we found one that wasn't already smoking or burning,' explained Lt. (j.g.) Gerald Roan, Northfield, Minn., 23-year-old fighter pilot.

"'I flew over Pistol Pete himself at only 200 feet and nothing happened,' added Lt. E. Scott McCaskey, Stuttgart, Ark., fighter pilot. 'Pistol Pete' is an anti-aircraft position long famed for its accuracy in shooting down Liberators. Its elimination has been regarded as a big problem since it commanded the invasion beaches."

The 22-year-old Fulton county resident enlisted with the Navy in August 1942 and was the first to pass in the Boimbardier Squadron, formed at Logansport. He received training at Glenview, Ill.; Corpus Christi, Texas; Jacksonville, Fla., and Quonset Point, R.I.

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T/5 Alonzo McIntire of Fort Jackson, S.C., arrived here Saturday night to spend an 11-day furlough with his wife and parents.

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S.Sgt. Ted Riley returned to Camp McCain, Miss., today after an 11-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Riley.

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William H. Crabill, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Crabill, route 4, Rochester, is now enrolled as an aviation cadet in the pre-flight school at Maxwell Field, Alabama, an installation of the Army Air Forces Training Command.

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The new address of L. G. Alber is: Pvt. L. G. Alber, 35834589, Batry A., 5th A.A.R.T. Bn., Camp Stewart, Ga.

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Pvt. Lewis E. Johnson has been transferred from Fort Winfield Scott, Calif., to Camp Breckinridge, Ky.

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Robert R. Van Duyne, serving with the United States Army in the Aleutian Islands, has been promoted from staff sergeant to technical sergeant.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 8, 1944]

ACCEPT 30 FROM HERE FOR MILITARY SERVICE

A report received today by the local Selective Service office revealed that 26 of 30 men passing their pre-induction physical examination Friday at Indianapolis were accepted for duty with the U. S. Army. The other four were inducted into the Navy.

Forty-eight were in the contingent Friday that received their pre-induction physical and mental tests. Those accepted are now home awaiting call to active service.

Those accepted were:

ARMY

Howard Eugene Wildermuth
William Grant Mow
Luther Bradley
Rollin Edwin Nette
Vernon Dean Ault
Cecil Franklin Hudkins
Edward Lavon Murfitt
Edward Ellis Campbell
Norman W. Cumberland
Eugene Shedrick Denton
Glen M. VanScoyk
Raymond Leroy Cooper
Robert Marion Mow
Robert William Graham
Rolland Ralph Meyer
John W. Davis
Walter Edgar Denny
Benjamin Robert Brown
William Allan Cessna
Raymond Eldon Hunter
Ralph Elain DePoy
Hubert McIntosh
Robert Harry Traver
William Earl Cutshaw
Robert Kaley

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Earl Richard Oden
NAVY

Raymond Frderick Roach
Jack C. Severns
Carl Thomas Westwood
George Winfield Kuhn

Garland Franklin Sriver was accepted for limited service by the United States Army and no report has been received for Robert O. Butt.

No final decision has been reached relative to the case of Joseph R. Chaney and Robert S. Cribb.

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FOUR FROM HERE TRAIN AT GREAT LAKES, ILL.

Four Fulton County, Indiana men are receiving their initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Their "boot" training consists of instruction in seamanship, military drill and general naval procedure. During this period a series of aptitude tests will be taken by the recruits to determine whether they will be assigned to a Naval Service School or to immediate active duty at sea.

Their recruit training completed, these men will spend a period of leave at home. They are:

Donovan E. Brugh, 29, husband of Neta Brugh, Leiters Ford, Ind.; Virgia E. Faulstich, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Faulstich, Rt.1, Monterey, Ind.; Andrew J. Bick, 29, husband of Ethel Bick, Rt. 1; Robert E. Davenport, 22, husband of Mary Davenport, 514 W. 9th street, both of Rochester, Ind.

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FLOYD KINDIG GRADUATES AS COMPANY HONOR MAN

Floyd Otto Kindig, 31, of 1226 Pontiac street, Rochester, Ind., has been graduated from recruit training as honor man of his company at the U. S. Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Ill., and is now on "boot" leave.

Kindig was elected candidate fellow bluejackets and selected honor man by his company commander on the basis of military aptitude and progress. He has been recommended to attend Armed Guard School.

Prior to joining the Navy he was employed by M. Wile & Sons, 802 [?] Main St., Rochester, Ind.

He is spending his leave with his wife and three children in Rochester.

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Mrs. Frank Ball received word recently that her son, Franklin L. Lantz, has been transferred to Camp Breckinridge, Ky. His address is: Cpl. Franklin L. Lantz, 36465485, Btry E, 18th C.A., Camp Breckinridge, Ky.

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The current address of Calvin Riley, former Rochester resident, is: Calvin A. Riley, F 2/c, Bks. 0443, U.S.N.R.G., Shoemaker, Calif.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chester McCalla have received notice that their son, Harold McCalla, has arrived safely overseas. He is now stationed somewhere in the South Pacific theatre of war.

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The new address of Robert Hill is: Pfc. Robert D. Hill, 35834591, Btry B., 5th A.A.R.T. Bn., Camp Stewart, Ga.

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Captain Jack McMahan, who together with his wife and two children visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McMahan, this week, is now enroute to a new station on the west coast. The present holder of the American and Pacific theatre of war ribbons will visit various signal corps installations for the chief signal officer while enroute to the coast.

For 18 months, Capt. McMahan served in Canada and Alaska and recently completed a tour of duty in Washington, D.C.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 9, 1944]

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According to word received here by Mrs. Enas Parkhurst, her husband, Pvt. Albert E. Parkhurst, has arrived safely overseas and is now stationed somewhere in England. Pvt. Parkhurst entered the service on November 1st, 1943 and received his preliminary training at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

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The address of Robert C. Drudge is: Pvt. Robert C. Drudge, 35834586, Co. "A" 215th, I.T.B. 66 Reg., Camp Blanding, Fla.

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John Dickover of this city is now receiving his "boot" training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

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Pvt. Gerald G. Knauff, recently inducted into the United States Army, is now stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas. His address is: Pvt. Gerald G. Knauff, ASN 35834587, Brk. 788, 3706 Sect. L.A.A.F. Basic Unit, Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas.

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Cpl. George W. Bowers of Camp Blanding, Fla., is spending a 10-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bowers.

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Pvt. Lowell G. Henderson, who has been overseas for six months, is now engaged with the supply service in the Air Service Command somewhere in England. Formerly of route 3, this city, he was employed by Allis Chalmers Mfg. Co. in LaPorte before entering the Army.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, May 10, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Cy Stout of Rochester have been notified that their son Jack, a U.S. Marine Raider, has landed safely overseas. He is now stationed somewhere in the South Pacific.

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Word was received here today that Ensign Eli Partridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Partridge of route 5, has been promoted to a lieutenant (j.g.) in the United States Navy.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 11, 1944]

WAR ACE WILL RETURN TO ROCHESTER SATURDAY

Return of Rochester's World war II ace, Lieut. Robert "Bob" Bigler, will be made sometime Saturday, it was learned last night by Mrs. Betty Bigler, the former Betty Jennens and now wife of the famous flier.

The nationally known Rochester man, for many months listed by the War department as missing in action, was announced alive and well May 1. He had been reported lost on a bombing mission, presumably over France since Aug. 16, 1943.

"Little Big," as his Air Corps companions dubbed him, informed his wife of his homecoming last night by telephone from New York City, after he was accorded a 21-day leave. It is not officially known how long Lieut. Bigler has been in this country although it is believed

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that he arrived in the United States about a week ago. War department regulations restrict overseas fliers from notifying anyone of their arrival until they have been in this country a week.

Receives Nationwide Recognition

The one-time Rochester High school basketball star and co-captain of the Zebras received world-wide recognition for an act of bravery and excellent flying ability, when on a bombing mission over Germany his co-pilot was killed by an enemy plane's machine gun fire. With his friend's body entangled with his own and also with part of the mechanism of the huge bomber jammed, "Bob" brought the battered craft and its crew to a safe landing at its home base in England.

Lieut. Bigler was reported safe by friends on the bomber, the "Judy B," after the plane was forced down over Europe. A crew member wrote Mrs. Bigler and friends of "B" that he watched the youthful pilot parachute to safety over occupied territory.

Escape from occupied Europe by Lieut. Bigler is a story not yet revealed although many contend that he returned to England via the French underground.

Lieut. Bigler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bigler, reside in Logansport.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 12, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Richard D. Coleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Coleman, enlisted in the Navy and reported for duty last Saturday at Indianapolis. He was sent to the Great Lakes naval training center for his "boot" training.

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Mrs. Frank Ball received word today of the change of address of her son, Franklin Lantz. It is: Cpl. Franklin L. Lantz, 36465485, Batry C, 764th F.A., Camp Breckinridge, Ky.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 12, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Sgt. Clarence Carr has arrived safely at a port in New Hebrides, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Carr.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, May 13, 1944]

FORMER LOCAL RESIDENT IS PRISONER OF GERMANS

Technical Sergeant Gordon Kenneth Butts, formerly of Fulton county, who had been reported missing in action since April 17, is now a prisoner of war in the hands of the Germans. The word of his capture was received today by the young soldier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Butts, in a telegram from the International Red Cross. The wire stated that a letter of information would follow from the provost-marshall general of the U. S. Army.

Sgt. Butts formerly lived with his parents southwest of Akron on the Charley McMahan farm in the Sugar Grove neighborhood. He worked at Kroger's grocery in Rochester for a time and it was at Rochester that he enlisted at the age of 17. He is now 22 years of age. Some months ago the parents moved to Bourbon where Mr. Butts is employed on the Pennsylvania railroad.

Bomber Shot Down

On April 7 [sic], the parents received a telegram from the War department notifying them that the B-24 bomber in which their son and crew were flying was shot down over Jugoslavia. No further information was given.

Sgt. Butts had over 400 hours in the air to his credit after nearly five years service. He was in the engineering corps before he took up flying. Before going abroad he spent several months in the Panama Canal Zone. Recently he had written home that he was entitled to a furlough soon and that he would be home in July.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 15, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

S/Sgt. Richard E. Koch has arrived safely overseas and is now stationed somewhere in Africa.

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Richard Personnett F 2/c, of Dearborn, Mich., spent the week-end here with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Newby.

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Clarence Alexander S 2/c, left today for Fort Pierce, Fla., after spending a short leave here with his wife and other relatives.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 15, 1944]

LIEUT. ED LEY TO BE RETURNED TO U.S. WITHIN A FEW WEEKS

Further details regarding the injury Lieut. Ed Ley, U.S. Bomber pilot, received on a mission from an Italian base, were released today by the lieutenant's wife, formerly Miss Jean Miller of this city.

Ed was wounded on April 23 on a raid near Vienna, Austria. He was hit by a piece of flak which came up through the plane and entered his left foot behind the toes and came out at the base of his heel. Three bones were crushed. The attending surgeon assured the Rochester pilot that the injury would not cause a limp in his walk, but it would ground him for at least six months.

Plane Badly Damaged

When the flak burst through the plane it ruined some of the controls. Co-pilot Lieut. W. C. Watson took over and flew the bomber home. Ley writes that the hydraulic system of the plane was shot away and the oxygen system was demolished. The crew had to crank down the landing gear and the landing was made without the use of flaps (brakes).

Ley suffered the loss of considerable blood from his injured foot and was on the operating table for three hours, later receiving a blood transfusion. In the latest letter received by Mrs. Ley, he stated he would be returned home some time within the next six to nine weeks. Ley will not be permitted to fly in any more combat sorties and will in all probability be used as an instructor at one of the U. S. aviation training bases.

Ley was made a first lieutenant last February. He has received the Purple Heart and has his citation for the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was injured on his 40th combat mission.

Ed is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ley of Kewanna. Before his enlistment in the U. S. Air Corps Ed was employed in the clerical department of the Fulton county AAA office in this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 16, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

The present mailing address of Frank Noftsgger is: Pvt. Frank A. Noftsgger, 35834583, 26th Eng. Trg. Bn., Co. A., A.S.F.T.C., Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

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Aviation Cadet Arthur L. Good, son of Mrs. Elsie M. Good of Route 5, this city, is now stationed at the Greenville Army Air Field, Greenville, Miss., for continued flight training.

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New address of Dean J. Neher, recently promoted from corporal to sergeant, is: Sgt. Dean J. Neher, 35581272, 579th Bomb Sqdn (H), 392nd Bomb Group, APO 558, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Word received here by Mr. and Mrs. John F. Becker stated that their son, Deverl Becker, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. He is currently stationed at Fort Lawton, Wash.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 16, 1944]

SGT. SAYGER, BOMBER GUNNER, ON FURLOUGH FROM S.W. PACIFIC

Sgt. Omer Sayger, one of five fighting sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Sayger, route 1, Rochester, is home on a 21-day furlough.

Omer has just completed two years service overseas, most of which time was spent as a gunner aboard medium bombers in the southwest Pacific. In an interview this morning with

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Sayger, he stated he and his crew members had taken part in three of the major campaigns in the Southwest Pacific. Although he intimated he had been in several "hot spots" he was not injured and reported he liked his experiences in that area and branch of the service very much.

The sergeant, who is 26 years old, is a bachelor and when questioned whether he would like to go back to the same theater of action, he replied "Oh, I wouldn't mind it a bit." After completing his furlough here Sgt. Sayger will report for duty at a camp in Nebraska.

Omer's four other brothers who are now in the service are: Walter, who is stationed in England; Maurice, in Italy; Harry, in North Carolina, and Leroy, in Louisiana.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, May 17, 1944]

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The new mailing address of Cpl. Robert Moore is: Cpl. Robert Moore, 35097938, Co. G, 2nd Battalion, 144th Infantry Reg., Camp Van Dorn, Miss. Cpl. Moore's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ross Moore of near Rochester.

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Word has been received here that Yeoman Robert Krathwohl has been transferred from San Bruno, Calif., to Oceanside, Calif., for a six weeks communication training. His present address is: Robert Krathwohl Y 3/c, Comm. 42, Div. C., Comm. School, Oceanside, Calif.

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Pfc. Robert McCay, son of Mrs. Myrtle McCay, has been transferred from Africa to England, according to word received by his parents. Pfc. McCay has been in a hospital in North Africa with a broken jaw suffered infection.

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Dale Milliser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Surphes Milliser, has been promoted from Corporal to Sergeant in the U. S. Marine Corps. Sgt. Milliser is now serving somewhere overseas.

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Mrs. John Thomas received a letter from her son, Benjamin Thomas, today informing her that he is now in a hospital with an injured leg somewhere in England.

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Cpl. George W. Bowers Jr., returned to Camp Blanding, Fla., today after spending the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bowers, Sr. His address is: Cpl. George W. Bowers, Jr., Hdq. I.R.T.C. - IRTC School, Area 2, Camp Blanding, Fla.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, May 17, 1944]

REUNION IN ENGLAND FOR TWO ROCHESTER SOLDIERS

Technical Sergeant Robert Tracy and Staff Sergeant Robert L. DeBruler, both of Rochester, were reunited after two years, recently at the fifth reunion dinner of Hoosiers at the American Red Cross Mostyn club in London. They had plenty to discuss and eat at a table long after the rest of the party had adjourned to the ballroom to dance.

The two local youths were included in a party of 17 from Indiana, who were able to obtain leave for the occasion.

Conversation ran principally on home news but there was some frank discussion upon the chances of capturing Hitler's Fortress in the near future and the possibility of enjoying the next get-together dinner in the U.S.A.

"We'll all be veterans by that time," said Pfc. Don Gisolo, "but I hope we keep in touch with each other after it's all over. Some of the fellows are talking about forming an "Indiana in Europe" association and I'd sure be the first to join."

Staff Sergeant Ernest Jackson of Salem was due back at camp early, but, although he could not stay for the dinner, he had time to meet a few home-state pals.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 18, 1944]

S. SGT. HOMER CARR IS AWARDED DFC RECENTLY

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Staff Sergeant Homer Carr, 25, of Akron, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for completing 25 missions over Europe, according to word received here.

S. Sgt Carr entered the armed forces in November, 1942, and has been on duty in England since last fall where he has been serving with a bomber squadron.

He has been cited for meritorious service on several other occasions.

Before entering the service, S. Sgt. Carr was employed with the Frank Stephens Lumber mill in Wabash.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 18, 1944]

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The current address of James Bowell is: T. Sgt. James F. Bowell, 15062265, 3711 Air Force Base Unit, Class 59 - Flight 9, Boeing Aircraft Aviation Co., Seattle 8, Wash.

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Lieut. Russell D. Walters, son of Perry Walters, route 3, Rochester, has been promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant, according to word received here. His address is: Lieut. Russell D. Walters, Hqs. 264, Inf APO 454, Camp Rucker, Ala.

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Parents of Robert Newcomb have been notified of a change in his present mailing address. His new address is: Pvt. Robert Newcomb, 35097973, Btry C, 605 F.A. Bn., APO 345, Camp Hale, Colo.

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Pvt. Marietta Spohn of the Air WAC returned to her station at Westover Field, Mass., today after spending a ten-day furlough here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kindig.

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The mailing address of H. H. Boss is: H. H. Boss, Civilian, 1403rd Air Depot, APO 635, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beck of this city have received word that their son, Sgt. Herbert B. Beck, has arrived safely overseas and is now stationed somewhere in North Africa.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 18, 1944]

COUNTY MAN IN STATES AFTER 2 YRS. OVERSEAS

Recently completing two years of duty with the 5th Air Force in the Southwest Pacific area, Corporal Johnny E. Jones, son of Mrs. Lydia Jones, of DeLong, Ind., is temporarily stationed at the Air Service Command replacement center, Daniel Field, Augusta, Georgia, awaiting further assignment.

Jones was an aircraft mechanic and sheet metal worker with a service group repairing and maintaining the bombers that smashed Jap targets in the New Guinea sector. It was his job to repair damaged noses and fuselages that came back to the base after bombing runs. In speaking of his experiences, Jones said: "Many times we would have to drop our equipment and run for cover as Jap bombers came over the field. Working under those conditions was an exceedingly difficult assignment, but through it all, we managed to keep 'em flying and fighting."

For his activities in the combat zone, Cpl. Jones wears a presidential citation badge, in addition to service ribbons from the Asiatic theatre. He enlisted in the army in January 1942, was inducted at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., and sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, and then overseas.

Cpl. Jones attended Main high school in Mishawaka, Ind., and before enlisting was employed by the Ball Band Rubber and Woolen Company, of Mishawaka.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 19, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Marine Pvt. Francis Jack Stout, 24-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Stout, Route 5, Rochester, recently graduated from the infantry and Browning automatic rifle section school at

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Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif. His wife and two and a half year old daughter, Gloria Jean Stout, live on Route 6, this city.

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Joseph E. Quick, U. S. Marine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Quick, Route 3, Rochester, and husband of Mrs. Virginia Quick, 1116 Monroe street, has been graduated as an aviation machinist mate at the Naval air technical training center at Norman, Okla., and has been promoted to the rank of Corporal, it was learned today.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 19, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. William E. Stephen, who has been spending the past three days in Rochester with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Stephen, returns to Truax Field, Madison, Wis., Sunday.

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S 2c Fred Shepherd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Stephen, will arrive here this evening to spend the week with his parents and friends. Seaman Shepherd is stationed at Urbana, Ill.

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It was learned today that Dick King, of the Navy's construction battalion, is now in training at a camp in the Hawaiian Islands. S 2/c King is a storekeeper and has been trained as a machine gunner. His present address is: S. 2/c Richard L. King, USNR, C.B., M.U. 588, Hdq. Plat., c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

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Pvt. Howard D. Holloway is spending a 15-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elven Holloway. Following his furlough, Pvt. Holloway will be transferred to Camp Beall, Calif for further training.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, May 20, 1944]

FORMER LOCAL MAN DIES IN TRANSPORT SINKING

Corp. Robert Masters, 22, brother of Maxine Masters of this city, has been reported officially as being killed in action. The news was received yesterday by his mother, Mrs. Cora Masters of Logansport, an employee of the state hospital in that city.

Corp. Masters, who had been reported missing in action since April 20, met his death on that date when his troop transport sunk in the vicinity of Africa. Official news was released in a War department dispatch.

Born Here

The son of William and Cora Masters, he was born at Rochester on March 13, 1922, and attended the Fulton elementary school. The family lived at Burlington two years before moving to Logansport.

He worked at the Longcliff hospital in Logansport prior to his entrance into the service in January of 1943. Corp. Masters received training as a member of the Army Medical Corps at Denver, Colo., and Oklahoma City, Okla., before going overseas last month.

The message stating that he was missing, received about three weeks ago, was the first news his mother had heard of him since he left the United States.

His widow, Rosemond, also a former Longcliff employe, to whom he was married two years ago in June, is living with her parents at Shadron, Neb.

Survivors include his mother and widow; two brothers, Harold at home, and John in the Army at Amarillo, Texas; four sisters, Maxine, of this city; Mrs. Catherine Keesey of Indiana Harbor, Helen at home, and Mrs. Marjorie Anderson of Miles City, Mont. His father died last August.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, May 20, 1944]

TWO SILVER STAR HEROES REUNITD AT CAMP GRANT

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Camp Grant, Ill., May 20. - Two Silver Star heroes of the French Morocco, Tunisian, Sicilian and Italian campaigns, strangers until they became acquainted on a homeward bound transport after 17 months overseas, have been reunited at Camp Grant.

Meeting each other in the station hospital, where both are medical patients, T5 Frederick Greer and Pvt. Willard Freeman were surprised to learn they were not only assigned to the same camp but also to the same Service unit, No. 1613.

Although attached to the same division overseas, Greer and Freeman had never met on foreign soil. The former was a company aid man with an infantry outfit while Freeman served as a field artillery medic.

Uninjured in combat duty although their lives were frequently in peril, the two men are hospitalized by illness.

Administering first aid under heavy shell fire to two wounded men, and continuing medical assistance until the wounded were evacuated, Freeman was awarded the Silver Star. The action took place in southern Italy and at the time shells were dropping within a few feet of Freeman and his wounded comrades.

Greer was awarded the same decoration for evacuating 11 men who were wounded in a mine field explosion in Sicily. The rescue was accomplished under enemy fire.

The soldier heroes have had a number of close calls.

Freeman was aboard an amphibian vessel which sunk 14 miles out at sea, and he and his companions being picked up by a sub-chaser after a 20-minute dousing. At Anzio, a shell exploded near his tent and shrapnel shattered the canvas above his cot. He was outside the tent at the time.

Noting a wounded soldier on the battlefield, Greer crawled to him. He was sighted by the Nazis who began "peppering" the area with machine-gun fire. With shells landing at his heels, the corporal took cover.

"I went back a short time later, when it got dark, and rescued the soldier," he states.

Greer was "knocked out" by shell concussion.

Freeman, 26 years old and married, is a Camp Grant alumnus. He completed his basic training here in 1942. His home is at Huntington, W. Va. Greer, 21, and a resident of Rochester, Ind., before entering the service, took basic at Fort Lewis, Wash.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, May 20, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Richard Allen Sanders, S 2/c, who is stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training center, spent the week-end here with his mother, Mrs. Don Beatty and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Campbell.

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Pvt. Robert "Beezer" Bennett will leave tonight after spending a short furlough here with friends. Pvt. Bennett is currently stationed at Madison, Wis.

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Pfc. Lewis E. Johnson, of Camp Breckinridge, Ky., spent the weekend here with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Johnson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ben Vernon announced today that their son-in-law Herbert F. Grund, S 1/c, is now in Norfolk, Va. awaiting further orders.

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Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Alber of Tiosa were surprised at Sunday midnight to receive a telephone call from their son, Ramon E. Alber, Phm. 2/c, who has been somewhere in the Pacific since last November. The call was placed from San Francisco, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 22, 1944]

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Cpl. Tom DuBois, who was recently transferred from Camp Cooke, Calif., to Camp Ellis, Ill., spent the week-end here with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Fretz.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chester McCalla of this city today learned that their son, Pvt. Harold McCalla is stationed on the island of Maui in Hawaii.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 23, 1944]

BERNICE MAE FOSTER ARRIVES IN AUSTRALIA

Bernice Mae Foster, daughter of Dr. Charles Foster, 420 South Fifth street, Mankato, Minn., has arrived in Australia to serve the armed forces as an American Red Cross staff assistant. Until her Red Cross appointment, Miss Foster taught English and physical education at Rochester, Ind., high school, and previously taught at Rolling Prairie, Ind., high school.

She is a graduate of Mankato State Teachers college High school and college.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 23, 1944]

SGT. ANCIL SNOOK RECEIVES D.F.C. FOR RAIDS ON GERMANY

An Eighth AAF Bomber Station, England. - A veteran of many outstanding Eighth Air Force bombing attacks on Nazi targets, T. Sgt, Ancel Snook, 46 [?], of Rochester, Ind., has recently been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. The presentation was made by his commanding officer, Col. Hunter Harris, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga.

The son of Mrs. Rose Runyan of Mason, Ohio, he is the top turret gunner on the Flying Fortress "Due Back." In addition to the Distinguished Flying Cross, which was awarded for "extraordinary achievement in aerial combat," he holds the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters to that medal.

Sgt. Snook has been over the city of Berlin five times in attacks on war plants in the German capital. He declares his most memorable mission was one to Brunswick, Germany, when the Forts bombed aircraft factories there. "We were under constant fighter attack for two and a half hours, and also had to try and dodge the flack at the same time," he recalled. "But we got through and hit our target."

One of the airman's first bombing flights was to a Nazi air base in Cognac, northern France. "That was the first time our formation ran into concentrated fighter attacks. It will always seem my roughest air battle, for it was my baptism into the 'Big League.'"

Sgt. Snook was inducted into the Army in September, 1942, and was immediately assigned to the Army Air Forces where he took up engineering and gunnery and received his wings in April, 1943.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 23, 1944]

LIEUT. HARVEY PALMER AWARDED SILVER WINGS

Second Lieutenant Daniel Harvey Palmer, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Palmer, 107 1/2 East Seventh street, this city, is a member of the 25th class of aviation cadets to be graduated from the Columbus army air field near Columbus, Miss., today.

Lt. Palmer received the silver wings of a flying officer and his lieutenant's commission at the exercises held at the field. Lt. Palmer entered pilot training last July and attended flying school in Americus, Ga. and Greenwood, Miss.

The former Rochester youth is a graduate of Rochester high school and was employed at M. Wile & Sons department store prior to his induction into the army.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 23, 1944]

WOUNDED IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. (Roy) Rans of Kewanee received word Tuesday that their son, S. Sgt. Raymond Rans, has been wounded in active combat duty in Italy. S. Sgt Rans' injuries are being

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treated in a government hospital there. The former Kewanna resident has been in the service for two years.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 25, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Floyd A. Kindig, S 2/c, has been transferred from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center to Mississippi. His address is Gun Captain, Co. B - Bks. 81, USMTC, Gulfport, Miss.

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The present mailing address of Pfc. John Newell is: Pfc. John R. Newell, 35138067, 456 M.P.E.G. Co., c/o Embarkation, Army Post Office, New York, N.Y.

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Pvt. Marietta R. Spohn, this city, has recently joined the Women's Army Corps detachment at Westover Field, Mass., where she is on duty in the base unit personnel office.

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It was announced today that Richard D. Coleman, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Coleman, of this city, is receiving his initial indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training center, Great Lakes, Ill.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 25, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Virgil E. Kaley, U. S. Marine son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kaley, route 4, Rochester, has been graduated as an aviation ordnanceman at the Norman, Okla., Naval air technical training center and promoted to private first class. Kaley, a former Leiters Ford High school student, enlisted Sept. 15, last year, and was employed on his father's farm before becoming a Leatherneck.

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It was learned today that Pfc. Harold Miller is in Rochester on a three-day pass visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ball.

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Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Palmer, of route 5, received word recently from their son, Lt. Norman L. Palmer, stating that he had been sent to a rest camp for five days. Lt. Palmer, pilot of a B-25 bomber, is stationed in Corsica and has participated in 40 bomb runs. He was awarded the bronze star for service in the Italian theater of war.

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T/5 Harold W. Flora recently transferred from Camp Rucker, Ala. to Camp Van Dorn, Miss., received a good conduct medal for his behavior while in the service, it was announced today by his mother, Mrs. Clarence Kline.

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T/5 Kenneth L. Miller, city, has been selected to attend the enlisted full track vehicle course of the Field Artillery school at Fort Sill, Okla., it was revealed here. Cpl. Miller is the son of Mrs. Flo E. Miller, Rochester.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harley Walburn of Rochester received word recently that their son, J. W. Walburn, who is stationed in China, has been promoted to staff sergeant.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 26, 1944]

FIVE FROM HERE LEAVE THIS MORNING FOR ARMY

Joseph A. Boganwright was acting corporal for a contingent of five Fulton county residents who left this morning for Fort Benjamin Harrison to begin active army training.

The group was examined sometime in April by army authorities.

Those leaving today were:

Joseph A. Boganwright

Robert Paul Brown

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Francis Oliver Gibson
Claude Bradley
Paul Edward Walters

Bradley was transferred to the local Selective Service Board for induction from MacArthur, Ohio.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 1944]

HAIMBAUGH PROMOTED

Dr. and Mrs. Dow HAIMBAUGH of this city recently received word that their son George has been promoted to the rank of major in the U. S. Marine Corps. Major Haimbaugh is now stationed somewhere in the Pacific. He has been overseas for more than two and one-half years.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 29, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. William Stephen's present mailing address is: Pvt. William E. Stephen, 35244844, Section T.Q., 3508 A.A.F., Base Unit, Bks. 1964, Truax Field, Madison 7, Wis.

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The new address of Richard Coleman is: A/S Richard Dean Coleman, Co. 1033, USNTC, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Pvt. Albert M. Scheuer returned to California recently after a short furlough with his mother, Mrs. Letha Scheuer of Delong. His address is: Pvt. Albert M. Scheuer, 35551908, U. S. Comm. School, 393rd J.A., Signal Co., Boat Basin, Oceanside, Calif.

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John Scheuer, formerly of Delong, has been transferred from Washington, D.C., to Chicago, Ill. His present address is John E. Scheuer, Naval Armory, Teletype 6, Randolph street, Chicago 7, Ill.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 29, 1944]

LARGE GROUP LEAVES TODAY FOR NAVY DUTY

Another group of Fulton county men, who passed their pre-induction examinations at different intervals in April and May, left this morning for Indianapolis where they will begin active naval training.

Roger E. Werner was leader for the group.

Those leaving were:

Gerald L. Eastburg
Jesse F. Shriver
Harold L. Gilbaugh
Donald D. Kilmer
George Reed
Vern E. Herrell
George R. Rouch
David L. Thomas
Donald A. Norris
Stanley E. Samuelson
George N. Hayden
Robert O. Barker
Robert W. Werner
Loyal J. Hudkins
John E. Schrock
Ralph D. Bowers
Warren W. Robinson

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Marcus A. Steenberger

Raymond H. Craig

Also scheduled to leave with the above group was Joseph W. Hite, who recently transferred from the local selective service board to Cass county for induction.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, May 31, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

One of the five sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Carr arrived home recently to spend a 21-day furlough with his parents. The youth, Sgt. Byron S. Carr is stationed in Panama.

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Cpl. Carl Overmyer of Farmingham, Mass., is spending a 12-day furlough here with his wife and son, Carl Bob.

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Harold K. Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Long, city, is now stationed with the Army Air Corps in Wichita Falls, Texas. His address is: Pvt. Harold K. Long, 15344897, 3706 AAF Section W.B.K.S. 323, Shepherd Field, Wichita Falls, Texas.

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Flight Officer Gene Tippy returned to his base in Nebraska today after a short furlough here with relatives and friends.

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It was announced today that Pvt. Elmer Lamb has been transferred from Camp Haas, Calif., to Colorado.

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Pvt. William E. Stephen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Stephen, Route 3, has been assigned to radio school at Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin, according to word received here.

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Cpl. Ralph R. Pratt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pratt of Route 1, Akron, is now stationed on the island of Maui, Hawaii.

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Pvt. Howard D. Fred has been transferred to the 75th Infantry Division at Camp Breckinridge, Ky.

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Sgt. Bob Richardson of Camp Atterbury, Ind., spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Talferd Richardson, who reside northeast of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, May 31, 1944]

GETS INFANTRYMAN BADGE

It was announced today that Pfc. Keith O. Hisey, route 5, city, recently was presented the expert infantryman badge by Major General Carlos Brewer, commanding general of the 12th armored division, Camp Blakeley, Texas. Hisey is the son of Mrs. Sadie C. Hisey of route 5.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, May 31, 1944]

ON CONVALESCENT FURLOUGH

Pvt. Gilbert William Schwenk, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, is now home on a 30-day convalescent furlough. Pvt. Schwenk underwent surgery at Fort Houston following an attack of spinal meningitis in January. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Schwenk, who reside near Tiosa.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, May 31, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Richard Sheetz, F 1/c, is now spending a 15-day leave here with parents and friends. He will return to camp in San Francisco, Calif., for further training.

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The new military address of Emil Grass is Pfc. Emil E. Grass, 35544327, 4050th AAF, BVRD 9th Sq., Daniel Field, Ga.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 1, 1944]

KEWANNA YOUTH IS KILLED IN ITALIAN CAMPAIGN MAY 12TH

The death of Pvt. Devon F. Crabb, 22-year-old son of Alvah Crabb, farmer residing 1 1/2 miles southeast of Kewanna, was announced last night in a brief war department telegram to his father. Mr. Crabb was notified in the dispatch that his son had been killed in action somewhere in Italy on May 12.

Pvt. Crabb was born and raised in the Kewanna vicinity and the news of his death was received as a shock to scores of his friends in that town. The deceased is the first World War II casualty to be recorded in Kewanna.

Told of Bitter Fighting

Only three days before the telegram telling of his death arrived, Mr. Crabb received a letter from his son stating that he was well, although under fire on the bitterly contested Italian front. Details were lacking in the official dispatch and it is believed that further particulars will be received later.

He entered the army Nov. 9, 1942, and was overseas five months before his death. Prior to his induction Pvt. Crabb was employed in Fort Wayne.

Born May 27, 1921, in Kewanna, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Crabb. A graduate of Kewanna High school young Crabb was well liked in Kewanna and surrounding territory, and was an active participant in community life.

Survivors are his father and three sisters, Mrs. Opal Garner and Mrs. Ersu Sommers, both of Kewanna, and Mrs. Thelma ReVeal of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a half-brother, Alvah Albert Crabb of Kewanna, and his step-mother.

His mother preceded Pvt. Crabb in death several years ago.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 1, 1944]

ARRIVES IN STATES; 21 MONTHS OVERSEAS

Walter Williams, of route 1, this city, received a long distance phone call Wednesday evening from his son, Cpl. Edwin G. Martz, in Oakland, Calif. Cpl. Martz, a Marine, had arrived in the United States only shortly before calling his father, after spending 21 months overseas.

Although Cpl. Martz did not mention it, it is believed that he has been wounded, as his address is now: Naval Hospital, Ward 42A, Oakland, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 1, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

The mailing address of Pfc. John B. Flynn is: Enl. Replacement Detachment, M.P.R.T.C. 1171 S.U., Barracks 1113, Fort Custer, Mich.

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R. L. (Bob) Zimmerman, Ph. M. 2/c left Wednesday to return to his base at Port Huenerne, Calif., after spending a short leave here with parents and friends.

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Telford Conrad, brother of Mrs. Roland Hays, Rochester, has been transferred to Fort Warren, Wyo. His new address is: S/Sgt. Telford Conrad, Training Co. 24 ASFTC, 1st Training Regt., Bks T343, Fort Warren, Wyo.

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Mrs. Leonard E. Cessna has received word that her husband, Leonard E. Cessna has been advanced to Sp (M) 3/c and is in the post office dept. at FPO, San Francisco, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 2, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

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Miss Audrey Miller, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Miller, is believed to be the first young lady from this city to enlist for army nurse training. Miss Miller is receiving her cadet nurse training at the Jackson park hospital in Chicago. The Millers reside on the Baker farm at the eastern edge of the city of Rochester.

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Pvt. Francis O. Gibson, husband of Mrs. Beatrice Gibson, of Logansport, has been transferred from Fort Benjamin Harrison to Camp Hood, Tenn.

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Pvt. Robert Brown, husband of Mrs. Robert P. Brown, city, is now stationed at Camp Hood, Texas. He was transferred to Camp Hood from Fort Benjamin Harrison.

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Among those graduating from an intensive course of gunners mate training at recent service school exercises at Great Lakes, Ill., was Billy G. Hudkins, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hudkins, route 6, Rochester.

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Pvc. May Bilyew is spending a ten-day furlough here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bilyew and family.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 3, 1944]

MACY SOLDIER AIDS CAMP MORALE WITH CARTOON CHARACTER

Pfc. Cliff Ulrich, son of Mrs. Versa Ulrich of Macy, has created a cartoon character for the camp newspaper where he is stationed at the Army Service Forces Training Center, Camp Claiborne, La.

This cartoon character is in the person of a lovable, likeable, always getting into trouble private, simply named, Pvt. Stock. His cartoon strips never carry any speeches or words since each scene is an "action shot" that speaks far louder than words, and these action shots are so characteristic and well known to every soldier that every GI Joe in the army gets the humorous message without the need of words.

Pvt. Stock is leaving the pages of the camp newspaper, however, much to the dismay of Claiborne soldiers, because Pfc. Ulrich's talent as an artist has been recognized by higher authorities with the result that his services have been requested at Fort Belvoir, Va., where he is being transferred to work in a large reproduction branch there as a general layout artist. Pvt. Stock, however, will not have entirely left Camp Claiborne with his creator because his bold, heroic figure graces numerous training charts that Ulrich has designed and which are being used far and wide throughout the army.

Soldiers at Claiborne find it a cinch now to memorize their 11 general orders that they must know for guard duty because Pvt. Stock in his unusual situations illustrates them so strikingly in his own inimitable manner. Pvt. Stock's fame has even reached the high command in Washington, and his fans are of the firm belief that he may yet become a member of the general staff.

Ulrich is also an expert at silk-screen work and knows the reproduction job from the creation of an idea to its final realization on thousands of posters and training aids. In civilian life he operated his own advertising concern in Chicago. His greatest pleasure, however, comes from his cartoons and the excellent morale building effect they have on the soldiers.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 3, 1944]

26 LEAVE THIS MORNING FOR PRE-INDUCTION EXAM

Twenty-six Fulton county men, three of whom were volunteers, left early this morning for Indianapolis where they will receive pre-induction physical examinations before entering military service.

The group was headed by George Maby, city, and will return sometime this evening.

Those leaving were:

George Eldridge Maby

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Paul Gene Leavell
Loyd Junior Wysong
Garrett Eugene Pownall
George Henry Bright
Robert Franklin Dielman
Loyd Nathan Carver
Kermit B. Leininger
Estil Crall
James Wesley Renfro
Benito R. Moralex
Robert Earl Miller
Richard Owen Drudge
Martin Paul Shriver
Donald Philip Mutchler
Earl J. Cloud
Manford Lee Norris
Donald Lee Blacketor
George William Utter
William Ralph Zimmerman
Robert Devane Van Lue
Ellis Engle
Robert Warren Sixby
Donald Edloris Gerrick
Albert Frederick Ginther
Floyd Burres Scales, Jr.

