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FULTON COUNTY, INDIANA

HANDBOOK

Service Men, World War II

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WILL GO TO RED CROSS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Shafer have been advised that an application filed by their daughter, Miss Barbara Shafer, now of Indianapolis has been accepted for service with the American Red Cross and that she will report for service in Washington on January 8. After necessary schooling she hopes to be assigned to overseas duty as a secretary in hospital service. She graduated in the local high school in 1934 and has since been employed as a secretary in the state capital.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 2, 1945]

ROCHESTER LISTS ELEVEN COUNTY MEN NOW WAR PRISONERS

Fulton county's war prisoner list as compiled by Capt. O. I. Minter, Red Cross consultant shows on Dec. 31, a total of ten members of the armed services and one civilian now in enemy hands. Of this list eight are prisoners of Germany, two of Japan (homeland) and one of Japan (Philippines).

The list which follows indicates where each man is confined. These addresses, Capt. Minter, reveals, are not mail addresses:

Master, O. E., 2nd Lieut, Stalag Luft. 1, Germany
Butts, Gordon K., T/Sgt, Stalag Luft. 3, Germany
Fall, James L., 2nd Lieut., Stalag Luft. 3, Germany
Hall, John T., Pvt., Stalag Luft. 8, Germany
Herrell, Raymond L., Pfc., Stalag 8-B, Germany
Shaw, Gordon O., S/Sgt, Stalag 17-B, Luft 3, Germany
Thompson, William C., 2nd Lieut., Stalag Luft. 1, Germany
Cessna, Frederick, B., Stalag Luft. 4, Germany
Raymer, Francis W., Coxswain (Navy) Osaka, Honshu Island, Japan
Redd, John W., S/Sgt, Philippines
Hansen, Fred (Civilian) Osaka, Honshu Island, Japan
Note: Honshu is the principal Japanese home island.

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Mayor Minter requests that any time news of Fulton county men taken prisoner is received that he be so advised in order that the rostre may be kept up-to-date at all times.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kindig have received word from "Dick" that his address is: Pvt. Richard E. Kindig, 35966406, Co. D., 13th Bn., 4th Regt., Fort McClellan, Ala. "Dick," who was a member of the 1943-44 Zebra basketball squad, entered service Dec. 20.

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Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Clemens, residing south of Argos on Road 31, today received word that their son, Pfc. James Clemens, has been missing in action since December 12. Pfc. Clemens is married and the father of two sons. Further information is not available at this time.

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In a message from the Adjutant General of the Army, received today, Mrs. Amanda Gunter was informed that her son, Corp. Charles E. Gunter, Army Air Force, was slightly wounded in the fighting in Leyte on Dec. 7.

Corp. Gunter has been in service for the past two years and overseas for the past 12 months. He has seen much fighting and is a veteran of nine major engagements.

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In recognition of exemplary conduct in action, Pvt. Robert L. King, 63rd U. S. Infantry, has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, it has been revealed by a citation issued by his division headquarters in the South Pacific. Pvt. King is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. King, R. 1, Rochester.

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MAJOR SMITH VISITING PARENTS AT AKRON, IND.

Maj. Dan Smith of the U. S. Army renewed acquaintances at The News-Sentinel office yesterday. Several years ago Major Smith, then better known as just plain Dan Smith, was The News-Sentinel's Akron representative--serving as sports writer and editor of the Akron High school page which was carried in this newspaper.

Following his graduation from the Akron High school young Smith later graduated from Indiana university and then enlisted in the service of the Army. Currently Major Smith is stationed at Capt Joseph T. Robinson, Little Rock, Ark.

He and Mrs. Smith and their young son David Hughes are visiting the major's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleotus Smith, of Akron.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 3, 1945]

LOCAL SAILOR MISSED DOOMED PASSENGER BY FEW HOURS

Robert "Bob" Glassley, Pm.M 3c, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Glassley of this city, is thanking the Goddess of Luck, that his train was three hours late in arriving in Chicago last week, as it caused him to miss his reservation on a west-bound Pacific Limited, which was wrecked near Ogden, Utah, last Sunday with a loss of 48 lives.

"Bob," who is serving with the U. S. Navy, was enroute to his base in California. After missing the Limited he was given a reservation on another passenger train which followed just three hours behind the doomed crack passenger. The Rochester sailor saw the wreckage and in a wire to his parents described the scene as most appalling.

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The new address of Pvt. John A. Helt, 35966407, is Co. B, 10th Bn., ARTC, Fort Knox, Ky.

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New address of Pvt. Chas. E. Green, 35834590, is Sect. M, 266 AAF, Major Field, Greenville, Texas.

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New address of S/Sgt Kenneth D. Kochenderfer is Gen. Hosp., APO 507, care Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Daytona Beach, Fla., Jan. 4. - T/5 James N. Mosher of South Bend, Ind., formerly of Rochester, Ind., is currently a physical education instructor at Welch Convalescent hospital, Daytona Beach, one of the Army's latest reconditioning centers for overseas wounded and those injured in training on this side.

As one of the carefully selected staff of physical training experts T/5 Mosher's function at Welch is to help effect a rapid recovery among trainees so that they can either be reassigned or enabled to resume civilian pursuits in good shape.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, January 4, 1945]

PFC. MAURICE SADOWSKY, JR., MISSING IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Sadowsky, 718 Pontiac street, this morning received notice from the War Department that their son, Maurice, Jr., a private first-class with Gen. Hodges' First army, has been missing since Dec. 18, somewhere in Belgium.

Pfc. Sadowsky was 20 years old yesterday, Jan. 4. He entered the army on July 1, 1943 and has been overseas several months. Although no specific action is revealed by the army, his disappearance coincides closely with the opening of the German offensive in Belgium and Luxembourg and it is deemed entirely possible that he may be a war prisoner somewhere in Germany.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 5, 1945]

LOCAL ARMY NURSE HAS SPENT OVER 20 MONTHS IN WAR AREAS

Peninsular Base Headquarters, Italy, Jan. 5. - First Lt. Thelma G. Overmyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Overmyer of 330 Jefferson street, Rochester, Ind., is serving with a Station hospital of this base which in 20 months overseas has treated approximately 15,000 patients while operating in Algeria and Tunisia in North Africa and during the present tour in Italy.

One of the first station hospitals to be sent to the Mediterranean theater, the unit's first assignment took it to Ain Mokra, a village near Rone, Algeria, and two months later the hospital was ordered to Ferryville, Tunisia, where the organization remained 10 months before reaching Italy in June, 1944.

3,000-Bed Capacity

It was a Ferryville that an abrupt departure from the customary mission of a Station hospital was authorized, changing the organization overnight from a 500-bed unit to a 3,000-bed convalescent installation which a short time later became a "conditioning center," immediately adapting themselves to new and increased specialized duties, officers and men were responsible for the reconditioning, mentally and physically, of thousands of front-line troops who had reached a convalescent stage and were being returned to combat duty after recovery was complete. In addition to this function, the hospital admitted service troops from a wide surrounding area.

Treat All Nationalities

Moving to Italy, unit members already have earned their first bronze battle star, by opening their hospital on an important communication line behind the front. Here they received, within 12 days, 650 patients, mostly from adjacent evacuation hospitals, which were thus enabled to pack up and move forward. A census of these patients revealed that the following 31 languages comprised the list of "native tongues": Abyssinian, Afghan, Albanian, Arabic, Bohemian, Bulgarian, Chinese, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, Hindu, Hungarian, Italian, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Swedish, Burmese, Turkish, and an assortment of African dialects. Nurses and ward men soon became experts in the sign language.

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At present patients are finding themselves comfortably installed in a former tuberculosis sanitarium an imposing structure of modern and convenient appointments.

Fight Fire Menace

Because of the frequency of moving, hospital personnel have become skilled in "tearing down and setting up," and in the spirit of typical Yankee humor have labeled the organization "Ringling Brothers." Assembling vast amounts of equipment and supplies along with installing utilities with a minimum of delay has repeatedly tested the ingenuity of both the professional and enlisted staffs. In face of fire and flood the hospital has remained in operation without a moment's interruption. While in Africa a forest fire of serious proportions threatened to sweep the area, but by enlisting the help of every English, French and Arab soldier in the vicinity, hospital personnel brought the fire under control within a scant 200 yards of the hospital site. In Italy, flood waters raced into the area and within a half-hour reached a depth of five feet in the hospital basement. Large amounts of supplies were destroyed or damaged, but by wading almost neck-deep through a labyrinth of rooms and halls personnel removed and saved many critical supplies.

The hospital was activated at Fort Knox, Ky., in December, 1942, and in April, 1943, sailed for North Africa. Nucleus of the organization is a group from Massachusetts, Maine and Connecticut, which reported to Fort Knox shortly after activation. Since then, officers, nurses and enlisted men have been assigned to the unit from all sections of the United States.

Commanding the hospital is Col. G. P. Lawrence of Westerville and Columbus, Ohio. Col. Lawrence, a graduate of the Rush Medical college in Chicago, commanded an ambulance company in World War I.

Lt. Overmyer, who was a private duty nurse prior to entering the service, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps in December, 1942, and promoted to her present rank in March, 1944. She has been overseas since April, 1943, serving in North Africa and Italy and was on duty with a medical unit at Anzio beachhead during the campaign. She graduated from Rochester High school in 1928 and from St. Luke's hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, in 1931.

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Robert Eugene Cooper, S 1/c is spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva COOPER, East Ninth street. Robert has seen several months service in the South Pacific.

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Pvt. Charles Nolen, Jr., is spending a short furlough with his wife and family, 1317 Monroe street.

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John Pyle, S 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pyle, R. 3, has returned to duty with the Navy's chemical warfare school, Treasure Island, California, after spending his furlough with relatives and friends here.

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Pvt. Carl D. Hedges writes that he has been selected to take special training in surgery at the Army General Hospital in New Guinea.

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Mr. and Mrs. Orville Foor of near Macy have been advised that their son, Billy, has arrived in India and that his address is APO 16692 DP, care Postmaster, New York.

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Pvt. John Davis, son of Mrs. Edith Davis, 313 W. 17th Street, has been awarded the wings and boots of a graduate parachutist at the Army Parachute School, Ft. Benning, Ga., according to information received from that source.

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Mr. and Mrs. Homer L. Fisher have received from their son, Corp. Lee M. Fisher, somewhere in Italy, the medal of the Purple Heart and the Infantry Combat Medal awarded him recently for services rendered with the Fifth army.

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S/Sgt. Telford Conrad, 35151627, advises relatives of his transfer to the Philippine theatre of operations. His present address is APO 320, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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Mrs. William Heldt has received word of the promotion from the rank of corporal to the grade of sergeant of her husband, William Heldt.

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Mrs. Frank Thompson has been advised of the transfer and safe arrival in the Philippines of her son, Lt. Charles Thompson.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 5, 1945]

19-YEAR-OLD CULVER BOY IS KILLED IN BELGIUM

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bryant of near Culver today received word from the War department that their son, Pfc. Harold Bryant, had been killed in action while fighting in Belgium on Dec. 24.

Harold, who was but 19 years of age, was inducted into service 10 months ago by the Marshall county board. He had many friends throughout the northwestern section of Fulton county and in Culver.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 8, 1945]

SGT. FREDERICK RUH MISSING FROM ARMY POST IN CALIFORNIA

Sgt. Frederick Ruh, 26, who has served in the Army for the last two years, was reported as missing Sunday night, when he failed to return to a western army post at the end of a 30-day furlough. Search has been begun for the young man by army authorities but no report has been received here up to the present. He is the son of Mrs. Edith B. Ruh of this city and lived here with his family until he entered college. Mrs. Ruh is now visiting with Lieut. and Mrs. Robert Young at Auburn, Ala., the latter being her daughter.

Sgt. Ruh had been stationed at several posts in the West Indies for the last two years and late in November relatives received word that he was on his way from Puerto Rico to the U.S. for a furlough. On Dec. 5 he reported at Camp Beals near Sacramento, Cal., where he remained for two days and was then granted a 30-day furlough. It is presumed that he took a bus to Westwood, Cal., a suburb of Los Angeles and the seat of the University of California at Los Angeles where he had attended school before entering the Army. It was learned that he had registered at the Laurel hotel in Westwood and remained there several days.

Could Not Be Located

Miss Marjorie Williams, sister of Mrs. Ruh, learned from their friends that her nephew had arrived in the vicinity on furlough but despite continued search was unable to locate him. She found out that Ruh visited with several of his former associates about Westwood and that he informed them he was going to visit his aunt for a few days at the Studio Club, a branch of the Y.M.C.A. for movie girls, of which Miss Williams is director. He told others that afterwards he intended to visit his mother and sister at Auburn, Ala.

Miss Williams learned further that Frederick was in good spirits at all times when with his old friends and talked cheerfully of his visits with relatives. She found that he had been at the Laurel hotel and learned on visiting there that he had departed leaving his clothes and possessions in his room. Since then no trace of the young man has been found despite search by FBI authorities. Army officials took up the search Sunday night when he was reported absent from Camp Beale.

No reason is known for the disappearance of the young man and the search will be continued with the hope he can be located in the near future. Mrs. Ruh intends to remain with her daughter and it was learned that Miss Williams will join them at Auburn within the next few days.

Graduated From R.H.S.

Sgt. Ruh graduated from Rochester High school in May, 1935, and four years later graduated from DePauw university. He then entered UCLA where he earned his master degree

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and was working on the doctor degree when called to the Army. He planned to enter the university teaching profession. He last visited his home here in Rochester in 1942.

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Cpl. Leslie House has arrived home from three years' service overseas for a visit with his wife, Mrs. House, who is residing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Garner. He will also spend some time with his father, George House, and other relatives in this county.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Garner of near Kewanna have received word that their son, Capt. Melvin Leonard Garner of the U. S. Air Corps, has arrived safely at a base in the Southwest Pacific.

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Cpl. and Mrs. Russell Cauffman of Fort Geo. G. Meade, Maryland, have returned to camp after spending his furlough here over the holidays.

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Chief Petty Officer Ralph Hudkins, USN, left for a west coast base today after spending a leave here with relatives and friends.

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Mrs. George Nickels of this city has been advised of the death of her nephew, Pvt. Myron Devon Pickens of Indianapolis, who was killed in action on New Guinea.

Pvt. Pickens was the son of Mrs. Florence Rash Pickens, formerly of Leiters Ford. His father, the late Omer Pickens, was a veteran of World War I. Pvt. Pickens has often visited here and at Leiters Ford where he was well known.

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Lieut William Tippy is home on leave for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tippy of this city. Lt. Tippy was recently awarded his wings as a navigator at the Army flying school at Hondo, Texas. He will return to Hondo where he will receive assignment as a flight officer.

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Lt. (j.g.) Wilbur S. Coon, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Coon, south Jefferson street, has been assigned to the dental corps at Fort Farragut, Idaho. He and Mrs. Coon departed for their new post today after a short visit here.

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Pvt. Fred Shobe has received an honorable discharge from the Army medical corps after serving two years in hospitals in Africa and Italy.

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Coxswain Lewis M. Shambarger has received a medical discharge from the Navy and has returned to his home here after 15 months' service overseas.

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Sgt. Firmer Glassley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Glassley of this city, has been promoted from sergeant to the grade of technical sergeant, according to word received by his parents. T/Sgt Glassley has been overseas for several months.

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Sgt. Forrest H. Pike, 35357063, has notified his family here of a change of address from Camp Livingston, La., to M-1 Receiving Station, BAAF, Fort Myers, Fla.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Squires have been advised of the safe arrival somewhere in Germany of their son, Pvt. Earl E. Schrimsher.

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New address of Pvt. Charles Spohn, Jr., 35966405, is Barracks 2548, Troop H2, 2nd Reg., CRTC, Fort Riley, Kans.

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AKRON MAN NOW LISTED AS "KILLED IN ACTION"

The War Department recently reported that Pvt. Norman McColley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson McColley, now of Akron but formerly of Kewanna, has been killed in action in operations with the First army in France and Belgium.

Pvt. McColley was listed as missing in action December 11, but the more recent report officially lists him as dead. He enlisted in the army Dec. 15, 1943 and had served overseas since last June and participated in the heavy fighting around St. Lo, and later at Brest in France.

Pvt. McColley was reared in the Kewanna neighborhood and graduated from the Union township high school in 1937. Before entering the army he was employed in South Bend, where his wife and son, Thomas, now reside. Other survivors include the parents, a brother, Herman, at home and two sisters, Ruth Mae, at home, and Mrs. Helen Wentzel, Hammond.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 9, 1945]

SGT. F. RUH BACK AT CAMP SAFE AND WELL

Apprehension for the safety of Sgt. Frederick Ruh, 26, who was reported missing from a hotel in Westwood, Calif., was allayed early today when a Rochester relative received a telegram from Miss Marjorie Williams that Sgt. Ruh had returned safe and well to Camp Beale, Calif., yesterday.

Miss Williams, who is an aunt of the former Rochester youth, did not give further details.

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Friends here have received word of the safe arrival in Belgium of Pvt. Lewis Polk, Jr. He states that he is safe and well.

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The new address of Pvt. Cecil Hudkins, 35845781, is Student's Reception Pool, Loredo AAF, Loredo, Texas.

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Present address of Billy G. Hudkins, S 1/c, is MTB Ron 11, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

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Washington, Jan. 9. (INS) - The War Department today announced temporary promotions of the following Indiana officers:

The department announced the appointment of the following Indiana men as first lieutenant of the medical corps, Harold Williard Shonk, of Rochester.

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Gerald Eastburg, H.A. 2/c, of Washington, D.C., spent the week-end here with his wife and children.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 9, 1945]

PERCY SMITH HEARS FROM COUSINS HELD PRISONERS BY JAPS

Percy Smith of the First National bank today received a postal card from his cousin, Frank V. Chamberlain, who is a prisoner of the Japanese army at the Philippine Internment Camp No. 1.

The card is the first message Percy has received from his cousin since 1941. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain, the former, representative of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Films Corp., was in Shanghai during the early period of the current war and when the Japs made their sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, they made their headquarters at Manila, P.I., where they believed they would be safe. The Chamberlains were taken prisoners when Manila fell into the hands of the Nipponese.

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The message, which was limited to 25 words or less follows: "Please send Gillette blades, heavy cotton sox, size ten and a half, light Tangee lipsticks, matching rouge, canned apples, peaches, milk. Both well, love, Frank."

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 10, 1945]

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Pvt. Wallace Vice, Macy, reported missing in action some weeks ago during the German drive into Belgium, has been located in a hospital in England, according to word received by his wife. Severely wounded in action, he was confined for some time in a Belgian hospital before being transferred across the channel.

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Kenneth Talbott has advised his mother, Mrs. Helen Talbott, that he is with the Merchant Marine and is now at sea in the Pacific.

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T/Sgt. Howard W. McGowen has been awarded the Bronze Star by the Ninth Air Force Command in France, according to word received here. The citation reveals that Sgt. McGowen was so honored for keeping his B-26 bomber "Zombie II" in excellent condition, despite many close calls during 135 bombing missions. Sgt. McGowen is a crew chief and has been overseas for the past two years. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McGowen, reside in Richland township.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 10, 1945]

COUNTY MAN REPORTED AS MISSING IN ACTION

Word has been received from the War department that S/Sgt. Robert Richardson, route 2, Rochester, has been missing in action in Germany since Dec. 16.

Richardson enlisted Dec. 11, 1942, trained at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Camp Pendleton, Va., and Camp Atterbury, Ind. He went overseas as a member of the 106th Infantry about Oct. 15 last, and was attached to the First Army, which featured in the fighting around the recent German breakthrough.

He attended the Akron schools and prior to his enlistment in the armed forces assisted his father on the farm, northeast of Akron. He is 21 years old.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, January 11, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Wilma Gray has received the Medal of the Purple Heart, awarded posthumously to her late husband, Sg. Clifford Gray, who was killed in action in the invasion of France, several months ago.

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Robert Cooper, S 1/c, is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cooper and family. S 1/c Cooper has been at sea for the past eight months.

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Lt. Florence J. Cutshaw, Army medical corps, is spending a well earned leave with relatives and friends here. She will depart for Courtland, Ala., where she has been stationed at the Base Hospital.

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Pfc. Claude Bilyew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bilyew, 1301 Bancroft avenue, is mentioned in an Army release as having represented his organization, the 204th Military Police, at religious services in France.

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L. J. Hudkins, S 2/c, has been transferred to the U. S. Naval Hospital, Ward 222-6, San Diego, Calif., according to word received by his parents here.

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Student Wayne E. Mikesell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mikesell, R. 5, this city, has been transferred to the Army Air Force Bombardier School at Carlsbad, N.M., according to word received here.

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S/Sgt. Jean Walburn, stationed at Greenville, S.C., is home on furlough for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Walburn, route 2, and his brother, Keith Walburn, Hammond.

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Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Max Anderson that their son, Sgt. Donald Anderson, who has been stationed at Wright Field, Ohio since his induction in November, 1942, has just been transferred to Camp Kearns, Utah.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, January 11, 1945]

SGT. RICHARD McKEE MISSING IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. George McKee, route 1, Akron, have been notified that their son, Sgt. Richard McKee, 20, has been missing in action since the German break-through Dec. 16.

Sgt. McKee, a member of A Co., 106th Infantry Division, enlisted in the service Dec. 11, 1942, along with Sgt. Robert Richardson, reported missing Thursday morning. With Richardson, he trained at Fort Lauderdale, Fla; Camp Pendleton, Va., and Camp Atterbury, Ind. At the time of the break-through, which is said to have engulfed entire units of the 106th Division, McKee's company had been on the front only one week, at which time that section of the line was classified as a "quiet" sector.

Sgt. McKee graduated from the Akron schools in June, 1942, and for a few months prior to his 18th birthday was employed at the Peru Naval Base. His father is an employe of The News-Sentinel.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 12, 1945]

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

When their recruit training is completd these men will receive a period of leave. They are: Lee Roy Hoehne, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoehne, rural route 1, and Robert Leotis McIntire, 27, husband of Mrs. Marzella Leora McIntire, 626 1/2 Main street.

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Word has been received here that Pfc. Robert W. Graham has just recently received his "wings" as an aerial gunner at the Army Air Field, Harlingen, Texas. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Graham, route 3, Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 12, 1945]

SERVICE MEN BACK HOME, COVER GLOBE IN TRAVELS

There have been several service men spending the holiday season in Rochester. A few of the former students of Rochester high school are mentioned below:

Dick Wilson, who is in the navy, has been overseas twice. He has been in both France and England. Dick is still in Rochester.

Marines Larry Braman and Bill Daggy were both home for Christmas. Larry has been overseas in the Southwest Pacific. He was wounded in action, and sent back to the States soon after. Larry left for a hospital at Great Lakes Saturday, the 6th. Bill Daggy, who has spent the last two years in the Southwest Pacific, is still home on a well earned rest. He spent Christmas with his mother in Michigan.

Former coach Clyde S. Lyle, spent the holiday season here with his wife and son, Jack. Mr. Lyle went back east New Year's Day. He, however, was lucky enough (or unlucky enough) to see Rochester play in the afternoon game of the Invitational Tourney.

Jack "Daffy" Davis was also home on furlough after completing his training to be a paratrooper.

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"EVERY MAN A HERO," SAYS CHAPLAIN OF 106TH DIVISION

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Columbus, Ind., Jan. 13. - "We spent ten days in Hell," wrote Chaplain Alford V Bradley, of the 106th Infantry Division, to the Rev. Albert Fauth, of Columbus. "We are giving the Jerries a good fight. Every man is a hero."

The chaplain, formerly stationed with the 106th division at Camp Atterbury, added:

"I am sure the devil is doing his work at home; he doesn't have a chance here in foxholes; a real revival of praying has broken out."

The letter was dated December 27 in Belgium

Two Fulton county youths, now reported "missing in action" are members of the now famous 106th division. They are Sgt. Richard McKee, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. George McKee, of near Athens, and S/Sgt. Robert Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Telford Richardson, Route 2, Rochester.

Both of these young men have been missing since the German break-through on December 16th.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, January 13, 1945]

BRAVERY IN ACTION WINS BRONZE STAR FOR SOLDIER

Tales of radio men whose last faint signal for help at sea marks the end of some ship in distress is reflected in an official citation to Cpl. George Pollock, Jr., 225th Field Artillery, for exemplary courage and daring under fire in France, when maintenance of communications became of first importance to American units in the line.

In the award of the Bronze Star Medal for bravery in action, the commander of the XII Corps issued the following citation:

"Headquarters XII

"Office of the Commanding General

"CITATION TO ACCOMPANY GENERAL ORDERS

"A Bronze Star Medal is awarded to George E. Pollock, Jr., 35090316, Corp. FA, 255th Field Artillery Battalion, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement on 11 Nov. 44, in France. Corp. George E. Pollock, Jr., was the radio operator for the Ln section at the 102nd FA Bn Headquarters whose fires the 205th FA Bn was reinforcing. It was necessary to keep the radio out in the open on the high ground in order to maintain communications. All through the night the Germans shelled the town and surrounding territory with mortar and artillery fire from 3 directions. There was only about 1 hour that no shells fell throughout the night, many of them throwing rock and dirt onto Corp. Pollock and the car with the radio. Throughout the night Corp. Pollock placed and stayed with the radio and worked the remote control with a high degree of efficiency maintaining the only continuous communication of the supporting artillery to the rear. With utter disregard for his own safety, Corp. Pollock continued to work the remote control while five important messages were sent to the rear during the heaviest firing that was received all night."

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, January 13, 1945]

ARMY CHAPLAIN WRITES OF BURIAL IN FRANCE

In a letter dated December 18th, the Rev. Herman V. Tarpley, chaplain 320th U. S. Infantry, informed Mrs. George Pollock, R. 2, Rochester, of the last rites conferred upon her son, Pvt. John Bell, who met death Nov. 19 in action during the advance of the Seventh army into Germany. The letter follows:

"Somewhere in France

"18 Dec. 1944

"Mrs. Mary Pollock

"R.2

"Rochester, Indiana

"Dear Mrs. Pollock:

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“Your son, Pvt. John A. Bell, ASN 35249569, was killed in action in the line of duty on 19 November 1944, somewhere in Lorraine, France. A Protestant chaplain officiated at the burial which took place in a military cemetery in Lorraine, France.

“It is with deepest regrets and sincerest sympathy that I write this letter to you. May God’s comforting spirit abide with you and sustain you in the loss of your son.

“As we turn to the word of God for comfort, we find the words of the Master as He said: ‘I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.’

“God’s blessings upon you in these dark hours.”

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, January 13, 1945]

PRE-INDUCTION EXAMS TAKE 19 COUNTY BOYS

A class of 19 county boys departed by bus for Indianapolis this morning for pre-induction examinations in the armed forces. Two others, scheduled for examination, were transferred to other boards. They were Lloyd Brandenburg to Vermillion county, Illinois, and Frederick Mitchell to Monroe county, Indiana. The list follows:

Everett William Davis, volunteer

Lee Ewing Johnson, volunteer

Elmer Dean Shepherd, volunteer.

Leroy Harmon

Donald Burton

Dewey Norris

Owen McVay

Joseph Minarik

Kenneth Cook

Herbert McIntire

Albert Shotts

Paul Lewis

Kenneth Smiley

Robert Long

Eldon Felts

Robert DePoy

Rob Roy James

Winfred Kenneth Taylor

Samuel Busch

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 15, 1945]

CPL. JACK REYONNE IS REPORTED MISSING

Francis Reyonne, an employe of Fleegle’s cafe, this city, has been notified that his brother, Cpl. Jack Reyonne, 20, also of this city, has been missing in action since Dec. 19.

Reyonne, who was employed at the Rochester Metal Products Co., prior to his enlistment in 1943, has been overseas several months and has seen heavy fighting in France, Belgium and Germany. His last letter, dated Dec. 2, stated that he was then on the front lines. He is a graduate of the Rochester High school and after induction into the Army trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. His father, Floyd Reyonne, now resides in Gary.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 15, 1945]

BROTHER IN BELGIUM REVEALS FIERCE BATTLE

Mrs. John Baldwin, 700 Fulton avenue, today received letters from her brother, Cpl. Cecil W. Thomas of the U. S. Seventh Armored Division, which fought valiantly to stem the Nazi break-through on Dec. 16.

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Cpl. Thomas' letters, dated Dec. 20 and 30, recounted fierce fighting in a retrograde movement before the German hords which all but overwhelmed the thin Allied line. He revealed also that his unit had suffered severe casualties. He is a radioman with his division.

Thomas stated that he was receiving his copies of The News-Sentinel with regular deliveries. He has visited Rochester many times in the past and is well-known to local residents.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 15, 1945]

T/SGT. TOM L. WRIGHT WINS BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Announcement of the Award of the Bronze Star Medal to Technical Sergeant Tom L. Wright, of Rochester, has just been made by the War Department.

Sergeant Wright, who lives at 530 North Main street, this city, received this decoration, which is seldom awarded to members of the Air Forces, for "Meritorious service in direct support of Combat operations." The action, for which this award was made, took place in the early part of the invasion of Burma, and can not even yet be described in detail.

Prior to his service in China, Sergeant Wright was stationed in India. He is at present serving with the "Hump -T-Dumps," a Troop Carrier Squadron of the Fourteenth air force.

Sergeant Wright was employed by A. E. Adams basement barber shop when he enlisted in the air forces in September 1942, and came overseas in December 1943.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 15, 1945]

LEARNS NEPHEW KILLED IN ACTION IN GERMANY

Mrs. Clarence Peterson, route 5, has been informed of the death, in action, of her nephew, Pvt. Frederick F. Russell, Jr., 23, which occurred in France on Christmas Day.

Pvt. Russell entered service in 1942 and had been overseas for the past year. As a member of the Third Army he saw action in the French invasion and the march to Germany. He was the son of Fred Russell, native of Newcastle township, but now of Washington Court House, Ohio. He had often visited relatives here and was quite well known.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 16, 1945]

FULTON MAN KILLED IN ACTION, WAR DEPT. SAYS

Pfc. Wilbur Rouch, 26, died in action in France, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Florence Rouch of Fulton, who was so informed by Pfc. Rouch's wife, Mildred, who resides in Texas. No time or place was given in connection with his demise. A letter received some two weeks ago from the deceased, was written somewhere in England.

Pfc. Rouch was born in Fulton and resided there most of his life. He graduated from Fulton high school and at the time when he was inducted into the service was employed at South Bend. He entered the army in March, 1943, and had only been overseas a few months.

Surviving besides the wife and mother, are a daughter, Wilda, six years old; a son, William, 18 months old; two brothers, Kenneth and Philip, at home, and three sisters, Mrs. Paul Edwards, LaPorte, Mrs. Ray Bowen, Rochester, and Alice, at home.

His father passed away three years ago.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 16, 1945]

CPL. HOWARD D. FRED IS WOUNDED IN ACTION

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Cpl. Howard Dale Fred is now in a hospital in Europe, recovering from wounds received in action on Christmas Day, according to word received today from the War department by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fred.

Cpl. Fred was wounded in the arm and hip by shrapnel and later in the day was struck in the foot by a machine gun slug. He has been in France and Belgium since the invasion and has seen a great deal of action.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 17, 1945]

FOURTEEN OF NINETEEN COUNTY MEN PASS PHYSICAL TESTS

A total of fourteen of the nineteen county men who on Monday reported at Indianapolis for pre-induction examinations for the armed forces were accepted, according to the local selective service board which today released the following names of men physically fit and acceptable:

Elmer D. Shepherd,
Donald A. Burton
Dewey E. Norris
Owen E. McVay
Joseph J. Minarik
Herbert D. McIntire
Albert L. Shotts
Kenneth D. Smiley
Robert A. Long
Eldon W. Felts
Robert J. DePoy
Rob Roy Jones
Samuel H. Busch
W. Kenneth Taylor

All will be notified of the date for induction, selective service headquarters said today.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 17, 1945]

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Two Kewanna men, Capt. Roy Hogan and his younger brother, Sgt. Jack Hogan, met for the first time in five years near Metz, France, when units to which each was attached were fighting in the same general sector, according to a letter received by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elra Hogan of the Union township hub. The two brothers enjoyed a three-hour visit.

Capt. Hogan, a veteran of 16 years' service in the Army, has been serving overseas for the past three years, while Sgt. Hogan has been in the service only two years and has spent the last two months at the front. Capt. Hogan was recently awarded the Bronze Star medal.

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First Sgt. Lawrence W. Stokes of the Billings General hospital at Indianapolis and his wife, who has also been at Indianapolis with him, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Myers, Kewanna.

Sgt Stokes was twice wounded in France where he had been since April. He arrived in New York from overseas on Dec. 8 and from there was sent to the Billings hospital for treatment. He returned to Indianapolis Tuesday and Mrs. Stokes accompanied him.

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Pvt. Mary Esther Kelly returned to Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Fla., today after spending part of her furlough in the home of her sister, Mrs. Ruth Wheatley of the Leiters Ford vicinity. Pvt. Kelly is a cryptographic technician at Morrison Field. Last week Pvt. Kelly was informed by the War department that her son, 1st Lt. Forrest LeRoy Kelly, who was reported seriously wounded by the War department on June 30 at St Lo, France, is now missing in action and that the War department presumes that he is a war prisoner of the Germans. No word has been received from Lt. Kelly since June 30.

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Last week the W. G. Wheatley family received a box containing Christmas gifts for the Wheatley family from Pfc. Earl Edward Wheatley. Also included in the box was a pair of genuine wooden shoes given Pfc. Wheatley by a Dutch family with whom he had coffee and coffee cake. He also sent a number of coins from the six different countries in which he has been stationed since leaving the States and a mark from Germany.

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Capt. Robert Miller of Argos is fighting his way back to health at Borden General hospital, Chickasha, Okla., from serious wounds received in action in Europe, according to word received by his wife.

Infection developed into a stubborn attack of tetanus. His brother, Lt. Dick Miller, recently visited him at the hospital and reports a gradual improvement in the captain's condition.

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Word has reached relatives and friends here that Orville Severns of the Airborn Medical Corps in France has recently been promoted from the rank of corporal to the rank of sergeant.

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New addresses of the following personnel are:

Pvt. Robert J. Wagoner, 35966409, Co. D, 13th Bn., 4th Reg. IRTC, Ft. McClelland, Ala.

S/Sgt. Dean Severns, 15103442, 3502 AAF, BU, Sec. H., Box 1245, Chanute Field, Ill.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 17, 1945]

FULTON MAN REPORTED AS MISSING IN ACTION

T/Sgt. Robert Mills, 24, formerly employed as a barber in Fulton but now of Mishawaka, was today reported missing in action in France or Belgium, according to information reaching his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Beattie, East 11th street, this city.

Sgt. Mills, a member of the 106th division, was in the line during the German breakthrough, and is unaccounted for since Dec. 21. He enlisted in the army in 1942, trained at Camp Atterbury and other posts and went overseas Oct. 1, 1944. He attended the Fulton schools and is well known in Liberty township. He was employed for some time at the Hill barber shop, E. Ninth street, this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 17, 1945]

SEVEN MEN REPORT FOR ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Seven county men, all of whom recently completed pre-induction examinations for the armed forces, left today for Indianapolis where they will report for active service. They were:

Max D. Waechter, barber, volunteer

Charles Leon Baird, volunteer

Loren D. Brown

Louis Eugene Shriver

Ralph Arthur Carr

Keith Wayman Smith

* Donald Edward McNeil

* Transferred to Fulton county from Lake county board No. 4.

Lee Ewing Johnson who requested immediate induction into the Army at the time of his pre-induction examination, was accepted according to information reaching the local board.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 19, 1945]

LEITERS FORD SOLDIER IS WOUNDED IN LUXEMBOURG

S/Sgt. Guy L. Murfitt, a member of the Third Army, has been seriously wounded in action during the fighting in Luxembourg, according to information from the War department to his wife, the former Donna Castleman.

Mr. Murfitt was inducted July 6, 1942, and went overseas July 1, 1944, and after a short stay in England he was transferred to the front in France and has seen almost continuous action

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since his arrival there. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murfitt of Leiters Ford and was reared in that section of the county.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 19, 1945]

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Corp. Dale Friesen, home for a short furlough after 30 months service in the Pacific theater, is visiting relatives and friends.

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Sgt. DeVerle Becker, Camp Plauche, New Orleans, La., is home for a short stay with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Becker.

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Mrs. Clarence Breen has received word the the safe arrival in France of her son, Pvt. Roland Myers.

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Relatives have received word that Albertus Van Dien has been given a first class rating and has been made a M.A.M. in the Navy Yard post office in Hawaii. He is a section leader and has charge of all first class and air mail parcels.

Mrs. Albertus Van Dien is also a mail clerk and is employed in the Army post office in San Francisco.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 19, 1945]

NEPHEW OF LOCAL PEOPLE REPORTED DEAD ON LEYTE

Pvt. Robert L. Hopper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hopper of Walton, Tipton township, Cass county, and a nephew of Dr. and Mrs. T. P. Cook of this city has been reported killed in action on Leyte, according to word received by his relatives here.

Pvt. Hopper's death was listed by the War department as of Dec. 9. He was a member of an army engineer unit which participated in the invasion of Leyte island, and had been in the service since November, 1942. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary L. Hopper; a son, Bobby, Jr.; four sisters, and two brothers.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, January 20, 1945]

LEAVE FOR PEARL HARBOR

Don Fisher and Harold Bryant left Friday to report at Pearl Harbor where they will be employed in the Navy's ship yards. Bryant was recently discharged from the Army following wounds received while in service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bryant, South Franklin avenue. Fisher was formerly employed at the Boston store in this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, January 20, 1945]

MAJOR RICHARDSON IS O.K. ACCORDING TO RECENT REPORTS

Rumors were current here Saturday that Maj. Charles Richardson of this city (now serving with the U. S. Medical Corps in the European theatre), was either missing in action or had been killed.

Several calls concerning the report were received at The News-Sentinel office and a check-up on these reports proved them to be false. In an intervidew with Mrs. Richardson it was learned that she, too, had received a number of phone calls concerning the reports. Mrs. Richardson stated that the last letter received from her hsband was writtein Dec. 31, at which time he was O.K. In that message, he stated that while he was having plenty to do he was in a reasonably safe area, well behind the fighting lines and about the only chance of being injured from enemy action would come from their robot bombs.

This statement is published to allay erroneous reports which were much in evidence throughout the week-end.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 22, 1945]

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Lt. Chas. G. "Garry" Daniels has returned to duty at Amarillo, Texas, after a short leave with his wife and son, Daniel. Mrs. Daniels was the former Zana Davisson.

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Sgt. Kenneth A. Nelson has returned from overseas service in Italy for a brief furlough with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nelson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Taylor have received word that their son, John, SP 1/c, who has been stationed in Australia with the Navy for the past two years, will arrive Tuesday for a 21-day leave.

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Bill Downs of the Navy is here for a brief furlough with his grandmother, Mrs. Maude Downs, and other relatives and friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 22, 1945]

PVT. VERNON STAYTON IS REPORTED MISSING

Word has been received from the War department by Mrs. Leona Stayton that her husband, Pvt. Vernon E. Stayton, well-known Richland township farmer and gravel contractor, has been missing in action in Luxembourg since Dec. 20.

Stayton, a member of the 100th U. S. Infantry, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Stayton of Argos. His wife was formerly Leona Flynn of this city. He is well-known in both Fulton and Marshall counties.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 23, 1945]

TWO GO TO THE NAVY; FIVE LAND IN ARMY

Of the seven men who reported at Indianapolis for duty in the armed forces last Friday, two, Charles Leon Baird and Ralph Arthur Carr were accepted in the Navy, while the other five were assigned to service with the Army. They were:

Max D. Waechter, Loren D. Brown, Louis Eugene Shriver, Keith Wayman Smith and Donald Edward McNeil.

Another call is scheduled for early in February, the local selective service board reveals.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 23, 1945]

GRASS CREEK SOLDIER IS KILLED IN ACTION

Relatives at Grass Creek have received word of the death of Pvt. Wendell Sedam, 19, which occurred in the European war theatre on December 27th.

Wendell is the son of Claude and Gertrude Sedam, former Grass Creek residents, now of South Bend. Pvt. Sedam was a member of the 84th Division and was one of the first paratroopers used in the invasion.

Mrs. Carrie Burns, of Grass Creek, the maternal grandmother, went to South Bend Monday to be with her daughter a few days.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 23, 1945]

NEPHEW OF LOCAL MAN IS KILLED IN ACTION

James Van Fassen, owner and manager of the Rochester Office Machine Service, has been advised of the death over Belgium of his nephew, Lt. Billy Van Fassen of Holland, Mich., which occurred Jan. 16.

Young Van Fassen, who was 22, had visited his relatives here on several occasions. After he received his wings he was assigned to duty as a fighter pilot. At the time of his death in action, he was on a mission from his base in England. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Van Fassen of Holland.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 23, 1945]

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Ramon Alber, Ph.M. 3/c, is home for a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Alber, near Tiosa. Alber has seen service in the South Pacific and will return next Tuesday to Seattle for duty at sea.

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Wendell Tombaugh, AS, USN, has arrived home from boot training to spend a brief furlough with his wife and parents here.

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Leroy Eugene Miller, AS, USN, will complete boot training soon and is expected home for a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony D. Miller of Richland township.

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Pfc. Echo McCalla has advised his parnts, Mr. and Mrs. Chester McCalla of East Eighth street, of his arrival from Italy at Camp Atterbury, Ind., and of his plans to return home on furlough next Saturday. Pfc. McCalla, who has been overseas for the past year has twice been wounded in action.

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Cpl. John W. Price, son of Mrs. Rhoda Price, 1027 Elm street, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant, headquarters, Fifth Army in Italy, reveals.

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Capt. Edw. A. Ley, wounded some time ago over Italy, has recovered and has been assigned to Boca Raton Field, Fla., the Army Air Forces reveal. Ley is the recipient of the Purple Heart and the Air Medal with seven clusters.

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Pvt. Charles W. Clevenger, Jr., 940119, USMC, has arrived safely overseas, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clevenger. His present address is Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Cal.

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S/Sgt. Chas E. "Bill" Hunter has been returned from an English hospital to the Mason General hospital, Brentwood, L.I., N.Y., according to information reaching his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hunter of this city. Sgt. Hunter is suffering from combat fatigue. He is rported to be recovering satisfactorily.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 24, 1945]

PVT. REED HELPS BUILD BIG AIRBASE ON GUAM

Headquarters, 21st Bomber Command, Guam (Delayed) - Pvt. Ora R. Reed of Culver, Ind., and other ground specialists of this B-29 organization who took up the unfamiliar task of airbase construction in addition to their regular duties, have received a special commendation from Brig. Gen. H. S. Hansell, Jr., commanding general, 21st Bomber Command.

With aviation engineers absorbed in the priority task of completing the giant airstrip, ground echelons were called upon for the unusual assignment of building administrative and service facilities as well as living quarters. Men like Pvt. Reed, whose regular job is supply clerk, moved in on the area of battle wreckage, and, in less that 20 weeks B-29 Superfortresses were bombing Tokyo from the completed base on Saipan.

"You carried on your official work with efficiency above the usual under rugged conditions," General Hansell said. "In addition, with hard labor, ingenuity, and a kind of stubborn will that typifies the spirit of American pioneering, you made with your own hands a place to live and a place to work, overcoming obstacles which were not foreseen."

Pvt. Reed's wife, the former Maybelle B. Reinhold, and son Robert, reside at 458 Lake street, Culver. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin M. Reed, reside in Rochester, Ind. He was graduated from Fulton, Indiana, High school and was employed by Studebaker Automotive, South Bend, Ind., before entering the Army in April, 1944

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 24, 1945]

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Cpl. Mary Frances Bilyew, Camp Blanding, Fla., a member of the WAC, has arrived home for a visit with her parents and other relatives.

The present address of Cpl. Leroy W. Rouch is FMF, 214 MBD, AG-42, MCAS, El Centro, Calif.

Pvt. Cecil Hudkins, 35845781, now receives mail at 3rd Gunnery Squadron, Laredo AAF, Laredo, Texas.

The new address of Pfc. Donald E. Polk is SMS 1 (P) MAW FMF, Marine Corps Air Facility, Newport, Ark.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, January 25, 1945]

NAVY MAKES POSTHUMOUS AWARD TO LEYTE VICTIM

The Navy department has just announced the award, posthumously, of the Medal of the Purple Heart and the Certificate of Military Merit to Raymond Lewis Hartle, 20, who was killed in action off Leyte on Oct. 24, 1944.

The citation, together with the medals, have been received by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hartle, the parents, in recognition of Seaman First Class Hartle's intrepid bravery in action during the first invasion of the Philippines.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 26, 1945]

M/SGT. RUSSEL PARKER WINS THE BRONZE STAR

In a citation signed by Maj. Gen. Sibert, commanding the U. S. 10th Corps, Russel Parker, Jr., a master sergeant with the corps headquarters on Leyte with 30 other officers and enlisted men have been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement. The citation which follows is self-explanatory:

"BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of executive order number 9419, 4th February 1944, a bronze star medal is awarded by the commanding general, X Corps, to the following enlisted man:

"Master Sergeant Russel R. Parker, 35353784, Infantry, U. S. Army.

"For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Leyte Province, Philippine Islands, during the period of 22 October 1944 to 25 December 1944. As chief clerk of a staff section in a corps headquarters, M/Sgt. Parker organized, trained and supervised in such a manner that his section functioned efficiently, and in spite of adverse weather conditions and movement, the work was at all times current. His attention to duty was an inspiration to the members of his section and his efforts contributed to the success of his organization in the operation.

"By command of Major General Sibert."

Parker, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Parker, 711 Madison street, was reared and graduated from high school in this city. He was inducted into the Army in May of 1942 and has been overseas since August, 1944.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 26, 1945]

PFC. OSTINELL T. DAVIS IS WOUNDED IN ACTION

O. A. Davis of this city has received information from the War department that his son, Pfc. Ostinell T. Davis, First Parachute Infantry Division, was wounded in action in Belgium on Jan. 4, and that he is now in a hospital overseas.

Pfc. Davis was reared and received his schooling in this city. His brother, William, met a tragic death in an auto accident in the Kingsbury area about three years ago.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 26, 1945]

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Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Towne, route 3, recently received a letter from the chaplain telling of the death of their son, Pfc. Emerson L. Towne, killed in action on Oct. 2, 1944, in the province of Lorraine, France. The chaplain stated Emerson was buried in an American cemetery in Lorraine. The Townes received posthumously a Purple Heart which had been awarded to their son.

Emerson, prior to his entry into the armed services in 1942, engaged in farming. The survivors are his parents; six [sic] sisters and five brothers, namely: Mrs. Lucille Rynearson of this city, Cpl. James Towne now in service in France, Harold Towne of Akron, Mrs. Evelyn Schultz of South Bend, Vernon Towne at home, Mrs. Catherine Crall of this city, Pfc. Clyde E. Towne, Jr., now of France, Jack E. Towne of Marseilles, Ill., and Norma Jean and Mary Ann Towne at home. Plans for memorial services are incomplete.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 26, 1945]

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Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., Jan. 26. - Pvt. Louis E. Kelly, husband of Mrs. Louise E. Kelly, route 2, Rochster, Ind., has reported to Keesler Field from the Army ground forces. Pvt. Kelly is stationed at the AAF Training Command post awaiting reassignment to new military duties.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 26, 1945]

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Pvt. Walter Deverle Carr arrived today from Foster hospital, Jackson, Miss., to spend a 21-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reub Carr, of this city. Pfc. Carr has recently been hospitalized after spending over four months with the U. S. forces on the western front in Europe.

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Pfc. Clarence J. "Pat" Overmyer will leave tomorrow for duty at Norfolk, Va., after a furlough with his wife and relatives in Richland township.

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Pvt. Robert Kale left Friday for Fort Ord, Calif., after a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kale, and other relatives and friends. On furlough he was enroute from Camp Fannin, Texas, to his new post.

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Pvt. Robert E. Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jackson, 520 Clayton street has departed for a new assignment to duty at Keesler Field, Miss.

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Richard Kesler, radioman 1/c, has been returned from duty in the Far East and has been assigned to duty at Norfolk, Va., according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harlie Kesler of near Argos.

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The new address of Pvt. John W. Davis, 35845776, is Co. E., 6th Bn., 2nd PTR, Fort Benning, Ga.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, January 27, 1945]

PVT. EARL GIBSON WOUNDED IN ACTION

Pvt. Earl Gibson, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gibson, route 1, has been wounded in action, according to information received from the War department by his parents.

Pvt. Gibson, who was inducted last May 29, was wounded on Jan. 9 in the fighting around Strasbourg. He is now in a hospital in France.

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[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 29, 1945]

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Great Lakes, Ill., Jan. 29. - Wendell C. Tombaugh, 30, 212 West 9th street, Rochester, Ind., was graduated from recruit training January 20 an honor man of his company at the U. S. Naval Training Center here and is now on leave.

Tombaugh was elected a candidate by fellow Bluejackets and selected as honor man by his company commander on the basis of military aptitude and progress. He has been recommended to attend Radar Operator's School for further training.

In 1936 he graduated from Indiana University, Bloomington, and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. In 1940 he received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the Indiana Law School, Indianapolis. Before enlistment he was with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C.

He is spending his leave with his wife and son, John B., in Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 29, 1945]

WAR PRISONER HAS GOOD CHRISTMAS IN '42 AND '43; YEAR-OLD CARD SAYS

A postal card acknowledgement of Christmas packages received by Coxswain Francis Raymer, confined since December, 1941, in a Jap prison camp at Osaka, has been received by his parents and relatives here. It reads:

"Dear Folks:

"Received your packages and a Red Cross food package so had a good Christmas, considering everything. Am doing the same thing. Am in good health.

"Your loving son,

"Francis"

The packages were mailed from here in August 1942 and 1943. The card was dated December 1943. Raymer was captured at Guam in December 1941.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 29, 1945]

PVT. GLEN OVERMYER WOUNDED IN ACTION

Mrs. Marjorie Overmyer has been advised by the War Department that her husband, Pvt. Glen H. Overmyer, was wounded in action on the Western Front in Belgium on Jan. 5. Later she was advised that he has been evacuated to the United States and that he is now in a hospital somewhere in Maine.

Pvt. Overmyer entered the service in March 1943 and went overseas in April 1944. He had been in action many times since his arrival over there, in Italy and in Southern France during the invasion. He trained in Fort Benning, Ga., and at Camp McKall, N.C. His wife, the former Miss Marjorie DeMont, and a son, Rex, reside at 328 Grove St., LaPorte.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 30, 1945]

WALNUT YOUTH KILLED IN ACTION IN FRANCE

The War department on Monday revealed the death in action of Pfc. Ora Raymond Bolinger, 20, son of Oliver E. and Lois Bolinger of the Walnut community.

Pfc. Bolinger, a member of the 11th Armored Division, under General Patton, was killed Jan. 14. He was born in Blue Island, Ill., Sept. 15, 1924, and came to Indiana in 1936. He attended school at Walnut and graduated from the Argos High school. Later he attended business college in Fort Wayne and was inducted into the Army in April, 1943. He trained in Utah, Washington and California camps and went overseas several months ago.

Surviving are the parents, a brother, Edward, in school at Fort Wayne; two sisters, Esther and Doris, at home, and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Oyler and Mrs. Flora Bolinger.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 30, 1945]

ENLIST IN NAVY

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Eldon Shepherd and Paul Thomas left this morning for South Bend where they will join the Navy. Both youths enlisted a week ago. Shepherd has been assistant manager and manager of the Rochester high school basketball team for four years. He is the fifth member of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Stephen to enter the armed forces.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 30, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Lieut. Charles Killion of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., is spending a leave of absence with his mother, Mrs. Eva Killion, and other relatives and friends.

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Elmer R. Ziesenhene, HA 1/c, returned to duty today at St. Albans, Vt., where he is stationed in the U. S. Naval hospital. He spent a short furlough here with relatives and friends.

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Sgt. James Fenstermaker, home from the European war zones where he has spent the past year and a half in the air force, is spending his furlough with his wife, parents and other relatives and friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 30, 1945]

PURPLE HEART, CITATION AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY

The medal of the Purple Heart with presidential citation has been awarded posthumously to Pvt. John A. Bell, killed in action in France on Nov. 19. Both medal and citation were issued to the son of the deceased, Arnold Eugene Bell.

Pvt. Bell, a member of Co. D, 16th Infantry, a unit of the U. S. Seventh Army under General Patch. He trained at Camp Blanding, Fla., and embarked for overseas from Fort Meade, Md. Before entering the Army he was employed as a transport truck driver.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 31, 1945]

ANOTHER COUNTY MAN IS BELGIAN BATTLE VICTIM

Pfc. Wayne Scott, 22, son of the late Francis Scott, was killed in action in Belgium on Dec. 17, 1944, according to information released by the War Department today.

Pfc. Scott was born near Bass Lake, Indiana on April 6, 1922. At an early age he moved with his parents to Fulton county and resided here until inducted into the army in September 1942. He trained at Camp Rucker, Alabama and went overseas late in 1943, where he saw action on several fronts and in numerous engagements.

Surviving are one brother, Kenneth Scott of Hammond; one sister, Mrs. Thelma Bruce, Walkerton, and two half-brothers, John E., and Robert F. Scott, both of South Bend.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 31, 1945]

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Pvt. Clarence "Pat" Overmyer, formerly stationed at Norfolk, Va., reported from a furlough spent here with his wife and relatives to Billings hospital, Indianapolis, where he will undergo treatments.

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Raymon Alber, Ph.M 3/c has arrived safely by plane at his now station in Seattle, Wash., after spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Alber and family of near Rochester.

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Kenneth Talbott of the Merchant Marine has arrived home on a 14-day furlough for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Helen Talbott, R. 4, and other relatives and friends. Talbott has been in the South American service. He will report later at Brooklyn, N.Y., for assignment.

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The new address of WAVE Donna Jean Peterson, S 2/c, is Naval Training School (SRW), Ennis Hall 324, Milledgeville, Ga.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Haldeman of near Akron have received word that their son, H. E. Haldeman, was promoted to the rank of Technical Sergeant, Marine Corps. T/Sgt. Haldeman has been overseas since last June.

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The Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., have announced the graduation as a yeoman of Wm. K. Downs, grandson of Mrs. Maude Downs of this city. Bill graduated from the local high school last June.

The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 1, 1945]

PFC. ROLLAND MEYER IS PLACED ON MISSING LIST

Mrs. Ollie Breen, 1106 Elm street, this city, has just received word that her son, Pfc. Rolland Meyer, has been "missing in action" since Jan. 15.

The message which came from the War department did not give the theater of action wherein Rolland was serving, but relatives here believed he was with the infantry in its drive along the northern end of the Allied western line in Europe.

Rolland attended school in this city and prior to his induction into the service he was employed as a farm laborer for a few years. He is 23 years of age and has many friends throughout the county.

The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 2, 1945]

TIPPECANOE SOLDIER IS REPORTED MISSING

Donald Shaffer, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noble Shaffer, who reside near Tippecanoe, was recently reported missing in action in the European area. His parents received an official telegram from the War department on Jan. 25. The young soldier is not married. He entered the service shortly after being graduated from Tippecanoe High school. He has two brothers in service.

The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 2, 1945]

FRED HANSON WRITES FROM JAPANESE CAMP

Mrs. Boyd Peterson has just received a card from her brother, Fred A. Hanson, a prisoner of war, now confined on Osaka Island, Japan. The message, which is very brief, informs Mrs. Peterson that he has never received any word from his relatives here, but that he is well.

Hanson, a civil employee on army construction was captured by the Japs at the fall of Wake Island early in the war. For many months no word was received from him and his fate was unknown. In time, however, a message came through and since that time, local relatives have written him at regular intervals.

The News-Sentinel, Saturday, February 3, 1945]

MISSING TAIL GUNNER NOW REPORTED KILLED

Mr. and Mrs. George Butler, 231 East Eighth street, were today notified of the death of their grandson, Sgt. Robert Dean Richardson, 21, who was killed over Aachen, Germany, on July 19, last.

Sgt. Richardson, a tail gunner on a Flying Fortress, was reported missing in action at that time when his ship was shot down. Since no word was received following the first report, it is presumed that recent capture of that area by American forces has revealed his death.

Richardson, a resident of Indianapolis, often visited his grandparents and other relatives here, and was quite well known in this city.

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SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Arthur Anderson has been informed of the advancement in rank from second lieutenant to first lieutenant of her husband, Arthur Anderson, stationed somewhere in the East Indies.

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PVT. VICTOR SCOTT KILLED IN ACTION

Pvt. Victor Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Scott and a nephew of John Scott and the late Francis Scott of this city, was killed in action on Jan. 15 in the European theatre, according to word received by relatives here. His death preceded by two days that of his cousin, Pvt. Wayne Scott of this city, which occurred Jan. 17 in the same theatre of operations.

Pvt. Scott had been overseas several months and was presumed to have lost his life during the break-through in France or Belgium. He was well known in this city, although he resided in Marshall county.

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SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. Charles Green of Major Field, Texas, is spending a 10-day furlough with his wife and other relatives in the Talma neighborhood.

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Ben Severns, M.M. 2/c, is spending a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Deloise Severns, route 1.

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Pvc. Elvie Weeks is enjoying an eight-day furlough with his parents and other relatives around Kewanna.

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Pvt. Seymour Stephen is home for a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Stephen, and other relatives and friends.

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Sgt. Dale Milliser has returned to his base in California after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Surphes Milliser. His present address is USMC, VMD 254, Mag. 43, El Centro, Calif.

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The new address of Pvt. Jack Severns is AGS Repl. Depot No. 2, Fort Ord, Calif.

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The War Department announces the arrival in the United States of T/Sgt. Robert Van Dwyne after 26 months' service in the Pacific.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, February 5, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. James E. Carruthers' new address is 15345549, 2533 AAF, B.U., Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Texas. He was recently transferred there from Lubbock, Texas.

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Mr. and Mrs. Otto Miller have received the news that their son, Pfc. Richard M. Miller has again left for overseas. This is the second time for overseas duty for Pfc. Miller. He returned to the states on April 1, 1944 after 29 months of duty in the Panama Canal Zone. Until recently he has been stationed at Camp Stewart, Ga. His partial address is Pfc. Richard M. Miller, 35170579, APO 18257, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Mrs. Donald Beattie has received word from her husband, Donald M. Beattie, EM 1/c, that he arrived in the States this week and is at the U. S. Navy Hospital in San Diego, California. He will be transferred to the Great Lakes hospital and will receive a 30-day leave to visit his wife

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and parents. Don has been overseas with the 128th Sea Bee Battalion since February, 1944. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Mark Beattie, 1060 Elm street, of this city.

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Pvt. Marietta Spohn, WAC, arrived Saturday from Westover Field, Mass. to spend a 10-day furlough with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kindig.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 6, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Relatives here have received word that Pvt. Charles Wayne Redinger had recently been promoted to private first class. Wayne is now serving with the U. S. forces in Germany.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 7, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Sgt. G. D. Johnston has been transferred from Santa Ana, Calif., to Williams Field, Chandler, Ariz., according to word received here.

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Mr. and Mrs. Orbra Taylor have been informed of the transfer of their son Pvt. Robert Taylor, from South Camp Hood, Texas, in Columbus, Ohio.

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Sgt. Charles E. Upp, formerly employed at a local foundry, has returned from two years' service overseas and has been transferred to the Army Redistribution Center, Miami Beach, Fla., for a new assignment.

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Seabee Robert E. Brown, Kewanna, has returned from 22 months' service overseas and is now at a redistribution center on the Pacific coast. He was a member of a construction battalion which served on Woodlark and Owl islands and at Fineschafen, New Guinea.

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Paul Henriott, gunners' mate 3/c, is home for a 21-day furlough with relatives and friends here. He served in the Pacific with the Third and Fifth fleets and saw much action.

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The new address of Cpl. Tom DuBois, 35145822, is APO 956, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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A U.S. Army Ordnance Dept., England. - The miracle of creating trucks and jeeps from junk pile parts is everyday work at this dept where Sgt. Ralph W. Master, of R.R. 3, Kewanna, Indiana, is serving as automotive mechanic. He is a member of the 456th Ordnance Heavy Automotive Maintenance Company. No material goes to waste as wrecked vehicles, many smashed in combat, are brought from the depot "graveyard" to the maze of shops where they are stripped, and the parts put in their proper places for future use.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 8, 1945]

F.O. BILL TIPPY IS PICTURED WITH MARTHA O'DRISCOLL

In a recent edition of The Chicago Sun, a Rochester youth, Flight Officer Bill Tippy, was shown with the beautiful stage and screen actress, Martha O'Driscoll and two other aviators at a Hondo, Texas aviation training base. The actress' transport plane was forced to land on the U. S. Army air field to take on more fuel after bucking adverse weather conditions.

Flight Officer Tippy, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tippy, of this city, was recently here on a furlough.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 9, 1945]

BROTHER OF COUNTY WOMAN WITH BIG 3

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County Commissioner and Mrs. Murlen Zellers will go to Logansport Saturday where they will meet Mrs. Robert Gorsline, wife of Mrs. Zellers' brother, Sgt. Bob Gorsline, who is now with President Roosevelt at the Big Three Conference at an unannounced Black Sea resort.

Sgt. Gorsline, who left these shores several days in advance of the President and his delegation, took along with him 30 typewriters and other equipment to be used in the discussions between F. D. R., Stalin And Churchill. Sgt. Gorsline was with the President at the conference held in Quebec. He is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Gorsline of Logansport, but is well known in the western section of the county.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 9, 1945]

LT. BENNY DuBOIS IS NOW REPORTED KILLED OVER GERMANY NOV. 21

The War department today notified relatives here of the death of 2nd. Lt. Benny DuyBois, 27, navigator, who was killed in action over Germany on Nov. 21, last.

This information, released by the German government to the International Red Cross in Geneva, Switzerland, followed the original report on Dec. 8 stating that he was missing in action.

Served As County Recorder

Lt. Dubois had been attached to the U. S. Eighth air force then based in England had many missions over Germany prior to his tragic accident, when his bomber was shot down by enemy fire.

He was the son of the late Howard and Mabel DuBois, graduated from the Rochester High school and became affiliated with his father and grandfather, B. F. Fretz, in the abstract of title business in this city. On the death of his mother, then serving her second term as county recorder, he was appointed to fill the vacancy, an assignment which he handled with credit to the county and to himself.

Following his induction into the service he entered flying school and was graduated a second lieutenant navigator. His military record was outstanding throughout his term of service.

Thought He Landed

A squadron pilot who followed DuBois' plane on the ill-fated mission, reported seeing the lieutenant bale out, and parachute to earth. This report gave relatives and friends the hope that he might have landed safely to become a war prisoner.

Besides the grandparents, he is survived by two brothers in service, Robert O., with the Navy on the Atlantic coast, and Tommy, with the Army in California. A sister, Mrs. Dorothy Gustin, resides in Peru.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 9, 1945]

BROTHER IN JAP PRISON WRITES SISTER IN CITY

In a letter dated Nov. 10, 1943, from Osaka, Japan, Coxswain Francis Raymer, a prisoner of the Nips since the fall of Guam in 1942, Mrs. Howard Bunn, a sister, is told that at the time, he was in good health and looking forward to receipt of several packages from home loaded with vitamins and other necessities.

(In a card bearing a later date, but received by his relatives a month or so ago, he acknowledged receipt of these packages just before Christmas, 1943.)

Raymer stated that he was getting along well, all things considered, that he had received mail from an aunt, Mrs. Waneta Fox of Argos and from Earl Sisson of this city, but that he was not permitted to answer. The writer recalls having written Raymer in June of 1942.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 9, 1945]

AKRON YOUTH NOW IN A NAZI PRISON CAMP

Pfc. Donald J. Whittenberger, reported missing in action in France on Nov. 7, is a prisoner of Germany, a letter received from him by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Whittenberger of Akron, reports.

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Whittenberger, a member of a U.S. tank destroyer battalion, has been overseas since December, 1943. He graduated from Beaver Dam High school, north of Akron, and was employed by the General Tire & Rubber Co. at Wabash before his induction.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 9, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Jake Miller has just received word that her son, S/Sgt. Jacob A. Miller, Jr., has arrived safely at Dutch New Guinea.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, February 10, 1945]

ARMY CALLS TWENTY COUNTY MEN FOR EXAMINATIONS

A contingent of twenty county men left today for Indianapolis for pre-induction examinations into the armed forces. One man, Laurel Owen Otto, scheduled to leave today, was transferred to Pulaski county. Two men who left today, Rex Raymond Riggs, was transferred here from LaPorte county, and J. W. Nix came to the local board from Louisville, Ky. Dewey Emerson Norris was in charge of the party.

Names of those who reported at Indianapolis were:

Wendell Lamar Grass
Elmer Dean Shepherd
Dewey Emerson Norris
Joseph John Minarik
Robert Lee Eytcheson
Donald Leroy Smith
Arthur Vincent Weaver
Charles Blanchard Riggle, Jr.
Richard LaVern Pfeiffer
Carl Leroy Hopper
Fred Ray McGlothin
Robert LeRoy Ginther
Ralph John Frettinger
Thomas James Berry
Joe Eugene Huffman
Eldon Wayne Felts
Robert James DePoy
Donald Allison Burton
Rex Raymond Riggs
J. W. Nix

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, February 10, 1945]

AKRON MAN RAISED TO RANK OF MAJOR

The War department on Friday announced the promotion of Capt. John L. Ferry, Akron, to the rank of major. Major Perry was one of eight Hoosiers who received temporary promotions.

Major Perry entered the medical corps soon after his graduation from medical school. He is the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. P. L. Ferry. His mother, now a librarian at the Akron public library, resides in the Henry township hub.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, February 10, 1945]

ENEMY BROADCAST ANENT LOCAL SAILOR IS HEARD

In a broadcast from the Japanese government, heard in the United States, in which Coxswain Francis Raymer, now a prisoner at Osaka, Japan, addressed his parents and friends, was recorded and telegraphed to his mother, Mrs. Florence Raymer. The message which follows, lends a heartening note to the hope of his relatives and friends in supplementing several letters received recently, but which were writtten a year or more ago.

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Washington, D.C.
9 Feb. 1945

Mrs. Florence Raymer
Rochester, Ind.

Dear Madam:

Following enemy propoganda broadcast from the Japanese government has been intercepted, quote Hello Mother, Dad and all the rest of my friends and relaives in America. Here's wishing you all and especially Jackie, Eddie and Jimmy all the best for the new year. We prisoners over here have our chins up and faith in our hearts. Your son and friend, formerly of Guam, Francis M. Raymer, Coxswain, U.S.N., unquote. This broadcast supplements all prvious reports, stop.

Lerch, Provost Marshal General

Coxswain Raymer was captured by the Japs on the surrender of Guam in 1941.
[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 13, 1945]

LOCAL SOLDIER WILL BROADCAST TOMORROW

Mrs. Ann Lebo, 920 Jefferson street, has been advised that her husband, T/5 Don Lebo, U. S. Army Ordnance, will broadcast over Radio Station WOWO Ft. Wayne tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon at 4:30 our time from his station in France.

T/5 Lebo is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lebo of this city. He has been overseas since last November 1.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 13, 1945]

LT. JOSEPH GILBERT BURIED AT LEYTE; WIFE GETS LETTER

Mrs. Judy Gilbert, wife of Lt. Joseph Edgar Gilbert who was killed in action in the Southwest Pacific area December 7, has recently received a letter from the acting commanding officer of the ship on which Joe met his death. The message follows:

c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif

“Dear Judy:

“I write to you with sincere regret and deepest sympathy concerning your husband, Lieutenant (j.g.) Joseph Edgar Gilbert, who was killed in action on board this ship on 7 December 1944.

“Joe was loved as an officer and as a friend by every man on board. At the time of his death he was at his battle station while this vessel was retiring from a particularly hazardous operation under attack by enemy aircraft. Death came instantaneously when the enemy struck a fatal blow which crippled our ship and took toll of the lives of the many fine officerrrs and men. A military funeral and religious services were held at the burial at the United States Army Field Cemetry No. 1, Leyte, Phillipine Islands.

“Joe's loss leaves a deep personal wound in the heart of everyone of us on board. He fought this hated war in accordance with the highest tradtions of the naval service. He made the greatest and most noble sacrifice a man can make. I have lost a beloved fellow officer and close friend.

“Please accept deepest sympathy from myself and the ship's officers and crew.

“Sincerely,

“Richard E. Hawes, Jr.

“Lieutenant, USNR

“Acting Commanding Officer.”

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 13, 1945]

WOUNDED MT. ZION YOUTH IN HOSPITAL

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard King of the Mt. Zion community have been advised that their son, Pvt. Robert L. King, is in a hospital on the Marianas, convalescing from a shoulder wound received during the Philippine invasion.

Pvt. King entered the service in August, 1942, and has been overseas for the past 20 months. He is the holder of the Army Combat Badge, won during the several campaigns in which he has participated. A brother, Corp. William King, is serving in Germany.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 13, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Pfc. Marietta E. Spohn, 804 1/2 Main street, Rochester, Ind., was recently promoted from the grade of private at Westover Field, Mass., where she is presently on duty.

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Arthur Shireman of this city has just received word from his son, T/Sgt. Howard Shireman, that he has arrived safely in Paris. Howard, who has experienced many months of service overseas, was recently home on a well-deserved furlough.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bellward, route 5, Rochester, have been informed by the War department that their son, Pfc. Emmett J. Carpentr, has been awarded the medal of the Purple Heart for wounds received in action on the German front.

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Pfc. Marietta SPOHN, WAC, returned to Westover Field, Mass., after spending a short furlough with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kindig. While at home, [Mrs.] Spohn was notified of her promotion from the grade of private to the rank of private first class. Her mother accompanied Pfc. Spohn as far as South Bend.

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T/5 Donald W. Hoffman is spending a 21-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hoffman, route 2. He has just returned from a four and a half year tour of duty overseas.

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S/Sgt George Hattery is spending a 21-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. "Smokey" Hattery, 519 Jefferson street. Sgt. Hattery served 31 months in the South Pacific.

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Donald Kilmer, F 1/c, has returned to duty at Newport, R.I., after attending the funeral of his grandfather, the late Oce Kilmer.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 13, 1945]

WOUNDED SECOND TIME, GETS OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Wounded for the second time in the fighting on the western front, Pvt. Mart C. Patton, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Patton, route 6, is now recovering in a hospital in England, according to information released by the 102nd General hospital.

Pvt. Patton has been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart, which was given for wounds received in the original landing operations at Cherbourg, France, last June 6. Of his second wound he says:

"My outfit was dug into defensive positions north of Strasbourg. I was in my fox hole at one of our outposts waiting for the expected Jerry counter attack to start. They began their attack with an artillery barrage. An 88 mm. shell exploded in the trees over my hole and a piece of shrapnel hit me."

Not seriously wounded, he walked back to the aid station where the medics treated the wound and sent him on to an evacuation hospital. He crossed the Channel in a hospital ship.

His ward surgeon, Lt. Achilles C. Lisle, of Oklahoma City, Okla., said: "He is making a speedy recovery."

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 14, 1945]

SGT. GLENN CLELAND IS MISSING IN ACTION

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Sgt. Glenn Cleland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cleland, north of Rochester, was on Tuesday, reported missing in action, since Jan. 18, according to word received here Tuesday from the War Department.

Sgt. Cleland, 23, is graduate of the Rochester high school and was inducted early in 1943. He has been overseas since September. It is believed that he was serving in Germany at the time of his disappearance.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 14, 1945]

NAVY TAKES FOUR, ARMY CLAIMS OTHER SIXTEEN MEN

Four of the 20 men who reported last Saturday at Indianapolis for induction into the armed forces were assigned to the Navy while the Army claimed 16.

Those who will don sailors' uniforms are: Wendell LaMar Grass, Joseph John Minarik, Charles Blanchard Riggle, Jr., and Carl LeRoy Hopper.

Army assignments include:

Elmer Dean Shepherd, Dewey Emerson Norris, Robert Lee Eytcheson, Donald Leroy Smith, Arthur Vincent Weaver, Richard LaVern Pfeiffer, Fred Ray McGlothlin, Robert LeRoy Ginther.

Ralph John Frettinger, Thomas James Berry, Joe Eugene Huffman, Eldon Wayne Felts, Robert James DuPoy, Donald Allison Burton, Rex Raymond Riggs, J.W. Nix.

One of the largest contingents of men yet to be called from Fulton county will report for pre-induction examinations next Saturday, local selective service officials reveal. The majority of these will be youths formerly classed as 2-C in age range of 18 through 25 years. While the exact number is not as yet available, it is believed the contingent will number upwards of 70 men.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 14, 1945]

ARGOS SOLDIER IS KILLED IN ACTION

Mrs. Lela Elliott of Argos has been notified of the death of her brother, Pfc. Forrest Mann, age 37, of Geneva, Ind. Pfc. Mann was killed in action on Jan. 18, 1945, while serving with a heavy artillery unit of the Fifth army in Italy.

Pvt. Mann is survived by his wife and daughter, Sharon Kay, and two brothers, Cpl. Clarence Mann and Pfc. Harvey Mann, who are both stationed in France. A nephew, Cpl. Charles Elliott, son of Mrs. Lela Elliott, also is stationed in France.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 15, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Sgt. Donald Anderson is here from Camp Kearns, Utah for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Anderson, R. 4, and other relatives and friends.

Corp. Howard J. Henderson is spending a short furlough with his mother, Mrs. Dora Henderson. Corp. Henderson is enroute from Stone Falls, S. Dak., to a new assignment at Greensboro, N.C.

Corp. Lavoy Partridge is spending a short leave with relatives and friends here.

Robert O. DuBois, HA 1/2, of Paris Island, S.C., is home for a visit with his wife and family.

Mrs. Richard D. Sheets has been informed that her husband, Richard Sheets, F 1/c (RM), has been assigned to the training ship Cachalot. He recently graduated from electrical courses at the U. S. submarine school New London, Conn. His new address is in care Fleet Postoffice, New York. His wife and son, Kent, reside southeast of this city.

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Relatives here have been informed that Leroy Miller, S 2/c, has finished boot training and will be assigned to duty in naval aviation ordnance.

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Word has been received of the safe arrival of T/Sgt. Loren James Weaver, son of Alvin Weaver, somewhere in France.

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The new address of Robert Harold Frye, WT 3/c, is: R. Station, Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 15, 1945]

RECEIVES PURPLE HEART

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fred are in receipt of a Purple Heart medal awarded their son, Pvt. Howard D. Fred, who was wounded in action in Germany on Christmas day. Pvt. Fred is recuperating in a hospital in England.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 15, 1945]

FORMER DELONG YOUTH IS KILLED IN ACTION

Pfc. Norman Paul Thomas, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas of Delong, was killed in action in Luzon, Jan. 13, according to a telegram from the War department.

He had been in service for two and a half years and had been overseas since September 1943. Before entering the Army he was employed at the Culver Military academy.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Annabelle Baker Thomas; two small children; his parents; four brothers, Robert and Roy, both overseas, and Earl and Raymond, at home; one sister, Mrs. Hope Warren, rural route, Rochester, and other relatives and friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 16, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Word has been received by Mrs. Marjorie Overmyer, route 3, advising her of the transfer of her husband, Pvt. Glen Overmyer, from the hospital in Maine to the Kennilly General Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.

Pvt. Overmyer, a paratrooper, was wounded in Belgium on Jan. 5. He is the son of Mrs. Hazel Overmyer, widow of the late Howard Overmyer. She now resides in Plymouth. A brother, Gerald, is now a naval air cadet at Corpus Cristi, Texas. Mrs. Nora Overmyer, paternal grandmother, resides in this city.

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Pvt. James Richardson is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Talford Richardson and other relatives and friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 16, 1945]

SEVENTY-ONE COUNTY YOUTHS UP FOR PRE-INDUCTIONS

The Armed Forces today acled one of the largest contingents of pre-induction ever to leave Fulton county, when seventy-one youths departed in two buses for Indianapolis and physical examinations.

The greater part of this contingent were men previously deferred for agricultural (2-C) classifications. Of the contingent, which follows, Calvin Lee Braman and Kenton Andrew Gast were appointd leaders:

Emerson Allen
Reichard
Ernest William
Brockey

William Robert White
Emerson Vern Overmyer
Joseph Leonard Baugh
Roy McGriff
John Junior Wilson

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John Robert
 McLochlin
 John Eli Beck
 David Franklin
 Bradway
 Chester Leon
 Burnett
 Carl Dean
 Rentschler
 Klea Andrew
 Strong
 Cecil Leo Tabler
 Dale Edward Hahn

 Merl Franklin
 Swick
 Stuart Howard
 Slaybaugh
 Devon Albert St.
 Clair
 John Raymond
 Friedrich
 Marion F. Kline
 Lyman Arthur King
 Byron Harold
 Rentschler
 James Russell
 Paxton
 James Albert Walsh
 Howard Cleon
 Rentschler
 Calvin Wade
 Mikesell
 Gale Ellsworth
 Boldry
 Myron A. Carlson
 Harley Max
 Bradbury
 Warren Miller
 Edward Milton
 King
 Clifford Calvin
 Reichard
 Robert Eugene
 Poenix
 Calvin Lee Braman
 Richard Paul
 Warfield
 Walter John Weber
 Robert Marion
 Townsend
 Kenneth Noble
 West

John Francis Lukens
 Donnelly Dean Spice
 Glen Dean Zartman
 Lester Dean Edington
 Frank Larry Perkins
 Francis Vincent Heater
 Merle Lewis McGowen
 Eldean Lavon Wise
 Bobby Leonard Rouch
 Condon Leonard Groninger
 Robert James Plantz
 Charles Floyd Nicklaus
 Delbert Roy Rans, Jr.
 Gerald Dean Glaze
 Franklin Eldon Lamb
 Kenton Andrew Gast
 Charles Alvin Crippen
 Donn Jackson Nichols, Jr.
 John Victor Hott
 Arnold Eugene Sommers
 Frank Melton Bowles
 Roy Chalmer Gibbons
 Glen Rudolph Schwank
 Jack Edward Sausaman
 Lorenzo George David Burns
 Murrell Everett Sutton
 Omar Barnette Troutman
 Kenneth Emory McVay
 Transferred in from other boards

were:

Richart Arthur Terpstra, Chicago, Ill.
 William Casey Morgan, Dearborn,
 Mich.
 Robert Paul Emmons, Pontiac, Mich.
 Lyman Everett Jones, Logansport,
 Ind.
 William John Shanabarger, Peru, Ind.
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The Philippines Command, U. S. Army, today announced the award of the Philippines Liberation Ribbon to T/5 Dean A. Smiley, now in the battle around Manila.

T/5 Smiley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smiley, 328 West Fourth street, and was indicted April 12, 1941. He has been overseas more than a year.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, February 17, 1945]

FORMER LOCAL BOY IS AWARDED SILVER STAR

From the War department comes word that Sgt. Charles Boyce, son of James Boyce, former local resident, has been awarded the medal of the Silver Star, for bravery in action.

Sgt. Boyce, a graduate of the Rochester High school, is well known here. His father is at present a resident of Indianapolis.

While the citation setting forth the reason for the award is not available, the medal is given only to an individual for valor in action beyond the call of duty. It is not known in what theater of operations he is engaged.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, February 19, 1945]

SGT. BOWEN IS AWARDED PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

An 8th Air Force Bomber Station, England. - The only contact between bomber crews manning Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortresses and their home base is the high frequency direction finder station where radio operators like Sgt. Clem E. Bowen, Jr., 25, are on duty 24 hours a day.

Not only do these radio operators give aircraft bearings so that they may find their way home, but coded weather reports as well. On the receiving end they get hourly checks from flights on bombing missions and after "bombs away" reports of the results of the bombing begin to come in. The flying control tower on the field can only reach craft within 15 miles so that for the great majority of time aloft the HFDF station is the only link with the home base.

Sgt. Bowen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clem E. Bowen, Sr., of route 6, Rochester, Ind. He was graduated from the Rochester High school and was employed by the I. M. Wile department store before joining the Army in June, 1942. He attended radio school at Scott Field, Ill.

He is a member of the 94th Bomb Group which was cited by the President for its historic bombing of the Muhlemba aircraft assembly plant at Brunswick, Germany. This group also participated in the Third Air Division's England to Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt aircraft plants at Regensburg, Germany, in August, 1943, for which the entire division was awarded a Presidential Citation.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, February 19, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Service men in the Pacific area are giving Eugene Lechler, Boatswain's Mate 2/c, the big hand these days, as he tours the various USO centers from New Zealand to the Aleutians, cavorting on a high wire and sending chills and thrills up and down the spines of our toughest fighters, according to news from the Navy's Office of Public Relations.

Lechler, whose wife and son reside at 309 E. 14th street, was a member of the Great Gretona troupe of high wire aerialists formerly with the Cole Bros. Circus. He has resided here since 1935.

Lechler first attracted attention as a performer for the Navy when he walked a steel cable from ship to shore while unloading supplies on a Pacific island. Shipmates cheered the feat.

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Headquarters Peninsular Base, Italy, have announced the award of the African-European Campaign ribbon to Sgt. Hugh L. Umbaugh, of Richland township for effective effort in helping to clear the post of Leghorn, Italy under enemy fire.

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Sgt. Umbaugh graduated from the Richland township high school, class of 1940 and has been overseas since April 1943. He is a member of the 338th Engineer General Service Regiment, Fifth Army. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Umbaugh, R. 3, Argos.

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The Air Force has announced the award of citations to the 392nd Bombardment Group, a Liberator unit, of which Sgt. Dean J. Neher, R. 3, Rochester, is a member. Citations were issued after the command had completed its 200th mission over enemy territory. Targets attacked are listed as Berlin, Gotha Politz, Bremen, Hamburg and others.

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The Headquarters 12th Armored Division, Seventh Army, have announced the award of the infantry combat badge to Sgt. Clyde G. Spice, husband of Mrs. Katherine L. Spice, 1511 Main street, this city.

The badge is awarded for outstanding service in action. It entitles the older to additional pay allowance in addition to honorary recognition of service.

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Pfc. Howard Sherbondy, Camp Atterbury, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Ada Sherbondy. He recently returned from two years service in the South Pacific where he served on the Fijis, New Caledonia and Guadalcanal islands as an ambulance driver. During his tour of duty he was twice attacked by tropical fever. He is now on limited service at the Atterbury Separation Center.

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Velmar R. Bowman, PhM 3/c, has returned to duty at Corona, Calif., after a week's furlough with relatives and friends here and in Hammond. His wife and daughter returned with him.

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Corp. Phillip A. Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Perkins, R. 5, is home for a 15-day furlough with his wife, Mrs. Pearl Perkins and his parents. His station is at Elgin Field, Fla.

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Pvt. Charles Lockridge has announced his promotion to the rank of Technician Five. He is with an Army technical corps.

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An 8th Air Force Liberator Station, England. - S/Sgt. Arthur F. Faulstick of route 1, Monterey, Ind., gunner, is serving with the 392nd Bombardment Group, a Liberator unit recently cited for "distinguished and exceptionally outstanding performance of duty" on 200 missions.

Commanded by Col. Lorin L. Johnson of Payson, Utah, the group has been overseas for more than a year. The 200th mission was made on Armistice Day, the 100th on D-Day.

Among the 120 targets in Germany and 80 in enemy-occupied territory included Berlin, Gotha, Politz, Bremen, Hamburg and other objectives in Germany, France, Norway, Holland, Belgium and Poland.

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Relatives here have been informed by the War department of an advance in rank from second to first lieutenant for Miss Grace Conrad, Army Medical Corps, now stationed in the Caribbean area. Lt. Conrad is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Conrad.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, February 19, 1945]

LOUIS HECKATHORN MISSING IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Heckathorn, residents of the Macy community, have been advised by the War Department that their son, Pfc. Louis Heckathorn, has been listed as missing in action since Feb. 4.

Pfc. Heckathorn, an infantryman with the First army, was serving in Germany at the time of his disappearance. He has been in the army since June 1943 and overseas since last October.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 20, 1945]

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In a recent edition of a Terre Haute newspaper appeared a large picture of the Navy V-12 trainees boxing squad. Included in the squad is Calvin Lessing, former graduate of the Richland Center High school. The V-12 athletes will compete in the Golden Gloves tournaments which are under the sponsorship of the Chicago Tribune.

Young Lessing is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lessing, route 3, Rochester, and has many friends throughout Richland township and Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 20, 1945]

SGT. DEAN MILLER IS WOUNDED ON LEYTE

Word has been received here that Sgt. Dean Miller, U. S. Paratrooper for the past three years, was wounded in action in the battle of Leyte on Dec. 13. He was hospitalized for a month and is again in active service in the Manila area.

Dean is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller of Plymouth. The Millers for a number of years managed the A&P store here. They inform their Rochester friends that Keith Miller, another son, a talented musician, will leave for service March 5. Keith, who was a graduate of Rochester High school, is married and has a five-year-old son, named Ronnie Dean.

The elder Millers who own and operate a grocery store on the south side of Plymouth, have many friends throughout both Marshall and Fulton counties.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 21, 1945]

ENLIST IN NAVY

Duane Remy and Robert (Bob) Caywood will leave for Indianapolis Thursday morning where they will take their exams to enter service in the U. S. Navy. The young men enlisted a few days ago at the South BEnd recruiting station. Both boys are grads of the 1945 spring class of the Rochester High school and also yell leaders for the Zebra basketball teams.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 21, 1945]

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Friends here have received word from Robert "Beezer" Bennett, Walla Walla, Wash., that he is expecting to be shipped out any day now for action. "Beezer" has completed a course in radio and aerial gunnery and will be assigned to the tail gunner post on a B-29. He was quite recently advanced to the rank of corporal. "Beezer" was formerly a member of The News-Sentinel news staff.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Large, of Culver, received a card from their son, Bernard, who was reported missing in action since Dec. 24, in Belgium, stating that he is now a prisoner of the Germans. He wrote that he was okay.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 21, 1945]

ARMY, NAVY ACCEPT SIXTY OF THE SEVENTY-ONE MEN EXAMINED

The Indianapolis induction center today announced acceptance of sixty of Fulton county's contingent of seventy-one men sent down last Saturday for pre-induction examinations.

Two of those accepted, William John Shanabarger and Lorenzo George Davie Burns, who requested immediate induction, were assigned to the Army. Others returned home and will await the induction call.

Of the fifty-eight men listed below as acceptable, those who were classified 2-C will have their classification reviewed immediately, while those classified as 1-A will be subject to induction immediately, the local selective service board announced today.

Names of those found acceptable were:

Emerson Allen Reichard
Ernest William Brockey

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White William Robert
Brugh Joseph Leonard
John Roy McGriff
John Junior Wilson
McLochlin Robert
John Eli Beck
David Franklin
Bradway Chester Leon
Burnett Carl Dean
Rentschler Klea Andrew
Strong Cecil Leo Tabler
Merl Franklin
Swick Stuart Howard
Slaybaugh John Raymond
Friedrich Marion F. Kline
Lyman Arthur King
James Russell
Paxton James Albert Walsh
Howard Cleon
Rentschler Calvin Wade
Mikesell Gale Ellsworth
Boldry Harley Max
Bradbury Warren Miller
Edward Milton
King Clifford Calvin
Reichard Robert Eugene
Poenix Calvin Lee Braman
Walter John Weber
Robert Marion
Townsend Kenneth Noble
West John Francis
Lukens

Donnelly Dean Spice
Frank Larry Perkins
Francis Vincent Heater
Merle Lewis McGowen
Eldean Lavon Wise
Bobby Leonard Rouch
Gordon Leonard Groninger
Robert James Plantz
Charles Floyd Nicklaus
Delbert Roy Rans, Jr.
Gerald Dean Glaze
Kenton Andrew Gast
Charles Alvin Crippen
Donn Jackson Nichols, Jr.
John Victor Hott
Arnold Eugene Sommers
Roy Chalmer Gibbons
Glen Randolph Schwenk
Jack Edward Sausaman
Morrell Everett Sutton
Kenneth Emory McVay
[The News-Sentinel, Thursday,

February 22, 1945]

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Bill Kriegbaum, V-12 trainee at Purdue, arrives home this evening for a few days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lisle Kriegbaum. On March 12, Bill will enter midshipman's class at Columbia University, New York City.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 23, 1945]

PVT. WILLIAM WARREN BURNED IN ARMY BARRACKS BLAZE

Pvt. William Paul Warren, 1315 Main street, suffered second and third degree burns when the barracks, in which he was sleeping, were destroyed by fire on the night of Feb. 11 at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Pvt. Warren, who has been in the Army 11 months, was in training at the southern camp. In a report received by his wife, here, pneumonia had developed, and although seriously ill, his condition is said to be improved at this time. He was burned about the face and right arm while fighting his way out of the burning building.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 23, 1945]

WOUNDED AKRON SGT. EXPECTED HOME SOON

S/Sgt. Chester Utter, son of Mrs. Harley Utter, Akron, has informed relatives that he expects soon to reach home. He was wounded in action in France on Aug. 18, last and has arrived back in the United States. His wife, Helen Elliott Utter, resides on R. 4, Peru.

Sgt. Utter suffered chin, elbow and leg wounds when struck by shrapnel from a mortar shell and has been hospitalized in France and Belgium since that time. He was wounded only a short time after his arrival overseas in July.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, February 24, 1945]

MRS. CHAMBERLAIN AMONG THOSE SAVED FROM JAP CAMP

Through a cablegram recently released by the provost marshal general of Manila, Percy Smith of this city has been informed that his cousin, Mrs. Edo Chamberlin, had been freed from the Santo Tomas prisoner internment camp.

The message stated Mrs. Chamberlin was in poor health. No more concerning the fate of her husband, Frank V. Chamberlin, was given. The Chamberlins had been held prisoners of the Japs since December, 1941. They were residing in Manila at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack. Mr. Chamberlin was a representative of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Film Corp. in the Far East area for over 18 years. For a number of years they resided at Singapore until that base was taken by the Japs.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, February 26, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Laura Hoffenbacher has received word that her husband, Col. Eddie Hoffenbacher, U. S. Chaplains Corps, is enroute home from the European theatre for a 30-day leave of absence. Colonel Hoffenbacher has been in foreign service in England, France and Germany for the past three years.

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T/Sgt. Howard W. McGowen, 30, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melbourne McGowen, route 5, has arrived home from the European theater and is now at the Miami Beach Redistribution Center for reassignment.

T/Sgt. McGowen was a crew chief on service of medium bombers. He spent 26 months overseas and was awarded the Bronze Stars and a Distinguished Unit Citation. His present home address is 313 North Main street, Culver.

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Pfc. Harold L. Newcomb, cook, Seventh Army in Germany, has been promoted to the rank of corporal, according to word received by relatives here.

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T/c Virgil Darkwood has arrived in the Philippines, his mother, Mrs. Clara M. Darkwood, has been informed. His address is 35578944, APO 72, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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Paul Zartman, S 2/c, who received boot training at the Naval Training Center, Sampson, N.Y., has been granted leave and will visit relatives and friends here.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Shaw, route 5, have received several cards from their son, S/Sgt. Gordon O. Shaw, now overseas, stating that he is now looking forward to a return from overseas to spend some time at home.

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Sgt. Donald Anderson left last week for Dayton, Ohio, for a short visit with friends before returning to duty at Camp Kearns, Utah.

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Ensign Betty Bailey, USN Nursing Corps, wired her parents Mr. and Mrs. Max Bailey, of her return to the United States from Samoa, where she has been stationed for the past year and a half. She expects to spend her leave with relatives and friends here. She is now in California.

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Cpl. Harry Dawson, USMC, is visiting relatives and friends here, since his discharge from the Navy hospital, Sampson, N.Y., where he was sent for treatment following his return from duty in the South Pacific.

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Ralph McWilliams, A.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. McWilliams of this city, has been transferred from the Navy V-12 training unit at Indiana State Teachers college, Terre Haute, to pre-midshipmen's school, Princeton university, Princeton, N.J., according an announcement by the commanding officer, Lt. Emer Erickson. Ralph, who is now spending a few days' leave here with his parents, will leave for the east early in March.

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Pvt. Walter Don Smith, Paris Island, S.C., has arrived home for a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Admiral Smith. Pvt. Smith is enroute on transfer to Camp LeJeune, N.C., where he will be appointed a combat training instructor. His new address will be Co. B, 4th Training Regiment, Camp LeJeune, N.C.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, February 26, 1945]

PFC. MAYNARD BURKETT IS INJURED IN ACTION

Mrs. Maynard D. Burkett, of this city, yesterday received a telegram from the U. S. War Department that her husband had been injured in action overseas. The message read:

"Regret to inform you your husband, Private First Class Maynard D. Burkett was injured in action, Feb. 11th in Germany. Mail address follows direct from hospital with details. J. A. Ulio, Adjutant General."

Pfc. Burkett is the son of Mrs. Glen Berry of this city, and a brother of Sam Burkett, also of here.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 27, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

First Lieut. Charles R. Hiatt, Field Artillery, has received the Bronze Star with citation for meritorious service against the enemy in France, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Chas. Hiatt, Kewanna.

The order cites Lt. Hiatt for technical skill and leadership in the performance of his duties as a forward observer in neutralizing German targets.

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Sgt. Kenneth E. Brubaker has returned to his base, Quantico, Va., after a furlough spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brubaker.

Sgt. Brubaker was wounded in action in the South Pacific and returned to the States Nov. 2, 1942, after eleven months service. He expects to receive a transfer to California soon, and

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anticipates a return to the fighting front at an early date. A brother, S/Sgt. Deverne Brubaker, has been in the African theatre for the past thirty months and is now in Southern France.

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Harold B. Hoover, M 2/c, has been transferred from Staten Island, N.Y., to Treasure Island, Calif. His present address is Bldg. 13, Dorm 3, Treasure Island, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 27, 1945]

PFC. LOUIS HECKATHORN IS NOW REPORTED KILLED

Word has been received from the War Department by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Heckathorn of Liberty township that their son, Pfc. Louis Heckathorn, 20, was killed in action in Belgium on Feb. 4. He had previously been reported as missing.

Pfc. Heckathorn was born in South Bend on Oct. 16, 1924, but had resided in Fulton county almost all of his life. He was a graduate of Fulton high school and previous to his induction in the Army on June 3, 1942, drove a milk truck for Armour & Co. He trained in camps in New York and Virginia and had been overseas since last October.

Surviving are the parents and a sister, LaDonna, at home; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Heckathorn of near Perrysburg and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weller of Marion.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 27, 1945]

PFC. ROBERT BROWN ARRIVES HOME AFTER AN EVENTFUL CRUISE

Concern about the whereabouts of Pfc. Robert Brown, U. S. Marines, was alleviated for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brown of this city, when "Bob" called from Camp Perry, Va., stating that he had just arrived from sea duty aboard one of Uncle Sam's largest battleships, and had been assigned to a Marine Corps prep school to prepare for examinations in April for entrance into the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Pfc. Brown was known to have been aboard a ship which has been mentioned several times in Japanese propaganda broadcasts as sunk in the Pacific actions. When no word was available as to the truth of such propaganda, concern by his parents became more acute.

In his telephone conversation, Pfc. Brown, a former honor student at the local high school, informed his parents that in an examination held aboard ship on their return to the States, he had been one of two Marines to successfully pass the tests, which now rate him as eligible for admission exams at Annapolis. He graduated from school here in 1943 and entered service shortly afterward.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 28, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Lt. John D. Taylor, of Lafayette, visited with Rochester friends yesterday. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Taylor, former residents of this city, who are now residing at Lafayette. Lt. Taylor, who is a pilot of a B-24 bomber, is to report to a U. S. air base on the West coast from where he will be assigned to duty in the Far East.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 28, 1945]

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Richard Young, Ph.M. 1/c, has arrived home for a furlough with his wife and parents. He has been in service with the U. S. Marines in the Pacific theater for the past year and a half.

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Mrs. Evelyn Hathaway has been informed that her husband, Kenneth, a member of the Second Armored Division in Germany, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant.

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Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fenstermaker, 606 1/2 Main street, have been informed of the transfer to the Air Force Redistribution Center, Miami Beach, Fla., of their son, S/Sgt. James Fenstermaker.

Sgt. Fenstermaker is the holder of the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters as a Flying Fortress gunner with a total of 29 missions against Germany. His wife, Mrs. Katherine Fenstermaker, resides at 513 1/2 Main street.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred. O. Bailey, route 3, have been advised of the transfer of their son, Lt. Earl J. Bailey, from Lafayette, La., to Stuttgart Army Air Field, Stuttgart, Ark.

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Lt. Dallas O. Dawson, Kewanna, is now the holder of a commission elevating him to a first lieutenant as well as a Bronze Star medal for meritorious achievement according to a recent release by the Public Relations Office, 96th U. S. Infantry Division, now in the Philippines.

Lt. Dawson has been cited for excellent performance in the liberation of Leyt, where his division saw heavy fighting.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, March 1, 1945]

PAUL HENRIOTT, USN, VISITS R.H.S. ON LEAVE

Paul Henriott, who formerly attended R.H.S., has returned to his base after spending a 17-day leave here with friends and relatives. Paul is a gunners mate on a five-inch .38 caliber gun.

Paul, who has been in the first and second battles of the Philippine sea, has been in task forces of the Pacific Fleet. He participated in work connected with invasions of Tarawa, Saipan, Marshall Islands, New Guinea, Pelau Islands, Luzon and Leyte. He has been on raids on Truk, the Bonin Islands, the Volcano Islands, Formosa, Yap and Ponape. He has also bombarded Guam and Chiche Jima.

Paul visited high school several times, talking to the boys and also telling his experiences to the history classes. One of Paul's most valued possessions is a 1944 Rochester High school annual which he had with him through all his experiences. In his annual he had listed all his military engagements and battles and the dates of each one. Paul stated that he had traveled 175,000 miles and had crossed the equator 44 times.

[Station R.H.S., The News-Sentinel, Thursday, March 1, 1945]

NOW REPORTED KILLED

Culver, Ind., March 2. - Pvt. Calvin R. Fisk, Jr., of Culver, who had been reported missing in action since Dec. 1 in Belgium, died on that date in France, according to a letter received from the War Department. The 19-year-old soldier was serving with the 10th armored infantry battalion and had been overseas since June, 1944. He entered the service in September, 1943.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 2, 1945]

BROTHER OF LOCAL MAN NOW IS REPORTED KILLED

Ancil R. Beall, local tire distributor, has just been notified that his brother, Sgt. Jack Beall, 27, reported missing over Italy as of Oct. 1, 1943, has now been officially listed by the War Department as killed in action.

Sgt. Beall was associated with his brothers, Ancil and Thayne, in the operation of the Beall Tire Shop, this city, for some time prior to his enlistment in the Air Corps. He received the usual training in this country and was sent overseas where he was attached to the 15th air force, then based in Africa. It was from that base that his plane was reported shot down during a raid over Italy. He was reported missing in action at that time, but since no word of his whereabouts has ever been received, either by the War Department, or relatives in this country, he has been listed as killed.

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Besides the brother, Ancil, here, he is survived by parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Beall, Howe, Ind., two brothers, Thayne, Kokomo and Ray, Oakland, Calif., and one sister, Mrs. R. H. Williams, Los Angeles, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 2, 1945]

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With The 5th Army, Italy. - Pvt. Lloyd R. Redinger, whose wife, Violet, lives in Rochester, Ind., has been promoted to private first class. He is a laborer with a quartermaster unit of the Fifth Army in Italy.

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Relatives here have been informed that Lloyd Redinger, now serving in Italy, has been promoted to the rank of first class private. No other change in his address has been announced.

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Midshipman Robert P. Burns has returned to his studies at Northwestern university, Chicago, after a short visit with his parnts, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burns.

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Pfc. L. G. Alber desires to inform his friends that his new address is: ASN 35834589, Btry B., F.A. Tng. Det. No. 1, F.A.S., Fort Sill, Okla.

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Lt. (j.g.) Luther Herbster of the Navy arrived today from the South Pacific to spend a several days' leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Herbster, and his sister, Mrs. Charles DeGraw of this city. This is Luther's first visit home during the past 16 months.

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Lt. Frank R. Briggs, Jr., USNR, is spending a few days' leave with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Frank R. Briggs of this city. He will report back to duty at New York.

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Second Lieut. Barbara Shafer, attached to the Red Cross, has cabled her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Shafer, of her safe arrival in Hawaii.

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T/5 Vonald W. Hoffman, left Wednesday for Miami, Fla., where he will report for duty after a furlough here with his parents and other relatives and friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clark W. Foor, R. 2, have rceived word that their son, Pvt. Amos E. Foor, now serving with the 151st Infantry, 38th (Indiana) Division, has been awarded the Philippines Liberation Ribbon, following conquest of the Bataan Peninsula. Pfc. Foor, holds also the American defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantry Badge and the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon with two campaign stars.

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The new address of Pfc. Charles J. Good, 35142366 is APO 79, care Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 2, 1945]

LOCAL PARATROOPER IS WOUNDED IN GERMANY

Sgt. Bill Wilhoit, local paratrooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilhoit of this city, is now convalescing in a European hospital from wounds received in action in Germany on Feb. 14, according to word received by his parents yesterday.

Sgt. Wilhoit had been dropped behind the enemy lines and was one of very few of his group to survive Nazi fire. He received wounds from both machine gun fire and shrapnel.

Wilhoit graduated from Rochester High school in 1942, entered service in 1943 and has seen service in Italy, France, Belgium and Germany during the past 10 months overseas.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 2, 1945]

AKRON SOLDIER GETS SIXTH MERIT MEDAL

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Somewhere in Luzon. - Pfc. Thomas E. Hauptert of Akron, Ind., has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge for his participation in the 38th (Cyclone) Division's drive across northern Bataan.

Hauptert, a member of the intelligence section of the 152nd (Indiana) Infantry, is already the holder of the American Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal and the Expert Infantry Badge.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 2, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Camp Wolters, Texas. - Garold Jay Garver, 20, son of Clarence Garver of R.R. 1, Kewanna, Ind., has arrived at this Infantry Replacement Training Center to begin his basic training as an Infantryman. He has been assigned to a battalion stressing rifle training.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 3, 1945]

SGT. ROBERT M. MOW IS INJURED IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mow of route 3, Rochester, have just received word from the War department that their son, Sgt. Robert M. Mow, U.S. Infantry, was wounded in action Feb. 25, while fighting on the western front. The wound, which was from a bullet, will require from 10 to 12 weeks for hospitalization, the message stated.

Robert, who entered service eight months ago, arrived overseas Dec. 26, 1944, and was in several engagements on the western front before he received an injury.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 5, 1945]

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Pfc. Lamoine Hardacre is expected home tomorrow for a furlough with relatives and friends after a tour of duty overseas for nearly three years. He will visit friends also in Richmond, Ind., before reporting for assignment to duty again.

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Mrs. Amanda Gunter has received word that Charles Gunter has arrived safely from overseas duty, at Hamilton Field, Calif., and will be transferred soon to another hospital.

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Headquarters, 38th Division, have announced the award to Joseph R. Karns, son of Mrs. Flossie M. Coplen, 1014 Fulton avenue, of the Combat Infantry Badge for his participation in the battle of Zig-Zag Pass on Bataan. He is a member of the 151st (Indiana) Infantry, and holds several other decorations, including campaign ribbons.

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Pvt. Glen H. Smith, 35572950, announces his new address as: Branch 1, Sqdn. L., AAF, Ord., Greensboro, N.C.

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Walter Don Smith left Sunday evening for Camp LaJuene, N.C., after spending a 10-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Admiral Smith.

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Ben Severns, M.M. 2/c, advises his new address as U.S. Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va.

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Mrs. Martha Kochenderfer has received word of the safe arrival overseas of her husband, 1st Sgt. Chas. Kochenderfer, whose address is APO 444, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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The new address of Kenneth E. Shepherd, A.S., is Co. 264, U.S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Paul Wesley Thomas, A.S., is now located at U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes,
Ill.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 5, 1945]

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With The 38th Division On Bataan. - Pfc. Elmer E. Hollis, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hollis, Route 3, Kewanna, Ind., a member of the 151st Infantry, has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, for his participation in the battle of Zig Zag Pass. Hollis was farming when he entered the Army, April 1941, and has been overseas more than a year.

Pfc. Hollis now holds the American Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Philippines Liberation Ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon with two Campaign Stars.

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S/Sgt. Waldo Gray has been awarded an air medal for completing a certain number of missions in the China and India war theatre. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gray, of this city.

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T/Sgt. Robert R. Van Duyne has returned from two years' service in the Asiatic-Pacific theater and is now stationed at the Army Redistribution Center, Miami Beach, for reassignment. He is the son of Mrs. Grace Van Duyne of this city.

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Richard "Dick" Kesler, RM 1/c, USSLCI (L) 521, former R.H.S. graduate, is spending a two-weeks leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kesler of Argos. Richard has been in overseas duty for the past two years. He is spending part of his leave with Rochester friends.

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T/Sgt. Frederick E. Bemenderfer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Estel Bemenderfer of 1407 South Main street, Rochester, Ind., was graduated last week from the Army Air Forces Central Instructors School at Laredo Army Air Field, Larado, Texas, a member of the AAF Training Command. He is now fully qualified to become an instructor at one of the nation's seven gunnery schools. He was prepared for his instructing duties by completing a comprehensive six weeks' course in the most modern methods of instruction on aerial gnnery.

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Floyd Gaumer, Fort McClelland, Ala., has recently been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant, according to word received by relatives here.

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Guy Stayton, E.M. 2/c, who has recently returned from the European theater, is spending a leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stayton of Leiters Ford. A brother, Paul Stayton, M.M. 2/c, of the Seabees, has been assigned to duty in Hawaii.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ort Waltz have received word of the safe arrival in Belgium of their son, T/Sgt. Merrill D. Waltz.

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Pvt. Thomas Sausaman advises that his present address is: ASN 35893667, APO 758, c/o Postmastr, New York, N.Y.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 6, 1945]

GUS HABICK, JR., ON AIR FROM ENGLAND SUNDAY

The Stamm and Clarence Castleman families of the Leiters Ford community stated they heard Gus Habick, Jr., interviewed over an NBC broadcast from Dunkers Den, England, Sunday morning.

Young Habick for nearly a score of years has spent his summers at the Gus Habick summer home on the banks of the Tippecanoe river, near Loyal. The senior Habick at the present time is at his winter home in Astor, Fla.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 6, 1945]

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SERVICE NOTES

With The 38th Division On Bataan. - Pfc Rolland D. Newcomer, of Rochester, Indiana, has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge for participating with the 151st Infantry in the battle for Zigzag Pass on Luzon.

Pfc. Newcomer is the son of Mrs. Leroy Newcomer, 1420 College Ave., Rochester. He formerly attended Rochester high school, and was later employed by the Inland Steel Corp.

He entered the army at Ft. Wayne, Ind., and has been overseas for more than a year. He also holds the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with two stars and the Philippines Liberation ribbon.

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With The 38th Division On Bataan. - S/Sgt. Wilson W. Perdue, husband of Della Perdue, Route 4, Rochester, Ind., a member of the 151st Infantry, has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge.

Sgt. Perdue entered the Army April 1941, and has been overseas more than a year.

Sgt. Perdue now holds the American Defense ribbon, Good Conduct medal, Philippines Liberation ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon with one Campaign Star.

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Relatives here have been advised of the meeting on Guam of Dave Shafer and Robert "Crackey" Krathwohl, both with the Navy.

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Mrs. Wilson Drudge, route 5, has received word of the arrival in Virginia from Trinidad of her son, Vivian E. Cole, R.M. 1/c, who has spent 20 months in the Caribbean theater.

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Mrs. Edith Davis of this city has been advised of the safe arrival overseas of her son, Pvt. John W. Davis.

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T/5 Lewis E. Johnson has advised his wife, Mrs. Bertha Johnson, route 5, that his present address is 35568765, APO 18259, c/o Postmaster, New York.

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The new address of T/Sgt. Howard W. McGowen, 15085232, is Sqd. A., 2514, AAF BU, Laughlin Field, Del Rio, Texas.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 7, 1945]

CHAPLAIN ARRIVES HOME

Lt. Col. Eddie Hoffenbacher, U. S. chaplain corps, has arrived home from France and Germany for a month's leave with his wife and other relatives. Col. Hoffenbacher, better known here as Father Eddie, has been in England and France for the past three years. Before entering the service he served as pastor of churches in Peru, Logansport and East Chicago.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 7, 1945]

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Rochester friends have received word from Cpl. Robert Bennett that he is being shipped out for service in the Pacific theatre. "Beezer," as he is more familiarly known to his local friends, recently graduated as a bomber tail-gunner at Walla Walla, Wash. Excerpts from a letter Cpl. Bennett state: "Well they did it at long last! Expect the war to end any minute, so get out the flag you helped Betsy Ross knit and prepare to wave it like --ll. I'll send you the gruesome details pronto!" "Beezer" was formerly a member of The News-Sentinel's news staff.

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With 12th Armored Division Of The Army in France. Stanford D. Overmyer husband of Ida Mae Overmyer, route 1, Kewanna, has been promoted to the rank of technician fifth grade.

The local soldier's division is one of the newest on the front of Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's American Seventh Army.

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The War department today announced that Pvt. Vern E. Stayton, formerly reported missing in action with other members of his unit during the breakthrough in Luxembourg in December, has been relocated, and is now at the front in Germany, serving with his outfit.

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Bill Kriegbaum, A.S. will leave Saturday morning for New York where he will enter Columbia university for a complete course as a midshipman. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lisle Kriegbaum of this city.

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Lt. Bruce J. Todd has been hospitalized at Billings General hospital, Indianapolis, suffering a leg wound received in Germany on Dec. 30, according to information received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Todd, Grass Creek. Lt. Todd has been in service 28 months, eight of which were served overseas.

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Pvt. James Carruthers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herald Carruthers, has arrived home from duty at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Texas, for a 15-day furlough.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, March 8, 1945]

FULTON COUNTY SAILOR TELLS OF BATTLES IN S.W. PACIFIC

The following letter was written to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Denton by their son-in-law, Walter A. Miller, who is stationed aboard the U.S.S. South Dakota, in the South Pacific.

Feb. 20, 1945

Dear Mother and Dad:

I have just finished eating chow. This time the menu consisted of fried liver, potatoes and gravy, carrots and coffee, so I'm not very hungry at the present time.

The censorship has been lifted a little so I can tell you where I was a month ago and next month I can tell you where I am now and what we are doing. I was in the second sea battle of the Philippines. I also participated in strikes against Luzon, Indo China and Formosa. I think the strike against the Philippines was the most important of any of these operations and lasted longer than any one campaign I have ever been on. We gave the Jap fleet such a whipping that their ships went away so badly damaged that they could hardly stay on top. I saw a Jap plane get one of our carriers with a bomb. It was about two thousand yards off our port quarter and the bomb set fire below the flight deck. It was under control once, but the fire broke out again so they took the crew off and sank the ship. The ship's name was The Princeton, and was as good a fighting ship as any other afloat. At Formosa our strike got one thousand more Jap airplanes and most of them were on the ground. We also got quite a few ships and six subs in dry dock. Formosa was a large naval repair base of the Japs but no more. When we were in the China sea, we sank three or four different convoys. We hit Hong Kong and all around the China coast leaving it a total wreck. Well, I guess this is about all I can tell you at the present time. You are probably tired hearing about it, as I know you have read the papers. What is the news around home? It's all hot stuff out here anyway for the sons of the sinking empire.

I must close now and figure out how to get my wrist watch in another case as my old one is about beyond use. Tell everyone I said hello and please write often.

Love, as always,

Your son.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 9, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Cpl. Paul D. Huls, former resident of this city, has been awarded the bronze service star for battle participation in the Normandy campaign, France. Paul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Huls, who reside near the river bridge north of Rochester, route 3. His wife, Martha E., resides at 2446 College avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.

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Pfc. Lloyd Wysong is spending a few days' furlough with his mother, Mrs. Fay Wysong, northwest of Rochester. Lloyd is en route from Camp Livingston, La., to Camp Meade, Md., and expects to be sent to the European war theater in the near future.

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William Harrison Crabill, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Judson Crabill of Kewanna, Indiana, was a member of the 32nd class of aviation cadets to graduate from the Columbus Army Air Field near Columbus, Mississippi, on March 11, 1945. He received the silver wings of a Flying Officer and appointment as a Fight Officer in the Army Air Forces. F/O Crabill entered pilot training last April 1944, and attended flying schools at Lakeland, Fla. and Bainbridge, Ga., before his graduation at the advanced flying school near Columbus, Mississippi.

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The new address of Sgt. Dean J. Neher, 35581272, is APO 551, care Postmaster, New York.

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Mrs. Frank Noftsger has received word of the safe arrival overseas of her husband, Pvt. Frank Noftsger.

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O. A. Davis has been informed by commander of a medical administration company in England, that his son, Pfc. Ostinel T. Davis, wounded Jan. 4 in action in Belgium, is making normal improvement. Mr. Davis is the recipient of the Purple Heart medal recently awarded is son.

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Miss Willetta Van Lue has received word of the return to the United States of Pfc. Robert J. Minglin, who will spend a furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Minglin, R. 3.

Pfc. Minglin has been overseas 38 months with the infantry of the Fifth army and has seen service in North Africa and in Italy.

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Relatives have been advised of the safe arrival in Hawaii of Pvt. Morse M. Utter, 35908910, whose new address is APO 15796, care Postmaster, San Francisco.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 9, 1945]

PFC. NICODEMUS COMMENDED

Pfc. Peter A. Nicodemus, son of Samuel Nicodemus, Route 1, Akron, Ind., is a member of a Third Army Company which received special commendation for its action in and around Bastogne. Portion of the commendation order follows:

“Jan. 20, 1945

“Commanding General, Officers and Men of the 111th Corps, U. S. Army:

“1. The speed with which the 111th Corps assembled, and the energy, skill and persistency with which it pressed its attack for the relief of Bastogne, constitute a very noteworthy feat of arms.

“2. You and the officers and men of your Command are hereby highly commended for a superior performance.

“3. You will apprise all units concerned of the contents of this letter.

“G. S. Patton, Jr.

“Lt. General, U. S. Army

“Commanding.”

Similar letters of praise were given the 111th Corps by Major General John Millikin, of the U. S. Army and Lt. Col. James L. Bolt, Sig. Corps. Commander.

Pfc. Nicodemus is with Co. C, 94th Signal Battalion of the 111th Corps and has a host of friends throughout Akron and Rochester.

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SGT. KENNETH CRAIG IS KILLED IN ACTION

Sgt. Kenneth Craig, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Craig, former Rochester residents, now of Plymouth, was killed in action in Germany, on Feb. 17, according to word received here by his grandfather, Bert Craig.

Sgt. Craig attended Rochester high school where he completed his junior year. In 1943 he enlisted in the Army and on Dec. 28, last, embarked for overseas service. For a short time prior to his enlistment he was employed by the Pennsylvania railroad at Plymouth.

Survivors include his parents; three brothers and two sisters, all of Plymouth, the paternal grandfather of this city and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowman, South Bend.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 10, 1945]

LT. JAMES A. DEARDORFF WOUNDED IN PHILIPPINES

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Deardorff, Athens, received word through the Red Cross that their son, 1st Lieut. James A. Deardorff, of the 37th Inf. Division, has been wounded in action in Manila, and that he has now been evacuated to an army base hospital.

Lieutenant Deardorff has been overseas at stations on New Guinea, Guadalcanal and the Philippines for the past year. He participated in the invasion of Northern Luzon and during the street fighting in Manila, received wounds in the right side and arm, and in the left foot when enemy mortar fire held up the American advance in the crossing of the Pasig river on Feb. 9.

The letter written Feb. 19, by a Red Cross nurse, aboard a hospital ship, stated that his wounds were not believed critical but that doubtless he would be confined to the hospital for several weeks. A War Department notice, received this morning, confirmed the Red Cross report.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 10, 1945]

SOLDIER, NOW DEAD, COMMENDS RED CROSS

Mrs. T. Huffman of Grass Creek, in a letter to Mrs. Bessie Nungesser, local Red Cross secretary, quotes an excerpt written by her son, Joe Huffman, before his death in action in France last Nov. 16. It reads:

"Believe it or not, we had hot coffee and doughnuts on the front line about three days ago. We were waiting to move to a new area after dark, and while we were waiting there a Red Cross automobile drove up with hot coffee and doughnuts. Boy were they ever good. Those Red Cross girls sure have plenty of nerve, driving up that close to the front lines by themselves."

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 10, 1945]

LT. WILLIAM V. ZIMPLEMAN IS MISSING IN ACTION

In a War Department advice to relatives, Lt. William V. Zimpleman, 25, a former Fulton high school graduate, and later a Mustang fighter pilot, has been missing in action over China since Feb. 20. He was born near Kewanna, Feb. 28, 1920.

The lieutenant, a son of Mrs. Helen Zimpleman, now of Logansport, entered the service in March 1942, and went overseas in December 1943. He is the holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal. Prior to enlistment he was employed at the Kingsbury Ordnance Plant. A brother, Lt. Kenneth Zimpleman is a bomber pilot at the Pampas (Texas) Airfield, and a brother-in-law, Lieut. Charles Anderson, is stationed in Puerto Rico, while a brother, Dean, and a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Anderson, are at home. Dean is in the Air Corps Reserve. Lt. Zimpleman served several months in India.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 10, 1945]

SGT. ROBERT W. MILLS NOW PRISONER OF WAR

Sgt. Robert W. Mills, 24, former Fulton and Rochester barber, recently reported missing in action, has now been located as a prisoner in Germany, according to advise received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mills, 623 West Bagtell street, Mishawaka.

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Sgt. Mills is a graduate of Fulton High school and before entering service worked as a barber at the Hill shop on East Ninth street, Rochester. Later he operated his own business in Fulton. He went overseas last September.

Mills was a member of the 106th Division which bore the brunt of the German breakthrough Dec. 16. Sgt. Richard McKee, son of Mr. and Mrs. George McKee, route 2, Akron, and Sgt. Robert Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Talford Richardson, northeast of Rochester, were members of the same unit. Both of the latter were reported missing.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 10, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stewart, 902 Jefferson street, have been advised of the safe arrival overseas of their son, Pfc. Lewis H. Stewart, whose new address is: APO 444, c/o Postmaster, New York.

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Sgt. George F. Hattery, 1519 Jefferson street, is the subject of a commendatory by the Public Relations Office, 24th Inf. Division, now in the Philippines.

Hattery, an ordnance man, has given outstanding service, the report says, in helping to keep the guns, trucks, tanks and other armor and transport rolling through the entire Philippines campaign.

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Ralph Zimmerman, S 3/c, of Great Lakes, spent a week-end furlough here with his wife and family, and other relatives and friends.

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S/Sgt. James F. Blacketor, a member of the 42nd U. S. Division, Seventh Army, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge according to information reaching his wife, Mrs. Marilyn Blacketor. Pvt. Donald Blacketor, a brother of Sgt. Blacketor, is also serving in France.

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Pvt. Raymond R. Jones, formerly of McCook, Neb., has been confined in Billings General hospital, Fort Benjamin Harrison, on account of serious illness, according to word reaching his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones, and other relatives.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Shafer have just been notified of the arrival in San Francisco of their son, Philip Shafer, AMM 2/c, who has served the past 10 months in the South Pacific. He will arrive here soon for a furlough.

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1st. Lt. Robert Bigler of Williams Field, Winslow, Ariz., arrived Sunday evening for a 21-day leave with his wife and other relatives and friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 12, 1945]

PFC. MAURICE SADOWSKY NOW GERMAN PRISONER

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Sadowsky, 718 Pontiac street, were today relieved in mind on receipt of a card from their son, Pfc. Maurice Sadowsky, Jr., stating that he was a prisoner of war in Germany.

Some time ago the War Department reported Pfc. Sadowsky missing in action as of Dec. 18, during the battle of the bulge, and today's card, forwarded direct through the German government, is the first word his parents have had either from or about him. He was a member of the 99th U. S. Infantry Division, First army, and was stationed near Malmedy in Belgium when the break-through came.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 12, 1945]

PFC. CHAS. N. SWEET IS MISSING IN ACTION

Charles Sweet, 805 E. 12th street, today received information from the War Department that his son, Pfc. Charles N. Sweet, 21, has been missing in action in Germany since Feb. 26th.

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Pfc. Sweet was a member of an infantry unit which has seen considerable service in the European theatre, but no details of engagements or locations are available. A brother, Pfc. James E. Sweet, is an infantryman with the U. S. 26th Division now in Germany.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 12, 1945]

TWENTY-ONE COUNTY MEN REPORT TODAY FOR EXAMINATION

Nineteen county men and two who were transferred from other boards, reported this morning at Indianapolis for pre-induction examinations, the local selective service board announced.

Of the county men, 10 were from 27 to 36 years old while nine, including the five 18-year-olds who registered in February, were under 23. In the list which follows, Pfeiffer was transferred in from Plymouth, while Haimbaugh was originally registered at Birmingham, Mich. Two others scheduled to go with this contingent, Dana Ivan Michael, was sent to the Whiting Ind., board, and Chester Arthur Bragg was transferred to Marion, Ind.

The list follows:

Lee N. Filson
Wilbur James Overmyer
Loyd Frances Saner
Robert Francis Murphy
Robert Leroy Woodward
Harold Eugene Burch
Howard Trever Dailey
Freddie Lee Yelton
Wayne Raymond Atkinson
Merle Leon Kelley
Glen Ludlow Minglin
Berne Oliver Jones
Ray A. Pickens
Charles Richard Geiger
Defern William Adams
Ralph Herbert Goetz
Glen Orvil Myers
Nelson Ray Overmyer
Leonard Charles Lewis
Donald Edwin Pfeiffer
Alonzo J. Haimbaugh

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 13, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Coxswain Cralis Lee [O'Connell], son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence O'Connell, arrived at San Francisco, March 11, after 16 months service in the Southwest Pacific. He served in four different invasions. Coxswain O'Connell will soon arrive in Rochester for a 30-day leave with his parents.