Shriver, Maby and Mutchler were volunteers. Gerrick was transferred to this board from South Bend, Moralex from San Antonio, Texas, Ginther from Washington, D.C., Miller from Chicago and Scales from Logansport.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 5, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

The following men are now home on a ten-day leave from Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill: Ben E. Daulton, S 2/c; Ray Coplen, S 2/c and Jess Brown, S 2/c

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Pvt. Joe Daulton is here on a brief furlough visiting his wife and friends. He is stationed at Fort Knox, Ky.

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Pvt. Paul Walters has been transferred from Fort Benjamin Harrison to Camp Hood, Texas, according to word received here. He is the husband of Mrs. Paul Walters, 808 Monroe street, city.

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The mailing address of Pfc. John R. Flynn is: Eng. Replacement Detachment, M.P.R.T.C. 1171 S.U., Barracks 1115, Fort Custer, Mich.

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Friends have been informed that Alonzo McIntire has been promoted to T/4 from T/5. His address is: T/4 Alonzo Wilmer McIntire, 15106669, 216 Ord. Heavy Maint. Co. (F.A.), Fort Jackson, S.C.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clevenger have received the new address of their son, Charles W. Clevenger, now attending marine radio operator school in San Diego, Calif. It is Pvt. Charles W. Clevenger, Jr., Radio Co. 2, Class 41, Sig. Bn. MCB, San Diego, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 5, 1944]

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Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Teeter received word today that their son, Pvt. Max Teeter, has arrived safely overseas and is now stationed somewhere in New Guinea.

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Harold Emmons of Camp Polk, La., is spending a ten-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Emmons.

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Mrs. Raymond Craig has received word that her husband is now stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. His present mailing address is: Raymond H. Craig, 1246 Co., U.S.N.T.S., Great Lakes, Ill.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 6, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Richard D. Sheetz, 20, husband of Arphelia A. Sheetz, city, recently graduated from the naval training school at the St. Louis, Mo., naval armory, and received recognition as eligible to qualify for the petty officer of electricians mate third class.

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Friends and relatives today received word that Robert O. Barker, A.S., is now stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 7, 1944]

ARMY ACCEPTS 17 MEN FOR SERVICE FROM HERE

United States Army authorities claimed 17 of the 26 Fulton county men forwarded to Indianapolis Monday for their pre-induction physical examinations, it was learned today by the local selective service board.

None of the group was accepted by any other of the various branches. Those accepted are now home awaiting call to active duty.

The following were accepted:

Martin Paul Shriver

George Eldridge Maby

Richard Owen Drudge

Donald Philip Mutchler

Paul Gene Leavell

Lloyd Junior Wysong

Manford Lee Norris

Garrett Eugene Pownall

Donald Lee Blacketer

George Henry Bright

Robert Franklin Dielman

William Ralph Zimmerman

Robert Warren Sixby

James Wesley Renfro

Donald Edloris Gerrick

Robert Earl Miller

Floyd Burres Scales, Jr.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 7, 1944]

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The mailing address of Pvt. Harold L. Newcomer is: 35148043, Co. M., 201st Infantry, Camp Carson, Colo.

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Pvt. Harold Emmons is now enjoying a short furlough here with his parents and friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Deardorff have received word that their son, Lieut. James A. Deardorff, has arrived safely overseas somewhere in the South Pacific war theater.

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Word has been received that Woodrow Rynearson has graduated from a school of radar and has received the rating of petty officer 3/c. His present address is: Woodrow Rynearson F.C. (R) 3rd, P. O. Box 161, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

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The present mailing address of John M. Hiatt, Ph. M. 3/c, is: U. S. Navy hospital staff, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Mrs. Pearl Marquardt has received word that her husband, Arthur Paul Marquardt, F. 2/c, has been transferred from Great Lakes, Ill., to St. Louis, Mo. He is now attending electrical service school.

F. 2/c Marquardt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Marquardt of route 5.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 9, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Francis R. Artist, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Artist, route 3, Rochester, is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Cpl. Richard McKee, son of Mr. and Mrs. George McKee of near Athens, has been transferred from Camp Pendleton, Va., to Camp Atterbury, Ind. His new address is: Cpl. Richard McKee, A Company, 422nd Infantry, APO 443, Camp Atterbury, Ind.

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Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Deardorff received word Friday that their son, Cpl. George W. Deardorff, had arrived safely in the European war theater. The Deardorffs' other son, James, is now stationed somewhere in the Pacific.

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Cpl. Bill Wilhoit, paratrooper, is now believed stationed in Italy. According to a letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilhoit, dated June 1, he arrived in that theater of war.

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It was learned here today that Floyd Gaumer has been promoted from corporal to the rank of sergeant. Sgt. Gaumer has been in the army just one year today.

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Seaman 2/c Fred Zellers is now enjoying a short leave here with his parents and friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 10, 1944]

S. SGT FRITZ CESSNA MISSING OVER FRANCE AFTER BOMBING RAID

According to a War department telegram, Staff Sergeant Fritz Cessna, 28, tail gunner on a B-26 bomber, is missing in action somewhere over France. The dispatch, received Friday night by S. Sgt. Cessna's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Cessna, stated that he was missing following a mission over France May 28. Mr. and Mrs. Cessna reside on a farm ten miles southwest of the city.

The brief message will be followed with more information later.

Had Completed 75 Missions

Wearer of the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, good conduct medal and a number of oak leaf clusters, Sgt. Cessna at last reports had completed 75 missions over continental Europe, together with his crew. He had been with his original members of the bomber crew since they began training in the United States.

Overseas a Year

He entered in the United States Army Air Corps June 11, 1942, and was overseas a year in April. Sgt. Cessna was a graduate of Rochester High school and was popular in Fulton county.

Before entering the army he was employed on his father's farm southwest of Rochester.

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[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 12, 1944]

LT. LEY BACK IN U.S., GROUNDED FEW WEEKS

Mrs. Ed Ley received a call from her husband, Lieut. Ed Ley of the U. S. Army Air Corps over the weekend, that he has arrived at a hospital at Charleston, S.C.

Ley, who is a pilot of a B-24 four-motored bomber, was injured by a piece of flak which tore through his left foot while on a mission over Germany-held territory April 23. Ed operated from a base in Italy and was on his 40th bombing mission when he was wounded by enemy ground fire.

Mrs. Ley, who was formerly society editor of The News-Sentinel, stated her husband would be transferred to a hospital here in the midwest area within the next few days. She also said Ed would be grounded for several weeks but that his injury was not of an extremely serious nature. Lieut. Ley was formerly employed in the clerical department of the Fulton county AAA offices here in Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 12, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Capt. Roland J. McMahan, who is stationed at the Western Signal Corps United Training Center at Camp Kohler, Calif., has qualified as expert with the 30 caliber rifle according to an announcement by Lt. Col. Arthur J. Wehr, commanding officer. His score was 183 out of 195.

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Sgt. H. E. Haldeman has been transferred from Cherry Point, N.C., to San Diego, Calif. His address is: Sgt. H. E. Haldeman, VSMB, 333, MCAD, Miramar 45, San Diego, Calif.

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Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Deardorff received word today that their son, George, is now stationed somewhere in North Africa.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 12, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Omar Gregory received word today that her son, Pfc. Harold Clevenger, is now stationed somewhere in India.

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Pfc. Richard W. DeMont of Lowery Field, Denver, Colo., is spending a 15-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl DeMont and family. At the completion of his furlough, Pfc. DeMont will go to Lincoln, Neb.

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Friends of Jordon G. Denny F 1/c have received word notifying them that he is now located on an island "somewhere in the Pacific."

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A/C Gerald Overmyer of Iowa City, Iowa, is enjoying an 18-day leave with friends and relatives. He will report to Minneapolis, Minn., following his leave.

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Pvt. Charles Lockridge, husband of Mrs. Georgia Anna Lockridge, this city, has been given the post of photography instructor at New York, N.Y., according to word received here.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 13, 1944]

LT. BIGLER PROCESSED AT MIAMI BEACH, FLA.

According to the Public Relations office at Miami Beach, Fla., First Lieut. Charles R. Bigler, 21, Rochester war ace recently returned from active duty in the European war theater, is now being processed through the Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2 at Miami Beach, where his next assignment will be recommended.

Lt. Bigler is under the careful surveillance of officials there who will pool their joint findings and use them in determining new assignments for the local youth.

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A majority of his two-weeks' stay at the redistribution station will be utilized by Lt. Bigler in rest and recreation.

Meanwhile, more facts concerning the bomber pilot's career outside the United States were received here, also through Public Relations channels.

The release stated that the nationally known pilot flew 14 missions during one year in the European theater, shooting down one enemy plane. A pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress, Lt. Bigler won the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters. Wounded in combat, he also wears the Purple Heart.

His wife, the former Betty Jennens, resides at 813 Pontiac street. Mr. and Mrs. John Bigler, parents of the young officer, live at 1012 Spear street, Logansport.

He was graduated from Rochester High school in 1941 and was a four letter man on the basketball squad.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 14, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

The mailing address of Loyal Judson Hudkins, A/S, is: Co 1246, U.S.N.T.C., Great Lakes, Ill.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 14, 1944]

MAJ. RICHARDSON UNDER FIRE IN ST. LO REGION

Dr. Charles R. Richardson, former Rochester physician and now a major in the United States Medical Corps, is mentioned in this morning's edition of the Chicago Daily Tribune as being one of the many army doctors included in the invasion of France.

The story, written by Associated Press Correspondent Howard Cowan aboard a troop carrier crossing the English Channel, records the dramatic tension on the beachheads of France between both army doctors and wounded.

Major Richardson, husband of Mrs. Ruth Richardson of 506 Pontiac street, relieved army physicians in a surgery tent somewhere in the St. Lo region.

According to Cowan's story:

"Major Lawrence Lavalley, Brooklyn, N.Y., showed me the surgery tent. Three pairs of wooden horses were the operating tables, supporting the stretchers on which the patients lie. Lavalley and Major Charles Richardson, 506 Pontiac street, Rochester, Ind., moved in last night to give the two captains help and relief."

Major Richardson entered the service Jan. 2, 1943, and has been overseas since December of the same year. Mrs. Richardson's last letter from her husband was mailed May 24 and dated in England.

Warsaw Hepcat Present

A GI hepcat from Warsaw, Ind., also is included in Cowan's summary of beachhead activities. The soldier, Sgt. Edward Summers, in charge of a 50 millimeter anti-aircraft gun, was receiving jive from a walkie-talkie in his dugout.

"From a dugout overlooking the beach came some swing music. Sgt. Edward Summers, Warsaw, Ind., was getting jive from his walkie-talkie. He was in charge of a 50 millimeter anti-aircraft gun, and his crew had no simple foxhole. Instead, an inner tube type lifebelt cast aside by an American after landing had been inflated and laid out in the dugout like a raft."

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 15, 1944]

KEWANNA YOUTH MISSING IN ACTION SINCE MAY 29

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Troutman of Kewanna were notified this week that their son, Edward Troutman, a tail gunner on one of the large bombers flying over Germany, is reported missing in action.

The information was sent to them by the secretary of war at Washington, D.C. Troutman has been missing since a flight over Germany May 29. He enlisted in the service April 14, 1942, and had been in England for several months.

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[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 16, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

K. Paul Steininger, PM 3/c, is now home enjoying a one-week leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Steininger. PM 3c Steininger is attending torpedo school at San Diego, Calif.

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Roy Fultz of the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, spent a three-day pass here with his wife and daughter over the week-end. He left Chicago Thursday enroute to the west coast.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 16, 1944]

MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD FOR PVT. CRABB

Memorial services for Pvt. Devon Crabb, son of Alvah Crabb, were held recently in the Kewanna Baptist church; Pvt. Crabb was killed in action May 12 somewhere in Italy.

Services were conducted by Burdette Garner, brother-in-law of Pvt. Crabb and Rev. Herman A. Hoyt, of Winona Lake.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 17, 1944]

EIGHT FROM ROCHESTER TRAIN AT GREAT LAKES

Eight Rochester men are receiving their initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. naval training center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Their "boot" training consists of introduction to seamanship, military drill and general naval procedure. During this period a series of aptitude tests will be taken by the recruits to determine whether they will be assigned to a naval service school or to immediate active duty at sea.

Their recruit training completed, these men will spend a period of leave at home. They are: Gerald Eastburg, 27, R.R. 6; Roger Werner, 25, R.R. 3; Donald Kilmer, 26, 419 Pontiac St.; Loyal J. Hudkins, 2, 1204 S. Pontiac St.; Raymond Craig, 23, 528 Indiana Ave.; Stanley Samuelson, 26, 1108 Madison St.; Jesse Shriver, 25, 328 Clay St.; and Robert Barker, 24, 425 W. 4th St.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 17, 1944]

LOCAL SERVICE MEN MEET IN WAR AREAS

Two reunions of local soldiers, one in Italy, the other in New Guinea, were reported here today.

A letter from Sgt. Bill Wilhoit, paratrooper, received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilhoit, city, told of a chance meeting with Sgt. Wilhoit's cousin, Captain J. J. Nichols, of Danville, Ill. The two-way family reunion was held recently in a city in Italy, according to the letter.

The other meeting was between Cpl. Carl Hedges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hedges, and Pvt. Fred Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brown, somewhere in New Guinea.

Cpl. Hedges learned that Brown was stationed on New Guinea and promptly wrote home for his address. The two met on a short pass.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 17, 1944]

MORE INFORMATION ON MISSING AIRMAN

More information about Edward Troutman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Troutman Kewanna, was received here today.

According to his parents the Kewanna man, who has been missing in action since a flight over Germany May 29, will be 29 years old in July. He enlisted in the service April 14, 1942 in Gary. Prior to his enlistment Troutman attended schools in Valparaiso and Gary.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 17, 1944]

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SERVICE NOTES

Ralph DeVerl Bowers, 26, husband of Mrs. Gretchen Eileen Bowers, box 46, Disko, Ind., is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U.S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Second Lt. Robert L. Young, who was commissioned from the Aviation Cadet Corps at Craig Field, Selma, Ala., on Dec. 5, 1943, was recently transferred to duty at the Tuskegee Army Air Field, Ala. The flying instructor is the son of Mrs. Lois Mudget of 1220 Pontiac street.

Prior to entering the aviation cadet corps, Lt. Young was employed by the Indiana Gear Works, Inc., of Indianapolis, Ind.

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Aviation Student Donald D. Umbaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Umbaugh of Argos, was recently transferred from the University of Toledo to the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center at San Antonio, Texas. The graduate of Richland Center High school will enter pre-flight training June 30.

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The new address of Seaman 2/c Frederick E. Shepherd is: A.T.B., Camp Bradford, Va., Norfolk, Va.

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Paul Stayton, S.F. 2/c, a member of the navy's construction batallion, is spending a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stayton, of Leiters Ford. S.F. 2/c Stayton recently returned from Trinidad after being stationed there for 15 months.

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Pvt. Robert P. Brown's present mailing address is: 35840723, Co. C, 176th Bn., 97th Regiment, I.R.T.C., Camp Hood, Texas, 4th Pltn.

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Pvt. Harold L. Newcomer is now stationed at Camp Carson, Colo., after completing a course in the cook and baker school at Camp Haan, Calif. His address is: 35140843, Co. M, 201st, Inf., 3rd Pltn, Camp Carson, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 19, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

First Lieut. Robert A. Wentzel, who received a fractured leg on the Anzio beachhead in April, has been returned to the Mayo General hospital, Ward C-1, Galesburg, Ill., for hospitalization. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Wentzel of near Kewanna.

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Pvt. William Lynn Chamberlain has been transferred from Scott Field, Ill., to Greensboro, North Caroline, according to word received here today.

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Friends in Rochester learned today that S/Sgt A. H. Knicklebine has arrived safely overseas and is now stationed somewhere in England.

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The present mailing address of Pfc. James V. Schell is 35148052, B Btry, 380 AAA Bn., Camp Haan, Calif.

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Mrs. Laura Thomas has received a letter from her son, Pvt. Benjamin Thomas, that he is still confined to a hospital in England.

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Dick Miller, S 2/c, spent the weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Miller.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 20, 1944]

PROMOTED TO 1ST LIEUT.

Public Relations officials at Peterson Field, Colo., announced today that Florence E. Bradway, Akron, has been promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant. 1st Lieut. Bradway is

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assigned to the Peterson Field Station hospital as an Army air forces nurse. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bradway, Akron.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 20, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pfc. Warren A. Zimmerman of Richmond, Va., Cpl. William R. Zimmerman of Fort Jackson, and Robert L. Zimmerman, Ph. M. 2/c, of Port Huene, Me., have returned to their respective bases after being called to this city because of the death of their father, Orva W. Zimmerman.

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Word has been received here that Sgt. Frederick Bemenderfer has arrived safely overseas and is now stationed somewhere in England.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 21, 1944]

PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN

William Callahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Callahan, has been promoted to the rank of Captain, it was learned here today.

Capt. Callahan is the commanding officer of the 1109th Signal company, somewhere in England. His wife resides in Huntington, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 21, 1944]

PFC. WARREN CORNELL SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN INVSION, JUNE 8

Prc. Warren L. (Bud) Cornell, son of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Brown of rural route 6, was reported seriously wounded in action during the invasion of France, June 8, according to a telegram from the War department. The notification was received by his mother at 6:30 o'clock last night.

Fulton county's first invasion casualty, Pfc. Cornell was a member of the army's amphibious forces and was believed wounded in the fierce fighting near the Cherbourg peninsula.

The telegram received by Mrs. Brown read:

"Regret to inform you your son Private First Class Warren L. Cornell was seriously wounded in action Eighth June in France. Letter containing present mail address follows."

"The Adjutant General."

Pfc. Cornell is presumed to have been removed to an army hospital in England where he is receiving medical treatment. Further details are expected later.

Overseas Since January

He has been overseas since January, 1944. Pfc. Cornell entered the army in October, 1942, and was in training as a paratrooper until an accident at Fort Benning, Ga. Following hospitalization he was transferred to the amphibious corps.

The last letter from the popular Fulton county youth was received by his mother yesterday prior to the War department telegram. The letter was dated May 22 from "somewhere in England."

Active in community and social life, Pfc. Cornell attended Rochester High school and was employed at the Ball Band Rubber factory in Mishawaka before his entry into the army.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 21, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

The present address of Pvt. Robert J. Merkert is: 15345543, Sec. U, Flight 430 B, Amarillo Army Air Field, Amarillo, Texas.

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Pvt. James E. Carruther is now stationed at Lubbock, Texas. His new address: 15345549, Sec. I, 2527 A.A.F.F. Base Unit, S.P.A.A.F., Lubbock, Texas.

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Sergeant Jean D. Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Johnston, city, is an armorer with the South Pacific's top-ranking fighter squadron--The sun Setters--whose P-38 Lightning pilots have shot down 165 Japanese planes in the South Pacific. The news was learned today through 13th AAF headquarters.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 22, 1944]

BECOMES MASTER SERGEANT

A 9TH A. F. Service Command Unit, England. - The promotion of Robert W. Tracy of Rochester, Ind., from the grade of technical sergeant to that of Master Sergeant has been announced by headquarters of the Ninth Air Force Service Command to which he is attached.

A mobile unit chief, Sgt. Tracy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Tracy of Argos, Ind. His wife, Virginia Ruth Tracy, resides at 1170 Cherry, Apt. 6, Long Beach, Calif. He graduated from Argos High school in 1936 and prior to entering the armed forces was employed as an undertaker's assistant in Rochester.

The Ninth Air Force Service Command, to which Sgt. Tracy is attached, is a vast ground network which maintains, supplies and repairs planes of the Ninth Air Force, the world's biggest aerial striking force, now providing aerial support for Allied invasion troops.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 22, 1944]

BILL DOWNS ACCEPTED BY NAVAL OFFICIALS

Bill Downs, 17-year-old Rochester youth and former News-Sentinel sport writer, was accepted for duty by U. S. Naval officials at Indianapolis Tuesday, it was learned here today.

He enlisted in the United States Navy June 12 at South Bend and expects to begin active training July 7. A 1944 graduate of Rochester High school, Downs will reach the age of 18 June 29.

Prior to his enlistment in the navy he was employed at the Colonial hotel.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 23, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Kenneth Stevens has received word that her husband has been promoted to the rank of corporal. He is stationed somewhere in China.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 23, 1944]

RECEIVES CAPTAIN'S BARS

Mrs. J. F. Miller of this city has received word that her son, C. Ernest Overmyer, has been promoted to the rank of captain. The promotion became effective June 7. Capt. and Mrs. Overmyer reside in Harrisburg, Pa.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 23, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

S. Sgt. Francis C. Davis, Akron, will return to his home there on a short furlough June 11, according to word received here. S. Sgt. Davis has been overseas for 40 months somewhere in the North Atlantic theater of operations. His wife, Mrs. Ina M. Davis, resides at Akron.

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. Harold K. Long is now stationed at Childress, Texas. His new address is: 15344897, 2152nd AAF Base Unit, Section I, Increment 25-44, CAAF, Childress, Texas.

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The present mailing address of Lieut. Daniel H. Palmer is: O-831782, Rosecrans Field, St. Joseph, Mo.

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Pvt. Paul L. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Miller, route 5, Rochester, recently graduated from the Fort Crook Ordnance Automotive School, Fort Crook, Neb.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 26, 1944]

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PFC. McCALLA WOUNDED IN FIGHTING IN ITALY

Pfc. Echo McCalla, aged 30 years, was wounded in action in Italy on June 3, according to a War Department telegram received Monday afternoon by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester McCalla, 1111 South Jefferson street.

The notice further stated that if more information was received it would be relayed to Mr. and Mrs. McCalla by letter. Pfc. McCalla, serving with an infantry unit, was sent overseas in January this year.

He was inducted into the army in August, 1943, and was in action at the Anzio beachhead in Italy. Last letter received from him by his parents was dated May 15th.

At the time of his induction Pfc. McCalla was employed as a mechanic in the Bussert Brothers garage. A brother, Pvt. Harold McCalla, is in the army at Maui Island, Hawaii.

Receive Mailing Address

Meanwhile, more news has been received from Pfc. Warren L. Cornell, who was recently reported seriously wounded in France.

A telegram from the War Department, following closely the notification of his being wounded was received late Monday by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Brown, route 6. The disptach gave Prc. Cornell's present mailing address at a hospital somewhere in England and added that Mrs. Brown may send a five-word message to her son which will be radiogrammed to him.

Pfc. Cornell was the first Fulton county man injured in the invasion of France, June 6th. He was believed wounded in action with the army's amphibious forces near the Cherbourg peninsula.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 27, 1944]

RECEIVES PURPLE HEART

Mrs. Edward Jr. Deal, city, as been notified that her husband, Pfc. Edward Jr. Deal, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in Italy. Pfc. Deal was struck by shrapnel while under fire.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 27, 1944]

FULTON COUNTY MAN IS REPORTED KILLED IN FRANCE ON JUNE 16

Sgt. Clarence Thomas, 30-year-old son of William Thomas, rural route 2, was killed June 16 in action "somewhere" in France, according to a brief War department telegram received by his father, late Tuesday evening.

The death of Sgt. Thomas is the first of a Fulton county man during the invsion and the second casualty here since June 6. Pfc. Warren Cornell was seriously wounded in action in France June 6.

A paratrooper, Sgt. Thomas is believed to have been killed in fighting near St. Lo.

Inducted June, 1942

He was inducted into the army from Rochester in June, 1942, and received preliminary training in six army camps before going overseas in November, 1943.

A letter from Sgt. Thomas was received three weeks ago, by his sister, Mrs. Charles Clinger of Denver, Colo., which was dated from "somewhere" in England. Mrs. Clinger and her husband arrived here from the West Tuesday to visit Mr. Thomas at his lake cottage.

Born in Monticello

Born in Monticello, Sgt. Thomas was the son of William and Minnie Thomas. Mrs. Thomas died in March, 1943, and it was then that Sgt. Thomas received his last furlough before leaving for overseas duty.

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Before his induction he was employed by the Erie railroad and Rochester Metal Products company as a moulder. He attended Rochester High school.

Survivors are his father and six brothers, S 1c William, now convalescing in a New York Naval hospital; Omer, Fort Wayne; Robert, Chicago; Roy, South Bend; James and Paul, both of this city; two sisters, Mrs. Clinger of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Nellie Berger of Argos.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 28, 1944]

SON OF JUDGE REED PASSES NAVY EXAM

Don Reed, 17-year-old son of Judge and Mrs. Kline Reed, passed his physical examination for naval duty Monday at Indianapolis and will report for training July 6th.

The 1944 Rochester high school graduate and basketball letterman, will be 18 years old Thursday. Judge Reed accompanied his son to Indianapolis.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 28, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pfc. Bill Willard is spending a short furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Willard. He is stationed at San Luis Obispo, Calif.

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William Lee Tippy is now receiving his preflight training at the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, Texas.

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Pvt. Harold L. Newcomer was graduated as a First Cook from the Camp Haan cook and baker school at Camp Haan, Calif., prior to shipment to Camp Carson for a six weeks training period. His present address is: Pvt. Harold L. Newcomer, 35148043, Co M., 201st Inf., 3rd Plat., Camp Carson, Colorado.

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Frederick R. Greer, Camp Grant, Ill., is now home on a seven-day furlough with his father, Bert W. Greer. He is in training in the Air Corps medical unit.

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Pvt. James E. Carruthers, 18, son of Herald Carruthers, route 1, is now stationed at South Plains Army Air Field at Lubbock, Texas.

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Pvt. Richard Van Dolsen, formerly of Macy, is now in a rest camp somewhere in Italy, it was learned here today. Pvt. Van Dolsen has been overseas for more than two years.

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Lt. James R. Miller visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Miller, of this city, Tuesday while enroute to Mobile, Alabama.

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It was learned today that Keith Hisey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Hisey, has been promoted to the rank of corporal. He is stationed at Camp Barkley, Texas.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 28, 1944]

PVT. EDWARD WIDEMAN, 30, MISSING SINCE D-DAY

Pvt. Edward Wideman, 30-year-old son of Mrs. Mary Wideman, route 1, Akron, is missing in action in France, according to a War Department telegram received Tuesday by his brother, Joe Wideman of Akron.

The War Department notification stated that the Akron man has been missing since the first day of the invasion, June 6.

Pvt. Wideman was a member of the glider division and the last word Mrs. Wideman had from her son was from England.

He had been in the service for two years and overseas one year. Before entering the service he was employed as a farmer near Akron.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 29, 1944]

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PVT. MELVIN SWEANY AND 15 MATES IN DARING RANGER RAID

(Editor's Note - This story of the Rangers and their daring exploits first appeared in Stars and Stripes and is now reprinted in part through the courtesy of that army newspaper.)

Pfc. Melvin Sweany, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sewany, 140 B street, Rochester, and 15 ranger buddies were assigned to liquidate solid German emplacements including six Nazi 55 mm. guns at a small town on the shore of Normandy.

Strategically located, the German defenders could maintain a stranglehold on that portion of the coast, driving Allied transports away with fire from their 55 mm. cannon.

Prior to D-Day a terrific bombardment from Allied planes struck the village and at H-Hour the small band of attackers poured ashore.

Nazi snipers and machine bunnners opened up with a hail of concentrated fire at the Rangers as they began scaling a 100 foot cliff overlooking the town. Hand grenades were rolled down the cliff at the attacking group and Nazi volunteers attempted to cut toggle lines but the rangers broke through and scrambled over the top.

The six enemy guns, however, had either been blown to bits by the fire from the Allied armadas lying off the coast or removed to more strategic positions, the Boche had moved back and the Rangers dug in.

Pvt. Sweany and his 15 mates went in search of the guns while the remaining Rangers kept a silent vigil on their narrow foothold.

On the morning of the third day the embattled attackers, supplied with food and ammunition, opened a furious attack on the Nazis and reinforcements moved up on the flank. The Germans turned and fled.

Drive Germans Back

Meanwhile, the group sent to eliminatethe enemy 55 mm. guns had moved inland two miles to within sight of the guns. Led by Lt. George Kercher of Baltimore, Md., the Rangers drove the Germans back with a powerful hail of rifle fire and then dashed in, tossing thermite bombs down the gun barrels, wrecking the breech blocks.

After completing the job, Pfc. Sweany and his mates were met again by counter attacking Germans. The group had no alternative, they plunged into a nearby ditch and remained there for hours without moving.

Surrounded by the Nazis, the group hid in the improvised fox hole with three chocolate bars among them and a depleted supply of ammunition.

On the third day they filtered through the Jerry's lines and returned to their detachment--without losing a man.

Pfc. Sweany, 23, was inducted July 20, 1942, and was sent overseas in November, 1943.
[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 29, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Malcolm Kestner, musician 3/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kestner, recently underwent an appendectomy in the navy hospital at Attu, Alaska. His condition is termed satisfactory. He has been in the Aleutians since last November.

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A letter received by O. A. Davis from his son, Ostinel T. Davis, stated that he has arrived with the paratroopers in England.

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Lt. Bob Wentzel of Leiters Ford is now home on a short leave.

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Word has been received by relatives that Pvt. Kenneth D. Bryant and Pvt. Harold L. Kaley, who were stationed in England, are now somewhere in France.

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Pvt. Harold D. Clemans, son of Mrs. Walter E. Zimmerman of this city, has been transferred from Fort Benjamin Harrison to Camp Blanding, Fla.

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Lieut. John Lindaman and Sgt. Richard Tobey of Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, recently spent a few days here visiting friends and relatives. Lt. Lindaman visited his sister, Mrs. Gillman Carlson, and Sgt. Tobey his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stacey Tobey.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 29, 1944]

HERO'S DOG RETURNED MONDAY TO HIS PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bell of Denver, Ind., parents of Sgt. Robert K. Bell, 23, who died last December 1 when his bomber crashed in England after a raid on Germany, were overjoyed by the return of Sgt. Bell's pet dog "Flak" by plane from overseas.

The black cocker spaniel was returned through a special order of General Arnold, U. S. Air Force chief, after repeated pleas by the parents and Sgt. Bell's sister, Miss Maretta Bell, 21-year-old nurse at the Englewood hospital, Chicago.

"Flak" arrived at LaGuardia Field, N.Y., on June 23rd and then was flown to Gen. Arnold's headquarters. He was relayed by plane to Stout Field, Indianapolis, Sunday night where he was turned over to Mr. and Mrs. Bell on Monday.

Army red tape was severed by Nurse Bell, who wrote directly to Gen. Arnold for the return of "Flak." Gen. Arnold promised he would do so.

Sunday the promise was fulfilled.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 29, 1944]

FIRST LT. ED LEY HOME ON CONVALESCENT LEAVE

First Lieut. Edward A. Ley and his wife, Jeanne, arrived in this city yesterday after Lieut. Ley received an 18 days convalescent leave from the Mayo General hospital, Galesburg, Ill.

The young pilot of a B-24 bomber was injured recently in action over Europe and was returned to the States June 11 after completing his 40th mission. During his career as bomber pilot, Lt. Ley saw action over various parts of the European theater of war.

He was wounded when a piece of flak penetrated the bottom of the plane he was piloting and struck him in the foot. Several bones were crushed and the flak later removed at a base hospital.

Lt. Ley's brother, Petty Officer Paul Ley, his wife and child, of Fairbanks, Ind., also are spending a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ley, Kewanna.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 29, 1944]

16 FROM COUNTY LEAVE FOR ACTIVE ARMY DUTY

Sixteen Rochester and Fulton county men left early this morning for Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, where they will begin active army duty.

The contingent, many of whom were recent graduates from county high schools, passed their pre-induction physical examinations in May and have been home awaiting further orders.

Leader for the group was Robert W. Graham.

Those leaving this morning were:

Raymond L. Cooper

Robert M. Mow

William G. Mow

Robert W. Graham

Rolland R. Meyer

John W. Davis

Luther Bradley

Rollin E. Nette

Walter E. Denny

Benjamin R. Brown

Cecil F. Hudkins

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Edward L. Murfitt
Robert Kaley
Norman W. Cumberland
Eugene S. Denton
Robert E. Miller

Robert and William Mow are twin brothers who resided near Richland Center. Denton was transferred to the local board from Anderson for induction and Miller was transferred from Chicago, Ill.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 30, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Manford Newell have received word that their son, Pfc. John (Dick) Newell has arrived in England.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 30, 1944]

THEODORE MYERS KILLED IN ACTION IN ATLANTIC

Machinist Mate 1/c Theodore Myers, 27-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Myers, rural route 4, Rochester, was fatally wounded in action recently, presumably "somewhere" in the Atlantic.

The lengthy telegram notifying the parents of his death was received this morning.

The dispatch from Vice Admiral Jacobs, chief of Naval personnel, stated in part that Machinist Mate Myers "died of wounds following action in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country."

Machinist Mate Myers has seen action in Africa and Italy and is believed to have been wounded under fire, dying later at a base hospital.

He was inducted two years ago and trained in various camps throughout the country.

In the telegram received by Mr. and Mrs. Myers this morning, the Navy department further revealed that if additional information was acquired they would promptly notify the parents.

Surviving are the parents and a brother, Ray Myers, overseas; and a paternal grandmother, Mrs. William Myers of Kewanna.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 30, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

F/O Gene R. Tippy has been transferred from Alliance, Neb. to Malden, Mo. His new address is F/O Gene R. Tippy, T-126841, 815th AAF Base Unit, Malden AAFLD, Malden, Mo.

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The new mailing address of Cpl. George W. Bowers is: 35572982, Co. K, 262 Inf., APO 454, Camp Rucker, Ala. He was recently transferred from Camp Blanding, Fla.

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John William McGowen AM 1/C, overseas for 11 months, is now spending a 20-day leave with his wife at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mel McGowen, northeast of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, July 1, 1944]

HARVEY PALMER TAKING ADVANCED FLYING COURSE

Second Lieutenant Daniel Harvey Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Palmer 107 1/2 East 7th street, Rochester, has recently arrived at Rosecrans Field, a base of the Ferrying Division, Air Transport Command, near St. Joseph, Mo. He is at the Missouri base for an advanced pilot training course.

Lieut. Palmer enlisted in September, 1942, and received his commission at Columbus, Miss., in May, 1944. Before entering the service he was employed by the M. Wile & Sons store in Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 3, 1944]

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PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT (j.g.)

Mrs. Joe Gilbert, city, was notified by telephone last night that her husband has been promoted to lieutenant (j.g.) He is now in New York, N.Y., after convoy duty in the Atlantic.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, July 5, 1944]

S. SGT. FRITZ CESSNA, REPORTED MISSING, NOW BELIEVED SAFE

In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Cessna, near Kewanna, Cpl. Bob Cessna revealed that his brother, S/Sgt. Fritz Cessna, is believed alive, perhaps as a German prisoner "somewhere in France."

The message received from Bob early in the week by Mr. and Mrs. Cessna was the first word concerning their son, Fritz, since the brief War Department telegram, early in June informing them that their son was "missing in action" over France on May 28.

According to the letter from Cpl. Cessna, who is stationed in southern England with a fighter plane crew, other participants in the sortie over France on May 28, saw the B-26 bomber with S/Sgt Fritz Cessna aboard torn by intense enemy fire and began to drop. Other planes in the vast sky armada followed the bomber to its descent and carefully watched the members of the crew as they bailed from the doomed craft.

Counted Parachutes

Each parachute was counted as it blossomed out in the sky over central France and according to eye-witnesses on the bombing mission, all crew members were accounted for. Each is believed to have landed safely somewhere in central France, presumably near the Paris region.

S/Sgt Fritz Cessna may now be interned inside Europe or escaping through the channels of the French underground.

The 28-year-old Fulton county man was a tail gunner on the B-26 bomber and had completed 75 missions over continental Europe. He was the wearer of the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, good conduct medal and a number of Oak Leaf Clusters.

He entered the United States Army Air Corps June 11, 1942 and was overseas a year in April. Sgt. Cessna was a graduate of Rochester high school.

His brother, Cpl. Bob Cessna, is widely known in this county and also was a graduate of Rochester high school. He was a member of the Rochester high school basketball team for four years.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 6, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Laura Thomas has received word that her son, Benjamin Thomas, convalescing in a hospital in England, is improved.

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The present address of A/C Donald D. Umbaugh is: 35897910, Sq. 199, Group L, Class 45-C, Provisional Training Wing 11, A.A.F.P.S., S.A.A.C.C., San Antonio, Texas.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 6, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Word has been received here that Hosward E. Summers has been promoted to a seaman 1/c. He is now stationed at Boston, Mass.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fenstermaker have received word that their son-in-law, Velmar R. Bowman, H.A. 1/c, was chosen with four other men from the Corona hospital, Corona, Calif., for laboratory technician school. The school opened June 28.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 7, 1944]

COMPLETES 40TH MISSION

Lieut. Ogden D. Ginther, son of Mr. and Mrs. Omer D. Ginther, of Culver and former residents of Kewanna, has completed his 40th bombing mission, according to word received here. The raid over the continent was staged June 21.

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[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 7, 1944]

AWARD PURPLE HEART TO KEWANNA SOLDIER

A small package containing the Purple Heart was received recently by Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Rans of Kewanna, from their son, Staff Sergeant Raymond Rans, who was wounded in Italy, May 13.

He is now convalescing in a base ospital in Italy.

The last letter received by the parents stated that he was improving and was now able to perform a few duties in the hospital.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 7, 1944]

GILEAD MAN WOUNDED IN FRANCE JUNE 11

According to a telegram from the War department received earlier in the week by Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Grau, Gilead, their son, Pfc. Thomas Eugene Grau, was seriously wounded during the invasion on June 11.

Pfc. Grau was a member of a glider group, the 88th Airborne division. The message from the War department further stated that if additional information was received it would be relayed to Mr. and Mrs. Grau immeditely.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 7, 1944]

JAMES LOWE REPORTED WOUNDED BY NAVY DEPT.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lowe, grandparents of Electrician's Mate 2/c James B. Lowe, received word Friday afternoon that the 26-year-old South Bend resident was wounded in action "somewhere in France." He was a memer of the Navy's construction battalion.

The news was received by his wife, Patricia, South Bend, who relayed the information to Mrs. and Mrs. Lowe, south of this city. No details were given by the Navy department.

Electrician's Mate Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lowe, South Bend, was a former resident of this city. He has been overseas since February.

Lowe was inducted June 25, 1943.

Before entering the service he was employed by the Indiana Bell Telephone company in South Bend.

His brother, Sgt. Benjamin Lowe, has been held a prisoner in Germany for over a year. Sgt. Lowe was captured in Tunisia during the last days of the North African campaign.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, July 8, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pfc. Robert E. Davis, recently returned from duty in the Aleutian islands, is now enjoying a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis, Kewanna.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, July 8, 1944]

S. SGT. FRITZ CESSNA HELD INSIDE EUROPE AS GERMAN PRISONER

S/Sgt. Fritz Cessna, reported missing in action "somewhere in France" by the War department, is now a German prisoner of war, according to a cablegram from the International Red Cross received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Cessna, of near Kewanna.

The notification was received Saturday afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Cessna and further stated that a letter giving more details would follow.

The Red Cross message arrived soon after a reassurance from Sgt. Cessna's brother, Cpl. Bob Cessna, that Fritz was alive after parachuting from the doomed B-26 bomber over France.

'Chuted to Safety

According to Cpl. Bob Cessna, his brother and other members of the ill-fated bomber had "chuted" to safety presumably near the Paris area. They were probably captured by the German occupational forces and interned somewhere inside Europe.