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Mrs. Darlene Carpenter of this city has received a citation with the award of the Bronze Star to her husband, T/4 Leslie E. Carpentr, 277th Field Artillery, for his participation as a motor mechanic during the period Sept. 1 to Jan. 8 last, in France, Germany and Luxembourg.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 13, 1945]

ROBERT K. WINDMILLER RECEIVES HIS WINGS

Blackland Army Air Field, Waco, Texas, March 14. - Members of the 22nd class of Aviation Cadets and Student Officers to take their advnced two-engine pilot instruction at

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Blackland Army Air Field, Waco, Texas, today graduated as military pilots from the Army Air Forces Training Command installation.

Among the members of Class 45-A who received their silver wings was:

A/C Robert R. Windmiller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace F. Windmiller, 419 W. Third street, Rochester, and husband of Mrs. Betty Jean Foster Windmiller, Roachdale, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 14, 1945]

SGT. J. H. THOMPSON GETS COMBAT BADGE

With The 38th Division on Bataan, March 14. - Sgt. Jesse H. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Thompson, 410 Pontiac street, Rochester, Ind., a member of the 151st Infantry, has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, for his participation in the battle of Zig Zag Pass.

Thompson was employed at Armour and Co., when he entered the Army April, 1941, and has been overseas more than a year.

Sgt. Thompson now holds the American Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Philippines Liberation Ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Campaign stars.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 14, 1945]

SGT. ROBERT DeBRULER IS BACK FROM ENGLAND

T/Sgt. Robert "Bob" DeBruler, who has been overseas for 32 months, arrived home here last night completely surprising his mother, Mrs. Helen DeBruler and numerous of his friends. Sgt. DeBruler has been stationed in England all of the 32 months and served as crew chief with the 9th U. S. Air Force.

"Bob," as he is better known here, wears a three-year hash mark, 6 overseas stripes, and campaign ribbons designating good conduct, before Pearl harbor, American Theater, European Theater of War with one battle star. He will spend 22 days here with his mother and friends. From here he will report to a redistribution center at Miami, Fla, for reassignment.

While overseas Sgt. DeBruler was married to Martha Pollock, a Scotch girl of Glasgow, Scotland. They have a three-month-old daughter, Pamela. His wife and daughter, who are residing with her parents, plan to come to Rochester in the near future and will make their home with his mother for the duration.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 14, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Orbra Taylor have received word of the transfer of their son, Pvt. Robert H. Taylor from Columbus, Ohio to Fort Monmouth, N.J. Pvt. Taylor is with the Signal Corps.

Sgt. Chas. E. Upp informs relatives here of his transfer from Miami Beach, Fla., to Fort Winfield Scott, California. Mrs. Upp accompanied him to the west coast.

F/O Gene Tippy will arrive Friday from Scott Field, Ill., for a 15-day furlough with relatives and friends.

Ralph Murray of this city has received word from his son, Arnold, USN, of his arrival on Saumer Island. He reports having met Pfc. Max Teeter, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Teeter, and Pfc. James Delaplane of Logansport, both stationed there.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, March 15, 1945]

SGT. McGLOTHIN RECEIVES COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE

With The 38th Division On Bataan. - Sgt. John C. McGlothlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McGlothlin, 138 B. avenue, Rochester, Ind., and husband of Minne M. McGlothlin (same address) member of the 151st Infantry, has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge.

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McGlothin entered the Army in April, 1941, and has been overseas more than a year. Sgt. McGlothin now holds the American Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Philippines Liberation Ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Campaign Star.
[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, March 15, 1945]

S/SGT. WALDO GRAY AWARDED AIR MEDAL

An Air Base In India, March 7, (delayed) - The Air Medal was awarded recently to S/Sgt Waldo L. Gray of Rochester, Ind., an aerial radio operator-mechanic, a member of a combat cargo group which operates in the India-Burma theater under Maj. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer's Allied Eastern Air Command.

The citation read in part: "For meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in more than 2 combat missions, all highly successful, although flown through hazardous weather and over extremely rough terrain, where exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected."

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 16, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Dwyer of Kewanna have been informed by the Air Force Headquarters on the Aleutian Islands of the promotion of their son, Michael Dwyer, from the rank of second to first lieutenant. Lt. Dwyer, a B-24 bombardier, received his wings at Midland, Texas on Aug. 26, 1943. He has served the past seven months on the Aleutians.

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S/Sgt. Bill Skidmore, son of Mr. Albert Skidmore, route 6, advises his father that he is enroute home from Australia where he has served nearly three years. Sgt. Skidmore is now in Virginia for a brief visit and is expected home on furlough soon.

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Pvt. Robert E. Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jackson, and Corp. James Bowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bowers, met recently at Kingman, Ariz. Pvt. Jackson was a new arrival from Keesler Field, Miss., while Bowers had just finished gunnery school and was soon to be reassigned. They record their meeting as a very pleasant surprise. New address of Pvt. R. E. Jackson, 15345551, is Group 4, Class 325, KAAF, Kingman, Ariz. He will be a student at gunnery school there until graduation.

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A meeting somewhere in France recently between Sgt. Frank Summers, son of Sheriff and Mrs. Frank Summers, and T/5 Don Lebo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lebo, was the subject of an interesting letter received recently by the parents here. Both boys enlisted together and went through training at the same camps, but later were separated in overseas service. They report now being assigned to the same unit.

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Kingman, Ariz. - Recent graduation of the Kingman Army air field flexible gunnery school, situated a few miles outside of Kingman, Ariz., was 19-year-old James Robert Bowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bowers, of Rochester, Ind.

Pvt. Bowers entered the Army at Fort Benjamin Harrison on Aug. 8, 1944. He attended Rochester high school.

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Miami Beach, Fla., Mar. 16. - S/Sgt. George F. Hattery, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Hattery, of 1519 Jefferson, 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.

Sgt. Hattery served 31 months as motor transport sergeant in the Southwest Pacific theater of operations. While there he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon with two battle stars.

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The Office of War Information made public today a list of wounded in the European theatre which includes Pvt. Manford L. Norris, son of Victor L. Norris, R. 3, Rochester. No further details are at present available.

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Relatives here have received word that Joe Slaybaugh, now serving in the Philippines area has recently been promoted to a private first class.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 16, 1945]

FORMER AKRON MAN IS NOW REPORTED KILLED

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harman of Wabash, former residents of Akron, have received word from the War Department, announcing the death of their son, Pfc. Cecil Harman, 19, who was killed in action in France on Christmas Day, 1944. Pfc. Harman had previously been reported missing.

Pfc. Harman was born in Akron on Nov. 24, 1923. He attended the Akron schools but removed to Wabash with his parents about two years ago. He had been in France only a few months at the time of his death.

Three other brothers are serving in the European theater, Cpl. Lester (Darius) Harman, now in France; Pfc. Joseph Harman, in Belgium; and Cpl. Gordon K. Harman, in Germany. Other survivors besides the parents are four other brothers, Oscar, of North Manchester; Leroy, Robert Lee, and Lewis Jr., at home; and three sisters, Mrs. Marie Julian, of Mentone, and Katie Lou and Patsy Ann, at home.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 16, 1945]

V. W. HOFFMAN RETURNS FROM PACIFIC CAMPAIGNS

Miami Beach, Fla., March 16. - T/5 Vonald W. Hoffman, 29, son of Charles W. Hoffman, of 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.

Cpl. Hoffman served 52 months in the Southwest Pacific theater of operations. While there he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon with three battle stars and the American Defense campaign ribbon with one battle star.

Before entering the service Cpl. Hoffman was a farmer. He became a member of the Armed Forces on June 26, 1939.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 16, 1945]

FIFTEEN OF TWENTY-ONE MEN OK FOR ARMED SERVICE

The Fulton County Selective Service Board today received its report from the Indiana Induction Center at Indianapolis, covering the status of the 21 men who reported Tuesday for pre-induction examinations for the armed forces.

Of the 21 examined, a total of 15 were passed. Of these 12 were found acceptable for general military service, two will be available for limited military service, while one is tagged for military service. Nelson Ray Overmyer requested immediate induction but no report is available at this time upon the action taken.

Those listed for general service are:

Lee N. Filson
Wilbur James Overmyer
Robert Francis Murphy
Harold Eugene Burch
Merle Leon Kelley
Glen Ludlow Minglin
Berne Oliver Jones
Ray A. Pickens

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Defern William Adams
Glen Orvil Myers
Alonzo J. Haimbagh
Donald Edwin Pfeiffer

Wayne Raymond Atkinson and Freddie Lee Yelton are classified for limited service; Leonard Charles Lewis is acceptable for military service and Ralph Herbert Goetz was forwarded to Fort Benjamin Harrison for further examination.

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LOCAL MEN SHARE IN DIVISION'S CITATION

The 101st Airborne Division was awarded the first presidential citation to an entire Army division today "for extraordinary heroism and gallantry" in its epic defense of Bastogne last December.

General Eisenhower, who presented the award, said that "never before has a full division been cited by the War department in the name of the President for gallantry in action."

James Nixon and Omer Spohn of Rochester are members of this unit.

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"Jack" Davis writes his friends here that his address now is: Pvt. John W. Davis, 35845776, APO 333, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Phillip Shafer, AMM 2/c, arrived Friday evening from the west coast to spend a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Shafer.

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Donald Cook, MM 2/c, is spending a furlough with his wife and other relatives and friends. He recently returned from service at sea.

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SGT. BOB RICHARDSON IS REPORTED PRISONER

Mr. and Mrs. Talford Richardson have just received word that their son, Sgt. Bob Richardson, previously reported missing in action, following the Nazi breakthrough in December, is now a German prisoner of war, at Stalag 4B. He states that he is well.

Mr. and Ms. George McKee, parents of Sgt. Dick McKee, who was reported missing at the same time as Sgt. Richardson, have received no further word since the official "missing in action" report.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 17, 1945]

ACCEPTED FOR SERVICE

The Fulton County Selective Service Board today received notice from the Indiana Induction Center, Indianapolis, that Nelson Ray Overmyer has been accepted for service in the armed forces. Overmyer requested immediate induction at the time of his examination last Tuesday.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 17, 1945]

KEWANNA YOUTH KILLED IN ACTION IN ITALY

Amos Hickle of Kewanna, Saturday received word of the death of his nephew, Chester Freel, of the U. S. Army, which occurred in action somewhere in Italy on March 7th.

Freel, who was born and reared in the vicinity of Kewanna, is survived by his wife, Hazel Crain Freel, and a child. Mrs. Freel at the present time is residing on a farm five miles west of Kewanna. Chester is the son of the late Grover and Etta Freel.

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Further details concerning the Kewanna youth's death were not disclosed in the brief message received from the War Department.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 19, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. Mildred Irelan has announced that her son, Henry F. Irelan, has enlisted in the Navy and that his address is Henry F. Irelan, A/S Co. 340, USNTC, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Mrs Christine M. Paden has received notice of a promotion for hus husband, Jack. L. Paden, to the rank of RM 1c.

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Harley Denton, F 1/c, left Sunday evening for Shoemaker, Calif., after spending a brief furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Denton. He has completed training at Great Lakes and at the Navy electrical school and is being sent to the west coast for assignment.

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New Orleans, La., March 19. - Richard Wayne Wilson, USNR, of Rochester, Ind., has been advanced to rating to coxswain, it has been announced by the U. S. Naval Armed Guard Center here.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilson, reside at 608 Jefferson street, Rochester, Ind.

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Rev. and Mrs. Harry J. Bailey of this city have just received word that their son, Harry W. Bailey, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant, with ranking of technician fourth grade. Sgt. Bailey is now stationed in the Philippine island theater.

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Ben Daulton, S 1/c, will arrive today to spend a furlough with his wife and sons and other relatives after a period of sea duty in the Pacific theater.

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Pvt. Robert Kale has advised his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kale, of his safe arrival in the Philippines.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 19, 1945]

LOCAL LIEUTENANT IS A MEMBER OF HONORED CO.

From the GI Dispatch, "The Army's Smallest Newspaper" printed somewhere in the South Pacific, comes the following account of the performance of the 278th Signal Company which won the Meritorious Service Plaque for maintenance of communications under punishing Jap fire during the invasion of Leyte.

Lt. Robert C. Miller, son of Artie Miller, of this city, is a member of the company. The citation follows:

The award of a Meritorious Service Unit Plaque to the 287th [sic] Signal Company was revealed yesterday. The award prsented by Lt. General Krueger carried the following citation:

From 16 August to 15 December 1944 this unit operated Signal Communication facilities at all eschelons of the 2d Engineer Special Brigade Headquarters in New Guinea and Leyte Island, Philippine Islands. The tactical disposition of the Brigade increased communication rquirements many times the normal estimate. Radio equipment, designed for a distance of 100 miles, was consistently operated over distances of 300 to 900 miles, with radio links to practically every port in New Guinea and adjacent islands. The company handled a daily average of 10,000 to 12,000 code groups.

In the initial assault at Leyte, the landing craft assigned to the unit was severely punished by artillery fire causing high casualties and considerable equipment damage. They hastily dug in on the beach and opened Radio circuits under constant sniper fire.

Despite the many obstacles encountered, including enemy action, overloaded facilities, and a shortage of equipment, the officers and men of this unit have displayed exemplary initiative,

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energy and devotion to duty. They have maintained the highest standards of efficiency, discipline and morale and have contributed greatly to the success of these operations.

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LOCAL MAN AIDED IN PHILIPPINE LIBERATION

With The 88th Infantry Division On Bataan. (Special) - Pfc. Claude W. Masteller of Rochester, Ind., a member of the 139th Field Artillery Battalion, has been awarded the Philippine Liberation Ribbon.

Pfc. Masteller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Justin Masteller, route 1, Rochester, Ind., participated in the surprise landing on the west coast of Luzon and the fierce battle of Zig Zag Pass.

In addition to the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Pfc. Masteller has the American Defense Service Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two campaign stars. He has served both in the Central and Southwest Pacific theaters.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 19, 1945]

BROTHERS-IN-LAW MEET

Word has been received here of the recent meeting of Major Charles L. Richardson and Pvt. W. Lynn Chamberlain which occurred in England during a leave spent there by Major Richardson, who is stationed at an evacuation hospital in Germany. Pvt. Chamberlain is at the London traffic office of the Eighth Air Force Command. This is the first meeting of the two men, who are brothers-in-law, since they arrived overseas, a year or more ago.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 20, 1945]

FORMER LOCAL YOUTH BUILDS MANY BRIDGES WITH 5TH IN ITALY

Pvt. Harold D. Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dee C. Wallace of Peru, former residents of this city, is a member of the 175th Engineer General Service Regiment, which recently spanned the Serchio river on the Fifth Army front in Italy with a 270-foot timber pile bent bridge. He is a member of the demolition unit.

Among the 70 large bridges the regiment has built since last Aug. 1 is a 530-foot Bailey bridge assembled across the Arno river by one company in seven days.

By replacing the two end spans with earth fills and linking the three plots with Bailey bridge units, the regiment repaired in record time a blown masonry arch bridge that was built in 1628 on Route 2 north of Bolsena.

Six thousand pounds of TNT were used to clear a bridge site on the Arno river where the regiment erected a 400-foot two lane span, one of the longest semi-permanent bridges in western Italy. The regiment has had as many as 15 bridges under construction at one time.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 20, 1945]

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Miami Beach, Fla., March 21. - Capt. Eugene P. Bright, 36, of Rochester, 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.

Captain Bright was a pilot of all types of aircraft and flew for the Air Transport Command during six months in the China-Burma-India theater and was hospitalized upon his return to the United States. He is the son of Melissa Bright of Akron, Ind. His wife, Helen, resides at R.R. 2, Rochester, Ind.

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Relatives here have been informed that Devon Shuman has received a promotion from corporal to sergeant.

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The Purple Heart has been awarded posthumously to Private First Class Wayne L. Scott, of the U. S. Med. Dept., with his brother Kenneth Scott, Route 2, Elkhart, Ind., being the recipient of the medal.

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Pfc. Scott was killed in action in Belgium on December 17th, 1944, while driving an ambulance for the U. S. Med. Corps. Wayne resided in Rochester for practically all of his life and had many friends throughout this community.

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Mr. and Mrs. Forrest M. Pfeiffer have been advised that their son, T/5 Devon Pfeiffer, has been evacuated to an English hospital where he is recovering from a fractured leg, received recently in a jeep accident in Belgium.

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Corp. Robert Merket, Mountain Home, Idaho, is spending a brief furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hetzner, west of this city.

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Mrs. Zelma Grizzell has received notice of the promotion of her husband, Ellis Grizzell, from the rank of staff sergeant to second lieutenant in a battlefield advancement. Lieut. Grizzell is with the 38th (Indiana) division on Bataan. Mrs. Grizzell is employed at the Marinello Beauty Shop in this city.

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Mr. and Mrs. Everett Goodman have received word that their son, Paul D. Goodman, SK 3/c, will arrive home from the Pacific theatre to spend a furlough. He is a graduate of Leiters Ford high school and has seen a great deal of action with the Navy.

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Laurel Corbin, F 2/c spent the week-end with his family and parents at Leiters Ford.

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Royal McNeil, FC 3/c is spending a 30-day furlough with his parents and friends at Leiters Ford.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Howell have been advised of the transfer of their son, T/Sgt. James F. Howell, Jr., from Clovis, N.M., to Kearney Field, Kearney, Neb. His new address is 15062265, CL 3-17 Bomb Group, Kearney Field, Neb.

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Sgt. Orville Gardner of Fruitport, Mich., who has just returned from a tour of duty with the Eighth Air Force Command in England, spent the week-end as the guest of Herman Korb.

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Capt. Herbert Scull, USN, arrived home last evening for a short leave with his family and other relatives here. Captain Scull, a veteran of the Navy, has been on active sea duty in the Pacific since Pearl Harbor.

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First Sgt. Clifford Strebe is home on furlough after a tour of duty in the Philippines and other Pacific theaters and will be a guest of his mother, Mrs. Ida Strebe, of Fulton, and other relatives and friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 21, 1945]

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1st Lieut. Everett Smiley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Smiley of Milford, Illinois, who is spending a 21-day leave here with his grandmother, Mrs. Emma HAIMBAUGH, R. 5, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Smiley and other relatives and friends, has just returned from the Italian war theatre after completing his 51st mission over enemy territory.

Lt. Smiley's record for service with the 15th air force is best indicated by the number of highly meritorious decorations which he wears. These include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the European Theater Ribbon, with two Bronze Stars.

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Captain Herbert Scull, USN, whose arrival home was announced in Wednesday's News-Sentinel, stated today that he would spend a 30-day leave here with his wife and family.

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Captain Scull, who has spent four years in the Pacific, revealed today that he had, on his several tours of duty, visited every Pacific island occupied by American forces since Pearl Harbor with the single exception of Iwo Jima.

He is the holder of The Medal of the Legion of Merit and the Navy Bronze Star. Captain Scull will report next for duty at Charleston, S.C. The Scull family resides at 1020 Jefferson street.

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New address of Pvt. Jack S. Severens, 35907308, is APO 15878, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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The address of Wendell Lamar Grass, S 2/c, is Barracks 32, NATTC, Memphis 15, Tenn.

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Mrs. Kenneth Stevens has been notified of a promotion for her husband from Sergeant to Staff Sergeant. S/Sgt. Stevens is now stationed in China.

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Miss WElletta Van Lue has received word of the safe arrival in the United States of Pfc. Robert J. Minglin. He anticipates a 30-day furlough in a few days from Camp Atterbury and will spend his leisure time here the gest of relatives and friends. Pfc. Minglin has just completd a 39-month assignment with the Fifth army in Italy.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, March 22, 1945]

SIX COUNTY MEN GO DOWN FOR INDUCTION

Six county men left this morning for Indianapolis where hey will be inducted into the various branches of the armed forces. They were:

Robert E. Kern, leader
Owen Emerson McVay
Richard Eugene Kistler
Kenneth Taylor
Bower Dee Day
Albert Leroy Shotts.

All six men were accepted in pre-induction examinations some time ago.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, March 22, 1945]

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Pvt. Marietta K. Spohn, 804 1/2 Main street, Rochester, Ind., was recently awarded the Good Conduct Medal at Westover Field, Mass., where she is presently on duty. The medal was awarded for "exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity."

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Mrs. Dora Henderson has received word of the safe arrival overseas of her son, Corporal J. Howard Henderson, 35353847, whose present address is: APO 19095B, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Pfc. Walter "Bud" Meader, who has served a tour of duty on New Guinea and other Pacific stations as a member of the Army Medical Corps, is expected home soon to spend a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Meader, Seventh and Pontiac streets [700 Pontiac].

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Notice of the safe arrival overseas of Pfc. Richard Miller, has been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Miller. Pfc. Miller was ill enroute and was confined most of the voyage to the ship hospital. He is now somewhere in France.

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Pvt. Maurice D. Coplen of Camp Wheeler, Ga., is spending a 14-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Coplen of near Talma. Pvt. Coplen will report at Fort Meade, Md., on completion of his furlough.

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Pfc. Wayne Reese has notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reese, that he is now enroute home for a furlough, having spent the past two years in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines. His brother, Gene, is now stationed in Germany.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 23, 1945]

CULVER CORPORAL KILLED IN ACTION IN ITALY

Culver, March 23. - Cpl. John Richard Shilling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver C. Shilling, was killed in action Oct. 10, 1944, according to word received recently. He previously had been reported missing in action.

The telegram from the adjutant general reads: "I am deeply distressed to inform you corrected report just received states your son, Cpl. John R. Shilling, who was previously reported missing in action, was killed in action on Oct. 10 in Italy. The secretary of war asks that I express his deep sympathy in your loss and his regret that unavoidable circumstances made necessary the unusual lapse of time reporting your son's death to you. Confirming letter follows."

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 23, 1945]

T/5 DEAN A. SMILEY GIVEN COMBAT BADGE

With The 38th Division on Bataan, March 15. (Special) - Technician Fifth Grade Dean A. Smiley, a member of the 151st Infantry, has been awarded The Combat Infantryman's Badge for his participation in the Battle of Zig Zag Pass.

T/5 Smiley, a truck driver, was inducted April 12, 1941 at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana and has been overseas for the past 11 months. He also holds the Good Conduct Ribbon, American Defense Ribbon and the Asiatic Pacific Theatre Ribbon with Two Stars. He has served in Hawaii, New Guinea and now in the Philippines.

T/5 Smiley graduated from high school at Rochester, Indiana and attended college at Ventura, California. Prior to his induction he was a steel worker for the Inland Steel Corp., in East Chicago, Indiana.

His wife, Esther, resides at 115 Pierce street, Plymouth, Indiana, and his father, Earl Smiley, resides at 329 West Fourth street, Rochester, Indiana.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 24, 1945]

BROTHERS FROM MACY RECEIVE PROMOTIONS

Two Macy brothers, Glen and Myron Knauff, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Knauff, have received advancement in rank, according to information reaching relatives in the Macy community.

Glen, who is with the Army, has been promoted from a second to a first lieutenant, while Myron, with the Navy, has received an up-grade from ensign to lieutenant, junior grade.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 24, 1945]

CORPORAL JACK REYOME IS NOW REPORTED PRISONER

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Reyome have received comforting word from his brother, Corp. Jack Reyome, formerly with the 106th U. S. division, and who was reported missing in action at the time of the German breakthrough, that he is a prisoner of war in Germany, and that he is in good health.

Corp. Reyome attended Rochester high school and was later employed at the Rochester Metal Products plant. He was inducted in April 1943 and went overseas in June 1944.

His father, Floyd Reyome, resides in Griffith, Indiana and a sister, Miss Della Reyome, lives in Chicago.

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Pvt. Robert A. Calvert arrived today from Fort Knox, Ky., for a few days' furlough with his wife and family at Talma. He will report back for duty at Fort George G. Meade, Md. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Calvert of Newcastle township.

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Pvt. Raymond R. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones, has been moved from Billings hospital, Indianapolis, to the base hospital at Camp Atterbury, according to word received here. Pvt. Jones has been in a critical condition for several weeks.

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Walter Reedy, BS'N'M 2/c, who has just returned from overseas duty, is here to spend a 30-day furlough with relatives and friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 24, 1945]

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Great Lakes, Ill., March 26. - Harley Richard Denton, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. John V. Denton, 1024 Madison, Rochester, Ind., was graduated recently from the Naval Training School (Electric) at the St. Louis, Mo., Naval Academy.

He is now awaiting further duty orders to sea or to some shore station where his training will help him earn the petty officer rate of electrician's made third class.

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Gerald Eastburg, HA 2/c, of Washington, D.C, returned to his base there Saturday after spending a few days here with his wife and children.

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Mrs. Myrtle Wentzel has just been informed of the promotion of her husband, Donald K. Wentzel, to the rank of major.

Major Wentzel, a member of the air force, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wentzel of Kewanna, and is now stationed in France. He has been with the armed forces since September, 1942, and has seen much overseas service. Mrs. Wentzel and daughter now reside with her mother, Mrs. W. G. Wheatley of the Leiters Ford community.

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Relatives here have been informed of the safe arrival in Hawaii of Pvt. Franklin W. Ness who sailed recently from a Pacific coast port. Pvt. Ness states that he is highly pleased with his assignment as he finds the people and customs on his new station much the same as here at home.

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Mrs. P. W. Ross has just received the new address of her grandson, William D. Ross, S 1/c, which is Co. 45121, USNTC, San Diego 33, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 26, 1945]

SGT. HOLLIS A. WRIGHT IS KILLED IN ACTION

Mrs. Oliver Geier of this city has just received word from the War department that her son, M/Sgt Hollis A. Wright, 22, of the U. S. Marines, was killed in action on Iwo Jima Feb. 19.

Sgt. Wright enlisted in the service in 1941 from Rainelle, W. Va.

He is survived by his mother, two brothers, two sisters, his stepfather, Oliver Geier. A brother, Hossard, was killed in action on Oct. 7, 1943

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 26, 1945]

ARMY, NAVY EACH CLAIM THREE FULTON CO. MEN

The Army and Navy stood three-all on induction of Fulton County's latest service contingent, it was learned today by the local selective service board.

To the Navy went Robert E. Kern, Owen Emerson McVay and Bower Dee Day, while the Army took Richard Eugene Kistler, Kenneth Taylor and Albert LeRoy Shotts.

All six men reported at Indianapolis March 22. All of these men passed pre-induction examinations sometime previous to the induction call.

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JOINS NAVY

Richard Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Estil Rogers, on Saturday passed induction examinations for the Navy at the Indianapolis recruiting station, where he enlisted for service. He is awaiting assignment here. Dick is a senior in the Rochester High school.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 26, 1945]

SGT. F. R. ROGERS NOW AT PROCESSING BASE IN FLA.

Miami Beach, Fla., March 23. - T/Sgt. Francis R. Rogers, 26, son of Raymond Rogers of 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.

Sgt. Rogers served 43 months as a section leader in the Southwest Pacific theater of operations. While there he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon with three battle stars and the American defense ribbon.

Before entering the service Rogers was employed as a drug salesman for the Hook Drug Co. of Indianapolis, Ind. He became a member of the armed forces on March 23, 1941.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 27, 1945]

PVT. CHAS. N. SWEET HAS RETURNED TO HIS OUTFIT

Charles E. Sweet, East 12th street, today received word from the War Department that his son, Pvt. Charles N. Sweet, reported missing in action in Germany on Feb. 26, has been located and has now returned to active duty with his company.

Sweet was one of the battalion that withstood all German attacks on Bostogne, during the battle of the bulge in December, and was rescued by units of Patton's army in a spectacular assault. He became separated from his outfit later, when his company began their famous march to the Rhine, but is now deep in the heart of Nazi Germany.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 27, 1945]

PFC. FRED BROWN WRITES ABOUT DEATH OF COMRADE

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brown, 400 W. 13th street, are in receipt of a letter from their son, Pfc. Fred J. Brown, with the U. S. Sixth division, now in the Philippines, in which he tells of the death of a comrade, and neighbor, and a member of his own company, Pfc. Norman Paul Thomas, of Delong, who was killed in action on Luzon on the night of Jan. 13, 1945.

Of this tragic incident, Pfc. Brown writes:

“Philippines
“March 7, 1945

“Dear Mother and All:

“Received a letter from you yesterday. This is the first chance I have had to write in quite a while.

“Things are about the same. I suppose you read in the paper about Paul getting killed. I couldn't write anything about it until now. You know, we were in the same company.

“I was real close to him when he got it. It happened one night about 9:30. A Jap jumped in a fox hole on him. The Jap shot him, and Paul killed the Jap before he died. He lived about 10 minutes after he was shot. There were a few more Japs that we killed that night. Every Jap I get is for Paul. And I know I have gotten a couple. I look to get a letter from his wife, asking about it.

“I guess I have been pretty lucky so far. Haven't missed a day of action since we have been here. Rob and Willodean asked me about Paul, so show them this letter. Rob knows where we are at. He said so in his letter he wrote me.

“I got a couple of pictures from Elsie the other day. One of the baby and the rest.

”Will close now. Will write again when I can.

“With love,
“Fred.”

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SGT. FISHBURN OF ARGOS IS MISSING IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. Don Fishburn, who reside two and a half miles west of Argos, have received word from the War Department that their son, Sgt. Donald Devere Fishburn, is missing in action since March 10th.

Sgt. Fishburn was serving with a U. S. Infantry division in the vicinity of Remagen at the time of his disappearance. He went overseas early last fall, and has been in the service a little over a year.

He has many friends throughout the vicinity of Argos and attended the Argos high school for a couple of years.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 27, 1945]

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Word has been received here that John M. Crabbs has recently been promoted from corporal to the rank of sergeant. He is currently serving with General Patton's Third Army in Germany. He has also been awarded an Infantry Combat Badge. His wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Crabbs, reside north of Rochester on route 3.

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The new address of H. W. Sherrard, Jr., 6267608, MM 2/c, is c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

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Eugene Humphrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Humphrey of Mt. Carmel, Ill., former Rochester residents, is on his way to San Mateo, Calif., to enter the Merchant Marine cadet basic training school, according to word received by relatives here.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 27, 1945]

ARGOS SERGEANT LISTED AS KILLED IN GERMANY

War department information following closely the report that Sgt. Donald Devere Fishburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fishburn of Argos, was missing in action since March 10, was changed today when the wife and parents of Sgt. Fishburn were notified of his death in action, which occurred on the same day.

Fishburn, who was serving in the vicinity of the Remagen bridgehead, had been overseas since last autumn and had seen considerable action.

Surviving are the wife, the former Ruth Ross, and an infant son, Ross Devere, both of Plymouth; the parents; a sister, Bonnie, and two brothers, Roy and Loy, all at home.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 28, 1945]

NEPHEW OF DENTIST KILLED ON IWO JIMA

John Martin Conn, a Marine sergeant and nephew of Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Gilger of this city, was reported killed in action on Iwo Jima during the recent invasion of that Jap stronghold on the road to Tokyo.

Sgt. Conn, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Conn of Winamac, had been with the Fifth Marine Division for about two years. Before his enlistment, he was a student at Purdue university. He spent several summer vacations at Lake Manitou, and was well-known among the younger set here. He is survived by his parents, one brother and two sisters at home, and one brother who also is with the Marine Corps.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 28, 1945]

PVT. GEORGE POLLOCK SENDS WAR TROPHIES

George Pollock, route 2, left for display at The News-Sentinel office today a Nazi flag, eight by 17 feet in size, a German helmet, fatigue cap, belt and fork and spoon, captured in

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Germany by his son, Pvt. George Pollock, a member of the 255th Field Artillery, with Patton's Third Army, now somewhere in Germany.

The flag, a piece of flaming red cotton bunting, bears the swastika and the German double eagle, woven in black and white in the red field. It is probably of the size used by the enemy to display over large buildings or at military posts.

The helmet and other equipment is apparently new, except the blue fatigue cap, which indicated some wear. All of these items are now on display in The News-Sentinel office window.

Pvt. Pollock's half-brother, Pvt. John Bell, was killed in action in France last Nov. 19.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 28, 1945]

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Pvt. Raymond R. Jones of Rochester was operated on Monday at Camp Atterbury hospital. The surgeons removed two large tumors from near the brain and reported he is doing very nicely. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Jones of this city. His wife, his brother, Pvt. Robert O. Jones, and his sister, Mrs. Leonard Mikesell, are with him at the hospital.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 28, 1945]

LOCAL SEAMAN HAD PART IN SINKING OF NAZI SUB

Marvin Wayne Miller, fireman first class, U. S. Naval Reserve, of route 6, Rochester, is a member of the crew of the USS Varian, one of four destroyer escorts which recently trailed and destroyed a German submarine in mid-Atlantic, it has been announced by Adm. Jonas Ingram, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic Fleet.

Zigzagging in a long and desperate effort to elude its pursuers, the enemy sub was finally blown to pieces in deep water. Debris, oil, and personal belongings of the crew--such as a song book and the bowl of a pipe--told the crews of the destroyer escorts that their hunt was ended. The four ships displayed an excellent brand of teamwork. They attacked the enemy vigorously. Each of the commanding officers has commended his officers and men for the cool, well-disciplined and skillful manner in which they conducted the operation and action, a Navy department spokesman said.

His mother, Mrs. Edna Miller, resides on route 6, Rochester.

Before entering the Navy, F 1/c Miller was employed as a farmer. He graduated from the Fulton High school in April, 1944

He wears the American and African-European Theater ribbons, for active service in those areas.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, March 29, 1945]

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Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Deardorff of the Athens neighborhood have received word from their son, Lt. James A. Deardorff, who has just been evacuated from Manila where he received serious wounds in the fighting on the Pasig river last Feb. 9.

Lt. Deardorff is now at a west coast hospital, but expects soon to be moved to a mid-western sanitarium. In a telephone conversation, he stated that he had received a broken right wrist, wounds in the right side and the left foot, a total of eight separate lesions. His injuries were the result of mortar fire with bursting shrapnel.

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Mrs. George D. Holloway of South Bend has been informed that her son, George O. Holloway, has been recently promoted from the rank of sergeant to that of technical sergeant. T/Sgt Holloway has been serving overseas with the 82nd Airborne division for the past two years.

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Sgt. John C. McGlothin, 617 Indiana avenue, 15 1st Infantry, of the 38th division, is pictured along with other members of his unit, in possession of a friendly shell crater on Corregidor, during the recent battle for capture of the island. The picture shows them firing a heavy mortar at Jap positions on the "Rock."

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Relatives here received the following new address from Wendell Grass S 1/c (CA), Co. 49, Platoon 2, Bks. 32, NATTC, Memphis 15, Tenn.

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Pfc. Robert S. Robertson, USMC, who has spent fifteen months at sea aboard one of our new carriers, and has participated in a number of sea actions in the Pacific, will arrive Saturday for a 13-day leave with his wife and daughter.

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Corp. James Smith returned Wednesday to Shreveport, La., after spending a 14-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith, and other relatives and friends.

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Capt. Herbert Scull, USN, who has enjoyed a leave with his family and other relatives and friends here, will depart Friday for Washington, D.C., for assignment. Capt. Scull has served the past four years in the Pacific and was at Pearl Harbor during the attack in 1941.

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Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fred have been advised by telephone of the arrival of their son, Howard Dale Fred, who has just been evacuated from the European theatre, where he was wounded on Christmas Day, and is now in a New York hospital. He expects to be assigned to another hospital in this area, but to date does not know where this will be. He reached these shores by plane on March 28.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, March 29, 1945]

LT. EARL TOWNSEND IS SHOT DOWN IN GERMANY

Word was received Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Otto McMahan, announcing the death in action of her nephew, Lt. Earl "Larry" Townsend, which occurred in the European theatre on March 16.

Lt. Townsend, now of Cutler, Ind., was born in Rochester 21 years ago, the son of Earl R. and Mildred Townsend. He attended school here and later spent a year each in North Manchester college and Purdue university. He enlisted in the air force in January 1944, and during the recent fighting in the vicinity of Remagen, piloted a P-47 fighter. He was based in England and received his training at Richmond, Va.

Surviving are the parents, two sisters, Mrs. Irene Robinson, Indianapolis, and Miss Barbara Townsend, Cutler. Mrs. Tom McMahan of this city, is also an aunt. Mrs. Townsend was the former Mildred Thorstenson of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, March 29, 1945]

MAJOR RICHARDSON SENDS NAZI PLAQUE TO HIS YOUNG SON

Little Joe Richardson, son of Major and Mrs. Charles Richardson, of this city, today received a Nazi plaque from his father, who is stationed with the U. S. Medical Corps somewhere along the Rhine.

In a letter from Major Richardson he stated the plaque or emblem was removed from the door of one of the Nazi's council halls during the fall of Aachen. The local physician has been with the U. S. Medical forces ever since the invasion of the French coast. Mrs. Richardson stated she had not received any word from her husband since the middle of the month, but it is quite probable that his corps at the present time is stationed on the eastern side of the Rhine.

The plaque has been placed on display in The News-Sentinel window where it is attracting considerable attention.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 30, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Helen Overmyer, of Talma, has received word that her husband has been transferred from Camp Atterbury to Fort Sill. His new address is Pvt. Nelson Overmyer, 35971091, P 32-8, F.A.R.T.C., 1st Plt., Fort Sill, Okla.

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“BEEZER” DOESN’T LIKE NEW GUINEA RAINS, STILL KEEPS AFLOAT

Corporal Robert V. Bennett, former member of The News-Sentinel staff writes the force here that he has arrived safely “somewhere in New Guinea.”

“Beezer,” as he is better known to the home folks, states “we arrived at the beginning of the tropic rainy season and for the past two days our tent has looked like Lake Manitou at high tide. We don’t see combat duty for at least a month—a bit more training till then . . . the food, malaria, living conditions, etc., have been planned by Frankenstein or some other monster just as sadistic. . . . my columns may start anytime now . . . I’d like for the populace at home to hear about Hawaii and Tarawa and other of our Far Eastern posts. . . .?”

Corp. Bennett, who is a radio technician and tail gunner has been especially trained for service aboard the U. S. B-29’s. He received his final training in the U. S. at Walla Walla, Wash.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 31, 1945]

SGT. RICHARD MCKEE SAFE IN GERMAN PRISON CAMP

The 1945 Easter season will be remembered by Mr. and Mrs. George McKee and family, of near Athens, as one of the happiest in their lives.

The reason for this elation was the receipt early today of a letter from their son, Sergeant Richard McKee, who for nearly four months had been on the “Missing in Action” list. Richard in his brief letter stated he was in Stalag prison camp 4-B, situated about 25 miles north of Dresden, Germany, and that he was in good health.

Richard, who was serving with the famous 106th U. S. Infantry under General Allen Jones was “reported missing in action” as of December 16th, 1944. Another of his buddies, Sgt. Robert Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Talfred Richardson, of near Rochester, was also on the missing list in this same action. The Richardson youth, however, got word of his safety through to his parents about a month ago. Both of these soldiers are being held in the Stalag camp 4-B. General Jones is also a war prisoner of the Germans.

Sergeants McKee and Richardson left the U. S. last October and had been on the European front but five days until they were called upon to stem the mighty German counter drive which was staged along the Belgium and German border near St. Vith. Although the 106th suffered severe losses their gallant stand will go down in history as one of the outstanding displays of courage and heroism of World War No. 2.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 31, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Deardorff of the Athens community, have been informed by telephone of the arrival of their son, Lieut. James A. Deardorff, at Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich. Lt. Deardorff was evacuated from the Philippines following injuries received at Manila on Feb. 9. He expects to arrive home on leave in the near future.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Bowers have received word of a change in assignment of their son, Corp. James Bowers, from Kingman (Ariz.) Flexible gunnery school where he recently received his wings, to Yucca, Arizona. His new address is: 3019 AA FBU, Casual Sqd. 3, Yucca, Arizona.

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Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Miller, 417 West Second street, have been informed that their grandson, Pfc. Frederick Sisk, 21, a member of the Fifth Marine Division, was seriously wounded on Iwo Jima, and is now convalescing in a hospital in the Marianas Islands.

Pfc. Sisk, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sisk of Warsaw, formerly resided with his grandparents at various intervals, and was well known here. He has been in overseas service since July, 1944. He was wounded by a Jap sniper’s bullet which entered his abdomen and emerged from his right hip.

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Sgt. George Minarik, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Minarik, is home for a furlough from service with the First Army in Germany. As a member of the U.S. Ninth Division, he has seen action in Africa, Italy and in the French and German invasions. He shares the presidential citation with other members of his company.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Myers have received word from their son, Bud, SM 3/c, that he, Don Smith, son of Mrs. Della Smith, and Elbert Fingerle, S 1/c, met recently in the Pacific. It was their first meeting in three years.

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Miss Betty Bailey, who has been spending a leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Bailey, R. 2, has just been informed of her promotion from an ensign to a lieutenant, junior grade. Lt. (j.g.) Bailey will report at Great Lakes Naval Hospital for duty.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barr were pleasantly surprised Easter Sunday by a telephone call from their son, Corp. Wm. E. Barr, who is now at an east coast port of embarkation. He expects soon to sail for overseas.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 2, 1945]

TWELVE COUNTY YOUTHS TAKE PRE-INDUCTION EXAMS

Miss Marjory Braman, clerk of the Fulton County Selective Service Board, today announced 12 Fulton county young men left for Indianapolis today where they will take their pre-induction exams for service in the U. S. armed forces.

Those departing via bus early this morning were:

Willis Horton Pfeiffer

Wilson Mearl Wakeland

Charles Richard Thomas

Charles William Merley

Loyd Edward Paxton

Walter Ball, Jr.

Carl Jacob Evans

Robert Lee Holloway

Raymond Edward Riley

Charles Chester Holdmann (transferred from Chicago)

Samuel Ancil Holloway

Milo Eugene Yeazel

The leader of the group was W. M. Wakeland.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 3, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Paul D. Goodman of the Navy received a promotion on March 1 to petty officer third class.

Petty Officer 3/c Paul D. Goodman called his parents, Everett Goodman of Leiters Ford, telling them he is in the States and will arrive soon on a 30-day leave. He has been on the water for 18 months.

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Sgt. James H. Henderson left Monday for Memphis, Tenn., after spending a 25-day furlough here with relatives and friends. Sgt. Henderson has served 30 months in Africa. While here his brother, J. L. Henderson, S 2/c, and wife of Westerly, R.I., visited him.

He has another brother, Pvt. Lowell G. Henderson, who is serving with the 1st Allied Airborne division in Europe.

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Mrs. Albert McGriff has recently received word from her son, Sgt. Ray McGriff, that he has been in the Iwo Jima campaign and that he is well and getting along fine.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 3, 1945]

LOCAL SOLDIER SHARES IN HIGHEST DIVISIONAL HONOR

Among the epic incidents of World War II, stands the gallant defense of Bastogne, during the German breakthrough of last December. It was here that intrepid American doughboys, including Pfc. Ostinel T. Davis, son of O. A. Davis, of this city, and Corp. Robert Barts, of Plymouth, a brother of Mrs. Robert Sheperis, of this city, withstood the siege of picked Nazi units who surrounded them, and wrote another chapter in the valorous history of American arms.

Pfc. Davis, seriously wounded in this glorious defense of the Belgian citadel, is now convalescing in an English hospital. He expects to be evacuated to these shores as quickly as his physical condition will permit. He has also been awarded the Medal of the Purple Heart. Of the Bastogne action, "The Stars and Stripes," American Army newspaper overseas, says:

"101st. Airborne Div., Mar. 16. - There's a hallowed place in the United Nations' Hall of Fame today for the Battered Bastards of Bastogne.

"They received their life-membership cards in the sacred shrine yesterday from the President of the United States.

"The Presidential citation, first in U. S. military history ever awarded to a division, was presented by Gen. Eisenhower to the 101st Airborne for 'extra-ordinary heroism and gallantry in defense of the key communications center of Bastogne.'

"On a sun-drenched field which once rocked with the noise of battle from World War I artillery and mortar blasts, the heroes of the Belgian Bulge stood in stiff attention while tiny reconnaissance planes droned loftily overhead.

"It is a great personal honor for me to be here today to take part in a ceremony that is unique in American history' Gen. Eisenhower began.

"Never before has a full division been cited by the War Department, in the name of the President, for gallantry in action. This day marks the beginning of a new tradition in the American Army.

"With that tradition, therefore,' Gen. Eisenhower said, 'will always be associated the name of the 101st Airborne Division and of Bastogne.

"Yet, you men, because you are soldiers of proved valor and of experience would be the last to claim that you are the bravest and the best.'

"The proved valor and experience came on the starry night of June 6, 1944--D-Day--when the 101st's parachutists dropped out of the skies onto Normandy and became the first Allied soldiers to land on Hitler's 'Festung Europa.'

"And then a battalion of 502nd Parachute Inf. Reg. carried out the first large-scale bayonet attack against the German troops defending the approaches of Carentan. Out of this section came the Division's first Congressional Medal of Honor.

"So far, as I know, there may be many among you that would not rate Bastogne as our bitterest battle. Yet it is entirely fitting and appropriate that you should be cited for that particular battle,' Gen. Eisenhower said.

"These heroes of Belgium, perspiring by now from their long-fixed position at attention, needed no reminding that Bastogne may not have been their bitterest battle.

"Recalling their valiant stand at Bastogne, Gen. Eisenhower pointed out that their position in the Belgian bastion was of utmost importance to the Allied forces.

"You in reserve were hurried forward and told to hold that position. You were cut off, surrounded.

"Only valor, complete self-confidence in yourselves and in your leaders, a knowledge that you were well trained, and only the determination to win could sustain soldiers under these conditions.

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“You were given a marvelous opportunity, and you met every test.”

“And then Gen. Eisenhower opened wide the gates of the sacred Hall of Fame for his Battered Bastards.

“You have become a fighting symbol on which the United Nations, all the citizens of the United Nations, can say to their soldiers today: We are proud of you.

“It is my great privilege to say to you here today, to the 101st Division, and all its attached units: I am awfully proud of you.”

“Absent from the review was Maj. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, who commanded the Division during the Bastogne epic and who has gone to a higher command. It was he who fashioned a typically terse American answer to German demands for surrender on the fourth day of the siege when he replied ‘Nuts’ to the enemy commander’s ultimatum.

“But the 101st’s men, who answered in their own way to Van Rundstadt’s order were there on that field of honor at the end of the parade and their sentiments were perhaps best expressed by Wilburn Moore, a gangling Faetteville, Tenn., private.

“‘Sure, I’m proud,’ he said. ‘We did what we were supposed to, but there’s more to be done. So let’s get going.’”

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 3, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mountain Home Army Air Field, March 31. - Special overseas assignment awaits Cpl. Robert John Merkert, son of Mrs. Flossie B. Hetzner, Rt. 4, who has completed his required phases of combat training at the Mountain Home Army Air Field, Mountain Home, Idaho as a nose turret gunner on the Liberator bomber. Prior to his entry into the service he was a student at Rochester high school.

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Westel Carr, EM 2/c, arrived today from the Naval Air Technical Center, Memphis, Tenn., for a 15-day leave with his parents, Chief and Mrs. Fred Carr.

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Addison Alber, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Alber, route 5, left this morning for Indianapolis where he will undergo examination for enlistment in the U. S. Navy.

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Cpl. Robert John Murkert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hetzner, route 4, has informed his parents that he has completed combat training at Mountain Home, Idaho, and that he is now awaiting overseas assignment as a nose gunner on a Liberator bomber.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, April 4, 1945]

LOCAL ARTILLEYMAN IS WOUNDED IN REICH

Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Utter have been informed that their son, Pfc. Cedric Utter, of the Field artillery, was wounded in action on March 24, somewhere in Germany. He is now in a hospital and is making normal improvement, the information reveals.

Pfc. Utter was last heard from in the Strassboug area. He has been overseas since last October and has seen almost continuous action. Wounds include injuries to the right leg and left arm which would indicate that he was a victim of shrapnel fire.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, April 4, 1945]

BELIEVE LOCAL SOLDIER LIBERATED AT BAD ORB

Mrs. Robert Mills of Twelve Mile today awaits some word from her husband, T/Sgt. Robert Mills, of the Fulton community, who is believed to have been liberated by units of the Third Army from Stalag 9-D, near Bad Orb, Germany, April 3rd.

Mills was known to have been interned in that camp and the report is that some 3,000 of the 6,000 men liberated were Americans, most of whom had formerly served with the American 106th, 90th and Seventh Armored divisions. Mills, who was captured in the breakthrough of Dec. 16, was an infantryman with the 106th division.

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[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, April 4, 1945]

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With U. S. Forces In Belgium. - Private Ronald C. Weir of Rochester, Indiana, recently was awarded the Soldier's Medal for heroism shown in rescuing victims of a bomb explosion.

Weir attempted to extricate a Belgian family trapped under the debris created by the explosion. With the help of a British soldier, he tunneled into the wreckage and worked for more than an hour in constant danger from fire and falling debris. He finally succeeded in bringing out alive a man and a child. Then he remained at the scene for several hours, aiding rescue squads.

The Rochester soldier is a graduate of the Richland Center high school and the International Business college at Fort Wyne, Indiana. Before he entered the Army, he was stenographer to the superintendent of the Chicago-Lima section of the Erie railroad at Huntington, Indiana. He is now a member of the Transportation Corps.

His wife, Mrs. Ronald G. Weir, and their son live at Route 6, Rochester, Indiana, and his parents live at Route 3, Rochester.

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With The Fifth Army, Italy. - Private First Class Robert J. Minglin of Kewanna, Indiana, recently was awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action on the Fifth Army front in northern Italy.

Minglin is a member of Battery A, 151st Field Artillery Battalion, serving with the 34th "Red Bull" division.

In order to deliver wire and radio batteries to the forward observation post, Minglin had to drive through a heavy enemy barrage of artillery and mortar fire. Despite the immediate danger, Minglin continued on his way and accomplished the mission.

"As a result of Private Minglin's courage and devotion to duty, the forward observer was able to continue directing fire and support our infantrymen who were being shelled by enemy mortars and self-propelled guns," the citation read.

His father, Roy Minglin, lives on Route 3, Kewanna.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 5, 1945]

TWELVE COUNTY MEN REPORT FOR INDUCTION TODAY

The Fulton County Selective Service Board today announced the names of 12 county men who reported for induction at Indianapolis, and who will be assigned to various units of the armed forces for active duty. These men, passed in pre-induction examinations during the months of February and March, are:

Glen Orville Myers, leader
Leo N. Filson
Kenneth Emory McVay
James Russell Paxton
Wilbur James Overmyer
John Francis Lukens
Clinton Lee Joseph
Murrell Everett Sutton
Merle Leon Kelley
Glen Ludlow Minglin
Berne Oliver Jones
Ray A. Pickens

The following county men, passed in pre-induction examinations and transferred to other boards for disposition are:

Lloyd Ivan Brandenburg to Hoopston, Ill.
Rob Roy James to Crawfordsville, Ind.
Frederick William Miller, to Miami County, Ind.
Bert Morris, to Oakdale, Calif.

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[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 6, 1945]

NINE PASSED SERVICE EXAMINATION

Nine of the twelve county men who reported at Indianapolis for pre-induction examinations for military service on April 3, were accepted, the local selective service board revealed today. Of these, eight were found acceptable for full service while one, Charles Chester Holdmann, transferred here from Chicago, was listed for limited service only. The eight others were:

Wilson Mearl Wakeland
Charles William Merley
Loyd Edward Paxton
Walter Ball, Jr.
Carl Jacob Evans
Robert Lee Holloway
Raymond Edward Riley
Milo Eugene Yeazel

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 6, 1945]

GRASS CREEK SOLDIER IS KILLED ON LEYTE

Pfc. Merle Hunt, died shortly after he was wounded in action on Leyte Island in the Philippines last Novemer 19, it has been learned by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hunt of the Grass Creek vicinity.

Merle was 22 years of age. He was born near Francesville and was employed on the Pennsylvania railway after attending high school at Grass Creek. Entering service on December 26, 1942, he received training at Camp Hood, Texas, and was home on furlough shortly before going overseas last July.

Besides the parents, he leaves two sisters and three brothers: Mrs. Viona Williams of Monon; Mary, Nolan and Raymond, at home, and Cpl. Arthur, somewhere in Germany.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 6, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. Roscoe Purdue, of Advance, Ind., is spending an extended visit here, with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Purdue. Pvt. Purdue has just recently been returned to the U. S. from overseas where he served with General Patch in the Seventh Army. He was wounded in action in southern France several weeks ago.

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Relatives here have been informed of the recent promotion of Omer Spohn from the rank of staff sergeant to technical sergeant. T/Sgt. Spohn recently enjoyed a two-weeks furlough in London and Paris after several months on the front. His new address is APO 469, care Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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The new address of Pvt. Clarence E. "Sparky" Sparks, 35971564, is Co. E, 196th Bn., 61st Reg., Camp Blanding, Florida.

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Mrs. Blanche Williams is in receipt of a cablegram sending Easter greetings from her son, T/Sgt James and daughter-in-law, Corp. Helen L. Williams, who are now located in Paris.

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Pvt. Charles Norris recently evacuated from overseas to a hospital in Memphis, Tenn., is spending a 21-day furlough with relatives and friends here. He expects to return to overseas duty when his furlough expires.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Utter have recived word of the safe arrival in the Mariannas of their son, Morse Utter.

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[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 6, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

We publish herewith a citation awarded the 338th Engineer Service Regiment, somewhere in Italy, which pays tribute to the work of the regiment in the occupation of the port of Leghorn.

Although the citation is directed to Sgt. Hugh L. Umbaugh of Argos, it applies to a number of other men from this community, members of the same unit. These include: T/Sgt. Kenneth Nelson, Rochester; Sgt. Hugh Wilson, Kewanna; Sgt. Lowell Barkey and Cpl. Edw. G. Wojcik, Plymouth; Sgt. John Reichert, Bourbon, and Sgt. Dwight Grossman and Cpl. Roy Peabody, Argos. Sgt. Grossman was killed in action in Italy last Oct. 31. The citation follows:

“The 338th Engineer General Service Regiment, Peninsular Base Section, for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of an exceptionally difficult mission in Italy from 17 July 1944 to 30 September 1944. This regiment entered the port of * * * * under artillery fire and through extensive mine fields, moved equipment over bombed out roads and bridges, cleared the streets and dock areas that were completely blocked by debris from demolished buildings and other structure; removed thousands of enemy mines, built new roads and bridges, repaired utilities, and planned and constructed berthing and unloading facilities in one of the most completely destroyed ports as yet encountered in Italy. The 338th Engineer General Service Regiment by careful planning and proper organization, the efficient use of available materials and equipment, vigorous prosecution of the work over long hours and exceptional ingenuity and engineering skill placed the port of * * * * in operating condition within six weeks after its capture. The accomplishments of the 338th Engineer General Service Regiment during this period are in the highest traditions of the military service.”

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Pvt. Robert A. Calvert who has been spending a 16-day furlough with his wife and family at their home in Talma, left Thursday afternoon for Camp Meade, Md.

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Pfc. Irvin L. Pfeiffer is spending a 45-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pfeiffer of the Mentone community. Pfc. Pfeiffer has been in the Pacific theatre for two years.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 7, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Deloise Severns, route 1, have received word of the transfer of their son, Benjamin Severns, MM 3/c, to Treasure Island, Calif.

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Addison E. Alber, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Alber, has passed examination for Navy service and expects a call to duty soon.

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Sgt. Rex Rhodes of Athens is spending a 45-day furlough with relatives and friends. He has served in France and Germany.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 9, 1945]

PVT. HERBERT BOWERSOX REPORTED WAR PRISONER

The War department on Saturday notified relatives here that Pvt. Herbert H. Bowersox, 27, previously reported missing in action, has now been located as a prisoner of war in Germany.

The information was transmitted to his wife in South Bend, who in turn notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bowersox, route 4, Rochester.

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Pvt. Bowersox is a graduate of Leifers Ford High school and prior to his induction into the armed service in December, 1943, was employed at the Bendix Corp. in South Bend. He sailed for overseas duty last June.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 9, 1945]

MISS BARBARA SHAFER ARRIVES AT HAWAII

An article and photo of Miss Barbara Shafer appeared on page two of the Indianapolis Star today. The story follows:

“Miss Barbara Shafer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Shafer of Rochester, has arrived in Hawaii for assignment in the Pacific area as an American Red Cross secretary.

“Until her Red Cross appointment, Miss Shafer was employed by the American United Life Insurance Co. in Indianapolis. She is a graduate of the Rochester High school and Central Business college of Indianapolis.”

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 9, 1945]

MAJOR RICHARDSON CROSSED THE RHINE ON MARCH 29TH

Mrs. Richardson has received word from her husband, Major Charles Richardson, that he crossed the Rhine on March 29th with his medical divison. The crossing was made over a pontoon bridge which was set up at the city of Bonn, which lies about halfway between Cologne and Coblentz.

The Major stated that their evacuation hospital base is now occupying an evacuated German airfield and they are very busy. He added that his corps was within hearing distance of the Allied artillery and the booming guns lulled one to sleep a night. The Germans in the captured cities and towns are taking their defeat in a grim manner and have little or no comment to make about the reverses they are experiencing.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 10, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Kilmer has received word that her husband's new address is: Donald D. Kilmer, Fireman 1/c, 9559885, USS Wheatland, A. K. A., 85 L. Div., Group 5, c/o Freight P.O., New York, N.Y.

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Donald Miller, SK 3/c, wife and son, Eddie Joe, will arrive this evening from Treasure Island, Calif., for a visit with relatives and friends.

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Iver Champ, S 2/c, who has just returned from Navy service in Panama, is here to spend a 12-day leave with his wife and daughter, Sandra. He will report at the end of his leave to the Naval station at Quonset Pt., R.I. for assignment.

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Julian A. Powell, BM 2/c, who has just returned from a trip around the world on Naval duty, has arrived home and will spend a 34-day leave with his mother, Mrs. Wilson Drudge, and other relatives and friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 10, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Graduating fourth in his class at the U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif., John S. Caslow, 24, a professional registered nurse, of Rochester, has been promoted to hospital apprentice first class, the Eleventh Naval District announced today.

Caslow, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Caslow of route 5, Rochester, attended the Emmanuel Missionary college at Berrien Springs, Mich., and Florida Sanitarium and Hospital School of Nursing at Orlando, Fla. He was valedictorian of his class at nursing school.

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S/Sgt. Raymond Rans, who has been a patient at the Percy Jones General hospital, Battle Creek, Mich., is home to spend a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Rans, of the Kewanna community.

Sgt. Rans, who lost a limb in Europe, expects to be discharged from the Army at an early date. He has been in the service three years.

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S/Sgt. Dean Severns is spending a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Deloise Severns, R. 1. Sgt. Severns is enroute from Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill., to Gulfport, Miss., where he will be stationed.

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Mrs. Eldora Henderson, 228 1/2 W. Fifth street, has been informed of the safe arrival in England of her son, Corp. Howard James Henderson, a member of the U. S. Strategic Air Force. Prior to enlistment, Corp. Henderson was employed by the Public Service Co., as a stationary engineer.

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Mrs. Waldo Gray has received word from her husband that he has been awarded the D.F.C. and an oak leaf cluster to add to his Air Medal. He is with the Army Air Force in a combat cargo outfit in the CBI theater of war. His address is S/Sgt. Waldo Gray, APO 214, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Phillip Shafer, AAM 2/c, departed today for San Diego, Calif., after spending a leave of absence with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Shafer.

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Cpl. Cecil Rhodes has just returned from the European theater for a furlough with relatives and friends in this vicinity. Cpl. Rhodes had been overseas for two years and saw active service in Africa, Sicily, Italy, Normandy, Holland, Belgium and Germany.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, April 11, 1945]

LT. RALPH POTTER, JR., LISTED DEAD OF WOUNDS

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Potter, route 2, have just been informed by the War department of the death of their son, Lt. Ralph J. Potter, Jr., 28, which occurred in Italy on Aug. 27 after he had been wounded and captured by German units on Aug. 23.

Lt. Potter, with a unit of the 432nd Infantry, Fifth U.S. Army, was one of the few U. S. officers commanding Japanese American troops in Europe. Several months ago he was reported missing in action and no further word had been received as to his whereabouts until Tuesday morning, when his parents were informed by letter that to date he had not been located. However, during the afternoon, an official telegram announcing his death was received.

He was born in Evanston, Ill., but moved with his parents to Indianapolis, where he attended school. Four years ago he entered the armed forces, and at the time of his death, had been overseas about two years, and had seen much action. He had often visited his parents at their lake residence while on furlough, and was well known, especially by the younger set. His wife, Pvt. Anna Marie Potter, WAC, is now stationed at Romulus Field, Mich. A younger brother, Donald, is a radar technician with the Army in the Philippines.