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Cpl. Cessna, stationed in southern England with a fighter plane crew, contacted members of the bombing sortie in which Fritz was a member. They reported following the bomber to a low altitude after it had been struck by anti-aircraft fire and watched all the crew members bail out safely.

Had 75 Missions

S/Sgt. Cessna was first reported missing in action by the War Department May 28. He was a tail gunner on a B-26 bomber and had participated in 75 missions.

S/Sgt. Cessna had been decorated with the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, good conduct medal and numerous oak leaf clusters.

He entered the United States Army Air Corps June 11, 1942 and was overseas a year in April. Sgt. Cessna was a graduate of Rochester high school.

His brother, Cpl. Bob Cessna, also a graduate of the local high school, was a four-year basketball letterman.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 10, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. Hadden Stewart returned Sunday to Camp Campbell, Ky., after spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Stewart and friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 10, 1944]

KEWANNA MAN KILLED ON BOMBING MISSION OVER EUROPE MAY 29

Word has been received from the War Department by Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Troutman of Kewanna, Ind., that their son, Staff Sergeant Edward A. Troutman who was previously reported as missing in action over Germany on May 29th, is now listed as killed in action over Germany on May 29th.

This information was received through the International Red Cross from the German government. Details were not given but they were advised that this would be received later.

His parents previously lived in Gary, Ind., where he graduated from Horace Mann high school. He was employed at Inland Steel Co., prior to his enlistment in April 1942.

He received his wings at the Flexible Gunnery School at Tyndall Field, Fla., and took a special training course in aircraft armament at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo. He received his final training as an aerial gunner and crew chief at Almagordo, New Mexico and was shipped overseas in December, 1943, where he was with the Royal Air Force. At the time of his death he was acting as bombardier on a B-24 Liberator.

He received the Air Medal four Oakleaf Clusters and a citation and sent his Air Medal to his parents.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 11, 1944]

TOOK PART IN D-DAY, NOW HOME ON LEAVE

Seaman 1/c Harvey Clary Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Clary of rural route 1, city, is now home after seven months duty in the Atlantic theatre of war.

Seaman 1/c Clary, although unable to relate any of his experiences, has seen much action and participated in the invasion of France. He arrived in this city Saturday and is now enjoying a 23 days survivor's leave.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 11, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Elwyn E. Becker, AAM S 1/c, son of Mr. and Ed Becker, recently completed a course in radio school at Memphis, Tenn., and is now in gunnery school at Purcell, Okla.

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Frederick E. Bemenderfer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Estel Bemenderfer, has been promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. He is a radio gunner on a bomber, stationed "somewhere in England."

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[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 11, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Word has been received here by Norabelle Paschall that Cpl. Albert E. Flora has arrived safely in England.

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James W. Zimmerman, S 1/c, has arrived safely overseas and is now stationed in the Admiralty Islands in the Southwest Pacific.

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The present mailing address of 1st Lieut. Robert A. Morris is: 0534232, 57th Bn., Barracks 161, Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

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Cpl. Donald Anderson has returned to Wright Field, Dayton, O., after spending a 15-day furlough here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Anderson and family and other relatives.

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Robert F. Burns, Navy V-12 training unit of Ohio Wesleyan U., Delaware, O., recently spent a short leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burns and family.

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Major George Haimbaugh, U. S. Marine Corps, who has been stationed at Pearl Harbor, is spending a furlough here with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Dow Haimbaugh, South Pontiac street.

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Earl Rogers, Akron, was recently elevated to the position of Air Cadet and is now receiving his pre-flight course at San Antonio, Texas. His address is: A/C Earl E. Rogers, 35895884, Group V, Squadron 295, S.A.A.C.C. (Pre-flight) Barracks 8331, San Antonio, Texas.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, July 12, 1944]

NINE TAKE PRE-INDUCTION EXAMINATIONS TUESDAY

Nine men from Fulton county who went to Indianapolis Tuesday morning for their pre-induction physical examinations, returned yesterday evening. The number accepted for military service has not yet been announced, although local Selective Service officials expect a report from the state examiners Thursday.

Those who left Tuesday were:

Gordon M. Beattie
Forest D. Zartman
Robert W. Hunter
Eldon E. Shultz
Robert E. Nicodemus
Raymond Gunther
Dean R. Zartman
Robert A. Calvert
Donald E. McNeil

Beattie was leader for the group and he and Forest Zartman were also volunteers. McNeil was transferred here from Hammond.

Also scheduled to leave with yesterday's contingent was Robert M. Cummins who was transferred to Ft. Wayne.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, July 12, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pfc. Richard Sherbondy of Camp Phillips, Kans., is spending an 11-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Ada Sherbondy, of this city.

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Pvt. Claude W. Steffy has returned to Camp Pickett, Va., after spending a short furlough here with his mother, Mrs. William Nees and other relatives.

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[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 13, 1944]

EIGHT FROM GROUP OF NINE PASS FOR MILITARY DUTY

Almost 100 per cent acceptance of the contingent of Rochester and Fulton county men who submitted to their pre-induction examinations Tuesday, was announced today by local Selective Service board officials.

Eight were accepted out of the nine who left and the other is still being considered for induction by examiners.

The group is now home awaiting call to begin active duty.

Those accepted for service were:

Gordon M. Beattie

Forest D. Zartman

Robert W. Hunter

Robert E. Nicodemus

Raymond Gunter

Dean R. Zartman

Robert A. Calvert

Donald E. McNeil

Forest Zartman and Gordon M. Beattie were volunteers. Beattie was also leader for the contingent.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 13, 1944]

FOUR FROM ROCHESTER WITH AIRBORNE DIVISION

Four men, formerly of this city, are now engaged in action with the 82nd Airborne division of glider and paratroopers in France. All have been under fire and have seen violent action on the newly established beachhead.

The men are: Cecil Rhoades, Omer Spohn, James Nixon and George Dale Holloway.

They are veterans of the Sicily and Italian campaigns and were among the first divisions to land in France.

Word has been received by their families since D-Day that they are alive and well and still in the midst of the heavy fighting.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 13, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Graham have received word that their son has been transferred from Fort Benjamin Harrison to Buckley Field, Colo. His address is: Pvt. Robert W. Graham, 35845774, Sec. H, Bks C503, Flt. 99, Buckley Field, Colo.

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Pfc. Lewis E. Johnson of Camp Breckinridge, Ky., is spending an 11 day furlough here with his wife and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Mel McGowen.

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Seaman 2/C George Smith of Camp Peary, Va., is spending a 10-day leave here with his family and friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 14, 1944]

IN AIRBORNE GROUP

It was revealed today that Robert Carr, of near Rochester, and Floyd Pletcher of Argos are also in action in France with the 82nd Airborne Division.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 14, 1944]

PVT. ALLISON'S PICTURE IN INDIANAPOLIS PAPER

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A large picture of Harry Allison, former Rochester professional golfer and now in the U. S. Marine Corps, appeared in this morning's edition of the Indianapolis Star, along with his three golf links mates.

Pvt. Allison and Pvt. David G. Laflin, former Lebanon basketball star and Gimbel award winner, are the two Hoosiers in the picture. Together with Cpl. Kenneth L. Hartlage, Louisville, Ky., and Pvt. Walter O. Treanor of Pasadena, Calif., they comprise a four-man golf team at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.

Pvt. Allison heads the squad and is coach of golfing at the West Coast base. He was a golf and track letterman while attending Rochester high school. Harry is now at his home here on a furlough.

Pvt. Laflin is still remembered by local sports enthusiasts for his performance in the 1943 semi-finals at Hammond, Ind., when his Lebanon squad overwhelmed Rochester's tourney contenders in the first round of play, and then went on to the state finals before falling before Central of Fort Wayne.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, July 15, 1944]

KILLED IN ACTION

* * * * Photo of S. Sgt. Edward A. Troutman * * * *

S. Sgt. Edward A. Troutman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Troutman of Kewanna, Ind., was killed in action on a mission over Germany on May 29. Troutman, who was a bombardier at the time of his death, was a member of the RAF and was flying a B-24. He received his wings at the Flexible Gunnery School at Tyndall Field, Fla., and advanced training at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo. Edward was the holder of an Air Medal, four Oak Leaf Clusters and a special citation.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, July 15, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Sgt. Richard Tobey of Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, has returned to his base after a 14-day furlough here with friends and relatives. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Tobey.

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Seaman Arthur Brubaker is now stationed at St. Louis, Mo.

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Mrs. Ollie Breen has received word that her son, Pvt. Rolland Meyer, is stationed in Alabama. His present address is: 35645775, Co. B, Bn. 12th 8th Regt., Fort McClellan, Ala.

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Sgt. Floyd M. Gaumer was recently awarded the good conduct medal for a year of service without demerits, it was announced here today. His present mailing address is: 35145817, Co. C, 31st Bn 5th Regt., I.R.T.C., Fort McClellan, Ala.

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Lt. Charles G. Daniels, Air Corps, is now stationed at the AAF pilot school, Greenville, Miss., Army Air Field, where he will serve in the capacity of flying instructor, the commanding officer, Col. A. R. McConnell, has announced. Lt. Daniels, son of Charles T. Daniels, is married to the former Zanna Davisson. He is the son-in-law of Harold Davisson of 1216 Pontiac street this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 17, 1944]

29 MONTHS OVERSEAS

S. Sgt Albert W. Jennens, of the army air corps, returned today to spend a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Jennens, 813 Pontiac street. He recently returned from the Southwest Pacific theatre of war where he has been stationed for the past 29 months.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 18, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

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Pvt. Benjamin H. Thomas has been returned to the United States where he will undergo hospitalization at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis. Pvt. Thomas, who is the son of Mrs. Laura Thomas of this city, was stationed in England and was in a hospital there for some time.

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Mrs. Myron Berkheiser received word today that her husband is now stationed "somewhere in England."

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Pvt. William Mow and Pvt. Robert M. Mow of north of this city, are now stationed at Fort McClellan, Ala. The pair, twin brothers, were recently inducted.

Their addresses are:

Pvt. Robert M. Mow, 35845768, Co. D, 15th Bn., 5th Regt., 2 Pltn. Fort McClellan, Ala.

Pvt. William Mow, 35845787, Co. D, 12th Bn., I.R.T.C., Fort McClellan, Ala.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 18, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. John Crabbs has received word from her husband, Cpl. John Crabbs, that he has arrived safely "somewhere in England." His brother, Pvt. Leo Crabbs, has also landed safely on the British Isles.

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Mrs. Blanche Miller has been notified that her husband, S. Sgt. Talmadge Miller, is stationed in the Hawaiian Islands.

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The present address of Pvt. Raymond L. Cooper is 35845773, Co. D., 27th Bn., 5th Regt., IRTC, Fort McClellan, Ala.

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Lt. Charles Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson, has landed safely in New Guinea, according to word received recently by the parents.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, July 19, 1944]

THOMAS HUNT LISTED AS KILLED IN ACTION BY WAR DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Bertha Neighbor, of this city, has been informed in a letter from Adjutant General Ulio that her son, Thomas Elwood Hunt, missing in action since the surrender of Corregidor, is now listed as dead by the War Department.

The former Rochester man was serving with the 200th Coast Artillery anti-aircraft battery on Bataan and Corregidor at the time of their fall, and participated in the bloody fight for the Philippines during the first dark days of the war. For 26 months he had been missing in action until the recent notice listing him among those killed.

He left the United States in August, 1941, and was stationed at Fort Stotenburg near Clark Field. Forces at both posts were virgually annihilated December 7, 1941.

Evacate 200th Division

Remnants of the 200th Division were evacuated to Manila where they defended the Philippine's capital until its fall to the Nipponese New Year's day, 1942. Many escaped from Manila to Bataan peninsula where they fought for five months under the severest conditions imaginable in a campaign in which General MacArthur dclared that "Never did men do so much with so little."

Last word from Hunt was received by his mother in December, 1941, in the form of a cablegram from Manila.

Born in Rockville, Ind., December 24, 1911, he moved to Rochester in July, 1924 and entered the Rochester public schools. Following his gradution from the local high school in 1931, he was employed at Armour Co., here, until leaving to take a position at Santa Fe, N.M.

He entered the armed forces at Santa Fe in March, 1941, and he received his basic training at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas.

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Surviving are his mother; two sisters, Mrs. Catherine Litavec, of Chicago; Mrs. Eugenia King, city, and a brother, Robert Neighbor, also of Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, July 19, 1944]

PFC. CORNELL, WOUNDED IN INVSION, IS RECOVERING

Pfc. Warren Cornell, listed as seriously wounded in action with the amphibious corps in France June 8, is reported to be improving normally in a hospital, presumably in England.

The notice was received today by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Brown, of rural route 6.

The message from Adjutant General Ulie read:

“Mrs. Brown:

“I am pleased to inform you the latest report from the theater of operations states that on June 24 your son, Pfc. Warren Cornell, was making normal improvement.

“You have my assurance that when additional information is received concerning his condition you will be notified immediately.”

“J. A. Ulio,

“Maj. Gen, The Adjutant Gen.”

The Purple Heart, received for wounds, was awarded to Pfc. Cornell who relayed it to his mother today. Two letters from Pfc. Cornell, dated July 1 and 2, have also been received by Mrs. Brown.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, July 19, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Cpl. Kenneth L. (Tony) Miller, who has been spending a 14-day furlough here with his mother, Mrs. Flo Miller, will leave Saturday for Camp Butner, N.C., where he is now stationed.

“Tony,” who has had over three years of service in the U.S. field artillery, was stationed at Pearl Harbor during the Jap sneak attack on Dec. 7, 1941.

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Cyrus E. Finney, EM 2/c, who recently was hospitalized in an army hospital in Philadelphia has been transferred to the U. S. Naval Air Station at Peru, Ind., according to word received today by his father.

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It was announced today that Raymond Showley, on duty with a destroyer at Salpan, has been promoted to seaman first class.

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S. 2/c George Smith returned to Camp Perry, Va., after spending a ten-day leave here with his family and friends.

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Mrs. Blanche Miller has received word from her son, S. Sgt. Talmadge Miller, that he is stationed in the Hawaiian Islands.

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Word has been received by Mrs. David Hunter that her son, Pfc. M. C. Hunter, is now stationed somewhere in the South Pacific.

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The present mailing address of Pvt. Cecil Hudkins is: 35845781, Sect. H., Bks. C, 503 Ft. 99, Buckley Field, Colo.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 20, 1944]

PROMOTED TO FULL AIR CORPS COLONEL

Stanley Emrick, Lafayette, former Purdue university football star and nephew of Mrs. Frank Kumler and Mrs. Earle Miller, city, has been promoted to the rank of full colonel in the United States Army Air Corps, it was announced here today. Col. Emrick is stationed in the India-Burma theatre of war.

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He was an end on the Purdue squad from 1935 to 1937, and is the son of Prof. Paul Emrick, director of the Purdue university band. Prof. Emrick is now vacationing at his cottage on the north shore of Lake Manitou.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 20, 1944]

CPL RUSSELL WARREN DIES IN PLANE CRASH

Cpl. Russell Warren, Jr., 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Warren, 111 South Center street, Argos, died Tuesday afternoon in an airplane crash at Walla Walla, Wash., where he was stationed, the War department revealed today.

Details of the crash were lacking in the message to Mr. and Mrs. Warren.

He entered the service in March, 1943, and received training in various camps in the United States. Prior to his entrance into the air corps he resided near Argos.

Cpl. Warren was born at North Liberty, Nov. 14, 1924, and moved to the Argos community when he was quite young.

He was one of five sons of Mr. and Mrs. Warren, three of whom were in the service.

Survivors are the parents and four brothers, Pfc. William Warren of San Diego, Calif., Charles Warren in the coast guard at Brooklyn, N.Y., Orville Lee Warren and Walter Raymond Warren, both at home.

Last week all three of the brothers in the service were united at their Argos home on furlough.

Funeral services will be held at the Grossman funeral home with Rev. Ernest Treber of the Argos Christian church officiating. Interment will be in the Oak Hill cemetery at Plymouth.

Date of the funeral is pending shipment of the body by Walla Walla officials.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 20, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

After 2 1/2 years of service in the Canal Zone, Cpl. Byron F. Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Carr, has returned to the United States where he is stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss. His brother, Cpl. Howard Carr of Fort Bragg, N.C., is spending a short furlough here with his parents.

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Word has been received here by Mrs. Charles Rauschke, the former Miss Lorene Peterson, that her husband, Pvt. Charles Rauschke, has arrived safely in England.

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S/Sgt Gene Walburn is spending a three weeks furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Walburn after more than a year of service in China.

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Mrs. Audra Vickery has received word that her son, Lieut Howard J. Vickery has arrived in New Guinea.

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The present mailing address of S 2/c Richard D. Coleman is: N.A.T. Sqd, U.R.4.N.A.A.S, Oakland, 4, Calif.

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Mrs. Edith Davis has been notified of the transfer of her son, Pvt. John W. (Jack) Davis to the Camp Hood, Texas. His address is: Pvt. John W. Davis, 35845776, Co. D, 153rd Bn., 91st Regt., IRTC, Camp Hood, Texas.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 21, 1944]

SYMPATHY IS EXPRESSED BY U. S. ARMY CHAPLAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Myers, rural route 4, Rochester, recently received a letter from Chaplain Edgar E. Smith in England, consoling them on the death of their son, Machinist Mate First Class Theodore Myers, who was killed in action in France June 8.

The message as received by Mr. and Mrs. Myers reads as follows:

“Dear Mr and Mrs. Myers:

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"I am writing to tell you that your son, Theodore William, passed away on Thursday, 8th June at about 6:00 p.m. He was received here at the casualty station seriously wounded and everything possible was done. There is every conceivable kind of equipment here and a large staff of doctors and nurses, so that will give you some comfort to know that all was done that could be done to save his life.

"I am deeply sorry for you in this your sad loss--and I ask you to accept my sincerest sympathies. I hope and pray you will received all the consolation possible to help you to bear your sad loss.

"Yours very sincerely,
"Edgar E. Smith,
"Officiating Chaplain to the forces."

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 21, 1944]

CAPT. OLIVER HITCH AWARDED SILVER STAR

Mrs. Oliver M. Hitch, the former Lucyanna Peterson, city, has received a notice from the War department informing her that her husband, Capt. Oliver M. Hitch, has been awarded the Silver Star for meritorious errvice while in combat in Italy.

Capt Hitch, serving in the medical department with an infantry regiment, worked under fire during the period from May 12 to June 3 during the fierce Italian campaign.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 21, 1944]

ED LEY IS PROMOTED TO RANK OF CAPTAIN

Lieut. Edward A. Ley, former bomber pilot, has been promoted to the rank of captain in the United States Army Air Corps, it was learned here today.

Capt. Ley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ley of Kewanna, and husband of the former Miss Jeanne Miller, was injured by flak while on a bombing mission over Europe. He recently received the Purple Heart.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, July 22, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Guy L. Murfitt has received word that her husband, Sgt. Guy L. Murfitt, has arrived safely overseas. He is believed to be stationed in England.

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Pfc. Rex Rhodes has arrived safely in England according to his mother, Mrs. Court Rhodes of Athens.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, July 22, 1944]

FATHER RECEIVES HIS DEAD SON'S CITATION

The Purple Heart decoration, awarded posthumously to Cpl. Clarence Thomas, was received late Friday by his father, William Thomas, of rural route 2, city, together with a letter of explanation from the War department.

According to the message Cpl. Thomas, who was first reported as killed in action June 16, actually died of wounds received on that date. He is presumed to have died either at a field hospital in France or in England.

Pfc. Thomas, a paratrooper, enlisted in the army on Mahy 13, 1942.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, July 22, 1944]

CPL. WARREN'S BODY TO ARRIVE IN ARGOS JULY 25

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Warren, of Argos, have received word that their son's body was shipped from Walla Walla Washington sometime Saturday and will arrive in Argos, Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.

Cpl. Robert Warren, 19 years of age, died July 18, following an airplane crash at Walla Walla, Washington, where he was stationed.

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Immediately upon arrival, the body will be taken to the Grossman funeral home, in Argos, and will remain there until the hour of the funeral.

Services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock with Rev. Ernest Treber, of the Argos Methodist church, officiating. Following the funeral, a military burial, in charge of officers from Baer Field, will be held at Oak Hill cemetery in Plymouth.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 24, 1944]

ARGOS SOLDIER KILLED IN ACTION IN FRANCE

Mrs. Pearl Bodey, of Argos, received word from the War department Monday morning that her son, Pvt. John Charles MITCHELL, was killed in action in France on Monday, July 3rd.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 24, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. Benjamin H. Thomas has recently arrived at Fort Benjamin Harrison, where he will spend some time. Pvt. Thomas was returned to the States due to an illness contracted while in England. He spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Laura Thomas.

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Lieut. Billy Showalter has returned to Cherry Point, N.C. for his assignment to duty after spending a 15-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Showalter, of Akron. Young Showalter is in the service of the U. S. Marine Corps.

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The new mail address of Pvt. Carl P. Gordon is 35844338, "C" Company, 229 Tr. Bar. 70th Training Reg., Camp Blanding, Fla.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 24, 1944]

S. SGT HOVEY S. BALL AWARDED AIR MEDAL

15th Army Air Force, Italy - Staff Sergeant Hovey S. Ball, 20, son of Mrs. Reatha Ball, Akron, Ind., has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operations against the enemy."

Sgt. Ball, radio operator, gunner, in a 15th Air Force Liberator bomber, is a veteran of 23 missions against German installations and has been over such prized and heavily defended targets as Munich, Vienna and the Ploesti oil fields.

Sgt. Ball entered the air force in December, 1942, and won his wings at the Harlingen Gunnery School, Harlingen, Texas.

(Editor's Note: S. Sgt. Ball is the brother of Norval Ball, tail gunner, who has been missing in action in the Southwest Pacific war theater for over two years, and Sgt. Louis Ball, who was killed in action several months ago in the same area. Louis also was a tail gunner.)

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 24, 1944]

AKRON MAN WOUNDED IN FRENCH FIGHTING

T/5 Ray J. Linebrink, wounded in France, is now recovering at an English base hospital, it was announced today by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Linebrink of Akron.

The couple received a letter from their son, telling that he was injured in France and removed to England for hospitalization. He stated that his right leg and foot were injured but his condition was not serious.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 25, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Norman A. Baldwin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Baldwin, Sr., of this city, has been promoted to the rank of First lieutenant, his parents revealed today. He is now stationed in England and has been overseas 15 months.

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First Lieut. Baldwin has been awarded the air medal with an oak leaf cluster for his part in the invasion of Sicily.

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Pvt. Curtis Croussore of Camp Rucker, Ala., is spending an 11 days furlough here with his wife and relatives.

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Mrs. Ralph Chapman, Talma, has received word that her husband has arrived safely in England.

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Charles P. Vineyard, 22, husband of Freda D. Vineyard, 300 E. 8th St., Rochester, Ind., is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 25, 1944]

CONFLICTING REPORTS ABOUT MISSING AIRMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Cessna, rural route 4, Rochester, Tuesday afternoon received a report from a high ranking army official which conflicted with one received earlier this month from the International Red Cross concerning their son, S. Sgt. Fritz Cessna.

The notice received Tuesday was from S. Sgt. Cessna's commanding officer in England who stated that no trace had been found of their son. In the message the commanding officer said that "the plane in which S. Sgt. Cessna was a crew member had been hit by flak and was so badly damaged that it could not continue in formation and that the crew or plane had not been seen or heard of since."

Reported War Prisoner

Previously, through International Red Cross channels, S. Sgt. Cessna was reported a prisoner of war inside Europe after his entire crew had safely bailed out over France somewhere in the Paris region. Mr. and Mrs. Cessna plan to send the Red Cross notification to the commanding officer to enable a complete check-up of the affair.

S. Sgt. Cessna was first reported missing in action over France May 28 by the War department and later an unconfirmed report reached Mr. and Mrs. Cessna telling of the crew's parachute escape from the ill-fated bomber near the Paris area. The message from the Red Cross seemed to verify reports of his safety until the latest notice received yesterday from the commanding officer.

Cpl. Bob Cessna, had informed his parents that Fritz had parachuted to safety even before the Red Cross had confirmed the report by saying that he was captured near Paris.

S. Sgt. Cessna was a tail gunner on a B-26 bomber and held seven Oak Leaf Clusters, one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. A silver cluster is awarded after ten flights over enemy territory.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, July 26, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

The present mailing address of Donald Miller is: Donald Ray Miller, S 2/c, Bks K, Gen. Del., Chemical Warfare School, Treasure Island, Calif.

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Among those graduating from an intensive course of Basic Engineering training at recent Service School exercises at Great Lakes, Ill., was Marvin Albert Booth, 25, husband of Mrs. Lorraine Booth, 1012 Franklin street, Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, July 26, 1944]

SECOND LT. JAMES FALL REPORTED WAR PRISONER

Second Lieutenant James L. Fall, 21-year-old Thunderbolt pilot who was reported missing in action over France by the War department June 10, is now a German prisoner of war according to a letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fall, rural route 6, Rochester.

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The letter from the International Red Cross revealed no details except that Lieut. Fall was a prisoner of the Germans somewhere inside Europe.

He was first reported missing in action by the War department after a raid on French coastal installations June 10. It is presumed that the former Fulton county resident was forced down over France and later captured by the Nazis.

The Thunderbolt, one of the army's fastest pursuit ships, maintains a low altitude while in flight making an escape by parachute from a doomed craft virtually impossible. Because of this, hope for the safety of Lieut. Fall was at low ebb until the message from the Red Cross was received by his parents this morning.

A participant in a number of bombing raids over the continent, Lieut. Fall was probably engaged in the softening up action carried out by the air force prior to the invasion of France.

He was a graduate of Fulton High school and was attending Manchester college at the time of his induction into the army. The popular Fulton county man also was a member of the Fulton High school basketball squad.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 27, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Cpl. Floyd L. Smith, formerly of this city and now of Indianapolis, has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant, according to an announcement at a XX Bomber Command base in India where he is stationed.

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Pvt. Cecil Hudkins, city, will undergo a major operation soon at Buckley Field, Colo., where he is stationed. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Hudkins of Rochester.

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Pvt. Andrew S. Cooper of Fort Bragg, N.C., arrived today to spend a 15-day furlough with his father, Harry Cooper, and other relatives and friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 27, 1944]

ROCHESTER AIRMAN IS VETERAN OF 68 BOMBING MISSIONS

By T. Sgt. George Butler

A Ninth Air Force Bomber Base, E.T.O.- "You just don't get indifferent about flak--even after 65 or 70 missions. It can scare the daylights out of you every time it gets close and, brother, when the flak starts rippling through the plane you really start praying."

This is the opinion of four seasoned crew members of the outstanding B-26 Marauder, "Idiot's Delight"--in which I flew recently as a public relations observer on the bomber's 93rd mission. This quartet has established a record that would be difficult to equal. They have flown together for 10 months and none has less than 68 missions to his credit over some of the hottest flak areas in the world.

These flak veterans are: 1st Lieut. Chester Inman, 27, Waverly, Kans., (pilot, 68 missions); S. Sgt. Frank J. Radowski, 26, Wakefield, Mich., (tail gunner, 69 missions); S. Sgt. Edward H. Drew, 23, 123 W. 4th street, Rochester, Ind., (engineer-gunner, 68 missions); T. Sgt. Hoy C. Connelley, 30, Mesilla Park, N.M., (radio operator-gunner, 70 missions).

A fifth member of the crew is the bombardier, S. Sgt. George E. Heiser, Willard, Ohio, who has 53 missions, while the sixth member, 2nd Lieut. Robert W. Fike, co-pilot, of Royal Oak, Mich., is a newcomer to the Group with four missions.

"Inman's crew" hasn't had an injury yet from flak--if you overlook the time the pilot had his hand splintered with glass after a .20 mm. shell crashed through the windshield in his cockpit. But the close escapes from injury or "sudden death" are so numerous it'd take an adding machine to tally them. "Idiot's Delight" has been "prayed back home" many times full of flak holes, but the crew was always miraculously unhurt.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 27, 1944]

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Serving with the invasion forces in France is Edward H. Mow, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Mow, North Sandusky street. [?] Recently stationed in England, he has been promoted to Technician fifth class, according to word received by the family. Edward H. is the grandson of Mrs. Etta Mow.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carr have received a letter from their son, Sgt. Clarence Carr in the New Hebrides telling of his meeting with Philip Shafer and Jay Carr, both of this city.

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Pvt. Robert D. Baker will return to Camp Rucker, Ala., Saturday after completing a 14 days furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Baker.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fingerle of 184 Fulton avenue, have received word from their son, Pfc. Jesse Fingerle, that he has landed safely in England.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 28, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Volney O. Wheadon has been notified that her husband has been promoted from staff sergeant to technical sergeant. He is stationed in Ecuador, South America.

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Mrs. Blanche Miller received word Saturday that her son, S. Sgt Robert Miller, was operated on for appendicitis at Camp Shelby, Miss.

Another son of Mrs. Miller, Talmadge, has been promoted from staff sergeant to master sergeant. He is stationed somewhere in the Hawaiian Islands.

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Pearl D. Ulrich, son of Dee Ulrich, rural route 5, Rochester, has been promoted from sergeant to staff sergeant, it was announced today by U. S. Army public relations officials.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 31, 1944]

LT. CASTLEMAN MISSING IN ACTION AFTER RAID

Mr. and Mrs. John Cessna, rural route 4, Rochester, have been notified that Mrs. Cessna's nephew, Lt. Lee Castleman, Phoenix, Ariz., is missing in action over Germany.

The 21-year-old heavy bomber pilot, was reported missing by the War Department after a raid on German installations July 16th.

He is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Castleman, Delong.

Lt. Castleman enlisted in the Army Air Corp, April, 1941, at Tuscon, Ariz., and was shipped to Engoand in May of this year.

When he received his commission of Lieutenant he was hailed as one of the youngest service men to be so honored. At the time of his enlistment he was attending the University of Arizona at Tucson.

Further details from the War Department are expected by Mr. and Mrs. Cessna.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 31, 1944]

SGT. ABBOTT KILLED IN ACTION, POPULAR HERE

More facts about Sgt. Eldon Abbott, 24-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Abbott of Fulton, who was killed in action July 23, were learned here today.

The Fulton man was reported killed in action over France in a War Department telegram received Friday by his parents.

He was a graduate of Fulton high school and a member of the basketball squad. The deceased was a member of the Fulton United Brethren church.

Survivors are the parents and three sisters, Mrs. Joe Cutler, Mrs. Floyd Overmyer, and Mrs. Jack Mallick; three brothers, Alvin, Yeoman 3/c in the Navy; Cpl. Wilbur Abbott and Oscar Abbott, at home.

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PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN

Promotion from Lieutenant to Captain of Dewey Gibson Dudgeon, Rochester, was announced today by the War Department. Captain Dudgeon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dudgeon, who reside north of here. He was a former principal of Richland Center high school and is now home on furlough.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 31, 1944]

REPORT MACY MAN WOUNDED IN ACTION

Pvt. Wallace Vice, Macy, was wounded in action in France according to a telegram received by Mrs. Vice from the War Department. The message stated that Pvt. Vice was removed to a base hospital in England.

The War Department disclosed that his left leg had been injured during the intense fighting along the Normandy coast. Pvt. Vice has been in the Army since November 1943 and overseas since April

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 31, 1944]

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Pvt. Earl E. Schrimsher is now stationed in France according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Squires.

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U. S. Coast Guardsman Harold Butts, carpenter's made third class, arrived home Monday on a short leave from St. Marie, Mich.

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Pfc. John R. Flynn has been transferred from Camp Custer, Mich., to Camp Ellis, Ill. His mailing address is: Pfc. John R. Flynn, 35138063, Co. B, 134th Bn., 30th M.T.R., Camp Ellis, Ill.

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First Lieut. Warren R. Wise, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Wise, is now at Thayer General hospital, Nashville, Tenn., for observation.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 1, 1944]

FORMER LEITERS FORD MAN KILLED IN ACTION

Twenty-three-year-old Cpl. Ermal Fields, formerly of Leiters Ford, was killed in action in Italy on June 5, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Lola Fields, of Mishawaka.

Cpl. Fields, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fields, now of South Bend, was born at Leiters Ford on March 1, 1921. He moved to South Bend with his parents several years ago. He was a graduate of Central High school at South Bend and attended the school of commerce at that city.

Cpl. Fields enlisted in the army four years ago Monday and had been overseas since May, 1942.

Surviving are his widow; a two-year-old daughter, Karen Louise, whom he had never seen; the parents; two brothers, Sgt. Robert Fields, with the army in England, and Gary Fields of South Bend; and a sister, Mrs. Frank Leonard of Brunswick, Ga.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 1, 1944]

MEMORIAL SERVICES TO BE HELD FOR ELDON ABBOTT

Memorial services for Sgt. Eldon Abbott, who was killed in action in France on July 23, will be held Sunday afternoon, Aug. 6, at the United Brethren church in Fulton.

Sgt. Abbott was the son of William J. Abbott of Fulton and the brother of Mrs. J. H. Cutler of Warsaw, Mrs. Floyd Overmyer of Winona Lake, Mrs. Jack W. Mellick of Mansfield, Ohio, Oscar Abbott of near Warsaw, Cpl. Wilbur E. Abbott in North Africa and Alvon D. Abbott, yeoman third class.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 2, 1944]

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BACK IN STATES

S/Sgt. D. Kuhn, Silver Lake, has been returned to the United States after suffering wounds in the Italian campaign. S/Sgt. Kuhn, possessor of the purple heart, leaves for North Carolina Thursday.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 2, 1944]

ROCHESTER, ARGOS MEN PARTICIPATED IN BITTER CAMPAIGN

Reports reaching the United States today tell of one of the most brilliant campaigns to come from the battle-scarred soil of Normandy--the 33-day operation of the 82nd Airborne Division.

Two veteran engineers of the division, Sgt. Floyd D. Fletcher, route 1, Argos, and Sgt. James W. Nixon, Rochester, participated in the fight which began with parachute landings hours before H-Hour on D-Day and continued until the Cherbourg peninsula was cut off and the fate of France's third largest port sealed.

Landing without a casualty, the division formed and repelled Nazi counter attacks, finally joining up with the paratroops.

Under constant fire from enemy snipers the battle-hardened engineers wiped out mines, booby traps and Nazi gun emplacements and played a major role in the fight for LeHaye.

Helping where needed, the seasoned 82nd Airborne campaigners assisted the medical corps and performed jobs ranging from bridge building to stealing plans for the Wehrmacht defense of Cotentin peninsula. According to late reports the division is now continuing their operations in the new Allied drive into Brittan and the two men from this sector are fighting by the side of toughened infantrymen in the battle to free France.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, August 3, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Earle A. Miller of the Blue Products Co. today received word from John Pyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pyle of this city, that he is now an instructor in chemical warfare at an army camp on Treasure Isle, Calif. John was employed in the chemical department of the Blue Products Co., prior to his entry into U. S. service.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, August 3, 1944]

LIEUT. BURK B. MILLER HOME ON 25-DAY LEAVE

Lieut. and Mrs. Burk B. Miller arrived from Long Beach, Calif., this afternoon, for a visit with his father, Robert Miller and wife, south of this city. Lieut. Miller, who has been in action in several engagements in the Southwest Pacific, is on a 25-day leave. Mrs. Miller resides at Long Beach, Calif., while her husband is away on duty.

Burk for the past several months has been serving on a U.S. tanker. Upon termination of his leave, he is to report to a naval school base, Seattle, Wash.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, August 3, 1944]

GRANDSON OF ROCHESTER WOMAN MISSING IN ACTION

Sgt. Robert D. Richardson, 21-year-old grandson of Mrs. George Butler, Rochester, was reported missing over Germany, July 19, during his first mission over the continent, it was learned here today.

M. D. Richardson, Indianapolis, father of the missing man, received the War Department telegram which stated that his son had been missing in the Munshia area since July 19. Sgt. Richardson was stationed aboard a large American bomber.

Mr. Richardson was well known in this city and for many years made his residence here. Sgt. Richardson has visited this city several times.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, August 4, 1944]

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Mrs. Gertrude Van Dien has received word that her son, Lieut. Frederick Van Dien of the U. S. Air Corps has arrived safely overseas. Lieut. Van Dien is now stationed in Corsica.

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It was announced today that Pvt. Orval Ireland, son of Mrs. Mildred Ireland, has arrived in France.

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Richard B. Young, Ph. M 2/c of the marines recently met his brother-in-law, Don H. Potter, R.D.M 3/c, in the South Pacific, it was learned here today. Both are residents of this city.

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The new mailing address of F 2/c Donald Dean Kilmer is Naval Training School Diesel, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.

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Mrs. Helen Berkheiser has been notified that her husband, Pvt. Myron Berkheiser, is now stationed in France.

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Pvt. Raymond D. Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bowen, is now "somewhere in Scotland."

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, August 4, 1944]

KEWANNA MAN INJURED WHILE CROSSING CHANNEL

Sgt. Lawrence J. Stokes of Kewanna has been reported wounded in action by the War department following the torpedoing of a Liberty ship June 29 off the coast of Cherbourg.

The message was received by Mrs. Stokes, the former Mary Alice Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Myers of Kewanna.

Sgt. Stokes, among the survivors of the Liberty ship which was torpedoed about 18 miles off the coast from Cherbourg in the English Channel, has returned to duty in the front lines. War department reports said the casualties of the sinking were light and the survivors returned to a hospital in England.

Sgt. Stokes is serving with the 86th Chemical Warfare Battalion in France.

Mrs. Stokes learned that her husband had been returned to active duty through air mail letters from him.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, August 4, 1944]

ARGOS MAN IS REPORTED MISSING OVER GERMANY

Lieut. Ralph Rinard, Argos, has been missing in action since July 19, the date of his last flight over Germany, it was announced today by the War Department.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rinard, Argos, was a bombardier on a heavy American bomber. He was married to Florence McBride, former Argos public school instructor, in December, 1942.

Lt. Rinard entered the service July 10, 1942 and has been overseas since last February. He recently was awarded the air medal and the oak leaf cluster, tokens of his service over enemy territory.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, August 5, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Robert Barker, S 2/c, is now stationed at Fort Pierce, Fla. He was transferred there from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Murray have received word that their son, Arnold Murray, F 2/c, has arrived safely overseas. He is a basic engineer and graduated from Wentworth Institute at Boston, Mass, June 26.

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Harold Butts, C.M. 3/c, of the coast guard, is now enjoying a leave here with friends and relatives. He is stationed at St. Marie, Mich.

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The present mailing address of Loyal (Jud) Hudkins, S 2/c, is: L.S.T. Induction, A.T.B., Camp Bradford, Norfolk 2, Va.

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Pvt. Orville Severns, recently in action in France, has been returned to England, it was announced here today. Pvt. Severns is with the U. S. Medical Corps.

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The mailing address of Clair E. Strong is: Sgt. Clair E. Strong, 35151618, 227 Ord. AM Ren. Co. SSOS, Proving Grounds, Ill.

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Capt. D. G. Dudgeon has returned to Brooklyn, N.Y., after a nine-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dudgeon.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, August 5, 1944]

FORMER MONTEREY RESIDENT WOUNDED

Mrs. William G. Wheatley of the Leiters Ford vicinity has been informed that her nephew, Lieut. Forrest LeRoy Kelly, former Monterey resident, has been seriously wounded in action in France. No other details have been received.

Lieut. Kelly's mother, Pvt. Mary Esther Kelly, a member of the WAC, is now stationed at Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Fla.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, August 5, 1944]

GRANDSON OF ROCHESTER MAN KILLED IN ACTION

Marine Gunnery Sergeant George J. Lehman, aged 24, grandson of Clarence Poffenberger, Rochester, has been killed in action, presumably in the South Pacific, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lehman.

The former Columbia City resident had seen action in 11 major battles prior to his death and had been awarded 11 marine stars to indicate his participation in each. The last letter received by his parents was written from a rest camp in Hawaii where he was sent following the battle of Saipan.

Sgt. Lehman enlisted in the marines in October, 1939, after his graduation from Columbia City High school. His wife and 13 months old baby daughter reside near Everett, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 7, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Sgt. J. Sam Stephen, who has been stationed in the Hawaiian Islands for some time, has arrived safely in New Guinea.

Word has been received by Mrs. Ora Stephen that her son, Frederick E. Sheppard, S 2/c SM, is stationed aboard an LST.

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AMM 2/c Earl Disher, who has served 14 months in the Southwest Pacific theater of war, arrived Saturday for a 30-day leave with his wife and his mother, Mrs. Agnes Disher.

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S Sgt Jacob A. Miller, Jr., of Santa Maria, Calif., arrived last night to spend a 16-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob F. Miller of this city.

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Mrs. Darlene Carpenter has received word that her husband, Pfc. Leslie Edward Carpenter, has arrived safely somewhere in England.

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Mr. and Mrs. William H. Snyder have received word from their son, S Sgt. J. S. Snyder, stating that he is alive and well. Sgt. Snyder has been overseas 22 months and is now stationed at Corsica.

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15th AAF in Italy - Sgt. George B. Baker, whose wife, Mrs. Alice M. Baker, resides in Delong, Ind., veteran ball turret gunner of 45 combat missions on an AAF B-17 Flying Fortress, has been promoted to the grade of staff sergeant.

Sgt. Baker attended Leiters Ford High school and was employed as a mechanic by the Northern Indiana Public Service Co. at Gary, Ind., prior to his enlistment in the AAF on Oct. 11, 1942. He received his gunnery training at Tyndal Field, Fla. Baker has been overseas seven months.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 7, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Raymond Craig has received word that her husband's new mailing address is: Raymond Craig, S 2/c, U.S.N. A.B.T., Panama City, Fla.

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Pvt. Jay Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Carr, has arrived safely in New Guinea according to a message received by his parents. Pfc. Carr is stationed with the coast guard.

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The present mailing address of Loyal J. Hudkins is: Loyal J. Hudkins, S 2/c, S.S.T. School, E 58, ATB - Camp Bradford, Norfolk 11, Va.

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Frederick E. Bemenderfer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Estel Bemenderfer, has been promoted to technical sergeant. T Sgt Bemenderfer has also received an Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters, at his base somewhere in England.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dan Willard have received word from their son, Bill, that he has arrived safely overseas. He is now stationed in the South Pacific theater.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 8, 1944]

MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD FOR ELDON W. ABBOTT

Eldon Wendel Abbott, son of William J. and Verna Newton Abbott, was born in Logansport, Ind., July 17, 1920. The family moved to Fulton in 1922 where Eldon attended the Fulton grade and high schools, graduating in 1940. He played on the basketball team four years. During his high school years and one year previous, he made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Burton. The next year he spent farming for Mrs. Minnie Nickles, 5 miles northwest of Fulton.

Two years prior to his induction, Sgt. Abbott lived with his sister, Mrs. Cutler, of Warsaw, Ind., and was employed there in a factory.

He was inducted at Fort Benjamin Harrison on July 11, 1942 and he received training in the following camps: Camp Pickett, Va., Camp Blanding, Fla., Camp Forrest, Tenn., Camp Laguma, Ariz., and Camp Phillips, Kans. He arrived in England in April and entered France a few days after "D-Day" where he served in the capacity of reconnaissance sergeant, finding advanced positions for his machine gun squad.

His last letter was postmarked July 7th and insinuated he was seeing action and told of souvenirs he intended to bring home.

On Friday evening, July 28, 1944, Sgt. Abbott's father, William J. Abbott, received the telegram from the War Department stating that his son was killed in action June 23, 1944 and a letter confirming the message was received a week later.

He is survived by his father and step-mother, his mother having preceded him in death in 1931, three brothers, two of which are in service, Alnon, Y 3/c of th U.S.N. somewhere in the Southwest Pacific, Cpl. Wilbur in North Africa, Oscar of near Warsaw, Ind., three sisters, Mrs. Joseph Cutler, Warsaw, Mrs. Jack W. Mellick, Mansfield, O., Mrs. Floyd Overmyer, Winona Lake, Ind., three half-brothers, William, James and Donald, and one half-sister, Norma, at home, two step-brothers, also in the service, Pvt. Lawrence Crain, in New Guinea, Robert Crain, SK 3/c in England, two step-sisters, Margy and Betty Crain, at home.

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Sgt. Abbott was a member of the U.B. church of Fulton, Ind.

Memorial Ceremony

The memorial services for Sgt. Eldon W. Abbott, who was killed in action in France on June 23, were held at the Fulton United Brethren church Sunday evening, August 6th.

The impressive service was appreciated by those filling the auditorium.

Groups represented were the three churches of Fulton, three soldiers, the Boy Scouts and War Mothers of Fulton county.

Salutes to the Christian and American flags were given. Special music by the choir and congregational singing led by Rev. J. Franklin Arthur of the Fulton Baptist church, with Rev. Kirby of the Fulton Pilgrim Holiness church leading in prayer for our service men.

The message was brought by Rev. Stacy F. Shaw of the U. B. church. Following the message the God Star was placed on the church's service flag after which the lights were dimmed and "Taps" were blown followed by the benediction.

Sgt. Abbott was a member of the United Brethren church and told his pastor that he was ready to meet God whatever happened.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 8, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

A/C Charles Landis has just graduated from a transport pilot training school at Blythesville, Arkansas and arrived at his home in Akron Saturday to spend a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Landis. When A/C Landis returns for further schooling he will report to Malven, Mo.

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1st Lieut. Darwin D. Sayger has returned home from nine months overseas in the European area and is visiting with relatives in Star City.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harley Mathews have received word that their son, Pvt. Norman D. Mathews, is now stationed in France.

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The present mailing address of Stanley E. Samuelson, F 2/c is: Sect. B 8-7, Bks. 306 LP, 88G, U.S.N.T.S., Great Lakes, Illinois.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Hudkins, of route 6, Rochester, have received a letter from their son, Ralph Hudkins, ACMM, that while he was in the New Hebrides islands he met Philip Shafer, AM 1/c, also of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 9, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

James Bowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bowers, who recently enlisted in the Aviation Cadet Reserves, left Tuesday for Fort Benjamin Harrison and from there he will go to Shjeppard Field, Texas.

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Elmer Ziesenhene, H.A. 2/c, of Long Island, N.Y., is spending a 14-day leave here visiting friends and relatives.

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Dale Daulton, S 1/c, has returned to San Francisco, Calif., for assignment after spending a seven-day leave here with his wife.

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Glen Daulton, R.M. 2/c, has returned to his base at Brooklyn, N.Y., after spending a leave here with his mother, Mrs. John Masters.

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Robert E. Davenport, husband of Mary L. Davenport of this city, was among those graduating from an intensive course of basic engineering training at recent service school exercises at Great Lakes, Ill.

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Cpl. Bill Hartman, son of J. H. Hartman of Rochester, returned to this city today on furlough after 12 months of overseas duty. He was formerly stationed in North Africa.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, August 10, 1944]

CPL. HOWARD A. JORDAN IS HELD AT OSAKA, JAPAN

Howard A. Jordan, 24-year-old U. S. Marine Corps corporal, is being held prisoner by the Japanese in Osaka, Japan, according to information received Thursday afternoon by his brother, Frederick Jordan, manager of the local Stewart's bakery.

Cpl. Jordan, a former employe of the Rochester bakery, was captured following the fall of Corregidor.

Frederick Jordan learned that his brother was a prisoner through his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frad A. Jordan, of Wyatt, Ind., who received a letter from Cpl. Jordan yesterday, which was dated July 3, 1943. In it he stated that he was "in good health and working every day." He added that "due to the benevolence of the Imperial Nipponese army we are allowed Sunday off from work and the privilege of holding church services."

His parents last heard from Cpl. Jordan when they received a typewritten card from him. Previously he had been reported missing in May, 1942.

Cpl. Jordan had served his first enlistment in the marines and was returning to the states when the Nips attacked Pearl Harbor. He was sent back to the Philippines where he served under fire at Bataan and Corregidor.

Cpl. Jordan has two brothers, Pfc. Paul D. Jordan and Seaman 2/c Edward C. Jordan, in the service.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, August 11, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coplen have received word that their son, Cpl. Joseph Karns, has been transferred from Oahu Island, Hawaii, to New Guinea. The message also stated that he had been awarded the infantryman's medal.

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Clarence Alexander, S 1/c, of Ft. Pierce, Fla., spent the last seven days here with his wife.

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Cpl. James E. Fenstermaker, husband of Katherine Fenstermaker, 613 1/2 Main street, recently completed an orientation course designed to bridge the gap between training in the States and combat soldiering against the enemy in France. Cpl. Fenstermaker underwent the special training somewhere in England.

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Jack Killion, 1119 Jefferson street, is now receiving pre-flight instruction at the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, Texas.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, August 11, 1944]

LT. PALMER DESCRIBES HIS TOUGHEST BOMBING MISSION OVER ITALY

In an informal interview at a B-25 base in Italy, First Lieut. Norman L. Palmer, 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Palmer, route 1, Rochester, vividly described one of his most harrowing missions over Nazi-held installations in Italy.

The newly promoted first lieutenant explained that the mission was destruction of an important railroad bridge. According to Lieut. Palmer, "the bridge lay in a valley which we called 'Flak Alley' because of its heavy anti-aircraft fire. Our left engine was shot out over the target

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forcing us to drop out of the formation--not a comfortable feeling at all. I'll always thank the Lord for the two Spitfires that brought us safely home."

For his participation in the Italian campaign Lieut. Palmer was awarded the battle star. He is a veteran of 55 missions and has completed an enviable record with his precision bombing of enemy targets.

Lieut. Palmer enlisted in the army Jan. 27, 1942, at South Bend, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, August 12, 1944]

PVT. KENNETH McDONEL, 19, WOUNDED IN FRANCE

Pvt. Kenneth McDonel, formerly of this city, has been wounded in action in France, the War department revealed in a telegram to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. McDonel, Plymouth.

The 19-year-old member of the Army Air Forces was reported wounded in action July 21 but the extent of his injuries are unknown.

For several years the family resided in Rochester where Mr. and Mrs. McDonel operated a sandwich shop and Kenneth was employed at the Shultz Body shop.

He entered the army from Rochester, June 10, 1943, and arrived overseas Feb. 20, 1944.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, August 12, 1944]

FOURTEEN FROM COUNTY LEAVE FOR PHYSICAL EXAMS

Fourteen men from Rochester and Fulton county left for Indianapolis this morning where they will receive their pre-induction examinations for the armed forces.

The group, headed by Elmer Ray Woodcox, will return tonight following the examination.

Those leaving today were:

Lloyd Herrell, Jr.

Elmer Ray Woodcox

Russell Rhodes

George Harper

Emerson Whybrew

Morse Utter

Robert Kale

Donald LeRoy Smith

Billy Joe Lambert

Leo Kubicki

George W. Duff

James C. Barnes

Manuel Gonzales

Wallace L. Klinker

Gonzales was transferred to the local board from Sinton, Texas, and Klinker from Warsaw. Also scheduled to leave with this group was John Junior Flora who transferred to Plymouth for induction.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 14, 1944]

DELONG MAN BECOMES "HALF HUNDRED" CLUB MEMBER AFTER 51 RAIDS

By virtue of his 51st combat mission on July 21st, S/Sgt. George B. Baker, DeLong, became a member of the 15th AAF Squadron's "Half Hundred" club, an organization composed of fliers who have flown 50 or more missions against the enemy.

S/Sgt. Baker, aerial gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress, became a member of the club after a flight over oil refineries in Brux, Czechoslovakia. Stationed in Italy, he has participated in raids over France, Germany and the Balkans since his arrival overseas seven months ago.

S/Sgt Baker wears the Aid Medal with four oak leaf clusters.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 14, 1944]

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H. E. Haldeman, Marine Corps, was recently promoted to the rank of staff sergeant, according to word received from the Pacific war zone.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Hudkins have received a letter from their son, A/C Ralph Hudkins, stating that he met Clarence Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carr, recently in the New Hebrides where the pals are stationed.

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The present mailing address of Pfc. John R. Flynn is: ASN 35138063, Co. F, Bks. F 1609, M.D.E.T.S., G.B.H., Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

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Relatives here have been notified that Pfc. Howard W. Hoge is now somewhere in France.

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The new address of John Hiatt is: John N. Hiatt, Ph. M 3/c, Naval Training Station, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 15, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

The mailing address of Pfc. Paul O. Barts, is ASN, 35900026, Co. K. Transportation Branch, A.S.F.T.C., Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming.

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Pfc. Richard W. DuMont of Sioux City, Ia., spent Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl DuMont and family.

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Donald D. Kilmer, 20, husband of Tess Kilmer, 419 Pontiac street, Rochester, is a recent enrollee at the Naval Training School at the University of Illinois campus, Urbana, Ill.

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Raymond Goss, Jr., 23-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Goss, Sr., city, is now enrolled as an aviation cadet in the pre-flight school at Maxwell Field, Ala., an installation of the Army Air Forces training command.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 16, 1944]

NINE FROM FULTON COUNTY PASS PRE-INDUCTION EXAM

Selective service officials announced today that nine of the group of 14 from this county who received their pre-induction examinations at Indianapolis Monday were accepted for military duty. The group was under the leadership of Elmer Ray Woodcox. Those accepted are now waiting call to active duty.

Accepted Monday were:

Loyd Delbert Herrell, Jr.

Elmer Ray Woodcox

George Lloyd Harper, Jr.

Morse Monroe Utter

Robert Harold Kale

Donald LeRoy Smith

Billy Joe Lambert

Manuel Gonzales

Wallace Clinker

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 16, 1944]

LOCAL PARATROOPER WAS IN GRIM FIGHT FOR ST. MERE EGLISE

Reports from Normandy today tell a story of gallantry for members of the 82nd Airborne Division who staved off two German divisions during the initial stages of the invasion of France.

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Included in the paratroopers who dropped lazily from the skies during the dawn of D-Day was Pvt. Walter R. White, resident of this city. Pvt. White and his partners began their job of preventing German forces from reaching the beachheads.

For the first 24 hours Pvt. White and members of the company were under constant fire from enemy ground forces. Their objective was St. Mere Eglise and to achieve it meant prevention of two Nazi divisions from reaching the coast.

Heaviest fighting of the Normandy campaign marked the regiment's advance into St. Mere Eglise and eventual establishment of an Allied pocket of resistance which stretched from St. Mere Eglise on the east to St. Sauveur le Vicomte on the west, and from Le Ham on the north almost to Le Hays de Puits on the south.

Finally after a battle along the Merderet river the group captured Chef du Pont and insured the safety of the initial landing forces on the Cherbourg peninsula.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 16, 1944]

CPL. HARRY DAWSON AGAIN WOUNDED IN PACIFIC AREA

Marine Corps Corporal Harry W. Dawson, former Rochester resident, has been wounded in action for the second time according to a message received from the War department by his mother, Mrs. Jeannette Dawson, of South Bend.

Cpl. Dawson, in a letter to his mother, disclosed that he was injurd when a land mine exploded nearby while he was participating in the fighting on Guam Island, shortly before the Yanks retook the island. He stated, however, that he was recovering and for her "not to worry." Cpl. Dawson also told his mother that he would be able to fight the Japs again and he wouldn't be home until "they reached Tokyo."

Cpl. Dawson wears the Purple Heart for wounds incurred when hit by a Jap sniper's bullets during the fighting on Guadalcanal. He was returned to the U. S. a few months ago before being returned to the Pacific theater of war.

He as one brother, Cpl. Oran Dawson, U. S. Army, now stationed in the South Pacific area.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 21, 1944]

AKRON MAN SENDS AWARD TO PARENTS

T/5 Ray J. Linebrink, Akron, who was wounded in action in France July 3, is now recovering satisfactorily in a base hospital, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Linebrink, learned today.

The Purple Heart awarded to T/5 Linebrink after he was injured by a piece of shrapnel, has been sent to his parents. He entered the service in March, 1942, and has been overseas 17 months.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 21, 1944]

S.SGT. OMER SPOHN IN ACTION ON D-DAY NEAR STE. MERE EGLISE

S. Sgt. Omer Spohn, Rochester, was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division in its D-Day action against Ste. Mere Eglise and other Nazi strongpoints on the Normandy front, according to a dispatch from the Normandy public relations department.

Many other Rochester and Fulton county men have been recognized for their participation with the 82nd Division during the first few days of the French fighting. The functions of that division eventually paved the way for other Yank troops to sweep up the Cherbourg peninsula and capture that coastal hub.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 21, 1944]

FREDRICK BEMENDERFER AWARDED AIR MEDAL

An Eighth AAF Bomber Station, England, Aug. 11. (Delayed) - Staff Sergeant Fredrick E. Bemenderfer, the 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Estel Bemenderfer, 1407 South Main street,

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Rochester, Ind., has recently been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial combat.

S. Sgt. Bemenderfer, radio operator on a B17 Flying Fortress heavy bomber, has completed 18 bombing missions over Germany and the enemy occupied countries of Europe.

Prior to his entrance into the AAF on March 13, 1942, S. Sgt Bemenderfer was a student at the local high school. He has been serving overseas since May 28, 1944.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 21, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

S-Sgt. Albert W. Jennens, city, is now being processed through the Army Air Forces Redistribution State No. 2 in Miami Beach, where his next assignment will be determined.

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Word has been received that Pfc. Claude Masteller has arrived safely in New Guinea. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Masteller.

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Pvt. Benjamin H. Thomas has returned to the hospital at Ft. Benjamin Harrison after visiting his mother, Mrs. Laura Thomas, Rochester.

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Wayne Miller, son of Mrs. Edna Miller, Fulton, is now receiving his indoctrination at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

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First Lieutenant Robert A. Morris, of Rochester, was a recent graduate at the Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

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Sgt. Technician Sidney Patrick has been promoted to that grade from the rank of corporal technician at the Infantry Replacement Training center at Camp Hood, Texas.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 21, 1944]

FOURTEEN FROM COUNTY BEGIN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Fourteen Rochester and Fulton county men, who passed their pre-induction examinations recently, left this morning for Indianapolis where they will be inducted into the armed forces.

Leader of the contingent was George Maby.

Those leaving were:

George Maby

Charles Nolan, Jr.

Richard Owen Drudge

Donald Phillip Mutchler

Gordon M. Beattie

Forest Dean Zartman

Jack C. Severns

Lloyd Jr. Wysong

Manford Lee Norris

Carl Thomas Westwood

Garrett Eugene Pownell

Donald Lee Blacketer

George Henry Bright

Robert William Hunter

The group will be assigned to the various branches of the armed forces by military officials.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 22, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

The address of Jesse Arthur Brown is S 2/c, Bks. 73, NATTC, Norman, Okla.

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S. Sgt. Jean W. Walburn, 24, of this city, has returned from overseas service and is now being processed through the Army Air Forces Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Fla.

As a B-25 gunner, Sgt. Walbrn flew 13 missions during 15 months in the Far Eastern theater. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harley D. Walburn, are residents of this city. Sgt. Walburn is a graduate of Talma High school and attended Anderson college.

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“Bill” Lewis W. McCall, whose family resides on route 3, Rochester, is preparing for duty with the amphibious forces aboard an LST--landing ship tank--one of the biggest ships in the navy’s invasion fleet.

McCall has been assigned to the crew of an LST at the Amphibious Training Base at Camp Bradford, Va., where he is undergoing the necessary training.

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Elson John Zumbaugh, 37, husband of Mrs. Dora Pearl Zumbaugh, route 1, Rochester, recently graduated from a basic engineering course at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 22, 1944]

LOCAL WOMAN FOLLOWS HER FIVE BROTHERS INTO THE SERVICE

With the induction of Mrs. Catherine Ziesenhene DeMarco, city, into the WAVES, the entire Ziesenhene family of six children has gone to war.

Mrs. DeMarco, waitress at the Berghoff Cafe, followed her five brothers into the military service Saturday by enlisting in the WAVES at Chicago. Two of her brothers in the service, Ph. M. Simer Ziesenhene, of New York Qty, and Petty Officer William Ziesenhene, of the Coast Guard, were present at the recent induction ceremonies in the Board of Trade building in Chicago.

Other members of the Ziesenhene family in the service are: Sgt. George, European war theatre; Sgt. Richard, Pacific war zone, and Yeoman Marvin Ziesenhene, of Macy.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 22, 1944]

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The present mailing address of Harley L. Denton is: A/S, Co. 1690, USNTC, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Mrs. Lois Doud has received word from her husband, Cpl. Gerald Doud, that he is now stationed in France.

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Willis E. Nickel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nickel, has been sent to Great Lakes, Ill., for his initial indoctrination. His address is: Co. 1690, USNTC, Great Lakes, Ill.

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An Air Service Command Station, “Somewhere in England,” Aug. 23 - Overseas since last October, Pfc. Vernard L. Hartle of Leiters Ford, Ind., has been driving every type of automotive equipment assigned to his squadron. He is with the Ferry and Transport Service of the Air Service Command, stationed “somewhere in England.” Hartle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hartle of Leiters Ford. A graduate of Leiters Ford High school in 1930, Hartle entered the service in October, 1942.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 23, 1944]

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Mrs. John Crabbs has received word that her husband, Cpl. John M. Crabbs, is stationed somewhere in France. His brother, Pvt. Leo Crabbs, is also stationed there.

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The mailing address of Jerry Eastbrg is: Gerald Louis Eastburg, S 2/c, USNR, U.S. Naval Hospital Corps School, U. S. Naval Hospital Co., 7-1, San Diego 34, Calif.

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The promotion of Orville A. Cook to staff sergeant was announced recently "somewhere in England" by the commanding general of the AAF 8th Fighter Command.

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Lieut. (j.g.) Cecil A. Polk, Yorktown, Va., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Polk, West 9th street.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 24, 1944]

PVT. MYRON BERKHEISER IS REPORTED WOUNDED

Pvt. Myron Berkheiser, of this city, was wounded in action in France August 12th, it was revealed in a letter received from him this morning by his wife, Mrs. Helen Berkheiser. No official word has been received from the War Department.

The message dated August 17th also stated that he had been returned from France to England by airplane and he is now confined to a base hospital in that country.

Pvt. Berkheiser, an infantryman, was inducted last November and sent overseas following his 17 weeks basic training course. Prior to his entrance into the armed forces he operated the IGA food store, of which he is the owner.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 25, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

T/Sgt. James T. Bowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bowell of this city, is now in training as flight mechanic on a B-29 bomber at Denver, Colo. His mailing address is: T/Sgt. James T. Bowell, Blue Bow Courts, 7343 W. Colfax Ave., Denver 15, Colo.

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The new mailing address of Pvt. James R. Bowers is: 15345542, Section P., 3706 A.A.F. Base Unit (BTC), Sheppard Field, Texas.

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Captain C. Ernest Overmyer, S/Sgt. Jacob A. Miller, Jr., and Pfc. James L. Miller have all returned to their respective bases after spending furloughs here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller.

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Pvt. James E. Carruthers, of Southern Plains Army Air Field, Lubbock, Texas, is spending a 15-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Carruthers.

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William J. Rusler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rusler, has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious service in the Burma war theater, it was learned today. He also wears the presidential citation. In his last letter to his parents it was revealed that he is now ill with a form of tropical fever.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 25, 1944]

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The address of T.Sgt James T. Bowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bowell, is 3706 Base Unit, Section T, Lowry Field No. 1, Denver, Colo.

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Louis W. Stretch, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Stretch of this city, has been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant. He is stationed at Camp Wolters, Texas and is on duty in the classification office of the IRTC.

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Cpl. Loran J. Weaver has returned to Camp Butner, N.C., after spending a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvan Weaver, of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 26, 1944]

DONALD COOK HURT IN HAWAII AUGUST 18

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Donald E. Cook, M.M. 2/c, husband of the former Marjorie Brubaker, is recovering in a hospital in Hawaii from injuries received in an accident three Aug. 18.

Details of the accident are lacking although it is known that M.M. Cook was severely injured.

Cook, who is taking specialized training in Hawaii, is the son of the late Elby Cook of Akron. His wife and 6-month-old son reside with Mrs. Cook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brubaker.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 26, 1944]

FORMER LOCAL WOMAN'S HUSBAND DIES OF WOUNDS

Mrs. Ray Richie of South Bend, a former resident of Rochester, has been informed through a War department telegram that her husband died of wounds incurred in France July 29.

News of his death was received by Mrs. Richie this morning shortly after the first message had reported him seriously injured.

Mrs. Richie was formerly Miss Cleo Smith of this city. Other relatives of Mrs. Richie residing in Rochester are a sister-in-law, Mrs. Jack Kofron, and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Della Smith.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 26, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Oliver Champ, Pvt 2/c, who has been stationed at the Bunker Hill Naval Base for some time, has been transferred to a base at Miami, Fla.

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Air Service Command Depot, Somewhere in Ireland, Aug. 28. - Marvin E. Rose, technical sergeant, has been promoted to warrant officer (j.g.) by Maj. Gen. Hugh J. Knerr of the Air Service Command, U. S. Strategic Air Force, in Europe. Marvin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel T. Rose, who reside north of Rochester.

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Mrs. Alma Vickery has received word that her son, Cpl. Austin Vickery, has arrived safely at an overseas port.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Russler have received word that their son, Lieut. William J. Russler, has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious service in the Burma war theater.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Riley have received word that their son, S. Sgt. Ted Riley, has arrived overseas.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 28, 1944]

LT. "JACK" MIKESSELL IS KILLED IN FRANCE

Word has been received here that Lt. John O. "Jack" Mikesell, 24, was killed in action in France Aug. 6. Mikesell, in the infantry, was the son of Omer Mikesell of Chicago, Ill., and the grandson of Mrs. John Mikesell of Talma.

Lt. Mikesell was well known here as he had visited here on numerous occasions and attended school here for a short time. He entered the service two years ago and was sent overseas last May.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 28, 1944]

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First Lieut. William G. Ehart has arrived safely overseas and is temporarily stationed in northern Ireland.

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Mrs. Jenny Bridegroom has received word that her son has arrived safely in New Guinea.

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First Lieut. Norman L. Palmer, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Palmer of this city, is a member of the 310th B-25 Bombardment Group which has set the all-time record of 500 combat missions over German-occupied territory. During 18 months of active combat, Lieut Palmer's group has flown 9,000 sorties, logged 29,000 hours, dropped 11,500 tons of high explosive bombs, sunk or damaged 205 German ships and damaged or destroyed 481 German aircraft.

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Pvt. Emerson Enyart has been transferred to Camp Reynolds, Tenn.

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Pvt. James O. Wilson has been transferred from March Field, Calif., to Palmdale, Calif. His address is: Pvt. James O. Wilson, 35371544, 445th Fighter Sqd. (s.c.), PAAF, Palmdale, Calif.

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Pvt. Robert Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Hunter of 1417 Elm street, Pvt. Donald L. Bracketor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil R. Bracketor of route 6, Rochester, and Pvt. Manford L. Norris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor L. Norris of route 3, Rochester, have all been transferred from Fort Benjamin Harrison to the infantry replacement training center at Camp Croft, S.C.

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Pvt. George E. Maby, husband of Mrs. Lavine E. Maby of 517 East 12th street, and Pvt. Lloyd Wysong, son of Mrs. Faye S. Wysong of route 3, Rochester, have been transferred from Fort Benjamin Harrison to Fort Leonard E. Wood, Mo., for engineering training.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 29, 1944]

LOCAL BOY ON ADAK ISLAND

Mrs. Bertha GRUBE of this city, who has not heard from her son, Rex, a marine, for many months, heard from him indirectly over the week end. A Logansport marine, friend of her son, arrived home from the Aleutians and visited with her. He stated that her Rex was stationed on Adak Island in the Aleutian group. This island was until recently a secret military base. The Logansport youth said that Mrs. Grube will soon be hearing from her son. He also said that the island is barren and was one of the bases recently visited by President Roosevelt.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 29, 1944]

LOCAL SOLDIER ACTIVE IN AIR FORCE COMMAND

A Ninth Air Force Service Command Unit, European Theatre of Operations. - When a recently captured German soldier in France said, "If we had that much stuff we wouldn't be prisoners," he told the story of allied supply that has rocked the Boche out of a hunk of Europe. It was further stated that recent captives have been amazed at the huge store of supplies the Americans have piled up in Normandy and Brittany, one report saying there was a vehicle for every five men on the continent.

The story of supply is one that is only beginning to be felt keenly by the retreating enemy in Europe. Writing a part of the chapter in the story are units of the Quartermaster Service like the one in which T. Sgt. James A. Williams belongs. His unit of the 9th Air Force Service Command is attached for service to a tactical group of the 9th Air Force which sends two-engined bombers against special targets within occupied territory. Food, clothing, shelter, fuel, and automotive transportation come under the unit's array of service.

His service company is commanded by Lieut. Robert L. Ward, Iaeger, W. Va., and is a part of the group system of service and maintenance under the 9th Air Force Service Command. Sgt. Williams is the son of Mrs. Ray Williams, Rochester, Ind. He entered service from Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., in March, 1942, and after graduating from Rochester High school was employed as a stock clerk for the Elin Manufacturing Corp, Rochester, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 29, 1944]

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Pfc. Robert Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brown, has arrived home after serving in the South Pacific area with the marine corps. Prc. Brown has been in Washington, D.C, for the past few weeks.

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Pvt. Emerson Enyart is stationed on an island off the coast of South America instead of in the states as was prviously stated.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 30, 1944]

WELDON CARR RELATES EXPERIERNCES IN FRANCE

Pvt. Weldon Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Carr, who rside east of this city, is recuperating in an English hospital from wounds sustained in France on July 28.

In a letter to his parents, Pvt. Carr stated that he had been wounded and captured by the Germans on the same day. He was taken to a German hospital in France for treatment but a few days later the city in which the hospital was located was captured by the Allies. Pvt. Carr was flown to a hospital in England.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 30, 1944]

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The address of Pvt. Wilbur Gene Reese is: Btry A., 281 Field Arty. Bn., Camp Maxey, Texas.

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Willis E. Nickell of route 4, Rochester, and Marvin W. Miller of route 6, Rochester, are receiving their naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. Their recruit training consists of instruction in seamanship, military drill and general naval procedure. When their recruit training is completrd these men will receive a period of leave.

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Ensign Joe Wildermuth left Mondahy evening for tactical radar training at Hollywood, Fla. Ensign Wildermuth has just spent a 21-day leavewith his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Wildermuth, at Akron, after completing his midshipman training at Columbia university.

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Mrs. Robert Cauffman of this city has received word that her brother, Pfc. Jesse Fingerle, has arrived in France.

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Pvt. Benjamin Thomas has been released from his ward and is now on guard duty at Billings General hospital at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

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The new address of T/5 Alonzo W. McIntire is: 15106669, 216th Ord. Heavy Maint. Co., (F.A.), Camp Campbell, Ky.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, August 31, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Cpl. Clarence Lloyd Shriver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shriver, has been transferred from Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla., to Fort Lewis, Wash. His address is: Cpl. C. L. Shriver, 35176303, Co. C, 149 Med. Bn., ASFTC, Fort Lewis, Wash.

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Harley Richard Denton of route 1, Kewanna, is receiving his "boot" training at the U. S. Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Ill.

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Pvt. James N. Mosher, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mosher of 210 Jefferson street, this city, has been promoted to the rank of technician fifth grade. He is stationed at Welch Convalescent hospital, the Army's new reconditioning center in Daytona Beach, Fla. Before entering the Army in September, 1943, Cpl. Mosher was employed as a physical education

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instructor in one of the South Bend schools. His wife, Mrs. Marjorie E. Mosher, resides in South Bend.

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The new address of Elwyn E. Becker, ARMS 1/c, is: Sqd. C-13, USNAS, Deland Fla.
[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 1, 1944]

S. SGT. ORVILLE COOK'S UNIT IS COMMENDED

An 8th AAF Fighter Command Station, England. - S. Sgt. Orville A. Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cook, route 6, Rochester, Ind., is a member of a unit which has received a commendation from Brig. Gen. Jesse C. Auton, wing commander, for its contribution in aiding an 8th Air Force fighter group to become operational in 11 days after arrival on this station.

The group set a new 8th Fighter Command record when it was able to engage in combat in less time than it had taken any other fighter group to prepare for operational flying.

S. Sgt. Cook, prior to his entrance into the Army Air Corps in June, 1942, was employed by the Wallace Radio Manufacturing Co., Peru, Ind. He is at present a radio operator in the fighter group on this station. His wife, Mrs. Virginia Ruth Cook, lives in Kewanna, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 1, 1944]

HOWARD HOGE KILLED

Mrs. Elizabeth Hoge of route 3, Rochester, received word Friday from the War Department of the death of her son, Pfc. Howard W. Hoge, 21, who was killed in action in France on August 12.

Pfc. Hoge was born January 24, 1923, in Argos, the son of Lewis and Elizabeth Hoge. He attended the Rochester high school, where he was a basketball star. Several years prior to his induction in the army was spent in the West due to his health. He entered the army April 1, 1943 and went overseas around the 1st of July, this year.

Surviving is the mother, Mrs. Hoge; a sister, Martha [HOGE], and a brother, Harold [HOGE], all at home. Another brother is Csp. Paul Hoge of Warrensburg, Mo., and a sister, Mrs. E. A. Zumpfe, of Indianapolis. The father preceded him in death.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, September 2, 1944]

FRITZ CESSNA IS NOW A PRISONER OF WAR

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Cessna of Kewanna received a card Monday from their son, S/Sgt. Fritz Cessna which stated that he is now a "prisoner of war."

S/Sgt. Cessna, a tail-gunner on a B-26 bomber was first reported missing in action somewhere in France by the War Department on May 28. He is the wearer of the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Good Conduct medal, and a number of Oak Leaf clusters and has completed 75 missions over continental Europe with his crew.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, September 2, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Having reported at Keesler Field's unit of the Army Air Forces Training Command, Pvt. Franklin E. Carithers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Carithers of route 2, Rochester, is now awaiting reassignment to new military duties.

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Mr. and Mrs. Voris Lowe of this city have received word that their son-in-law, Joe Ryal of Chicago, has arrived safely in France.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, September 2, 1944]

FORMER CITY EDITOR NOW AERIAL GUNNER

Robert (Beezer) Bennett, former city editor of The News-Sentinel, who has been stationed at the Laredo Army Air Field, Texas, for the past several months, has graduated as a private first class and aerial gunner and has been granted a 15-day furlough.

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“Beezer,” in his letter to home folks here, stated he would spend most of his furlough with his prople, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bennett, a Taxares, Fla. From there he goes to Fresno, Calif., to await his assignment to combat duties.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 5, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pfc. Howard Sherbondy has arrived on the west coast after spending two and a half years in the Southwest Pacific war zone, according to word received today by his mother, Mrs. Ada Sherbondy, of this city. Howard is due to arrive here Thursday for a visit with his mother and other relatives.

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Friends and relatives here have received word that Lt. Col. W. E. Hoffenbacker has been transferred to France from England.

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Lieut. (j.g.) Cecil A. Polk left Wednesday for San Francisco, Calif., after spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Polk.

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Robert Krathwohl, Y 3/c, of Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif., arrived here Monday for a visit with his wife and children.

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Pvt. Charles Nolen, Jr., husband of Mrs. Eva B. Nolen, 1317 Monroe street, this city, has been transferred from Fort Benjamin Harrison to Camp Hood, Texas.

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Pvt. Jack C. Severns, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey D. Severns of route 1, city, has been transferred from Fort Benjamin Harrison to Fort Knox, Ky.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 5, 1944]

MACY SERGEANT AWARDED AERIAL SERVICE MEDAL

According to word received here today Sgt. Ernest W. Wagoner of Macy has been awarded the Air Medal for “meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight.” He is a member of a B-17 Flying Fortress unit of the 15th Air Force, commended by Maj. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, in Italy.

He has also been awarded the European-African Middle East ribbon.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 7, 1944]

“ABLE TO WALK SOON” SAYS PVT. BERKHEISER

Mrs. Myron Berkheiser received a letter this morning from her husband, Pvt. Berkheiser, stating that he ws getting along as well as could be expected and that he thought he would be able to walk soon. In a letter received earlier this week he told his wife that he had been awarded the Purple Heart and was sending it home.

Pvt. Berkheiser was wounded in France Aug. 12, and his wife has not learned the exact nature of the injuries as yet. He is now in a hospital in England.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 7, 1944]

MISSING IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. Val Zimmerman have received word that her nephew, 2nd Lieut. Bernard Young of Chippewa Falls, Wis., has been missing in action since Aug. 17. Lieut. Young was a bombardier with the 15th Air Force now in Italy. He is the son of Mrs. Joseph B. Young of Chippewa Falls.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 7, 1944]

INJURES IN FRANCE

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Mrs. Mel Wertzberger received word this morning from Mrs. Sylvia Ellis of Buchanan, Mich., that her son, Jim Ellis, has been seriously wounded in France. The boy is well known here.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 7, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. Carl T. Westwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Westwood of route 1, Rochester, has been transferred from Fort Benjamin Harrison to Camp Hood, Texas.

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The partial address of Pfc. Gerald Wayne Reese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reese, is 35371839, APO 565, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Good have received word from their son, Pfc. Charles J. Good, that he has left England and is somewhere in France. His partial address is: Pfc. Charles J. Good, 35142366, APO 403, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Lieut. Comdr. S. C. Bartlett, Jr., of Boston, Mass., is spending a 30-day leave with his family after serving a year and a half in the South Pacific area. Mrs. Bartlett was the former Grace Fields of Rochester.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rans have received word from their son Dean that he is in a hospital in England. This letter, the first in three months, states that he was wounded while in France. His partial address is: Pvt. Dean J. Rans, 35145826, APO, 155, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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S/Sgt. George B. Baker is at Camp Atterbury after returning from seven and a half months spent on duty in the Mediterranean theatre of war. He is expected at his home in Delong soon to spend a few days with his wife, Mrs. Alice Baker.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 7, 1944]

JOE McCONNELL ON LEAVE FROM EUROPEAN THEATER

Joe McConnell, E.M. 3/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McConnell of Kewanna, is enjoying a 30-day leave with his wife and two children in the home of his parents. Joe has served overseas for nearly 30 months, part of which time was spent at Casablanca, Palermo, Sicily. He flew from Palermo to LaGuardia Field, New York City, in approximately 50 hours.

Joe, for several years, was employed at the Rochester Telephone Co., and he has numerous friends in this city. His wife was formerly Miss [Josephine "Jo"] Rowe.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 8, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

T/5 Kenneth L. Corbin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Corbin of Leiters Ford, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious achievement in performance of outstanding service against the enemy in Normandy. Kenneth has been in Normandy since June 10.