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NINE COUNTY MEN GO TO ARMY; NAVY TAKES TWO

The Selective Service Board today announced the assignment of county men who reported April 6, for active service at Indianapolis. Of the 11 men involved, nine went to the Army, while the Navy claimed two. The assignment list is as follows:

ARMY

Lee N. Filson
Wilbur James Overmyer
Clinton Lee Joseph

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Murrell Everett Sutton
Merle Leon Kelley
Glen Ludlow Minglin
Berne Oliver Jones
Ray Pickens
Glen Orvil Myers

NAVY

James Russell Paxton
John Francis Lukens
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SERVICE NOTES

Marine Corporal Emmitt Meek of Rochester has returned to this country from Kodiak, Alaska, where he was a gun captain, and will spend a furlough with his mother, Mrs. Grave Westly, 510 Clay street, Rochester, before reporting to his new assignment.

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Coxswain Lee O'Connell, who had completed a 16-months tour of sea duty in the South Pacific, is spending a brief leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence O'Connell and other relatives and friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Whybrew of the Fulton vicinity, have been advised by the official War Department citation, that their son, Pvt. Marion Whybrew, Jr., 277th Field Artillery Battalion, 12th Corps, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service during the period September 10, 1944 to Jan. 15, 1945, in France, Luxembourg and Germany, in operations against the enemy.

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The Headquarters, U. S. Army in Europe have issued a citation commending the services of Sgt. Clair E. Strong, an ammunition renovator, for special and meritorious services rendered in the repair of damaged ammunition which was later used to good advantage against the enemy in France, Belgium and Germany. Sgt. Strong's wife, Mrs. Betty J. Strong, has been sent a copy of the citation, the War Department reveals.

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Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bryant have been informed that their son-in-law, John E. Weigle of Lafayette, has been inducted into the armed forces. Mrs. Weigle was the former Dorthea Bryant of this city.

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Great Lakes, Ill. - With a final average of 96, Laurel Corbin, Leiters Ford, Ind., completed his training last week in basic engineering school at the U. S. naval training center here at the head of his class. He was advanced to Fireman 1/c and assigned to a diesel school for further training. Corbin, 26, is married and the father of two children. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Corbin, and attended Leiters Ford high school for three years. For two years before coming into the navy he was employed as a machinist at the Bendix plant in South Bend. His brother, Sgt. Kenneth Corbin, is with the army somewhere in Europe.

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Pfc. John J. Summers has notified relatives here of a change in address, which is now, Marine Scout Bombing Squadron 241, c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, California.

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Richard M. Smith, RM 1/c, has entered the U.S.N. Radio Activities School, Bainbridge, Island, Port Blakely, Washington.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 12, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Robert Dean Caywood, A/S, has entered training at USNTC, Co. 470-F-13-L, Sampson, N.Y.

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Aviation Cadet Donald D. Umbaugh has been graduated from aerial gunnery school, Harlingen, Texas, and has been transferred to duty at the Army airfield, San Angelo, Texas for advanced training. He has been awarded silver wings.

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Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Clemens of near Argos have been informed through the Red Cross that their son, Pvt. James Clemens, reported missing last December, has now been located as a prisoner of war in Germany. Pvt. Clemens had been overseas for several months at the time of his capture, and had seen action in France and Belgium.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Remy have been informed that their son, Duane Remy, A/S, is now located at the USNTC, Co. 470-F-13-L, Sampson, N.Y.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 13, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Two Fulton county, Indiana men are receiving their initial Naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

When their recruit training is completed these men will receive a period of leave. They are Gerald J. Ross, 22, husband of Helen M. Ross, R.R. No. 1, Rochester; and Robert E. Kern, 25, husband of Ruth B. Kern, Athens, Ind.

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K. Paul Steininger, TM 3/c, has notified relatives here of his arrival at Brooklyn from a tour of sea duty, and that he will leave this week aboard a new ship for the war zones.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones have been notified that their son, Pvt. Raymond R. Jones has been removed from Wakeman hospital, Camp Atterbury, Indiana to the Percy Jones General hospital, Battle Creek, Mich. His condition is said to be serious. Present address at the hospital is Ward 21, Section 8.

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Mr. and Mrs. Max Anderson, R. 4, have been informed of the transfer of their son, Sgt. Donald Anderson, to Geiger Field, Wash.

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Marine Corporal Emmett Meek, of 510 Clay street, Rochester, Indiana, is spending a furlough at home after arriving from overseas service. His new assignment will be at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

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Pfc. Walter D. Carr, 35353811, has entered Percy Jones General hospital, Battle Creek, Mich., for treatment. He is a member of the 5th Btn., 1st Reg., Co. C.

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Address of two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Byron O. Johnston serving in the U. S. armed forces follow:

Sgt. Jean D. Johnston, 15084450, Sect. O, 305, Box 627, 3704th A.A.F.B.U., Keesler Field, Miss.

Pvt. Dale B. Johnston, 16000241, APO 3, c/o Postmaster, Sec. Btry, A.F.A. Bn., New York N.Y. Mrs. Johnston stated that Dale is now fighting in the European area.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 14, 1945]

LT. RALPH MOORE GETS PURPLE HEART AWARD FOR WOUNDS

Aboard An Aircraft Carrier In The Pacific, April 10. - Six officers and 61 enlisted men recently were called to flight deck of this aircraft carrier to receive Purple Heart awards for wounds received during the ship's participation in bombings in the Philippines early in November, 1944.

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Lt. Ralph M. Moore, USNR, 33, whose wife, Mrs. Harriet C. Moore, resides in Bloomfield, Ind., was among those so honored. He received the Purple Heart from the vessel's captain, in a ceremony witnessed by other members of the crew and their officers.

Lt. Moore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Moore, formerly of Rochester but now residing at Columbus, Ohio. Ralph attended Rochester High school and later graduated from Shortridge High school, Indianapolis. He is also a graduate of Butler university. Ralph has been in the service since November, 1943.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 14, 1945]

FEAR SON OF ROCHESTER PEOPLE IS WAR CASUALTY

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kramer, owners of the Peoples Cafe, this city, were today attempting to contact the War Department and the Red Cross in an effort to confirm receipt of a letter addressed Jan. 23, to their son, Pfc. Lowell Beck, 22, and returned yesterday, marked "deceased," and signed by Lt. A. H. Snyder, his commanding officer.

The parents last heard from their son, then in the Philippines, at the Battle of Manila, and dated Feb. 11, which stated that he had received wounds on Feb. 9, but in which he assured them that his wounds were not critical, and that he expected to return to duty soon.

Lt. Beck was a member of the Fifth Parachute Bn. He entered the Army on Jan. 23, 1943, trained at Camps McCall, N.C., and Blanding, Fla. He embarked for overseas duty on May 27, 1944, and has been in the Pacific theatre since that time. He was reared in Logansport, where he graduated from the public schools, and from which city he entered the armed forces. He has visited Rochester on several occasions and is known here by several of the younger set.

Pending receipt of official word, his parents are hopeful that some error has been made.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 16, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

With The 393rd Ordnance Compny, Southern France. - Lloyd E. Fisher, husband of Mrs. L. E. Fisher, R.R. 4, Rochester, Indiana, was recently promoted to staff sergeant.

S/Sgt. Fisher is a member of the 393rd Ordnance Company, now with the Delta Base Section, Marseilles, France. His company repairs broken down vehicles.

Prior to entering the military service, Sgt. Fisher was employed as an automobile mechanic.

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The Miami Redistribution Center has announced the arrival there of T/Sgt. Robert DeBruler, who will soon be assigned for duty. He has just enjoyed a furlough spent with relatives and friends here and at other points. Sgt. DeBruyler, who spent 31 months overseas, is the son of Mrs. Helen DeBruler, 817 Pontiac street.

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Mr. and Mrs. Geiger Gilliland have been advised by their son, Thomas Dewey Perdue, A/S, of his arrival at the U. S. Naval Training Center at Sampson, N.Y., for boot training. His address at the training center is Co. 470-F-13.

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Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sutton, 254 Race street, this city, have received word that their sons' address is: Pvt. Murell Sutton, 35972934, Co. "C", 1st Bn., 113th Inf., B.T.C., Camp Rucker, Ala.

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Ward McCarty, PhM 1/c, is spending a brief leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray McCarty.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 16, 1945]

AKRON SAILOR FINDS ROCHESTER CORN, PEAS BEST IN THE PACIFIC

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From the far-away Pacific war front, Bill Bradway, formerly of Akron, but now a bluejacket in Uncle Sam's Navy, finds time to pay tribute to Fulton county products, which he says are finding their way into the mess of ships and camps from New Guinea to Iwo Jima.

In a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Vernon, Bill says: "I have eaten a lot of peas and corn out here that Ben had a hand in packing, and the boys all agree there's none better on the broad Pacific."

And further, he says, "I hope the boys back home will get out plenty of acres this year. The kind of stuff you pack, packs the wallop that will carry us on full bellies to Tokyo."

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 17, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

With The 38th (Cyclone) Division On Luzon. - Sgt. Chas. E. Callahan, son of John Callahan, route 3, Rochester, Ind., has been promoted to staff sergeant. Callahan took part in the 152nd (Indiana) Infantry's 16-day battle for strategic and heavily fortified Zig Zag Pass, east of Olongano, which opened another route to Manila.

Recently awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Callahan is also holder of the American Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Medal.

Overseas for 15 months, Callahan served previously in Hawaii, New Guinea and Leyte. He has a brother, Pvt. Harvey Callahan, fighting in the Philippines with the 96th Division.

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Allied Force Headquarters, Italy. - Pvt. Richard Louis Smiley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Smiley, route 5, Rochester, Ind., is now serving as driver with Co. A, 715th Railway Operating Battalion, which recently received the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for assisting in the construction of the Pisa-Florence rail line and the building of a 500-foot railway bridge across the Arno river in 15 days.

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With The 38th Infantry Division On Luzon. - Sgt. J. Sam Stephen, husband of Mrs. Kay Stephen of Hagerstown, Ind., and son of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Stephen of Rochester, is personnel sergeant in the 38th Division Artillery Headquarters.

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An array of German souvenirs taken by Yank infantrymen when they ransacked a captured German home where they were billeted for a night have been sent to Mrs. Alfred Parkhurst by her husband, Sgt. Parkhurst. A sewing kit, Nazi flags, pins, medals, ribbons, dog leash and many other items of interest are included in the display, now in the window of the Johnson Milk Bar, East Eighth street.

Sgt Parkhurst has been overseas with the 358th Infantry Division of Patton's Third Army since May 1, 1944, and is the wearer of the Purple Heart. He has three Bronze Stars to his campaign ribbons for action in Normandy, France and Germany. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Parkhurst and entered service Oct. 14, 1943.

The items are of unusual interest, are well constructed of good material and it is believed they are those used by German civilians.

Mrs. Alfred Parkhurst is the former Miss Enas Richter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merl Richter, route 1, Rochester.

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Pvt. Raymond "Bid" Lewis has arrived safely overseas and is now somewhere in France, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Elanor Lewis.

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Royal McNeil, PC 3/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter McNeil, departed Sunday for Boston after spending a 30-day furlough with his parents and friends here. He recently completed an extended tour of duty in the Pacific.

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Sgt. Wayne Reese arrived home Sunday for a 21-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reese. Upon completion of his furlough, Sgt. Reese will report to Miami Beach, Fla. He has spent more than two years in the South Pacific.

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Mr. and Mrs. James F. Bowell, Sr., have been informed of the safe arrival in the Marianas islands of their son, T/Sgt. James F. Bowell, Jr.

Sgt. Bowell, a flight engineer on the now famous B-29 Superforts, served in transport duty during the trip across the Pacific. His new address is APO 246 c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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Mrs. Glen O. Myers has received word of the arrival of her husband, Pvt. Glen Myers, 35972938, at Camp Rocker, Ala. His new address is Co. D., 1st Bn., 13th Inf., IRTC, at the above named camp.

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The present address of Richard Notz, S 2/c, is CA Barracks 37, Recruit Training unit, NATTC, Memphis 15, Tenn.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 17, 1945]

LOCAL WOMAN LEARNS HUSBAND WINS MEDAL

Mrs. Martha White has just been informed that her husband, Lt. Col. James V. White, U.S. Army Medical Corps. has been cited for the French Croix de Guerre (Cross of War) with gold star, for meritorious service in action, above and beyond the call of duty.

Col. White, now with the 819th Medical Center in France, has been overseas for some time and has been on all major fighting fronts. Prior to his enlistment he was a practicing physician at Terre Haute, Ind. Mrs. White was the former Martha Quick, daughter of Earl Quick. She now resides on South Madison street this city.

The French Croix de Guerre is accompanied by official citation and diploma. It is the third ranking medal of the French army.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, April 18, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Weaver, who reside south of Athens have received word that their son, Sgt. Loren James Weaver, is now serving with the U. S. First Army in Germany. He is with the Engineer Corps, and was formerly in France. He has been in the service since December 9th, 1941.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, April 18, 1945]

LOCAL MARINE STANDS GUARD FOR FDR RITES

A local boy, Corpl. William Daggy, USMC, will long remember April 14, 1945. It was not only his birthday, but the date on which he was a member of the White House guard which stood vigil during the final rites for our late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

In a letter to his father, Del Daggy, of this city, Corpl. Daggy stated that his post was only 11 feet from the White House entrance, and from which point he had opportunity to see all notables who called for the service. He recently returned to the United States after spending 29 months in the Pacific war theaters.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 19, 1945]

MENTONE MAN KILLED IN ACTION IN GERMAN PUSH

Mr. and Mrs. Adam A. Bowen, of Mentone, received a telegram on Tuesday morning from the War Department, advising that their foster-son, Pfc. Lewis R. Fawley, who was serving with the engineering division of General Patton's Third army, was killed in Germany on April 5.

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Pfc. Fawley received his training in Georgia, Texas and Louisiana, and was sent overseas last August. He was born July 19, 1920, in Mentone, having been orphaned by the loss of both parents when he was five years old. He was reared in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bowen.

Besides his foster parents, he leaves grandfather, Jay Fawley, of Clarksville, Mich.; two aunts, Mrs. Logan Van Doran, of Warsaw, and Mrs. Homer Warren, of Mentone; and two uncles, Orie Fawley, of Warsaw, and Ralph Good, of Mentone.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 19, 1945]

CULVER BOY DIES IN GERMAN PRISON CAMP

Culver, Ind., April 19. - Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Large have been notified by the Secretary of War that their son, Pvt. Bernard Large, age 20, died February 26 in a German prison camp.

Pvt. Large entered the army on May 5, 1943, and was sent to Camp Shelby, Miss., for his basic training. He was sent overseas on July 7, 1944, and saw action in Belgium, Holland and Germany. He was reported missing in Belgium on December 24, but on January 10 he wrote his parents that he was a prisoner of war.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 19, 1945]

WAR DEPT. CONFIRMS DEATH OF PFC. BECK

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kramer of this city today received official notice from the War department of the death in action of their son, Pfc. Lowell Beck, 22, near Manila on Feb. 16.

The notice followed receipt of a letter returned to the parents, marked "deceased" and certified by the commanding officer of Pfc. Beck's company.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 19, 1945]

PFC. ROBERT MILLS IS FREED BY YANK UNITS

An advancing American Army on Good Friday brought joy and liberty to a county soldier, confined in a Nazi prison camp. The man was Pfc. Robert Mills of Fulton, a member of the 106th Division, who was first reported missing on Dec. 16, during the German breakthrough at the Battle of the Bulge. Later it was learned that he had been taken prisoner.

The word came direct from Pfc. Mills in a short note to his wife, Mrs. Jean Mills of near Twelve Mile. At the same time, Mrs. Mills received a letter from her husband's buddy, who was also liberated saying that Mills would probably be sent home within a few months.

Mills operated a barber shop in Fulton at the time of his induction. Prior to that he had been employed in Rochester shops operated by Bob and Roy Hill. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Beattie, reside here. Mills was one of many men released by Yank units.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 19, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

U. S. Coast Guard Carpenter's Mate Harold Butts is spending a furlough with relatives and friends here and will leave next Wednesday for Curtis Bay, Md. He was formerly located at Sault Ste Marie, Mich.

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An East China Wing, 14th Air Force, China. - The promotion of Staff Sergeant Kenneth M. Stevens, 273 North Main street, Rochester, Ind., from the rank of Sergeant has been announced by the Commanding Officer of a Fighter Control Squadron of Maj. Gen. C. L. Chennault's 14th Air Force "Flying Tigers."

Sgt. Stevens, 39, is the son of Mrs. J. E. Stevens, 407 Southeast street, Lebanon, Ind. Before joining the Army air forces in April, 1943, he owned and managed the Stevens Shell Service in Rochester.

Sgt. Stevens has been overseas 18 months, of which time 13 months has been in China with this Fighter Control Squadron.

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The new address of Richard Notz, S 2/c, (CA), is: Company 55, Platoon 2, Barracks 37, Recruit Training Unit, NATTC, Memphis 15, Tenn.

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The present address of Pvt. Murrell E. Sutton, 35972334, is: Co. C, 113th Inf., 1st Bn, IRTC, Camp Rueker, Ala.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Bowers, 503 E. 13th street, have been informed by the War Department that their son, T/5, George W. Bowers, Jr., a rifleman, with the 289th Infantry, 75th division, now in Germany, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 19, 1945]

ATHENS MAN WOUNDED BY SNIPER ON BATAAN

Mrs. Wanita Foor has received official word from the War department that her husband, Sgt. Amos Foor, 30, of the 151st Inf., 38th Division, was wounded in action on Bataan March 27, and that he has since been hospitalized in the Philippines.

Sgt. Foor, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Foor, south of Athens, was hit in the leg by a sniper's bullet, during the conquest of the peninsula. He has been in service for the past four years and overseas with the Indiana division for the past 16 months. His condition is reported to be improving satisfactorily.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 20, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hickle, Kewanna, have been informed that their son, T/5 Elmer L. Hickle, who participated in the invasion of Leyte, has been transferred to Okinawa. His address is: APO 331, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 20, 1945]

FORMER LOCAL RESIDENT LEARNS OF SON'S DEATH

Mrs. A. R. Shogren, of St. Peter, Minn., the former Miss Genevere Grove of this city, has, according to word received by relatives here, been notified that her son, Sgt. William D. Young, 27, was killed in action April 2, in Germany.

A member of Gen. Patton's Third Army, he had seen much action in recent battle operations in France and Germany. He entered the Army six years ago as a radio technician. Surviving besides the mother, are a wife and son, Billy, residing in Valparaiso, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 21, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

New addresses of service personnel are:

Pvt. Glen H. Smith, 35572950, APO No. 13302-A, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

Lt. Florence J. Cutshaw, ANC, N 790164, Station hospital, AAFRS (S43), CAAF, Courtland, Alabama. Lt. Cutshaw is now spending a 15-day leave of absence with relatives and friends here.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 21, 1945]

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 21, 1945]

ATHENS BOY MISSING IN ACTION IN REICH

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Rhodes of near Athens, on Saturday received word from the War Department that their son, Corp. Thomas Rhodes, U. S. Medical Corps, a member of the U. S. Seventh Army, has been missing in action in Germany since April 6.

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Rhodes, who has been in service for the past two and a half years, is one of three brothers with the armed forces, Corp. Porter Rhodes, Jr., now overseas, and Pfc. Dale Rhodes, now on furlough with his parents.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 23, 1945]

RAYMOND CRAIG, S 1/C, IS WOUNDED ON LEYTE

Mrs. Justine Craig, 528 Indiana venue, has just received word that her husband, Raymond H. Craig, S 1/c, is recovering from wounds sustained on Jan. 12 in the invasion of Leyte, Philippine Islands.

Seaman Craig suffered shrapnel injuries in the left leg, during the attack, when in action against the Jap fleet. He has been in the Navy for the past year and overseas since last August. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Craig of the Indiana avenue address. He had been awarded the Purple Heart.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 23, 1945]

PFC. ROBERT DAGUE, 21, LISTED KILLED IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dague, of the Fulton community, have been informed by the War Department of the death of their son, Pfc. Robert Dague, 21, who was killed in action in Germany on April 14.

Pfc. Dague was born and reared in the Fulton community. He attended the graduated from Metea high school. Two years ago he entered the service and in August 1944 was sent overseas, where he became attached to Gen. Patch's Seventh army as an infantryman. He saw a great deal of action both in France and Germany.

Surviving are the parents; two brothers in service, Ivan, now in Germany, and Joseph, home on furlough, and one sister, Mrs. Dorothy Patman, of Richmond, Ind. He was a member of the Olive Branch U. B. church.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 24, 1945]

MARSHTOWN YOUTH IS NOW REPORTED KILLED

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Gunter of the Marshtown community, on Sunday received word from the War department of the death, on Easter Sunday, of their son, Pvt. Raymond Gunter, 19, who died in action in Germany.

The telegram announcing his death followed by only a few days information from the same source stating that Pvt. Gunter had been missing in action since the date named. No details of how he met death are available.

Pvt. Gunter was a graduate of the Grass Creek High school and had been in the armed forces only a short time. He is survived by the parents, two sisters and six brothers, two of whom, Russell who is now stationed in Kansas, and Virgil now overseas, are with the Army.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 24, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Ensign Wayne F. Miller of the U.S. Merchant Marine arrived home here Monday from Portland, Ore. He had just returned to the western port from a three-month cruise which took his vessel through the Panama canal and to the Hawaiian islands. He has been with the Merchant Marine for 16 months. Seaman Greal Cox, USMM, of Mobile, Ala., accompanied Wayne to Rochester.

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Lt. James A. Deardorff, who has been recovering from wounds at Perry Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich., arrived Monday afternoon for a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Deardorff of Athens.

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Joe Slaybaugh today informed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Slaybaugh, Sr., of his arrival at San Francisco after two and a half years in the Pacific theatre. He expects to return home on furlough soon.

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S/Sgt. Kathleen Schall is reported to be a patient at the Navy Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., according to word reaching her parents, Mr. and Mr. Lowell Cann.

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Pfc. Robert Brown, USMC, arrived Sunday from Camp Perry, Va., for a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brown, R. 2.

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S/Sgt. and Mrs. Dean Severns left Monday for Gulfport, Miss., where he will be stationed.

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Ralph Zimmerman S 1/c, of Great Lakes, was a week-end guest of Mrs. Zimmerman and children.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 24, 1945]

SERGEANTS McKEE AND RICHARDSON RELEASED

Two Fulton county men, Sergeants Richard McKee, son of Mr. and Mrs. George McKee, of near Athens, and Robert Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Talfred Richardson of Henry township, have been liberated from a Nazi prison camp near Bronswang, Germany, and are now recuperating in a Paris hospital, according to word received from McKee by his parents today.

Release came on April 11 to these two members of the U. S. 106th Division, who with thousands of others, were swooped up by Nazi units in the breakthrough last Dec. 16.

Reported missing, their fate was unknown until recently when their parents were informed of their capture and imprisonment. Since then, no word has been received until today.

McKee, who stated that he was getting along in good shape, despite the loss of 50 pounds in weight, says he expects to return home in the near future.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, April 25, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Deloise Severns, R. 1, have received word of the safe arrival in France of their son, Pfc. Jack Severns.

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Joanna R. Ault, S 1/c, left Tuesday for Pensacola, Fla., after a leave of absence with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ault.

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Mr. and Mrs. Rex Rouch have received word of the safe arrival in Germany of their son, Pvt. Ralph F. Christ.

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Howard Summers, S 1/c, Mrs. Summers and daughter, Karen, came Monday from Boston, Mass., for a visit with relatives and friends here.

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Albert I. Fisher, son of Mrs. Edna Fisher has recently been promoted to the rank of captain, according to information received here.

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The present address of Wayne Kelly, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kelly, Sr., of near Loyal, is: Co. 515, USNTC, Great Lakes, Ill.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, April 25, 1945]

RICHLAND TWP. SGT. REPORTED PRISONER

SvcMen WW II

Herman Cleland, Richland township farmer, on Wednesday received word that his son, Sgt. Glen Cleland, 23, reported missing Jan. 18, is now identified as a prisoner of war of the German government.

Sgt. Cleland, who enlisted 18 months ago, has been overseas since September as a member of the 17th Armored Division of the Seventh Army.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 26, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Madison, Wis., April 26. - Second Lt. Arthur Good, 28, husband of Frances Good of 531 East Ninth street, Rochester, has been enrolled in the AAF Training Command's continuation flying training program at Truax Field, it was announced today by the post commander.

Formerly stationed at Moody Field, Ga., where he won his wings as a pilot, the officer will fly an advanced type of training plane known as the AT-6.

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Air Service Command Deot, Ireland. - Warrant Officer (j.g.) Marvin E. Rose, Rochester, Ind., is serving as personnel officer of a squadron at this large storage and experimental station of the Air Service Command in northern Ireland.

Mr. Rose handles all records concerning men of his squadron and so keeps a personal history of every man in his unit. In the Army since August, 1940, Mr. Rose has been stationed overseas 15 months. Before that he was a student at Rochester High school.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel T. Rose, reside on route 5, Rochester.

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Mrs. Harold Gelbaugh of near Leiters Ford has been notified that her husband has been promoted from a seaman second class to ship's cook and butcher third class. He has been on duty in the Pacific for several months.

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Mrs. Gus Swanson has been informed of the safe arrival of Pfc. Albert Swanson at a Pacific coast port, after a stay of three years on New Guinea.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Utter have received a card from the Ward department stating that their son, Pfc Cedric Utter, returned to duty with his company on April 13. Pfc. Utter was wounded in the right leg on March 24, in Germany and was hospitalized in France.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 26, 1945]

AKRON MAN KILLED IN ACTION ON LUZON APR. 2

Mrs. Lois Bergstrom of Mentone received a telegram from the War department Tuesday notifying her that her husband, Prc. Dewayne Bergstrom had been killed in action on Luzon April 2.

Pfc. Bergstrom, 26, had been in the service four years and served overseas for 18 months. He had served in New Guinea, the Hawaiian islands, and on Luzon in the Philippines. He was a member of the 20th Infantry.

Before entering the service he was employed at the foundry in Warsaw. Bergstrom moved to Akron in 1937 from Belleville, Kans., where he received his schooling. Besides his wife he is survived by a three-year-old daughter, Dixie Lee; his father, Walter Bergstrom of Akron, and a brother, Ralph, of Port Neches, Texas. His mother, Mrs. Grace Bergstrom, preceded him in death several years ago.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 27, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller have been informed of the safe arrival from the Pacific theater of their son, Cpl. James Miller, who is now at a west coast camp.

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The public relations section of the 28th Inf. Regiment, Eighth Division, have announced the promotion from private first class to Technician fifth grade of William K. Sarver. His wife, Mrs. Caroline Sarver, resides at Grass Creek. He is now in Germany.

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Lieutenant and Mrs. Earl Bailey and son are spending a short leave of absence, enroute from Suttgart, Ark., to Kearns, Utah, at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. Bailey and Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Safford.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 27, 1945]

LOCAL MAN REPORTED WOUNDED IN ACTION

The War department on Thursday afternoon included on its casualty lists the name of Pfc. Charles Nolen, Jr., 27, of this city, as wounded in action in Germany.

Pvc. Nolen, a former employe of the Rochester Metal Products Co., is a native of Akron. He has been in the armed forces approximately one year, the last three months of which he has served overseas. His wife, Mrs. Evabelle Nolen, and two children survive at 1317 Monroe street.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 27, 1945]

MAURICE SADOWSKY, JR., FREE FROM NAZI PRISON

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Sadowsky today received a letter from their son, Maurice, Jr., that he had escaped from a German prison camp on April 15th and that he was now safe in American hands. Maurice was serving with the 99th U. S. Infantry and was reported missing in action during the first big push in the northern European drive.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 28, 1945]

LT. OSCAR CORSAUT IS WOUNDED SECOND TIME

Lieut. Oscar Corsaut, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corsaut of Kewanna has suffered his second wound in action in Germany on April 4, according to word reaching the parents from Lt. Corsaut's wife, who resides in New Hampshire.

Lt. Corsaut, who is well known in the western section of the county, was wounded first about two months ago. While setting forth that his present injury is serious in nature, no details are given. He has been with the infantry in the European theatre for several months.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 28, 1945]

BROTHER OF LOCAL WOMAN DIES ON IWO

Word has been received here of the death March 6, from wounds received on Iwo Jima last Feb. 19, of Corp. Berlyn P. McKee, 23, USMC, of Kokomo, a brother of Mrs. Evelyn Foster of this city, and a nephew of George McKee of the Athens community.

Corp. McKee was first wounded in action on Bouganville in December 1943. Returned to the United States he recuperated and was returned to service in the Pacific last autumn.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 28, 1945]

SON OF FORMER LOCAL GIRL KILLED AT SEA

Friends here have been informed of the death of Lt. (j.g.) William Henry Martin, USN, who was killed in action in the sinking of a U.S. destroyer in the Pacific some time ago.

Lt. Martin, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Martin of South Bend, was a graduate of Indiana university and had been with the Navy for the past two years, where he had participated in numerous actions at sea. His mother, the former Miss Mildred Pfeiffer of Rochester, will be remembered by a host of friends here who share her loss.

Survivors, besides the parents, include the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Rhoda Pfeiffer; two uncles, Lucius and Edward, and one aunt, Mary Pfeiffer, all of the Evanston, Ill., community; and brother, John, and one sister, Mary Ann Martin, of South Bend.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 30, 1945]

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SERVICE NOTES

Mayo General Hospital, Galesburg, Ill. - April 30. - Promotion from first lieutenant to captain for Leara C. Miller, Army Nurse Corps and Supervisor of Surgery, was announced today by Colonel Henry L. Krafft, commanding officer of Mayo General hospital. Captain Miller, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Miller, reside in Kewanna, Ind., entered the Nurse Corps in May of 1942 and was assigned to Mayo on January 23, 1944. She is a graduate of the Ball Memorial Hospital school for nurses in Mncie, Ind. Class of '37.

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Tenth Air Force in Burma (Delayed) - Promotion to Sergeant for Billie C. Foor, 21, son of Mr. Orville C. Foor, RFD 2, Macy, Ind., has been announced by Major General Howard C. Davidson, commanding general of the 10th Air Force in Burma. Sgt. Foor is a tail gunner on a B-24 with the 7th Bombardment Group of the 10th. The sergeant has been in the army for 18 months, five in the India Burma theater. He received his overseas training at March Field, California. A graduate of Macy high school, he attended the University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla., and was employed as an aircraft engine tester by the Studebaker Corp., prior to entering the service.

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New Orleans, La., April 30. - Ray Lloyd Smiley, USNR, of Rochester, Ind., has been advanced in rating to gunner's mate, third class, it has been announced by the U. S. Naval Armed Guard Center, here.

During his 20 months at sea as a member of a Navy gun crew protecting vital war materials aboard merchant ships, he has visited ports in Italy, Africa, Sicily, England, South America and Hawaii.

Before his enlistment in the Navy in March, 1943, Smiley was a high school student in Rochester, where his parents now make their home.

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Eldon Shepherd, who recently completed his boot training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, left Saturday evening for the west coast where he will take special training in the hospital corps. Eldon was former student manager of the R.H.S. Zebras. He is the son of Mrs. Ora Stephen of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 30, 1945]

ARMY, NAVY EACH LIST DEATH OF A COUNTY MAN

The War and Navy departments on Monday announced the death in action of two Fulton county men, according to word received by next of kin here.

Eckart

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Eckart, route -, have been informed that the Navy now lists as killed in action, their son, Lt. Leland Eckart, 25, who disappeared in a flight over Guadalcanal on April 25, 1943.

Lt. Eckart, on a reconnaissance mission, with three other marine pilots, was attacked by a formation of 40 Japanese planes. Following the engagement, and because no trace could be found of him, he was declared missing in action. Two years later, with no word received, the Navy department has declared him officially dead.

Surviving are the parents and two brothers: Lt. Walter Eckart, now with the Army Air Force at Scott Field, Ill., and Cpl. Wilton Eckart, at Miami, Fla. The latter recently spent a brief furlough with his parents here.

Herrell

Official notice of the death of Pfc. Edgar Herrell, 26, was received Monday by his wife, Mrs. Loretta Herrell, of this city. Death came in a hospital somewhere in Germany on April 13, 1945.

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Pfc. Herrell was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Herrell of route 4, this city, in the Leiters Ford community, where he attended school. He had been in service two years, the last several months of which he served overseas. Relatives had received his last letter about two weeks ago.

He is survived by the wife, the former Loretta Sissel; parents; three brothers, Raymond, a prisoner of war in Germany, Lloyd, Jr., Army and Frank, at home, and two sisters, Mrs. Raymond Bowers and Mrs. Irene Tripawldi of this city

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 1, 1945]

WOUNDS IN ACTION PROVE FATAL TO ARGOS DOCTOR

Capt. Robert Miller, U. S. Medical Corps, passed away at 11 o'clock this morning at the Percy Jones General hospital Battle Creek, Mich., from wounds received in action during the occupation of Germany.

Captain Miller, who was 35, was born and reared in the Argos community, and prior to his enlistment in the service in Argos, with his wife, the former Arline Dawson, one son Tommy and daughter Barbara, he made his home on North Michigan street.

Besides the above named family, he is survived by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Miller of Argos; two brothers, John C. of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Charles of Chico, Calif., and one sister, Mrs. Margaret Rozow, South Bend.

Funeral services will be held from the Argos Christian church at 2:30 o'clock, Thursday afternoon, with the Rev. Elmer Jones of Lafayette officiating, assisted by the Rev. Ernest Treber of Argos. Burial will be made in Maple Grove cemetery, Argos.

The remains will lie at the Umbaugh funeral home in Argos until the hour of the funeral.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 1, 1945]

HERMAN CLELAND GETS LETTER FROM SON IN NAZI PRISON CAMP

Herman Cleland, route 3, Rochester, received the following letter from his son, Sgt. Glenn E. Cleland, from Stalag XIII C, prisoner of war camp in Germany.

"Feb. 13, '45

"Dear Family and All:

"I know that you have been wondering about me so this should help a lot. I am feeling fine and in good health and sure hope this finds everyone of you the same. It isn't every day that you have the experiences that I have been having so some day I may be able to tell you some good stories.

"Check with the Red Cross about what you can write and send me. I don't know much about it so find out and do what you can. The Red Cross has been doing swell work for us.

"Tell Belva that I received her fruit cake but didn't get to eat it. Boy it sure would be good now. Tell everyone that I said hello and for them to write if possible. Sure could stand some fresh news and up-to-date happenings. Don't worry about me as I am doing alright and expect to remain so. One of my induction buddies is still with me. With lots of love.

"Glenn"

(Glenn was serving with the Third Army Infantry and was taken prisoner by the Germans Jan. 18, 1945. He arrived overseas early last September.)

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 1, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

A 27th Air Transport Group Base, France. - Truck driver for the 27th Air Transport Group of the Air Service command on the largest American air base in France, Pfc. Herbert L. Drew, husband of the former Miss Mable Hick of Rochester, hauls combat and medical necessities to the big front behind C-47 skytrains of his outfit.

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Pfc. Drew has been with 302nd Transport Wing's 27 Group since he came overseas in July 1944. In that time he has earned two battle stars for his contributions to Group cargo-carrying and medical air evacuation missions in the campaigns of northern France and Germany.

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With The 38th (Cyclone) Division on Luzon. - Sgt. Charles W. Callahan, son of Mrs. Ruth Callahan, R.R. 3, Rochester, Ind., has been promoted to staff sergeant.

Callahan, a squad leader of Company I, 152nd (Indiana) Infantry, saw service in his regiment's 16-day battle for strategic and heavily fortified Zig Zag Pass, east of Olongapo, which opened another route to Manila.

Overseas for 15 months, Callahan served previously in Hawaii, New Guinea and Leyte.

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With The 38th Division On Caballo Island. - Climbing a steep 200-foot cliff to bring much needed supplies to riflemen who had gone without water and food for 36 hours, was performed by mortarmen of the 151st Infantry, it was disclosed here.

Sgt. John C. McGlothin, son of Fred McGlothin, 138 B avenue, Rochester, Indiana, was a member of the group that brought relief to the group of isolated men. Supplies could not be taken by direct route to them because of savage Japanese fire.

According to McGlothin, the group landed behind the Jap emplacement (subsequently eliminated) from an LCM. A sailor, aboard the landing craft shot from a special gun a shore line to which a heavier rope was attached to the men atop the ridge. The rope served as a hand support in the almost straight-up-climb.

Sgt. McGlothin entered the Army in April 1941. His wife, the former Minnie Donnabell Mikesell resides with their son at 617 Indiana avenue, also in Rochester, Indiana.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller of this city have been informed of the safe arrival at an undisclosed base in the Pacific, of their son, Corpl. James Lyle Miller.

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Pvt. Albert Swanson, home from 41 months in the Pacific theatre, is spending a 21-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Swanson of Akron.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dowd of Macy, have been informed of the promotion of their son, Gerald, from the rank of corporal to the rank of sergeant. Sgt. Dowd, a member of General Patton's Third army, has been in the service three ears, and oversees since last June.

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Pfc. Wayne Reese, who has been stationed in the Philippines is on furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Reese, east of Argos.

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Barts have received word that their son, Pfc. Howard T. Barts has been promoted to the rank of Corporal. Cpl. Barts is stationed somewhere in Germany.

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Word has been received here by relatives and friends that Pvt. Jim Richardson has arrived safely in the Philippines.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 1, 1945]

PARENTS SEEK TO CHECK SON'S DEATH OVERSEAS

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Moore of the Burton neighborhood are making an effort to confirm the reported death in action of their only son, Cpl. Robert H. Moore, 21, whose name appeared in a recent casualty list released by the War department.

Since [neither] they nor other relatives, have received notice direct concerning the loss of their son, they remain hopeful that some error in casualty reports have been made.

Some time ago they received a letter from Cpl. Moore, dated Germany March 28. He has been overseas several months.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, May 2, 1945]

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EIGHT COUNTY YOUTHS REPORT FOR SERVICE

Eight county youths, most of whom are in the 18-year age classification, today reported at Indianapolis for induction and assignments in the armed forces. These include:

Walter Ball, Jr.
Milo Eugene Yeazel
Kenneth Noble West
Gordon Leonard Groninger
Kenneth Dee Smiley (leader)
Robert Allen Long
Jack Edward Sausaman
Robert Lee Holloway

Another group will be called Friday for pre-induction examinations, the selective service board revealed today.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, May 2, 1945]

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Pvt. Maurice D. Coplen has arrived safely overseas at a French port according to word received today by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Coplen, of route 2, Akron.

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Mr. and Mrs. George McKee of R. 1, Akron, on Tuesday received further word from their son, Sgt. Richard McKee, recently escaped from a Nazi prison camp, now recuperating in a Paris hospital.

Sgt. McKee stated tht he is feeling fine and gaining weight every day to compensate for the 50 pounds lost as a "guest" of Germany.

He expects to be evacuated for the United States in a few weeks and to receive a furlough home. In anticipation he sets forth the menu for the feast. Plenty of fried chicken and strawberry shortcake are "musts" on the list. He stated further that Sgt. Robert Richardson, who escaped with him, is getting along fine and is also looking forward to his return home in the near future.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barr of Talma have been advised of the safe arrival overseas of their son, Cpl. Wm. E. Barr. He is now in France.

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T/Sgt. Ralph P. Chapman, who recently was wounded in Germany, is spending a 45-day furlough with relatives and friends here. His wife, Mrs. Betty Chapman, resides in Gary.

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Mrs. Lois Doud, R. 1, Kewanna, has been informed that her husband, Sgt. Gerald Doud, now in Germany, has been awarded the Medal of the Purple Heart for leg wounds sustained April 4, in action against the enemy. The award will be sent direct to her, the information reveals.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, May 2, 1945]

LOCAL PARENTS LOSE SECOND SON IN WAR

Mr. and Mrs. George Pollock, R.R. 2, on Wednesday night received official word from the War Department, reporting the death from wounds received in action during the Italian campaign, of Pfc. Dwight Eugene Pollock, 20, in a hospital in Italy on April 19.

Pfc. Pollock was one of three brothers serving with the Army overseas, and is the second of them to make the supreme sacrifice during this war. A half-brother, Pvt. John Bell, met death in action in France on Nov. 19, 1944. The third brother, Cpl. George Edward Pollock, is now with the Third army in Germany.

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Pfc. Pollock entered the service shortly after his 18th birthday in 1943 and had been overseas several months, during which he had been once wounded, and for which he had received the medal of the Purple Heart, and with his unit had received the Presidential Citation.

He attended Rochester schools and was well known as an athlete of promise among his many friends here. Besides the parents and one brother mentioned herein, he is survived by a half-sister, now residing in Elwood.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 3, 1945]

FULTON SERGEANT GETS HOME FROM NAZI CAMP

T/Sgt. Robert Mills of Fulton, captured by the Germans in the Battle of the Bulge last Dec. 16, and liberated during the advance of Allied armies through the Reich, has arrived home on a 60-day furlough.

Sgt. Mills was released on Good Friday. He stated that although he had not had too much to eat as a "guest" of Germany, he had not been badly treated. He has gained 40 pounds since his return to the U.S.

Mills, a barber by trade, operated a shop at Fulton and was employed in Rochester at shops owned by Roy and Robert Hill. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mills, are now residents of Mishawaka. Mrs. Mills, who was the former Miss Jeanie Hopkins, and a son Steven, seven months old whom he had never seen, have resided with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hopkins of Twelve Mile. Mills had been in the service four years.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 3, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Corp. Rube Rynearson, who is stationed at Ft. George E. Meade, Md., is spending a brief furlough with relatives and friends here.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murfitt of Leiters Ford are in receipt of word from their son, Pvt. Edward L. Murfitt that he is now in a hospital in France, recovering from wounds received when he was accidentally thrown from a truck.

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Mrs. Brant McKee left Monday evening for Metuchen, New Jersey, which is near Newark, N.J., for a visit with her son, Lt. Bill McKee, and her husband's sister, Mrs. B. J. Smith. Lt. McKee is stationed at Tacoma, Washington, and flew last Sunday to Newark for a week's special instruction.

Lt. McKee will fly to Chicago Saturday enroute on his return to Tacoma. His father, Brant McKee, will go to Chicago to be with him on a 24 hour stop-over. Lt. McKee's wife, the former Miss Elsie Brown, and their son, George Albert, are in Tacoma.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 3, 1945]

FIFTEEN MEN REPORT TODAY FOR PHYSICAL EXAMS

The local Selective Service Board today reported a contingent of 15 county youths who were sent to Indianapolis for pre-induction examinations for the armed forces. One, Benjamin E. Perkins, registered here, was transferred to the jurisdiction of the Marshall county board, and one, Edgar James Rans, who was called, failed to report.

Those left today were:

Arthur Kermit Ramsey, leader

Paul Albert Weller

Robert Lee Porter

George Curtis Green

Howard Augustus Burns

John Richard Fultz

Milo Phillip Guise

Robert Lee Crundwell

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Alton Eugene Rhodes
Robert Vawter McKelvey
Donald Eugene Callahan
Henry John Hittle
William Franklin Schroer
Ernest Eytcheson
Gilbert Wilson Good.
[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 4, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reed of Fulton, have been informed that their son, Pvt. Wilbur Dean Reed is now in a hospital in England, recovering from wounds received in action in Germany. He has been overseas with the First army since March.

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In a letter received from their son, Cpl. Robert H. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Moore of the Burton neighborhood were informed that previous reports that he was a war casualty were misleading; that he was slightly wounded in action in Germany but that he had recovered and returned to his unit.

Cpl. Moore's name appeared in official casualty lists recently released by the War Department. He is 21 years old, has been in the service about two years, and overseas several months.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hollis, Kewanna, R. 3, have been informed that their son, Pvt. Elmer E. Hollis, was slightly wounded April 4, while in action in the Pacific theatre. Pvt. Hollis has been in service four years, and overseas 16 months.

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In a card received today from the Casualty Branch, U. S. Army, Ostinel A. Davis of this city has been advised that his son, Pfc. Ostinel T. Davis, who has been confined in a hospital in England, recovering from wounds received in action in France, has been evacuated to the United States. The report indicates that Pfc. Davis is making normal improvement.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harley Carr, R. 2, have been informed by the War Department that their son, Sgt. Byron F. Carr, 28, was slightly wounded in action in Germany on April 20.

Sgt. Carr is one of five brothers in the armed forces. Others include three in the Army, Howard, Robert and Weldon, and one, Dean, in the Navy. He has been in the service over four years; served two and a half years in the Canal Zone and has been in Europe since last autumn.

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Pfc. Joseph Slaybaugh is enjoying a 45-day furlough with his mother and other relatives here after spending two years in the S.W. Pacific area with a U.S. Engineers Corps. Joe has been in several engagements with the enemy, but fortunately escaped unwounded. He is to report to Camp Atterbury for reassignment.

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Mrs. Granville Holloway has just received a Mother's Day greeting from her son, Cpl. Donald Holloway, who is now in Germany. Donald is with the U. S. Ordnance Department and has had considerable service in the European war zones.

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Santa Ana, Calif., May 4 (INS) May 4 - T/Sgt. Leo J. Besse, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Besse of 450 Fairmont road, Kingsford, Ind., is currently assigned to the AAF Redistribution Station No. 4, at Santa Ana Army Air Base.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 4, 1945]

MENTONE YOUTH BAGS EIGHT JAPS WHO WERE TIRED OF YANK FIRE

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With The 38th (Cyclone) Division On Luzon - Capturing eight Japs without firing a shot is a neat trick if you can do it--and T/5 Kenneth W. Horn, of Mentone, Ind., did it. He couldn't help himself.

One day Horn, accompanied by his assistant driver, was rolling along at a good clip down a winding mountain road. Suddenly Horn and Pfc. Ralph C. Kuhlherst of St. Mary's Ohio, saw eight Japs move out on the road about 100 yards in front of their truck. Horn couldn't decide whether to speed past the Japs or stop and shoot it out. He decided on the latter, so he slammed on the brakes and reached for his rifle. But the Japs apparently were tired of war and indicated they were willing to sign a separate peace.

So Horn and Kuhlhorst loaded the Nips in the back of their truck and resumed their journey--all the while casting uneasy glances backward. But they delivered the Japs to their battalion command post without further incident.

Horn, a driver of Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 152 (Indiana) Infantry, has been overseas 16 months, and he served previously in Hawaii, New Guinea and Leyte.

He is the son of Mrs. Mary Horn of Mentone.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 4, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Alma Vickery, 1015 Main street, has received word from her son, Lt. Harold Vickery, 28, that he suffered wounds in action and that he has since been hospitalized and recovering satisfactorily.

He has been in the service three years, the last one with the infantry in New Guinea and the Philippines, where he received injuries while at the battle of Manila. He is a graduate of Manchester college and prior to induction, was employed by the West Coast Gas & Oil Co. at Santa Cruz, Calif. A brother, Sgt. Austin Vickery is with the Army on Saipan.

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Mrs. Lowell Bain, R. 2, and Mrs. Anna Eschenbrenner have been informed of the release from a Nazi prison camp, Stalag 2-B, of their nephew and grandson, George L. Eschenbrenner.

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T/Sgt. George Kahler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mace Kahler, was seriously wounded in action in Germany on April 18, according to a recent War Department message to the parents.

Sgt. Kahler was serving as a tank driver.

SGT. SWAYZEE RECEIVES SPECIAL CITATIONS

With The 88th Infantry Division On Bataan. - Sgt. Floyd L. Swayzee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Swayzee, Kewanna, Ind., played an important part with Co. C, 113th Medical Battalion, which was in close support of the fighting troops of the 38th (Cyclone) Division in the bitterly contested Battle of Zig-Zag Pass, on the famed Bataan peninsula, Luzon island, Philippines.

Sgt. Swayzee is a clerk assigned to Co. C, and during the battle he did his clerical work and also worked in the station section assisting the medical officers in caring for the wounded brought back from the front. He often was subjected to enemy fire but his tireless efforts and devotion to duty never faltered.

Sgt. Swayzee has been in service since April, 1941, and has had 16 months' overseas service in the Pacific. He is entitled to wear the American defense Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with one campaign star and Bronze Arrowhead, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one campaign Star, and the Good Conduct Ribbon. He is a graduate of Kewanna High school and prior to induction was employed by the Schrader Transportation Co. of South Bend, Ind. His wife, Mrs. Mary Swayzee, lives at 31 Carrolle avenue, Takoma Park, Md.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, May 5, 1945]

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J. N. MOSHER PROMOTED TO RANK OF SERGEANT

Daytona Beach, Fla., May 5. - T/5 James N. Mosher, formerly of 119 E. Calvert street, South Bend, Ind., answers to the call of Sergeant these days. The promotion was announced by the Public Relations Office at Welch Convalescent hospital, the Army's reconditioning center in Daytona Beach, Florida.

The promotion was given in recognition of outstanding qualities of leadership and conscientious performance of duties assigned.

Sgt. Mosher, formerly employed by the City Schools of South Bend, as physical education teacher and coach, is assigned to the Physical Reconditioning Branch at Welch Convalescent hospital, where a carefully planned program, of sports and educational activities assist overseas returnees on the road back to health.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mosher, parents, reside at 210 Jefferson street, Rochester, Ind. His wife, Mrs. Marjorie E. Mosher, lives at 119 Calvert street, South Bend, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 7, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Charles W. Keim, route 1, has just been notified that his son, John H. Keim, serving in the Pacific theater, has been promoted from first lieutenant to the rank of captain.

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Mr. and Mrs. George McKee have just been informed by their son, Sgt. Richard McKee, who is recuperating after imprisonment in a Nazi camp, that he has been awarded the Medal of the Purple Heart. This is the first intimation the parents have had that Sgt. McKee received wounds during the Battle of the Bulge, where he was captured by the Germans last Dec. 16. He expects to be returned home soon.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 7, 1945]

KEWANNA YOUTH VICTIM OF WOUNDS IN GERMANY

Mr. and Mrs. Mace Kahler of Kewanna have been officially notified of the death of their son, T/5 George J. Kahler, 22, who succumbed to wounds received in action in Germany on April 18.

T/5 Kahler was a graduate of Pulaski high school, class of 1941. On November 28 he entered service and received basic training at Camp Chaffee, Ark. He went overseas in February 1944 and has since seen action in France, Belgium and Germany as a member of the Third Armored Division. Relatives last heard from him in a letter dated April 10.

Survivors are the parents, the wife, Madeline and small son; three sisters, Essie at home and Mrs. Eva Ginn and Mrs. Maude Carlson of Kewanna.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 8, 1945]

LT. OSCAR CORSAUT IS THE VICTIM OF WOUNDS

Lieut. Oscar Milton Corsaut, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corsaut of Kewanna, was officially listed as dead of wounds, somewhere in Germany, in a telephone call from his wife, Mrs. Vickie Corsaut, who resides with their year-old son, Ronnie, in New Hampshire.

Lieut. Corsaut was reported wounded in action several days ago. A subsequent report stated that he was recovering satisfactorily, but in their report of Wednesday, the War Department stated that he had later suffered a relapse and that death resulted about a week ago.

The lieutenant was born and reared in Kewanna and finished high school there. Shortly after graduation he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served his full enlistment with that corps. Following his discharge he was inducted into the Army and was later commissioned. He sailed for overseas service in June, 1944 and has been almost continuously in enemy action.

Besides parents, wife and son, he is survived by two brothers, Sgt. Delbert Corsaut, now in the Pacific and S/Sgt. Robert Corsaut, now in Italy; and three sisters, Miss Mary Catherine, Kewanna, Mrs. Violet Smith, and Mrs. Dorothy Carpenter, South Bend.

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The W. G. Wheatley family of the Leiters Ford community have received three Mauser rifles captured in Germany by Pfc. Earl Edward Wheatley, who is serving with the First Army. Last month Pfc. Wheatley spent three days in Paris and sent home to his sisters several choice pieces of lingerie from the French capital.

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Donna Jean Peterson, S 1/c (SK), is now located at Waves Barracks, Naval Air Facility, Port Columbus, Ohio.

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Warrant Officer (j.g.) Clinton E. Benedict has informed his wife of a recent promotion to chief warrant officer. He has been serving overseas for several months.

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Pfc. Robert Carr arrived Wednesday for a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Carr, R. 2. Pfc. Carr, a member of the glider arm, has served in England, France, Belgium and Germany. He is one of five brothers in service.

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T/Sgt. William T. Skidmore arrived last night for a 21-day furlough with relatives and friends. Sgt. Skidmor has spent the past three and a half years in the Pacific areas.

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The present address of Pvt. Richard Kindig, 35966406, is: Co. C, 8th Bn., 2nd. Reg., AGFRDM, Ft. Meade, Md.

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The present address of Pvt. Ray A. Pickens, 35972937, is: Co. C, 1st Bn., 113th. Inf., Camp Rucker, Ala.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 10, 1945]

ARMY TAKES ALL EIGHT MAY 2ND. INDUCTEES

All eight of the Fulton county men who on May 2 reported for induction at Indianapolis were assigned to the Army, the local selective service board announced today. They were:

Walter Ball, Jr.

Milo Eugene Yeazel

Kenneth Noble West

Gordon Leonard Groninger

Kenneth Dee Smiley (leader)

Robert Allen Long

Jack Edward Sausaman

Robert Lee Holloway

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CAUSE OF SOLDIER'S DEATH IS REVEALED

Mrs. Donna Murfitt has received details concerning her husband's death which resulted from injuries received in action.

The information was received from the adjutant general of the War department. "S/Sgt. Guy L. Murfitt was a combat infantryman acting as mess sergeant in the battalion headquarters company of the 317th Infantry, 80th Division, at the time that he was seriously injured on Dec. 25, 1944. S/Sgt. Murfitt was with the battalion field train near Lintgen, Luxembourg, when fire bombs were dropped by enemy aircraft and he received severe burns. He was immediately evacuated to the hospital where he died on Jan. 5, 1945. He was buried in the United States Military cemetery at Hamm, Luxe mbourg, where his grave is marked with a cross."

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Sgt. Murfitt was born Sept. 28, 1920, near Leiters Ford. He graduated from Leiters Ford High school in the class of 1940. He was engaged in farming before entering service on July 6, 1942. He was united in marriage with Donna Castleman on Sept. 6, 1943.

He received training at Camp Forrest, Tenn., Camp Phillips, Kans., Camp Luguna, Ariz., and Fort Dix, N.J., before being sent overseas in July, 1944. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the Expert Combat Infantryman Badge. His wife has recently received the Purple Heart awarded to Sgt. Murfitt posthumously.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Guy Lawrence; the parents, Mr. and Ms. Charles E. Murfitt of Leiters Ford; a brother, Edward, with the Army in France, and three sisters, Charlotte, Mary and Rosella, all at home.

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NOW LIEUTENANT

New Orleans, May 11. - John V. Brown, 816 1/2 Main street, Rochester, Ind., has been graduated from the Officer Candidate Department of the Transportation Corps School, New Orleans Army Air Base, and has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States.

Lieutenant Brown was an attorney prior to his induction March 11, 1943. He attended Rochester High school, Wabash college and Indiana law school.

The officer was assigned to active duty with the Transportation Corps immediately after receiving his commission. The mission of the Transportation Corps is to transport soldiers and war materials to theaters of operations.

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Sgt. William E. Wilhoit, 20, Rochester, has recovered from wounds received in Bergstein, Germany, on Feb. 7, 1945, and has now been released for a return to duty. He was confined to the U. S. Army 119th General hospital in England where he received expert medical care, followed by a period of convalescence.

He is a member of a parachute infantry unit. He entered service on March 30, 1943. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Wilhoit, reside at 120 West Seventh street, this city.

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Arthur Buryl Reese, WT 3/c, USN, arrived Thursday afternoon from Brooklyn, N.Y., for a brief visit with his wife, Mrs. Anne Reese and daughter, Shirley Ann. Mrs. Reese, who met him at Brooklyn, accompanied him home.

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Paul F. Zartman, 17, Seaman 2/c, USNR, of Rochester, Ind., arrived at the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va., April 15, to train for duties aboard a new destroyer of the Atlantic fleet.

He recently completed training at the Fleet Service School, Virginia Beach, Va.

Son of Mrs. Gertrude Zartman, 812 1/2 Main street, Rochester, Zartman has a brother, Kenneth, 22, a staff sergeant in the Army coast artillery. Before enlisting in the Navy, he was employed by the Erie Railroad. He attended Rochester high school.

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On completion of his 47th mission over Germany, Bill Ehart, formerly of this city, was promoted to the rank of captain, local friends have been informed.

Capt. Ehart, a B-26 (MartinMarauder) pilot has been in service since the outbreak of hostilities. His present station is not known.

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With the 12th Armored Division, Seventh Army, in Germany. (Special) - T/5 Sanford D. Overmyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Overmyer, Route 1, Kewanna, Ind., was among the first in the 12th Armored division to receive Presidential recognition after the Division entered Germany.

He is a member of the 82nd Armored Medical Battalion which, by direction of the President, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for the period from October 1, 1944 to March 31, 1945.

The Battalion won recognition through "a superior performance of duty in supporting the Division during its operations at Rohrbach and Herrlisheim, France; while clearing the enemy from France in the vicinity of Colman; during the conquest of Southern Germany west of the Rhine and during the initial stages of the pursuit across the Rhine."

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Westover Field, Mass. - Pfc. Marrietta K. Spohn of Rochester, Ind., will join with other members of the WAC detachment at this First Air Force combat crew training school in marking the third anniversary of the Women's Army Corps on Monday, May 14.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kindig of 804 1/2 Main street, Rochester, she is assigned to the service records department of this air base. Prc. Spohn enlistd in February, 1944.

She was graduated from Rochester High school in 1941, studied at the South Bend College of Commerce and was employed by the Studebaker aviation plant in South Bend before entering the service.

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Word has been received by Mrs. Cleo Teeter of Rensselaer, formerly of Fulton, that her son, Lt. Col. L. V. Teeter has been wounded in action while serving with the 23rd Fighter Group in China. He is recovering satisfactorily.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, May 12, 1945]

SEAMAN PARKS HAD PART IN OKINAWA INVASION

Aboard A U.S. Battleship Off Okinawa. (Delayed), May 6. - Floyd I. Parks, Jr., 21, Seaman 1/c, whose wife, Mrs. Leota Frances Parks, lives at Route 5, Rochester, had a grandstand seat from which to view the invasion of Okinawa.

This hard-hitting ship, while under threat of air attack, moved up within 3,000 yards of the shore, cruising slowly back and forth and pulverizing the beach targets at point-blank range. The crew could clearly see the explosions from the ship's shells, as her guns smashed pillboxes, gun emplacements, warehouses and trench fortifications.

The ship's anti-aircraft gunners fought off deadly air assaults during the bombardment period, and on one occasion only skillful maneuvering of the vessel by her commanding officer saved her from a torpedo which had been dropped.

At one time a Jap "Zeke" bomber, pursued by two U. S. Navy planes, came within range of the ship's 20-mm. and 40-mm. guns, and crew members of this ship and those of another close by had the satisfaction of seeing the enemy crash into the sea. Another time, bombs from a Jap plane fell only 200 yards off the port bow.

By early-afternoon of invasion day, the big ship's primary target area had been captured and she was free to lend her powerful support against other enemy held areas.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, May 12, 1945]

BOB MINGLIN DISCHARGED, W. SKIDMORE MAY FOLLOW

First on the list of county men to be discharged under the 85-point credit system is Pfc. Robert Minglin, Kewanna, who was released from military duty at Camp Atterbury on Saturday afternoon. He had just reported at that camp after spending a 45-day furlough with his wife, the former Miss Wilnetta Van Lue, with whom he was united in marriage last April 1.

Minglin, who saw 47 1/2 months' service in the European theatre, was a member of the 34th Infantry Division which saw action in Italy, France and Germany. He holds the Bronze Star, the Good Conduct Medal and the European Ribbon with three campaign stars.

He and Mrs. Minglin will reside at 421 Ohio street in tis city.

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Skidmore Is Eligible

T/Sgt. William T. Skidmore, son of Albert Skidmore, route 6, is undecided, it is said, whether or not to seek a discharge from the Army under the new point system.

Skidmore, who has spent the past three and a half years in the Pacific theater, and who is now enjoying a 21-day furlough with his father and other relatives and friends, has the necessary 85 points, exclusive of combat credits gained in several island invasions, according to reports. Should he elect to apply for discharge from the service under the point system, it is believed his would be the second such eligibility to be filed from Fulton county.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 14, 1945]

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Mrs. Alma Vickery of this city has just received word that her son, Lt. Harold J. Vickery, was promoted to the rank of captain as of April 11. Harold, who is with the U. S. Infantry, was wounded in action on Luzon some time ago.

Mrs. Vickery also stated that she had received a Mother's Day greeting from her other son, Sgt. Austin Vickery, who is now stationed on Saipan.

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Maj. Donald E. Wentzel, route 1, Kewanna, is now serving at an ATC base in Great Britain. He is a member of the European Division of the Air Transport Command, U.S. Army Air Forces, commanded by Brig. Gen. Earl S. Hoag.