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The new address of Pvt. Richard O. Drudge is: 35907177, Co. C, 31st Bn., 9th Regt., Camp Crost, S.C.

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Robert F. Burns, A.S., of the navy V12 training unit at Ohio Wesleyan university, Delaware, Ohio, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Burns.

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Pfc. William D. Musselman, son of Frank Musselman of route 1, Akron, and husband of Mrs. Marguerite Musselman of this city, has served ten months with the Combat Support Wing, crack trucking organization of the Air Service Command in the European theater of operations. Pfc. Mudsselman is a member of an outfit that has been commended for its efficiency and team spirit in driving through storms and British fog to deliver the goods to advance combat stations.

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Word has been received by relatives that Pvt. Vernon E. Stayton, former Richland township farmer, has arrived safely in England.

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Mrs. Lucille Newell received word this morning that her son, Pfc. Dick Newell, is now back in the States after spending several months in England. At present he is located in Virginia. Several other boys from Rochester are also in Dick's company. It is not known if these boys are also back in the States.

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Charles O. (Bing) Eastlund, aerographer's mate first class, locally-known sailor, arrived here Saturday to spend a 30-day leave. He is the son of Allen H. Eastlund of Twelve Mile, formerly of near Rochester. He was stationed on New Caledonia Island in the South Pacific for 22 months and also at Pearl Harbor for four months before returning to the states.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 8, 1944]

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Cpl. Richard McKee, of Camp Atterbury, Ind., arrived home today for a three-day visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McKee and family of Athens.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meiser of Talma received word today that their son Harold has arrived safely in Italy. Harold is in the air corps.

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Pvt. Elmer Lamb of Talma has been transferred from Denver, Colo. to a camp in South Carolina.

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Charles L. Killion graduated from the engineer officers' candidate school at Fort Belvoir, Va., on Sept. 6. He is now a second lieutenant in the corps of engineers in the U. S. Army. He is a son of Mrs. Eva Killion of 1119 Jefferson street, this city.

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Mrs. Louise Thomas received word that her son, Pvt. Benjamin H. Thomas is spending a 21-day furlough in Melbourne, Fla., with his sister, Mrs. Effie Pancake.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Snyder received word that their son, S/Sgt. James Snyder is now somewhere in southern France. Another son, Sgt. Eddie Snyder, is still stationed in Iceland.

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Mrs. Nettie Bright of Akron has received a letter from her son, Pfc. Robert J. Bright, who was seriously wounded in action in France on Aug. 13. In the letter Pfc. Bright told his mother that bones in his left thigh had been crushed by machine gun bullets, but that he is recovering satisfactorily at a hospital in England.

{The News-Sentinel, Saturday, September 9, 1944}

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. Robert C. Drudge left today for Fort Meade, Md., after spending a 10-day furlough here with his wife and family.

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The address of Pvt. Jack Severns, son of Deloise Severns is: 35907308, D.7, ARTC, Fort Knox, Ky.

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Sgt. Arthur Craig of the U.S. Air Corps is now on duty in France. He has previously served in Italy for several months. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Craig of this city.

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James M. Tobey, AAM 1/c, will arrive home Tuesday for a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Tobey, southeast of this city. James has been in South American service for the past two years.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, September 11, 1944]

BILL DOWNS SUFFERS BURNS IN EXPLOSION

Mrs. Maude Downs and Mrs. Maude Schryer have been informed by the Navy department that their grandson, Bill Downs, recently suffered second degree burns about the face and hands in an explosion which occurred at the navy training center near Bainbridge, Md.

Recent reports indicate that his condition is satisfactory. Bill attended Rochester High school and enlisted in the navy shortly after his graduation last June. He was sent to Bainbridge for "boot" training, which was practically completed at the time of the accident. He is expected home as soon as released from the naval hospital.

Bill was formerly sports editor of The News-Sentinel.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, September 11, 1944]

PVT. JAMES ELLIS, 33, IS KILLED IN FRANCE

Mrs. Mel Wertzberger received word Saturday that her nephew, Pvt. James Ellis, 33, of Buchanan, Mich., was killed while serving with the infantry in France on August 21. Mrs. Wertzberger was notified of Pvt. Ellis' death by her sister, Mrs. Emma Beall, who is the boy's grandmother.

Pvt. Ellis was well known here and had spent his boyhood here with his grandmother. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellis of Buchanan, Mich., had been advised several days ago that their son had been seriously wounded.

Survivors include the parents, grandmother, Mrs. Beall, and two brothers, Sgt. Robert Ellis of Las Vegas, N.M. and Pvt. Richard Ellis of Camp Claibourne, La.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, September 11, 1944]

NAVAL OFFICER EXPLAINS DEATH OF THEO. MYERS OF U.S. NAVY

*** Photo of Theodore William Myers ***

Theodore William Myers of the U. S. Navy, who died June 9th, when the ship he was on was torpedoed off the coast of France. Theodore is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Myers of Route 4, Rochester. Herewith is a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Myers from Theodore's commanding officer:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Myers:

It is very difficult for me to find words adequate to express my feelings to you knowing as I do how very deeply you must have been affected by the news of the death of your son, Theodore W. Myers. I can only express my heartfelt sympathy to you for your great loss.

I have just received from Lieut. Wasarhaley the letter you mailed to him on July 3. Mr. Wasarhaley was detached as commanding officer of our ship in April, and your letter just caught up with him. As he was not with us at the time disaster overtook the ship, he asked me if I would write to you instead. I was an officer on the [U.S.S. LST] 376 and had the privilege of serving with your son from formation of the crew at Solomon, Md., on the training cruise to Chesapeake Bay, in fact right up to the day your son met his death.

I shall try, to the best of my ability to acquaint you with all the details such as they are. Our ship participated in the initial landing on the Normandy beach on June 6, last. We returned to England to load again and then retraced our course for France. At about 2:30 a.m. the morning of June 9, the convoy in which we were traveling was attacked by enemy torpedo boats, one of which

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launched a torpedo which struck our ship. The ship acted in such a way that it was necessary to abandon her immediately.

This all occurred when we were approximately 30 miles off the coast of France, near the extreme right of the beachhead, close to the port of Cherbourg. Your son was on the midnight to 4:00 a.m. engine room security watch, a post of great responsibility. The initial zone of the explosion caused him to suffer a blow on the head, knocking him unconscious. He was carried to a small boat which was lowered into the water and then transferred to a British destroyer, which was engaged in rescuing the survivors. On board that ship he received expert medical attention from a British medical officer, as well as from several medical officers of the American Army and Navy. At that time he appeared to be resting comfortably, although he did not regain consciousness. The British destroyer took us to Portsmouth, England, a large channel port, where your son was transferred to a hospital. He passed away that night, June 9th-10th. He did not regain consciousness at any time, and suffered no pain or discomfort of any sort in his unconsciousness. He seemed at great repose and at peace with all that surrounded him. I believe he must have known that out of your great sadness you would be in some small measure proud that all that had befallen him had occurred while he was in the act of carrying out the duties assigned to him. For, as you said in your letter, he took great pride in doing whatever he did well.

I am sorry that I cannot answer your questions as to precisely where your son is buried, as we were quickly sent away from that area. However, I believe that it must be in close proximity to Portsmouth, England. I also do not know the circumstances of the disposition of his personal effects as the ship sank shortly after the torpedoing. I believe whatever personal effects there were were those he was wearing at the time.

You may indeed be proud of the excellence your son achieved in his naval career. Our ship took part in the Tunisian campaign, Africa, the Sicily invasion, and the landing at Salerno in Italy. During this time your son showed great aptitude and efficiency as with thoroughness and coolness in the face of many close contacts with the enemy. In that time he earned the right to wear the American Theater of Operations campaign ribbon. This latter, with four stars for the actions participated in. Shortly prior to the invasion of France he passed all tests and qualifications for the rate of Chief Motor Machinist Mate, and would have gone up to that rate in the next few months.

Your son was also the ship's finest barber and cut the hair of all men and officers. He cut my hair many times and at these times I often heard him speak of home, and his desire to be there. He wanted very much to assist his Dad with the crops and farm work, and said he could only be happy doing that sort of work among all the men and officers of the ship. Ted Myers was known as a cheerful, competent shipmate who wanted as all did only to get the war over with, and bring peace back to the world.

I hope my words have helped to answer some of those questions you wish to know, although I know nothing could lessen the burden of your great loss. I shall deem it a privilege if I may help you in any way further.

Very Respectfully,
Lt. William R. Hochman

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, September 11, 1944]

RECEIVES COMMISSION

Stuttgart, Ark., Sept. 11. - The silver pilot wings of the Army Air Forces and a commission as a second lieutenant were presented Friday to Aviation Cadet Arthur L. Good, of 531 East 9th street, Rochester, at graduation exercises of Class 44-H at Stuttgart Army Air Field.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, September 11, 1944]

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Cpl. Charles A. Willard, who was spending a furlough here with his father, Jim Willard and family, was called back to his station at Utica, N.Y.

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Pvt. Kenneth Campbell, son of Commissioner Fred and Mrs. Campbell, overseas in England and France since June 1, telephoned his parents from Virginia, Wednesday evening, advising them he was O.K. and that he would be home shortly.

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The new address of Pvt. Robert Merkert is: 15345543, Student Reception Post, Laredo Army Air Field, Laredo, Tex.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wagoner have been informed of the new address of their son, Cpl. Frderick J. Wagoner. The address is in part, 35563112, PO 262, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.
[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 12, 1944]

LIEUT. PALMER IS PILOT OVER SOUTHERN FRANCE

At a 12th AAF B-25 Base - First Lieutenant Norman L. Palmer, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Palmer, Rochester, Ind., is a combat pilot with a 12th Air Force B-25 Mitchell medium bomber group which participated in the D-Day all-out air support of the invasion of southern France.

Lieut. Palmer's medium bombardment group supported the air-sea-land attack from a base in Corsica, and worked in close support with all other 12th Army Air Force bombers, fighters, and troop carrier aircraft.

The B-25 Billy Mitchells had bombed German targets in southern France for 11 days prior to D-Day, knocking out gun positions, destroying communication and transportation facilities, and otherwise softening the German ground forces.

The B-25 bombardment group has figured in every major operation through Tunisia, Sicily and Italy.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 12, 1944]

PFC. VAN DALSEN HOME AFTER OVERSEAS DUTY

Pvt. Richard Van Dalsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Van Dalsen of Macy, arrived home Tuesday. Pfc. Van Dalsen, an infantryman, was inducted into the Army in October 1941 and had been overseas 28 months. He has been in the Fifth army under General Clark and has participated in several major engagements, including North Africa, Sicily and Italy.

He was awarded the Purple Heart after being wounded in Italy. He also has the good conduct medal. On completion of his furlough he will be sent to Florida for reassignment. Another son, Kenneth Van Dalsen, husband of Mrs. Bettie Van Dalsen, who is now stationed in New Guinea, has been promoted to sergeant.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 12, 1944]

PRISONER IN GERMANY

Lieut. Bernard Young, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Val Zimmerman, who was recently reported as missing in action, is now a German prisoner. Lieut. Young, a bombardier and son of Mrs. Joseph Young of Chippewa Falls, Wis., bailed out of the plane, with ten of the crew members, over the Adriatic sea after two motors had been knocked out. The complete crew was picked up and all are prisoners.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 13, 1944]

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Arthur B. Brubaker, 33, Rochester, was recently graduated from the naval training school at St. Louis, Mo., naval armory, and received recognition as eligible to qualify for the petty officer rate of electrician's mate third class.

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Donald Lee Blacketor has arrived in Camp Croft, S.C., for basic training. He is the son of Mrs. Ross Blacketor, route 6, Rochester. He was inducted into the army last month and before induction had been employed at farming.

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Garrett Eugene Pownall has arrived in Camp Croft, S.C., for basic training. He is the son of Mrs. Frank Black, route 6, Rochester.

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Pvt. Robert W. Hunter, son of Mrs. Lily Hunter of 1417 Elm street, Rochester, is in Co. B, 31st Bn., at Camp Croft, S.C. Before induction Pvt. Hunter was employed at Stewart's Bakery here.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 13, 1944]

TEN MORE YOUTHS TAKE PRE-INDUCTION EXAMS

The local selective service board sent ten youths to Indianapolis this morning for their pre-induction physicals. Those leaving today were:

Louis E. Kelley
Richard L. Clary
Robert F. Townsend
Lester A. Eber
Billie L. Hill
Richard F. Polley
Walter L. Easterday
Raymond D. Engle
Earl M. Alderfer
James M. Richardson

Also scheduled to go was Thomas J. Bigler, who had transferred to San Francisco, Calif. The first five boys mentioned above were volunteers and Eber and Hill requested immediate induction so if accepted they will not return here for their furlough.

Leaders of the group were Lester Eber and Richard Polley.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 13, 1944]

SIX OF TEN ACCEPTED FOR THE ARMED FORCES

Of the ten selectees who went to Indianapolis Wednesday for their physical examinations six have passed and will report for duty at Fort Benjamin Harrison, induction center, after the automatic furlough.

Those accepted were:

Louis Earl Kelley
Richard Franklin Polley
Walter Lee Easterday
Raymond Dean Engle
Earl Milo Alderfer
James Martin Richardson

A report has not been received by the local Selective Service Board on two men who requested immediate induction. They were Lester A. Eber and Billie L. Hill.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 15, 1944.]

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Miami Beach, Fla. - S/Sgt Edward H. Drew, 24, of Rochester, Ind., has returned from service outside the continental United States, now is being processed at Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2 in Miami Beach, where his next assignment will be determined.

This is one of the Redistribution Stations within the AAF personal Distribution Command. At an AAF Redistribiton Station, AAF returnees from theaters of operations are examined by medical and classification officers whose findings are used in recommending new assignments.

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James Sweet has written that he is now in the combat area in France, having gone across within the past month. He states he is permitted to state his address, which is, in part: Pvt. James Sweet, 35168162, APO 26, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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The new address of Pvt. Lewis J. Polk, Jr., is 35901022, 838th Q.M. Bas. Co., Camp Polk, La. The address of Lieut. (j.g.) Cecil A. Polk, USNR, is in care of the Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

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Sgt. Deverl Becker of Fort Lawton, Wash., is here spending a furlough with his parents.

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Pvt. Edward Wheatley has arrived safely in England according to a letter received this week by his mother, Mrs. W. G. Wheatley of the Leiters Ford vicinity. Pfc. Wheatley, in the field artillery, writes that it is impossible to describe adequately the undulating downs with tiny villages nestled in the valleys. He says that the English countryside is beautiful beyond words.

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Pvt. Dick Newell returned to Camp Kilmer, N.J., Wednesday evening after spending a five-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Newell

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Pvt. Pat Campbell of Richland Center, Pvt. Bob Keeseey of near Akron and Cpl. George Weidner, all of the same company, 456 M.P.E.G. Co., spent short furloughs here. They expect overseas duty soon.

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S/Sgt. Richard E. Koch, tail gunner on a large bomber and stationed somewhere in England, has been awarded the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

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Pvt. Frank A. Noftsgar is spending a 15-day furlough with his family. He has just completed his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., engineer training center.

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Mrs. Darlene Carpenter has received word that her husband, Pfc. Leslie E. Carpenter, has arrived safely somewhere in France.

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Mrs. Helen Smith received a letter from her husband stating he was somewhere in the South Pacific area. His address is in part: George Smith, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

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Cpl. Charles Willard has been transferred to England General hospital at Atlantic City, N.J., from Utica, N.Y.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, September 16, 1944.

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. Lewis J. Heckathorn recently spent a seven-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Heckathorn at Fulton. Pfc. Heckathorn is stationed at Camp Pickett, Va.

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Earl J. Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. Bailey, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant at Yale university last Thursday. His course was Army Air Corps maintenance engineering. He is spending ten days enroute to La Junta, Colo., here with his wife and son and his parents and sister.

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T/Sgt. Hovey J. Ball, now in Italy, has sent an air medal to his mother, Mrs. Reatha Ball of Akron.

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Pfc. R. G. Brown of the Marines, left Sunday for Seattle, Washington, after spending a furlough here with his parents.

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Pfc. Richard Miller is enjoying a 14-day furlough from Camp Stewart, Ga., here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Miller.

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Capt. and Mrs. Ed Ley are here visiting relatives for a few days.

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Sgt. James F. Blacketor has transferred from the anti-aircraft artillery to the infantry. Sgt. Blacketor, whose home is Route 6, Rochester, volunteered for infantry duty. He entered service September 15, 1942 and has been awarded the good conduct medal and qualified with the M-1 30 calibre rifle, the carbine and the Thompson sub-machine gun.

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Pvt Benjamin R. Brown has enrolled in the technical school for training radio mechanics students at Truax Field, an installation of the Army Air Forces Training Compound.

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Pvt. Willard E. Hartman, 28, of this city, has returned from service outside the United States and is now being processed through the redistribution station in Miami Beach, Fla. Pvt. Hartman served eight months as a rifleman in the European theatre of operations. Before entering service, Pvt. Hartman was employed at Durand, Mich.

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Now receiving basic flight training as an aviation cadet at the Bainbridge Army Air Field is William H. Crabill of this city. He completed pre-flight training at Maxwell Field, Ala., and his primary training at one of the many fields throughout the southeast. Cadet Crabill, formerly a student of the State Teachers college, Johnson City, Tenn., enlisted in the air forces, Jan. 15, 1943.

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T/5 Thomas Enyart of the 144th Infantry Regiment, Camp Van Dorn, Miss., volunteered and has been accepted for service in the Paratroops. Enyart, who volunteered for the paratroopers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Enyart of Greentown and attended high school at Fulton.

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Lester Eber and Billy Lee Hill, who passed their pre-induction physicals at Indianapolis last Wednesday, requested immediate induction. Eber is now in the navy and Hill in the army.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, September 18, 1944]

M. BERKHEISER WRITES LETTER OF EXPERIENCES

Myron Berkheiser, recently wounded in France, writes a pleasing letter home relating his experiences of his trip back to England by airplane. His first time to fly proved to be a very pleasant trip.

Quoting from his letter:

"I am getting along very good. My wounds, which were several, are practically all healed up and I am up a little each day and walking on crutches. One of these days I will be as good as new and going strong. I thank God that I am as good as I am and I know that He is able to take care of His own. These days have been a great experience and ones I shall never forget."

Pvt. Berkheiser further writes that he wouldn't mind trading places with the fellow who does a few chores a day and the remainder of the time fishes. He still likes to fish and thinks there are not such beautiful lakes as the ones back home near Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 19, 1944]

CITED BY STILWELL

Mrs. Ruth Schoen of this city has received word that her husband, 1st Lieut. Herbert Schoen, has been cited by General Stilwell to receive the bronze star award. Lieut. Schoen has been overseas since last January.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 19, 1944]

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Word has been received by Dorlene Carpenter that her husband, Pfc. Leslie E. Carpenter, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. He is now stationed somewhere in France.

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Ronald Baber, G.M. 2/c, has left for the west coast for reassignment after a 30-day leave with his parents. This was his first leave since Sept. 29, 1941. He was on the battleship New Mexico for a year, then transferred to an ammunition depot in the South Pacific. His wife accompanied him to San Francisco, Calif.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baber have received a letter from their son Dick saying he is somewhere in the South Pacific. His address is Richard D. Baber, SK 1/c, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

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Pvt. John A. Bell has been transferred from Camp Blanding, Fla., to Fort George G. Meade, Md. His address is: 35249559, Co. D., 16 Bn., 4th Regt. A.G.F.K.D., Fort George G. Meade, Md.

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Pvt. Joe Sparks, junior instructor at Billings hospital at Fort Benjamin Harrison, spent the week-end with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Russell Sparks.

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Mrs. Clarence Overmyer has received a telegram stating that her husband, Pvt. Overmyer, has arrived in the States and is temporarily stationed in Virginia. Pvt. Overmyer was in Italy for 14 months.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 20, 1944]

ELEVEN SELECTEES LEFT FOR INDUCTION TODAY

Eleven selectees left here this morning for Fort Benjamin Harrison, where they will be inducted into the armed forces. All had previously passed their pre-induction physicals and taken their automatic furloughs.

Those who left this morning were:

Lloyd Herbert Herrell, Jr.

George Lloyd Harper, Jr.

William Allen Cessna

Robert E. Nicodemus

Raymond Gunter

Morse Monroe Utter

Robert Harold Kale

Robert Warren Sixby

John Raymond Caslow

Donald E. Gerrick

Paul Fred Pfledderer

Also scheduled to leave was John Junior Flora, but he had transferred to Plymouth and was inducted on Aug. 22. Caslow transferred here from Winter Park, Fla., Gerrick from South Bend and Pfledderer from Rensselaer. William Cessna was named leader of the group.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 20, 1944]

SGT. DOWNS AWARDED GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Advance Echelon, Fifth Air Force, Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific - Announcement has come recently from the Southwest Pacific Area that Staff Sergeant John N. Downs has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal. He is inspector in the engineering department of a P47 squadron.

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Sergeant Downs is the son of Mrs. Myrtle Carithers, Rochester. Leaving the civilian occupation of farming, he entered the Army Air Force in May 1942.

For more than a year now he has been on active combat service "DownUnder" with a history-making "Thunderbolt" squadron of the Fifth Air Force.

Sergeant Downs is married to the former Helen Rose Testani, who resided at 80-09 Northern Boulevard, Jackson Heights, N.Y.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 20, 1944]

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Alspach of Madison street, this city, have received a letter from their son, Harold, saying that he would be home sometime before Christmas. Harold Alspach RM 2/c, enlisted four years ago today and has been overseas for 30 months.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ross Moore received word from their son, Harold, that he has arrived some place in France. His address is: Pvt. Robert H. Moore, 45097938, APO 15426, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 21, 1944]

GENE TIPPY INJURED WHEN PLANE CRASHES

Flight Officer Gene Tippy, son of Mrs. Mary TIPPY of this city, was injured Wednesday in an airplane crash at Malden, Mo., where he is stationed. Following the accident he was removed to the Kennedy General hospital at Memphis, Tenn.

Details of the crash are not obtainable, but Mrs. Tippy called the hospital and was told that her son suffered a broken arm and a broken leg and that his condition was satisfactory.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 21, 1944]

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Air cadet William L. Tippy has entered advanced aviation school at the Hondo Army Air Base, Hondo, Texas.

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Pvt. Gene Reese, now stationed at Camp Maxey, Texas, arrived here last night to spend a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reese and family.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 22, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Marine Pfc. Wayne T. Beery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto R. Beery, route 4, Rochester, has been graduated from the infantry and Browning automatic rifle school at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. Beery attended Onarga Military school where he lettered in football. He was engaged in farming before enlisting in the marine corps July 29, 1943.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, September 23, 1944]

PFC. EMERSON L. TOWNE "MISSING IN ACTION"

According to word received from the War department, this morning, by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Towne, route 5, Rochester, their son, Pfc. Emerson L. Towne, is reported missing in action in France on Sept. 6.

Pfc. Towne enlisted in the army in July, 1942, and had been home in June last year. Immediately after his furlough he was sent to England and was recently sent to France. He was in an infantry division.

Emerson attended Talma High school and prior to entering the army was engaged in farming.

Two other sons of Mr. and Mrs. Towne, Clyde E., Jr., and James A., are also stationed in France.

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[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, September 23, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Robert L. Zimmerman, now stationed in the Hawaiian Islands, has been promoted to the rank of pharmacist's mate first class, according to word received by relatives.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, September 25, 1944]

ROCHESTER OFFICER IS DECORATED IN ITALY

With the Fifth Army, Italy. - Capt. Oliver M. Hitch of Rochester, Ind., has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in combat while serving with the 85th "Custer" Division on the Fifth Army front in Italy.

Hitch, assistant battalion surgeon, worked long hours and under small arms and artillery fire, in treating numerous casualties.

His wife, Mrs. Lucyanna Hitch, the former Lucyanna Peterson, resides at 119 West Ninth street, Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 26, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Donald Lange is now in a hospital in North Africa. His partial address is: Donald Paul Lange, S 1/c, c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, N. Y.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sherrard have received word that their son, H. Weldon Sherrard, Jr., in the Sea Bees, is on his way home from the South Pacific Islands. He is expected to land within a few days after spending two years on Guadalcanal. E. J. Hutcheson, formerly of this city, who enlisted and left this country the same day as Sherrard, has already arrived in the states and is expected here for a visit. Hutcheson is also in the Sea Bees and has been on several islands in the South Pacific.

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Pfc. Richard W. DeMont of Sioux City, Iowa spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl DeMont and family. Pfc. DeMont is a mechanic at the Army Air Base. His current address is Pfc. Richard W. DeMont, 35092254, AAF Base Unit, Sect D-A-A Base, Sioux City, Iowa.

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The present address of Pvt. Robert Drudge is 35834586, Co. D, 85th Inf., APO 35, Camp Swift, Texas.

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Technician Fourth Grade James O. Fugate of Rochester has been awarded the Army's Good Conduct Medal for exemplary service as an enlisted man in Col. Monro's Jungle Infantry of the Panama Mobile Force. Fugate entered the Army in August 1942 and has been on foreign service in the Panama Canal area since September 1942.

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C. P. Ryan, of this city, has recently received word that his son, Major Fred H. Ryan, has arrived safely at his new base in Jonesville, Australia. Major Ryan was stationed at Rome, New York for some time, where he and other Air Corps workers were employed in supplying the final equipment for U. S. fighting planes. At his new station in Australia, he is supervising the rebuilding of U. S. and Allied bombers and fighters. Mrs. Ryan and two daughters reside at Lafayette, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 26, 1944]

GEO. R. GAULT, FULTON YOUTH KILLED IN ACTION

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Another Fulton county youth has been added to the war casualty list. Early today Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Gault, who reside near Fulton, received a telegram from the War department, dated Tuesday, Sept. 26, which informed them that their son, Staff Sgt. George [Robert] Gault, had been killed in action in France on Sept. 6.

S/Sgt. Gault was born on a farm near Fletcher's Lake, Dec. 28, 1925, and had resided in the vicinity of Fulton throughout his entire life. He entered the services of the U. S. Army on May 15, 1942, and was transferred overseas on June 6, 1944.

Survivors are his parents and two brothers, Sgt. Earl R. Gault, who is stationed at Selina, Kans., and Sgt. E. E. Gault of Camp Campbell, Ky.

George spent a three-day pass with his parents during May of this year a short time prior to his transfer to overseas duty.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 27, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

A copy of the "Duster," a weekly tabloid size newspaper published for the 43rd Naval Construction Battalion, Hawaiian Islands, has been received by Mrs. Orville Zimmerman of this city, from her son, R. L. Zimmerman, who is stationed on the islands.

The "Duster," which contains eight pages, is mimeographed. Robert is one of the editors.

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First Lieut. Fred J. Maynard, who has served with the Army Field Artillery for the past two and one-half years, was recently returned to inactive status as a reserve officer. After a month's terminal leave here with his wife and daughter he will return to the east coast to begin work with a construction company, with which he was formerly connected. Lieut. Maynard is a son-in-law of C. P. Ryan of this city.

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An 8th AAF Bomber Station, England. - Foster D. Alspaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Alspaugh, and husband of Mrs. Nada Jo Alspaugh of Kingsford Heights, Ind., has been promoted from the grade of staff sergeant to technical sergeant, it was announced recently by his commanding officer, Col. James R. Luper. Sgt. Alspaugh is the assistant section chief of his B-17 Flying Fortress group's ordnance section. It is his duty to supervise the men of his section at their work of loading bombs and handling ammunition. Prior to his entry in the Army Air Forces in 1943, Sgt. Alspaugh was employed as a timekeeper at the Kingsbury Ordnance plant.

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With the 5th Army, Italy. - Pfc. Dwight E. Pollock of Rochester, Ind., is now with an armored infantry battalion of the First Armored Division on the 5th Army front in Italy. Before being assigned to combat duty he received a week of intensive combat training at the hands of a picked group of the division's battle-wise officers and non-coms.

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S/Sgt. Arthur (Jack) Hunter has left for Miami, Fla., for a two-week's rest and reassignment after spending a 21-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hunter, 1417 Elm street. Sgt. Hunter had been overseas for the past two and one-half years, leaving this country May 10, 1942. He participated in the invasions of North Africa, Sicily and Italy. He was wounded four different times and twice reported missing. He saw 340 days of actual combat duty. He has received the Purple Heart and Oak Leaf Cluster.

Sgt. Hunter has three other brothers in the service. They are S/Sgt. Charles E. (Bill) Hunter, in France; Pvt. Harry (Tex) Hunter, in the South Pacific, and Pvt. Robert W. Hunter, recently accepted for service, and is now stationed at Camp Croft, S.C.

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Mrs. Myrtle Wentzel has received a letter from her husband, Capt. Donald E. Wentzel, stating that he has been transferred from England to France. Capt. Wentzel is in the Air Corps. He went overseas in September, 1942. Mrs. Wentzel and their little daughter, Sandra Kay, live with her mother, Mrs. W. G. Wheatley, of the Leiters Ford vicinity.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 27, 1944]

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Charles O. Eastlund, aerographer's mate first class, left Sunday for San Francisco, Calif., after spending a 30-day furlough with his parents and relatives.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 28, 1944]

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An 8th AAF Bomber Station, England. - Because of his outstanding record as a Flying Fortress mechanic S/Sgt Marion M. Smith, of Warsaw has been awarded a silver bracelet bearing the inscription "meritorious service." Presentation of the bracelet was made by his Fortress group commander, Col. Harry P. Leber, Jr. of Berkley, Calif., at an official awards and decorations ceremony.

Ovrseas more than 15 months, S/Sgt. Smith served with a bomber group in the veterans 1st Bombardment division.

His mother rsides on route 2, Rochester.

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The new address of Franklin Lantz is: Cpl. F. L. Lantz, 36465485, Btry C, 764th F.A., USA, Fort Sill, Okla. Cpl Lantz is a son of Mrs. Frank Ball. The address of another son, Everett, is: Everett Lantz, H.A. 1/c, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 29, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pfc. Howard Sherbondy left this morning for Miami Beach, Fla., after spending a 22-day furlough here with his mother, Mrs. Ada Sherbondy recently returned from 30 months of duty in the South Pacific.

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Pvt. Maurice M. Utter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Utter of route 2, Rochester, and Pvt. Robert E. Nicodemus, husband of Mrs. Kathleen Alice Nicodemus of Akron, have been transferred from Camp Atterbury to the Infantry replacement training center at Camp Fannin, Texas.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, September 30, 1944]

D. RANS WOUNDED AGAIN

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Rans of Kewanna received word Tuesday that their son, S/Sgt. Raymond Rans, was recently wounded in action in north Italy. Sgt. Rans has only been back on duty since August 2, after having been wounded once before on May 13. He is recovering now in a base hospital in Italy.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, September 30, 1944]

RELATIVES HERE RECEIVE WORD FROM JAP PRISONER

In a round-about way, Mrs. Howard Bunn of this city, has received word from her brother, Francis A. Raymer, who has been a Japanese prisoner for nearly three years. A letter rceived from Raymer, who is imprisoned at Osaka, Japan, through the International Red Cross at Geneva, Switzerland, has been forwarded to Mrs. Bunn.

A copy of the letter follows:

"To: Red Cross Delegation of Japan

"Tokyo, Japan

Dear Sirs:

"I hereby acknowledge receipt of two complete sets of shoe repair equipment and a number of shoes for use by and for the men in this prisoners camp.

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“This equipment has expedited our work in repairing shoes and we are very grateful for it, and the shoes will help all men who receive them, by adding to their health and comfort.

“Yours truly,

“(s) Francis A. Raymer

“Coxswain, U. S. Navy

“In charge of Shoe Repair Shop.”

Raymer, a former employee of The News-Sentinel, is the son of Mrs. Florence Raymer of Knox. Prior to this letter relatives had not heard from him since they received a letter written in June, 1943.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, September 30, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Sgt. D. E. Becker has returned to Fort Lawson, Wash., after spending a 15-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Becker. His sister, Mrs. Fred E. Miller, accompanied him to the state of Washington where she will visit friends at Tacoma, Seattle and Everett.

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Mrs. Ada Sherbondy has received word that her son Richard is now in France with a field artillery unit. His address is, in part: Pfc. Richard Sherbondy, 35092250, APO 44, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Pfc. Richard Miller left last week for Camp Stewart, Ga., after spending a 14-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Miller.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sherrard talked to their son, H. Weldon Sherrard, Jr., last night, soon after he landed on the West Coast from Guadalcanal. He said he was fine, glad to see the U.S.A. again, and would be home within two weeks. Weldon has been gone for two years and is listed by the Army and Navy officers as the youngest crane operators on the island. He is a second class petty officer with the Seabees.

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S/Sgt. Woodie E. McGlothin, son of Fred McGlothin, has returned from service outside the United States and is now at Miami Beach, Fla. Sgt. McGlothin served 38 months as a cook in the Southwest Pacific theater of operations.

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Charles Robbins has learned that his son, Sgt. Howard Robbins, in Italy, and a number of other soldiers were received by Pope Pius XII. As the Pope passed along the aisle of St. Peter's Cathedral he touched Sgt. Robbins on the head with his fingers. The Holy Father also presented each of the American soldiers with rosaries which he had blessed.

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Rochester relatives have just received word that Ensign Floyd L. Tipmore has recently been appointed “skipper” of a landing craft which is operating in an undisclosed war zone. Mrs. F. L. Tipmore was formerly Miss Joan Barr, of this city.

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Mrs. Charles Richardson has recently received word from her husband, Major Richardson, that he entered upon German soil on September 18th, with his division. Major Richardson stated that he traveled through Belgium and the Meuse valley.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 2, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

The address of Gene Tippy, recently injured in a plane crash is: F.O. Gene R. Tippy, Ward 18, Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.

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Pvt. William A. Cessna, son of Otto Franklin Cessna of near Kewanna, as been transferred from Camp Atterbury to the infantry replacement training center at South Camp Hood, Texas.

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Pfc. Merl Brugh's new address is: 60th Anti Aircraft Engineer, Army Air Field, Palm Springs, Calif.

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The new address of Pvt. Morse M. Utter is: 35908918, Co. C, 61st Bn., 13th Regt., Camp Fannin, Texas.

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Mrs. Gladys Sausaman of this city has received word from her son, Pfc. Thomas Sausaman, that he is improving satisfactorily in a hospital in England.

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Following are new addresses of local seamen: Marcus H. Steinbergen, Jr., F 2/c, Co. 1267, O.G.U.P.O. 956-98-96, W.S.N.T.C., Great Lakes, Ill.; Edward G. Steinbergen, SC 2/c, c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, Calif.; Jefferson D. Steinbergern, S 2/c (R), c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 3, 1944]

MAJOR GENERAL WRITES TO WILLIAM A. THOMAS

William A. Thomas of route 2, Rochester, has received a comforting letter from Maj. Gen. M. B. Ridgway concerning the death of his son, T/5 Clarence Thomas, who was killed in action on "D-Day," June 6. Clarence was a member of the famous "All-American" Airborne Division.

On June 27, Mr. Thomas received word from the War department that his son had been killed in action, and was believed to have met death while fighting in the St. Lo sector.

Following is the letter as received by Mr. Thomas:

"Dear Mr. Thomas:

"It is of deep regret that I write of the death of your son, Technician Fifth Grade Clarence Thomas, 35353803, a member of my command who was killed in action 6 June 1944.

"Your son was a member of the 507th Parachute Infantry, 82nd 'All-American' Airborne Division.

"Technician Fifth Grade Thomas was a resourceful and aggressive soldier. His thoughtfulness and consideration for his fellow soldiers won their admiration and respect.

"Putting aside family ties, the admiration, respect, and affection of comrades are a soldier's most priceless possessions, because collectively these comrades are unfailing judges. These possession I believe your son had earned in full measure. Death of such a man leaves with each member of the Division a lasting sense of loss, from which there comes to you a deep sense of personal sympathy.

"Sincerely,

"M. B. Ridgway,

"Major General, U. S. Army, Commanding"

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 3, 1944]

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The new address of Pvt. Cecil Hudkins is: 35845781, Sec. K., Lowry Field, Colo.

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The address of Billy G. Hudkins, S1/c is: Bks 1534, USN Receiving Barracks, Shumaker, Calif.

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Kenneth Stevens, serving with the army in China, has been promoted to sergeant, according to word received here by his wife, Marie. Before entering the Army Mr. Stevens operated a garage and service station on North Main street.

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Mrs. Flo Ream has just received a letter from her grandson, Billie Ream, formerly of Massilon, Ohio, saying that he has arrived safely in New Guinea. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ream and a great-grandson of Mrs. Nissa "Auntie" Packer.

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Pvt. Robert W. Sixbey, husband of Doris May Sixbey, 304 Race street, has been transferred from Camp Atterbury to the infantry replacement training center at South Camp Hood, Texas.

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Recognition as eligible to qualify for the petty officer rate of motor machinist's mate third class came to Bluejacket Donald D. Kilmer of 419 Pontiac street, Rochester, who graduated recently from the Naval Training School on the University of Illinois campus at Urbana, Ill. Kilmer is now awaiting further duty orders to sea or to some shore station.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, October 4, 1944]

LIEUT. NORMAN PALMER IS AWARDED THE D.F.C.

At a 12th AAF B-25 Base. - First Lieut. Norman L. Palmer, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Palmer of Rochester, Ind., has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross by a 12th Air Force B-25 Mitchell medium bomber group operating in the Mediterranean theater.

He was cited for "extraordinary achievement while in aerial flight. Flying as Pilot of his ship in a formation attacking a marshalling yard and railroad bridge at Ferrara, Italy, he was forced by heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire, which also injured his bombardier, to drop temporarily out of the formation. Courageously and with outstanding skill Lieut. Palmer regained his heavily damaged ship's position in the formation in time for his bombardier to drop his bombs with pin-point accuracy and devastating effect across the choke point of the marshalling yard. By his courage, great devotion to duty and high professional skill on 65 combat missions Lieut. Palmer reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States."

Lieut. Palmer recently flew his 70th combat mission.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, October 4, 1944]

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Mrs. K. M. Stevens has received a change of address for her niece, Pvt. Annabeth Tillman. The new address is: A 515145, Co. 18, 3rd Regt., Army Post Branch, Ft. Des Moines, Iowa.

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Sgt. Donald Grass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Grass, has been wounded in France, but no details of his injury were learned. Sgt. Grass landed in France Aug. 6, with General Patton's army.

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Henry N. Cox, husband of Mrs. Katie Cox of this city, has been awarded the Purple Heart for injuries received in action on Aug. 6, when he was wounded by shrapnel. He is recovering satisfactorily.

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Warrant officer Charles Mow, who recently returned from 31 months overseas duty in the China-Burma-India air theater, has been assigned to the training and operations section at Mitchell Field, N.Y.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Carr have received word that their son, Pfc. Jay Carr, has arrived in San Francisco and will be home in about a week. He has been in the South Pacific for 32 months.

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Among those graduating from a course in basic engineering at Great Lakes Naval Training Center was Stanley E. Samuelson of 1108 Madison street, Rochester.

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John Pilip Briggs, A/S V-12, son of Rev. and Mrs. F. R. Briggs, has been transferred to Wayne university at Detroit, Mich., after spending six weeks at the Brooklyn Naval base. Briggs started in the medical school at the university last Monday.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, October 5, 1944]

LT. BALDWIN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. Norman A. Baldwin, of route 2, Rochester, received notice Thursday morning from the War department, reporting that their son, First Lieut. Norman Baldwin, is missing in action over Holland since Sept. 17.

Lieut. Baldwin, a pilot on a paratroop transport plane, has been in the Army for five years and overseas for the past 18 months. He was based in England.

Lieut. Baldwin, a graduate of Talma High school, is married and has a son, who resides with his parents near this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, October 6, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Merl J. Long, Merchant Marine, who has been serving in the South Pacific, arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Long, Thursday evening. Merle has been gone two years and in that time this is his first visit home. His arrival was a complete surprise to his parents. He is to report for duty at the marine base in Long Beach, Calif., after a 30-day furlough.

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Pvt. William E. Stephen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ora A. Stephen of route 3, Rochester, has been graduated from the AAF Training Command's aircraft radio mechanics school at Truax Field, Wis., where he was taught fundamentals of servicing radio equipment on bombers and fighter planes.

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In a recent letter to his parents, Master Sgt. Russell Parker, Jr., who is stationed in New Guinea area, informed them that he contacted Don Hartung, another local man, at church services held in a New Guinea edifice recently. Russell, former city editor of The News-Sentinel, stated that Don informed him he was soon to have a furlough to visit home folks. Don has been stationed in the Southwest Pacific for over two years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hartung of this city.

CLIFFORD GRAY KILLED IN ACTION IN FRANCE

Mrs. Gertrude Gray, of Akron, received a message late Friday from the War department stating that her son, Pfc. Clifford Gray, 24, has been killed in action in France some time during the month of September.

Pfc. Gray had been in the Army for nearly two years and had been overseas since last Easter. He had attended the Akron High school. His wife, the former Miss Wilma Holloway, and son Dennis Dean reside in Rochester.

Pfc. Gray has five brothers, John of Rochester, Robert of Akron, Orville of Plymouth, S/Sgt Edward stationed in Washington and Bud at home. He also has four sisters, Mrs. Jack Banter of Akron, Mrs. Mary Eileen Wise of South Bend and Lois and Vivian at home.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, October 7, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Miss Frances Braman today received a cablegram from her brother, Larry D. Braman, who is with the 1st Division of the U. S. Marines in the Palau Islands campaign. Larry stated he had seen plenty of action and was O.K. He is the son of Milo Braman and graduated from the Rochester High school two years ago.

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After 29 months of overseas duty Marine Maj. George D. Haimbaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Haimbaugh, 921 Pontiac street, Rochester, Ind., recently was assigned to the infantry

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training regiment at Camp Lejeune, N.C. He is commanding officer of the fourth training battalion.

Maj. Haimbaugh was attached to the Marine barracks at the Pearl Harbor Navy yard for 21 months. He also saw eight months of duty with a defense battalion.

A graduate of DePauw university, Greencastle, Ind., where he won a Rector Scholarship, he held membership in the Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Delta Chi and Delta Phi Epsilon fraternities.

He returned to the United States last July.

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T/5 Don J. Lebo has returned to Camp Campbell, Ky., after spending six days with his wife and relatives.

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The new address of Pvt. Charles Green is: 35834590, Btry. A, 246 AAASLT, Camp Haan, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, October 7, 1944]

REX RHODES SERIOUSLY INJURED IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rhodes of Athens received word Saturday morning from the War department stating that their son, Cpl. Rex Rhodes, had been seriously wounded in action on Sept. 24. Cpl. Rhodes entered the Army over two years ago and has been overseas since the first of June.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 9, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. William A. Stephen has been transferred from Truax Field to Chanute Field, Ill.

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Pvt. Robert D. Baker has been moved from Camp Rucker to Co. D, 94 Chem. Bn. (Mtz.), Camp Shelby, Miss. Just recently he passed all tests and has been approved for Officers Candidate School.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 9, 1944]

LIEUT. H. B. THORNBURG IS KILLED IN ACTION

Mrs. Howard P. Calloway, of route 1, Rochester, has received a telegram from the War department stating that her son, Lt. Harold Babcock Thornburg, M.C.U.S.U., was killed in action September 21. No further details could be learned.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 9, 1944]

FORMER RESIDENT MEETS DEATH IN SOUTH PACIFIC

Dr. Harold Thornburg, 29, a flight surgeon in the navy, was killed in action in the South Pacific war zone on Sept. 21, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Howard P. Calloway of route 1, Rochester.

Dr. Thornburg entered the navy two years ago, soon after receiving his doctor's degree from the Southern California School of Medicine. He spent his boyhood in Rochester and graduated from the local high school. He was married and his wife and three children reside in Santa Monica, Calif.

Surviving other than his wife and children and his mother, are: His father, Dr. Harvey Thornburg of Santa Monica; one sister, Miss Kathryn Thornburg of El Centro, Calif; his grandmother, Mrs. Laura Babcock of Rochester. Two uncles, Robert P. Babcock and Lawrence Babcock, also reside here.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 10, 1944]

DR. DONALD GROSS WOUNDED IN ACTION

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Sgt. Donald Gross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bross of near Talma, has been seriously wounded in action, according to a telegram the parents received this morning from the War department.

Sgt. Gross, a member of an armored infantry unit, was wounded in France Sept. 19, and is now in a hospital in England. Sgt. Gross entered the Army May 13, 1942, and was sent overseas June 5, 1944.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 10, 1944]

ARGOS MAN MECHANIC AT EUROPEAN AIR BASE

A Ninth Air Force Bomber Base, European Theater of Operations. - While they waited for the signal to "rev" up the engines of their B-26 Marauder "Zombie III" recently, the mechanics took time out to bring up to date the mission scoreboard on the nose of their veteran bomber. When they finished there were 107 miniature bombs painted on the Marauder, representing that number of attacks against enemy installations in France, Belgium and Holland.

The mechanics on this battle-veteran medium bomber are: Technical Sergeant Howard W. McGowen, 30, of Argos, Indiana, crew chief; Corporal Drosey S. Richards, 24, of Big Springs, West Virginia, assistant; and Corporal John Berta, 32, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Their Zombie is a member of "The Annihilators," pioneer Ninth Air Force Marauder group in the European Theater of Operations, and first American bombardment group in this theater to bomb Nazi targets in force by night. It is commanded by Lieutenant Colonel John S. Samuel, of Hinsale, Ill.

Targets for the Zombie have been almost as varied as they have been numerous. They have included such Nazi installations as airfields, railway yards, coastal guns, bridges, ammunition and fuel dumps and pilotless plane launching sites. Since the invasion of Western Europe, the Zombie has been on many attacks to direct support of ground troops.

Besides their bomber's high mission-scoring achievement, the mechanics on the Zombie also point to the performance record of the two 2,000 h.p. Pratt and Whitney engines that power their sleek Marauder. So well have they cared for these engines that they have operated steadily for 542 hours and 20 minutes--well over 100 hours past their normal rated life.

Sgt. McGowen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melbern McGowen of Rochester, Indiana. A graduate of the Talma high school in 1932, he was a farmer in Argos prior to enlisting in the Air Corps on January 6, 1942. He left for overseas duty late in that year.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 10, 1944]

LT. VAN DIEN CHALKS UP 25TH AIR MISSION

At a 12th AAF B-25 Base in Corsica - Flying as pilot on a bombing attack on hostile German forces, Second Lieut. Frederick Van Dien, 22, son of Mrs. Gertrude Van Dien of 531 Pontiac street, Rochster, Ind., chalked up his 25th mission in a B-25 Mitchell bomber.

The Rochester combat crewman is a member of a 12th Air Force B-25 medium bombardment group which is operating in the Mediterranean theater and providing aerial support for the current invasion of southern France.

He has been with his group three months. The group itself has been overseas 22 months. During this time it has helped in the campaigns in Tunisia, Pantelleria, Sicily, the battles of Anzio and Cassino, the march on Rome and the D-Day, all-out attack on the beaches of southern France.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, October 11, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Brackett of this city today received word from their son, Dick, who has been with the U. S. Engineers in New Guinea, for the past several months, that he is being transferrd to Brisbane, Australia, where he will take officers' training. The course will require six months for completion, it was stated.

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Mrs. Jud Hudkins left today for Evansville to visit her husband who is a seaman second class. Mr. Hudkins departs for service in the Navy tomorrow, from Evansville.

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Lieut. Grace L. Conrad, ANC, arrived here yesterday for a 30-day leave with relatives. Lieut. Conrad has just returned after serving 18 months in the Caribbean area.

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Second Lieut. Arthur L. Good, son of Mrs. Elsie M. Good, 531 East Ninth street, Rochester, has reported to the AAF pilot school at Courtland, Ala.

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Willodean Ball has received a letter from her brother, T/Sgt. Hovey James Ball, now stationed in Italy, stating that he has completed his 50th mission and was now eligible to return home and expected to be here in November.

The News-Sentinel, Thursday, October 12, 1944]

NEPHEW OF LOCAL MEN IS KILLED IN ACTION

Cpl. Richard Sausaman, 23, was killed in action in Italy on Sept. 21, according to a telegram received Monday evening from the War Department by his mother, Mrs. Thelma Sausaman of Denver. The father, C. E. Sausaman, resides in Roann.

Cpl. Sausaman was with the 135th Infantry and had been overseas since May, 1943, and in the service since October 1942. He was born at Crown Point, Sept. 26, 1921, but had spent the greater part of his life in Miami county. He was a graduate of the Peru high school and had attended the airplane engineering school at Lincoln, Neb., before entering service.

Surviving are the father and mother; a sister, Jean, of Denver; a brother, Joseph Hugh Sausaman, of Roann and the grandmothers, Mrs. T. E. Rouch, and Mrs. C. M. Sausaman, both of Peru.

Cpl. Sausaman was well known in Rochester, where he often visited his uncles, William H. Rouch and A.B. Green.

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SEVEN TAKE PHYSICALS IN INDIANAPOLIS WED.

Seven Fulton county men were in Indianapolis Wednesday taking their pre-induction physicals according to an announcement from the local selective service office.

Selectees were:

Kurt Hugo Funk

Maurice D. Coplen

Gale Frederick Barter

Alan Anderson Woolley

Carl Damron.

Two other men, Wendell C. Tombaugh and Gerald J. Garver, were volunteers. Robert McIntire, another selectee scheduled to go Wednesday, had transferred to Bridgeport, Neb.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, October 12, 1944]

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR SGT. GAULT SUNDAY EVE.

Memorial services for Staff Sergeant George GAULT, who was killed in France Sept. 6, will be held Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the Olive Branch church near Fulton.

Sgt. Gault entered the service of the U. S. Army on May 15, 1942, and was transferred overseas on June 6, 1944. He had spent a three-day furlough with his parents during May of this year.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, October 13, 1944]

MONTEREY SOLDIER IS KILLED IN HOLLAND

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Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Copeland of Monterey, received word yesterday that their son, Alvin F. Copeland, 34 years old, was killed in action Sept. 27 in Holland. He was a brother of Shirley Copeland of Winamac.

Pvt. Copeland, a native of Pulaski county, spent most of his life in Tippecanoe township. He attended Monterey schools and entered military service in March, 1942.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, October 13, 1944]

FIVE BOYS PASS ARMY PHYSICALS AT CAPITOL

Five county youths passed their pre-induction physicals Wednesday at Indianapolis and are now on their automatic furloughs.

Those passing were:

Kurt Funk

Maurice Coplen

Alan Woolley

Wendell Tombaugh

Gerald Garver

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, October 13, 1944]

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Alspach have received a letter from their son, Harold D. Alspach, R.M. 2/c, stating that he will arrive home the last of November. He has been overseas 31 months and took part in the invasion of France.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lowe have received word from their grandson, Pvt. Ernie Dale Floyd, that he is now stationed somewhere in France.

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Lewis E. Johnson has been promoted to the rank of corporal. His address is: Cpl. Lewis E. Johnson, 35568765, Btry C, 764 P.A. Bn., Fort Sill, Okla.

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Mr. and Mrs. Forrest A. Benedict have received word from their son, Warrant Officer Clinton E. Benedict, that he has arrived safely overseas, somewhere in Italy.

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The address of Calvin Kistler is: S 1/c R.M., Sev. 7A, Bldg.10, Special Adv. Radio School, A & M College, College Station, Texas.

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Pfc Paul Barts has arrived in England, according to word received by relatives Thursday.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, October 13, 1944]

LIEUT. FREDERICK VAN DIEN IS MISSING IN ACTION

Lieut. Frederick Van Dien, son of Gertrude and Bert Van Dien of this city, has been reported missing in action. Mrs. Van Dien received an official telegram from the War department late Friday.

Lieut. Van Dien was a member of the 12th Air Force and piloted a B-25 medium-type bomber. In a recent report received from the U. S. air base on Corsica it was revealed that the Rochester pilot had completed 25 air missions, most of which were in the Mediterranean theater of war.

Frederick spent a furlough with relatives and friends here last summer and upon his return to his base on the east coast he was soon transferred to Europe for combat duty.

Frederick is a graduate of the Rochester High school and is well known to the young people of the community. The message stated Lieut. Van Dien failed to return from a combat mission on Sept. 23.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, October 14, 1944]

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NINETEEN SELECTEES GO FOR INDUCTION

Nineteen Fulton county men left this morning for Indianapolis where they will be inducted into the armed forces. William Zimmerman was named leader of the group. As some of the men had their pre-induction physicals over 90 days ago, they will have another one and will then be assigned to the various services.

Leaving today were:

Martin Paul Shriver

Louis Earl Kelly

Richard Franklin Polley

Walter Lee Easterday

Raymond Dean Engle

Earl Milo Alderfer

James Martin Richardson

Howard Eugene Wildermuth

Earl Dean Arven

William Ralph Zimmerman

Charles Phillip Hartung

Robert Arthur Calvert

Albert Norwood Bailey

George Windfield Kuhn

Ralph Elain DePoy

John William Urbin

Kenneth D. Cooper

James Wesley Renfro

Joseph Russell Chaney, who transferred here from Berrien Springs, Mich.

Also scheduled to leave was Billy Joe Lambert who had transferred.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, October 14, 1944]

JAY TAYLOR KILLED IN ACTION IN GERMANY

Pfc. Jay Taylor, 26, grandson of Mrs. George Goins of route 1, Rochester, was killed in action in Germany on Sept. 15. Word of Pfc. Taylor's death was received Thursday by his father, Marion Taylor of Lucerne.

Taylor entered service in May, 1942 and went overseas in December, 1943. He was first stationed in England and participated in the D-Day invasion of France. Taylor, a member of the infantry, was wounded on June 8. After returning to the front in July he took part in the invasion of southern France.

Taylor was a former student of Lucerne High school. He is survived by his father, Marion Taylor, and a brother, Capt. Richard Taylor of San Antonio, Texas.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, October 14, 1944]

DEDICATE SERVICE PLAQUE AT LEITERS FORD SCHOOL

Several members of the Leroy Shelton Post of the American Legion and the Auxiliary attended the War Service Plaque dedicatory exercises held Friday evening at the Leiters Ford H.S. building. The plaque contained the names of former H.S. students who are now in the service of their country. The list included two gold stars.

The main address for this occasion was given by Ralph E. Klare, state chaplain of the American Legion. Music was provided by the Leiters High School band.

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Great Lakes, Ill., Oct. 1. - Among those graduating from an intensive course of Basic Engineering at recent Service schools exercises here was Barcus H. Steenberger Jr., 22, Delong, Ind.

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Sgt. Kenneth L. Miller has arrived safely in Germany. In a letter to his mother, Mrs. Flo Miller, Sgt. Miller also said that he had seen Scotland and England.

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Mrs. Bertha Meyer has received a letter from Maj. Lawrence Meyer saying he has arrived in England.

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Alice Haines of Talma has received word that her brother, Cpl. Herman L. Haines, has arrived overseas and is in England.

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The new address of Pvt. Harold Newcomer is: Pvt. Harold L. Newcomer, 35148042, APO 446, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y. He was previously stationed at Camp Cambbell, Ky.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, October 14, 1944]

TWO AKRON SOLDIERS WOUNDED IN ACTION

Two Akron youths have been wounded in action, according to word received by the relatives. They are Cleotus Dain, who was wounded during the invasion of the Paulaus Island and Russell Kamp, wounded while fighting in Holland.

Mrs. Dain, who resides in Akron, received word from her husband, saying that he was wounded in the leg after only two days of fighting on the island but she has received no official word from the War Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Kamp of Akron, were notified Thursday that their son had been wounded while fighting in Holland and on the same day they received a letter from him saying that he is now being treated at a hospital in England for an injury to his left leg.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 16, 1944]

CAPT. RICHARD LONG DIES IN NEW GUINEA

Capt. Richard E. Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Long of Kewanna, died from wounds received in action somewhere in New Guinea, according to a message received Saturday morning by the parents.

Capt. Long had been overseas for 15 months.

Surviving besides his parents are his wife, Mary Alice (Robbins) Long and a son, Richard, Jr.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 16, 1944]

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S/Sgt/ Dean H. Severns has been moved from Pyote, Texas, to Shephard Field, Texas. His address is: S/Sgt. Dean H. Severns, 15103442, 3706t AAF, Base Unit (BXTC) Sec. U, Shephard Field, Texas.

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Word has been received that Sgt. George D. Holloway is now somewhere in Holland.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 16, 1944]

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Mr. and Mrs. Truman Ward received a telephone call this morning from their son, M/Sgt Glen H. Ward, who had just arrived in San Francisco, Calif. Sgt. Ward, a radar technician, has been in the South Pacific war theater for 22 months. He stated that he would be home soon.

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The partial address of Olivr A. Champ, PTR 3/c is: c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, N.Y.

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Word has been received by relatives that Pfc. Wayne Reddinger has arrived in England. His address remains the same with exception of the APO No. 654, New York, N.Y.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 17, 1944]

LOCAL WOMAN'S NEPHEW NOW GERMAN PRISONER

Lieut. Lee Castleman, formerly reported as "missing in action" on July 1, is now a German prisoner, according to a message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Castleman of Phoenix, Ariz. Lieut. Castleman is also a nephew of Mrs. John Cessna of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Castleman recently received a wire from the War department which said that an enemy propoganda broadcast from Germany had been intercepted and the following message was heard:

"Dear Folks: I am still vacationing in Germany. I was brought down and was taken prisoner. We are treated bery decently, so don't worry about me. I have not been wounded. See the Red Cross regarding mail and packages for me. Notify Hilda and Miss Lorene Gray at Holy Cross hospital, Salt Lake City, Utah. I will consolidate my letters to you and Jeanette as we are restricted to one mail. Keep your chin up. I'll be all right. Tell Jeanette to wait around. I'm thinking of you. Your loving son, Lieut. Harry L. Castleman."

The broadcast supplements previous official reports received by the parents from the International Red Cross.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 17, 1944]

JAY CARR RETURNS AFTER SERVICE IN S.W. PACIFIC

Pfc. Jay Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Carr of this city, has recently returned from 26 1/2 months service with the U. S. Coast Artillery in the Southwest Pacific.

The local youth stated his battalion had seen action in Guadalcanal, the Fiji islands and in the New Guinea campaigns. The guns used were six inchers and the 155 mms.

While in service at Guadalcanal, Carr stated he met "Phil" Shafer and on the day before he left New Guinea for the States, he ran into Carl Hedges and enjoyed a brief visit with him.

Carr has two brothers in the sevice, George Carr, who is with the U. S. Engineers in Persia, and Deverle Carr who is with the American infantry in France.

Jay is to report for duty at Miami, Fla., on Nov. 4. He has served with the U. S. Coast Artillery for three years.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 17, 1944]

KEWANNA CAPTAIN DIES OF BATTLE WOUNDS

Captain Richard E. Long, 27, died October 2nd, as result of wounds received in action somewhere in New Guinea, according to a government telegram received Saturday by his wife, Mrs. Maryalice Long of Kewanna. Mrs. Long resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Robbins.

Captain Long was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Long of Kewanna, and was born in Logansport, December 25, 1916. He was a graduate of the Kewanna high school and Purdue university and was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. Prior to entering the service, three and a half years ago, he was employed at the U. S. Rubber Co., Indianapolis. He had served overseas for 15 months and was in the Chemical Warfare Service.

Survivors besides the widow are an 11-months-old son, Richard E., Jr.; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Long, and a grandmoter, Mrs. Cora Sanders, of Marion, Ill.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 17, 1944]

EIGHTEEN YOUTHS ARE ACCEPTED FOR SERVICE

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Of the nineteen youths, who went to Indianapolis last Saturday for induction into the armed forces, all were accepted but one.

Those accepted for the Navy are:

Earl Dean Arven
William Ralph Zimmerman
George Windfield Kuhn

Accepted for the Army are:

Martin Paul Shriver
Louis Earl Kelly
Richard Franklin Polley
Walter Lee Easterday
Raymond Dean Engle
Earl Milo Alderfer
James Martin Richardson
Howard Eugene Wildermuth
Charles Phillip Hartung
Robert Arthur Calvert
Albert Norwood Bailey
Ralph Elain DePoy
Kenneth D. Cooper
James Wesley Renfro
Joseph Russell Chaney

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, October 18, 1944]

SGT. ZARTMAN ON WAY HOME FROM HAWAII

Staff Sergeant Kenneth Zartman who has been stationed in Hawaii for the past five years, is enroute home according to a message received here by his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Zartman. This will be his first visit home since he enlisted five years ago.

Sgt. Zartman was married in Hawaii on September 2nd and his wife is employed in government work there. She will be unable to accompany him to the states at the present time.

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The partial address of Judd Hudkins is: L. J. Hudkins, S 2/c, c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, N.Y.

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Word has been received by relatives that Pvt. Charles Wayne Reddinger has arrived in England. His address remains the same with exception of the APO No. 654, New York, N.Y.

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Mr. and Mrs. George McKee of near Athens have received word that their son, Richard, has been transferred from Camp Atterbury to New York. His new address is Sgt. Richard McKee, 15354875, APO 443, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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T/Sgt. and Mrs. James F. Bowell arrived from Denver, Colo. to spend a 15-day furlough visiting relatives and friends in this city.

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Mrs. Dean Arven of Fulton has received word that her husband's address is: Earl Dean Arven, 9829377, U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, October 18, 1944]

PFC. LARRY BRAMAN IS WOUNDED BY JAPS

Miss Frances Braman today received a letter from a friend of her brother, Pfc. Larry Braman, stating that Larry had been wounded on September 15th. Pfc. Braman was shot by a

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machine gun from a Jap tank at about 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. The wound is in his left arm near the elbow.

Pfc. Braman was with the first Marines to land on Peleliu island and was a machine gunner with his company.

The letter from Braman's friend was the first news that relatives here had of Braman for sometime. The writer of the letter was wounded two days later but stated that his wound was not bad enough for him to be sent home but he thought that Larry might be sent to the states.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, October 19, 1944]

LEWIS SHAMBARGER IN PORT AFTER NINE MONTHS

New Orleans, La., Oct. 19. - Lewis N. Shambarger, coxswain, USNR, has returned to the Armed Guard Center here from nine months at sea as member of the Navy gun crew aboard a merchant ship.

His wife, Betty, lives at 134 North Jefferson street, Rochester, Ind., and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis J. Shambarger, on route 2, Macy, Ind., where he was employed in farming. He enlisted Nov. 30, 1942, and took boot training at Great Lakes, Ill.

In 17 months at sea with the Armed Guard, the Navy gunner has been in action against enemy aircraft, and has gone through an attack by Jap bombers. He has visited ports in England, Canada, New Guinea and Australia.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, October 19, 1944]

N. R. STONER FAMILY ENJOYS REUNION TODAY

Commander and Mrs. Howard Stoner are spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Stoner. Comdr. Stoner, a submarine commander, came here from New London, Conn., and will leave tomorrow morning for San Francisco, from where he will go to Australia.

Francis Stoner of Dayton, Ohio arrived here this morning to visit with the parents and brother. The Stoner's daughter, Mrs. Harold T. Ross of Greencastle is also visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. Stoner and their children, including another son, Bob, of this city, were together today as they enjoyed a family dinner.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, October 19, 1944]

LOCAL SEAMAN'S PHOTO IN HONOLULU PAPER

A three-column photo of Seaman Albertus Van Dien, of this city, and Kenneth Hoppenrath, of Los Angeles, Calif., was featured on the front page of the October 8th edition of Honolulu Advertiser. The sailors were shown seated in front of the Blessed Sacrament church, with rather a glum and ho-hum expressions on their faces.

The underlines under the illustration were as follows: "No Vote, No Beer, No Nuthin'-- No wonder these two sailors look dejected as they sit on the curb in front of the polls at the Blessed Sacrament church and watch the voters come and go. Yesterday was primary election day in Hawaii, and all the bars were closed. All day, Albertus Van Dien, Indiana, and Kenneth Hoppenrath of Los Angeles, are two of the many servicemen who found Honolulu a pretty dull--and dry! city. But it's all for the cause of Good Government."

Seaman Albertus Van Dien's brother, Lieut. Frederick Van Dien, was reported missing in action on a bomber mission on Sept. 23rd. Albertus was formerly a mail carrier in the employe of the local post office. He is the son of Mrs. Gertrude VanDien and Bert Van Dien of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 23, 1944]

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Harry W. Bailey has been promoted to the rank of corporal, according to a letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Bailey. Cpl. Bailey is stationed at Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla.

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Announcement has been made by officials of the Air Technical Service Command at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, of the promotion of Donald M. Anderson of route 4, Rochester, from the rank of corporal to sergeant.

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Mrs. Joan Newman has received word from her husband, T/Sgt. Ernest Newman, stating that he had arrived in San Francisco, Calif., Oct. 16, and would come here for a visit within a short time. Sgt. Newman has been serving in the Army in the South Pacific war zone. He left the States for the battle area just a year to the day before he returned to San Francisco.

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Cpl. Harry Shorter of Akron has been honorably discharged from the Army, due to wounds received some time ago in combat in Africa, he has notified relatives.

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Miami Beach, Fla., Oct. 17.- Pvt. Benjamin H. Thomas, 33, son of Mrs. Laura B. Thomas of 1516 Wallace ave., Rochester, Ind., has returned from service outside the continental United States and is now being processed through the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station in Miami Beach, where his next assignment will be determined.

Pvt. Thomas served 10 months as a machine gunner with an Engineer unit overseas.

Before entering the service, Pvt. Thomas worked as a laborer. He became a member of the Armed Forces on March 25, 1942.

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The address of Kenneth Talbott is: 441429126, 543 Co. J 32, B 7, U.S. Maritime Training Station, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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Pvt. Earl M. Alderfer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Alderfer of route 1, Mentone, has been transferred from Camp Atterbury to the infantry replacement training center at Camp Blanding, Fla.

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Pvt. J. D. Parson, formerly of Rochester, ranked among the ten top "ground to ground" marksmen in a class of aerial gunners which recently received graduation diplomas and silver wings at the AAF Flexible Gunnery School at Las Vegas, Nev.

Pvt. Parson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Parson of this city. He graduated in '44 from Richland Center High school where he was active in basketball and softball. He was a student prior to his entry into the army on May, 1, 1944.

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Sgt. Charles E. Upp, who formerly lived in Rochester, has recently arrived at Welch Convalescent hospital at Daytona Beach, Fla. Sgt. Upp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arvil L. Upp, was formerly employed by the Rochester Metal Products in this city. His wife, Mrs. Jo Ann Upp, lives at 1100 Elm street. He entered the Army in August, 1942, and has since served two years in the Panama Zone.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 23, 1944]

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Sgt. Thomas Baldwin left this morning for Sacramento, Calif., after spending two weeks here with his mother, Mrs. Nora Baldwin. Tom has his papers for overseas duty.

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Mrs. Ray Kindig received a letter from her son, Pct. James Kindig, who has been in New Guinea for the last 16 months, saying he had been transferred to another company and is now somewhere in the Netherlands East Indies.

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Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reese that their son has been moved from Camp Maxey to New York. His address is the same with the exception of the APO number, 17126.

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T/Sgt. Ernest Newman has arrived in San Francisco, Calif., and will soon come to Rochester for a visit. Sgt. Newman has been serving in the Marine Air Corps for the past 18 months.

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Brig. Gen. J. R. Sheetz, somewhere in the Central Pacific area, has announced that S/Sgt. D. J. Snyder, husband of Mrs. Maxine Snyder of this city, has been awarded the Expert Infantryman badge at a base somewhere in that area.

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Pfc. Gus Habich, son of Gus Habich, Sr., route 4, Rochester, is one of the war bond purchasers who helped his P-51 Mustang station in England reach a record-breaking total of \$111,000 in the Eighth Air Force "Victory Squadron" bond drive, surpassing all other groups in the Eighth Fighter Command.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 24, 1944]

ARGOS LIEUT. WOUNDED BY JAPANESE SNIPER

Mr. and Mrs. William Town of Argos received a letter Monday from their son, First Lieut. Herschel Town, saying that he had been wounded on Palau Island recently.

Lieut. Town said that he "connected with a Jap sniper bullet" and that he will be out of action for five months. Lieut. Town wrote the letter himself, but said that he was lying flat on his back. He also said that the wound was not serious and for his folks not to worry.

Lieut. Town is the husband of the former Miss Josephine Eaglebarger, who resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eaglebarger, near Argos.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, October 25, 1944]

CECIL RHODES MISSING IN ACTION IN HOLLAND

Pfc. Cecil Rhodes, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rhodes of Athens, has been reported "missing in action" since Sept. 23, in Holland. The parents received word from the government Tuesday afternoon.

Another son, Sgt. Rex Rhodes, stationed somewhere in France, has been wounded.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, October 25, 1944]

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Pvt. Richard Polley has been transferred from Camp Atterbury, Ind., to Camp Blanding, Fla.

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The new address of Frank Noftsger is Pvt. Frank A. Noftsger, 35834583, Co. E, 12th Det. Sp. Trp. Second Army, Fort Jackson, S.C.

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Walter D. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Admiral Smith of route 1, Rochester, has voluntarily enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps, according to an announcement by Commissioned Warrant Officer Anthony Morello, officer in charge of Marine Corps induction and recruiting in Indiana. He will receive recruit training at the Marine Corps Base, Parris Island, S.C.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, October 25, 1944]

KEWANNA SERGEANT IS IN ENGLISH HOSPITAL

First Sergeant Lawrence J. Stokes, husband of Mrs. Mary Alice Stokes, daughter of W. H. Myers of Kewanna, is in England in a hospital for an operation on his left knee. Sergeant Stokes has been serving in France for the past three months under General Patton and has been overseas since the first of April.

Sergeant Stokes was awarded the Purple Heart when the ship on which he was crossing the English channel was torpedoed and sunk, he was in the hospital about 12 days, then after being

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released was sent to France where he was in the Third Army. He also has the pre-Pearl Harbor Good Conduct Medal and has been in the armed service since July 1, 1941.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, October 26, 1944]

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Miss Nona Jane Hattery has received word from her father that he has arrived safely somewhere in England.

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T/5 Carl D. Overmyer has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal for having demonstrated fidelity through faithful and exact performance of duty, efficiency through capacity to produce desired results, and soldierly behavior such as deserves emulation.

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William A. Brown of 181 Pontiac street, Rochester, was recently enrolled in a course at the Amphibious Fireman Naval Training School, located on the campus of the University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.

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Mrs. Clinton E. Benedict has just received word that her husband, W.O. Clarence E. Benedict, has been transferred from Naples, Italy, to somewhere in France.

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Pvt. Martin P. Shriver, husband of Ms. Edna F. Shriver of route 6, Rochester, has been transferred from Camp Atterbury to the infantry replacement training center at Camp J. T. Robinson, Ark.

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Pvt. Raymond E. Lewis, husband of Mrs. Eleanor J. Lewis of route 2, Rochester, and Pvt. Robert A. Calvert, husband of Mrs. Eldora M. Calvert of route 5, Rochester, have both been transferred from Camp Atterbury to the armored replacement training center at Fort Knox, Ky.

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Captain Donald E. Wentzel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Wentzel of the Leiters Ford vicinity, has been transferred from England to France. Captain Wentzel is in the Air Corps. He went overseas in September of 1942. Captain Wentzel's wife and little daughter, Sandra Kay, live with her mother, Mrs. William G. Wheatley of the Leiters Ford vicinity.

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Pfc. Earl Edward Wheatley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wheatley of the Leiters Ford vicinity, has been transferred from England to France. He is in the Field Artillery. He writes that the people of France seem to have food and that they are happy but that they all need shoes very badly; and that felt slippers are the common footwear of both men and women and children.

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After more than a year and a half of combat service with the Marines in the Pacific area, Maj. Nicholas E. Presecan is on leave visiting his wife, the former Dorothy Lee Moore, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi P. Moore, at their home, 217 West Eighth street, Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, October 26, 1944]

HOME AFTER 2 YEARS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

Pfc. Walter Clarence Moore, of the U. S. marine Corps, son of Mrs. Louis Erard, who resides southeast of this city is home on a 30-day furlough after two years of service in the southwest Pacific.

Walter, who has twice been wounded in action has been on combat duty at Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan and Tinian. He enlisted in the service at Chicago on April 10, 1942. Moore operates a mortar-type gun with the marines.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, October 26, 1944]

MAJOR PRESECAN GIVEN LEAVE FROM SW. PACIFIC

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Following more than a year and a half of combat service with Leatherneck forces in the Pacific fighting arena, Marine Major Nicholas E. Presecan of Indianapolis is home on leave.

Major Presecan's overseas service included duty at New Zealand, Guadalcanal, the Russell islands, Munda, Kolombangara and Eniwetok in the Marshall islands.

Major Presecan was a member of the 16th Battalion of the Marine Corps Reserve, an Indianapolis detachment. When the battalion was called to active duty in November, 1940, Major Presecan was ordered to the Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif.

While overseas Major Presecan's duties with the Marine combat forces included service as battery commander of an anti-aircraft battery, operations officer, observer, and group commander of a light anti-aircraft group, during which period he had control of all light anti-aircraft installations on the islands his unit was occupying.

He served as an observer during the Marine assault on Munda, also was at Kolombangara during the New Georgia operations, and participated in the conquest of Eniwetok in the Marshall islands.

Major Presecan was graduated from Butler University in 1938 and is a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. Before being called to active duty with the Marines, he was associated with the Perfection Paint and Color Company in Indianapolis. He will report for duty at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, November 21st.

The News-Sentinel, Friday, October 27, 1944]

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The present address of Dean Arven is: Earl Dean Arven, A/S, Co. 1971, USNTC, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Pvt. James M. Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Talfred Richardson of route 2, Rochester, has been transferred from Camp Atterbury to the infantry replacement training center at Camp Fannin, Texas.

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T/5 Paul D. Overmyer of Fort Ruckman, Mass., is spending a 20-day furlough with his wife and son, Carl Bob, and other relatives.

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Air Cadet Deryl Blackburn, stationed at Santa Anna, Calif., and Seaman George Blackburn, stationed at Notre Dame, visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Blackburn on Tuesday.

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The address of L. G. Alber is: Pvt. L. G. Alber, 35834589, Btry C., 578th AAA (AW) Bn., (SP) Camp Bowie, Texas.

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The address of Robert P. Brown is: 35840723, Co. A, 261st Inf., APO 200, Camp Shelby, Miss.

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Eugene Koch is now stationed somewhere in France. His address is in part: S/Sgt. Richard E. Koch, 35370143, APO 140, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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William R. Zimmerman, 29, of 3418 Fulton avenue, is receiving his initial indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Centr at GHreat Lakes, Ill.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carr received letters Friday from their sons, Sgt. Clarence Carr and Westel Carr, petty officer second class, each stating that they were being transferred. Clarence has been stationed in the New Hebrides and Westel has been in the Mediterranean area.

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T/Sgt. James F. Bowell left this morning for Lincoln, Neb., after spending a 15-day furlough with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jim BOWELL. His wife, Mrs. Bowell, remained herefor a

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visit. Sgt. Bowell recently received his wings at his former station, Lowry Field, Denver, Colo. He is a flight officer on a B-29.

The News-Sentinel, Saturday, October 28, 1944]

EMERSON TOWNE KILLED IN ACTION IN FRANCE

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Towne, six miles northeast of Rochester, received word from the War department Friday informing them that their son, Pfc. Emerson Lowell Towne, had officially been declared killed in action in France on Oct. 2. Mr. and Mrs. Towne had previously received word that Emerson was missing in action.

Pfc. Towne was born in Fulton county on Sept. 2, 1921, and had lived in this county all his life before entering the service in July of 1942. He had been overseas since June. He attended the Talma schools and before entering the service was engaged in farming.

Survivors include the parents; five brothers, Pvt. Clyde E. Towne, Jr., and Cpl. James Towne, both serving in France, Harold of Akron, Jack E. of Maccele, Ill., and Vernon at home; six sisters, Mrs. Ellie Rynearson of near Rochester, Mrs. Emil Shultz of South Bend, Mrs. Harold E. Mattox of Athens, Mrs. Estel CRAWL of Mentone and Misses Norma Jean and Mary Ann, both at home.

The News-Sentinel, Saturday, October 28, 1944]

MRS. FENSTERMAKER GETS AIR MEDAL FROM MATE

Mrs. Catherine Fenstermaker, on Friday, received the Air Medal from her husband, Cpl. James E. Fenstermaker. Cpl. Fenstermaker was awarded the medal on Sept. 13 by the command of Maj. Gen. Partridge.

The medal was awarded for: "Meritorious achievement while participating in heavy bombardment missions in the air offensive against the enemy over continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Cpl. Fenstermaker upon these occasions reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

Cpl. Fenstermaker has been overseas in England, since July. He is a member of the 708th Bombardment Squadron and the 44th Bombardment Group and is a lower ball turret gunner on a B-17.

The air medal received by Mrs. Fenstermaker is very attractive and was accompanied by the service bar and a lapel button. Mrs. Fenstermaker also received from her husband a pair of salt and pepper shakers made of 30 mm. anti-aircraft shells on a base of English three pence coins.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 30, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Don Henderson received a telephone call from her brother, Cpl. Byron Hill, from Chicago this morning. Cpl. Hill said that he had arrived here from New Zealand and will be in Rochester within a few days. Cpl. Hill has been overseas for over three years and was at Pearl Harbor at the time it was attacked by the Japanese.

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Sgt. Herschel E. Snyder is in the States on his way home for a furlough after serving 18 months overseas.

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Pvt. Walter E. Sayger, a member of the Ninth Air Force Service Command, is now in France. Under the command of Lieut. Col. Ray Fisher of Kansas City, the group combine in the maintenance and supply of a tactical organization of the Havoc light bombers moved from England. The group had been commanded by numerous superior headquarters and recommended for the battle star as having participated in the assault of Europe.

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T/Sgt. Jesse J. Calvert of this city is at present attached to a Troop Carrier Group, somewhere in the European Theatre of Operations, that was recently cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy. Sgt. Calvert is the son of Forrest Calvert of

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route 5, Rochester. He is married and his wife, Marjorie, lives at 614 Fulton avenue. He went overseas with his organization last October. Under the command of Major General Paul L. Williams the Ninth Troop Carrier Command spent the eight months in England prior to D-Day, practicing the type of missions that they performed in spearheading the invasion of Europe.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 30, 1944]

LOCAL SOLDIERS VISIT BERKHEISER IN ENGLAND

Mrs. Myron Berkheiser has just received word from her husband Myron, who is confined to a hospital in England, that two Rochester soldiers, namely Orville "Shorty" Severns and Jesse Calvert had visited him at the hospital recently. Calvert was formerly employed at Berkheiser's grocery store here.