As the trans-Atlantic aerial supply line between the U.S. and Europe, the ATC's European Division operates hundreds of cargo and passenger planes monthly, which have carried 220,000 important passengers, 27,125,000 pounds of the all-important soldiers' mail between this theater and the home front in the 20 months of the division's history.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Easterday of Fulton have been informed that their son, Sgt. Howard D. Easterday, was slightly wounded in action in Germany on April 11. He was recently promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. He is the holder of the Infantry Combat Badge.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 14, 1945]

LT. JAMES VOLHAUER IS KILLED IN ACTION

Lt. James Volhauer, who will be remembered here as a boy who spent his summers with his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Palmer at the Sunshine Farm, just west of the city, has been reported killed in action in the Philippines campaign, April 24.

Lt. Volhauer was a resident of Chicago, where his father, Jack Volhauer, is director of purchases for the General American Transport Corp. The lieutenant was with army ordnance and news of his death came as a great surprise to his many friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 15, 1945]

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(Chaplain sends sympathy, condolences to Mother.)

25 April, 1945

Mrs. Mary A. Pollock
Route No. 2
Rochester, Indiana

Re: Pfc. Dwight E. Pollock
35895895, Company A,
11th Arm'd Infantry Bn.
First Armored Division

Dear Mrs. Pollock:

It was with sincere sorrow that we learned of the death of your son, Private First Class Dwight E. (Jiggs) Pollock, who died of wounds 19 April 1945. All of us who knew Dwight join in extending to you our most heartfelt sympathy. He as others of his comrades made the supreme sacrifice that our Christian way of life may be preserved.

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Jiggs was seriously wounded in action 19 April 1945 while engaged with the enemy on the Italian front. He was immediately evacuated to one of our Army Medical companies. Although everything possible was done for him he passed away shortly thereafter. His death was caused by shell fragment wounds from enemy artillery fire. He has been properly identified and buried in a United States Military Cemetery in Northern Italy in an accurately marked grave. One of our Protestant Chaplains conducted burial and committal service for him at the grave.

Jiggs was held in high regard by all the officers and men of the battalion. He was a splendid soldier and of outstanding character. His loss is deeply felt by his many friends and associates. May God keep and rest his soul and help us to carry on the fight for him.

While there is no earthly compensation for the loss of our son, we trust that our mutual faith in God and our way of life shall sustain us in our hours of bereavement. May Almighty God in His infinite wisdom grant us victory so that such brave men as you son shall not have died in vain.

With deepest sympathy,
E. T. Donahue
Lt. Col. Ch. C.,
Division Chaplain.

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A local man has been commended for the part in the historic series of five low level raids on Japan during an eight-day period in March. The man is Sgt. Walter F. Beaudoin, son of Mrs. Catherine Conrad, R. 2, Rochester.

Sgt. Beaudoin is an ordnance worker. He was employed at the Elwood (Ill.) Ordnance plant before entering the armed service in January 1943. He attended Rochester high school.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 15, 1945]

PATTERSONS RETURN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Loder Patterson, who have been residing at Ocala, Fla., for the past two and a half years have returned to take up their permanent residency at their lake home on the east shore of Lake Manitou. Mr. Patterson was an instructor in the U. S. Air Corps and was assigned to duty at several of the training bases in the South.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, May 16, 1945]

PFC. RAYMOND HERRELL LIBERATED IN GERMANY

Pfc. Raymond L. Herrell, 27, captured by the Germans in the Casserine Pass, North Africa, on Feb. 15, 1943, and held as a prisoner of war since that date, has been released and is now enroute to the United States, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Herrell, R. 4, were notified today.

This is the first information to reach Pfc. Herrell's relatives during the past year. Confined in Stalag B-2, he was permitted to write home on several occasions, however, the last letter written by him and received here was dated June 1944. He was released May 15. Herrell, who has a brother, Lloyd Jr., now in the Pacific, is believed to have been one of the first men in this community to have been imprisoned by the Germans. He will receive a furlough upon his arrival in this country, the War Department revealed.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, May 16, 1945]

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Harold Gelbaugh, SCB 3/c, who has returned from a tour of duty in the Pacific, is spending a leave of absence with his wife and daughter.

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The new address of Pvt. Glen H. Smith, 35572750, is APO 824, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Mrs. Myrtle Wentzel has been informed that her husband, Donald Wentzel, formerly of Kewanna, has been promoted to the rank of major in the Army Transport Command.

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Major Wentzel states that he has been transferred from France to Italy. He has been overseas nearly three years.

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Arthur Brubaker, F 1/c, who has been stationed at the submarine base, New London, Conn., is home for a brief leave with his wife and family.

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S/Sgt. Floyd Gaumer is spending a short furlough with relatives and friends. Mrs. Gaumer, who has been with him at Fort McClellan, Ala., accompanied him home.

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Pvt. Raymond "Slim" Bowers a member of the First Cavalry division, Fort Riley, Kansas, is home for a 10-day furlough, with his family and other relatives and friends.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Troutman, route 2, Kewanna, has received word that her son, Pfc. Charles E. Troutman has received the combat infantryman award for active campaign work in Germany. Charles is with the 49th Armored Infantry Battalion.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, May 16, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Sadowsky, 716 Pontiac street on Monday afternoon received a telephone call from their son, Pfc. Maurice Sadowsky, Jr., who has arrived at Camp Atterbury from overseas where he was a prisoner of war following capture last December at the Battle of the Bulge. He expects to arrive home on furlough at an early date.

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Mrs. Harley McLain has received word from her brother, Pfc. Lemoine Hardacre, who recently enjoyed a furlough with relatives and friends here, that he has arrived safely at his station in the Hawaiian Islands.

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The present address of Pvt. Jack Sausaman, 359889814, is Co. D, 126th Bn., 32nd TTR, Camp Livingston, La., according to word received b his mother, Mrs. Gladys Sausaman.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 17, 1945]

COL. ENSIGN OF U.S. AIR CORPS AT LAKE MANITOU

It was learned today, through relatives, that Col. Louis Ensign of Boise, Idaho, who with Mrs. Ensign and daughter Susan, are spending a few weeks at the Suits-Us cottage, Lake Manitou, had taken part in numerous bombing runs over Germany.

Colonel Ensign had been stationed at one of the U. S. Army air bases in England ever since the invasion of the French coast. During his several years in service in the U.S. Air corps, he has been the recipient of several special citations and honorary awards.

The army aviation officer is a nephew of Mrs. Charles E. Pyle and a brother of Frederick Ensign of Indianapolis and Rochester, and has a host of friends throughout Rochester and community. The Ensigns for many years spent their summer vacations at Manitou.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 17, 1945]

PFC. E. A. MILLER AWARDED THE CROIX DE GUERRE

With The Fourth Armored Division In Germany, May 5. - Cited by the French government for "exceptional services rendered in connection with the liberation of France," Private First Class Edgar A. Miller, 24, of Rochester, Indiana, has been awarded the Croix de Guerre with Bronze Star.

Member of the Fourth Armored Division's 51st Armored Infantry Battalion, Pfc. Miller participated in the crack tank division's spectacular drive across France. The Fourth's record shows a leading role in the Normandy breakthrough, cutting off the Brittany peninsula, a lightning

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sweep east across France north of the Loire river, making and defending the Moselle bridgehead beyond Nancy, and the first crossing of the Sarre river.

The Fourth Armored Divison was the first Third Army unit to break into the Belgium Bulge, effecting the historic relief of the besieged 101st Airborne Division at Bastogne last Christmas.

Son of LaVirga Miller, R.R. 6, Rochester, Ind., Pfc. Miller has been overseas more than a year. He previously was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 18, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Pfc. Maurice Sadowsky has arrived home on furlough for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Sadowsky, 716 Pontiac street.

Pfc. Sadowsky is the first liberated prisoner to reach home in this community. He escaped April 10, from a Nazi P.O.W. camp, where he had been confined since his capture last December 16th.

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Cpl. M. C. Hunter, whose service letter was published in Thursday's edition of The News-Sentinel, is the son of Mrs. David W. Hunter, of southwest of Rochester. He has been with the Marine Corps in the Southwest Pacific for the past year. Cpl. Hunter attended Rochester High school during the years of 1925, '26 and '27.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 18 1945]

PVT. ROLLAND MEYER, 23, IS NOW REPORTED KILLED

Mrs. Clarence Breen, 1106 Elm street, was today notified by the War Department of the death in action of her son, Pvt. Rolland Meyer, 23, who was previously reported missing in action Jan. 15, last.

Rolland entered the service June 30, 1944 and trained at Fort McClain, Alabama. He had been overseas only about three weeks when he was reported missing during the fighting around Germont, Belgium. He had spent a short furlough at home with his parents and other relatives and friends last November.

He was born in Fulton on July 2, 1921 and attended school at Fulton and Rochester. Prior to his entry into the armed forces, he was engaged in farming.

Surviving besides the mother and step-father are two brothers, Sgt. Dean Meyer, now in New Guinea and Howard Meyer, at home. His father preceded him in death several years ago.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 18 1945]

BEN LOWE, JR., RELEASED FROM GERMAN PRISON

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lowe, of South Bend, have just received word via the Red Cross that their son, Sgt. Ben Lowe, Jr., has been freed from a German prison camp and will soon be returned to the U. S.

Sgt. Lowe, who enlisted in the service in 1942 was captured by the Germans in February of 1943 during the North African campaign. He was serving under the command of General Patton and was with the U. S. 1st Armored Division.

The Lowes are former residents of Rochester and have many friends throughout this community.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, May 19, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Stephen of this city have been informed of the serious illness of their son, Sgt. Sam Stephen, who is now confined in a hospital in the Philippines with tropical fever.

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Capt. Russell H. Blackburn, Army Chaplain Corps, of Sheppard Field, Texas, is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Blackburn, West Third street.

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Captain Blackburn, a member of the St. Joseph conference of the United Brethren church, attended grade and high school in Rochester, and is well known in this community.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, May 19, 1945]

SCHOOL INSIGNIA UNITES TWO FORMER SCHOOLMATES

Pfc. Maurice Sadowsky, recently returned from a prison camp in Germany, left this morning for Indianapolis where he will have a complete check-up at Billings General hospital, preparatory to a 60-day furlough.

Pfc. Sadowsky, who was confined in Stalag 13-C, following his capture last December 17, and who escaped the Nazi camp on April 10, credits his old high school insignia "RHS" for a great deal of relief, mentally, while in Nazi hands.

Held With 2,000 Others

He relates that there were some 2,000 American prisoners quartered in an old horse stable within the camp, and that everyone confined were in a state of mental anguish, because of the uncertainties ahead of them, coupled with a dwindling ration of plain food, and that no one appeared to notice anyone else. Then, one day, a soldier brushed past his bunk, and on his sweat shirt were the familiar letters of his own school.

Intrigued, he followed the bearer of those letters, "RHS," and upon meeting up with him in another section of the enclosure, discovered a former classmate, Sgt. Glen Cleland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cleland.

Regains Lost Weight

Pfc. Sadowsky states that at the time of his escape, and during the five days which followed, when he threaded his way through hostile contry, to reach American lines, he lost some 30 pounds in weight, but excellent care and good food, soon brought back the flush of youth and health to his cheeks, until now, five weeks later, he has regained almost all lost weight.

Sadowsky hopes to be released for furlough at an early date and will spend his time here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Sadowsky, Sr., at 718 Pontiac street. Sgt. Cleland released a little later, has not as yet reached the United States, according to available reports.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 21, 1945]

LT. GRIZZELL'S COMPANY SURVIVES ON HERBS

With The 38th Division On Luzon. - Without communications and supplies for five days in a Luzon tropical area, a company of the 151st Infantry, including Lt. Ellis H. Grizzell of Leiters Ford, Ind., weathered the period by eating roots and herbs.

Schooled in jungle living before entering battle, members of the unit obtained the necessary vitamins from the plants to continue its march until contact was made with a battalion patrol.

They had a mission to search out isolated pockets of Japanese who had fled deep into the jungles, and completed it. Not a loss was suffered by the company.

Lt. Grizzell, who won his commission in the field following the battle for Zig Zag Pass, is a member of the fighting 38th Division. He is the husband of the former Zelma Davis of Leiters Ford.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grizzell, reside at Royalton, Ill.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 21, 1945]

SGT. ABBOTT IS AWARDED POSTHUMOUS SILVER STAR

William J. Abbott of Fulton has just been informed that the Silver Star is being awarded posthumously to his son, Sgt. Eldon W. Abbott.

A few days ago the following letter was received by Mr. Abbott from the U. S. War department:

" . . . I have the honor to inform you that by direction of the President, the Silver Star has been awarded to your son by the Commanding General of the 79th Infantry Division. The citation is as follows:

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Silver Star

“For gallantry in action in France. On 21 June, 1944 the platoon of which Sergeant Abbott was a member, was supporting an assault on a series of enemy pillboxes. The area had been cleaned, thus affording the enemy anti-tank guns, artillery and machine guns excellent fields of fire. The assault troops were held fast by the intense enemy fire and Sergeant Abbott, on his own initiative, advanced across the open field without regard for his personal safety and organized three machine gun squads and several riflemen into a reinforcement group. With this additional firepower the pressure on the assaulting troops was alleviated and the enemy pillboxes were captured. Sergeant Abbott's achievement in an extremely hazardous action reflects highest credit upon the military forces of the United States.’

“The decoration will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Fifth Service Command, Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, who will select an officer to make the presentation. The officer selected will communicate with you concerning your wishes in the matter.

“May I again extend my deepest sympathy to you in your bereavement.

“Sincerely yours,

“J. A. Ulio

“Major General,

“The Adjutant General.”

Besides Mr. Abbott's son, Eldon, who was killed in action, he has two other sons in the service, Wilbur, a corporal in the Quartermaster Corps, now in Italy, and Alvin, yeoman 3/c, on the USS Indiana in the South Pacific. He has been in all the major engagements there.

Mrs. Abbott also has two sons in the service of their country, Robert Craine, storekeeper 3/c, located in Florida, and Lawrence Craine, a sergeant and a B.A.R. gunner located somewhere in the Philippines.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 21, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Florence Raymer, 530 Madison street, is in receipt of a copy of a broadcast made Mother's Day by her son, Coxswain Francis Raymer, a prisoner of war now at Osaka, Japan.

The copy, sent here by the Navy department, was picked up by the department's monitors, and gives Coxswain Raymer's broadcast as follows:

“Hello Mother, Dad and all the rest of my friends and relatives in America. We prisoners over here still have our chins up and faith in our hearts for all you are doing and have done because we know America. Here's hoping this message is as near the end of the war as my first was the beginning. Your son and friend, Coxswain Francis Marion Raymer.”

Raymer was captured by the Japs when Guam fell early in the war. Several cards, letters and other communications from him have been received from time to time since he was imprisoned on the Japanese homeland.

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Mr. and Mrs. George McKee, route 2, Akron, on Saturday evening received a telephone call from their son, Sgt. Richard McKee, that he had arrived safely in New York, and that he would reach Billings hospital, Indianapolis, some time today. He anticipates a furlough in the near future. Sgt. Robert Richardson, who was captured with him last December, and who also escaped with him, will follow on another boat, McKee reveals.

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Lt. Col. Eddie Hoffenbacher, Army Chaplain Corps, stopped her Saturday enroute for reassignment at Camp Bukner, N.C., for a five-day leave of absence with his wife and other relatives and friends.

Col. Hoffenbacher had received sailing orders to report back to the European theatre for duty, after a 45-day leave, when V-E Day caused a revision of orders. He had previously spent three years in England and France.

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Ralph Zimmerman, s 1/c, spent a 72-hour leave from his duties at Great Lakes, Ill., with his wife and family here.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 21, 1945]

PVT. RAYMOND R. JONES SUCCUMBS IN MICHIGAN

Pvt. Raymond R. Jones, 33, succumbed Monday evening at the Percy Jones General hospital, Battle Creek, Mich., of a malady contracted in service, following an illness of several months.

Pvt. Jones, the son of Ed and Dora Jones of this city, was born in Liberty township on March 16, 1912, and resided throughout his entire life, with the exception of four years when a small child, during which he lived in Montana with his parents, and the past year while a soldier in the U.S. Army. Since his marriage with the former Arvada Barnes, he claimed residence on a farm two miles north of Akron.

On April 11, 1944, he was inducted into the Army and trained in Nebraska and other sections of the country until ill health forced him into the hospital at Camp Atterbury, Ind., Billings General hospital at Indianapolis, and finally to the Jones hospital in Battle Creek.

Surviving are the wife, parents, five sons, Jimmy Dean, Jackie Dick, Kenneth, Ronald and Donald; one brother, Robert O., U.S. Army, Danville, Ky., and one sister, Mrs. Mary Ellen Mikesell, Harvey, Ill.

Funeral services are as yet incomplete.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 22, 1945]

LOCAL SOLDIER NOW AT UNITED NATIONS MEET

T/5 Joseph Anthony Brown is, perhaps, the only Fulton county man who has had the honor to serve at the United Nations Conference, now in session at San Francisco.

Selected because of an enviable record and holder of the Good Conduct Medal, European Theatre Ribbon with four stars, and the American Theatre Ribbon, won in combat action in the invasion of Africa, Battle of Tunis and the invasion of Sicily and Italy, he will, in all probability, remain at the conference in assigned duties until the conclusion of deliberations.

His wife, Mrs. Virginia (Bell) Brown, resides at 469 E. Ninth street in this city.

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HEAR FROM SOLDIER SON WHO WAS GERMAN POW

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hall, 710 East Tenth street, have been informed of the liberation from a Nazi prison camp, Stalag 2B, of their son, Pvt. John T. Hall, who fell prisoner to the Germans in North Africa about two and a half years ago.

In a letter received today, Pvt. Hall expressed his joy at being back again in American hands after the harrowing experience of life in a Nazi concentration camp, and expressed the belief that he would soon be home for a needed and well-earned furlough.

Pvt. Hall entered service Oct. 22, 1941, and trained at Camp Dix, N.J., before going overseas in April of 1942. He was assigned to Co. E, 168th infantry, a unit of the U. S. Rainbow division.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 22, 1945]

SGT D. SMILEY GETS MERITORIOUS AWARD

A Ninth Air Force Service Command Base, France, - Sergeant F. Dale Smiley is a member of a Ninth Air Force Service Team Headquarters recently awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for its superior performance in servicing an outstanding P-51 Mustang Group.

The Squadron award was made by Brig. General Myron R. Wood, Commanding General of the IX Air Force Service Command. His citation read in part, "The superior performance and untiring devotion to duty displayed by members of the Headquarters Squadron contributed largely to the successful operations of this command in England and France, and upholds the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States."

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Accompanying the citation was a handsome engraved plaque which was presented to the Headquarters Squadron. In recognition of his personal efforts in bringing about this award Sergeant Smiley now wears a distinctive gold wreath on the right sleeve of his uniform.

Sergeant Smiley is the son of Earl Smiley, who resides in Rochester, Indiana. Prior to entering the service in 1943, Sergeant Smiley was employed by the American Foundry Equipment Company, Mishawaka, Indiana.

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KEWANNA SURVIVOR OF S.S. FRANKLIN EPIC AWARDED BRONZE STAR

Devon M. Hizer, son of Mrs. Effie Robbins, R. 2, Kewanna, is one among 97 survivors of the U. S. Carrier Franklin, to reach Brooklyn Navy Yard aboard, and to receive the Bronze Star for his part in the heroic action which brought the "Big Ben" out of chaos into a safe dock, when the fortunes of war had turned in dramatic action against her.

Hailed as one of the outstanding feats in naval history, her crew brought her safely out of a holocaust touched off by a Jap bomb in action off the Nipponese homeland when fire and explosions all but succeeded in destroying the big flat-top with all aboard.

Twelve Navy crosses, 16 silver stars and 69 bronze stars were presented the officers and men who battled fire and explosions to keep the ship afloat.

"Only by the outstanding skill, stamina and heroism of the officers and the crew could the Franklin, against what seemed like insuperable odds, have traveled the 12,000 miles from the scene of disaster to her berth here in the Brooklyn Navy Yard," Vice Admiral Aubrey W. Fitch said in presenting the awards.

This is the second sea disaster from which Hizer has come out alive. Earlier in the war he was aboard a carrier which was torpedoed in the Southwest Pacific, with a heavy loss of life.

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SERVICE NOTES

Cpl. James Bowers is spending a 17-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bowers. He was recently transferred to the Army Air Field at Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Pvt. Clarence (Pat) Overmyer of Norfolk, Va., is spending a short leave here with his wife and other relatives and friends.

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Fort Myers, Fla. - Cpl. LeRoy Sayger, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Sayger, Rochester, Ind., graduated recently from Buckingham Army Air Field, one of the AAF Training Command's largest B-29 gunnery schools.

Now qualified as an aerial gunner, Cpl. Sayger received twelve weeks training at Buckingham, located at Fort Myers, Fla., on the edge of the famous Florida Everglades. While there he studied the 50 caliber machine guns, practiced firing on various ground ranges and participated in firing from high flying bombers during simulated combat attacks.

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Pfc. Ostinell T. Davis who has just returned from an Army hospital in England, and who is now a patient at the Gardiner hospital, Chicago, spent the week-end with his father, O. A. Davis, in this city.

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Roy Fultz, F 1/c, USN, will arrive home today to spend an 18-day leave here with his wife and daughter and other relatives. Roy quite recently returned to the Navy base at San Francisco after six months of active service in Pacific war zones.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Utter have been informed by their son Morse, that he is now located on Okinawa. His new address is, ASN 35908918, APO 27, care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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Wayne Junior Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lann Wayne Kelley, Ruyral Route 4, Rochester, is receiving his initial Naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

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Aboard The USS Aucilla In The Pacific. - Bert Frederic Bender, storekeeper third class, USNR, 26, whose mother, Mrs. Edna Laura Crabbs, lives on route 4, Rochester, Ind., is a member of the crew of this sturdy oiler which brought vitally needed fuel into Iwo Jima and Okinawa and chalked up its 100,000th mile of two-ocean operation in 16 months.

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With The Fifth Army, Italy. - Pfc. Virgil R. Van Duyne of Kewanna, is returning home on rotation from the Fifty army in Italy.

Van Duyne was a cannoneer with B Battery, 631st Field Artillery Battalion, normally assigned to H (Second) Corps. He participated in every major offensive of the Fifth army and celebrated the unconditional surrender of German forces in Italy before leaving for the States.

His wife, Alice, lives on Route 1, Kewanna.

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Arthur Fred Marquardt, EM 3/c, is spending a few days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Marquardt of Route 5. He has been serving in the South Pacific area and will return to duty there soon.

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SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Stacey Tobey, R. 6, have been informed by their son, Sgt. Richard Tobey of his safe arrival on V-E Day, in Germany.

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Mrs. Blanche Williams has been informed that her son, T/Sgt. James A. Williams has been transferred to the 1136th Air Service Group, now located in Belgium.

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Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Alber, R. 5, have been advised that their son, Addison Alber, A/S, has been sent to the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., where he will receive his boot training.

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T/r Delbert Corsaut, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corsaut of Kewanna, has received his discharge under the point system, after having spent a long period of duty in the Pacific.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 24, 1945]

CAPT. "BILL" CALLAHAN GETS BRONZE STAR MEDAL

A 1st Tactical Air Force Service Group, France, May 15. - The Bronze Star Medal has been awarded to Capt. William Callahan of Rochester, Ind., for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy.

Captain Callahan, as both communications officer of a First Tactical Air Force Service Group and commanding officer of a Signal Company, coordinated the installation and maintenance of essential communications systems. Through his personal effort, under hazardous conditions, his unit has always been rated "superior." His parents, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Callahan, live on route 6, Rochester.

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WORLD WAR II VETERAN ACCEPTS POSITION HERE

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Private citizen, Robert "Bob" Minglin, the first Fulton county service man to be discharged under the 85-point system, has accepted a position at the Paul Eiler electric shop and has already assumed his duties there.

"Bob" had served 47 1/2 months in the various theatres of war in Europe and was the recipient of the Bronze Star and other awards for meritorious service. Mr. and Mrs. Minglin have taken up their permanent residence here at 421 Ohio street.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 24, 1945]

SILVER STAR AWARDED TO LT. H. B. THORNBURG

For extraordinary heroism in action against the Japanese in the South Pacific, the Silver Star Medal recently was awarded posthumously to Lt. Harold Babcock Thornburg, USN, a son of Mrs. Howard P. Calloway of route 1, Rochester.

Lieutenant Thornburg is survived by his parents and his wife, Mrs. Katie V. Thornburg, 659 I avenue, Coronado, Calif.

Text of the citation follows:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as observer in a torpedo plane in action against enemy Japanese forces at Halmahera in the South Pacific Area on Sept. 21, 1944. When his pilot was seriously wounded by enemy gunfire while carrying out a bombing attack on hostile installations, Lieutenant Thornburg immediately took command of the situation, instructing two crew members in emergency measures and attempting to revive the unconscious pilot before he himself finally parachuted to the ground from a dangerously low altitude. By his cool initiative and intelligent direction, he saved the lives of the crew members and his resolute fortitude and great personal valor under extremely perilous conditions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the U. S. Naval Service."

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 24, 1945]

CPL. THOMAS RHODES LIBERATED ON MAY 7TH.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Rhodes, northeast of Athens, have received word from their son, Cpl. Thomas Rhodes, announcing his liberation from a Nazi prison camp on May 7, and of his safe arrival at a U. S. base, where he is being processed for a furlough home.

Corporal Rhodes was captured by the Germans on April 5, during the Army's march through the Rhineland. He states that he is feeling fine, and little the worse for wear during his confinement. He has two brothers in service, Pfc. Dale Rhodes and Pfc. Porter Rhodes, Jr., both of whom are now at home on furlough.

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SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Alber of R.R. 5, have received the forwarding address of their son, Addison, who reported for duty in the Navy at Indianapolis, Sat., May 19. The address is: Addison E. Alber, 2941704, Company 716, USNTC, Great Lakes, Illinois.

With The 3rd Infantry Division In Pangasinan Province, Luzon, P.I. - Private Howard E. Wildermuth husband of Mrs. Ruby Wildermuth, who with their daughter, Judity Kay, live at Kewanna, Indiana, has arrived in the Philippines and has been assigned to the veteran 32d Infantry Division.

Pvt. Wildermuth will serve with the Division's crack 128th Infantry Regiment. The Division, which for three long years has fought its way up the "road back" from Australia to the Philippines, is currently fighting amid the precipitous mile-high peaks of Northern Luzon's Carahallo Mountains.

Pvt. Wildermuth entered the Army in Oct., 1944, trained at Camp Robinson, Ark., and left the U. S. for overseas duty in March 1945. His parents Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wildermuth are residents of Rochester.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Shore of this city have received word from their son that he is now training with an engineer corps at Fort Leonard, Mo. His complete address is: Pvt. Byron B. Shore, 46021183, Co. C., 3th E.T. Bn., 1st Platoon, ASFTC, U.S. Army, Fort Leonard, Mo.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, May 26, 1945]

TWO MORE FULTON CO. MEN RELEASED FROM SERVICE

Camp Atterbury, Ind., May 26 (INS) - The following were included in Indiana men who were discharged Friday from the Atterbury separation center. The soldiers scoring 85 or more points under the Army's adjusted service rating plan now civilians are:

Sgt. George J. Minarik, route 3, Rochester.

T/Sgt. Kenneth E. Brandt, Macy.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, May 26, 1945]

ARGOS SAILOR GIVES LIFE IN PACIFIC WAR

An Argos navy man has given his life in action. He is Anthony Peter Macukas, F 1/c, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Macukas, of route 3, Argos, and the husband of Helen Markley Macukas, who is enroute from Los Angeles to her home at the present time. The official Navy Department telegram did not disclose the date of the death but stated that his body was interred in an Allied cemetery on a Pacific island pending cessation of hostilities.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, May 26, 1945]

SGT. McKEE RETURNS HOME; CAPTURED IN BULGE BATTLE

Being a prisoner of war of the Nazis is not exactly the kind of way you'd choose to spend Christmas and New Year's, but that's exactly the way it happened to Sgt. Richard McKee, son of Mr. and Mrs. George McKee of near Athens, who recently returned home. Sgt. McKee had many stories to tell, but none more interesting than the story of his capture, treatment, and subsequent escape.

Sgt. McKee's active duty on the front began on December the 10th. A little over a week later he found himself holding the line against Von Rundstadt's desperate smash into the Allied line in an attempt to break the back of the force that was advancing into Germany. Unable to check the drive, many Allies fell victims or captives of the Nazi machine and among the latter was Sgt. McKee.

First Taste of Cruelty

On Dec. 19, the date of his capture, a group of prisoners, including Sgt. McKee, was started on a march into Germany. One hundred and thirty miles later the group arrived at Coblenz and from there to Linburg. They were at Linburg for two days over New Years. Here Sgt. McKee got his first taste of Nazi cruelty. Put into a box car with 80 other men, he was forced to spend five days and night with only one drink of water. While enroute the men were given one Red Cross package for each 14 men. They arrived at Stalag 4B where they were supposed to be registered with the Red Cross. Since they received very few packages from the Red Cross, Sgt. McKee said it was doubtful whether the Nazis even bothered to send their names to the Red Cross.

Could Hear Russian Guns

Here at the prison camp the non-commissioned officers were separated from the enlisted men and started further into Germany. They arrived at Stalag 8A and here they spent a month. During this month the Russians began their all-out drive and drew closer and closer to the camp. Finally, when the Russian artillery was audible in the distance the prisoners were started on a forced march.

From Feb. 14 to April 11, the group of prisoners marched a distance of 800 miles. When the march started, there were 1,800 men in the party, but when it ended the number had fallen to between 700 and 800. They were marched to a work camp at Brunswick and left for a week. From there they went to Kenningslutter. When they reached the outskirts of the town, the party crossed a famous German superhighway bordered by trees. As they passed the trees, four men

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dropped out in a bid for freedom. Among them was Sgt. McKee. The group stayed in the trees until dark and then received food from a farmer.

Join British Prisoners

The next day they crept into the town only to find that it had just surrendered to Allied forces. This was the 12th of April. Sgt. McKee's group joined some British doughboys who had been prisoners of the Nazis for five years and who were overjoyed at their release. These men had been freed by the famous 30th Division. Since the British did not have time to halt their advance and leave some men in the town, Sgt. McKee and the other three men were put in charge of the town. They were given a hotel for their headquarters. For two days they lived the life of a king. Finally anxious to start back to France and perhaps home, they swiped a car and started for Paris. Their little tour was stopped when they had a blowout at Munster. Luckily for them there was an airfield near Munster where they were put on a C-47 transport plane. While enroute to Paris a medical officer noticed that they were in a weak condition, so when they landed he ordered them to a hospital. Sgt. McKee was in the hospital for 17 days after which he was put on a hospital ship at Cherbourg and sent to the United States. The ship docked at New York on May 18.

Hitler Youth Tough

Sgt. McKee was asked about impression the German people left on his mind and he stated that some of them were all right. "Some of them would help you," he said, "but if the Germans saw them doing it they would either turn their guns on the people or the prisoners. The worst Germans are the Hitler youths. They spit on you, as you go by and even throw stones."

Sgt. McKee is the holder of various medals for service to his country. He has the Combat Infantryman's Medal, the Purple Heart, received for a wound he sustained in the leg after his capture, the Good Conduct Medal, the American Theater Ribbon and the European Theater Ribbon with two combat stars.

Sgt. McKee entered the army on Dec. 11, 1942, and he arrived overseas on Oct. 19, 1944.

He will report back to a hospital for a check-up after which he will receive a 60-day furlough which he plans to spend at the farm home of his parnts, Mr. and Mrs. George McKee, near Athens.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 28, 1945]

RED CROSS ANNOUNCES THREE LIBERATIONS

The Fulton county chapter, American Red. Cross, today revealed the liberation of three county men from Nazi prison camps, according to information released by Mrs. Bessie Nungesser, county secretary.

The release is made through the local press following official announcement to the parents by the Red Cross chapter, and announces the liberation and safe return to American lines of the following:

First Lt. Harold Meiser, son of Mrs. Joseph Meiser, route 5, Rochester.

Second Lt. W. C. Thompson, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, route 6, Rochester.

Pvt. Herbert Bowersox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bowersox, route 4, Rochester.

These men had been under Nazi confinement for varying periods of time. They are expected to be returned to the United States at an early date.

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SERVICE NOTES

James Boyce, former local resident, now of Indianapolis, has received word that his son, Sgt. Charles Boyce, who was reported wounded in action in Germany, has been evacuated to a hospital in France, where he is recovering. Sgt. Boyce was a graduate of the local high school, and is well known here.

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Mr. and Mrs. Forrest M. Pfeiffer have been informed of the arrival at Hollorhan hospital, New York, of their son, T/5 Devon Pfeiffer who was wounded in Belgium.

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Pvt. Robert E. Jackson has informed relatives and friends here of his transfer from Kingman, Arizona to Scott Field, Illinois, where he is now located.

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Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Herrell, R. 4, have been informed by letter from a corpsman in a field hospital that their son, Pvt. Warren E. Herrell, with the U. S. Marines in the Pacific, has been wounded in action, and is now under treatment for shrapnel injuries to his right arm and leg. The location of the hospital is on a Pacific island and Pvt. Herrell expects to be back in the fighting with his outfit soon again.

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Ensign Robert F. Burns, U. S. Navy, and Paul Burns, Jr., U. S. Merchant Marine, are home for a brief leave of absence with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burns.

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SGT. CORSAUT TO RETURN TO KEWANNA SOON

Fifth Air Force Service Command, Somewhere in the Moluccas, May 19. - After more than 35 months' service in Australia, New Guinea and the Netherlands East Indies, Sgt. Delbert D. Corsaut, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corsaut of Kewanna, Ind., is returning home under the rotation of personnel program.

An ammunition specialist with a unit of the Fifth Air Force Service Command, which repairs and maintains Fifth Air Force vehicles, Sgt. Corsaut is entitled to wear the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon with two campaign stars for his participation in the New Guinea and Papuan campaigns and the Good Conduct Medal.

Prior to his enlistment in January, 1942, Sgt. Corsaut was employed with his father, assisting in recreation hall. He is a graduate of Kewanna High school.

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LOCAL SAILOR SAYS "IT'S A SMALL WORLD, AFTER ALL" - AND HE PROVES IT

Seaman third class, Richard "Dick" Sanders, son of Mrs. Lois Beattie, R. 5, concludes that this is a small world, after all.

He arrived at this deduction on May 6, while on duty in the far Pacific and in this way, according to a letter received this morning by his mother.

"I went on watch at four o'clock this afternoon," he relates. "There were a number of LST's (landing ship tanks) in our squadron, and off the port bow I espied one that looked as if she had seen plenty of action.

"As we often do, when things are in a lull, I flashed her a signal. Back came an acknowledgement from her signal lamp, that she was standing by.

"Any Hoosiers aboard your wreck?" I asked. "'One,' she replied. "'I'm from Indiana.'"

"What town? I asked eagerly.

"'A little junk place you probably never heard of--Rochester'" came the reply.

"We talked for an hour, giving one another all the news we'd heard from home. Then came mess call.

"Oh, yes, I nearly forgot! It was Don Smiley."

Don is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smiley, West Fourth Street.

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LT. WILLIAM THOMPSON LIBERATED AND IS WELL

Mr. and Mrs. William Mac Thompson, of the Sunshine Dairy, have received word from their son, Lt. William Thompson, concerning his release from the Nazi prison camp, Stalag Luft 1, where he had been held a prisoner of war since he was shot down over Austria on Nov. 2, 1943.

Veteran of more than 25 European bombing missions as a navigator on a Flying Fortress, he was reported missing in action when his plane failed to return to base.

Lt. Thompson, a graduate of the Hammond High school, and prior to his enlistment in July, 1942, an employe in the laboratories of the Inland Steel Co. in East Chicago, stated in his

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letter that he is well, considering his long term of captivity, and that he anticipates an early return to the United States for a leave of absence. His writing indicates an unusually steady hand and his parents are hopeful that a few weeks of rest and relaxation will restore him to normal health. His last letter was received more than a year ago and since that time nothing was known of his whereabouts.

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Martin J. Husley has just received his son's address which is: William J. Huxley, Co. 707, USN, Great Lakes, Ill. "Bill" was formerly one of the stars of the Rochester High school basketball team.

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Robert Kern, A/S, is home for a short leave with his wife and family of Athens. He has successfully passed Radar examinations and will be assigned to that branch of service when he returns to duty.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Cessna have been informed of the liberation from a Nazi prison camp at Barth, Germany, of their nephew, Lt. Lee Castleman, who was shot down over the Reich last July, and who has since been a prisoner of war.

Lt. Castleman, 22, a son of the former Helen Rush of this city enlisted in the air force in April of 1941. He was last heard from by letter last September. In a letter to his relatives here he stated that he came out of Germany weighing 170 pounds, and that he had received very good treatment at the hands of his captors. He has been evacuated to a hospital in France and expects soon to return on leave of absence to the United States. Lt. Castleman's parents reside in Phoenix, Ariz.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Miller, route 4, have been advised of the promotion of their son, Ralph, from the rank of first lieutenant to the rank of captain.

Captain Miller is a pilot on a B-26 bomber with the Ninth air force in Europe and has seen service over Europe for the past year.

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Two brothers, Earl and Jesse Thompson of this city, met recently in Manila for the first time in four years, friends here were advised recently by letter, which gave the details of the happy reunion. Both men are with the Army. Earl is a former employe of The News-Sentinel.

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William "Bill" Huxley, AS, son of County Agent M. I Huxley, has arrived at Great Lakes Naval Training Center where he will receive is boot training.

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Mrs. Jane Shriver has been informed that her husband, J. F. Shriver, USN, has been promoted to the grade of petty officer. He has been on duty in the Pacific area for several months.

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Pfc. Clarence "Pat" Overmyer of Tiosa advises that he has returned to duty at Norfolk, Va., and that his address is M.P. Co., Norfolk Army Base, Va. Pfc. Overmyer is with the military police corps.

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Seaman first class Jesse Brown is enjoying a two week leave of absence visiting his wife and children, parents, Mr. and Mrs. Selden J. Brown, and other relatives and friends. This is his first leave in a year.

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Now In Virginia - ATC Base, Abadan, Iran - May 17 - Here at this Air Transport Command base linking the army's supply route between the West and East, Pvt. Glen H. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey F. Smith of Macy, Ind., is stationed as an automotive mechanic at the

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Abadan Air Base in th North African Division of ATC. This base is expected to play an important role as the Yanks move their full strength to the East.

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TWO MORE LOCAL MEN RETIRED FROM SERVICE

Camp Atterbury, Ind., May 29. (INS) - The following Fulton county men were discharged Monday under the Army adjusted service rating plan:

S/Sgt Edward H. Drew, 123 West Fourth street, Rochester.

M/Sgt. Orville Joseph, 628 West Sixth street, Rochester.

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GETS BIRTHDAY GIFT -- IT'S A YEAR LATE

Uncle Sam does deliver the mail, Pvt. James Kindig, with the army in New Guinea assures his mother, Mrs. Ray Kindig, 804 1/2 Main street, in acknowledgement of a birthday package received May 16.

It was a year late, Kindig said in his letter, but because of that he was able to celebrate two birthdays in one.

The package, mailed here in March, 1944, had trailed James through many remote places in the Pacific. It had been re-wrapped several times, and a box of cigars had been spoiled by having been wet. A writing tablet also had been badly damaged, but still on the front page was his mother's wish, "Happy Birthday."

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TWO MORE DISCHARGED

Staff Sergeants George J. Minarik, R. 3, veteran of the African and Italian campaigns, and Edward H. Drew, 123 W. Fourth street, member of a U. S. Bomber unit in England, have received discharges on the point system, the local selective service board announced today.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday May 31, 1945]

S/SGT. GORDON SHAW RELEASED BY GERMANS

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Shaw of Elwood, former residents of this community, received a message on Mothers' Day from their son, S/Sgt. Gordon Shaw, that he was at Le Havre, France, awaiting embarkation for the U. S. Gordon had been held a prisoner of war by the Germans for several months and the message was the first from him since he was taken prisoner.

Sgt. Shaw was a gunner of a medium bomber crew which was forced down over enemy territory during a raid. He attended school at Rochester for a few years and later graduated from the Leiters Ford High school. Gordon has a host of friends throughout Rochester and Aubbeenaubbee townships.

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SERVICE NOTES

Headquarters, Eighth Army, Leyte, P.I., May 23. - For "meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy" in New Guinea and the Philippines, a Bronze Star Medal has been awarded to Lt. Col. Leroy Norris, Mentone, Ind. His wife, Mrs. Mabel E. Norris, lives in Mentone. The presentation was made by Lt.-Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger, on whose staff Colonel Norris serves. Colonel Norris is a graduate of Purdue university, class of '34.

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The 128th Gen. Hospital, England. - Staff Sergeant John R. Richardson, 21, of Rt. 2, Rochester, Indisana, liberated after four months in German hands as a prisoner, has been returned to this United States general hospital in England where he is rapidly regaining lost weight.

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His ward surgeon, Captain Charles W. Beaven of Nashville, Tennessee, who pointed out Sgt. Richardson was suffering from malnutrition due to inadequate diet, said "his condition is good and he is showing steady improvement."

Hospital diet for ex-prisoners includes plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables, ice cream, egg-nogs and other body building foods. In addition, movies are shown on the post, books and magazines are provided and the American Red Cross makes certain that no one lacks cigarettes or writing paper.

Following his recovery, Sgt. Richardson will be sent to a newly-set up center for released prisoners of war where he will await transportation to the United States.

Before entering the Army in December, 1942, Sgt. Richardson was employed by the White House Cafe at Plymouth. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Talfred Richardson of Route 2, Rochester.

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Mr. and Mrs. Otto Cessna have been informed of the liberation of their son, Sgt. Fritz Cessna, and of his safe return to England where he is now recuperating in an American hospital.

Sgt. Cessna was shot down in a bombing mission May 28, 1944 and the date of his release from a Nazi prison camp is released as of May 28, 1945. He expects to be returned to the United States for a furlough at an early date.

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Lieut. James A. Deardorff, who has spent a 45-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Deardorff of Athens, returned today to Perry Jones Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich., where he will undergo a check-up. He was wounded in the battle of Manila.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hall, 710 E. 10th street, today received notice from the War Department that their son, Pvt. John E. Hall, reported missing in action in Africa since Feb. 17, 1943, had been released from enemy hands and is now back with the U. S. Army.

Pvt Hall was a member of Co. E, 158th Infantry, 38th (Indiana) Division. He anticipates an early discharge on the point system, and a return home.

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Lieut. (j.g.) James E. Smith has arrived in the States after serving in the South Pacific for 20 months. Lt. Smith called his mother from San Francisco, Wednesday morning. He will leave his base Monday and after spending ten days with his sister, Mrs. Joe Thompson at Burbank, California, will come to Rochester to spend the remainder of his 30-day leave with his mother, Mrs. Ada D. Smith.

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Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cleland, R. 3, have been notified of the release from a Nazi prison camp on April 29, of their son, Sgt. [Glenn] Cleland, who was taken prisoner in Germany on last Jan. 18. Sgt. Cleland expects to return to the United States at an early date, and anticipates a lengthy furlough home.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday May 31, 1945]

CECIL RHODES RELEASED

Camp Atterbury, Ind., June 1. (INS) - The Office of Public Relations at Camp Atterbury today announced the release of 42 more Hoosiers from military service. Included among 38 soldiers who scored 85 or more points is Cpl. Cecil Rhodes, Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 1, 1945]

LT. DeVAULT IS AWARDED COMMENDATION RIBBON

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Lt. Paul J. DeVault, 37, whose wife, Mrs. Jeanne C. DeVault, lives in New York City, recently was presented with a Commendation Ribbon for "outstanding devotion to duty" during the invasion of southern France. The presentation was made at Miami, Fla., where he is now stationed.

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Lt. DeVault was armed guard commander of a crew aboard one of the invasion ships.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ensyl B. DeVault, Kewanna, Ind., where he formerly lived. Before enlisting on Jan. 20, 1943, he was associated with the New York law firm of Hammond, Buschmann, Krieg and DeVault. He is a graduate of the University of Indiana. His father is the prosecuting attorney for Fulton county.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 1, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Chicago, Ill. - Pfc. Ostinell Davis, 19, of 1430 South Monroe street, Rochester, Indiana, is now a patient at the Army's Gardiner General Hospital, 1660 East Hyde Park Boulevard, Chicago, it was announced today by Colonel John R. Hall, commanding officer of the installation.

Pfc. Davis was wounded in the left hand by an enemy bullet at Bastogne, Belgium, and was transferred to Gardiner on May 6th from Stark General Hospital, Charleston, South Carolina.

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435th Troop Carrier Group, France. - Capt. John P. Sanders, of Kewanna, Ind., has recently been awarded the Third Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights within the European Theater of Operations. As the pilot of one of the many C-47s of this organization, Capt. Sanders exhibited superb airmanship in the continuous delivery of essential supplies to Allied armies advancing against the enemy and in the air evacuation of wounded. During the desperate German counter-offensive in the Ardennes salient, the 435th Troop Carrier Group delivered vital combat supplies to the encircled 101st Airborne division at Bastogne. Their skill, courage and devotion to duty were instrumental in enabling our troops to repel the attack of the enemy.

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Kenneth L. Corbin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Corbin, Leiters Ford, has received the Bronze Star for meritorious conduct and has been promoted from Technician Five to the grade of Sergeant, according to information received from Army Public Relations in Europe.

Sgt. Corbin's decoration came after he had performed "exceptionally meritorious service against the enemy in Normandy 16 June 1944, while serving with the Second Infantry Division," the citation says.

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Mrs. Josephine Craig has received the Medal of the Purple Heart, awarded her husband, Raymond H. Craig, S 1/c, who was wounded during the invasion of Leyte, last Jan. 12th.

Seaman 1/c Craig also wears the Philippines Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star. He has been in the Pacific since last August, with the Seventh fleet.

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Mrs. Kathleen Nicodemus has been informed that her husband, Pfc. Robert Nicodemus, is recovering from wounds received in the Pacific theatre.

Pfc. Nicodemus is a member of the 108th Infantry Division and has been overseas since Feb. 15. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Nicodemus, R. 1, Rochester. His home is in Akron.

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Mrs. Robert Calvert of near Talma has been informed of the safe arrival in Germany of her husband, Pvt. Robert Calvert.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 1, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Wilbur Bussert, RdM 2/c, a former Rochester resident, is confined to a hospital in Honolulu, T.H., according to word received by his aunt, Mrs. C. O. Stauffer of South Bend.

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With The 38th Division on Luzon. - A rifle company patrol of the 151st Infantry, which included two Rochester, Ind., men, Sgt. John C. McGlothin, 617 Indiana avenue, Rochester, and S/Sgt., Wilson W. Perdue, 1107 Monroe street, surprised 19 Japs cultivating a rice field, and quickly wiped them out.

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Pushing forward to make a junction with a sister company, the unit's lead scouts came upon the unsuspecting Nips, who made an attempt to get their weapons, but to no avail.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 2, 1945]

SGT. KOCH RELEASED

Camp Atterbury, Ind., June 2 (INS) - Included among the Indiana men discharged today from the Atterbury separation center under the 85-points or more Army service rating plan was T/Sgt., Richard L. Koch, RFD 2, Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 2, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Sgt. Glen Cleland, 23, son of Herman Cleland, route 3, arrived home Saturday from Camp Atterbury to help his father celebrate his birthday, and to spend an extended furlough here.

Liberated April 29 from Stalag 13c, after more than four months at the famous Nazi prison camp, he has been through the processing course for released prisoners, and incidentally has regained most of the 25 pounds weight lost during his confinement. He states that treatment accorded him was bearable, if in no way comforting.

Sgt. Cleland fell prisoner to the enemy in December, during the German breakthrough. He enlisted Oct. 29, 1943, and went overseas in September, 1944. A brother, Pfc. Joe Cleland, is on duty in the Pacific.

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Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fall, route 6, have been informed of the liberation from a Nazi prison camp of their son, Lt. James L. Fall, who fell captive in a mission over Germany on June 10, 1944. He was released April 29.

Lt. Fall is a member of the Caterpillar club, an air arm organization which accepts only men who have been forced to parachute to earth in order to save their lives. He wears the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. He anticipates an early leave of absence and an extended visit home.

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Capt. Ed Ley, Kewanna, and Sgt. Tom Baldwin, Rochester "flew" in from Florida for a quick visit with relatives and friends here. They had delivered a plane from Boca Raton Air Field, Fla., to the Indianapolis airport.

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T/5 Carl Overmyer of Fort Ruckman, Mass., is spending a 20-day furlough with his wife and son Carl Bob.

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Tacoma, Wash. - First Lt. B. A. McKee of Rochester, Ind., is currently assigned to the Army Air Forces Intransit Depot here as chief of the records section. The AAFID supplies Air Corps materiel to the AAF in the Pacific.

Entering the Army in the summer of 1942, Lt. McKee was commissioned at the end of that year. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brant R. McKee, live at 713 1/2 Main street, Rochester.

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Detroit, Mich., June 4 - Tech. Sgt. George W. Dague, 31 years old, 26830 McNichols Road West, was awarded the Bronze Star April 26, his wife, Betty Jeane, was informed Saturday by the War Department. The award was for distinctive service between July 10, 1944 and March 15, 1945. Dague served three years in Iceland and Europe with the 5th Infantry. He has a 2-year-old son, David Alan, whom he has never seen.

Sgt. Dague is the son of Mrs. Elsie Dague of this city.

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Ward Allen McCarty, PhM 2/c, is now stationed at Gro Pac No. 15, Camp Rousseau, Fort Huene, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 4, 1945]

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VIRGIL LITTLE IS FIRST TO RECEIVE A GI LOAN

Virgil Little, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Little, today was approved, as the first successful applicant in Fulton county, to receive a loan under the provisions of the GI bill of rights.

Little, a returned veteran of World War II, will use the loan in the purchase of a home in Calloway's addition, first home west of Main on Seventeenth street, this city.

Mr. Little is the chief mechanic at the Jennings Auto Agency. The loan was made through the Farmers & Merchants bank and the sale of the property was made by the Fred Moore Agency. The approval was for the maximum amount under provisions of the GI bill.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 5, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. James Clemmens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Clemmens, who reside a short distance north of the Fulton-Marshall county line on Road 31, has arrived home from Europe where he served two and a half years, the last four months of which was spent in a Nazi prison camp. He will spend a 60-day furlough at home after which he will report to Miami Beach, Florida for re-assignment.

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Pvt. Robert E. Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jackson, 502 Clayton street, Rochester, Ind., has been enrolled at Scott Field, Army Air Forces Training Command radio school. At completion of the training he will be qualified for further duty as a radio technician and may become one of the many Scott Field graduates serving as members of American bomber crews, of AAF ground stations or on the world-wide battlefronts of the Army Airways Communications System.

In civilian life Pvt. Jackson was a truck driver and laborer. He attended Rochester High school where he was a member of the basketball team. He is a member of the Eagles lodge.

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Mrs. Pearl McDermot has just received word from her grandson, Pvt. John H. Shaw, with the 29th U. S. Infantry, stating that he is well and safe. This is the first word she has received since he sailed for overseas a little more than a year ago.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 5, 1945]

T-4 JESSE H. THOMPSON HELPS TO ROUT THE JAPS

With The 38th Division on Luzon - Administrative personnel can fight as well as keep books.

Returning from the 151st Infantry front, a payroll and mail distributing party, including T/4 Jesse H. Thompson of Rochester, Ind., joined truck drivers in driving off Japanese who had attempted to destroy the vehicles.

The Nips made their attack after the group had gone by foot up the narrow trail, the truck drivers who were left behind, said. No one was hurt in the fire fight.

A patrol, later dispatched to the scene of the shooting found several pools of blood, indicating that some of the Japs were wounded.

Thompson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Thompson, Sr., 419 Pontiac street, Rochester, and the husband of the former Irene McCardle, who resides at the same address with their two children.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 5, 1945]

CHARLES KING ENTERS MIDSHIPMENS' SCHOOL

Charles W. King, who recently completed a seven-day leave here with his wife, nee Jean Neighbor, has entered the Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School at Cornell university.

After Charles completed his boot training at the Great Lakes station he attended Herzl Jr. college in Chicago for six weeks, then took six weeks' special training at the Gulfport academy,

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Miss., three months at the Navy Pier in Chicago, and for nine months was stationed at the Navy training base at San Diego, Calif.

Charles is a former star of the R.H.S. Zebras and prior to his enlistment in the U.S. Navy he was employed at the Allison plant in Indianapolis. His mother is Mrs. Nellie King of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 5, 1945]

WAYNE E. MIKESSELL NOW 2ND LIEUTENANT

Carlsbad Army Air Field, N.M., May 31. - Aviation Student Wayne Emerson Mikesell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mikesell, R.R. 4, Rochester, Indiana, today became a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Forces after completing bombardier training at the Carlsbad (New Mexico) Army Air Field.

Second Lieutenant Mikesell is now one of the most highly trained men in the Army Air Forces. At Carlsbad he received instruction in dead-reckoning navigation as well as the standard bombardiering course.

As an officer in the Army Air Forces ready for active duty, his destination is not disclosed.

His wife is the former Virginia Coplen, R.R. 2, Akron, Indiana.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 5, 1945]

LT. DAN H. PALMER AWARDED AIR MEDAL

Air Transport Command Base, India, June 1. - Second Lt. Daniel H. Palmer, pilot, of 117 1/2 East Seventh street, Rochester, Ind., has been awarded the Air Medal, it was announced by Brig.-Gen. William H. Tunner, commanding general of the India China division, Air Transport Command.

The award was made upon completion of 150 hours of operational flight in transport aircraft over the dangerous and difficult India-China air routes, where enemy interception and attack was probable and expected.

The air trail over the Hump, famed route through the towering peaks of the Himalaya mountains, blazed by the Air Transport Command, is recognized by airmen as the world's toughest. Today the Hump route is the main lifeline of vital military supplies for the Allied forces fighting the Japanese in China.

The citation accompanying the award adds:

"Flying at night as well as by day, at high altitudes over impassable mountainous terrain through areas characterized by extremely treacherous weather conditions necessitating long periods of operation on instruments . . . requiring courageous and superior performance of his duties to overcome, he accomplished his mission with distinction. . ."

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 5, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Capt. Bill Nicholson, Army air forces, spent Tuesday with his grandmother, Mrs. Alice Clayton on Madison street. Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Nicholson, formerly of this city, but now of Elkhart.

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Mr. and Mrs. Forest M. Pfeiffer, route 3, have received word of the arrival from overseas of their son, T/5 Devon Pfeiffer, who is now a patient at the Foster General hospital, Jackson, Miss.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 6, 1945]

GRADUATES TODAY AT ANNAPOLIS ACADEMY

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Clark of near Kewanna have received word of the graduation of their son, Robert O. Clark, from Annapolis with the grade of ensign.

Ensign Clark stood 179th in a class of more than 900 midshipmen who completed the Navy's top educational and training academy. He expects an immediate assignment to sea duty.

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[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 6, 1945]

KEWANNA MAN CONFINED TO HOSPITAL IN ENGLAND

Pvt. Wilbur D. Reed, 22, of route 2, Kewanna, was cooking his supper over the flames of a gasoline torch near a town in Germany when a shell wrecked his improvised kitchen and wounded him in the arm. He is now recovering at the 185th General hospital in England.

Pvt. Red said: "We were held up on the outskirts of this town, waiting for infantrymen to clean the streets. Jerry was shelling with artillery and rockets, so we pulled our vehicle out into an open field away from the road.

"I was cooking my chow over a gasoline torch when the shell hit only a few feet away and fragments hit me in the arm and wrecked my stove. Medical aid soldiers found me a few minutes later and carried me to the aid station."

Wilbur is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Reed of the Kewanna address. His brother, Dwight, is serving in the Army. Pvt. Reed entered service in March 1943, and was trained at Fort Custer, Mich., and Fort Lewis, Wash.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 6, 1945]

SGT. GEORGE DAGUE IS RELEASED FROM SERVICE

Mrs. Elzie Townsend Dague of 819 Jefferson street, this city, has quite recently received word from her son, Sgt. George Dague of Detroit, that he has been released from service in the U.S. Army via the point system.

George served over 37 months overseas, most of which time was spent in England and Scotland. He was with the U. S. Army invasion forces, however, in its drive through Normandy, Belgium and finally into Germany.

Numerous interesting letters from George have appeared through the columns of The News-Sentinel during the time he was abroad. Sgt. Dague, who was reared here, is a graduate of the Rochester High school and for several years following he was employed at the Ross Book store. He is married and resides at Detroit.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 6, 1945]

WOUNDED VETERAN RECEIVES DISCHARGE--RETURNS HOME

Sgt. Raymond Rans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rans of Kewanna, has been discharged from the Army through the facilities of the Percy Jones General hospital at Battle Creek, Michigan.

Rans, who saw service in the African and Italian campaigns was wounded in the leg during the fighting in Italy. The wound resulted in the loss of his limb.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 7, 1945]

Corpl. James Bowers has departed for Las Vegas, N.M., where he will enter the Army Air School for instruction as a turret gunner. He has just completed a 17-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bowers and family.

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Mrs. Lorrell M. Thornburg has received word of the arrival at New Orleans of her husband, Lorrel M. Thornburg, FC 3/c. He has just finished a week's leave which he spent here and with relatives at Walkerton, Laporte and South Bend. He was enroute on transfer from the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

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The new address of Pvt. Richard E. Kindig, formerly at Camp Meade, Md., is now Co. D, 69th Bn., 18th Reg., Camp Howze, Texas.

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Robert Barker, MOMM 3/c, U. S. Navy, in care Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, Calif.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kindig have recently received their son's new address which is: Pvt. Richard E. Kindig, 35966406, CD, 69th Bn., 18th Regt, Camp Howze, Texas.

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[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 8, 1945]

NINE COUNTY MEN REPORT TODAY FOR EXAMINATION

Nine county men today answered the call for military service and reported at Indianapolis for pre-induction examinations, the Fulton County Selective Service Board announced this morning.

Those reporting were:

LeRoy Devain Miller

Frederick Jesse Swango

Edgar James Rans

Ivo Eugene Myers

Charles Lee Riddle

Frederick Byron Keim

Eldon Dean Leedy

Clifford Roy Richardson

Herman Smith

Frederick Byron Keim was appointed leader. Herman Smith was transferred here from Westminster, Md.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 8, 1945]

LOCAL SOLDIER SEES A FLASH OF REAL ACTION

{Special to The News-Sentinel}

6th Army Group, Germany. - The city of Wurzburg, in southwestern Germany, lay in ruins after receiving terrible pastings from the air. The rubble-strewn streets and gutted buildings were decisively quiet. But hidden in doorways and behind walls, the enemy was waiting with machine guns trained on advancing American doughboys of an infantry division.

On the outskirts of the city, Combat Command "A" of the 12th Armored "Hellcat" Division stood poised, ready to act as trouble shooters in case the Krauts proved difficult to rout. A short time later, the quiet was shattered as the well-entrenched Germans poured round after round of fire into the American infantry.

Combat Command "A" moved in swiftly, its advanced tank element led by 1st Lt. Thomas F. Johnson, 712 Manhattan Ave., Brooklyn. The tanks moved from one infantry sector to another, blasting out the stubborn enemy in one of the last actions in crushing Germany.

"I don't know how many Krauts we killed or captured in Wurzburg, but we didn't take many prisoners," Lt. Johnson said the next day. "We just kept driving through the town, shooting at everything we saw."

The Seventh Army's 12th Armored Division, a component of General Jacob L. Devers' 6th Army Group, had three battalions--one of tanks, one of infantry and one of field artillery--in its hard-hitting Combat Command "A". The fighting unit is supported by companies of medics, ordnance and combat engineers.

Among the members of Infantry Combat Command "A", 12th Armored Division was Pvt. Keith Hisey, R. 5, Rochester, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 8, 1945]

DISKO YOUTH IS KILLED IN ACTION ON LUZON

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gearhart of Disko received word late Thursday afternoon that their son, Pfc. Devone Gearhart, was killed in action May 12th on Luzon. The message came from the War Department, and gave no details. He was 24 years old and entered service last September.

He was trained at Camp Robinson, Arkansas and was assigned to the 27th Infantry division, going overseas last February. Prior to entering service he was employed at the North Manchester Foundry, where his father is also employed. He won eight medals in gunnery and training achievement prior to going overseas.

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Surviving are the parents and two sisters, Geneva, at home and Mrs. Verne Morts, of Warsaw.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 8, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. John Denton have been informed of the safe arrival on Samar island in the Philippines of their son Harley Denton, whose new address is F 1/C, EM 293-72-02, U. S. Navy 3149, Box 6, care Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, Calif.