Mrs. Berkheiser stated that Myron was recovering rather slowly from injuries received in a battle in France Aug. 12. The local groceryman was serving in one of the infantry divisions under General Patton during the early days of the French invasion.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 30, 1944]

KEWANNA MARINE IS GRID SRTAR AT CAMP LE JEUNE

Camp Le Jeune, N.C., Oct. 31. - Marine First Lieutenant Michael Hines, Jr., son of Mr. Michael Hines, Sr., Box 29, Kewana, Ind., former Notre Dame football star is now playing with the Camp LeJeune Marine eleven.

Lieut Hines, who is the largest man on the squad, weighing 265 pounds, is a tackle. He played on the Notre Dame eleven in 1940-41 before enlisting in the Marine Corps, March 20, 1942.

Following his training at Parris Island, LeJeune and Quantico he was transferred to the European Theatre of Operations where he has been serving until recently.

Besides playing on the football team at Notre Dame, Lt. Hines was a member of the basketball and boxing teams and was freshman baseball coach in the spring of 1942.

Although he was late in reporting, having missed the opening game which the Marines won over Duke Junior Varsity, 6-0, he is working on the first team.

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SERVICE NOTES

Helen Putterbaugh has received word that her husband, Pvt. C. B. Putterbaugh of the 81st Tank Battalion is somewhere in Germany.

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Pvt. Charles P. Hartung, husband of Mrs. Blanche A. Hartung, of 301 1/2 East Ninth street, has been transferred from Camp Atterbury to the infantry replacement training center at Fort McClellan, Ala.

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Betty Lee Wallace, Pm.M., of the WAVES, stationed at Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end here with her father, Charles G. Wallace.

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Two Rochester young men, Pfc. Harold Miller and Pvt. Benjamin Thomas, received their honorable discharges from the army and have returned to their homes in this city. Pfc. Miller is the son of Mrs. Clyde BALL and received his discharge at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., after 27 months service. Pvt. Thomas, who received his discharge at Fort Sheridan, Ill., because of a knee injury which he suffered while serving in England is now at the home of his mother, Mrs. Laura Thomas. Pvt. Thomas had served two years and seven months, over ten months spent in England.

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Cpl. Philip A. Perkins of this city has arrived at Army Air Forces Redistribution Station in Miami Beach, Fla., for reassignment processing after completing a tour of duty outside the

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continental United States. Cpl. Perkins worked in a Chemical Warfare Service detachment while in England. He is the son of Goldie Perkins of route 5, Rochester.

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Kenneth Overstreet received word today from his niece, Mrs. J. COOK, of Plymouth, that her husband who is in the U. S. Air Corps, was killed in action over Germany a few days ago. The aviator and his wife visited with the Overstreets here on August 11th. Mrs. Cook stated her husband was killed on his 8th mission over enemy territory.

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Arville Dowling has been honorably discharged from the Army.

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Mrs. Tillman Kline has received word from her brother, Sgt. James H. Henderson, that he has been in an accident and is now recovering in the hospital. His left arm and body down to the waist in a cast. He hopes to be out of the hospital in six weeks. No details of the accident were learned. Sgt. Henderson has served overseas for two years and was in North Africa when he was last heard from.

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Artur P. Marquardt of route 6, Rochester, recently graduated from the electrical naval training school at St. Louis, Mo., and received recognition as eligible to qualify for the petty officer rate of electrician's mate third class. He is now awaiting further duty orders to sea or some other station.

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In order to pursue a course of study as an aerial engineer on a C-47, largest two-engine cargo plane in the world, Pvt. Wayne L. Outcalt, of this city, has been placed on flying status at the Reno Army Air Base, ferrying division installation. This will require regular participation in aerial flight.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 1, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Tot See of Leiters Ford has received word that her son Russell was recently promoted to the rank of captain. Captain Appleman received his advanced officers training at Camp Custer, Mich., preliminary to special service duty with the military police. He and Mrs. Appleman are now located at Camp Forrest, Tenn.

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Mrs. Howard King has received a letter from her son, Cpl. William W. King, who is somewhere in Germany. The letter was written on Dec. 17. Cpl. King has been overseas for 10 months serving with the 208th Engineer Combat Bttalion in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

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The partial address of Walter Funk is Cpl. Walter D. Funk, 35092255, APO 141, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Richard M. Smith, S.M. 2/c, and wife, have returned to Charlston, S.C., after spending some time with relatives and friends in Rochester.

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Sgt. Richard Ginther, who is stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss., has been promoted to staff sergeant. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ginther.

Mrs. Daniel V. Rose of 1008 Jefferson Street, this city, has received word that her husband is stationed in Bainbridge, Maryland. His address is: Daniel V. Rose, E.M. 3/c, .R.U., USNT Center, Bainbridge, Md.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, November 2, 1944]

ROCHESTER PILOT WINS MEDAL BY DARING FEAT

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Dangling by his feet through an open bomb bay 3,000 feet in the air, with no parachute to save him if he fell, First Lieut. Normal L. Palmer of this city dislodged a jammed 500-pound bomb that would have prevented his bomber from landing.

For his feat, accomplished on the way back from a mission in northern Italy in June, the 22-year-old Mitchell bomber pilot was awarded the soldier's medal.

Lieut. Palmer, who is now undergoing reprocessing at the AAF station in Miami Beach, Fla., also wears the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, November 2, 1944]

RECEIVE LETTER FROM SON IN GERMAN PRISON

Second Lieut. James L. Fall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fall of route 6, Rochester, who was shot down over France on June 10, and is now in a German prison camp, has written to his parents. The letter, written on July 20 and received this week, is the first direct word that Mr. and Mrs. Fall have had from their son, who was first listed as missing in action and later as a prisoner by the War department. The letter is as follows:

"Dear Mother and All:

"I've finally reached a permanent prison camp. You can write to me here if you like, but I expect to leave here before your letters would have time to get here. The broken leg I received in bailing out is healing nicely. I expect to take off the cast this week or next. Don't worry about me. The Red Cross has helped us a lot. We have a nice library. We have a school system with a number of classes. I've started Spanish. A large sports program with baseball, basketball, etc., is going on. In addition to German rations we have Red Cross parcels. We are divided into groups of 12 and we do our own cooking. It is surprising what the fellows can do with a little of anything. As I've said before, don't worry about me for compared to what I've seen, this place is pretty nice. Like everything else, it is just what you make it. Knowing I'm lucky to be alive and spirited by dreams of the future, I can endure this for the duration. Love, Jim."

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, November 2, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

T/5 John S. Shafer, son of Mrs. Mary Shafer of this city, has been promoted to the grade of technician fourth grade. T/5 Shafer is assigned to WWAC recruiting duty in Chicago.

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S/Sgt. Jacob A. Miller, Jr., is spending a 15-day delay enroute with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob F. Miller of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 3, 1944]

FREDERICK BEMENDERFER HAS BEEN AWARDED DFC

An 8th AAF Bomber Station, England. - T/Sgt. Frederick E. Bemenderfer, the 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Estel Bemenderfer of 1407 South Main street, Rochester, Ind., has recently been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement in aerial combat.

Sgt. Bemenderfer, radio operator and gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress, has participated in 33 daylight assaults against Nazi Europe. He has previously been awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious achievement in combat.

Prior to enlistment March 12, 1942, Sgt. Bemenderfer was a student at Rochester High school. Since arrival in the European theater May 28, 1944, he has served with the 305th Bombardment Group.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 3, 1944]

LT. JOHN SMILEY, B-25 PILOT, IS HOME ON LEAVE

Lieut. John Smiley, of the U. S. Air Corps is spending a 30-day leave here with his father, Earl Smiley, and with his wife, Mrs. Clara (Vamoni) Smiley, of Mishawaka. John is to report back for duty at a Miami air base on Nov. 30.

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John, who is a former Rochester High school basketball star, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the U. S. Air Medal. He pilots a B-25 bomber and has completed 46 missions, most of which were runs over Jap-held territory in Burma and China and a few sea-action sweeps. John enlisted in the air service in April of 1942.

Lieut. Smiley stated he has four other brothers in the service, namely: S/Sgt. Dean, in the U. S. Infantry, serving in the Southwest Pacific theater; Sgt. Dale, U. S. Air Corps Intelligence, overseas; S. 2/c Don, of the U. S. Navy, and S. 3/c Ray, also in the U. S. Navy.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 3, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. John Eber, who live near Akron, received word Thursday that their son, Pfc. Russell H. Eber, was seriously wounded on Oct 17 in action somewhere in France.

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Arthur Dale Walsh, son of Mrs. Frances Walsh, route 4, Rochester, has enlisted in the Army air Corps Enlisted Reserve and will be called soon for duty.

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The address of Daniel Rose is: Daniel V. Rose, E.M.3/c, Co. 3583, Bks. 32 I-U, USNTC, Bainbridge, Md.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, November 4, 1944]

"JIGGS" POLLOCK GETS PURPLE HEART AWARD

Pfc. Dwight E. Pollock has been awarded the Purple Heart, and is now convalescing in a hospital in Italy. Dwight is better known around Lake Manitou and vicinity as "Jiggs" Pollock and is an expert swimmer and diver.

His brother George is at the front in France. They are sons of Geroge Pollock, Sr., a veteran of World War I, who is employed in Mexico in government service. Mr. Pollock also operated the roller skating rink at the lake for several years.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, November 4, 1944]

FRIENDS GET LETTER FROM CECIL RHODES

Friends here received a letter Saturday from Pfc. Cecil Rhodes, writing on Oct. 25, saying that he was well and safe in Holland. On the day, Nov. 4, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rhodes of Athens, parents of Cecil, received a notification from the War department stating that Pfc. Rhodes had not been located as yet and probably was a German war prisoner.

Cecil Rhodes, serving with the infantry in the 82nd Airborne Glider Division, had been reported missing in action in Holland since Sept. 23.

Pfc. Rhodes wears the wings of a glider pilot the presidential citation pin and three bronze Stars and the Silver Star for combat duty. Another son of Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes, Sgt. Rex Rhodes, who was seriously wounded while serving in France with General Patton's army, is now undergoing treatment for his injuries at a Paris hospital.

There are four other boys from this vicinity, Jim Nixon, Omer Spohn, George Dale Holloway and Bob Carr, who are in the same airborne division. These boys are all veterans of the African, Sicilian, Italian, Normandy and Holland invasions.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, November 6, 1944]

RECEIVES COMMISSION

Word has been received from the Army Service Training Center, Camp Berkeley, Texas, announcing that James G. (Garth) Stewart has been recently commissioned a second lieutenant. Lieut. Stewart will be assigned to the Medical Administrative Corps.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, November 6, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. Major S. Zimmerman, son of Mrs. Blanche Zimmerman, has been recently transferred from Buckley Field, Colo., to Madison, Wis., where he will attend radio school.

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T/5 Douglas M. Sweany, 140 B avenue, has just been graduated as a truck vehicle engine mechanic at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. His new address will be 935 Ord. HAM Co., Camp Stewart, Ga.

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Sgt. James Fernstermaker, 513 1/2 Main street, has been furloughed to a rest base in England following a long service in France and Germany, where he participated in several major engagements. He was employed as a foreman at the Kingsburty Ordnance plant for some time before entering service.

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Miss Frances Braman of this city today received word from her brother, Larry Braman, who was injured recently in action in the Southwest Pacific area, that he is back in the States at a base hospital and getting along OK. Larry was one of the star players of the RHS Zebra squad of '43.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, November 6, 1944]

PVT. JAMES F. DUBOIS KILLED IN ITALY ACTION

Word has been received by relatives here of the death in Italy of Pvt. James F. DuBois, son of John Dubois, former Lake Nyona resident, now of South Bend.

Overseas since August, 1943, he serviced first with the quartermaster corps in Africa and then transferred to the infantry, being sent to Italy a few months ago. He graduated from Riley high school, South Bend, in 1941 and was employed by the Dodge Manufacturing corporation, Mishawaka, before entering the army, Feb. 10, 1943. Surviving besides his widow are two children, Robert and Sharon, at home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John DuBois, 1508 Lear street, South Bend; a brother, Stephen, in the navy; and four sisters, Mrs. Ruth Broman, Cambridge, Mass.; and Elizabeth, Patricia and Mary Katherine, at home.

A number of other relatives still reside in Fulton county.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, November 7, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pfc. Robert J. Merkert, son of Mrs. Flossie B. Hetzner, of route 4, Rochester, was graduated last week from the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School, Laredo Army Air Field, Laredo, Texas, a member of the AAF Training Command. He is now qualified to take his place as a member of a bomber combat crew. Along with his diploma, he received a pair of aerial gunner's silver wings and a promotion in grade at brief graduation exercises.

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Pvt. John A. Bell has notified his family here that he is now in an English rest camp after service in Italy and France. Pvt. Bell has two half-brothers, George and Dwight Pollock, who are also serving in France.

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Miss Frances Braman is in receipt of information that her brother, Pfc. Larry Braman, has returned from service with the U. S. Marines on Peleliu and other Pacific areas and is now in the naval hospital at Oakland, Calif. Pfc. Braman expects soon to be transferred to Great Lakes.

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Mrs. Helen Brown has been informed by Ninth District Headquarters that her husband, Jesse Brown, has been graduated from the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Norman, Okla., as a petty officer, and that he is now awaiting assignment.

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Mr. and Mrs. Court Rhodes of near Athens are in receipt of letters from two sons in service, one of whom was reported missing in action. Letters state that Pfc. Cecil Rhodes is in Holland and Sgt. Rex Rhodes is now convalescing in a Paris hospital. Both boys have seen a great deal of battle service in the European theatre where Pfc. Cecil Rhodes was reported missing in action.

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The present address of S 2/c Russell Dean Carr is ABC I, Available Pool, Fort Pierce, Fla.

Cpl Howard L. Carr has been assigned a new address which is APO 565, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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Lt. Eddie Wilson, a bombardier, has departed for overseas duty, assigned to B29 Superfortress air command, according to word received here by relatives.

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R. L. Baber, an anti-aircraft instructor who has recently returned from two years overseas service has been assigned to the anti-aircraft training center at Point Montara, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, November 7, 1944]

RECEIVES CLUSTER

A release from the 8th Airforce Command in England reveals that Sgt. James E. Fenstermaker, 513 1/2 Main St., has been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster for services rendered above and beyond the call of duty as a waist gunner in the Flying Fortress division. Sgt. Fenstermaker, recently received the air medal which is in addition to the cluster just announced. He received his wings at Las Vegas, Nev., last February.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 8, 1944]

SEVEN YOUTHS LEAVE FOR ARMED SERVICES

Five Fulton county youths left this morning for Indianapolis where they will be inducted into the armed forces. There were also two other boys, who had transferred here from other boards. These boys have already passed their pre-induction physicals and will now enter the armed forces.

Those leaving were:

Wendell C. Tombaugh

Gerald J. Garver

Kurt Hugo Funk

Maurice D. Coplen

Allan A. Wesley

Robert Powell Emmons transferred here from Pontiac, Mich. and

Laurel E. Corbin, transferred here from Madison, Wis.

Also scheduled to leave was Thomas J. Bigler, who has been transferred to San Francisco, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 8, 1944]

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Mrs. Retha Ball of Akron is in receipt of word from Norfolk, Va., that her son, Hova Ball has returned from service in Italy. He has been overseas since last March as a radio operator with the air force. Two other sons, Norval and Lewis Ball have been reported missing in action in the Pacific.

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Pvt. Kenneth Mollenhour has been separated from service at Camp Atterbury, Ind., according to word received here.

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Cpl. Albert L. Eshelman, now in Scotland, has been promoted to rank of sergeant, according to advices received here.

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Pfc. Estil Rowles of New York City arrived home Monday for a furlough visit with his mother, Mrs. Frank Rowles and other relatives and friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 8, 1944]

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Cpl. Rube Rynearson is spending a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lowe Rynearson. His address is: Co. B Casual Bn., A.G.F.R.D. No. 1, Fort Meade, Md.

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Mrs. Harold Newcomer has received word that her husband, Pvt. Harold Newcomer has arrived safely overseas and is now stationed somewhere in England.

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Change of address of the following service men has been received by relatives here:
Sgt. Glen A. Ball (35471993), APO 17716, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.
Sgt. Junior L. Ball (36336846), APO 711, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.
S 1/c Dale D. Halterman (9446390), c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, N.Y.
Pvt. Willard Chamberlain (35897951), APO 3, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.
[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, November 9, 1944]

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The new address of T/4 Harold D. Morrett, 35566636, is APO 229, c/o Postmaster, New York City, N.Y., according to word received by his wife today.

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Mrs. Kenneth Cooper left this morning for Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Ark., for a visit with her husband who is stationed there.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 10, 1944]

RAYMOND HARTLE IS KILLED IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hartle, Leiters Ford, have just been advised by the Navy Department that their son, Raymond Hartle, 19, had been killed in action in the South Pacific.

Raymond enlisted in the Navy in 1942 and received his boot training at Great Lakes. Later he was assigned to destroyer duty and was a member of the crew of a destroyer when fatally injured in the Philippine invasion operation. Surviving are the parents, five sisters and six brothers.

Hartle attended Leiters Ford high school and participated in the invasions of Italy, Sicily and the Islands of the Southwest Pacific.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, November 11, 1944]

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Present address of HA 2/c Gerald Eastberg is U. S. Naval Hospital Staff, Memphis, Tenn.

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Sgt. Raymond Goss, Jr., Maxwell Field, Ala., is here for a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Goss.

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Sgt. Van Brown has just returned by plane from service in India where he was stationed for 16 months. He had been returned to the states to enter officer's training, according to telephone information received by Mrs. Brown.

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Pfc. Lowell Beck, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kramer, owners of the Peoples cafe, has been cited for athletic efficiency, according to information given out by the news service of the department of the Southwest Pacific.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, November 11, 1944]

FIVE FULTON CO. YOUTHS PASS SERVICE EXAMS

The Selective Service office announced today that Kent Hugh Funk, Maurice D. Coplen and Allen Anderson Woolley had passed their physical exams and were accepted for service in the U. S. Army.

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It was also disclosed that Wendell C. Tombaugh and Laurel Eldon Corbin had been given their O.K. for service in the U. S. Navy. These youths took their "physicals" at Indianapolis Wednesday.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, November 11, 1944]

BOB DeBRULER KEEPS 'EM FLYING FOR ARMY

A U.S. Air Force Station, England, Nov. 13 - S. Sgt. Robert L. DeBruler, of Rochester, Ind., is now stationed at this Army Air Base and assigned as a B-17 crew chief.

Sgt. DeBruler has been working on "heavies" ever since he graduated from the AAF technical school for airplane mechanics at Chanute Field, Ill., in 1941. Keeping "Forts" in combat shape is a full time job. "But it's worth all the sleepless night just to know that by keeping 'em flying you're personally giving "Jerry" hell," DeBruler says. He arrived in European Theater of Operations in August, 1942.

Before enlisting in the AAF in 1941 he was employed at Brownies' Drug store as a clerk. His wife, Mrs. Martha DeBruler, lives at 94 Panmore street, Glasgow, Scotland. His mother, Mrs. Helen L. DeBruler, lives at 817 Pontiac street, Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, November 13, 1944]

GETS PURPLE HEART

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Carr, R. 2, have been advised by the War department that their son, Weldon, has been awarded the Medal of the Purple Heart for wounds received in action. The medal was forwarded to his parents. Carr has been in service since early in 1943 and has been overseas since last spring.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, November 13, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. Fred Shobe, Army Medical Corps, returned Saturday from overseas where he served 30 months, and will enjoy a 21-day furlough with relatives and friends here and in Gary.

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T/Sgt. James Ball, Army Air Force, has returned from overseas duty to spend a furlough with his mother, Mrs. Retha Ball of Akron.

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Pfc. Howard Sherbondy, who recently returned from the Southwest Pacific theater of war, is now stationed at Camp Atterbury. Howard's address is: Pfc. Howard Sherbondy, HDQ Co., 1585th Service Unit, Camp Atterbury, Ind.

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E 2/c Westel Carr returned home Sunday for a 30-day furlough with his parents, Chief and Mrs. Fred Carr. E 2/c Carr has been at sea for the past two years and participated in the invasion of Italy and southern France aboard a PT boat.

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Sgt. Walter E. Beaudoin 36728373, Army Air Force Command, has been assigned to overseas duty. His present address is: APO 17016, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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Mrs. Eldon Cessna, 401 W. 11th street, has been advised that her husband, Eldon Cessna M.A. 2/c, has been assigned to Navy sub-base and that his address is: Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

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Cpl. James E. Smith, who has been stationed in South American territory has arrived home for a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Smith.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, November 13, 1944]

INJURED MONTEREY YOUTH FLOWN TO U. S. HOSPITAL

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brucker of Monterey received word that their son, S/Sgt. Philip Brucker, who was wounded in action in July and had been confined to a base hospital in England, had arrived by plane last Monday in New York and was brought to the Billings hospital, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis on Tuesday.

S/Sgt. Brucker, with the U.S. Army in foreign war theater, received injuries in his legs and was placed in a stretcher where he remained until the middle of October when he was placed in a cast covering his entire body from arms down.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, November 14, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Lieut. (j.g.) Clyde Lyle is now stationed at Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, N.Y., according to word received here.

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Pfc. Howard Sherbondy's address is now Hdq Co. 1585th Service Unit, Camp Atterbury, Ind.

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Mrs. Roland Hays has received the present address of her brother, S/Sgt. Telford Conrad, which is APO 11115, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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Leonard E. Cessna has been promoted from third class to second class petty officer, according to word received here. He is employed in Navy post office overseas.

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New address of Coxswain Julian A. Powell is c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, November 14, 1944]

TWENTY-TWO YOUTHS ANSWER TO CALL TO THE COLORS

Twenty-two local youths left this morning for service examinations at Indianapolis. Of these, three, LeeRoy Hoehne, Richard Eugene Kindig and John Alfred Helt were volunteers. Chas. Spohn, Jr., was appointed leader. The list follows:

LeeRoy Hoehne
Richard Eugene Kindig
John Alfred Helt
James Alva Harvey
John Lewis Kaley
Kenneth Earl Thomas
Harold Dean McGee
Robert James Wagoner
Richard Eugene Kistler
Lowell Ernest Young
Theadore Wallace DeMien
Garland Eldean Eshelman
Wendell Lamar Grass
Arthur Vincent Weaver
Charles Spohn, Jr.
Charles Blanchard Riggle, Jr.
Laurel Owen Otto
Richard LaVern Pfeiffer
Francis Eugene Sanders
Fredrick Jesse Swango
Richard Norman Wagner
George Robert Brown.

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TALMA FLYER WINS THE ARMY AIR CROSS

15th AAF in Italy. - Second Lieut. Harold E. Meiser, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meiser, of Route 5, Rochester, Indiana has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy." Lieut. Meiser, a co-pilot on an AAF B-17 Flying Fortress, is with the 15th AAF.

A graduate of Talma high school, he entered the army on September 1, 1944. [sic]

Receiving his pilot's wings at Altus, Okla., on Feb. 8, 1944, he left for overseas duty on August 8, 1944. He already has flown 14 missions, many of them deep into Germany.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, November 14, 1944]

LOCAL HERO IS AWARDED MEDAL FOR BRAVERY

For personal bravery, courage and heroism above and beyond the call of duty, the Army today announced the award of a bronze star medal to Pfc. Melvin W. Sweany, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sweany of this city. Pfc. Sweany enlisted in the service about two and a half years ago and went overseas in November 1943 when he was assigned to the Rangers, where he has since served. The citation in connection with the medal is as follows:

"Pfc. Melvin W. Sweany, (35359448), infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement.

"While on outpost duty on 6 June and 7 June, 1944, near Ponte du Hoe, France, Pfc. Sweany and three other soldiers courageously repulsed three enemy counter-attacks of far superior numbers, inflicting numerous casualties and holding their positions while others withdrew.

"Completely cut off from their unit for forty-eight hours, without food or water, Pfc. Sweany and his three fellow soldiers refused to surrender and continued to harass the enemy.

"The heroism of Pfc. Sweany is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service."

Pointe du Hoe, the scene of this action, will be remembered as one of the hotly defended points in Normandy, on the road to Paris.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 15, 1944]

WOUNDED SECOND TIME, IN HOSPITAL IN ITALY

Word has been received from the War department by Mr. and Mrs. Chester McCalla, East Eighth street, that their son, Pvt. Echo McCalla, has been wounded in action and is now confined in a hospital in Italy.

Pvt. McCalla was injured previously on "D-Day" but returned to service. Present injuries were sustained during the invasion of southern France. He has been overseas for the past year. A brother, Pvt. Howard McCalla, is stationed in Hawaii.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 15, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

A local boy, Sgt. LeRoy Van Duyne, R. 2, is one of ten Hoosier lads to receive commendatory mention for service in the Pacific theatre, according to information released by the 7th Anti-Air Force Command in the Gilbert Islands.

These ground crew members are veterans of four major Seventh AAF blows against the Japs, having participated in the Gilberts, Marshall, Carolines and Mariannas campaigns. The commendation was issued by Col. Murray A. Bywater, of Salt Lake City, Utah, commanding officer of the group.

"These ground crews have done their job well and have won the respect of all of us who have had the opportunity of working with them in the Seventh A.A.F.

"We owe them much more credit than they usually get and in many cases we owe them our lives. They have kept our Seventh A.A.F. B-25 Mitchell bombers flying over thousands of miles of the vast Pacific ocean, and only those who have flown over the Pacific realize how vast it really is."

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Dean Johnston, who has served in the South Pacific and Dale Johnston who has served in France, are enroute home on furloughs according to word received by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Johnston of this city.

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New address of Robert F. Burns is: Sec. 1005, USNR-PMS, Asbury Park, N.J.

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The address of Paul Burns is: B-5, Compartment H. U. S. Maritime Station, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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Dick A. Miller, S 1/c AM is: Barracks 29 NAS, Lambert Field, St Louis, Mo.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 15, 1944]

FORMER [RHS] STUDENT WOUNDED IN ACTION

Pfc. Larry Braman, First Marine Corps, has been awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds he received in an encounter with a Jap tank on Pelelieu Island on Sept. 16. Larry is now stationed at Bainbridge, Md.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 15, 1944]

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Mr. and Mrs. George McKee of near Athens have received word that their son, Sgt. Richard McKee has arrived safely overseas.

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Pvc. Hadden Stewart of Camp Campbell, Ky., arrived home today for a 10-day furlough which will be spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stewart, and friends.

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T/Sgt. Arile Fugate, Infantry, is home on 30 day leave from service in South America for a visit with his mother, Mrs. James Fugate and other relatives and friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, November 16, 1944]

MOTHER GETS DETAILS OF SON'S DEATH AT SEA

Details of the death of Lt. Harold Thornburg which occurred in the South Pacific, Sept. 21, were received yesterday from the Navy Department by his mother, Mrs. Howard P. Calloway, route 1.

Lt. Thornburg, who was a flight surgeon aboard an aircraft carrier, was on a special mission by plane when his ship was shot down by Jap fire. Although it is not known whether or not he was injurd, his plane sank before rescue crews could reach him.

Lt. Thornburg, who was 33, was married and the father of two sons, seven and ten years old, respectively, and one baby daughter, whom he never saw. His family now resides in Coronado, Calif. A sister, Kathron, lives in Modesto, Calif., and is father, Dr. Harvey Thornburg, is a resident of Sanford, Maine.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 17, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Sgt. Donald Grass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Grass, north of Talma, has returned to the states from overseas duty and is now convalescing at the Percy Jones hospital in Battle Creek, Mich.

Sgt. Grass was wounded in France on Sept. 19. He was serving with Gen. Patton's army. He lost a leg in action. His present address is: Sgt. Donald Grass, 35353858, Percy Jones Hospital, Ward 7, Battle Creek, Mich.

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Pfc. Earl Edward Wheatley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wheatley of the Leiters Ford vicinity, has been transferred from France to Belgium. He is in the field artillery.

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SGT. BALL COMPLETES FIFTY BOMBING MISSIONS

T/Sgt. James Ball, radioman-gunner of the U. S. Air Corps, is back home on a 22-day furlough from an Allied air base in Italy. James, who is the son of Mrs. Retha Ball of Akron, has completed fifty bombing missions and thirty-seven sorties.

He has been overseas since early last spring and most of the bombing runs were over enemy country in continental Europe. He was a member of a B-24 crew at the time he was given his furlough. James has two brothers who are on the air corps casualty list. Turret Gunner Norval Ball, who has been missing in action for nearly two years, and Sgt. Louis (Monk) Ball, tail gunner, who was killed in action in the same area about a year ago.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 17, 1944]

FOURTEEN MEN OKAYED FOR ARMED SERVICES

Fourteen of the twenty-two men who reported for induction at Indianapolis Tuesday were accepted, according to word received Thursday at the local Selective Service board. They were:

Leroy Hoehne
Richard Eugene Kindig
John Alfred Helt
John Lewis Kaley
Robert James Wagoner
Richard Eugene Kistler
Lowell Ernest Young
Theadore Wallace DeMien
Garland Eldean Eshelman
Wendell Lamar Grass
Charles Spohn, Jr.
Charles Blanchard Riggle, Jr.
Laurel Owen Otto
Richard LaVern Pfeiffer

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, November 18, 1944]

RECEIVES SECOND LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL

Sgt. James Fenstermaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fenstermaker, 606 1/2 Main street, has been further honored with a second oak leaf cluster to the Air Medal, according to a citation issued by the Eighth Air Force Bomber Station somewhere in England.

Notice of the award of the first cluster was received here about two weeks ago. The oak leaf cluster is given as a mission honorarium for outstanding performance, and is worn on the air medal which is awarded for distinguished service.

The official citation reads: "For meritorious achievement, while participating in heavy bombardment missions in the air offensive against the enemy over Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Sgt. Fenstermaker upon these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

Sgt. Fenstermaker received his gunner's wings in February, 1944, at Las Vegas, Nev.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, November 20, 1944]

"WOODY" McINTYRE ASSISTS IN FEVER TREATMENTS

In the Nov. 18 edition of "Thayer Fare," weekly publication of the Thayer General hospital (U.S.A.), Nashville, Tenn., T/4 Kenneth (Woody) McIntyre is shown with a doctor, nurse and patient in the fever therapy room of the hospital.

The underlines under the illustration read: "Specialists in the fever therapy treatment at Thayer are Capt. Lewis Dickar, Lieut. Gertrude Hingston and T/4 Kenneth McIntyre, shown here at the side of an air conditioned cabinet used in treating the patient."

T/4 McIntyre, prior to his enlistment in the U. S. Army, was employed at the Karn Coffee Shop, this city.

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[The News-Sentinel, Monday, November 20, 1944]

FOURTH SON JOINS UP

Billy R. Nickell, son of Mrs. Minnie Calloway, is the fourth of that family of boys to enter the armed forces. Billy, who is now a Marine private, is stationed at Paris Island, S.C. Three older brothers are scattered around the world. One is on Saipan, one is in Holland, and the other is in the Navy, at sea. Billy enlisted at Indianapolis last Wednesday.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, November 20, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. Raymond Cooper, Fort McClelland, Ala., is spending a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cooper, route 3.

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The present address of S/Sgt. Melvin W. Sweany, 35359448, at APO 230, c/o Postmaster, New York City.

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T/Sgt. Ernest Newman is home from service overseas for a visit with his family and friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. Otto Miller have received word that their son, Richard, is confined to the station hospital, Camp Stewart, Ga., suffering with pneumonia.

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Pvt. Richard W. Demont of Sioux City, Iowa, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Demont and family.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, November 21, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pfc. Dale Johnston has returned home from France and is spending a furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Johnston, of East 14th street. Dale has spent two years and a half overseas.

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Sgt. Woodie McGlothin arrived home recently from 39 months overseas service to spend some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McGlothin, 138 Avenue B. Sgt. McGlothin has received a medical discharge from the Army.

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Mr. and Mrs. Talford Richardson, east of this city, have been advised of the safe arrival overseas of their son, S/Sgt. John Richardson.

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S/Sgt. Claude W. Steffey, Fort Benning, Ga., is spending a well-earned furlough with his mother, Mrs. Ruth Nees. At the conclusion of his leave, Sgt. Steffey expects to transfer to the west coast.

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Cpl. and Mrs. Gene Thompson and daughter Jane of Aberdeen, Md., are here for a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thompson, and other relatives and friends.

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F 2/c Harley Denton has been transferred to the Navy service school for electricians in St. Louis, Mo.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 22, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

The address of S 1/c Billy Hudkins, received this morning by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Hudkins, route 6, Rochester, is Navy 167, R-B, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

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Pvt. Richard Meyer of Fort McClelland, Ala., is spending a 10-day furlough with relatives and friends here.

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Pvt. James Lyle Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, 1213 Jefferson street, is now stationed at Tinker Field, Okla., where he will receive signal training. Pvt. Miller was formerly stationed at Kelly Field, Texas.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 24, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Otto McMahan have been advised that their son, George, has just been promoted to the rank of major. Major McMahan has been in service for the past two-and-a-half years, and is now stationed in the South Pacific.

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Mrs. Harold Beaudoin has been advised that their daughter, Lt. Grace Conrad, Army Nurse Corps, has arrived safely overseas after a 30-day leave spent here with relatives and friends. Her address is the same as heretofore, APO 632, care Postmaster, Miami, Fla.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, November 25, 1944]

LIEUT. BIGLER GETS LETTER FROM FRIEND IN FREED FRANCE

A postcard was received today at the Jennens home addressed to Lieut. Charles (Bob) Bigler, who is now stationed at Roswell, N.M., where he is a flight instructor. The message was sent from Valmondois, France, by F. Hoffman.

The Jennens believe that Hoffman may have been one of the French underground group who enabled Bob to escape back to an air base in England after a big B-17 bomber which Bob was flying was shot down near the French-German border. Hoffman's message follows:

Valmondois 8-3-44

"Dear Friend:

"We would be pleased to receive news from you. Here, everyone is in a good health. We have been liberated by American troops, on August 30th. We are very much grateful to them.

"In the last months of German occupation, we have often seen falling fortresses. But we have not met another parachutist. The last days before the enemy flight have been very hard. Germans would burn our village, because many of their soldiers had been killed.

"We have been shelled, too, for there were flying bombs in the next town, C'isle-Adam.

"I hope you are in good health and I wish you a good luck.

"Your sincere friend

"Francis Hoffman"

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, November 25, 1944]

RECOGNITION GIVEN S/SGT. R. CHAPMAN

T/Sgt. Ralph Chapman has been awarded the Medal of the Purple Heart for wounds received in action on August 19, and the Infantry Combat Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy, according to an army release to his wife here.

Sgt. Chapman is attached to General Patton's army, and has served in France since the invasion.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, November 25, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Word has been received here that S 3/c James R. Myers and Don Smith will arrive Wednesday or Thursday for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Myers and Mrs. Delle Smith. Both boys are returning on furlough from two years service at sea, in which they saw action with the Seventh Fleet in the invasion of Leyte and the record battle of the Philippines sea.

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Pfc. Lawrence Brown will return Tuesday to Camp Campbell, Ky., after a short furlough with his parents, Attorney and Mrs. Selden J. Brown, and other relatives and friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, November 27, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Word has been received that Pfc. Paul Barts has arrived safely somewhere in Belgium.

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The new address of A/C Donald D. Umbaugh, who recently graduated from pre-flight school at the Aviation Center, San Antonio, Texas, is: Class 45-1, H.A.A.F., Harlingen, Texas.

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The new address of F 1/c John E. Scheuer is: Commandant, Naval District, Navy No. 128, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

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New address of Pfc. Albert Scheuer, 35551908, is APO 235, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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Word has been received from Great Lakes Naval Training Center that Wendell Carvey Tombaugh, 30, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tombaugh, is receiving his boot training at that station.

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The new address of Pvt. John W. (Jack) Davis, 35845776, is: Co. L, 12th Bn., 3rd.P.T.R., T.P.S., Fort Benning, Ga. He was formerly stationed at Camp Hood, Texas.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, November 28, 1944]

AKRON YOUTH MISSING IN ACTION SAYS ARMY

Word has been received from the War department by Mr. and Mrs. Otis Whittenberger of Akron that their son, Pvt. Donald Whittenberger, has been missing in action since Nov. 7.

Pvt. Whittenberger entered the service Oct. 22, 1942, and went overseas in December, 1943. No reference to the incident involved was indicated in the brief report, it is stated.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 29, 1944]

HEAR SON IS WOUNDED IN BATTLE FOR METZ

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lawson of the Leiters Ford community are in receipt of word from the War department that their son, Pfc. Albert Lawson, suffered wounds in the battle for Metz, and that he is now in a hospital in France.

The report stated that Pfc. Lawson received his wounds on Nov. 10, and that his condition is satisfactory. He was a member of Patton's Third army, which has seen plenty of action since D-Day.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 29, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pfc. Keith Barts has arrived safely somewhere in the British Isles, according to word received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barts.

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New address of T/Sgt. James Bowl, Jr., 15062265 is Section III, Combat Crew Detachment, 236 Army Air Base Unit, F.A.A.F., Pyate, Texas. He has just been transfred from Lincoln, Neb.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 29, 1944]

KEWANNA MARINE IS IN CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kreamer of Kewanna today received word that their son, Cpl. Ralph Kreamer of the U. S. Marine Corps, is back in the U. S. in a hospital at Oakland, Calif.

Ralph was wounded in action somewhere in the Southwest Pacific, however, the nature of his injuries has not been disclosed. He has been in service for over 16 months and his parents

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stated he took part in the battle of Tarawa, Saipan and the Tinian. Cpl. Kramer, who is a graduate of the Kewanna High school, has many friends here in Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 1, 1944]

KEWANNA BOY WOUNDED SOMEWHERE IN GERMANY

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Whybrew, Kewanna, have learned through the War Department that their son, Lt. Robert D. Whybrew, has been wounded in action in the battle for Germany.

Lt. Whybrew was sent overseas in October 1943 and has seen much action since "D" day. On Nov. 9, he wrote his wife and on Nov. 10, according to Army information, he was evacuated to a field hospital somewhere in France for treatment of wounds.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 1, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller, 1213 Jefferson street, have been advised that their son, James Lyle Miller, Tinker Field, Okla., has been promoted to the rank of corporal.

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Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gochenour have been advised that their nephew, Pfc. Joe Hinesley of Rossville, Ind., is missing in action on the Italian front.

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Sgt. Van Brown left today for New Orleans after a short furlough with his family and friends here. Sgt. Brown, who spent 16 months in India, will enter officer's training in the Army Transport school.

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Pvt. Fred Shobe departed today for Miami Beach, Fla., where he will be assigned to active service. He has enjoyed a furlough with relatives and friends here and at Gary. Pvt. Shobe served a year in Africa and Italy, in the Army Hospital Corps.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. A. (Chub) Gast of Warsaw, formerly of Akron, have been advised that their son, Lieut. Robert Gast, with the First army, was recently wounded in action in the Hurtgen woods, east of Aachen. A letter written with his left hand to his parents stated that he was getting along all right and begged them not to worry about his condition. The wound was caused by a German machine gun bullet.