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The W. G. Wheatley family of near Leiters Ford are in receipt of a Nazi mess-kit and a German Iron Cross, sent them by their son, Pfc. Earl Edward Wheatley, who is now in Germany.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 9, 1945]

ARMY TAKES SIXTEEN; PASSES SIX FOR ARMED FORCES

The following sixteen Fulton county boys left for Indianapolis today to report for induction into one of the Armed Services:

Hubert McIntosh
Roy McGriff
Eldon Lavon Wise
Robert Francis Murphy
Harold Eugene Burch
Robert Lee Porter
George Curtis Green
Howard Augustus Burns
John Richard Fultz
William Franklin Schroer
Donald Eugene Wilson
Byron Eugene Ginn
Robert Wiley Richards
Vernon Dean Ault
Leston Goodyear
William Earl Cutshaw

William F. Schroer was leader. Also scheduled to leave with the group was Cecil Bryant Button who transferred to the Pulaski County Local Board for induction.

The following boys passed their preinduction examination given on June 8th:

Leroy Devain Miller
Fredrick Jesse Swango
Edgar James Rans
Charles Lee Riddle
Frederick Byron Keim
Eldon Dean Leedy

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 11, 1945]

PFC. ROBERT L. KING RECEIVES PURPLE HEART

Pfc. Robert L. King, son of Mrs. Carrie M. King, of Route 1, Rochester, Ind. has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action against the Japanese near Alacan, Luzon, P.I., on January 18.

King is in a front-line company of the 63rd Infantry Regiment of the 8th Infantry Division, holder of the record for continuous combat in the Pacific, theater.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 11, 1945]

S/SGT. K. O. ZARTMAN IS RELEASED BY POINT PLAN

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Army Hdqs., POA, Ft. Shafter, T.H., June 5. - Staff Sergeant Kenneth O. Zartman of 812 1/2 Main street, Rochester, Indiana, has been returned to the continental United States as one of a group of 1,300 enlisted men, the first group in Pacific Ocean Areas to be selected under the Army's readjustment program.

His mother Mrs. Gertrude Zartman, lives at 812 1/2 Main street, Rochester, Indiana.

His wife, Mrs. Lillian Zartman, lives at 2408 Burbank street, Honolulu, T.H.

"The military services of these men is fittingly recognized by their selection," said Lieutenant General Robert C Richardson, Jr., Commanding General of U. S. Army Forces in P. O. A. "It is my earnest hope, toward which all efforts of the Army in this theater are being directed, that the enemy may soon be forced to final defeat, making possible the eventual return of all our men to their homes."

Kenneth O. Zartman came into the Army on May 1st, 1940 and had been overseas 56 months. He was with a Coast Artillery Battery, had been through two campaigns and had been stationed on Hawaii, Canton and Saipan.

He has been awarded the American defense Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Ribbon and Good Conduct Medal and three bronze battle stars.

Under the readjustment point system, his score was 120 points.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 11, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Virgil Van Duyne, who has been in service in the European theatre for the past two years, has arrived home for a well-earned furlough with his mother, Mrs. Grace Van Duyne, and other relatives and friends.

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Pfc. Joe Daulton of Camp Atterbury spent the week-end with his wife and daughter.

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Mrs. Laura Hoffenbacher has been informed that her husband, Lt. Col. Eddie Hoffenbacher, U. S. Chaplain Corps, has been re-assigned to overseas duty, and has sailed on a return mission to the European theatre where he was stationed for two years previous to his return home on leave of absence several weeks ago.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 11, 1945]

S/SGT. RICHARD L. GINTHER GETS BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Staff Sergeant Richard L. Ginther, son of Mrs. Effie Ginther of 49 Clayton street, Rochester, Indiana, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Fraulautern, Germany.

As a member of the 260th Infantry Regiment he was placed in charge of squads bringing food, ammunition, and water to outposts which were exposed to direct fire from active pill-boxes. Sgt. Ginther demonstrated his resourcefulness and leadership in leading the squads on numerous trips. The entire route his squads had to follow were under constant heavy mortar, machine gun, and sniper fire. However, due to his careful planning, quick thinking, and leadership, the forward positions were kept well supplied without the loss of a man in any of the squads.

The official 65th Infantry Division citation reads in part: "Sgt. Ginther's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service."

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 12, 1945]

KEWANNA YOUTH ENLISTS IN MARINES

Indianapolis, June 12. - Dever LaVon Johnston, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph V. Johnston, Box 172, Kewanna, Ind., voluntarily enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, according to an announcement by Commissioned Warrant Officer Anthony Morello, officer in charge of Marine Corps recruiting and induction in Indiana. He is now receiving recruit training at the Marine Corps Base, Parris Island, S.C.

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ENSIGN CLARK ASSIGNED TO DUTY ON DESTROYER

Among the 1,048 midshipmen who successfully completed the three-year course at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., on June 6, was Robert O. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Clark of Kewanna.

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Secretary of the Navy Forrestal addressed the graduating class, the largest one in the history of the Naval Academy. Upon graduation Midshipman Clark was commissioned an ensign USN, and was granted a BS degree in engineering.

Following a month's leave, Ensign Clark will begin active duty on a U. S. destroyer operating in the Pacific theatre.

Robert resided in Rochester with his parents from 1929 until 1933 during which time he attended the Lincoln and Columbia grade schools. He graduated from the Kewanna High school with the class of '36 and was an outstanding athlete on the Kewanna High school basketball and football teams, and was also awarded a scholarship to Indiana university.

Ensign Clark's father, who is a former sheriff of Fulton county, has served over 30 years in the U. S. Navy. He saw action in the Spanish-American war and later in World War I and at the time of his retirement in October, 1921, he was a chief gunner.

Donald Clark, a younger son, served with the field artillery of the Fifth army under command of General Patton. Capt. Martin Barco, a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Clark, is at present stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., while his wife (nee Helen Clark) is a graduate nurse.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 12, 1945]

E. D. THOMPSON IS NOW CORPORAL

Rochester friends have received word from Earl D. Thompson, who has been stationed in the Pacific area for nearly three years, that he is expecting his first furlough home within the next few weeks. Earl, who is a former employee of the Barnhart-Van Trump Co., was recently made a corporal.

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FULTON COUNTY SERVICE MAN HELPED CRUSH WURZBURG

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CPL. THOMAS S. RHODES WINS BRONZE STAR MEDAL

With The 12th Armored Division, Seventh Army, Germany. - Corporal Thomas S. Rhodes, of Rochester, Ind., was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Western Germany with the 12th Armored Division.

Rhodes, a squad leader in a collecting platoon of Company C of the 82nd Medical Battalion, "often exposed himself to enemy fire, thus performing his duties in an outstanding manner, in accomplishing the rapid evacuation of casualties under difficult combat conditions. His aggressive and constant devotion to duty greatly expedited the medical service of the division."
[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 12, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Fred Devon Heeter, 34, son of Mrs. Lovella Heeter of Macy, has been advanced to baker, third class, at the Amphibious Training Base, Camp Bradvord, Va. At this camp, where officers and men are trained for LST (landing ship, tank) duty, Heeter is assigned to the commissary department.

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Floyd Kindig, GM 2/c, has arrived at Los Angeles where his ship is undergoing repairs after a tour of several months' duty in the Pacific.

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Richard D. Sheets, EM 3/c, who has been stationed at New London, Conn., arrived home on Sunday evening for a week's leave with his wife and son, and other relatives.

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Robert Kern, S 2/c, NST (SK), informs his family that he has been transferred to the United States Naval Training Center at Sampson, N.Y.

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Relatives and friends of Raymond Showley, USNR, have learned that he has entered Mare Island Naval hospital for observation, following a year's tour of duty as gunner's mate aboard a U.S. destroyer in the Pacific.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 12, 1945]

KEWANNA SAILOR WINS AIRCREWMAN'S WINGS

U. S. Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla., June 12. - Aviation Ordnanceman Third Class Kenneth A. Watkins of Kewanna, Ind., was presented his wings as a U.S. Naval aircrewman this week when he completed the final phase of training here, it was announced.

The 33-year-old aircrewman has undergone a rigid program of training in aviation ordnance and aerial gunnery, and aircrew and ground crew operations under simulated combat conditions. He is now ready for duty as a member of an aircombat team, either aboard an aircraft carrier or at a naval air station.

Watkins enlisted in the Navy April 26, 1944. Prior to entering service he was employed as a state conservation officer at Terre Haute. His wife and family now reside at Kewanna.

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SERVICE NOTES

Included among Indiana men discharged from the Atterbury Separation Center today was T/Sgt Francis R. Rogers, route 2, Rochester.

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Sgt. Harold A. Conner, of the Fifth Signal Company, recently was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from September 12 to 20, last year in the vicinity of Arnville, France, according to word received here. He is the son of Mrs. Grace N. Conner, Route 1, Macy.

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James M. Tobey has returned to duty at Patuxant River, Maryland Naval Air Station after a 12-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Tobey, R. 6.

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Perry Walters, R. 3, has been informed of a recent promotion from 1st Lieutenant to Captain for his son, Russell D. Walters now with the Army of Occupation in Germany.

Captain Walters was recently awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge with Bronze Star.

His address is Service Co., 264th Inf., APO 454, care Postmaster, New York City.

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Mrs. J. F. Bowell, Jr., has been informed of the promotion from Staff Sergeant to Master Sergeant for her husband, James F. Bowell, Jr., 15062265, whose address is APO 246, care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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Sailors Roy Fultz and Harold B. Hoover left today for Treasure Island, California, after spending a leave of absence with relatives and friends here.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 13, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Gerald L. Eastburg, HA 2/c, has returned to duty at St. Elizabeth hospital, Washington, D.C., after spending a 15-day leave with his wife and family.

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Dale Walsh left Wednesday for Camp Atterbury where he was inducted into the Army Air Corps. After a week at Atterbury he expects to be sent to Keesler Field, Miss.

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Capt. Dewey Dudgeon of the U. S. Army who has been stationed at Brooklyn, N.Y., arrived home on a furlough which will be spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dudgeon, northwest of this city, and friends.

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T/5 Carl D. Overmhyer left today for Fort Ruckman, Mass., after spending a 20-day furlough here with his wife, Mary Alice, and son, Carl Bob.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 15, 1945]

A. R. BEALL LEARNS OF BROTHER'S BURIAL SITE

The remains of S/Sgt. Jack D. Beall, 27, killed over Italy on Oct. 1, 1943, lies buried in the U. S. military cemetery at Vada, Italy, according to information received by his brother, Ancil R. Beall of this city.

Sgt. Beall was one of a crew of eight men who lost their lives when their airplane was shot down while on a bombing mission over Italy during the early days of the war. Although his death was officially reported by the War department, nothing specific, concerning his death or burial were available to the family until quite recently when the information was released by the Quartermaster General's office.

Sgt. Beall, who assisted his brother in the tire business here, was well-known in this community.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 16, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Aboard a Cruiser in the Pacific. - James P. Brown, seaman second class, USNR, of Logansport, Ind., has taken part in actions at Guadalcanal, New Georgia, Bougainville and Okinawa.

He is the son of Mrs. Carl Brown, route 6, Rochester, Ind. Before Brown entered the Navy in September, 1942, he was employed by the International Harvester Co. in Indianapolis.

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Mrs. Laura Hoffenbacher has received word by cable of the safe arrival in England of her husband, Lt. Col. Eddie Hoffenbacher, who is returning to duty in Europe after a leave of absence in this city. Col. Hoffenbacher stated that he expected to have dinner today with Pfc. W. Lynn Chamberlain, who is with the Air Transport Command in London.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 16, 1945]

REPATRIATED SOLDIER IS SURPRISE GUEST AT HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hall, 710 East Tenth street, agree that Sunday, June 17, is a day for the book of life. It was that day their son, Pvt. John Thomas Hall, returned home after three years confinement in a Nazi prison camp to spring a surprise on his parents, and spend a 60-day furlough with them.

Private Hall, a member of Co. E., 168th Infantry, 34th U. S. Division, was scooped up by enemy forces at Casserine Pass, North Africa, on Feb. 14, 1943. Taken first to a prisoner of war camp in Italy, he was later transferred to Stalag 2-B, near the East Prussian border, where he was confined until released by units of the Seventh Army. He had seen action both in Algeria and Tunisia during Rommel's retreat from Egypt.

Pvt. Hall stated that he had received all packages sent him by his parents, as well as Red Cross assistance. He was particularly grateful, he said, for the fine service and interest manifested by the Red Cross during his confinement.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 18, 1945]

LT. GRIZZELL'S PATROL WIPE OUT NINE JAPS

With The Sixth Army on Luzon. - Altho caught between three heavy Jap machine guns, and two "Woodpecker" light automatic rifles, a 151st Infantry patrol led by Lieutenant Ellis H. Grizzell, of Leiters Ford, Indiana, killed nine Nips, as the force fought its way through dense undergrowth without a casualty.

Under constant Jap fire, the patrol forced its way through the enemy lines to a junction with a sister company. The combined group then proceeded to wipe out the remaining Japs.

The 38th "Cyclone" Division soldier is the husband of the former Zelma Davis, of Rochester and Leiters Ford.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 18, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

James "Bud" Myers, SM 3/c, arrived home Saturday night to spend a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Myers, 116 West Tenth street. Bud has been on a tour of duty in the Pacific with the Seventh fleet.

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Mrs. Carl Brown, route 6, has received information that her son, James P. Brown, S 2/c, has taken active part in the recent sea fighting around Okinawa. Seaman Brown enlisted from Logansport in 1942.

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Pfc. Paul Barts has arrived in the United States from Belgium, and will be confined in a hospital for about three months, his wife, Mrs. Jane Barts, 305 Main street, has been informed.

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Pfc. Joe Slaybaugh, who has enjoyed a 45-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Beatrice Slaybaugh, and other relatives and friends, left today for Camp Atterbury where he will be reassigned to duty.

Corporal George E. Pollock, Jr., who is being hospitalized at the Hines Hospital, Hines, Ill., spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Pollock, north shore Lake Manitou. Corp. Pollock was wounded in his left hand and arm while serving with General Patton's forces in Germany.

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Headquarters Panama Canal Department. June 18 - Second Lieutenant Charles G. Daniels, husband of Mrs. Zanna D. Daniels of 1216 Pontiac Street, Rochester, recently arrived in the Panama Canal where he has been assigned with the Sixth Air Force at France Field.

Lt. Daniels enlisted in the army in May, 1942, and commissioned at Marianna, Florida, in August, 1943. He is a pilot with a fighter squadron.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 18, 1945]

LT. JOS. DAGUE TAKING COURSE AT GEORGE FIELD

George Field, Lawrenceville, Ill., June 16. - Lt. Joseph W. Dague, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dague of Rochester, has arrived at George Field, Illinois, where he will undergo specialized training in Troop Carrier Command tactics.

This training with the C-46 transport plane includes towing of gliders, dropping paratroops and parapack supplies, and evacuation of wounded.

A graduate of Metea High School in 1939, Lt. Dague received his wings at Turner Field, Georgia last year. He has two brothers, Cpl. Ivan and Pfc. Robert, now serving in Germany.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 18, 1945]

LT. FREDERICK VAN DIEN IS NOW REPORTED KILLED

Official notice of the death of Lt. Frederick Van Dien, who was shot down over Italy in September, 1944, has been received by his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Van Dien, Yearick apartments, Sixth and Pontiac streets, this city.

This is the first word received officially since last Sept. 23, when the War department notified his mother that Lt. Van Dien was missing from his 26th mission over enemy territory.

Frederick, son of Albertus and Grace Van Dien, was born in this city on Oct. 19, 1921. A graduate of Rochester High school, class of 1940, he was a member of the Zebra basketball squad and school tennis champion. As a scholar and athlete, his school record was outstanding. He was in his second year of college at Ventura, Calif, where he majored in aeronautics, when war came.

Following enlistment in the air force, in July, 1942, he was sent to flying schools at Santa Ana, Oxnard and Lemoore, Calif. He later graduated, was commissioned a second lieutenant, and received his wings at the Advanced Army Air Base, LaJunta, Colo. After a two week leave at home, he was sent overseas on July 7, 1944, and was stationed at an air base in Corsica, having arrived there on July 28. He was piloting a B-25 bomber on his fatal mission.

In his last letter to his mother, dated Sept. 21, 1944, he stated that he was to receive a promotion to first lieutenant in a few days.

Surviving are the parents, one brother, Albertus, Jr. MAM 1/c, now stationed in Hawaii, and two sisters, Miss Mary Van Dien of Fort Dayne [sic] and Mrs. W. S. Bethume of Dearborn, Mich.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 19, 1945]

154 FULTON CO. PEOPLE RELEASED FROM SERVICE

It is a deplorable fact that all men and women who have served in this war have not received the Bronze Star or such decoration to show the part they played in the World War that their country fought. The only notice most of these veterans receive is the honorable discharge given them as a token of their service to the service which they joined.

Since 1941, or the outbreak of the Japanese war, 154 Fulton county people have been discharged from the service of the United States. Mingling with the veterans of the last World War and with the Spanish-American War veterans, these men and women hold a list of honorable discharges and commendations from many of the services of our country.

Sub-divided they are: 134 have been discharged from the Army, 15 have been released from the Navy, 3 from the Marine Corps, 1 from the Women's Army Corps, and 1 nurse has been released.

These veterans have resumed their place in the community again but they still deserve the thanks and best wishes of all who come in contact with them

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[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 19, 1945]

VISITS BROTHER'S GRAVE NEAR BENSHEIM, GERMANY

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dague, of Fulton, are in receipt of a letter from their son, Cpl. Ivan Dague, now stationed in Germany, in which he states he recently had the opportunity to visit the grave of his brother, Pfc. Robert Dague, killed in action in Germany on April 14, 1945.

Cpl. Dague reveals that the grave is located in a cemetery near Bensheim, Germany. Pfc. Robert Dague was one of about 200 men of his division to fall in the fighting near the close of hostilities in Europe. The final resting place is marked with a white cross and the cemetery is maintained in fine shape, Cpl. Dague said.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 19, 1945]

LOCAL SEAMAN WAS ABOARD "BIG BEN" DURING ATTACK

Robert E. Cooper, seaman second class, whose mother, Mrs. Anna Mae Cooper, lives at 330 East Ninth street, Rochester, was one of the heroes aboard "Big Ben," the now famous carrier USS Franklin, whose miraculous survival of an aerial bombing in the Pacific has become one of the most dramatic sea stories of the war.

The ship which the Japanese boasted they had sunk now is safely back in New York.

The Franklin was operating 60 miles off Japan with a fast carrier task force on the morning of March 19. Many of her planes were on deck, loaded with bombs, rockets and machine gun ammunition, preparing to take off.

It was at this, her most vulnerable moment, that a Jap dive-bomber streaked down out of the clouds and released two 500-pound bombs. Within a minute the bombs had started a train of fires and explosions which for hours seared and shattered the carrier's frame. Resulting fires were fed by thousands of gallons of aviation gasoline.

In this dark hour, when it seemed the Franklin must be abandoned her crew wrote one of the brightest chapters in the long story of Naval heroism at sea. With the 341 Shipmates killed, 431 missing, and 300 wounded, those who were left outfought the fires, patched up the damage and brought the 27,000-ton ship 12,000 miles back home.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 20, 1945]

SGT. GLEN H. OVERMYER RECEIVES THE SILVER STAR

Word has been received by Rochester friends that Sgt. Glen H. Overmyer, 23, formerly of this county, has recently been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in an engagement on Belgium soil on December 25, 1944.

Sgt. Overmyer is at present convalescing in the Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich. The citation reads as follows:

"Sgt. Glen H. Overmyer (then Pfc), 517th Parachute Infantry, U. S. Army, for gallantry in action. On December 25, 1944, the 1st Battalion, 517th Parachute Infantry was ordered to make an attack against the high ground southwest of Soy, Belgium. Contact was first made when a sniper opened fire on Sgt. Overmyer. One bullet nicked his helmet but he rose to a half crouch and fired three shots, disposing of the sniper. Sgt. Overmyer then moved forward firing his M1 and killed the crew of a German heavy machine gun. He realized that unless an enemy machine gun about fifty yards to his left front was not put out of action, his platoon would be unable to move, so placing a rifle grenade on his rifle, he crawled through the snow to a better position and fired. He then made a dash for the position and disposed of the crew with his rifle. The platoon, inspired by the work of this one man, moved forward so fast that the enemy position was quickly overrun.

"Sgt. Overmyer entered the military service from Rochester, Ind."

Glen entered service in March, 1943, and went overseas in April, 1944. He was wounded in action, in Belgium on June 5, 1944. In addition to the Silver Star, Sgt. Overmyer has also received the Purple Heart.

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Sgt. Overmyer's wife was formerly Marjorie DeMONT, of Rochester, Route 3. They are the parents of a three-year-old son, Rex. The family is residing at LaPorte, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 20, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Rebabelle McMahan Boswell has been informed of a promotion for her husband, Edwin Boswell, from the rank of major to lieutenant-colonel. Col. Boswell is stationed with the Personnel Distribution Command of the Army Air Force at Louisville, Ky.

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Richard Sheets, EM 3/c, departed Monday for New London, Conn., where he will report for duty with the Navy. He was accompanied east by Mrs. Sheets and son Kent, who will make their home at Norwich near the naval base.

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Sgt. Everett T. Zink, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zink, South Franklin avenue, has arrived at the Army Redistribution Center, Miami Beach, Fla., where he will be reclassified and assigned to duty. Sgt. Zink served 30 months in the Pacific as an aviation quartermaster. He attended Ball State Teachers' college at Muncie. His wife, Patricia, resides in Australia.

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Discharged recently from Camp Atterbury under the point system was Sgt. Kenneth O. Zartman, 812 1/2 Main street. He has arrived home to enjoy a brief rest with his family.

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With the 14th Antiaircraft Command in New Guinea - T/4 Major H. Nitzschke, husband of Mrs. Mary C. Nitzschke, Hamlet, Ind., recently completed 22 months of overseas duty. Sgt. Nitzschke serves as First Cook with an Antiaircraft Artillery Group.

He attended school in Fairview, Ind., and before entering the army in January 1943 was employed by the Kingsbury Ordnance Plant. He received his training in Fort Bliss, Texas, and before arriving in New Guinea was stationed in New Caledonia and Guadalcanal. He is a Second Class Gunner and is entitled to wear the Good Conduct Medal.

Sgt. Nitzschke is the son of Mrs. Jane Master and Mr. Lynn Nitzschke, Kewanna, Ind.

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Kenneth Karl Hood, son of Mr. and Mrs. George O. Hood, Rural Route 3, Kewanna, Ind., was graduated recently from the Naval Air Technical Training Center located at Norman, Okla. The newly graduated man is now awaiting further duty orders either to sea or to a Naval base.

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Among the Indiana men released on the point system from service at Camp Atterbury yesterday, is Corp. Audrey L. Cummings, Route 5. He is expected to arrive home today.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Squires, 1228 Franklin avenue, have received word from their grandson, Pvt. Earl SCHRIMSHER, with the 101st U. S. Airborne Division, that he has returned to duty after wounds suffered when his ambulance was blown up, and several of his buddies were killed.

He had been hospitalized with cuts and bruises, but states that he has now completely recovered and is back again with Patton's Third Army.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 20, 1945]

ARMY TAKES FOURTEEN OF FIFTEEN MEN INDUCTED JUNE 8

The local Selective Service board has just been informed of the assignments made at Indianapolis of the 15 men who reported for induction on June 8th. Of these, Robert Wiley Richards, was assigned to the Navy, while the following 14 [sic] men are with the Army:

Hubert McIntosh

Roy McGriff

Eldon Lavon Wise

Robert Francis Murphy

Harold Eugene Burch

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Robert Lee Porter
George Curtis Green
Howard Augustus Burns
John Richard Fultz
William Franklin Schroer
Donald Eugene Wilson
Byron Eugene Ginn
Vernon Dean Ault
Lester Goodyear
William Earl Cutshaw
[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 21, 1945]

LT. COL. L. V. TEETER IS MISSING IN CHINA

Mrs. Cleo Teeter, route 5, has been informed by the War department that her son, Lt. Col, L. V. Teeter, with the 23rd fighter group in China, is missing in action.

Colonel Teeter was last seen on June 3, air force officials reveal. He has seen continuous action against the enemy in the China-Burma-India theater of operations. He was reared in this county and is known to a host of friends. His wife and a small son are residents of Fort Valley, Ga.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 21, 1945]

LT. HAROLD MEISER TO RETURN HOME ON LEAVE

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meiser, Route 5, have just been informed of the safe arrival at an eastern port, of their son, Lieut. Harold (Herby) Meiser, who stated that he had just "arrived on a banana boat".

Lt. Meiser has been overseas as a pilot for the past year. On last November 25, he was shot down over Austria, and spent the following six months in a German prison camp. He was released on May 25 by advancing U. S. Army units. He expects to return home on leave in a few days. He was reported missing in action in November 1944, and his whereabouts were unknown for several months.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 21, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. Milo E. Yeazel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yeazel, has been sent to the station hospital at Fort McClellan, Ala., suffering with pneumonia, his parents were informed today. Pvt. Yeazel has been in service three months.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 21, 1945]

WOUNDED PARATROOPER IS HOME ON FURLOUGH

Pfc. Ostinell Davis, Jr., of the U. S. Airborne Division is enjoying a 30-day furlough with his father and friends here in this city. Ostinell or "Bud" as he is better known, has been receiving treatment for a wounded left hand which he received in the Battle of Bastogne on January 3rd. In this same battle Pfc. Howard Fred, this city, also of the airborne troops received a serious leg injury.

"Bud", who is a former employee of the Topps Mfg. Co., is spending a portion of his furlough with Hermann Korb at his cottage on the north shore of Lake Manitou.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 21, 1945]

FOUR COUNTY YOUTHS GO FOR PRE-INDUCTION EXAMS

The selective service board this morning sent four young men to Indianapolis for pre-induction examinations. They were:

James F. Thomas
Orville E. Long

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Kenneth E. McVay (leader)

Charles W. Swango

Those who pass successful examinations will be called for service at a later date.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 21, 1945]

SGT. GERALD DOUD WINS THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Sgt. Gerald Doud, a member of the 738th Field Artillery, has been awarded the Bronze Star as a reward for meritorious service in action in France and Germany. The citation, a part of which follows, has been received by his wife, Mrs. Lois Lamb Doud.

"A bronze star medal is awarded to Sgt. Gerald E. Doud, 738th Field Artillery Bn., who while serving with the army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period Aug. 23, 1944 to May 9, 1945, in France and Germany.

"Sgt. Doud, as chief of section in a heavy F. A. Bn., since Aug. 23, 1944 to May 9, 1945 has performed his duties in a superior manner. He was given command of his section at a time when the efficiency of the section was below par and immediately brought the section to its high standards again. Under varied conditions of combat and weather he has maintained close control of his men, delivered accurate fire, and upon numerous occasions, where authorized equipment was lacking, has improvised clever and practical substitution.

"His weapon has passed with a rating of superior all maintenance inspections conducted by higher command echelons. His capable command supervision has contributed materially to the high morale and combat efficiency of his howitzer section.

"Sgt. Doud is the wearer of the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Ribbon, and the ETO Ribbon with three battle stars."

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 21, 1945]

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

The following letter of commendation was received by each member of Battery A, 217th AAA Gn Bn., from Gen. Eisenhower of which S/Sgt. Firmer M. Glassley is one of them. Firmer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Glassley of this city and is a Radar repair man.

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[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 22, 1945]

SGT. ROBERT RICHARDSON ARRIVES AT EASTERN PORT

Relatives and friends here have been informed of the arrival at an Eastern port of Sgt. Robert Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Talfred Richardson, northeast of this city. His return home on an extended furlough is expected soon.

Sgt. Richardson, with Sgt. Richard McKee, son of Mr. and Mrs. George McKee, route 1, Akron, was swallowed up by Nazi units at the Battle of the Bulge, last December 16. Confined in various German prison camps, where each of them lost some 50 pounds, they were able, during the American advance, to gain their freedom and after an eventful journey through enemy-held country, succeeded in reaching our lines.

Both men were members of the U. S. 106th Division which suffered heavy casualties during the Bulge operations. Sgt. McKee arrived here several weeks ago, and is now enjoying a rest at the home of his parents in Henry Township.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 23, 1945]

WINS BRONZE STAR FOR MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT

Mrs. Effie Ginther, 419 Clayton street, has been informed by the War Department that her son, S/Sgt. Richard L. Ginther, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in operations against the enemy in France, Belgium and Germany.

Sgt. Ginther, a member of the 260th Infantry Regiment, 65th U.S. Division, has seen a great deal of action since D-Day, when he landed with other units in France.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 23, 1945]

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PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN

Richard K. Gast of Akron has been promoted to captain, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Gast, also of Akron. Captain Gast is stationed on Saipan, having been assigned to an air base there last October. He is heading a B-29 engineering group.
[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 23, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Sgt. Gordon O. Shaw has arrived from service overseas and is now enjoying a 60-day furlough as the guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Pearl McDermott and other relatives and friends.
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Mr. Wm. P. Ross has been informed of the transfer of her grandson, Bill Ross, S1/c from Wright Junior College radio school, Chicago, to Gulfport, Miss.
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The new address of Pvt. John R. Fultz, 35902916, is Co. B., 4th Bn., 1st Reg., Camp Gordon, Ga.
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Cpl Thomas Rhodes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Rhodes, northeast of Athens, who was captured by the Germans during the last stages of the war in Europe has returned home for an extended furlough. Cpl. Rhodes has two brothers in the service.
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Relatives and friends here have been informed of the new address of Richard C. Truax, 4514-155, which is B, 7, Compartment K-74, USSMSTS, Sheeps Head Bay, Brooklyn, N.Y.
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Corp. Harley Croussore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Croussore, E. 12th street, has arrived home for a 32-day furlough after spending the past two and a yalf years in overseas service.
[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 23, 1945]

TWO PASS TESTS

Of the four men who on Thursday reported at Indianapolis for pre-induction examinations, only two passed the tests. They were James F. Thomas and Kenneth E. McVay.
[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 23, 1945]

LOCAL SOLDIER RUNS UP 120 POINTS, IS DISCHARGED

With almost six years army service behind him--the past three and a half years in the Iceland, African and European theatres, Corp. Audry L. Cummings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Cummings of Richland township, has arrived home, having won an honorable discharge on the point system with 120 of them to his credit. Minimum credits are 85 points.
[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 23, 1945]

PRISONER OF NAZIS ;HAS ARRIVED HOME ON LEAVE

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Thompson returned Sunday evening, bringing with them the son who they were, at times almost ready to believe, lost in enemy country.

He is Lt. Wm. C. Thompson, U. S. Army Airforce, shot down over Austria early in the war, and interned in Nazi prison camps until his liberation when American forces swept through the Reich in the closing days of the invasion.

Lt. Thompson brought with him several momentoes from Germany. These will be displayed in The News-Sentinel window. Thompson will enjoy a 60-day leave of absence before reporting to duty. He plans to remain here with his parents a few days before returning to his old home at Hammond, where he attended school and has many friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 25, 1945]

SGT. GEORGE DAGUE RELEASED FROM SERVICE

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Mrs. Elsie Dague of this city today received word from her son, T/Sgt George Dague, that he had just recently been discharged by the point system and that he was at his home in Detroit, Mich.

George, who formerly resided in this city, had served over three years overseas at bases in Iceland, Scotland, England, France, Belgium and Germany. He had 125 points to his credit. His wife and two and a half year old son reside at Detroit. Mrs. Dague stated he soon planned to visit her.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 25, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Robert Murphy, who recently entered the service of the U. S. Army Air Force, writes local friends that his address is Pvt. Robert Murphy, 35992942, Squadron M, 3706 AAF BU (BTC) Sheppard Field, Texas. "Bob" was formerly a member of the RHS Zebras basketball team.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 25, 1945]

MAJOR BURKETT IS HELPING TO REBUILD NURNBERG, GERMANY

A former Rochester citizen, namely Maj. Lyman Burkett, son of Mrs. Lulu Burkett, route 1, Rochester, is evidently assisting in restoring some of the Nazi's blasted cities to a semblance of normalcy.

In the June 18 edition of The Stars and Stripes appears an interesting story as to how the Yankees are establishing law and service in the occupied areas of Germany. The story follows:

"By FRANK WATERS

Staff Writer

"Nurnberg, June 11. --Clang, clang, clang went the trolley today as a Nurnberg tram line went into operation for the first time since the winter and spring blitz brought the city's transportation system to what the Germans are pleased to call a stillstand.

"Ding, ding, ding, went the bell as Lt. Sidney Davis, assistant public utilities officer of the Nurnberg Military Government, acted as motorman (for the first time in his life) for the first car, carrying the burgomeister, MG officials and various other free leaders

"The first railroad to operate in Germany opened in 1835 over this same route, from Nurnberg to the suburb of Furth. Today, after several months' interruption caused by Allied bombers which deposited thousands of obstructions on the tracks, trolleys again rolled along between piles of rubble as dogs barked, GIs cheered and a rather apathetic population looked up at the unaccustomed sight.

"Following congratulatory speeches at the car barns, presided over by Maj. Lyman Burkett, public utilities officer of MG, the first car jerked along, with a fast-learning Lt. Davis at the throttle. -----

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 26, 1945]

SGT. ZINK RELEASED

Among another large group of service men to be released at Camp Atterbury, Ind. Monday was Sgt. Everett F. Zink, 1117 South Franklin Ave., this city. Sgt. Zink it was stated had more than the required 85 points.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 26, 1945]

DONALD PELL OF USN IS MISSING IN ACTION

Rochester friends have recently received word that Donald Pell, aerologist's mate of the U.S.N. has been reported "missing in action" in the Pacific area.

Donald is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Harry (Ruh) Pell, of Brazil and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ruh of this city. A brother, Capt. John Pell, of the U. S. Army Medical Corps, is stationed at Camp Atterbury. Mrs. Donald Pell resides at Brazil.

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Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., June 21. - Sgt Forest H. Pike, son of Ora Pike and husband of Mrs. Mary Pike, 401 Manitou avenue, Rochester, Ind., was enrolled this week in the AAF Training Command's basic airplane and engine mechanics course at Keeler Field.

The course will extend over a 76-day period during which time he will receive instruction and actual experience in aircraft maintenance. This training will prepare him for entrance into a specialized course where ground crew students will receive additional instruction in maintenance and trouble shooting.

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The present mailing address of Earl Dean Arven, S 1/c, is NATTC, W. Bks 10, Jacksonville, Florida.

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The new address of Corp. Don R. Stout, 35539733, is APO 559, care Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Present address of J. Stout, 926861, is in care of Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco.

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Pfc. Robert Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Carr has returned to Camp Atterbury after a 45-day furlough with his parents and other relatives and friends here.

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Wendell C. Tombaugh Radar, S2/C returned Monday to duty at Brigantine, N.J., after spending the week end with his wife, family and friends.

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Lt. James A. Deardorff arrived Monday from Perry Jones General hospital, Battle Creek, Mich., and will enjoy a 30-day leave of absence with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Deardorff near Athens.

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Pvt. Don Wilson has informed relatives here that his new address is ASN 35992971, Sq. R., Area II, Barracks 695, 3706th AAF-BU, Sheppard Field, Texas.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 26, 1945]

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Cpl. Donald E. Polk, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Polk, West Ninth street, returned to duty at the Marine base at Newport, Ark. He has just completed a leave with parents, relatives and friends here.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 27, 1945]

MACY PILOT GETS MEDAL FOR DOWNING BOMBER

With The Atlantic Fleet, June 24. - Lt. (j.g.) Jack E. Conner, a Navy night fighter pilot and son of R. J. Conner of Macy, Ind., has been awarded the Air Medal for downing an enemy bomber after a flight of six hours into enemy territory, and returning his seriously damaged plane to his carrier.

At present he is an instructor in the Navy night fighter training program of the Atlantic Fleet, stationed somewhere on the East Coast.

Lt. Conner was graduated from Macy High school and attended Logansport Business college.

He is well-known in this vicinity and has many friends among the younger folk of Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 27, 1945]

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Capt. and Mrs. Robert Doctor are here from Camp Blanding, Fla., for a visit with Mrs. Doctor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oren I. Karn, and other relatives and friends.

Capt. Doctor expects to leave in about two weeks for overseas service. Mrs. Doctor will remain here indefinitely.

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Lt. and Mrs. Robert Young will leave Saturday for Tuskegee, Ala., where Lt. Young is stationed. They have spent the past week here with Lt. Young's mother, Mrs. Lois Mudgett, and other relatives and friends.

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William "Bill" Schroer, captain of the '44-'45 RHS Zebras and president of the '45 RHS graduating class, is now stationed in the Southland and writes that he is anxious to hear from his Rochester and Fulton county friends. His address is: Pvt. William F. Schroer, 35992917, Co. C, 27 Bn., 5th Reg., Plt. 3, Fort McClellan, Ala.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 27, 1945]

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Pvt. Donald Whittenberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Whittenberger of Akron, arrived home Wednesday after having been overseas since December, 1943. He was recently liberated from a German camp after being held a prisoner for six months. After a 60-day furlough, he will report to Miami, Fla., for reassignment.

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First Lt. Roy E. Meredith was graduated this week at the School for Personnel Services at Lexington, Va. He had taken a transport service course with many other officers and enlisted men and has been trained to accompany troops on transports in conducting recreational and personal activities aboard ship to and from overseas theaters of war. Lt. Meredith was principal of the Akron High school prior to his enlistment in March, 1943.

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Richard L. Rogers, A/S, has completed his boot training at Great Lakes and is spending a nine-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Estel Rogers.

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The present address of Pvt. Arthur D. Peterson, 15346737, is Sq. T, class 616, 370th AAF BU., Keesler Field, Miss.

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The Public Relations section 8th Armored Division in Germany has announced the promotion from private first class to technician five for Howard L. Emmons, son of Mrs. Laura Emmons, 417 Indiana avenue.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 29, 1945]

BOB RICHARDSON HOME

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S/Sgt. John Robert Richardson arrived home today from Camp Atterbury for a 4-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Talfred Richardson, east of this city.

Sgt. Richardson, member of the 422nd Regt. of the now famous 106th Infantry Division was in the "Battle of the Bulge" which started on December 16th and on December 19th he was captured by the Germans. "Bob," as he is better known to his friends here, was twice wounded. He received the Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge and also a presidential citation. While in various German prison camps he lost about 50 pounds. Sgt. Richardson, along with others, including Sgt. Richard McKee, also of near Rochester, escaped from the Germans on April 11th.

"Bob", who has flown across the Atlantic from an English port along with other convalescing service men, arrived in New York City last Friday. From there he was transferred to Camp Atterbury arriving there last Sunday. He is receiving treatment at the Wakeman hospital and is reported to be making marked improvement.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 29, 1945]

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S/Sgt. Wilbur E. Brown of Route 6, Rochester, Ind., has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal, for one year's efficient and loyal service. Sgt. Brown is currently stationed at the Salinas Army Airbase at Salinas, California, a Fourth Air Force installation., Colonel Le Roy A. Walthall, Base Commanding Officer, made the presentations.

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Mrs. Dorothy Richard, the former Dorothy Vernon of this city, will leave Chicago Sunday for Providence, R.I., where her husband, Sgt. E. A. Richard is expected to arrive from England after a three-year tour of duty overseas with the eighth U. S. Airforce.

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George Smith, S2/C arrived home today on a leave of absence from the South Pacific where he has spent several months on sea duty.

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The new address of T/Sgt. Kennedy L. Bryan, 6668802, is in care of Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 30, 1945]

OUT ON POINTS

T/S William Skidmore, son of Albert Skidmore, route 6, arrived home Sunday with an honorable discharge from the Army, after three and one-half years' service in Australia and the Pacific theatre. He was discharged under the point system.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 2, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Walter Kale, of route 3, Rochester has recently received word that her son Robert Kale has been promoted to the rank of private first class. He is stationed on Mindanao isle and is serving in the U. S. infantry.

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Mrs. Gerald McQuillen has received word from her husband, T-Cpl Gerald L. McQuillan, who has been stationed in Italy for the past two years, that he has been transferred from the medical corps to the combat engineers.

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S/Sgt. Marion M. Smith, husband of Mrs. Eva Belle Smith arrived here to spend a 30-day furlough. He has spent the past two years with the Eighth air force in England.

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Pvt. Donald L. Smith, Camp Robinson, Ark., came Saturday for a 13-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Smith.

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Terre Haute, Ind., July 2. - Apprentice Seaman Calvin Lessing of Rochester, Ind., is among the seamen to be transferred from the Navy V-12 training unit at Indiana State Teachers College with the close of the spring term, according to an announcement by Lt. Elmer J. Erickson, commanding officer.

Seaman Lessing, who with other seamen being transferred, received a special certificate of attendance from the college during commencement exercises last week, will take further training at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 2, 1945]

MACY, IND. SOLDIER GETS SPEEDY PROMOTION

With The Sixth Army on Luzon. - Less than four months after he was commissioned in the field, 2nd. Lt. Raymond C. Campbell of Macy, Ind., has just been promoted to 1st. Lieutenant in the 38th Division's 151st Infantry, it was announced by his commanding officer.

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Lt. Campbell was commissioned following the bitter battle of Zig Zag Pass in recognition of his courage and leadership. He is the husband of Mrs. Marcy C. Campbell, route 2, Macy.

He is entitled to wear the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the Combat Infantry Badge. He has been overseas for 18 months.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 3, 1945]

FOURTEEN CO. MEN REPORT TODAY FOR SERVICE EXAMINATION

A contingent of 14 county men, all under 26, left this morning for Indianapolis and pre-induction examinations for the armed forces, the local selective service board announced today. They were:

Paul Wesley Scott
Stanley DeWayne Teel
Charles Robert Raymer, Jr.
Maurice J. Peterson
Howard Lemoine Mosher
Elmer William Walters
Herbert DeVerle Severns
Raymond Kalmbacher
Calvin Earl Ringle
Harry Edward Bradway
Ernest Melven Knight
Charles Alonzo Long
Billy Dean Shipley
Jerome Asberry Miller.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 3, 1945]

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Cpl. Devon Pfeiffer arrived home Monday morning from Foster General hospital at Jackson, Miss., for a 30 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest M. Pfeiffer and family. Cpl. Pfeiffer suffered a broken leg in a jeep accident in Belgium and was recently returned to the United States. A brother, Pvt. Richard Pfeiffer is also home on furlough from Fort Riley, Kansas. He will return to duty Sunday.

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Pvt. Richard L. Pfeiffer, who is enroute from Camp Joseph, of Robinson, Kansas, is spending a 12 day leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest M. Pfeiffer.

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T/Sgt. Robert Van Duyne is home for a brief furlough from Fort Hancock, N.J., and will be the guest of relatives and friends here.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore have been informed by their son, Cpl. Hugh Moore, of his arrival in New York from overseas. He is expected home in time for the July Fourth vacation, and will spend a 30-day furlough with parents, relatives and friends.

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Present address of Robert (Sandy) Richards, A/S, is Co 846, Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Ill.

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The address of Donald M. Leedy, S 1/c (ET) is Co. 128, Naval Training School, Navy Pier, Chicago.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 3, 1945]

SHIPS NAZI RIFLES HOME TO PARENTS

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The W. C. Wheatley family of Leiters Ford received a parcel last week containing a French 1916 rifle, a German Mauser rifle, a Nazi bayonet and canteen which had been sent by their son, Pfc. Earl Whetley, who is stationed with the Third Army.

This shipment made a total of five rifles which Earl has sent home. All were captured from the enemy. The Germans evidently were becoming short on arms inasmuch as some were using the obsolete French guns.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 3, 1945]

CAPT. RAY ROY IS HEAD OF MIDWESTERN SALES FORCE

Capt. Ray Roy, of this city, who was recently released from service in the U. S. Air Force, has been appointed middlewest regional sales-manager of the Norge Division of Borg-Warner Corporation. He will have his office in the company's headquarters in Detroit.

In an interview today, Mr. Roy stated his family would reside in Rochester and he would spend his week-ends at home.

Capt. Roy is was learned was the first World War II veteran to return to the Borg-Warner firm's staff. An Air Force captain, he was group Air officer for the United States Ninth Air Force unit assigned to the British Eight Army and as such served with General Montgomery from Alexandria to Italy. The local man has been employed with Norge since 1935 and prior to his entrance in the U. S. Army he was a national sales representative.

Capt. and Mrs. Roy and their two sons are now residing in the Ewing cottage on the north shore of Lake Manitou. Their permanent residence, however, is situated on the northwest corner of Monroe and East Tenth streets, this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 5, 1945]

CORP. STALEY IS ASSIGNED TO TROOP CARRIER WING

A U.S. Troop Carrier Base, France. - Corporal Harrey E. Staley, brother of Mr. Kenneth Staley of Rochester, is assigned to a unit which is part of Troop Carrier Service Wing commanded by Col. Franklin S. Hanley, Service Wing in the repair and supply arm of Maj. Gen. Paul L. Williams' Troop Carrier planes and gliders which were used by the First Allied Airborne Army in the aerial invasion of Holland and the Rhine.

These same Troop Carrier planes and gliders supplied the beleagured 101st Airborne forces in Bastogne, carried the paratroopers who jumped in Africa, Sicily, Italy, Southern France and Normandy, and have flown thousands of front line supply and wounded evacuation missions in between.

Corporal Staley enlisted in the service on Feb. 26, 1941, and has been overseas 20 months in England and France. He formerly attended Rochester High School, and before entering the service he was employed by the Red Holland Stock Truck Company of Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 5, 1945]

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The new address of Pvt. Vernon Dean Ault, 35992977, is Co. A., 41st Inf., Tr. Bn., Camp Croft, N.C.

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Jimmy Willard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Willard of this city, left this morning for Columbus, Ohio, where he will enter Ohio State university under the Army's Specialized Training Plan. He passed the ASTRP test given here at the high school recently.

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The present address of Frederick Mitchell, 451417302, is Sec. 288, Barracks B7, Compt. E-43, USMSTS, Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, N.Y. Frederick enlisted with the Merchant Marine a few weeks ago.

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Mrs. Walter Kale, route 3, has received word that her son Robert has been promoted to private first class and also awarded the infantry combat badge. He is serving with the U. S. Army on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines.

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Lt. Orlyn E. Master of the Army Air Corps, held prisoner in Germany for 18 months, has arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Master of near Kewanna, to enjoy a 60-day leave. Lt. Master was liberated by the Russians, and at the end of his leave will report at the air forces redistribution center at Miami Beach, Fla.

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Aboard a Battleship in the Pacific. - Floyd T. Parks, Jr., 21, of 103 West White street, Champagne, Ill, who is serving in the Navy, was advanced to coxswain, while taking part in the battle for Okinawa on this ship. His wife lives on route 5, Rochester, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 5, 1945]

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Richard Notz, A/S gives his new address as Navy V12 Unit, Chaney Hall, State Teacher's College, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 6, 1945]

THREE LOCAL MEN ARE DISCHARGED ON POINTS

Three local men with 85 or more points to their credit, have received honorable discharges from the service and are returning to their homes here. They are:

M/Sgt. Alvan A. Sauer, husband of Mrs. Mariam Kennell Sauer, has been separated from the Army at Fort Sheridan, Ill, after 38 months of service, a part of which was spent in the South Pacific.

Emmett J. Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bellward, has received his discharge from the Army, having spent the past 15 months in France and Germany. He and Mrs. Carpenter have established a home at Tippecanoe.

Donald Beattie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Beattie, 1030 Elm street, has arrived with his wife to spend a short visit with his parents.

Beattie, who was with the U. S. Seabees, and returned last January from the South Pacific where he spent a year on active duty, had been in the service since July, 1943. He trained at Camp Peary, Va., and Camp Endicott, R.I.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 6, 1945]

"BILL" KRIEGHBAUM IS COMMISSIONED ENSIGN

New York, July 5. - Midshipman William Ross Krieghbaum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lisle Krieghbaum of 1008 Fulton Avenue, Rochester, Indiana, was among 865 men commissioned as Ensigns, United States Naval Reserve, in ceremonies held today in the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, New York City. The group was the twenty-fourth class to be graduated from the oldest and largest Naval Reserve Officer Training School, and brings the total number of graduates from the Training Center to approximately 22,000.

The principal speaker at the services was Rear Admiral Monroe Kelly, USN, Commandant, Third Naval District. The Officer's oath was administered by Commander John K. Richards, USN, Commander U.S. Naval Reserve Office Training Center, New York City.

Miss "Pat" Krieghbaum, a sister of Ensign Krieghbaum, attended the graduation exercises.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 6, 1945]

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Ensign Robert Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Clark of Kewanna, who spent a week's leave at his home, departed Friday for San Francisco, Calif. There he will go aboard the USS Sterrett, a destroyer, for service in the Pacific war zone.

Ensign Clark formerly resided in Rochester, during which time his father was sheriff of Fulton county.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, July 7, 1945]

BRINGS "SKIPPER" HOME FROM DUTY IN PACIFIC

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Becker have been informed by their son Elevyn E. Becker, ARM 3/c, of his arrival from the Pacific for a short stay in Penascola, Fla.

Becker was one of a crew which flew from their Pacific base to the Florida city, bringing home their captain who is to be replaced. They expect to return to duty with their new "skipper" in a few days.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 9, 1945]

PVT. ROBERT O. JONES IS GIVEN MEDICAL DISCHARGE

Ed Jones on Sunday accompanied his son, Pvt. Robert O. Jones, home from the Darnell General hospital at Danville, Ky., where he had been under treatment for injuries received in England.

Pvt. Jones was injured in an accident during maneuvers in England a few days before his unit was due to sail for the D-Day invasion. Hospitalized in Britain for several months, he was finally evacuated to this country, where he has since been under treatment.

His discharge from the service closed a military career. He will take a good rest here at the home of his parents before entering a civilian occupation.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 9, 1945]

PVT. RAYMOND L. LEWIS IS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

Private (first class) Raymond L. Lewis was seriously wounded on Mindenao, June 10, according to a telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lewis, of Argos, from the war department.

Pfc. Lewis entered the service in August 1942, and was sent overseas in September of the same year. He served on numerous islands of the Pacific and has been in the Philippine islands for the past six months. Before entering the service, he was employed in Mentone.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 9, 1945]

KEWANNA SERVICE MAN AWARDED PURPLE HEART

With The 6th Army on Luzon. - Pfc. Elmer F. Hollis of Kewanna, Ind., a member of the 38th (Cyclone) Division, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action on Caballo Island, Manila Bay, P.I.

The parents of Pfc. Hollis reside on route 3, Kewanna. He was engaged in farming for his father before he entered the Army in April, 1941.

Pfc. Hollis holds the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with three battle stars, and the Philippines liberation ribbon, in addition to his latest award. He has recovered from his wounds and has returned to duty with his company of the 151st infantry.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 9, 1945]

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Friends of the two will be saddened to learn that Bob Caywood and Duane Remy have been separated for the first time in eight years. All through most of grade school and through high school one has been close to the other, but now the Navy has separated them. The boys, known lovingly around town as the "Marijuana Twins," went through their boot training at Sampson,

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New York, but after a leave home, Duane has been sent to radio school and Bob is somewhere on the Atlantic.

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Ensign William "Bill" Krieghbaum arrived home Saturday from New York to spend a few days leave. Upon completion of his leave Bill will go to the west coast where he will be assigned to duty on the Pacific.

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Capt. Harold Cooper, his wife and two children are spending a leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Cooper, of this city. Captain Cooper has just recently returned from overseas duty with the U. S. 15th Army. He was with the 540th Field Artillery. Harold resides at Dayton, Ohio.

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Mrs. Maxine Snyder who recently joined the WAC's left today for Fort Desmoines, Iowa, where she will receive her training. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lowe, route 1, Rochester. Her husband, S/Sgt. Don Snyder is now stationed at Hawaii.

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Pfc. Weldon Carr arrived here Saturday for a 30-day furlough from the Pacific theater, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Carr, route 2, and other relatives and friends.

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Lieut. Carrie M. Carr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Carr of near Akron, was graduated July 3 in basic training, nurses' school, at Fort Knox, Ky.

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Sgt. John W. Price of this city has arrived at Camp Blanding, Fla., after being returned to the U.S. from the European war theater aboard an ATC plane. John had 41 months of service in Italy. He has seven battle stars and an invasion arrowhead.

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Capt. Robert Doctor, who has been spending a few days' furlough here with Mr. and Mrs. Oren Karn and family will return via plane to Camp Blanding, Fla., Tuesday. Capt. Doctor expects to go to the Pacific area in the near future. His wife plans to remain here with her parents for the duration.

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Capt. Harold J. Vickery, seriously wounded on Beik Island, near New Guinea some time ago, has been evacuated to the United States and is now at a government hospital near San Jose, Calif., a telephone call to his mother, Mrs. Alma Vickery, revealed Saturday.

Captain Vickery has been in the Southwest Pacific for some time and has seen considerable action against the enemy.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 9, 1945]

EMMERSON McMAHAN RETURNS FROM PACIFIC RESCUE CRUISE

Postmaster Hugh McMahan on Monday evening received a telephone call from his son Emmerson, now at San Francisco after a 20-month tour of duty in the Pacific aboard one of Uncle Sam's destroyers.

Emmerson, a radar man, revealed that his ship was one of several destroyers that took aboard survivors of the USS Franklin, after the big carrier had been struck by a suicide attack off Japan, with a heavy casualty list. He hopes for a leave of absence and a visit home.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 10, 1945]

NEWS-SENINEL SERVICE MAN GETS BACK IN U.S.

Members of The News-Sentinel force today received a message from Cpl. Earl D. Thompson, former employee of the Barnhat-Van Trump Co. that he is back in the U. S. and will arrive home soon.

Earl has been approximately three years service in the Pacific war theatre and it is believed he has been released by the point system.

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[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 10, 1945]

SEVENTEEN MEN REPORT TODAY FOR INDUCTION EXAMS

One of the largest contingents of county men in several months left this morning for Indianapolis and pre-induction examinations for the armed forces, the local selective service board announced today.

Of the 17 men selected, five asked for immediate induction. If they pass the required tests they will not return home, but instead will be assigned at once for service. They are:

Ernest Jones, Jr.
Richard H. Burkett
Paul J. Burns, Jr.
Robert Eugene Carr
Richard Dean Ingram
Others who reported today were:
Darrell Francis Reinholt
Wilbur Dean McCroskey
John Byron Mathias
Melvin Dean Hayes
John Loren Fry
Byron Lyman Abbott
Gordon L. Beehler
Otis Leroy Hartman
Paul Eugene Nickell
Ernel Lester Crabill
Willis Maynard Swick
Delford Daniel Bowen

Richard H. Burkett was appointed leader of the first group and Delford Bowen led the latter contingent.

Albert Henry Lreazenby, scheduled to report today was transferred to Cass county.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 10, 1945]

ARMY CLAIMS FOUR, MARINES TAKE TWO

The Indianapolis Induction Center today announced the assignment of six county men who were forwarded by the local selective service board on July 6, as follows:

Marine Corps -

LeRoy Miller
Edgar Rans.

Army -

Frederick Jesse Swango,
Roy Chalmer Gibbons
Frederick Byron Keim
Eldon Dean Leedy

Announced as also accepted following pre-induction examinations of July 3 were:

Maurice Peterson
Herbert Severns
Charles Long

These men will be called later for induction and assignment.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 10, 1945]

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Cpl. Russel Cauffman left Saturday evening for Camp Adair, Oregon, where he will be stationed. He has been stationed at Ft. Geo. G. Meade, Md. for several months. Mrs. Cauffman and son, Edward, will remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Alber of rural route 5.

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James O'Dell and Richard Bair spent Sunday with Addison Alber, A.S., at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Ill.

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Sgt. Charles M. Batz, 15099243, with the 40th ADG, has been transferred from New Guinea to duty on the Philippines, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Batz, have been informed. His new address is APO 75, care Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.

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The new address of Richard Rogers S 2/c, 294-11-86, is Naval Training Distribution Center, Camp Elliott, San Diego, 44, Calif.

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The new address of Pfc. Carl F. Gordon, 35844338, is 6816 Staging Overhead Det., APO 562, care Postmaster, New York.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 10, 1945]

MISSING SINCE FALL OF BATAAN, LOCAL SOLDIER WRITES FROM JAP PRISON

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Watson, 1114 Elm street, have waited since the fall of Bataan in March, 1942, for some word of their son, Pfc. Donald J. Watson, 25, who was with MacArthur in that ill-fated campaign.

The first word came Monday afternoon when the parents received a letter from their missing son, informing them that he is being held prisoner of the Japs at Fukuoka prison camp on the island of Honshu, Japan.

Although carried on War department rolls as missing, the parents have repeatedly attempted to locate Pfc. Watson, all the while refusing to give up the conviction that he was alive. The letter received states that he is well and hopes to have word from home at the prison camp address.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 10, 1945]

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Robert Wiley Richards, 27, husband of Mrs. Betty Jean Richards, 427 Indiana Avenue, Rochester, Indiana, is receiving his initial Naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

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Roy Fultz, USN, arrived home Tuesday evening for a 10-day leave of absence with his wife and daughter, and other relatives and friends. He has been stationed for the past several weeks on Treasure Island, San Francisco.

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Earl Dean Arven S 1/c of Jacksonville, Fla., has arrived home in Fulton for a brief leave with his wife and other relatives and friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, July 11, 1945]

FIVE COUNTY MEN PASS PRE-INDUCTION EXAMS

The Indianapolis Induction Center has announced the acceptance of five of the 12 county men who reported Tuesday for pre-induction examinations, the local selective service board announced today. Those who successfully passed the required tests, and who will be called for service later, were:

Darrell F. Rhineholt

John B. Mathias

Bryon L. Abbott

Gordon L. Beehler

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Otto L. Hartman

Another group of five men who requested immediate induction, but upon which no report has as yet been made, were:

Ernest Jones, Jr.

Richard H. Burkett

Paul J. Burns, Jr.

Robert E. Carr

Richard D. Ingram.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 12, 1945]

LT. JOHN M. SMILEY NOW TRAINS PILOTS

Lubbock Army Air Field, Lubbock, Texas, July 12 - 1st. Lt. John M. Smiley, son of Earl Smiley of Rochester, and a former sheet metal layout man, has just completed the "post graduate" course of advanced instruction in instrument pilot training at this big AAF instructors school and has returned to Minter Field, Bakersfield, Calif., to train other fliers in the latest methods of "all weather" instrument flying.

Lt. Smiley flew 46 missions as a B-25 pilot in the C-B-I Theater with the 14th Air Force. He has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and two battle stars on the theater ribbon.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 12, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Cpl. Richard W. DeMont, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. DeMont, route 3, has received his diploma at Chanute Field. He and his wife have returned to Sioux City, Iowa.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Remy have received word their son's new address is: Duane Remy, S 2/c, USN TC 294-04023, Co. S, N.T.S. Radioman, Gulfport, Miss.

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The Camp Atterbury Disposition Center has announced the discharge on point system of Sgt. John W. Price, 417 Clayton street. Sgt. Price has seen a great deal of action in the European theater, the report says.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 12, 1945]

BILL RITCHIE AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Rochester relatives have received word that Sgt. Bill V. Ritchie, of West Lafayette, formerly of this city has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service with the U. S. Seventh army on January 10th and 11th near Reipertswiller, France. His battalion also received special commendation for its operations from March 26th to May 1st.

Sgt. Ritchie is with U. S. heavy motorized artillery and has been in five or six of the major European campaigns. Prior to his enlistment in the services he was a student at Purdue University. He also is a former member of The News-Sentinel news staff. Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Ritchie of Lafayette.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 12, 1945]

FORMER KEWANNA MAN KILLED IN OKINAWA

Word has been received in Kewanna of the death on Okinawa of Pvt. Harry S. Button, Jr., 21, who fell on the field of action June 16, [1945], during the conquest of that island.

Private Button, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Button, Sr., who was, for several years, manager of the Kewanna elevator, was a member of the Kewanna Methodist church. He was completing his sophomore year at Purdue when called to the service, two years ago. He had been overseas a year and served in both the Leyte and Okinawa operations.

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Surviving are the parents, now of Otterbein, Ind., the widow, Mrs. Dorothy Button, and an 11-month-old daughter Margaret, of 512 Dizardie street, Logansport, and one brother, Lt. Walter Button, U. S. Navy, stationed at Washington, D.C.

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CARL SWANSON PATROLS PACIFIC SHIPPING LANES

Pearl Harbor, T.H. - Thousands of square miles in the Central Pacific are under the constant watch of the Hawaiian Sea Frontier a unit of the Fleet, assigned to the task of keeping the sealanes clear of enemy fleet units.

Carl E. Swanson, radarman, third class, USNR, of Rochester, Indiana, has been attached to the activity for 11 months.

He attended Akron, Indiana, high school and enlisted in April, 1944.

Swanson's wife lives at 1111 Monroe, Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 13, 1945]

FIVE WHO ASKED IMMEDIATE INDUCTION ARE ACCEPTED

The local selective service board today received information from the Indianapolis Induction Center, stating that the five county men who reported Tuesday of this week, and requested immediate inductions, were all accepted and will be assigned soon.

They are Ernest Jones, Jr., Richard H. Burkett, Paul I Burns, Jr., Robert E. Carr and Richard D. Ingram.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 13, 1945]

LT. KELLY IS DECLARED DEAD BY U.S. WAR DEPT.

Mrs. William G. Wheatley of the Leiters Ford vicinity has been informed by her sister, PFC Mary Esther Kelly of West Palm Beach, Florida, former resident of Monterey, that her son, 1st Lieutenant Forrest LeRoy Kelly, has been declared officially dead by the War Department. Lieut. Kelly was seriously wounded and captured by the enemy on June 30th, 1944, while leading his platoon into battle against the Germans at St. Lo, France. No word from him has been received since that date. He was a member of the 29th Infantry, which was cited for bravery at St. Lo.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 13, 1945]

JAS. J. WILLARD TAKING TRAINING AT OHIO STATE

Culver, Ind., July 13. - Colonel Clinton S. Berrien, Professor of Military Science & Tactics at the 3510th Service Cammand Unit, Culver Military Academy, announed today that the first 1945 class of ASTRP students began on Monday, July 9, at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, and at West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Va. A total of 309 young men embarked upon a college training program which will give each man at least six months college education under an Army College Scholarship. Of the total, 186 have been assigned to West Virginia University and 123 to Ohio State University.

James J. Willard, 520 E. Eighth St., Rochester was among those assigned to Ohio State University. ASTRP (Army Specialized Training Reserve Program) students are furnished complete uniorms, tuition and books. They are housed in college dormitories and are given balanced Army meals without cost to them.

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SERVICE NOTES

Petty Officer 3/c, Calvin Riley is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Riley.

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Capt. Eugene Bright of Maxwell Field, Alabama, arrived home for a 20-day furlough with relatives.

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Mrs. Nellie Bright received word that her son, Pfc. Robert Bright, had recently been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster for his bravery in action in France, July 13, 1944. He is now a patient at Borden Hospital, Chickasha, Oklahoma.

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The Oak Leaf Cluster was also awarded 1st Lieut. W. E. Glaze, son of Mrs. Leo Glaze and husband of Mrs. Margaret Glaze, for his conduct in action in Germany Feb. 24, 1945.

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Home on leave for brief visits with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shriver, West Eighth street, are Pfc. Iva Shriver, WAC, from Fleming hospital, Thomasville, Ga., and Petty Officer 3/c J. Floyd (Tuffy) Shriver, a veteran of four major sea engagements in the Pacific.

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Expected home on furlough for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Ms. William Snyder, route 1, is S/Sgt. James F. Snyder, with 108 points to his credit, a record of eight battle stars won in Africa, Italy and France, and three years service. He expects a discharge on the point system.

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Walter D. Funk's address is No. 35092255, 15th Photo Trk. Unit, APO 696, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Pvt. Charles Miller arrived home Thursday from Camp Wheeler, Ga., and will enjoy a 10-day furlough with his wife, relatives and friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 13, 1945]

SON OF FORMER LOCAL MAN IN B-29 COMMAND

Indirectly, Rocheser has made a valuable contribution to the devastation of Hirohito's home empire, offering the man who is second in command of America's powerful Superfortress wing which has scored an almost uninterrupted daily attack upon the Nipponese homeland.

He is acting Brig. Gen. Paul Stanley Emrick, 29 years old, son of Paul Emrick of Lafayette, leader of Purdue university's famed band, and the late Mrs. Mattie Brady Emrick, and a nephew of Mrs. Frank Kumler and Mrs. Earle Miller of this city. The army officer's father, a native of Rochester, is vacationing in his summer home on Lake Manitou.

Gen. Emrick was graduated from the Purdue University School of Engineering and was a former member of the Purdue football team. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps seven years ago and received his training in Texas. He was sent to Honolulu, H.I., to aid in the construction of Hickam Field, but was ordered back to Washington to become a member of Gen. George C. Marshall's staff the week before the sneak Japanese attack. At that time he held the rank of major.

In the attack on Hickam Field many of Emrick's buddies were killed and he asked for active duty in the desire to avenge their death. The War department granted his request and he was sent to the Pacific. He now is based on Guam.

General Emrick is married and his wife is living in Los Angeles, Calif., for the duration of the war.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, July 14, 1945]

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RDM 2/c Charles Wilbur Bussert has arrived back in the U.S. according to word received by Mrs. Bussert. Charles has seen considerable service aboard a minesweeper in both the Atlantic and Pacific waters. He was recently hospitalized at Pearl Harbor.

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Fort Knox, Ky., (Special) - Another class of skilled tank mechanics had been graduated today from the Armored School. Graduates included Pvt. Loren D. Brown, 1027 Elm Street, Rochester, Ind.

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The address of Kenneth Cooper has been changed from Camp Huckstep, Cairo, Egypt to Asmara, Eritrea.

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The new address of Richard D. Sheets, 3/c is Tinieum Manor, 50 Edgemont Rd., Delaware County, Essington, Pa.

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The Pacific Fleet Center has informed relatives of Floyd T. Parks, Jr., coxswain, aboard a US battleship, that he has survived the battle for Okinawa, involving numerous sea assaults, without a scratch. His wife resides on route 5, Rochester.

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LeRoy E. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony D. Miller, has been graduated from the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Norman, Oklahoma and is now awaiting assignment, according to information received here.

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Ashel Wesley Tabler, 27, husband of Mrs. Ruth Marie Tabler, Route 1, Macy, Ind., is receiving his initial Naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 16, 1945]

FORMER SILVER LAKE FLIER DIES IN FLORIDA CRASH

Lt. Paul R. Snyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Snyder, formerly of Silver Lake and later of Fort Wayne, and husband of Jane Warner Snyder, was killed in an airplane crash at Panama City, Fla., about noon on Friday. He was piloting a B-24 bomber at the time of the crash.

Young Snyder, commonly called "Bud" by his friends, was a former Silver Lake High school basketball star and was commissioned an officer in the Army Air Force in June of last year. At the time of his tragic death he was stationed at Kendall Field, Fla.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 16, 1945]

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Pfc. Donald Chapman has recently been transferred from Cambridge, Ohio, to Camp Atterbury. Pfc. Chapman spent the week end with his wife and daughter.

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Pfc. Echo McCalla, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Chester McCalla, East Eighth street, has received a medical discharge from the army after 16 months service in the European theatre of war, and is now here visiting his parents.

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[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 17, 1945]

EYE WITNESS ACCOUNTS TELL HOW LOCAL FLIER LOST LIFE

Positive proof in the form of eye witness accounts of the death of Lt. Frederick VanDien, was received Monday by Mrs. Gertrude VanDien, parent of the missing aviator.

Details were furnished by Lt. Larry J. Dopp, bombardier-navigator and Lt. Edward McAvoy, co-pilot of the ill-fated plane piloted by Lt. VanDien.

These two survivors of the crash which caused Lt. VanDien's death, stated that they left the Island of Corsica in the Mediterranean Sea on Sept. 21, on a bombing mission over German held sections of Italy.

A Tough Target

They were, they said, aware that the target assigned would be a tough job, but they made the approach, made the run over the target, and jettisoned their bomb load in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire. They were experiencing bad weather when a burst of flak struck the right wing

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of their B-24. Moments later, another burst struck the nose of their ship as they lost altitude with the right engine out. The nose hit destroyed the instrument panel and as the big plane swung out of control, Lt. VanDien ordered all hands to bail out.

The second flak burst had injured Lt. Depp, who said he observed the tail gunner, Sgt. Ted. Kyle's parachute failing to open. Others, he said, cleared the wounded ship and descended to earth with their "chutes." Sgt Kyle's lifeless body was later found where he fell.

Depp and McAvoy landed without mishap, but Lt. VanDien was observed to make a bad landing as the bail-out was over mountainous terrain. When found it was discovered that he had struck his head against a rock with such force as to cause instant death. There were no other marks on the body.

Given Christian Burial

The four men landed near the village of Mallare, on the Ligurian gulf above Savona, Italy. Civilians there gave both Lt. VanDien and Sgt. Kyle a Christian burial in a churchyard near the town. It is believed, however, that the bodies have since been transferred to a U. S. military cemetery. This fact can only be verified through the War Department, which is expected to report in a short time.

Lt. VanDien was first reported missing, but following the collapse of Germany, the report was changed by the War Department to "killed in action."

He was born and reared in this city, graduated from the local high school and later attended college at Ventura, Calif. He had been a member of the U. S. airforce for 18 months prior to his death, which occurred on his seventh bombing mission.

Both Lt. Dopp and McAvoy paid high tribute to Lt. VanDien's skill and bravery in action and to his splendid comradeship which was shared by every member of his squadron.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 17, 1945]

SGT. AMOS E. FOOR GETS PURPLE HEART

With The 38th Division on Luzon, July 10. - Sgt. Amos E. Foor of Rochester, Ind., has just been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action on Cabello Island, it was announced by his commanding officer.

Recovered from his wounds, Sgt. Foor has returned to duty with the 38th Division's 151st Infantry. He is the husband of Mrs. Wanita K. Foor and son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark W. Foor, both of R.R. 2, Rochester, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, July 18, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Among those graduating recently from an intensive course of electrician's mate training at service schools at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., was Lee R. Hoehne, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Hoehne, route 1, Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, July 18, 1945]

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When the Fifth Regiment (3,500 men) at Fort McClellan last week played a game of softball, who should be on the mound hurling but Bill Schroer of Rochester. "Lefty" did very well, allowing only three hits, striking out nine men, and his team won 4-1. At bat, the Rochester boy lined out a single and a home run. Bill says the Army is OK

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 19, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

WAVE Betty Wallace, PhM 3/c, has been assigned to the neurose psychiatry school at the U. S. Navy hospital, Norfolk, Va., where she will undergo a six-month course of instruction,

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according to word received by her father, Attorney Charles G. Wallace. Her address is WAVE Hdq., care of the hospital.

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Pvt. William W. Duclus, 32-year-old layout man, of route 3, Rochester, Ind., has reported to the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School at Brooke hospital Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to undergo training as an Army medical surgical technician.

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Among the thousands of returning veterans from the European theater to arrive Thursday aboard the Queen Elizabeth, was Pvt. George E. Maby of Rochester. He is expected home on furlough in a short while.

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Discharged Wednesday from Camp Atterbury was Pfc. Joseph L. Shaw, 506 1/2 North Main street. He was released on the point system.

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Home on furlough for seven days and awaiting transfer from Sioux Falls, S.D., is Pfc. Charles Green, route 5, who will spend his leave with his wife and family.

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WAVE Norma Louise Donovan, Y 2/c, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Miller, route 4, has been assigned to the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department, Washington, D.C. Her husband, Robert B. Donovan, Y 1/c, is now on duty at the Fleet Hometown News Center, Chicago.

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Arriving also in New York on the Queen Elizabeth today from Germany, are Pfc. Richard E. Sherbondy, son of Mrs. Ada Sherbondy of this city, and Pfc. Leo H. Sheetz of Fulton.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 20, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Corp. Earl Hizer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hizer, Grass Creek, has been discharged from the Army on the point system and has returned home. He has served during the past year in the European theater.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, July 21, 1945]

ROCHESTER SEAMAN AIDS IN SINKING JAP SHIPS

Aboard The U.S. Oakland in The Pacific. - Paul Devon Henriott, gunner's made third class, USNR, son of J. B. Henriott, Rochester, Ind., fought aboard this light cruiser when she helped sink a Jap destroyer and a 7,500-ton transport and shoot down 12 Jap planes as highlights of her combat career of 40 naval actions.

In her relentless quest of the enemy, she has traveled more than 170,000 miles, crossing the equator 24 times while taking part in nearly every major invasion and campaign from Tarawa to Okinawa.

The Oakland saw action at Kwajalein, Truk, Saipan, Palau, Yap, Hollandia and Tinian. Her guns rained steel on the Japs at Guam, Rota, Iwo Jima, Mindanao, Formosa, Luzon, Leyte and Mindoro.

She has been commended for her work on four occasions and the two captains who commanded her during her engagements have been awarded Silver Star medals.

Today she continues to line up with her task force as the fleet crowds Jap vessels back into home waters.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 23, 1945]

AKRON MAN IS PRESIDENTIAL GUARD OF HONOR AT ANTWERP

Selected from thousands of troops as a member of the guard of honor for President Truman upon his arrival at Brussels recently, was Pfc. George Bright, son of Mrs. Nellie Bright of Akron.

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The honorary guard was formed of 400 crack infantrymen of the U.S. 35th Division who formed the lane through which the chief executive passed upon his debarkation from the cruiser Augusta at the big Belgian port on July 15.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 23, 1945]

CONCERNING BURIAL OF THEODORE MYERS, USN

Quite recently Mr. and Mrs. Irvin L. Myers, route 6, received a letter from the U. S. Army which gave them information and a description of where their son, Theodore, of the U. S. Navy, who was killed in action, was buried.

This data which was sent to the lieutenant of the quartermaster depot company, was forwarded to the Myers and is published in the belief it may be comforting to other parents whose sons have been killed in action. The letter follows:

Brookwood American
Military Cemetery
U. S. Army
APO 638
4 June 1945

Lt. Dennis A. Wilson, 0-1593921
700th QM Depot Co.
APO 667, U. S. Army

Dear Lt. Wilson:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 13th in regard to the resting place of our friend Theodore Myers, U. S. Navy.

The cemetery here is located in the beautiful countryside of Surrey county, England. We as Americans, can be proud of the way all American casualties in England are cared for as well as the way our cemeteries are beautified and maintained. Each American casualty here is embalmed, dressed in uniform, interred in an English elm casket, given full military service and the religious service of their preferences.

Unfortunately we do not have any pictures at present for distribution, but only last week the Office of the Quartermaster, U.K.B. had an official photographer take pictures for distribution. If you will write direct to OQM, HQ U.K., Base, AUO, 413, (Att. GR & E Div) U. S. Army, I am sure they will be glad to forward photographs to you as soon as they are available.

Inclosed are copies of the program for the Memorial Day service held here.

If we can be of service to you in the future do not hesitate to write us.

Sincerely yours,
Gage R. Mackey
1st Lt., QMC
Commanding

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 23, 1945]

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Lt. Leon Bidwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bidwell, arrived home Friday on a 15-day leave. He was graduated July 18 from Bombardier Navigation school at San Angelo, Texas, and received his commission as second lieutenant. Leon graduated from Akron high school in 1942, attended Indiana university, and entered the Air Corps on Nov. 15, 1943. At the close of his leave he will report at San Angelo, Texas, for reassignment.

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Robert Kern, SK 3/c, has returned to his station at Sampson, N.Y., after a brief leave of absence spent with his wife and family at Athens.

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The new address of Willis E. Nickell, S 1/c, 293-72-99 USN, is Training and Distribution Center, Camp Elliot, San Diego 44, Calif.

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Maj. and Mrs. N. E. Presecan are enjoying a 10-day leave here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi P. Moore. On July 30, Major Presecan, who has spent 22 months overseas, will report for reassignment at LaJuene, N.C. Mrs. Presecan and Nickey will remain here indefinitely.

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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Goss, 612 Jefferson street, have received word of the graduation of their son, Raymond Jr., from the flight officers' school at Hondu, Texas.

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Pfc. Raymond Bowen arrived Sunday evening from overseas for a furlough with his wife and children here.

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Addison E. Alber, S 2/c, has finished his boot training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center and is spending a nine-day leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Alber, route 5. He will report for duty again at Great Lakes on Monday, July 30.

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The new address of Pvt. James J. Willard is 15204108, Co. B., 1552nd SCL-ROTC-AST, Ohio University, Columbus, Ohio.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 24, 1945]

KEWANNA BOY AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

A Bronze Star Medal was awarded Corp. Robert R. Worl, 35092203 Field Artillery, Battery B, 264th Bn., U.S. Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Belsweiller, Germany on 10 November 1944.

Corporal Worl while serving as an observer at a forward observation post, was adjusting fire on an enemy pillbox. Although his position was under direct observation and fire by the enemy, and provided very inadequate shelter, he stood by his post until the pillbox was destroyed. The tenacity of purpose and courage displayed by Corporal Worl reflect the highest credit on him and on the armed forces of the United States.

Corporal Worl is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Worl of Kewanna and he is at present serving with the Third Army of Occupation.

The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, July 25, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

T/1 Vernald W. Hoffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoffman, R. 2, has been discharged from the service on the point system. T/1 Hoffman has been in service since June 1939, and was wounded in the invasion of Guadalcanal.

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Pfc. Carl Hedges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hedges, has recently been transferred from New Guinea to the Philippines.

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Discharged at Camp Atterbury on points, as of July 25, was T/Sgt. Edward J. Deal, 103 Jefferson St.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Shore have been informed of the transfer of their son, Pvt. Byron Shore, from the Engineers to the Quartermaster Corps at Ft. Francis E. Warran, Wyoming.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 26, 1945]

THREE AKRON BOYS MET RECENTLY ON OKINAWA

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sheetz of Akron, received word from their son, PhM 1/c, Dale Sheetz, that he had met Ed Secor and Tom Gast on the Island of Okinawa. The boys undoubtedly had quite a time talking over old times.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 27, 1945]

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Arlo Dale Baggerly, A/S, who has just completed boot training at Great Lakes, is here to spend a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Baggerly.

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T/4 Kenneth Miller has arrived at Presque Isle Army Airfield from a 29-month tour of duty as a mechanic in the European theatre. T/4 Miller, who is the son of Mrs. Flo Miller, 711 1/2 Montoe street, wears the ETO Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, the ATO Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal with clasp, Atlantic-Pacific Ribbon with one Bronze Star, and the American defense Ribbon. He is expected home on furlough soon.

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S/Sgt. George F. Hattery, 1519 Jefferson street has been discharged on the point system from Camp Atterbury, as of July 26, the camp Relations Department announced today.

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Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Cornell have been advised that their grandson, S/Sgt. Don R. Cornell, is enroute home from the Pacific theatre where he has spent two years as a mechanic in the Airforce. Sgt. Cornell has been in service for the past three dyears.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 27, 1945]

CHAPLAIN, SOLDIER RECOUNT DISAPPEARANCE OF LT. POTTER

From the men who served with Lt. Ralph J. Potter, Jr., reported missing in action on August 23, 1944, in Northern Italy, Mrs. Ralph J. Potter, Sr., route 2, has received accounts of his disappearance into enemy hands, although no official information of his fate has as yet been available.

Lt. Potter, a member of the 442nd U. S. Infantry, composed almost entirely of Japanese-Americans, it appears, was ambushed, along with a Captain Hempstead on the Arno river, west of Florence, Italy, while on patrol duty in reconnaissance against the Germans in that sector.

Concerning the incident, is the following letter from the regimental chaplain, Masao Yamanda, who says:

November 18, 1944

Mrs. Ralph Jay Potter, Sr.
919 N. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Potter,

Your letter of October 22, 1944, addressed to the commanding officer of company M, was brought to my attention.

As the chaplain of the unit, I share with you the anxiety of a parent's heart. Your son, Lt. Ralph J. Potter Jr., was reported missing in action on August 22, 1944 in northern Italy.

I knew your son well. We came to know each other during our training period in Camp Shelby, Mississippi. On many occasions, I took the liberty to speak to him as a "Dutch" uncle. So when I heard of the unfortunate incident, I was more than disheartened.

Please believe me, Mrs. Potter, when I say that I took the personal responsibility to go into no man's land with eleven men to recover our dead and seek further information of your missing son. It was on the 24th of August that I met three German soldiers in their line under the truce of our Geneva convention. I asked them for your son. They told me that he was wounded on his foot. (One German soldier placed his finger a few inches from the toe). They also told me that their medics took good care of him and carried him away as prisoner.

I have not seen Lt. Potter nor have we received any confirmation from our enemy that he is their prisoner. I am stating to you only the personal information I gained from our enemy in their territory.

I could now say also that Captain Hempstead was killed on the same day where your son was wounded and carried away.

I earnestly pray that your son is healed and well cared for. I wish that I could give you the assurance of his safety but it is beyond our reach at present. Only our Heavenly Father knows.

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“Be not dismayed whate’re betide,
God will take care of you.”
This must be our faith.

Let us unite our common supplications to our Father in Heaven and I’m sure we shall
some day find peace in our anxiety.

Very sincerely yours,
Masao Yamanda, Chaplain

And from Pfc. M. Watanabe, member of the same regiment, to his friend, Miss Joan
Kawaguchi, another Japanese-American recounts his recollections of Lt. Potter’s disappearance.
The letter follows:

June 4th

Dar Joan:

I received quite a few lettrs about an hour ago--among them, your V-mail of April 17th
and letter of May 16th. The V-mail came together with the old letters I received. I wrote to you a
few days ago, so this letter will be more on the serious side--concerning Lt. Potter.

Before I start, I want you to explain to Pat that I’m not with the 442nd anymore, and this
is from memory and that it may not be too accurate. I wouldn’t even attempt to write the details,
but he happened to be with our company fellas at that time. I’m quite sure that its the same Potter,
since he was with Co. M at that time at Shelby too. Ask her if he was reported missing around the
middle of August--that’s when it happened. By now he may have written to Lt.Young (quite a
character--lot of fun!) and got more accurate reports. Well, here goes anyway. (I’m not so sure of
just what she wants to know, so I’ll just write what I know that happened).

I don’t know the exact date, but it was in the early part of August--we were up by the
Arno River, west of Florence at that time. We were in more or less a stationary line at that time--
just held the ground we had. So about 500 yards on both sides of the river was more or less “no
man’s land.” Both sides continually send out reconnaissance and combat patrols --I was on patrol
work at that time. One day, it so happened that higher headquarters wanted some information, I
guess. Anyway, Captain Hempstead (Co. M’s Commanding Officer) Lt. Potter, and their gunners
came to our company for some riflemen to accompany them. I suppose you wouldn’t know, but
Co. M is a heavy weapon’s company--just heavy machine guns and mortars, so they didn’t have
riflemen--that’s the reason they came to our company for riflemen. They took 1 squad of riflemen
(12 men) and started off for the river. About 25 yards or so from the river, all hell broke loose, and
they were caught flatfooted--quite a firefight for sometime. We’ve been using the same trail
several times, because the certain trails were cleared of mines. Guess Jerry was wise to it, and
they waited on the trail with machine guns and stuff all set up. They got ambushed and Lt. Potter
got hit. Being in ambush, the ones who were able to, withdrew--frankly, the ones who were able
to come back were really lucky, since Jerry was expecting them. It was at night too, so it was
harder to know just who got hit and impossible to bring the wounded back with them. Lt. Potter
was just hit too bad to be able to come back on his own power and he was at the head of the
column, so he was in quite a spot. We sent out a platoon of men next morning to look for the 3
men who were missing--Lt. Potter, Capt. Hempstead and his runner. Lt. Potter was gone, and the
other 2 were killed. That’s all I know Joan--it may not be too accurate, so tell her whatever you
think she should know. Tell her that her brother was really respected--he was known to have
plenty of “guts,” so it may be a little bit of consolation for her to know that he was a damn good
soldier. I’m no saying that to be polite--E.M’s (enlisted men) talk heard quite a few things about
his “guts.”

Maybe I shouldn’t have written what I did, since I didn’t know him personally, but that’s
what happened--maybe that wasn’t what she wanted to know--use your own judgment Joan--I’m
pretty ignorant (no comments!)

Give her my regards and sympathy, although I know they’re not much help--if she cares
to write to anyone in to the outfit, tell her the APO and everythings the same--APO 464 again, as it
was before we went to France.

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Guess this is about enough out of me--subjects like this one pretty hard to write about--don't get me wrong--I didn't mean that I resent your asking. It's just that I think anyone hates to talk about deaths, etc.

Regards to your family--Chicago, is it? I'll write again later. Be good,
Max.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 27, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

T/Sgt. James Ball of the U. S. Air Corps who at present is stationed at Kendall Field, Panama City, Fla., is spending a furlough with home friends until August 12th. James who is a radio technician and aerial gunner flew many missions over enemy territory in the Italian campaign and has received several service awards.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, July 28, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

RAAF, Roswell, N. Mexico, July 27. - F/O Raymond Goss, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Goss, 612 Jefferson street, Rochester, Indiana, has recently been assigned to the Roswell Army Air Field, Roswell, N.M., a B-29 transition school in the Western Flying Training Command.

Prior to receiving his officer training F/O Goss served six months overseas in Hawaii.

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Fort Riley, Kas. - Pvt Charles Spohn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spohn, 402 Pontiac street, Rochester, Ind., was graduated today from the Enlisted Communications course, class No. 112, it was announced by Maj.-Gen. Isaac D. White, superintendent, the Cavalry School. Private Spohn was inducted into the armed forces Dec. 20, 1944, and received his basic training at the Cavalry Replacement Training Center, Fort Riley, Kas. Prior to his induction he was a student at Purdue university.

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Ensign W. R. "Bill" Krieghbaum informs his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lisle Krieghbaum, 1008 Fulton avenue, that he has been assigned to the USS Matanikau which will sail soon for action in the Pacific. Ensign Krieghbaum will take a few days' schooling at San Francisco preparatory to shoving off. His address will be in care of the ship, CVE 101. c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 30, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Dean Meyer has been informed that her husband, Sgt. Dean Meyer, who has been stationed on New Guinea for the past 18 months, has been transferred to the Philippine area.

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Included in the list of Indiana service men who are returning aboard the Queen Mary which docks at New York, Thursday, August 2nd, is S/Sgt. William L. Burr, of LaPorte. S/Sgt. Burr will spend his furlough here in Rochester with his wife and son Pieter. Mrs. Burr was formerly Miss Anne Van Trump.

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Hugh B. Holman, Jr., Y 1/c, who has been spending a 13-day leave here with his father, Hugh B. Holman, left today for Camp Endicott, Davisville, R.I., where he is now stationed. Hugh has served considerable time in the Southwest Pacific area and was returned to the U.S. a few months ago. he was formerly a member of The News-Sentinel sports staff.

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Ensign Ralph D. MacWilliams and Norman C. Brinkmyer of Hollywood, Calif., came Monday evening for a short leave with Ensign MacWilliams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. MacWilliams, 1130 Pontiac street. Both boys received their commissions at Northwestern university on Saturday. They expect assignment to active duty at an early date.

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[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 31, 1945]

PFC. ELMER F. OVERMYER AWAITS TRANSPORTATION

Enroute home after 25 months service in Europe is Pfc. Elmer P. Overmyer, route 3, a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Overmyer of the Richland Center neighborhood, with whom he made his home. He is a graduate of Richland Center high school, class of 1939.

Pfc. Overmyer is now awaiting transportation at Antwerp, Belgium, and expects to reach home in a short time. He has 99 points to his credit, wears five battle stars and holds both the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantry Badge.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 1, 1945]

ENROUTE HOME ON WAY TO HELP BLAST JAPAN

Men of the 92nd Chemical Mortar Battalion, including Pfc. Walter A. Sayger, route 1, are awaiting transportation home from the European theater, and will enjoy a 30-day furlough before proceeding on to the Pacific, Army Public Relations announced today.

Members of the battalion wear five battle stars for action from St. Lo to the Elbe river, and the historic junction with the Red Army.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 1, 1945]

PFC. V. R. VanDUYNE OF KEWANNA, BACK IN U.S.

Miami Beach, Florida, July 28. - Pfc. Virgil R. Van Duyne, 26, husband of Mrs. Alice Van Duyne, of Kewanna, Indiana, 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.

Pfc. Van Duyne served 25 months as a cannoneer in the European theater of operations.

While there he was awarded the European campaign ribbon with five battle stars.

Before entering the service Pfc. Van Duyne was a farmer.

He became a member of the American Forces on December 17, 1942.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 1, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

T/4 Kenneth "Tony" Miller has returned home from a two and half year tour of duty in Europe where he amassed sufficient points for discharge. He is now spending a few days as the guest of his mother, Mrs. Flo Miller, 711 1/2 Monroe street.

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Cpl Doyle M. Campbell reported to Yorktown, Va., July 29, after spending a 30-day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Campbell, route 4, Rochester.

He is a member of the Sixth Marine Division and had been overseas 27 months in the South Pacific. He was wounded in the battles of New Georgia and on Okinawa and is the recipient of the Purple Heart. He participated in four major battles, New Georgia, Emerau, Guam and Okinawa.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 1, 1945]

FOUR ROCHESTER MEN ARE BACK IN U.S.

New York, Aug. 2 (INS) - Docking today in the New York harbor were Pfc. Walter Sayger, Rochester; T/5 Lawrence M. Brown, Rochester; T/5 Lewis E. Johnson, Rochester and T/5 Ralph H. Kasten, of Winamac.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, August 3, 1945]

PRE-INDUCTION EXAMS CALL 25 COUNTY MEN

A group of 25 county men on Thursday reported at the Indianapolis Induction Center for pre-induction examinations, the local selective service board reveals.

Those who were included in the contingent represented both men who have been reclassified as well as those who have recently been registered. The list follows:

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Cecil Edward Kline
Arthur Dean Weber
Charles Reuben McIntire
Donald Everett Metzger
Glen Oakley Hart
James Edward O'Dell
Maurice Willard Keyser
Charles Benton Herendeen
Sidney Robert Bixler
Wayne Edward Woolley
John Henry Beckman
Forrest Kamp
Lee Russell Million
Earl Deroy Floor
Devane Elmer Ballenger
Richard Eugene Landis
Obed Alvin Good
Harvey Earl Guyer
Hugh James Smith
Robert Deloise Flora
Carl Philip Newcomer
Avaughn Murray
Earl Eugene Hoffman
Estil Crall
Freddie Lee Yelton
[The News-Sentinel, Friday, August 3, 1945]

RELEASED ON POINTS

The Public Relations Section, Camp Atterbury, today announced the discharge on the point system of three local men. They are Pfc. Estel C. Rowles, 1100 Franklin avenue, Corp. Frederick R. Greer, 501 1/2 Main street, and T/3c Douglas M. Sweany, 140 B Avenue.
[The News-Sentinel, Friday, August 3, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Corp. Harley L. Croussore, E. 12th street has returned to Camp Atterbury after a 32-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Croussore. He was accompanied to Indianapolis by Miss Mary and Mrs. Metha Croussore.
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Pfc. Clarence Sparks is enjoying a 10-day furlough with his wife, Mrs. Kathryn Sparks and daughter Sandra. Pfc. Sparks is stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla.
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Sgt. Loren J. Weaver has arrived home from the European theatre, and will enjoy a 30-day furlough with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Weaver.
[The News-Sentinel, Friday, August 3, 1945]

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James Gilliland, USN, returned today to the Pacific coast after a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gilliland, route 3.
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Robert Kern, SK 2/c of Sampson, N.Y., arrived this morning for a week leave with his wife and family of Athens.
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Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller of this city received word from their son, S/Sgt. Jacob A. Miller, Jr., that he has located the grave of his cousin, Stanley W. Fields, who was killed in the service of his country, near Pasonance, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on March 19, 1945. His remains were interred in U.S.A. F F E cemetery No. 1 at Zamboanza, Mindanao. S/Sgt. Miller has taken pictures of his grave and will send them to his mother.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller, Rochester, route 5, have received word from their son, Cpl. T/5 Paul L. Miller that he met Pvt. Charles W. Clevenger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clevenger of Rochester on Okinawa.

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Sgt. Donald Barfell of Athens, Ind., called on Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kindig Friday. Sgt. Barfell and Mr. Kindig's son, Pvt. James Kindig, trained together and were in the same outfit in New Guinea. Sgt. Barfell was wounded and returned to the States in January. Mr. Kindig is expecting James home soon, he has been in New Guinea 28 months.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, August 4, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Malcolm Wayne Kestner, musician 3/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kestner, reported to the U. S. Navy School of Music, Washington, D. C. Friday after spending a 30-day leave here with his parents and relatives. For the past 20 months Malcolm has been stationed at Attu Island.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 6, 1945]

COL. W. E. HOFFENBACHER GIVEN FRENCH WAR CROSS

The Army Public Relations Section today announced the award to Lt. Col. William E. Hoffenbacher, U. S. Chaplain Corps of the French croix de guerre, with palms, for heroism during the operations of the army in the invasion of France and Germany.

The medal, third in rank among the French decorations, is awarded only for valor in action, and is one of the most coveted of French citations.

Col. Hoffenbacher, who is the husband of Mrs. Laura Hoffenbacher of this city, is an Episcopal pastor and before his enlistment into service four years ago, held charges at East Chicago and Logansport. He is now stationed at an American base near London.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 6, 1945]

PFC. W. REAMES GETS MERITORIOUS AWARD

With The Army Forces Engineer Command in Italy-- Pfc. Wm. Reames of 1115 Elm street, Rochester, Ind., a demolition man, overseas 14 months and now assigned to the 845th Engineer Aviation Battalion, was recently authorized to wear the appropriate insignia, when his unit was awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque.

[He] received the Plaque for "superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations." During the two-month period for which the award was made, the battalion constructed several airfields in record-breaking time to help make possible the intensive bombings by the 15th Army Air Force which brought the Mediterranean Campaign to an end.

With a long record of airfield construction for the Mediterranean Allied Air Forces in North Africa, Sardinia, the Foggia area and Cosica, the 845th Engineers also took part in the landings on Southern France.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 6, 1945]

TEN OUT OF TWENTY-FIVE MEN PASS EXAMINATIONS

The Fulton county selective service board has announced acceptance at the Indianapolis Induction Center of 10 of the 25 men who reported for pre-induction examinations last week. They are:

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Of the ten, Devane Elmer Ballenger was accepted for limited service. The nine others are:

James Edward O'Dell
Obed Alvin Good
Glen Oakley Hart
Donald Everett Metzger
Charles Reuben McIntire
Sidney Robert Bixler
Robert Deloise Flora
Hugh James Smith
Cecil Edward Kline.

An eleventh man, Earl Eugene Hoffman, was sent to the station hospital, Ft. Benjamin Harrison for further examination.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 6, 1945]

PFC. HAROLD R. BRADLEY HELPS BUILD RHINE SPAN

Camp Arles, France - After many months in the European theater of operations, Pfc. Harold R. Bradley, son of Mrs. Erve H. Bradley, route 4, Rochester, Ind., has reported to this headquarters, redeployment camp for the Pacific Area of Operations.

Camp Arles, one of three huge staging areas near the Mediterranean port of Marseille, has a capacity of 100,000 soldiers. It is commanded by Lt. Col. B. H. Snipe of Palmerton, Pa., and staffed by men of the 66th Infantry Division.

Harold advises after they arrived in Germany they were assigned the task of building a bridge over the roaring Rhine river. He stated that they knew it was a hard job and most of the men were scared stiff but they stuck to their task. After the bridge was built it was the largest floating bridge in the world.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 7, 1945]

UNCLE, NEPHEW MEET AT BASE ON GUAM

Huntington, Aug. 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Harry Teems, 836 Byron street, received letters from their son, Harry Teems, Jr., S/2c, cook on LST 1067, and from Mrs. Teem's brother, Robert KRATHWOHL, yeoman 2c. Stationed on Guam, their letters stated that they had gotten together, Robert hitch-hiking most of the day to where Harry's ship was anchored. Each claimed the other looked fine and both were tanned. They spent several hours together looking over the ship and visiting. Robert "Bob" has been stationed on Guam for a year in the communications department. His wife and children live at Rochester. Harry Jr., told of some of the things he had seen, one being the railroads in Honolulu. Before entering the service he had worked on the Erie and thus was interested in how they operated. The engines are about half the size of an ordinary box car and run at the high speed of ten miles an hour, pulling 20 cars. The railroad was 12 miles long and a single track. When the engine reached its destination it backed up to where it had started from. Other places of interest he had visited included Waikiki Beach, Aloha Tower, Royal Hawaiian Hotel and the Army and Navy Y.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 7, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. John Becker have received word that Sgt. Deverl Becker has arrived safely in the Hawaiian Islands.

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S/Sgt. Firmer Glassley, radar repair man who is stationed at Berchtesgarden, Germany, has sent his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Glassley of this city, several pictures of Hitler's retreat and the little city of Berchtesgarden which nestles in a valley surrounded by snowcapped mountains. The scenery is most picturesque.

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[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 8, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Police Chief and Mrs. Fred Carr have recently received word from their son Clarence E., that he has been promoted from sergeant to technical sergeant. T/Sgt. Carr is now stationed in the Philippines and he is serving with the U. S. signal corps.

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S/Sgt. William "Bill" Burr, of the U. S. hospital corps arrived here Wednesday evening where he will spend his furlough with his wife and son, Pieter. Sgt. Burr has been overseas approximately two years. Mrs. Burr was formerly Anne Van Trump.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, August 9, 1945]

SGT. WM. D. HELDT WINS THE CITATION OF MERIT

Sgt. William D. Heldt, Anti-Tank Co., 261st Infantry, now with the army of occupation in Austria, has recently been awarded the citation of merit for services rendered, the Army public relations section announced today. The citation, signed by Col. William E. Carraway, reveals that:

"Sgt. Heldt rendered outstanding service for the anti-tank company, 261st Infantry, 22 January to 9 May 1945, as squad leader in an anti-tank mine squad. His constant concern for the well being of his men under the most trying conditions, and the ready application by him of his technical knowledge in fighting the enemy, bespeaks itself of the highest leadership and courage. The devotion of duty exhibited by Sgt. Heldt is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service."

His wife, Mrs. Ruth (Jennens) Heldt, and son, Jimmy, reside with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Jennens, 813 Pontiac street.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, August 9, 1945]

ARMY RELEASES THREE MORE ON POINT PLAN

Discharge from the armed forces under the point system of three more well-known county men has been announced by the public relations section at Camp Atterbury. Separation was completed Aug. 5, 6 and 7 for the following:

T/5 Howard L. Carr and Pfc. Robert Carr, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Carr, route 2, and T/4 Louis J. Bernero, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bernero, 109 Williams street, Argos, formerly of Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, August 9, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Robert G. Lowe, RDM 3/c, has returned to his home in Peru after a short visit with his brother, Clifford and family, route 2.

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Lt. Don M. Young, a B-29 pilot with Gen. Jimmy Doolittle's command, is here for a short leave at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Burgett and at the home of his grandfather, M. M. Bitters.

Lt. Young is enroute to McCook Field, Neb., where he will complete a course in advanced training. His wife is the former Natalie Burgett, route 6.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, August 9, 1945]

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Pfc. Lewis J. Polk, Jr., has returned from Germany and is now spending a 30-day furlough here with his wife and daughter and other relatives. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Polk of this city.

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Two Rochester service men are due to arrive in New York harbor Saturday aboard the Queen Elizabeth. The returning soldiers are Pfc. Donald C. Brown and Pfc. Richard D. Showley.

LT. BALDWIN LOST LIFE IN FIGHT OVER HOLLAND

Mrs. Norman Baldwin, Jr., of near Talma has just returned from Wilbur, Wash., where she was a guest of Bert Lewellyn, who was a member of the plane piloted by her late husband, Lieut. Norman Baldwin, Jr.

Mrs. Baldwin made the trip to obtain complete details concerning her husband's death. Mr. Lewellyn informed her that Norman was burned to death when his plane was shot down over Holland on September 17th, 1944. He was buried overseas with full military honors.

Norman enlisted in the service of the U. S. Army seven years ago and two years later transferred to the U. S. Air corps where he later received his commission as a Lieutenant.

He graduated from the Talma H. S. with the class of '36 and was engaged in farming until he entered the service.

Survivors are his wife and son, Norman; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Baldwin, of Talma and two sisters, Mrs. Louise Ganshorn, of Plymouth, Ind., and Martha at home.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, August 11, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

M/Sgt. Charles "Chuck" Kochenderfer, who recently returned from overseas arrived Friday evening to spend a 30-day furlough here with his wife, Mrs. Martha (Van Trump) Kochenderfer and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Harley Kochenderfer. "Chuck" served with the heavy tank division and was in the battle of the Belgian bulge. Several officers in his company lost their lives in that battle.

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Sgt. Haddon Stewart arrived last night from the European theater for a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stewart, 102 Jefferson street.

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Lt. Clyde S. Lyle, USNR, lists his present address: c/o Commander, Seventh Fleet, FPO, San Francisco, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, August 11, 1945]

TWENTY COUNTY MEN REPORT FOR ACTIVE SERVICE TODAY

The Fulton County Selective Service Board announced this morning the departure for Indianapolis and active service into the armed forces, the following 20 county boys, with D. Ivan Michael as group leader.

These men, who were recently accepted after pre-induction examinations were:

Charles Alonzo Long
Gale Ellsworth Boldry
Darrell Francis Reinholt
Loyd Edward Paxton
Alton Eugene Rhodes
Dana Ivan Michael
Gordon L. Beehler
Otto Leroy Hartman
James Franklin Thomas
Burdette R. Walton
Kenneth Emery McVay
Robert James Plantz
John Victor Hott

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Milo Phillip Guise
John Byron Mathias
Byron Lyman Abbott
Raymond Eldon Hunter
Herbert Severns
Dale Edward Hahn
Lester William Zeller

Walton was transferred to the jurisdiction of the board from Noblesville, while Zeller was originally registered in Chicago. Scheduled also to go with this group were Samuel Howard Burch who was transferred to Portsmouth, Ohio, and Leslie Fay Shackelford who failed to report.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 13, 1945]

NEPHEW OF LOCAL WOMAN DIES ENROUTE TO CAMP

Peter Alden Horn, S 2/c, USN, son of Mrs. Milo Horn of the McDonald apartments, Warsaw, and a nephew of Mrs. Von Kochenderfer of this city, died in Hillcrest hospital, Tulsa, Okla., Friday, as the result of a motorcycle accident some time previous. Young Horn was enroute back to his base at Norman, Okla., after attending the funeral of his father, Milo Horn, in Warsaw 10 days ago.

Alden was born Feb. 13, 1927, at South Bend, the son of the late Milo and Emma (Caywood) Horn. He lived three and one-half years in South Bend and in Warsaw for the past 15 years.

Details of the accident were not learned. However, it was learned that young Horn, while on emergency leave for the funeral of his father, purchased a motorcycle and was riding it back to his base at the time of the accident. The accident occurred about 125 miles from Horn's base at Norman.

Word of the accident went to his mother in a telegram from authorities at Tulsa. It stated that death came as the result of a motorcycle accident.

The young man is survived by his mother and one brother, Keith, now enroute to Warsaw after completing a relief mission to war-torn Europe. Funeral arrangements are not complete as yet, pending arrival of the body.

Alden was junior assistant scoutmaster and also an officer in civilian defense before he entered the service. The young man's father and mother were engaged in the operation of the Sunny Mede restaurant, Warsaw, before the father expired of a heart attack two weeks ago.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 13, 1945]

LOCAL BOMBARDIER ON SUPERFORT SAYS JAP RESISTANCE IS MEAGRE

Headquarters, 58th Bombardment Wing, Tinian: "From our standpoint it was a very easy mission despite the fact the Japs knew we were coming. We saw only meager automatic weapons fire and two searchlights," 1st Lt. T. W. Wilson of Rochester, Indiana told intelligence officers upon his return from the B-29 mission of 29th July against the Japanese city of Tau. The city of Tau was on the list of Japanese targets compiled by Major General Curtis E. LeMay of the Twentieth Air Force, warning inhabitants to leave the city.

Lieut. Wilson is serving as bombardier on a Superfort and the Tau mission marked his nineteenth against the Japanese enemy. Formerly stationed in the India-China theater he participated in the major troop movement carried out early this year with the transfer of the 58th Wing from India and China to the Pacific to join with the Mariana based planes in the intensified aerial blows at the Japanese mainland.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wilson, 1107 East Clinton street, Frankfort, Indiana, the officer's wife, Mrs. T. W. Wilson, lives on RFD No. 1, Rochester, Indiana.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 13, 1945]

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Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Deardorff of Athens have been informed of the arrival at Newport News of their son, Pfc. George W. Deardorff who is now enroute to Camp Atterbury and a furlough at home. Pfc. Deardorff has spent the past 18 months on duty in Italy and Austria.

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Pvt. Garrett E. Pownall informs friends here that he will soon be redeployed from Europe to the Pacific and is now assisting in processing of departing soldiers at a sub-area near Rheims, France. Prior to induction he was employed at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hattery, route 6.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Towne, Sr., were pleasantly surprised Saturday evening when their son, Clyde, Jr., arrived home after discharge from the armed forces on the point system.

Clyde had served almost five years in the service, the last three of which were in foreign service. His record shows 11 months actual combat service. He holds the EAME Theatre ribbon with five Bronze Stars, American Defense Medal and Good Conduct Ribbon. Battle actions include Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe. A brother James is now enroute to the United States for discharge.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 13, 1945]

LOCAL MARINE SERGEANT PROMOTED IN PHILIPPINES

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brubaker have received word of the promotion of their son, Sgt. Kenneth E. Brubaker, USMC, now stationed in the Philippines, to the rank of staff sergeant.

Sgt. Brubaker enlisted in the Marines in Jan. 1941 and was a member of the famous 1st Raider Battalion which landed at Tulagia and Guadalcanal on Aug. 7, 1942, where he was wounded in action. He was returned to the United States for treatment and left this country for further service in the Pacific on V-E Day, last May.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 14, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

U. S. Army Headquarters, France. - T/5 Lawrence M. Brown, of the 160th Arm'd Signal Co., 26th Arm'd Division, is now at the Le Harve Port of Embarkation Staging Area awaiting shipment to the States under the Army Redeployment program. Lawrence entered the Army on Dec. 17, 1942, and was in the Bavarian campaign in southern Germany. His wife, Charlotte Jean Brown, resides at 316 West Fifth street, Rochester, Ind.

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Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Alber, route 5, have received word of the arrival at San Francisco from a 21-month tour of duty in the Pacific of their son, PhM 2/c, Raymond E. Albr, USN.

Another son, S 2/c, Addison Alber, has finished boot training and is now stationed at Shoemaker, Calif., 294-17-04 Btn, USNT and District Center.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 14, 1945]

SGT. JOHN M. CRABBS WINS BRONZE STAR MEDAL

A Bronze Star Medal is awarded Sgt. John M. Crabbs, 35359447, Sv. Co., 319th Inf. Army of the United States, for meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria from 7 August 1944 to 8 May, 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.

During this period Sgt. Crabbs as assistant to the regimental special officer, performed his duties in a superior manner. Despite the hazards of combat, his ability and good judgment have contributed greatly to the accomplishment of many different tasks by his section. His resourcefulness and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

Sgt. Crabbs holds the good conduct ribbon, expert infantryman's combat badge, and the ETO with four battle stars.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 14, 1945]

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HEDGEROW CUTTERS ARE BUILT BY ROCHESTER SGT.

Assembly Area Command, France. - Hedgerows in Normandy and Brittany were quite an obstacle to the progress of American troops until the "hedgerow cutters" were put on General George S. Patton's tanks. Then followed the first of the famous Patton drives.

Ordnance companies worked 24 hours a day manufacturing and attaching the cutters-- huge prongs which extended from the front of a tank--and completed the work in record time.

One of the manufacturers was the 3525th Ordnance Medium Automotive Company, which is enroute to the United States via Camp Atlanta of Assembly Area Command. With this company is Sergeant Harry D. Drudge, 624 Jefferson St., Rochester, Ind.

The MAM soldiers turned from the manufacture of the cutters to hauling ammunition to Patton's rapidly advancing units. They removed machinery and equipment from their trucks to join the "Red Ball" express.

Joining the Ninth Army in October at Maastricht, Holland, the 3525th serviced and maintained all general-purpose vehicles for Ninth Army Headquarters until the latter shipped to the U.S.

Captain Anthony W. Cazares, of Alhambra, California, commands the Company.
[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 14, 1945]

THREE RETURN HOME

Raymond Eldon Hunter, Dana Ivan Michael and John Byron Mathias, who were among the 20 county men to report for induction at Indianapolis on Monday, were given medical discharges and returned to their home last night.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 15, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Discharged on the point system from Camp Atterbury, as of Aug. 14, is Pfc. Raymond L. Herrell, route 6.

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Mr. and Mrs. Grover Smith have been advised of the new mail address of their son, Pfc. Donald L. Smith, 35969877, Inf. Co. B, Fourth Platoon, APO 21289, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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S/Sgt. Frederick D. Cessna, who recently enjoyed a furlough here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Otto F. Cessna, has reported to the Air Force Redistribution Center, Atlantic City, N.J., for reassignment.

Sgt. Cessna served as a gunner on a Marauder, has 51 combat missions, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf Clusters and the European Theater Ribbon.

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T/Sgt. Sheldon Weeks, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Weeks of Akron, arrived home Monday night on a 30-day furlough from Camp Atterbury. He recently returned from Italy where he has been for two years. He entered the service Nov. 19, 1942, and was sent overseas in April, 1943. His wife, Lt. Violet Weeks, WAC, stationed at March Field, Calif., has received a furlough too and is on her way home.

At the end of his furlough, Sgt. Weeks will report at Camp Atterbury first and then will be sent to Camp Shelby, Miss.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Leininger of Akron have been informed that their son, T/Sgt. Robert Leininger, has received a medical discharge after 32 months service in the Pacific. He received a leg injury while in action.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, August 16, 1945]

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M. SGT. LINN HELPED SERVICE SUPERFORTRESSES

B-29 Base, Guam, Aug. 4 -- Master Sergeant Harold D. Linn of Rochester, is now stationed at this Superfortress base on Guam, helping to make possible the 20th Air Force's fast recurring B-29 missions against Japanese war industry.

Sgt. Linn is a sheet metal shop foreman in an air service group of Colonel Carl R. Storrie's 314th Bombardment Wing.

Planes from the field have participated in strikes against industrial and military targets on the Japanese homeland while the base was still under construction. Despite primitive conditions which taxed ingenuity and resourcefulness, the work of Sgt. Linn and his teammates has been a vital factor in the ability of the 20th Air Force to send more than 600 Superforts over Japan in July against only a third of that number five months earlier.

The sergeant is the husband of the former Margaret L. Becker of 401 Manitou Avenue, Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, August 16, 1945]

23 ANSWER "GREETINGS" CALL FOR EXAMINATIONS

Twenty-three county men left this morning for Indianapolis and pre-induction examinations for the armed service, the selective service board announced today. They were:

Walter Jay Brown
Harry Lee Sult
Dale L. Emery
Dale C. Chapman
Von Leroy Zartman
Harry John Johnson
James Alva Harvey
Steve Clifford Croussore
Robert Guy Hickle
George Franklin Harvey
Francis Edward McClure
Merle Devon Harper
Francis Eldon McLochlin
Richard James Click
William James McIntyre
Dale Foley
Paul Nathan Eytcheson
Walter Gerald Jewell
Robert Boyd Neighbor
Doyne Hoover
Richard Lowe Clary
James William Calhoun
Richard Henry Booher

Charles Lincoln Burgett transferred to Delaware Co., Indiana, James Lee Shelton to Lucas County, Ohio and Franklin Glennon Keene to St. Joseph County, Indiana.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, August 17, 1945]

ARMY TAKES 9, NAVY 4, MARINE CORPS GETS 2

The local selective service board today announced the allocation of men inducted Aug. 13, to the three separate branches of the armed forces, as follows:

ARMY

Robert James Plantz
John Victor Hott
Lloyd Edward Paxton
Alton Eugene Rhodes

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Byron Lyman Abbott
Gordon L. Beehler
Otto LeRoy Hartman
Burdette R. Walton
Lester William Zeller

NAVY

Charles Alonzo Long
Gale Elsworth Boldry
Darrell Francis Reinholt
Herbert DeVerle Severns

MARINE CORPS

Kenneth Emery McVay
Milo Phillip Guise
[The News-Sentinel, Friday, August 17, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Pfc. George W. Deardorff has arrived home from the Italian theatre for a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Deardorff of the Athens community.

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Ensign Robert T. Burns, USN, is enjoying a few days leave of absence with his parnts, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burns. He is enroute from Miami, Fla., to San Diego, Calif., where he will report for duty.

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Sgt. John Emily has arrived from overseas for a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Emily, of the Kewanna community. Sgt. Emily served 30 months overseas.

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Pfc. Dale B. Johnson, who is the winner of the Pre Pearl Harbor and Good Conduct Ribbons, with eight stars from the French, Lorraine, Arrowhead theatre, and is also the holder of the Distinguished Unit badge, has arrived in the United States and is expected home on furlough soon. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Johnson, 1114 Bancroft.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, August 17, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Eldon Cessna has received word that her husband has been promoted from Ma-M 2/c to MaM 1/c. Eldon is stationed in a U. S. army post office near Honolulu.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, August 18, 1945]

FOUR OF TWENTY-THREE MEN EXAMINED FRIDAY PASS FOR SERVICE

Only four of the 23 men who on Friday reported at Indianapolis for pre-induction examinations were accepted, the local selective service board was advised today. They were:

For general military service - James William Calhoun and Francis Eldon McLochlin.

For limited military service - Dale Chapman and William James McIntyre.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 20, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Pfc. Richard D. Showley is enjoying a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Showley of Fulton. He has been stationed with the 8th Air Force in England for the past 18 months, and it is his first furlough home in 30 months.

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With The 38th Division on Luzon. Ellis H. Grizzell of Leiters Ford, Indiana, a veteran member of the 38th Division's 151st Infantry, has been promoted to the grade of First Lieutenant.

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Having led his platoon in several battles in the Philippines, he has carried the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with three campaign stars, Combat Infantry Badge, Philippine Liberation ribbon with one star and the American defense ribbon.

Lt. Grizzell is the husband of the former Zelma Davis who resides at Leiters Ford.

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F 1/c John E. Gilbert is spending a 30-day emergency leave with his wife at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Marquardt, R. S. Rochester. His daughter, Barbara Jean, born prematurely on July 28 remains in the incubator at the Woodlawn hospital.

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Flight Officer Sam Burch has been awarded the Air Medal and an Oak Leaf Cluster for meritorious action in the Pacific theater, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Virginia Burch, Peru, Indiana. Mrs. Burch is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Wallace, formerly of this city, but now residing in Peru. Flight Officer Burch has been serving as an engineer on a B-29 superfortress based in the Marianas. He is with the twenty-first bomber command and has been overseas since December. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Burch of Akron.

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Pfc. Ostinell T. Davis, who has been spending a sixty-day furlough with his father, O. A. Davis, and other relatives and friends at Lake Manitou, has returned to the Gardner hospital in Chicago for further surgical operation and treatment of his left hand. Wounded while in service, Pfc. Davis was one of the few of the first paratroopers division dropped from the airplanes among the Germans in Holland, who survived that first battle on German soil.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 20, 1945]

LT. BILL THOMPSON GETS CONTRACT WITH PIRATES

Lt. William C. Thompson, 22, will report for spring training with the Pittsburgh Pirates of the National league, at Hornell, N.Y., next April, provided, of course, that he is discharged from the Army Air Force before that time.

This fact became known Sunday when a talent scout for the Pirates looked Thompson over in a game in which Jimtown took the low end of a 2-3 score, and immediately offered the local youth his contract to crash the big time.

Thompson, home on a rest furlough after 18 months confinement in a Nazi prison camp, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Mac Thompson, owners of the Sunshine Dairy, this city.

He is a graduate of Hammond high school, and attended Ball State college before enlisting in the air corps. He was on his 26th mission over Austria when his ship was shot down with the loss of half the crew. With five other American airmen, he was chosen to supervise sports activities within the prison camp, including baseball, football, softball and soccer, with the use of athletic equipment provided by the Red Cross. He was liberated last May 2 and evacuated, arriving home on a 60-day furlough June 23. He has since been granted a 30-day extension, and will be seen in the local lineup next Sunday, when the Indians meet the Chicago Giants, one of the fastest semi-pro teams in the middle west.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 20, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Corpl. Leslie C. House has arrived in the States after extended service in New Guinea. He is expected to be discharged within the next few days. His home is at Kewanna.

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T/Sgt. Frederick Bemenderfer, who has been spending a furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Estel Bemenderfer, received orders late yesterday to report back to Dyersburg, Tenn., for his discharge papers. Frederick was a gunner in the U.S. Air Corps and flew on numerous missions over the European war sectors.

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Mrs. Waldo Grey of this city has received word that her husband, S/Sgt. Waldo L. Grey, has just received two Oak Leaf Clusters to his DFC. Waldo at the present time is stationed in India.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 21, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Addison Alber, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Alber of route 5, has been assigned to the fleet post office and stationed in San Francisco. His change of address is: Addison E. Alber, S 2/c, 175 Third street, Room 138, Occidental Hotel, San Francisco, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 22, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Sgt. John Mutchler U.S.M.C. son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mutchler of Kewanna, has departed for Cherry Point, N. Carolina for reassignment. He recently returned from the Pacific after spending 17 months as a gunner in Marine Torpedo Bombing Squadron. He entered the service in July, 1942 and received his boot training at San Diego. He graduated from Mechanic school in Jacksonville, Florida and Gunnery school at EILaro, California.

He is the wearer of two presidential citations, two Navy citations, the American Theater Ribbon, the Pacific Theater Ribbon with six Battle Stars and the Aircrew Wings with three stars. He has participated in 109 missions over enemy territory.

He was recently married to Margery Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson of Rochester.

A brother, Donald "Pete" Mutchler S 2/c is stationed on the USS St. Paul off the coast of Japan. He is a graduate of the Radar School at Jacksonville, Florida.

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S 2/c Paul Nye, son of Mrs. Ruth Nye of Akron, was taken to the Peru Navy base hospital Thursday morning in a Navy ambulance.

He had spent last week at Lake Manitou with a group of boys from Akron when he was suffering from a severe cold and is now bordering on pneumonia. Paul and S 2/c Garland Gray were on their way back to Camp Endicott, Davisville, Rhode Island Monday night, when he became violently ill and was returned to his home here. The Red Cross at South Bend contacted his camp and he was ordered to the hospital at the Peru base.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, August 24, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

The new address of Pvt. Richard E. Kindig, 35955406, is Gas. Co. No. 44, APO 21231, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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James A. Kirtley, S 2/c, has been assigned to the U.S. Battleship New York for duty in the Pacific. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Kirtley, route 1.

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Dewey E. Norris has been given a medical discharge from the Army at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark., relatives here have been advised.

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Lt. James A.I Deardorff has returned to Percy Jones General hospital at Battle Creed, Mich., for a check-up. Lt. Deardorff was injure at the battle of Manila.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, August 25, 1945]

SGT. MCGLOTHIN HELPED DESTROY 135 JAPANESE

With The 38th Division on Luzon. - Spending nineteen days in the wild and rough Sierra Madre mountains, a rifle company of the 151st Infantry, 38th Division, which included Sergeant John C. McGlothlin, of Rochester, Indiana, killed 135 Japs and took six prisoners, while clearing out isolated enemy strongpoints.

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Patrols forded streams and waded through almost knee-deep mud while searching out the widely scattered oppositions.

Most of the Nips were in small groups of ten to twenty in dense bamboo thickets, and along the steep winding trails 2500 feet up the rocky heights of the mountains.

Sgt. McGlothin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McGlothin, 138 B. Avenue, Rochester, and the husband of the former Minnie D. Mikesell, 617 Indiana Avenue, Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 27, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Gulfport Army Airfield, Miss. - Pvt Neil C. Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Simpson of route 3, Rochester, has just recently arrived at Gulfport Army Air Field and has been assigned to duty.

Pvt. Simpson entered military service in July 1943 and is now serving as an Airplane Mechanic. Prior to his enlistment he attended Richland Center high school and was later employed by the Boeing Aircraft Company.

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Sgt. Bill Wilhoit, of the U. S. Paratroopers is spending a 30-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilhoit. Bill arrived in the U.S. last Monday after a 24-hour trip over the Atlantic from Paris in a giant U.S. transport plane. Sgt. Wilhoit saw considerable action in the various European theatres of war.

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Pfc. Paul Barts has arrived home here after receiving his discharge from the U.S. Army. He had been in the Mayo General hospital, Galesburg, Ill.

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Cpl. Earl D. Thompson, who has been spending a 45-day furlough here with relatives and friends, reported back to duty at Camp Atterbury today. Earl, who was formerly employed at The News-Sentinel, served with the U. S. Marines in the Southwest Pacific.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 27, 1945]

CPL. DEAN SMILEY IS GIVEN COMMENDATION

With The 38th Division on Luzon. - The 151st Infantry, of which Corporal Dean A. Smiley of Rochester, Indiana is a member, has just been awarded a battle commendation for its superior performance of duty during the Luzon campaign.

The 151st Infantry assisted in the capture of Corregidor and then moved into northern Bataan Peninsula and assisted in the liberation of that province, scene of the 1942 defeat. The harbor forts, including Ft. Drum, Caballo and Carabo Islands, were destroyed in the series of bold and unique maneuvers.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 27, 1945]

LOCAL G.I. GIVES JAPS TASTE OF YANK FIRE

With The 32nd Infantry Division in Northern Luzon, P.I. - During Pfc. Charles Smethen's first night in combat with the 32nd (Red Arrow) Division, his company killed 17 Japs on a banzai charge. Smethen, whose father lives on route 1, Rochester, Ind., is a new replacement in the veteran 32nd, having joined the 126th Infantry Regiment in May at Santa Maria, northern Luzon.