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Bluejacket William A. Brown, 127 Pontiac street, Rochester, graduated recently from the Naval Training School (Amphibious Fireman) at the University of Illinois campus, Urbana, Ill.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 1, 1944]

WINS SILVER STAR FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION

With the 4th Armored Division in France-- Private First Class Edgar A. Miller, 25, son of Mrs. LaVirge Miller, route 6. Rochester, Ind., peep driver with an armored infantry battalion, has been awarded the Silver Star medal by order of Maj.Gen. John S. Wood, commanding the Fourth Armored Division, now in Germany.

The citation follows: "On Sept. 30, 1944, near Arracourt, France, Pfc. Miller personally directed artillery fire on attacking German infantry. In the course of this action, he continually drew the artillery fire closer to himself until he was endangered by it. Throughout the action he was under direct fire from enemy machine guns and small arms. Regardless of his own danger, Pfc. Miller continued to direct fire until he was almost entirely surrounded by the enemy. When forced to withdraw he went only far enough to prevent capture. Then he continued to direct the necessary fire.

"He was highly responsible for the halting of the enemy attack and was largely responsible for setting the stage for a successful counter-attack the next morning."

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Inducted into the Army in November, 1941, Pfc. Miller has been overseas a year with the 4th Armored Division. He participated in the division's spectacular drive from Normandy across the Brittany peninsula and then east to Alsace-Lorraine.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 2, 1944]

LEITERS FORD MAN IS KILLED IN METZ BATTLE

Word of the death of Sgt. Dale E. Clark, Leiters Ford, who was killed in action in France on Nov. 8, has been released by the War department. Sgt. Clark had served with the Third army since last July and it is believed that he suffered fatal wounds in the fighting around Metz.

Wounded in a previous action he had recovered and was later returned to service. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Violet (Woodward) Clark, a daughter, Joyce, two years old, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark, of South Bend.

Prayer services, attended by immediate relatives were held at the W. E. Woodward home in Leiters Ford. Sgt. Clark was 23 years old.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 2, 1944]

WINS DISTINGUISHED CROSS AND PROMOTION

Mrs. Ione Wagner, Monterey, has been informed that her son, Lt. Charles R. Wagner, a pilot, has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant and has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for outstanding service.

Lt. Wagner has completed 35 missions over France and Germany from his base somewhere in England.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 2, 1944]

RETURNS ON FURLOUGH WITH PURPLE HEART TO LEARN OF DEATH IN HOME

A thirty day furlough, the reward for a job well done, and an opportunity to rest and recuperate from wounds received on a Normandy beachhead on "D" Day, was marred with sorrow for Seabee James Lowe on his arrival here Thursday night, when he learned first hand of the passing of his grandfather, [James B. (Bruce) Lowe.

Lowe, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Lowe of South Bend, has served in a construction battalion for the past two years and was engaged in the landing of troops in the Allied invasion of Normandy when wounded by enemy gunfire. Awarded the medal of the Purple Heart, he was listed as a casualty, returned to the United States and granted a 30-day furlough to return home.

Having been informed that he might arrive here at any time, although his whereabouts were unknown, it was decided by relatives to postpone the last rites for his grandfather in the hopes that he would reach Rochester in time to attend the obsequies.

Fortunately he did arrive home on Thursday night--in time to attend the funeral which was held Friday afternoon--and plans to remain here several days for a visit before going on to South Bend.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 2, 1944]

PRIVATE JOHN A. BELL MEETS DEATH IN ACTION

A notice from the War Department last night revealed the death in action overseas, of Pvt. John A. Bell, 28, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Pollock who reside in Ferndale on Lake Manitou.

The brief message gave no details except to state that Pvt. Bell was killed in action, Nov. 19, just six weeks after he sailed from Camp Meade, Md., for overseas service.

Bell is the father of three children, aged nine, six and four respectively. His wife, Dean (Zartman) Bell, preceded him in death about eighteen months ago. Besides the children, his mother and step-father, two step-brothers Dwight [POLLOCK] and George Edward POLLOCK, now with the armed forces overseas, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Carl LOYD of Elwood, Ind.

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SERVICE NOTES

Marine Private First Class Donald E. Polk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis J. Polk, 514 West Ninth street, this city, has been promoted to that rank following graduation from the Marine Clerical School at Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif. His wife, the former Lorraine Rose Kelch of Corwith, Iowa, and their son, Donald L., live in Rochester.

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T/Sgt. Frederick Bemenderfer, radio technician and gunner of the U. S. Air Corps, who recently returned from the European war theater where he completed 50 missions over enemy territory, left today for Santa Ann, Calif., where he will be given another assignment. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Estel Bemenderfer of this city.

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The new address of S/Sgt. J. W. Walburn, 35361167, is Sqdn. "O" C.C.T.S. (MB) G.A.A.B., Greenville, S.C. Sgt. Walburn has just completed gunnery school at Laredo, Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Walburn.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 2, 1944]

MEETS STEP-SON

After a separation of 11 years, Elmer Lownes met his step-son, Harvey Hubert, for the first time as Hubert passed through Chicago enroute to duty with the armed services. Lownes was accompanied by Mrs. Elgie Rentschler and son, Jim, and Earl Louderback, all of the Fulton neighborhood.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 4, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. Frank E. Carithers, son of Mrs. and Mrs. F. E. Carithers, R. 2, Rochester, has been issued a pair of silver wings, according to announcement by the Flexible Gunnery School, Tyndall Field, Panama City, Fla.

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Lyman Dawson, S 1/c, returned to duty at Baltimore, Md., Sunday after a week's furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merley Dawson.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 4, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hunter received a letter from their son, S/Sgt. Charles E. (Bill) Hunter, stating that he had been removed from France to a hospital in England. No details as to whether he had been wounded or what the cause for hospitalization was given. He had been attached to the Third army under General Patton in France. His address may be obtained from his parents.

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Seaman 1/c Donald Lange is spending a few days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lange at their Lake Manitou home. Don has recently returned from service off North Africa.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, December 5, 1944]

JOANNA RUTH AULT TO BECOME A WAVE

The Bureau of Naval Personnel, Chicago, today announces that Joanna Ruth Ault, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O. Ault, 312 West Third street, this city, has been sworn into the WAVES and will shortly go into training.

The training will start at the U. S. Naval Training School, Bronx, N.Y. Joanna is a graduate of the Rochester High school, class of '42, and for some time has been employed as a teller at the Farmers & Merchants bank, this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, December 5, 1944]

LOCAL BOY MISSING IN PHILIPPINE INVASION

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Mr. and Mrs. Dan Willard, 520 East Eighth street, have been informed by the War department that their son, Pfc. William C. Willard, 96th Infantry Division, has been missing in action since Nov. 3rd.

Pfc. Willard is a graduate of Rochester high school and before entering the service two years ago, was employed by the Nickel Plate R.R. He spent several months in Bradley Technical School following induction into the armed forces. In September he was assigned to the infantry and sent overseas.

The 86th [sic] Division has been engaged since the invasion in the conquest of Leyte. Pfc. Willard would have been 20 years old next Thursday.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, December 5, 1944]

BILL CHAMBERLAIN OF THIS CITY KILLED IN ACTION IN GERMANY

Word of the death of Pvt. Willard (Bill) Chamberlain, 35, in action, which occurred somewhere in Germany on Nov. 20, was received this morning by his wife, Mrs. Charlene Chamberlain, 1030 Franklin avenue, from the War department.

"Bill," as he was familiarly known in this community, was inducted into the army a year ago this month, and trained at Fort Bragg, N.C., and other southern camps. In April of this year he was sent overseas and served with the infantry in Italy. Early this autumn, as a member of the U. S. Seventh army, he participated in the invasion of Southern France and later saw heavy fighting in the advance on Strasbourg.

The deceased, as one of three brothers, operated a tavern on East Eighth street in this city, and was well known to a host of friends. One brother, W. Lynn Chamberlain, is now with the Army Air Force in England, and another brother, Claude C. Chamberlain, who served a year with the air force in Washington and other western states, has been honorably discharged and is now at home here.

Besides the above named survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Bernice Gephart, Peru, and Mrs. Sarah Zimmerman, Rochester. No details of the manner in which Pvt. Chamberlain met death are available at this time.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, December 6, 1944]

COMMANDING OFFICER GIVES DEATH DETAILS

Carrier Air Group 35
Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.
September 30, 1944

Dear Mrs. Thornburg:

It is with deepest regret that I must inform you of the death, in action, on September 21, 1944, of your husband, Lieutenant Harold Babcock Thornburg, MedicalCorps, U.S. Navy.

Doctor Thornburg was the observer in a torpedo bomber which took off from our carrier at 2:30 p.m. on September 21, on a bombing mission against enemy positions on Halmahera island. Two surviving members of the crew reported that the plane completed one bombing run successfully on the second target of the mission, and at altitude of 5,000 feet, began its second run. Enemy anti-aircraft batteries were firing at the plane and at that point the crewmen were told by Dr. Thornburg, over the interphone, that the pilot had been struck by a shell and was unconscious.

Putting aside all thoughts of his personal safety, the doctor informed the crewmen that he was going to help the pilot, instructing them to prepare to parachute but not to do so immediately, which was very sound advice since the plane was still over enemy territory.

The radioman called out the altimeter readings at intervals down to 2,000 feet, at which point he and the gunner parachuted from the plane. Before he jumped the radioman observed the doctor apparently also preparing to jump.

Witnesses of the mishap, in other torpedo bombers in the flight, observed Dr. Thornberg leave the plane after the gunner and radioman left it. His parachute, however, did not have time to

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open fully before he struck the water, and the witnesses last saw his body, with the parachute still attached, sink beneath the surface of the water.

It is difficult for me to express to you, Mrs. Thornburg, the deep regard and respect in which Dr. Thornburg was held by all of us in the Air Group. He had been with this unit since the commissioning, and each pilot, as he reported for duty, was taken in hand by the doctor and given the benefit of his experience, both as a flight surgeon and as a naval officer. As our medical officer, he was constantly on hand to minister, skillfully and dependably, to those who needed his attentions. His experience as an officer was of the greatest value in the training of our newer officers. More than that, he was the personal friend of every officer and enlisted man in the group.

I hope that it may be of some small comfort to you to know that the doctor died in the finest tradition of a United States Naval Flight surgeon--the last act was to try to help a wounded pilot.

Since he had to die, I know he would have wanted it to be that way--trying to save the life of another. I can assure you that his death was instantaneous; he suffered no pain.

Please feel free to write to us for any additional information we may be able to give you, and accept our deepest sympathy in your bereavement.

Yours very truly,
Frederick T. Moore,
Lieutenant Commander, Jr.,
U. S. Navy,
Commanding Officer.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, December 6, 1944]

WOUNDS PROVE FATAL TO LT. ROBERT D. WHYBREW

The War department has notified Mr. and Mrs. Chester Whybrew of Fulton of the death of their son, 1st Lt. Robert Dee Whybrew, infantry, which occurred at a hospital in France Nov. 16, the result of wounds received in action in the fighting on the western front.

Lt. Whybrew was born in Grass Creek on July 27, 1921, and on Dec. 28, 1941, was united in marriage with Miss Jean Ellen Loucks of Peru. He entered the Army on Nov. 5, 1942, trained at Fort Benning, Ga., and Camp Pickett, Va., was commissioned a second lieutenant April 30, 1943, and promoted to the rank of first lieutenant Oct. 1, 1944. After preliminary training in England he was sent to France and assigned to an infantry unit which was among the first American contingents to reach Paris. He was twice decorated, once with the Infantrysmens' Badge of Merit, and again with the Purple Heart Medal.

Besides his wife and parents he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Charles Kindig and Mrs. Lloyd Dawson of Rochester, and Mrs. Wesley Dawson of Chicago.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 7, 1944]

FORMER DELONG YOUTH IS MISSING IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Washburn, now of Plymouth, but formerly of DeLong, have been advised that their son, Pfc. James R. "Jack" Washburn, has been missing in action since Nov. 15, somewhere in France.

Pfc. Washburn was one of three brothers, serving in the armed forces: Corp. Donald Washburn, now in Germany, and Pvt. Raymond Washburn at present attending gunner's school at Fort Knox, Ky. A sister, Mrs. Kenneth Castleman, resides northwest of this city, in the Loyal neighborhood.

Pfc. Washburn had served in the medical corps with both the American First and Third armies. He was inducted in September 1943 and received his basic training at Camp Grant, Ill. He had been overseas since last April. He was well known in the western part of the county where he was born and reared.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 7, 1944]

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Leroy E. Miller, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Miller, route 3, Rochester, is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Harley R. Denton, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Denton, 1024 Madison street, Rochester, was enrolled recently in an intensive course at the Electrical Naval Training School located at the St. Louis, Mo., Haval Armory.

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Among 29 officers and men of a Ranger Infantry Battalion decorated recently for heroism in the battle for France, was S/Sgt. Melvin W. Sweany, of East Fourth street, Rochester, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 7, 1944]

LT. JOHN M. SMILEY AT MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

Miami Beach, Fla., Dec. 8. - 1st Lt. John M. Smiley, 26, of 310 West Thirteenth street, Mishawaka, Ind., has arrived at Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2 in Miami Beach for reassignment processing after completing a tour of duty outside the continental United States. He will remain here about two weeks, much of which will be devoted to rest and recreation.

He flew 46 missions as a B-25 pilot during 13 months in the China-Burma-India theater and won the DFC and the Air Medal. He worked for the American Foundry Equipment Co., in Mishawaka, before joining the AAF April 22, 1942. His wife, Clora, lives at the same address, while his father, Earl Smiley, lives at 329 West Fourth street, Rochester, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 8, 1944]

LT. BENJAMIN DuBOIS REPORTED MISSING INFLIGHT OVER GERMANY

Word was received this morning from the War department by B. F. Fretz that his grandson, 2nd Lt. Benjamin F. DuBois, has been missing in action since Nov. 23, in a flight near Germany.

Lt. DuBois has been attached to the Eighth Air Force, based somewhere in England, since going overseas several months ago. As a navigator he had almost completed his schedule of missions and was looking forward to a well-earned leave of absence when his bomber was shot down over Germany.

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The son of the late Howard and Mabel DuBois, he was born in this city 27 years ago. He is a graduate of Rochester High school and after graduation entered the abstracting business with his father and grandfather, B. F. Fretz. Following the death of his mother, he was appointed to serve the remainder of her term of office as county recorder.

One of Three In Service

Lt. DuBois is one of three brothers in the armed forces. Robert O. DuBois is in the Navy and stationed at Fort Lauderdale, in Florida, and Tommy, with the Army Medical Corps, is located at Camp Roberts, Calif. A sister, Dorothy Gusten, resides in Peru.

Because of his life before the public, Lt. DuBois is well known over Fulton county, and although hopes are held for his probable return, the fact that he has been reported missing in action comes as a shock to his wide circle of friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 8, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pfc. Jay H. Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Carr, 330 Fulton avenue, has reported at Miami Beach, Fla., for assignment. He has just completed 27 months' service with the coast artillery in the Pacific.

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Corp. Franklin L. Lantz, 36465485, has been transferred and his new address is: Bat. C, 764th F.A., Camp Hood, Texas. He was formerly stationed at Fort Sill, Okla.

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LT. JACK WALTER LISTED AS KILLED IN ACTION

Mrs Marietta (Krieghbaum) Walter of Lafayette, formerly of this city, yesterday received an official message from the U. S. War department that her husband, 1st Lt. George M. "Jack" Walter, was now listed as "killed in action" while returning to England from a bombing raid over Germany.

Jack was first reported "missing in action" on March 9, 1944. The bodies of two members of the B-17 bomber on which he was chief navigator were found washed asore on the coast of England, a few weeks after that date.

Lt. Walter had often visited Rochester friends, and had spent summer vacations at Manitou. He had a host of friends throught this community.

He is survived by his wife, a baby daughter, Lynda, whom he never had seen, his parents and brothers and sisters, who reside in or near Attica, Ind. His wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Krieghbaum, former residents of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 9, 1944]

LETTER FROM BUDDY SAYS DuBOIS MAY BE PRISONER

In a letter received Saturday morning by Mrs. Madge Waymire, a bombardier and close friend of Lt. Benny DuBois, who saw the local man's plane plummet to earth, kindled anew the flame of hope that DuBois is alive and safe, perhaps as a prisoner of war in Germany.

The letter, written shortly after Lt. DuBois' plane was shot down, stated that the writer was in a bomber immediately following the local navigator. He reveals that he saw the DuBois plane go down--in good control--and expressed belief that all hands had plenty of time to bail out and parachute safely to earth. As it is indicated the action took place over enemy territory, it is the belief of Benny's friends in squadron service that he is, perhaps, a prisoner of Germany.

In Friday's announcement it was stated the disastrous flight took place on Nov. 23. This should have read the 21st.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 9, 1944]

LEARNS OF DEATH OF HUSBAND IN PACIFIC

Mrs. Phyllis Baumgartner, who rsides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Van Tuyl Gillespie, Kewanna, was on Sunday informed of the death of her husband, S 1/c Paul J. Baumgartner, who was killed in action in the Pacific theatre.

S 1/c Baumgartner was 22 years of age, the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Baumgartner of Fort Wayne. Previous to his enlistment in the Navy he assisted his father, a contractor, with offices in his home city.

Following boot training he was assigned to service at the Bunker Hill naval base where he served 18 months. In March of this year he was transferred to the west coast and assigned to duty at sea.

In addition to wife and parents, he is survived by one son, Michael Paul. No details as to the manner or time of his death are at present available.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 11, 1944]

ENLISTS IN MARINES

Walter D. "Don" Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Admiral Smith, left today for Indianapolis where he will be inducted into the U. S. Marine Corps. He expects to be sent immediately to the Marine base at San Diego, Calif., for training.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 11, 1944]

REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION; IS WOUNDED

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Washburn of Plymouth, formerly residents of the Delong community, have now been informed that their son, Pfc. James R. "Jack" Washburn, reported missing in action

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since November 16, received wounds in the foot and has been located in a station hospital in France.

Information reveals further that Washburn has been awarded the medal of the Purple Heart. He is well known in the western section of the county where he was born and reared. His condition is believed to be satisfactory.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 11, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Corporal Byron C. Hill, a son of Mrs. Melvin Hill, 129 W. 3rd St., Rochester, has been sent, after 11 months as a truck driver in the Pacific theatre, to the army redistribution center, Miami Beach, Fla., for reassignment.

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Present address of Pvt. Gene Reese, is: APO 655, c/o. Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Pvt. Wayne Reese is now reported serving with the Army in the Pacific theatre.

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New address of Lt. James A. Deardorff is: APO 37, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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Fort Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 11. - Pvt Annabeth F. Tillman, 213 North Main street, Rochester, Ind., niece of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stevens, a member of the Women's Army Corps, recently left First WAC Training Center, here, for duty with the Army at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

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Y 3/c Edna T. Allen, a WAVE, stationed on Bureau Ship, Washington, D.C., isited over the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Tobey. Her husband, Capt. James C. Allen is an Army chaplain in the European theatre. He was recently promoted from the rank of 1st Lieutenant.

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The new address of Pfc. ay H. Carr, 35172389, is Bat. A, 522nd C.A. Bn., San Pedro, Calif.

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Mr. and Mrs. Morton Ford, residents of Lake Manitou have been informed that their son, Corp. Ernest Ford, was slightly wounded in action in France on Novemer 29. No further details of his condition are now available.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 11, 1944]

MACY MAN MISSING IN ACTION SINCE NOV. 17

Mrs. Wallie Vice of Macy, has been notified by the War Department that her husband, Pvt. Wallie Vice, has been missing in action since November 17.

Pvt. Vice had been previously wounded in action, had been awarded the Purple Heart and was returned to duty about six weeks ago. He has been in service since November 1943 and was assigned to the infantry. He has seen much service since D-Day in France and Germany. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jresse Vice of LaPaz and the father of one daughter, Barbara Ann.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, December 12, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Pfc. Rudy, Jr., [sic] son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Rudy, of this city, has just cabled his parents that he has arrived safely in England. Pfc. Rudy is serving with the U. S. Infantry.

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Radioman First Class Harold Alspach has informed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Alspach, that he has landed at Norfolk, Va., adter duty at sea, and that he will soon be home to enjoy a well-earned furlough.

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S/SGT. JOSEPH HUFFMAN IS NOW REPORTED KILLED

The War department on Tuesday amended a previous report to inform Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Huffman, R. 2, Kewanna, that their son, S/Sgt. Joseph Huffman, 27, was killed in action on November 16, in the invasion of Germany. Huffman had previously been reported missing.

Huffman was one of four brothers serving in the armed forces: Albert, in the Navy, stationed at Manten, N.C; Carl, with the Navy, is at Northport, Va.; and Don, with the Navy, is somewhere in the South Pacific. Other survivors are his wife, Doris; a son, Davie; the parents, and a sister, Helen, at home.

Huffman, serving in the Infantry, had been overseas since last July and had participated in the invasion of France. In civilian life he had been associated with his father in farming. He was a graduate of the Grass Creek high school, and was a member of the U. B. church.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, December 13, 1944]

LT. HAROLD E. MEISER IS MISSING IN AUSTRIA

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meiser, route 5, are in receipt of information from the War department that their son, Lt. Harold E. Meiser, 23, co-pilot on a bomber of the 15th Air Force, based in Italy, has been missing in action over Austria since Nov. 25.

Lt. Meiser is a graduate of Talma High school, class of '41. He sailed for overseas duty last August after training in Texas, Kansas and Tennessee. A brother, Sgt. Joe Meiser, is now enroute overseas as a member of a U. S. Ranger battalion.

Lt. Meiser has made many sorties over Austria and the Balkans since his arrival in Italy.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, December 13, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Friends of Thomas J. Bigbee learn that he was accepted by the Army and that he is now located at Camp Beale, California.

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Senior Grade Lieutenant Clyde S. Lyle, now stationed at Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, N.Y., has just been promoted from the rank of Lieutenant junior grade, according to word received by Mrs. Lyle. Lt. Lyle was the former athletic coach at Rochester high school.

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Present address of Pvt. Vern E. Herrell, 963333, U.S.M.C., is c/o Bn., North Camp Hood, Texas.

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The new address of Pvt. L. G. Alber, 35834589, is: Bat. C., 450th F.A., Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, December 13, 1944]

TWENTY-THREE COUNTY MEN ANSWER SERVICE CALL TODAY

Twenty-three county men today answered the call to arms and departed early this morning for Indianapolis and physical examination. The list includes:

Max Devere Waechter
Charles Leon Baird
Ernest Jones, Jr.
Alfred Kermit Moore
Robert Evan Kern
Bower Dee Day
Loren Dean Brown
Ivan Roy Troutman
Louis Eugene Shriver
Ralph Arthur Carr
Keith Wayman Smith

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Robert Lee Eytcheson
Kline Don Reed
Carl LeRoy Hopper
Fred Ray McGlothin
Ralph Leonard Clupper
Nicholas Eugene Grostefon
Robert LeRoy Ginther
Ralph John Frettinger
Tad Lincoln Enyeart
Thomas James Berry
Joe Eugene Hoffman
Darrell Francis Reinholt

Robert Evan Kern was appointed leader. Two men, Harry Minter and Delbert Imel were transferred to the Grant county board at Marion.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 14, 1944]

SGT. PAUL SHOEMAKER A FIGHTING CARPENTER

Somewhere in the Pacific. - (Delayed) - The slogan "Every Marine a fighting Marine" includes Sgt. Paul E. Shoemaker, 24, of Fulton, Ind., who is a fighting carpenter.

Sgt. Shoemaker's job in the Marine Corps, as part of a salvage unit, is usually the same as it was in civilian life--carpentering.

The sergeant's father, James H. Shoemaker, is well known as a carpenter in Fulton, where he formerly worked for the Pennsylvania railroad shops. The Marine's wife, Virginia, also lives in Fulton.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 14, 1944]

"BEEZER" WILL SOON FINISH COURSE IN AERIAL GUNNERY

Pfc. Robert V. Bennett, Box No. 165 Minneola, Fla., is now receiving his final phase of training as tail gunner of a B-24 Liberator bomber at Walla Walla, Wash., Army Air Field, a base of the Fourth Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Bennett, parents of the 19-year-old soldier, reside in Minneola.

Prior to joining the Army Air Forces, Pfc. Bennett was employed as a newspaper reporter at The News-Sentinel in Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 15, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

The new address of Pvt. L. G. Alber was erroneously reported in a recent issue of this newspaper. It should have read as follows: Pvt. L. G. Alber, 35834589, Bat. C., 450th F.A. Bn., North Camp Hood, Texas.

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New address of Pvt. Robert E. Jackson is AAF BTC No. 2, Keesler Field, Miss.

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Word has been received here that Ensign F. L. (Bill) Tipmore of the U. S. Navy has recently been promoted to the rank of lieutenant (j.g.) Lt. Tipmore, it was stated, was granted a 30-day leave which he plans to spend here and at Elkhart. Mrs. Tipmore was formerly Joan Barr of this city.

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Mrs. Ernest Floyd has been advised that her husband, Pvt. Ernest Floyd has arrived for duty in Holland with the American army.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 15, 1944]

ROCHESTER SOLDIER IS DECORATED IN ITALY

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Capt. Oliver M. Hitch, with the Fifth army in Italy, has been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in combat on the Italian front, according to information reaching his wife, the former Miss Lucyanna Peterson of Rochester, now employed in Indianapolis.

Capt. Hitch is a member of the 337th Infantry, 85th (Custer) Division, a unit of Gen. Mark Clark's command.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 16, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shireman were pleasantly surprised Friday morning on the arrival of their son, T/Sgt. Howard Shireman, Signal Corps, who has been stationed in England and France for the past 33 months. Sgt. Shireman will remain here until after the holidays.

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Coxswain Dick Wilson, USN, has arrived home from sea duty to spend a holiday leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilson.

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Cpl. H. W. Bailey, 35900028, son of Rev. and Mrs. Harry Bailey, is now stationed with the 1112th T.C. Composit Co., PMM, Fort Mason, Calif.

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Sgt. Alonzo W. McIntire has arrived safely in England, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oval McIntire of near Kewanna.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 16, 1944]

SEVENTEEN OF TWENTY-THREE MEN PASS PHYSICAL EXAMS

Seventeen of the twenty-three men who on Thursday of last week reported at Indianapolis for physical examinations were accepted for service in the armed forces, the local selective service board announced today. Those included:

Max D. Waechter

Charles L. Baird

Robert E. Kern

Bower D. Day

Lorin D. Brown

Ivan B. Troutman

Louis E. Shriver

Ralph A. Carr

Keith W. Smith

Robert L. Eytcheson

Garl L. Hopper

Fred B. McGlothin

Robert L. Ginther

Ralph J. Frettinger

Thomas J. Berry

Joe E. Huffman

Kermit Moore

The latter requested immediate induction and was assigned to the Army. Others will be called to service later.

Robert P. Brown and Donald Gerrick, who have been in service for several months, have been separated and each given an honorable discharge.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 18, 1944]

LETTERS MAN MISSING IN ACTION IN GERMANY

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According to reports received here, Pvt. Hubert Bowersox, 32, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bowersox of the Leiters Ford community has been reported by the War Department as missing in action in Germany since November 25.

Bowersox is married and prior to induction was employed at Bendix Aviation plant in South Bend, where he resided with his wife, Eugenia. He is a graduate of Leiters Ford high school.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 18, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Sgt. Donald E. Hartung, Air Force, has returned from 33 months service in the Pacific theatre for furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hartung, 1109 Bancroft avenue.

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Robert Dean Newcomb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Newcomb, of this city, has received an honorable discharge from the U. S. Army. He had been stationed at Camp Swift, Texas.

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The present address of LouJean Conover is AS, Reg. 46, Bldg. M., Apt. 3C, U. S. Naval Training School (WR) Brank, New York 63, N.Y.

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Sgt. Harry Sager, Airborne Forces, Camp Mac Call, N.C., is spending a brief furlough with relatives and friends here.

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Sgt. Eddy Snyder returned Saturday to Camp Atterbury, Ind., for reassignment to duty after spending a furlough here with relatives and friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 18, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Cadet Nurse Martha Louise Wheatley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Wheatley of the Leiters Ford vicinity, yesterday received her cap at capping exercises held at the St. Joseph Nursing school at Mishawaka. Twenty-one nurses were so honored, in being cadet nurses. Sister Mary Assumpta, B.S.R.N., director of nurses, placed the caps on the heads of the 21 nurses. Dr. M. D. Wygant, president of the staff at the Mishawaka St. Joseph hospital, was the speaker, and Rev. Anthony Suelzer of Elkhart, Ind., was master of ceremonies.

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S 2/c Lyman Dawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merley Dawson, route 1, has been honorably discharged from service at Baltimore, Md., and is home for a few days visit before accepting employment in Chicago.

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Sgt. Charles Kochenderfer, who is spending a furlough with relatives and friends here, will leave Wednesday for Camp Campbell, Ky., where he has been stationed for some time.

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Cpl. Joe Rynearson is home on a 23-day furlough from overseas service in the Pacific theater. He will return to Camp Callahan, Calif., for assignment to duty when his furlough expires.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, December 19, 1944]

PFC. WILLIAM WILLARD IS NOW REPORTED KILLED

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Willard, 520 E. Eighth street, today received official notice from the War department that their son, Pfc. William Clark Willard, 20, reported missing in action on Leyte island, was killed in action on November 4.

Pfc. Willard, a member of the 96th Infantry division, entered service in March 1942. After taking preparatory instructions in technical duties he was sent overseas, where he had since been stationed. In the Philippines invasion, his division played an important role. After graduation from the local high school he was employed for a short time on the Nickel Plate railroad, and resigned that position to enter the military service.

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[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, December 19, 1944]

TEN COUNTY MEN REPORT AT ATTERBURY TODAY

Ten county men reported this morning at Indianapolis for duty with the armed forces and will be stationed at Camp Atterbury, Ind., pending assignment. The list included:

Chas. Spohn, Jr., group leader; Lee Roy Hoehne, Richard E. Kindig, John A. Helt, all volunteers; Robert L. McIntire, John L. Kaley, Robert J. Wagoner, Lowell E. Young, Theodore W. DeMien and Garland E. Eselman.

These men passed physical examinations some two weeks ago.

John Kaley has four brothers now in service: Kenneth in France, Harold in Belgium, Robert in England and Virgil in the South Pacific.

Theodore DeMien has three brothers in service: Walter in France, Frederick in Belgium and Eugene in the South Pacific.

Lee Roy Hoehne is the third brother to join the service, the others being Owen in Louisiana and Lowell in France, while Lowell Young is the second of his family to join up, the other being a brother Elbert, in the Philippines.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, December 20, 1944]

PFC. RICHARD MARSHMAN RECEIVES A BRONZE STAR

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bastow of this city recently received word that their grandson, Pfc. Richard R. Marshman of Mishawaka, has been awarded a medal for bravery in action.

An article appearing in a recent issue of the South Bend Tribune follows:

"Pfc. Richard Marshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Marshman of Mishawaka, recently was awarded the bronze star for heroic achievement while serving with the 34th Red Bull Division of Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army in Italy. The citation given Pfc. Marshman read: 'When the radio used by two assault platoons of his company went out of order, Marshman, despite intense machine gun and grenade fire, maintained constant foot communications between his platoon and the company. After their objective was taken their position was constantly harassed by enemy mortar and artillery fire. Marshman continued his work as messenger between the platoons and company. His courage and devotion to duty was a distinct aid in the company's successful attack.'"

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, December 20, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Lt. Clyde Lyle, Ft. Wadsworth, Staten Island, N.Y., is home for a holiday leave with his family.

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M/Sgt. Orville Joseph, who has been on duty in the Pacific theatre, is at his home, 628 W. Sixth street, for a visit with his parents, wife and son. He is seeing his son for the first time on this furlough.

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Pvt. Robert C. Drudge, formerly with the 85th Inf., 10th Div., Camp Swift, Texas, has been honorably discharged from the service and has returned home here.

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The present address of Ensign Joseph M. Wildermuth is Box 4, Pac. Fleet School No. 91, care FPO, San Francisco, Calif.

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The address of Pvt. Walter D. Smith is: 570391, 2nd. Rec. BT., M.B. Pltn 673, Paris Island, S. C. Walter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Admiral Smith of this city, and has enlisted in the Marine Corps.

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The present address of A/S Donna Jean Peterson is Reg. 48. Bldg. E, Naval Training School (AR) Bronx, New York 63, N.Y.

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[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, December 20, 1944]

FLYING SEABEE EUGENE LECHLER NOW TROUPING

Somewhere in the Pacific - (Delayed) - The Flying Seabee, that mystery weapon of the Pacific, will not be used against the Japanese for some time yet. This is official.

Seabee Eugene Lechler, of 1420 South Main street, Rocester, Ind., who toured Europe and America as a tight wire and trapeze artist with Barnum and Bailey, Cole Brothers, and the Gretonas, had begun a tour of the Pacific as a boatswain's mate second class.

His mates have seen him save toil and time by walking across a rope from shore to ship, or by swingly [sic] lithely from deck to deck. They fully expected his appearance on the next beachhead, supporting assaulting Marines, to bewilder and demoralize the Japanese--whose psychology is unshakable anyway.

But Lechler was too good. A USO troupe snapped him up, and now the Flying Seabee will be making the rounds of camps in the Hawaiian islands and elsewhere in the Pacific.

He will fly through the air with the greates of ease, for men in the service, who are not Japanese.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 22, 1944]

LIEUT. MALONE INJURED

The name of Lieut. Francis W. Malone, of Macy, Ind., was included in a list of 70 injured Hoosiers which was released today by the War department. Lieut. Malone was serving in the European area.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 22, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Major Edward Boswell, U. S. Army, is home on leave to spend the Christmas holidays with his family and friends.

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John Pyle, S 1/c, came Thursday from Treasure Island, Calif., where he is stationed as a chemical warfare instructor, and will spend his leave here with relatives and friends.

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Pvt. Donald Gerrick, who has received an honorable discharge from the Army at Camp Wolters, Texas, has arrived home and will spend a few days visiting family and friends before accepting employment.

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The new address of Gerry Eastburg, HA 2/c, USNR, is St. Elizabeth Hospital Staff, c/o U. S. Navy Baracks, Washington, D.C.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 22, 1944]

LETTER FROM JAP CAMP REACHES PARENTS HERE

Oftimes the more simple things are appreciated most at Christmas time, as was the following letter which found its way back from a Japanese prison camp in far-off Asaka, to brighten the holiday season of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Raymer and two sisters, Mrs. Howard Bunn of this city and Mrs. Waddie Hudkins of Knox.

The letter from Coxswain Francis Raymer, captured at Guam in the first stages of the war, and since that time a prisoner in Jap concentration camps, has been permitted to write home only twice. The following letter, dated Sept. 18, was received Friday:

“Asaka, Japan

“Sept. 18, 1944

“Dear Mother, Dad and All:

“Received your note of April 3 today, and several dated earlier. I am still in the same place, and I am in exceptionally good health, considering everything; only I am a bit impatient for this war to end.

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"I am sure looking forward to coming home for a visit, and then getting back into the fleet, as I feel so much of my time here has been wasted even though I have learned a lot.

"Hello Jackie, Eddie and Jimmy. I hope to see you soon. Tell everyone else I said hello.

"Your loving son,

"Francis Raymer."

Raymer is a graduate of Rochester High school and worked in the mechanical department of The News-Sentinel before joining the Navy.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 23, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

Lt. Grace L. Conrad, ANC, N729997, is now at 161st Gen. Hospital, APO 851, c/o Postmaster, Miami, Fla.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 23, 1944]

SERVICE NOTES

James N. Tobey MM 1/C, stationed at Washington, D.C., and Sgt. Richard Tobey, Wright Field, Ohio, spent Christmas furloughs with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stacey Tobey.

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The new address of Pvt. Carl F. Gordon, 35844338, is APO 15666, care Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Pfc. William D. Musselman, Army Air Force in Europe, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Musselman of Akron and husband of Mrs. Marguerite Musselman of this city, recently toured England and Scotland and spent some time in London and Edinburgh, according to Army Air Force headquarters in Europe.

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Larrell Thornberg, PO 3/C is spending a thirty-day leave with his wife and friends here and at Walkerton. At the conclusion of his furlough he will report to Washington, D.C., for further schooling.

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Pvt. Dick Burkett arrived home Saturday for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burkett, Richland township.

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Al Nixon, who has been stationed at New Orleans, spent a short leave with his wife, parents and family. He returned to duty today.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, December 26, 1944]

FINE CHRISTMAS GIFT

Jack Morris of Akron received a most pleasant Christmas greeting Christmas night when his son, Jack, Jr., called him by telephone from Buenos Aires, Argentina, and wished him a Merry Christmas. Jack, Jr., is a co-pilot on a big U. S. transport plane which flies to various posts throughout South America. The elder Morris stated the conversation was exceptionally plain and audible as if it were coming from someone in Akron to Rochester. Jack, Jr., had been in South America for the past year and a half, it was stated.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, December 27, 1944]

LT. JOSEPH GILBERT OF U.S. NAVY KILLED IN ACTION WHILE AT SEA

Word from the Navy department this morning announced the death in action of Lt. (j.g.) Joseph Gilbert, son of Everett Gilbert, local druggist, which occurred in the South Pacific on an undisclosed date.

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Lt. Gilbert attended the local schools and graduated from Purdue university before joining the Navy three years ago. After completion of his training he was commissioned and assigned to service at sea.

Never Saw Daughter

About two years ago he was united in marriage with Miss Judy Gordon of this city, who with a daughter, Harriet Ann, whom he had never seen, father, and sister Lucy Gilbert, student at Hanover college, survive.

Joe spent a few days' leave here with relatives and friends early in November.

Details of the action in which he met death will be forwarded later, the navy department says.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 28, 1944]

ARGOS YOUTH IS LOST IN ACTION IN FRANCE

Pfc. Edgar Treber, son of Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Treber of Argos, was reported killed in action somewhere in France on Dec. 14, the War department revealed in a telegram today.

Pfc. Treber had been in the European war theater for several months and had seen a great deal of front-line action. Further details of his death are expected in a few days.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Ruth Morrell; his parents; one brother, Pvt. Robert Treber, now overseas, all of Argos; one brother James Treber of South Bend, and two sisters, Mrs. John Powers and Mrs. Robert Becker, both of Argos. Rev. Treber is pastor of the Argos Christian church and the present town clerk-treasurer.

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KEWANNA MAN IS HURT IN ACTION IN GERMANY

Pfc. Forrest Bickel, 25, of Kewanna, suffered wounds in action in Germany on December 10, according to War department advises to his wife.

Pfc. Bickel entered the service about 18 months ago and has been overseas since last April. The extent of his wounds were not disclosed.

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SERVICE NOTES

The new address of David Shafer, PM 3/c, is Fleet Hospital 115, care Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, Calif.

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Sgt. Frank Summers, Jr., 15106671, has a new address: APO 411, care Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Robert L. Greer, PO 2/c, arrived home Thursday afternoon after 20 months service in the European theater to spend a month's furlough with his father, Bert Greer, of this city.

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SERVICE NOTES

F 2/c George Smith, of Oakland, Calif., who has spent five months at sea in the South Pacific, arrived home today for a several days' leave with his family and friends.

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With the Fifth Army, Italy. - Pfc. Dwight E. Pollock, son of Mrs. Mary A. Pollock, whose home is on route 2, Rochester, Ind., has been cited by the 11th Armored infantry Battalion of the First Armored Infantry Battalion of the First Armored Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy with Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth army in Italy.

Standards for the badge are high. The decoration is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proved his fighting ability in combat.

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