Assigned to Company G, he saw his first action when his unit kicked the Japs off a hill in the Villa Verde-Santa Fe sector near Highway No. 5. That night an estimated force of 35 Nips staged a counter-attack, running into rifle, automatic rifle and mortar fire. Three officers were found among the dead at the edge of the perimeter in the morning. Thirteen Nip rifles, two heavy machine guns, three carbines, two pistols and two sabers were captured. Twelve more Japs were killed the next day by patrols sent out after the retreating enemy forces, and Company G lost one man.

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For his exemplary conduct in this action, Smethen was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge. He is now with his company in the mountains bordering the Cagayan Valley in northern Luzon.

Smethen entered the service in October, 1944, and graduated from Delphi high school on Army credits while training at Camp Blanding, Fla. He sailed for Luzon in April, 1945.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 28, 1945]

ROCHESTER LT. COLONEL HONORED

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Headquarters, United Kingdom Base, London. - Lt. Col. William E. Hoffenbacher, Rochester, Ind., United Kingdom Protestant Chaplain (right), who cared for a group of starving French orphans, is congratulated after receiving the Croix de Guerre from Maj. H. H. Casilis (left), French liaison officer who flew here to make the presentation for General de Gaulle. Also present at the ceremony was Col. D. S. McConnaughy, deputy commander of the United Kingdom base. Lt.-Col. Hoffenbacher's wife is the former Laura Foy, of Rochester, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 29, 1945]

PFC. BALLENGER FINISHES COURSE AT ITALY UNIV.

University Study Center, Florence, Italy. - Pfc. Herbert A. Ballenger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin R. Ballenger, R.R. No. 2, Rochester, Indiana, has completed a four-week term at the Mediterranean Theater's University Study Center, Florence, Italy.

The 1206 soldiers, many former combat men, attending classes at this full-time Army college overseas, have the benefit of the University's 10 modern buildings, a swimming pool, and 190 hand picked instructors. Classes in 85 subjects average 30 students each, allowing ample time for individual instruction.

The school's aim is to enable soldiers awaiting redeployment to spend their time profitably. Two four-week terms at the University Training Center are equal to one semester in most civilian schools, and credits towards degrees are given for this study by many American colleges.

Overseas 26 months, Private Ballenger wears the good conduct ribbon and the Mediterranean Theater ribbon with two battle participation stars.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 29, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Pfc. Raymond Duvall, of the Manwaring Chicken Farms, Mentone received his honorable discharge from service at Camp Atterbury last Friday and returned to his home Friday evening. Raymond served with the 103rd U. S. Infantry and saw action in Germany, France, Belgium and Holland. He had been in the service for five years and had attained 110 points at the time of Germany's capitulation.

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In a Navy supply depot news report received today from Mechanicsburg, Pa., is stated that Lt.-Cmdr. Walter W. Miller, USNR, was the first officer stationed at the Navy supply depot to be released from active duty under the new Navy point system. Lt.-Cmdr. Miller, who was released as of Aug. 24, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie B. Miller, 502 West Ninth street, this city.

Walter has already returned to his home near Allegan, Mich. He is former mayor of Monee, Ill., and saw naval service in 1918. He returned to service in 1942.

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Among the passengers which arrived from overseas service aboard the Rockhill Victory at Newport News, Monday, was Lloyd R. Reddinger of this city.

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William Maglecic has been informed of the arrival at Camp Patrick Henry, Va., of his son, Cpl. Edward Maglecic, who just returned from a 20-month tour of duty in Europe. Cpl. Maglecic is expected home on furlough soon.

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Pvt. Glen O. Myers arrived last night from Camp Rucker, Ala., for a 10-day furlough with his wife and other relatives.

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Pvt. Byron Abbott returned Monday to Camp Atterbury after a short furlough here with his family and other relatives.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson of Akron have received the Bronze Star medal awarded their son, Lt. Charles Thompson, 113th U. S. Engineers, for meritorious service in action.

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Arlie Morris today received word of the arrival at Camp Patrick Henry, Va., of his son, Lt. Robert Morris who has been overseas since last November as a member of the Black Panther division. He saw service in France and Germany. He expects to arrive home on leave within the next few days.

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Pfc. Harold D. Wallace of the 182 Engineers (combat) Bn. has arrived in Peru to spend a 30-days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dee C. Wallace, formerly of Rochester.

Pfc. Wallace is a veteran of 27 months in the M.T.O. His batalion was headed for the Pacific theater on the U.S.S. M. B. Stewart, when news of Japan's surrender came, their boat was ordered to dock at New York and arrived there August 10th.

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S/Sgt. James S. Snyder has arrived at Camp Patrick Henry, Va., from overseas where he spent three years in signal and radar work through the African, Italian, French and German campaigns. He is expected home soon for a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Snyder, route 1.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 29, 1945]

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T. Cpl. Darius Harmon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harmon, formerly of Akron, now of Wabash, arrived in Akron Sunday morning after having served overseas for several years. He has received an honorable discharge from the Army.

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Sk. 1/c Bill Bradway arrived in Akron Monday to spend a week with relatives and friends. He spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bradway, at Spencer, Indiana. Bill flew from an island in the South Pacific to Seattle, Washington, on a C-54 plane with 42 other sailors after spending 15 months in the South Pacific. Previous to that he had spent 18 months in the Mediterranean area. He entered the Navy June 9, 1942. September 5, he will report to Indianapolis and will probably be sent to Great Lakes Naval base.

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Pfc. Bob Nicodemus is enjoying a 30-day furlough with his wife and son in Akron. He entered the Army Sept. 20, 1944. He was sent overseas in December and on his fifth day in combat was wounded in the back with shrapnel on the island of Mindanao. He has been at Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tenn. and will return there Sept. 25 for surgical treatment before his discharge.

S 2/c Paul Nye returned home Tuesday morning from Peru Naval hospital where he had been confined for five days with a severe cold. He went on immediately to Camp Endicott, Davisville, Rhode Island.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, August 30, 1945]

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The present address of Lt. Clyde S. Lyle, USNR, is in care of the commander, 7th Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, Cal.

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Mrs. Henry Alspach has received word from her son, Radio Man 1st class, Harold Alspach that he has arrived in California and that he expects to arrive home on leave in a few days.

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Mrs. and Mrs. Howard Barts have received word of the arrival in New York of their son, Corp. Keith Barts. His unit was enroute from Europe to the Pacific, but is not now expected to proceed further at this time. Corp. Barts expects to arrive home on a furlough in a few days.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 4, 1945]

LOCAL AVIATOR AIDS IN RIDDING MANILA OF FLIES

Far East Air Service Command, The Philippines - War-shattered Manila, once fly-infested, is now virtually insect-free, thanks to the new miracle bug-killer, DDT.

Pilots of Colonel Leo H. Dawson's Fifth Air Service Area Command who have sprayed this city and its military installations with the insecticide, have reported 100 per cent results in the killing of mosquito larvae after one spraying by the "airborne flit-guns," and reports of more than 90 per cent reduction in fly counts are not uncommon. -----

Among pilots flying the spray missions is Lt. Joseph F. Ault, 412 West Fourth St., Rochester, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 4, 1945]

A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL, BOB KERN, SK 2/C DECIDES

When a troop train loaded with bluejackets made an emergency stop last evening at the Athens depot, Bob Kern, SK 2/c, who is home on leave from his station at Sampson, N.Y., strolled over to talk shop.

Bob says "it blew me down when I got over there to find the gang was composed of a bunch of my buddies from Sampson, enroute to the west coast."

After an exchange of greetings the train pulled out and disappeared. Bob will return to Sampson Thursday after a few days with his family and other relatives and friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 5, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Pfc. Robert W. Hunter arrived Friday for a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hunter.

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Mrs. Don Beattie has received word from her son, Dick Sanders, Sig. P.O. 2/c, now in the Pacific, recounting a greeting on New Caledonia with George Hayden, of Akron. Sanders stated that both he and Hayden expect to be home on leave by Christmas.

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Paul Devon Henriott, gunners mate 3/c, aboard the USS Oakland, was one of Fulton county's boys to enter Tokyo Bay with Halsey's powerful 7th Fleet, the Navy reveals today. Paul is a son of J. B. Henriott, route 6.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harley Guise of Leiters Ford have received their son's new address which is: Pvt. Milo P. Guise, 1023402, USMC, Platoon 530, Fourth Recruit Bn., Paris Island, S. C.

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Ramon E. Alber, Phm 2/c left Chicago Monday night at 11 o'clock by plane for Sacramento, Cal, after enjoying a 15-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Alber and family of route 5. He had seen service on the Pacific for 21 months and suffered minor injuries on Mother's Day of this year. He will be able to see his brother, Addison Alber, S 2/c who is stationed at San Francisco, Cal and who is in the Fleet Postoffice in the Air Mail Department.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 5, 1945]

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SERVICE NOTES

Corp. Paul D. Huls arrived home on a 30-day furlough after two years in the E.T.O. with the 19th Special Service Co.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 6, 1945]

LOCAL GI'S BATTALION GETS COMMENDATION

Antwerp Belgium. - A letter from the veteran soldiers of the 92nd Chemical Mortar Battalion commending the speedy redeployment of troops at Camp Tophat was received recently by Battery B, 556th AAA Automatic Weapons Battalion, which is in charge of the processing of soldiers through Camp Tophat. It was the second letter of commendation received in the first three weeks of operation. -----.

Included in Battery B is Pvt. Ernest D. Floyd, 1347 Elm street, Rochester, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 6, 1945]

PRE-INDUCTION EXAMS CALLED TWENTY-ONE COUNTY MEN

A total of 21 county men ranging in age from 18 to 25 years left this morning for Indianapolis and pre-induction examinations. Many of these men have been previously rejected because of physical defects. They are:

Cecil Howard Smith
Lee Junior Gearhart
Carl Damron
Richard M. Talbott
George Thomas Traver
Laurel Owen Otto
Richard Herman Wagner
Nicholas Eugene Grostefon
Loyd Francis Saner
Robert Lee Cromwell
Glen Frederick Barter
Bobby Leonard Rouch
Robert Franklin Townsend
Gene Deloyce McIntyre
Leo George Kubicki
Francis Eugene Sanders
Ralph Leonard Clupper
Frank Milton Bowles
Howard Trever
Paul Albert Weller
Robert Vawter McKelvey
Paul Edward Lewis transferred to Dayton, Ohio
[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 7, 1945]

BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR PFC. WILLIAM WILLARD

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Willard, 520 East Eighth street are in receipt of a citation in connection with the posthumous award of the bronze star medal to their son, Pfc. William C. Willard, Infantry, who was killed in action on Leyte, Nov. 4, 1944.

The letter signed by Major General Edward F. Witsell, Acting The Adjutant General follows:

Mr. Daniel Willard
520 East 8th street
Rochester, Ind.
Dear Mr. Willard:

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I have the honor to inform you that, by direction of the President the Bronze Star Medal has been posthumously awarded to your son, Private First Class William C. Willard Infantry. The citation is as follows:

Bronze Star Medal

“For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 4 November 1944. While acting as volunteer rear guard for a group of three litter squads carrying wounded soldiers to an aid station, Private First Class Willard and two other men held off an estimated fifteen enemy soldiers armed with a heavy machine gun until the wounded were in a place of safety. His heroic devotion to the welfare of his comrades cost Private First Class Willard his life.”

The decoration will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Fifth Service Command, Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, who will select an officer to make the presentation. The officer selected will communicate with you concerning your wishes in the matter.

May I again express my deepest sympathy to you in our bereavement.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 7, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Master Sergeant James F. Bowell has recently been awarded the Bronze Oakleaf Cluster to the Air Medal. Sgt. Bowell is a flight engineer on a B-29. He has made 16 bombing missions over Japanese territory. On August 30th he flew from Guam to deliver supplies to a prisoner of war camp. Following is a part of a letter sent to his wife.

“I’m in a B-29 on my way back from Japan between Iwo and Guam at about ten thousand feet. We had to take supplies to a prisoners of war camp northwest of Tokyo. A little town of Niitau on the Sea of Japan. Didn’t have much trouble finding the place as the Japs had it well marked for us. We dropped our supplies at about 300 feet and in a vacant lot so as not to hurt anyone. Prisoners of war was painted in big letters under our wings. Many people ran when they saw us fly so low and others stood and watched. I guess they knew what we were doing. One good thing was that we weren’t out to kill but to help. On our way back we flew over the bombed out city of Tokyo at a thousand feet. Saw quite a few airports with Japanese planes sitting all around. Used to be they were up and after us. Block after block nothing stood but chimneys. Didn’t see any autos. Most of the people were walking and some on bikes. Saw quite a few trains. We flew over the fleet in the bay as the main force started ashore at two in the morning. A smaller force went ashore at six a.m. first. Talk about “Battle Wagon Bay” that bay was full.

We had a little bad luck. Didn’t have enough gas to get back to Guam so had to land at Iwo again. Most of the boys kid me and call me the “Mayor of Iwo.”

T/Sgt. Bowell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bowell.

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Mrs. Laurel M. Thornburg of route 3, has received word of her husband’s new rating. He is now stationed on an L.S.T. in the South Pacific.

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Headquarters Panama Canal Department - The promotion of 2nd Lt. Charles G. Daniels, 1215 Pontiac St., Rochester, Ind., to the rank of 1st Lt. is announced at Sixth Air Force fighter command headquarters in Panama where the Indianian is stationed.

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Mrs. Edna Bisher has been informed of the arrival at a west coast port of her son, Capt. Albert Bisher, who has returned from 21 months’ service in Asia and the Pacific area. After a visit with his wife in Lincoln, Neb., Captain Bisher expects to spend some time here with his mother, relatives and friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, Monday 10, 1945]

CAPT. VICKERY HOME, SUSTAINED INJURIES IN LUZON CAMPAIGN

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Capt. Harold J. Vickery and wife of California are visiting his mother Mrs. Alma Vickery, 1015 Main street this city. Capt. Vickery is on a 30-day convalescent leave from the Dibble General hospital, Menlo Park, Calif.

He has been receiving treatment there for injuries he sustained in action on Luzon, P. I. during the long campaign on that battle-scarred island.

The local officer wears the Asiatic-Pacific theatre ribbon with two Battle Stars and an Arrowhead (awarded to the assault forces in the initial wave of U. S. infantrymen leading on enemy-held territory), the Philippines Liberation ribbon with one Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman's badge.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 11, 1945]

BROTHER OF LOCAL MAN IS RELEASED AT OSAKA

Frederick Jordan, local manager of the Stewart Bakery, has been informed by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jordan, Sr., Wyatt, Ind., that his brother, Corp. Howard Jordan has been released from the Osaka prison camp, and is now on Guam awaiting return to the United States.

Corp. Jordan was at sea, enroute home on furlough when the Japs struck at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. His ship was intercepted and ordered to return to Manila. Shortly after the return to the Philippines, where Jordan had served before the war, the attack came on Manila. Sent to Corrigedor, Jordan went through the siege of that fortress and was captured when "the rock" fell in April of 1942. In his cablegram, Corp. Jordan states that he is well and expects to be returned to the United States at an early date.

Word from Jordan gives local relatives of Francis Raymer, confined in the same camp, heartening hopes for early information of the Rochester youth who fell prisoner of the Japs at the capture of Wake Island in December of 1941.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 11, 1945]

ARMED SERVICES CLAIM FOURTEEN FULTON COUNTY MEN

Nine county men left Tuesday morning for Indianapolis for induction into the armed services. Ranging in age from 18 to 25, they were:

Kenton Gast
Earl Eugene Hoffman
Sidney Robert Bixler
Robert D. Flora
Hugh James Smith
Albert Henry Leazenby
James Edward O'Dell
Obed Alvin Good
Glen Oakley Hart

Gast, who was named leader, was a volunteer.

Five Others Accepted

From the group of 21 men who took pre-induction examinations on Sept. 7, five were reported as acceptable. They are:

Cecil Howard Smith
Bobby Leonard Rouch
Robert Franklin Townsend
Lloyd Francis Saner
Paul Albert Weller

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 12, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Among a large group of service men recently honorably discharged at Camp Atterbury, Ind., were T/4 John White, 519 Indiana avenue, Rochester, and Sgt. Glenn E. Cleland, route 3, Rochester.

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[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 12, 1945]

HELPED BOMB JAPS

* * * * 20th. AF Photo, Samuel L. Burch * * * *

Sixth Bomb Wing B-29 Base, Tinian. - Samuel L. Burch, Akron, Ind., completed his tour of 35 missions over Japan just before the end of the war and was commissioned a Flight Officer in the U. S. Army Air Forces.

Flight Officer Burch flew his 35 B29 strikes against the Nip homeland as a flight engineer master sergeant. His outstanding performance rated him his promotion, according to Brig. Gen. John H. Davies, commander of the 313th Bombardment Wing on Tinian.

Burch wears the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, and Battle Stars for the Western Pacific campaign and the air offensive against Japan.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 13, 1945]

LT. CECIL F. GOODWIN AWARDED BRONZE STAR

With The Sixth Infantry Division on Luzon. - First Lieutenant Cecil F. Goodwin, husband of Mrs. June I. Goodwin, 117 West 5th street, Rochester, Indiana, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal by Major General C. E. Hurdis, commander of the 6th Infantry Division for meritorious achievement against the Japanese on Luzon, P.I.

At the time hostilities ceased the Red Star Division had completed 219 days of continuous combat on Luzon.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 13, 1945]

LOCAL MAN DISCHARGED AFTER TWENTY-ONE MONTHS ACTION

Tech. Sgt. Walter R. Goodman returned to his home Saturday after receiving an honorable discharge from the Army. He served in European Theatre for 21 months taking part in five major campaigns. He received 5 Bronze Stars and the Good Conduct Medal.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 13, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Sgt. Hadden Stewart has returned to duty at Camp Atterbury after a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stewart.

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The new address of Sgt. Rube Rynearson (35160628) is Co. A., Hq. Bn., AGF RD 1, Fort Meade, Md.

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Sgt. Richard L. Ginther (35895898) advises a new address as Co. C, 20th Armrd Inf. Bn., APO 260, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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T/Sgt. Volney Wheadon, who enjoyed a 30-day furlough here with his wife and friends, has departed for San Antonio, Texas, for reassignment.

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Sgt. Herschell Edwin Snyder has arrived home on furlough from overseas service for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Snyder, route 1, and other relatives and friends.

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Arthur C. Grimes, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur GRIMES, route 2, has been honorably discharged from the armed forces.

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Byron L. Abbott writes relatives and friends here that his new address is: Pvt. Byron L. Abbott, 45019007, 3706-AAF-BC-(BTC) Sq. F.-FLT. 179-BKS. 531, Sheppard field, Texas.

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Mrs. Helen Cummings has been informed of the arrival of her husband, T/Sgt. Joseph A. Cummings, from two years overseas service, who is now at an east coast port. His arrival home on furlough is expected soon.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 13, 1945]

NEWS RECEIVED ABOUT COUNTY'S SERVICE MEN

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Brown, of this city, have received a copy of the "Semper Primus" which carried a most complimentary report of the 6th Division Doughboys of which their son Sgt. Frederick J. Brown is a member. The article follows "-----."

Sgt. Frederick Brown has served with the Red Stars on New Guinea, Hawaii, the Philippines and other isles in the southwest Pacific. His complete address is Sgt. Frederick J. Brown, Co. G., No. 35363946, Philippines, 1st Inf. APO 6, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 13, 1945]

SGT MASTELLER TO RETURN FROM THE PHILIPPINES

With the 38th Infantry Division on Luzon -- Sgt. Claude W. Masteller, of the 139th Field Artillery Battalion, 38th Infantry Division (Avenger's of Bataan) is being returned to the United States under the Army's Point Discharge System. Sgt. Masteller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Justin A. Masteller, of route 1, Rochester, Ind., and his wife, Ethel, and daughter, Sharon Anne, also reside in Rochester.

Sgt. Masteller was inducted into the Army at Fort Armory, on April 15th., 1941. He is a graduate of Akron High School where he took part in various school activities.

He came overseas with the 38th Division, and served with it in Hawaii, New Guinea, and Leyte before coming to Luzon. Sgt. Masteller was a part of the initial assault group that landed in Subie Bay, and fought the fierce battle of Zig Zag Pass for the control of Bataan. He is authorized to wear the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three campaign stars, and also the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one campaign star.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 13, 1945]

ENSIGN BURNS TAKING AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING

Ensign Robert F. Burns, 19, of Rochester, Indiana having completed advanced instruction in shipboard duties at the Atlantic Fleet's Naval Training Center, Miami, Fla., has been transferred to the Amphibious Training Center, Coronado, Calif., for further instruction in amphibious operations.

Ens. Burns was graduated from high school in Rochester, Ind., in 1943, and he enlisted in July of the same year. He entered the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps, and attended Indiana State Teachers College at Terre Haute, Ind., and Ohio Wesleyan College at Delaware, Ohio. After further instruction in the USNR Midshipmen's School at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., he was commissioned in May, 1945.

Her is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Burns of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 14, 1945]

PVT. HALL BACK IN U.S. AFTER THREE YEARS OVERSEAS

Oglethorpe, Ga. - Pvt. John T. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Hall, 710 E. 10th, Rochester, Ind., currently is stationed at the Radio-tribution Station, where he will spend two weeks before reporting to his new assignment in the United States.

Private Hall was returned recently to the United States after having served 36 months in European Theatre of Operations as a rifleman in the Infantry. His decorations include the European theatre of operations ribbon with two campaign stars, and Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantrymen's Badge, American Defense Ribbon and Bronze Arrowhead Medal.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 14, 1945]

RECEIVES DISCHARGE

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T/Corp. Paul N. Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bowen, route 1, Akron, arrived Thursday afternoon from Camp Atterbury with an honorable discharge from the armed forces. Bowen had served 27 months of his three years service in the Aleutian Islands.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 14, 1945]

AL JENNENS DISCHARGED

Sgt. [Albert W.] Jennens, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Jennens, formerly of this city, but now of Gary, has been discharged from service and is now with his wife at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy "Jack" Morris of Akron. Sgt. Jennens is a veteran of several years overseas service.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 14, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Greensboro, N.C. - Cpl. Lawrence E. Walsh, husband of Mrs. Lavon L. Walsh, Kewanna, Ind., has reported to Hq., AAF RS No. 5 Greensboro, N.C. for assignment to an Air Force installation in the United States. Cpl. Walsh recently returned to this country after having spent sixteen months in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of operations.

At this station he is going through a records and classification procedure prior to assignment. This is a station in the Personnel Distribution Command's chain of Redistribution Stations, and also provides entertainment and relaxation for Cpl. Walsh during his stay.

He wears the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations campaign ribbon with four Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal.

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On The Transport, USS, Braxton, in Tokyo Bay (Delayed) - H. F. Ireland, seaman second class, 1415 South Main St., Rochester, Ind., sailed into Tokyo, Bay on August 30 aboard this ship and landed U. S. Marines on the conquered soil of Japan.

A few hours before, General of the Army Douglas MacArthur's triumphant arrival, at the Atsugi airfield, the Braxton moved past silenced batteries of 16-inch guns and unloaded the first Marine occupation force on the beach of Futtau Saki on the eastern shore of Tokyo Bay.

The Braxton, a Maritime Commission vessel, was part of the huge convoy of transports which participated in the conquest of Okinawa.

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Sgt. James Ball has left for Baer Field Ft. Wayne, where he will be stationed. He just completed a 15-day furlough here with his mother, Mrs. Retha Ball and sister, Willodean, of Akron.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 14, 1945]

LT. BILL McKEE NOW A CAPTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Brant McKee have received word that their son Lt. Bill McKee of the U. S. Air Corps, has been promoted to the rank of captain.

Capt. McKee will be stationed at Tacoma, Wash., where he will be in charge of a supply department at that base.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, September 15, 1945]

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Mr. and Mrs. Brant McKee have been informed of the promotion in Tacoma, Wash., of their son, Bill, from the rank of First Lieutenant to the rank of Captain, U. S. Army.

Capt. McKee is one of five officers in the United States to have charge of post records.

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Mr. and Mrs. Stacey Tobey have been advised of the arrival of their son, Sgt. Richard Tobey in the Philippines.

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Mrs. Blanche Zimmerman has been notified of the promotion of her son, James Zimmerman to the grade of second class petty officer, U. S. Navy. The promotion arrived simultaneously with Jimmy's 26th birthday, Aug. 29. He has been stationed in the Admiralty Islands. His wife, the former Marilee Hatch and daughter reside here.

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Capt. C. Ernest Overmyer left yesterday for Camp Planche, New Orleans, La. Capt. and Mrs. Overmyer have spent the past ten days with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller and Mrs. Overmyer's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Woodcox.

Capt. Overmyer has been stationed at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Pa. for the past two and half years. His wife will join him later at camp.

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Among a large group of service men who have just arrived at Camp Atterbury Separation center where they will soon be returned to an "inactive status" are:

Lt. John C. Smith, Jr., of Culver, Ind. and Sgt. Miles H. Kesler, of Mentone.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, September 15, 1945]

GEO. D. HOLLOWAY ARRIVES AT BOSTON

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Holloway today received a telegram from their son Sgt. George Dale Holloway that he has arrived safely at Boston, Mass. and will be home on a furlough within a few days. Sgt. Holloway served in various campaigns throughout the European war theater with the 82nd Infantry Division.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, September 15, 1945]

DISCHARGED TODAY

Discharged from the armed services today is Pfc. Ralph E. Madary, formerly of this city, but now of Peru. Sgt. Madary has been in service overseas for several months.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, September 17, 1945]

FOUR WAR II VETERANS RETURN AS CIVILIANS

Four county men discharged from service at Camp Atterbury arrived home over the week-end to resume civilian status after varying periods of military service. They are:

T/Sgt. Robert DeBruler, 817 Pontiac street, Air Force, four and one-half years.

T/Sgt. Fred Bemenderfer, 1407 Main street, Air Force, three and one-half years.

T/Sgt. Walter Raymond Goodner, route 6, Infantry, three and one-half years.

T/5 William K. Reames, Rochester, Infantry, three years.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, September 17, 1945]

NAVY TAKES FIVE AS ARMY GETS BUT THREE

The Navy surged to the forefront in the call for recruits with the acceptance of five county men out of nine who reported last week for induction into the service. At the same time the Army took only three, while one was forwarded to Camp Atterbury for further examination. Those assigned were:

NAVY

Kenton Andrew Gast

Earl Eugene Hoffman

Sidney Robert Bixler

Albert Henry Leasen

Glen Oakley Hart

ARMY

Robert Dloue Flora

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Hugh James Smith
James Edward O'Dell
To Camp Atterbury for further examination, Obed Alvin Good.
[The News-Sentinel, Monday, September 17, 1945]

C. VINEYARD ADVANCED TO RANK OF COXSWAIN

Mr. and Mrs. William Cook recently received the following news concernng their son-in-law.

Somewhere In The Western Pacific Aboard The USS LST 828. - Charles Freemont Vineyard, 23, of Buchanan, Mich., has been advanced to the rate of coxswain, USNR. His wife is Freda Dolores Vineyard. They have a son, Dennis Deverl, four. Both are now living at 121 West Chicago street, Buchanan. He has been in the Pacific for six months. Recently he participated in the battle of Okinawa. Before entering the Navy in July, 1944, Vineyard was employed by the Clark Equipment Co. in Buchanan. In December, 1944, he was assigned to this ship. He helped take her down the Mississippi river to New Orleans from an Indiana shipyard.

Charles is a former employee of the Johnson meat market.
[The News-Sentinel, Monday, September 17, 1945]

LOCAL MAN IN ITALY ASSISTS IN BUILDING NEW MEMORIAL BRIDGE

A memorial bridge, 610 feet in span, and one of the largest of its kind in Italy, has been completed across the Arno river and within sight of the famed Leaning Tower of Piza by the 338th U. S. Engineers.

The long span has been named Grossman bridge in honor of Corp. Dwight Grossman of Argos, who fell near the spot on Oct. 31, 1944. Among the members of Co. E, of that regiment which constructed the bridge following the conclusion of hostilities in Europe, are Staff Sergeant Kenneth Nelson of Rochester and Staff Sergeant Hugh L. Umbaugh of Argos.

Readers will recall that the fighting last autumn around Piza and along the Arno river, was among the heaviest and most costly in the entire Italian campaign. Erection of the new bridge, army reports say, is a tribute to American engineering skill and ingenuity.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, September 17, 1945]

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Mr. and Mrs. E. Squires have heard from their grandson, Pfc. Earl Schrimsher, describing a two-weeks furlough spent in the Bavarian Alps. Pfc. Schrimsher gives an account particularly to a visit at Hitler's home in Berchesgaten, as well as to the homes of Goering and Ludwig--the mad king, whose palace was one of the most palatial on earth. He speaks of golden bedsteads and other fabulous furnishings and of the picturesque setting of "The Eagle's Nest", Hitler's SS retreat high in the mountains.

Mrs. Anna May Myers has been informed of the arrival in New York from overseas of her husband, Prc. Milburn Myers who is expected home on furlough soon.

Pfc. George W. Deardorff who has enjoyed a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Deardorff at Athens, has gone to Denver, Colo., where he will report for reassignment.

Sgt. Charles D. Cochrane has received his discharge from the Army and is now at his home in Wilmette, Pa., relatives and friends have been informed.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 19, 1945]

DOCK AT NEW YORK

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New York, Sept. 19. (INS) - Among the Hoosiers listed as aboard the Queen Elizabeth due to dock at New York today from Europe were Sgt. Clem E. Bowen, Jr., Rochester; Sgt. Russell W. Daugherty, Rochester; S/Sgt Roy D. Brubaker, Rochester; T/3 Joseph A. Cummings, Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 19, 1945]

PFC. E. F. HOLLIS ENROUTE HOME FROM S.W. PACIFIC

With The 38th Division on Luzon, Sept. 19. - Under the Army's readjustment plan, Pfc. Elmer F. Hollis of Kewanna, Ind., a veteran member of the 38th Division's 151st Infantry, is enroute home.

Pfc. Hollis has participated in many important battles in recapturing Bataan and the mopping up of enemy forces in the Sierra Madre mountains east of Manila. He has been overseas for 20 months and is entitled to wear the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three combat stars, the Combat Infantry Badge, the American Defense Ribbon, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the Purple Heart for wounds received in action.

Pfc. Hollis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hollis, route 3, Kewanna.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 19, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Pfc. Howard Sherbondy, 456 E. Ninth street has received an honorable discharge from the U. S. Army after four years service in Europe and the Pacific, his mother, Mrs. Ada Sherbondy revealed today.

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Frederick Mitchell, now attending pursers' school at Sheepshead Bay, N.Y., has received a promotion to the grade of petty officer 2/c, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mitchell, 1215 Main street learned today.

Frederick's present address is Sec. 135-M, Barracks B-7, Compt. F-3, USMTC, Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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Pvt. James O'Dell, 45020153, has a new address which is 3706 AAF. BU. Sq. T, Flight 204, Barracks 526, Sheppard Field, Texas.

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Mrs. Edith Davis has been informed that her son, John W. "Jack" Davis, who has been in France for several months, will leave soon for Germany.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 20, 1945]

THREE COUNTY MEN ARE RELEASED FROM SERVICE

Three county men, S/Sgt. Harry W. Zellers, Kewanna, S/Sgt. Charles A. Pearson, Akron, and Harvey Nickels, USN, Rochester, have received an honorable discharge from the armed forces.

Zellers was inducted March 25, 1942 and served in Europe; Pearson enlisted Jan. 4, 1940 and served in Panama and South America and Nickels served with the Navy.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 20, 1945]

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S/Sgt. Omar Spohn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Spohn and a veteran of the African, Italian and German campaigns has received his discharge from the service and has arrived home with civilian status.

Sgt. Spohn enlisted in the army nearly four years ago and served 29 months in overseas service.

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Mrs. Helen Cummings, assistant in the county auditor's office, was today informed by phone that her husband, S/Sgt. Joseph A. Cummings, has arrived in New York from two years of

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service in Europe, and that he will depart soon for Camp Atterbury. He expects to arrive home sometime next week.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 21, 1945]

CAPT. R. W. MILLER BACK IN U.S. FROM EUROPE

San Antonio District, AAF-FDC, Sept. 21. - Captain Ralph Warren Miller, of P.O. Box 597 who served 19 months in the European theater of operations as a pilot has arrived at the San Antonio District, AAF Personnel Distribution Command.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Miller, of P.O. Box, 397, Rochester, Indiana.

Captain Miller wears the E.T.O. Ribbon with four stars, the Air Medal and ten oak Leaf Cluster, and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

He will spend approximately two weeks at the redistribution station undergoing records and physical processing in preparation for a discharge or reassignment to duty in this country.

During his stay here, this combat veteran who was assigned to San Antonio upon completion of a 30-day leave at his home, will be duty-free and have at his command all of the many recreational and educational facilities made available to returned airmen by the Personnel Distribution Command.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 21, 1945]

MAJ. CHAS. RICHARDSON IS FLYING BACK TO U.S.

Mrs. Charles Richardson has just received a cablegram from her husband, Maj. Charles Richardson, that he is flying back to the U. S. from Paris. The brief message stated he would land at the New York airport very soon.

The local physician and surgeon has been in the European war theatre in active service throughout practically all of the campaign. He is expected to land in New York late today or early Sunday.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, September 22, 1945]

FOUR MORE COUNTY MEN RECEIVE SERVICE DISCHARGE

The Army Separation Center, Camp Atterbury, have announced the discharge of four more county men. They are:

Corp. Francis A. Blacketer, Kewanna; Sgt. Donald Overmyer, Rochester; Sgt. Lester Beckley, route 3, Rochester; and T/4 Hough Sheldon Weeks, Akron.

All of these men are veterans of overseas service and battle action and return to civil life with excellent records.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, September 24, 1945]

LT. COLONEL J. V. WHITE DUE HOME IN A FEW DAYS

Mrs. James V. White, 1017 Monroe street, has been informed that her husband, Lt. Col. James V. White, U. S. Medical Corps, who has been overseas for two years or more, will arrive on the same transport plane with Maj. Charles L. Richardson, and is expected to arrive home soon.

Mrs. White was the former Martha Quick of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, September 24, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Pfc. Myron Berkheiser arrived Saturday noon from Camp Atterbury with an honorable discharge from the armed forces in which he served 16 months overseas.

Severely wounded at the battle of St. Lo, in France, early in the invasion operations, he spent many months in hospitals before being released for light duty. He holds the Purple Heart and several battle stars for action against the enemy.

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Mr. Berkheiser will assume management of his grocery store which he operated several years before the war, and which has been in charge of Mrs. Berkheiser and a corps of assistants while he has been in service.

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John D. Pyle has arrived home on a 30-day leave from Treasure Island, Calif., where he has been stationed as an instructor in the Navy's chemical warfare school, and will be the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pyle and other relatives and friends.

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Pfc. Milburn J. Myers, 1309 Bancroft, has arrived in Miami, Fla., after 23 months overseas service and will be sent to Camp Atterbury for furlough or reassignment, the Army Public Relations Section reports. Pfc. Myers is the holder of a citation for outstanding service and five battle stars. He served with the 13th Field Hospital in the European theatre.

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Tech. Sgt. Dan Cornell has returned home from the South Pacific after 28 months to visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Cornell of Rochester.

Sgt. Cornell was with the 13th AAF and flew over 1800 hours, 800 which were combat.

Sgt. Cornell has the Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters and 9 Battle Stars to his credit from the South Pacific area.

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Mrs. Glen Minglin has been informed that Pvt. Glen L. Minglin has arrived at Camp Adair, Oregon. Pvt. Minglin was recently home on furlough.

His address is Pvt. Glen L. Minglin 35972936 A.G.F. Repl. Depot No. 4, Camp Adair, Oregon.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, September 24, 1945]

MORE MEN DISCHARGED RETURN TO HOMES HERE

Sgt. James Nixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Nixon, and a paratrooper with a long tour of duty in the African, Italian and France-German campaigns has arrived home with a discharge from the service.

Nixon, who served with the First Airborne Army, was wounded in action, wears the Purple Heart, ETO ribbon with several battle stars, and the medal of the bronze star. Nixon enlisted in March 1942 and departed shortly after induction for overseas duty.

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Sgt. George D. Holloway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Granville Holloway has arrived home after three years service in the African and European theatres. He was accompanied by his wife who has been living in South Bend.

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T/4 Ray J. Linebrink, wearing the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Glider Badge, Combat Badge, Good Conduct Ribbon and Invasion Arrowhead, and winner of the Presidential Citation and the Purple Heart, returned home last night following discharge at Camp Atterbury.

Linebrink served three and one-half years in the service, two and one-half years of which was in European combat zones. A member of the 325th Glider Infantry, 82nd Airborne division, he took part in six major engagements during the advance into France and Germany.

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Richard B. Young, PhM 2/c returned last night from Camp Shoemaker, Calif., where he was recently discharged from the Navy.

Dick has been in service for the past three years, 18 months of which he served with the First Marine Division on New Guinea, Cape Gloucester and Peleliu Islands. He was wounded by shrapnel on Sept. 16, 1944 for which he received the Purple Heart.

His wife, Mrs. Ann Young, has resided since her return from Calif. with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Potter, route 2. His mother, Mrs. Frank Reed, resides at 630 Fulton avenue.

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Harold Alsapach RM 1/c has been discharged from the Navy at Great Lakes as of Sept. 21, and has returned to his home here.

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Pfc. Carols E. Jewell, route 6, has arrived from Camp Atterbury, having been discharged there on Sept. 21 under the Army demobilization plan.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 25, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Sgt. Bill Wilhoit left Monday for New Orleans for reassignment after a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilhoit. Sgt. Wilhoit, a paratrooper, has been in action in the North African, Italian and European campaigns for the past three years.

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Lt. (j.g.) Betty Bailey, U. S. Navy Nurses Corps, departed Monday for Great Lakes after spending a short leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Bailey.

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Pfc. Manford Norris departed Monday for his station at Camp Gruber, Okla., after a 30-day furlough with his parnts, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Norris. Pfc. Norris recently returned from overseas in the European sectors.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carr of this city have received a new address from their son which is: Westel F. Carr, E.M. 2/c, Ind. Com. Div. 12-J, N.E.S., San Diego, 36 Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 25, 1945]

CAPT. A. I. FISHER BACK FROM FAR EAST THEATRE

Capt. Albert I. Fisher, USAAF, son of Mrs. Edna B. Fisher of Richland Center has returned back to the U. S. after spending 22 months in China, Burma and India theatres of war. He arrived in Miami, Fla. on Sept. 2nd, 1945 after flying back from the CBI theatre. Capt. Fisher reported to Fort Leavenworth's separation center but was given a 30-day recuperation leave and will report to Santa Ana, Calif., for redeployment. Upon discharge from the Air Force he will make his home in Lincoln, Neb. with his wife, Mrs. Evaline Fisher.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 25, 1945]

SGT. MARTINKOVIC BACK IN U.S. FROM EUROPE

Mrs. Paul Martinkovic, formerly Kathleen Coplen of this city, today received word from her husband, Sgt. Paul Martinkovic, that he was stationed at Camp Kilmer, N.J. after arriving from overseas last night at New York.

Sgt. Martinkovic, who has served 3 1/2 years overseas with the 1st Service Sqdn. of the 13th Air Force returned to the U. S. aboard the Europe, the old German luxury liner which was converted into U. S. transportation service. The sergeant informed his wife that he was to be stationed at Fort Seridan, Ill. for processing. He has 129 points and will probably be released at an early date. His home is in Milwaukee, Wis.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 25, 1945]

LT. McGUIRE SERVES ABOARD USS LUZON

Pearl Harbor. - Lt. W. C. McGuire, 1000 Madison St., Rochester, Ind., has been serving aboard the USS Luzon, a unit of the repair squadron that Fleet Admiral C. W. Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief, Pacific once referred to as a "secret weapon."

The Luzon, a floating shipyard capable of repairing and maintaining smaller combatant vessels and all types of amphibious craft, was the first ship of its kind to be sent to the Pacific. It has served in the forward areas since January, 1944, putting hundreds of ships in condition to meet operation and invasion schedules. This floating shipyard kept the Fleet on the fighting line for the invasions of Marshall Islands, Saipan, Gu am, Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

With millions of dollars in equipment and scores of highly trained personnel, the Luzon could handle a whole range of jobs--repairing 6,000 horse-power motors, doing all manner of

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electrical, metalsmith and machine shop work, manufacturing necessary spare parts, and maintaining diving equipment for underwater work.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 25, 1945]

PFC. JOHN KLISE, AKRON, IS KILLED IN GERMANY

Mrs. Ann King Klise of Akron at noon today received a telegram from the War Department informing her that her husband, Pfc. John Klise, has been killed in Germany. The message stated that complete details would be forwarded within a few days.

Pfc. Klise is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Klise, of Akron, and was serving with the arm of occupation in Germany.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 26, 1945]

FRANCIS RAYMER EXPECTS SOON TO RETURN ON LEAVE

Mrs. Florence Raymer has received definite information in a letter from her son, Francis Raymer, stating that he is now a patient at the U. S. naval hospital, Honolulu, where he is recuperating from long imprisonment following capture by the Japs in Decemer 1941. The letter follows:

U. S. Naval Hospital
Honolulu, T. H.
September 20, 1945

Mother Dearest:

Don't get the wrong impression from where I am and become worried because I am in pretty good shape considering everything and will be home on leave in a short time.

I left Tokyo by plane about 10 days ago and flew to Guam. Was there for several days and flew here. I would have continued and probably been home by now except that I had a pretty high temperature and was still weak from lack of food, so they made me stay here but I am picking up some weight and the doctor says I'll be able to leave before long.

Barbara Shafer is also here at the hospital and she comes to see me every day so I am getting all the news on happenings since I was home last on leave in '39.

Everyone has sure been good to us since we left Japan. They can't seem to do enough.

Well, Mother, tell everyone "hello" for me and answer soon so I'll get it before I leave here. Excuse the writing as I am trying to do it on my knees sitting in bed. Send me Dad's address too, will you?

Frank

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 26, 1945]

DISCHARGED

The following military personnel has been reported honorably discharged from the armed forces and are now with relatives and friends in this community.

Pfc. Elwood L. Pieratt, Rocheter, separated at Camp Atterbury, Sept. 24.

Pfc. Frank Noftsgger, Rochester, discharged at Camp Atterbury, Sept. 24.

T/Sgt. Tom Wright, Rochester, 24. In service India-China-Burma theatre.

Corp. Robert E. Davis, Kewanna, medical discharge, Ft. Monroe, Va., Sept. 20.

Sgt. Joe Daulton, Rochester, separated Camp Atterbury, Sept. 21. In service Iceland, 20 months.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 26, 1945]

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The new address of Richard Notz, S 2/c is Battalion I, Barracks 142, Naval Receiving Station, Camp Shoemaker, Calif.

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The new address of Pvt. Glen O. Meyers, 35972938, is AGFRD No. 4, Camp Adair, Oregon.

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Pfc. George Deardorff who recently enjoyed a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Deardorff, and who reported for duty at Camp Carson, Colo., returned Monday evening on extension furlough given his regiment because of overcrowded conditions.

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Henry Fingerle of this city has just received word from his son, Pfc. Jess Fingerle, who is with the U. S. army of occupation in Germany that he expects to arrive in the U.S. within the next few weeks. Jess served with the Third Army in the European campaign. Mr. Fingerle reports that another son, Albert Fingerle, S 1/c, who has been stationed in the Philippine theatre, is being transferred to China.

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T/4 Donald J. Gearhart of Akron will arrive at New York Thursday, Sept. 27, aboard the Josiah Bartlett. He is returning with thousands of other U. S. service men from the European theatre of war.

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Corp. James Smith returned today to his station at Barksdale Field, La., after a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest "Jake" Smith and other relatives and friends.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 26, 1945]

LT.-COL. WHITE BACK FROM EUROPE

Mrs. James V. White of this city today received a phone call from her husband, Lt. Col. James V. White, that he had just landed via plane at Newcastle, N.J. from overseas.

Mrs. White will meet her husband at Camp Atterbury tomorrow and they plan to return to Rochester within the next few days.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 27, 1945]

LT. J. L. FALL BACK IN U.S., WAS NAZI CAPTIVE

San Antonio District, AAFDC. - 2nd Lt. James L. Fall, of route 6, Rochester, Ind., who served 14 months in the European theater of operations as a Pilot has arrived at the San Antonio District, AAF Personnel Distribution Command.

He is the husband of Ethel Mae Fall, route 6, Rochester, Ind. and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Fall, route 6, Rochester, Ind.

Lt. Fall wears the European Theater of Operations Ribbon. He was a prisoner of war in Germany. He will spend approximately two weeks at the redistribution station undergoing records and physical processing in preparation for a discharge or re-assignment to duty in this country.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 28, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Sgt. Jean D. Johnson, Camp Atterbury, Sept. 27. Service in Southwest and Central Pacific theatres.

Sgt. Byron Carr, Camp Atterbury, Sept. 25. Service in Europe and Panama Canal Zone.

Pfc. Milbrn J. Myers, Camp Atterbury, Sept. 2. Service in France and Germany.

Pfc. Charles E. Green, Camp Atterbury, Sept. 23.

Howard Edward Summers, Y 1/c, Great Lakes, Sept. 2. Service Atlantic ocean.

T/5 Devan P. Pfeiffer, Camp Atterbury, Sept. 27, Wakeman General hospital.

S/Sgt. John C. Gray, Camp Atterbury, Sept. 27.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 28, 1945]

S/SGT. JOHN W. REDD FREED FROM JAPANESE

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Mrs. Dollie Redd Ellis of Fulton is in receipt of information from the War department of the liberation of her son, S/Sgt. John W. Redd, from a Japanese prison camp after three and one-half years' imprisonment.

Captured during the Philippine campaign on May 7, 1942, Sergeant Redd's whereabouts were unknown to his mother for many months. He had served four years in the Army prior to the Jap attack on the Philippines, and was stationed on the islands during the siege and fall of Bataan and Corregidor. War department information conveyed to Mrs. Ellis the promise that her son would be returned to the United States as quickly as possible, and that he would be given opportunity to return home for an indefinite stay with his mother who is now ill at her home.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 28, 1945]

COUNTY MAN SHARES IN HONORS GIVEN TO UNIT

Corp. Billy D. O'Dell, a member of the 90th U. S. Field Hospital, was one of the men to share the plaudits of General B. L. Eichelberger, for services rendered during the Mindanao campaign in the Philippines, the War Department has announced.

In a special commendation to the unit, which received the Meritorious Service Plaque, the general, now commanding the Tokyo invasion troops, said: "-----."

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, September 29, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

The new address of Ralph E. Zimmerman, GM 3/c is Separation Center, NATTC, Barracks 44, Memphis, Tenn.

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New Orleans, La. - Ralph D. Bowers, of Disko, Ind., has been advanced to yeoman, third class, USNR, at the Naval Armed Guard Center here.

During his nine months at sea as member of a Navy gun crew protecting vital war materials aboard merchant vessels, Bowers visited ports in New Guinea and South America.

Before enlisting in the Navy in May, 1944, he was employed by the Victory Ordnance Corp. in Peru, Ind.

His wife, Eileen, and two children live in Disko. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dullen Bowers of Rochester.

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S/Sgt. Lee M. Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer L. Fisher, who served in the 5th army, 85th Div. is home visiting friends and relatives. He wears the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and cluster Silver Star, 4 Battle Stars, Infantry Combat and Good Conduct Medals. He has been overseas 2 years and was discharged from Fort Sheridan, Ill., with 126 points to his credit.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, September 29, 1945]

LT. CLYDE LYLE IS STATIONED ON SAMAR

Mrs. Clyde Lyle of this city, has just received word from her husband, Lt. C. S. Lyle, USNR, that he has been transferred from Manila to Tubabas on the isle of Samar in the Philippines group where he has been appointed assistant education officer.

The former Rochester high school athletic coach arrived at Manila on Sept. 19 and flew from there to his new base at Tubabas. He states there are 16,000 service men stationed at Tubabas.

His complete address is: Lt. C. S. Lyle, USNR, R/S Nav 3149, Education Services, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, September 29, 1945]

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Sgt. Howard Jordan, United States Marine Corps, captured at the fall of Corregidor and imprisoned since May 1942 in a Jap prison camp at Osaka, returned home and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jordan of Wyatt, Ind., was a guest of his brother Fred, Jr., and family here.

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Sergeant Jordan, now a husky marine, under proper U. S. hospitalization, weighed 96 pounds when released on V Day. In spite of the long and arduous confinement, Sgt. Jordan expects to make the Marine corps his life's work and will return to service when he has finished his present leave.

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Mr. and Mrs. Albert Eshelman south of this city received a telephone call from their son, S/Sgt. Albert Leroy Eshelman Sunday morning from Washington. Leroy, as everyone calls him, has been in service 44 months, 32 of which he has spent in Europe. He has had special duty in Portugal for the past months. He was in charge of the heavy duty maintenance in the air force. Sgt. Eshelman will spend a 45-day furlough with relatives and friends.

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Harry F. Lantz, son of Earnest Lantz, of Akron, Ind., who is now serving with a Field Artillery Battalion in Hawaii, has been promoted to Sergeant on recommendation of his commanding officer.

Sergeant Lantz who enlisted 6 Nov. '42 at Camp Perry, Ohio, wears Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon and one Service bar for overseas service.

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Friends and relatives of local boys in the Pacific will be pleased to know that the ship upon which they are enroute, the USS Brazil, will dock Thursday at San Francisco. They are:

Sgt. John C. McGlothlin and Sgt. Amos E. Foor, Rochester and T/Sgt. Cyrus C. Dennis, Argos.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 1, 1945]

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Pfc. Emil E. Grass, Rochester, Patterson Field, Ohio, Sept. 27. Medical.

Ship's Cook 1/c Dale Felts, Rochester; Great Lakes, Ill., Oct. 1. Served in Pacific Area.

Points.

EM 1/c Randall L. McCroskey, Rochester; Great Lakes, Ill., Oct. 1. Points.

Sgt. Clem E. Bowen, Jr., Rochester; Atterbury, Sept. 26. France. Demobilization.

Sgt. Gail R. Hartman, Akron; Camp Atterbury Sept. 26. France. Demobilization.

Sgt. Richard Jensen, Grass Creek; Camp Atterbury, Sept. 26. Demobilization.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 2, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Maj. Charles L. Richardson arrived home Monday evening from a long and arduous campaign in the field in France, Belgium and Germany where he served in many American hospitals.

Major Richardson, although discharged, is still on active deferment and subject to call for a limited period of time. He has hopes, he says, that he will be able to escape this feature and anticipates settling down to active practice following a few weeks' rest.

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Mrs. Carson McGuire has received a letter from her husband, Lt. McGuire, who is a dentist in the Navy stating that he is on his way to Japan. Lt. McGuire serving aboard the USS Luzon has been stationed until recently at Saipan. He says in his letter that they will be in Wakayama, Japan, which is just across the inland sea from Kobe. The Luzon, a repair ship, will repair mine sweepers and Lt. McGuire also states that they will be there for five or six months.

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Mrs. Harold Knicklebine has received word that her husband S/Sgt. A. H. Knicklebine has arrived at Camp Kilmer and will arrive home in three days. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Knicklebine of 1212 Franklin street, of this city. Sgt. Knicklebine has been in the European Theatre for 16 months.

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Lt. Norman E. Meiser has been appointed Director of Physical training at the Childrens Army Air Field in Texas. He succeeds Lt. R. M. Tuitt who is leaving for an overseas assignment.

Lt. Meiser will be in charge of the physical training of the 1600 officers and men on the field. In addition he will supervise the intramural and varsity sports programs.

Norman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meiser, route 1, who live southeast of Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 2, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Corp. Harry Dawson, USMC, Akron, Sept. 2, Crane, Ind. Demobilization.

T/4 Donald J. Gearhart, Akron, Oct. 1, Camp Atterbury. Served in Europe. Demobilization.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, October 3, 1945]

FORMER TALMA MAN IN JAP PRISON HOME SOON

Mrs. Jeff Stookey, 1323 E. Sheridan street, Warsaw, former resident of the Talma community, has just received word from her son, Sgt. Walter A. Bowsher, that he will be home soon from a Japanese prison camp where he has been interned since the fall of Wake Island on Dec. 23, 1941.

In a letter written Sept. 11, 1945 at Hokkaido, Japan, Sgt. Bowsher informed his mother that he was well, but that he had received no word from home in over a year.

The War Department on Saturday confirmed the letter of last month and informed Mrs. Stookey her son would arrive home in the near future.

News of Sgt. Bowsher's repatriation after nearly four years of captivity, denial and mistreatment, will be welcomed by his many friends in Fulton county.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, October 3, 1945]

CHARLES W. KING IS COMMISSIONED ENSIGN

Ithaca, N.Y., Oct. 3. - Charles W. King of 217 E. 10th street, Rochester, Ind., was commissioned an ensign on September 29th in the U. S. Naval Reserve at Graduation exercises for the 16th class of midshipmen to complete training at the Naval Training School at Cornell Univesity.

Capt. J. M. Will, USN, assistant director of training, Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D.C., addressed the class of approximately 200 midshipmen. Ensign King is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester King of Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, October 3, 1945]

SEVEN COUNTY MEN REPORT FOR INDUCTION

Seven county men who have previously passed pre-induction examinations reported today at Indianapolis for induction into the armed services. They were:

James William Calhoun, Jr.

Francis Eldon McLochlin

Cecil Howard Smith

Bobby Leonard Rouch

Robert Franklin Townsend

Lloyd Francis Saner

Paul Albert Weller

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, October 3, 1945]

ACCEPTED BY ARMY

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William J. McIntyre who reported for induction Sept. 28 has been accepted for service by the Army, the local Selective Service Board was informed today.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, October 3, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Arrived at Boston Wednesday from Europe, USS General Richardson, Pfc. John Aguilar of Akron.

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The Public Relations Off, Miami Beach Redistribution Center has announced the award of the Air Medal to Lt. William C. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson of this city.

Lt. Thompson, a navigator on the B-17 squadrons is credited with 25 missions before being shot down over Austria.

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Lt. Col. Edwin C. Boswell, a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Otto McMahan of this city has been discharged and returned to inactive duty. He entered service July 19, 1942 and was assigned to the personnel office of Bowman Field, Ky., where he has been stationed. He was discharged at Louisville.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, October 4, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Pfc. Joseph A. Harman, Rochester, Camp Atterbury Sept. 28. Served in Europe. Demobilization.

SF 3/c Morris Glenn Beatty, Rochester, Great Lakes, Oct. 2. Served in Pacific. Points.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, October 4, 1945]

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Fireman 1/c George Smith, Rochester, Oct. 3, Great Lakes. Served in Pacific. Demobilization.

Cpl. Walter Behrenda, Rochester, Oct. 2, Camp Atterbury. Demobilization.

Sgt. Arthur J. Mahler, Leiters Ford, Sept. 25, Vaughan General hospital, Hines, Ill. Wounded in Europe. Medical.

Pfc. Claude L. Engle, Akron, Sept. 26, Camp Atterbury. Over 35.

T/4 Ira W. Haskins, Rochester, Oct. 2, Camp Atterbury. Demobilization.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, October 5, 1945]

LAKE BRUCE BOY DIES IN PHILIPPINES

Winamac, Oct. 5. - Pfc. Thomas Ziemba, 20, of the Lake Bruce community, died of pneumonia in the Philippine islands, according to word received here Wednesday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ziemba.

A former student at the Kewanna high school, he entered the army eight months ago.

Survivors are his parents and five sisters, all at home.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, October 5, 1945]

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On The USS Soley, Kusaie Island, Sept. 9. (Delayed) - Charles Robert Evans, 1223 South Main St., Rochester, Ind., today witnessed the surrender and the occupation of the Caroline island from this destroyer.

The Soley crew was greeted by two American copra planters, released by the Japs just two days ago, and 1,800 natives.

The large garrison was composed of 3,447 soldiers and 603 sailors.

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Pvt. Roy C. Gibbons, 45016812, writes that his new address is: Hq. and Hq. Det., WDPC, Fort Lravenworth, Kans.

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Pfc. Robert J. Wagoner, 35966409, 127th Engr. Bn (C) H & S Co., has been appointed clerk of his company at Oas on Luzon in the Philippines. He will take care of pay rolls and service records. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wagoner of near Rochester.

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Sgt. Russell E. Cauffman, Hq. Co. A.G.F.R.D. No. 4, Camp Adair, Oregon, has received his honorable discharge and he and his wife and baby son have returned to Rochester where they will make their future home.

Sgt. Cauffman served 27 months in the Panama area and also 15 months at Camp Meade, Md., where he was instructor of Battle Course. From there he was transferred to Camp Adair, Oregon.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, October 5, 1945]

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Lorrel Thornburg, FC 2/c is spending a 10 day leave visiting his wife and daughter, Laura Jo. At the end of his leave he will return to Great Lakes, Ill. to receive his discharge.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, October 6, 1945]

DISCHARGED

The following Fulton county men have been discharged at various Army and Navy separation centers and announced today:

T/4 Sylvester Irvine, Rochester, Oct. 4.

T/Sgt. Charles L. Brown, Akron, Oct. 2.

S/Sgt. Orville A. Cook, route 1, Kewanna, Oct. 2.

T/3 Ralph W. Wester, route 2, Kewanna, Oct. 2.

Sgt. Oliver W. Holmes, Argos, Oct. 2.

T/5 David C. Hill, Grass Creek, Forg Bragg, N.C., Oct. 6. Demobilization. Served in Europe.

Pfc. Vebadee Huddleston, Kewanna, Camp Atterbury, Oct. 4. Disability. Served in Europe.

T/5 Elbert Vincent Young, Rochester, Camp Atterbury, Sept. 29. Demobilization. Served in Pacific.

Pfc. Virgil C. Van Duyne, Rochester, Camp Atterbury, Oct. 4. Demobilization. Served in Italy.

AMM 3/c Charles A. Runkle, Macy, Toledo, Ohio, Oct.. Demobilization. Served in Africa and England.

Cpl. Claude W. Mastellar, Rochester, Camp Atterbury, Oct. 4, Demobilization. Served in Pacific.

Cpl. Robert D. Baker, Fulton, Camp Shelby, Miss., Oct. 4. Demobilization. Served in Europe.

Sgt. John C. McGlothlin, Rochester, Camp Atterbury, Oct. 4. Demobilization. Served in Pacific.

CSF Lloyd Rudolph Heeter, Akron, Great Lakes, Ill., Oct. 8. Over age. Served in Pacific.

M T/Sgt. Glen H. Ward, USMC, Fulton, Corpus Christi, Texas, Sept. 26. Demobilization. Served in Pacific.

Pfc. Robert A. Calvert, Rochester, San Luis Obispo, Calif., Sept. 20. Dependency. Served in Europe.

S/Sgt. Lee Struckman, Rochester, Sioux City, Iowa, Sept. 28. Demobilization.

S/Sgt. Harold Nicklebline, Rochester, Camp Atterbury, Oct. 5. Demobilization. Served in Europe

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[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 8, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Capt. Ralph Thompson has called his wife, Mrs. Maxine Thompson, 229 West Ninth street, that he has sailed from a European port enroute to the United States and probable discharge.

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Lt. William Thompson arrived today from Miami Beach, Fla., and will enjoy an extended leave of absence with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Thompson, West 11th street.

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Sgt. Bill Wilhoit left today for New Orleans, La., where he will be reassigned. He has been the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilhoit, West Ninth street, during a 30-day furlough.

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S 2/c Wendell Tombaugh has returned to duty at Brigantine, N.J., after a 15-day leave with his wife and family here.

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Mrs. Lucille (Nafe) Furgeson has been informed of the promotion in China of her husband, Loar Furgeson, from major to lieutenant colonel. Mrs. Furgeson and daughter have resided at the home of her father, Eugene Nafe. She is on the teaching staff of Burton school.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 8, 1945]

SGT. ESHELMAN HONORABLY DISCHARGED

S/Sgt. Albert L. Eshelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Eshelman of Rochester, received his honorable discharge Saturday from the Army Air Forces at the AAF Separation Base at Romulus Army Air Field, Romulus, Mich.

Entering the Army Feb. 18, 1942, at Indianapolis, Sgt. Eshelman served 22 months overseas.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 8, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Discharged Oct. 7 at Camp Atterbury were the following local men.

T/5 Whitten Bradley, Rochester. Demobilization. Served in Europe.

T/4 Robert E. Hayes, Rochester. Demobilization. Served in the Pacific.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 9, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

T/Sgt. Howard E. Shireman, son of Arthur Shireman of this city, has arrived at Camp Atterbury, Ind., for processing. He will be released in a few days and return to his home in this city. Howard entered service in April, 1941, and served overseas for several years. He has made three trips across the Atlantic, his father stated.

T/Sgt. Howard E. Shireman has notified relatives of his arrival from Europe at Boston, Mass., after three years' service. He will be sent soon to Camp Atterbury for discharge from the service.

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Mr. and Mrs. Merle Craig, 225 West Ninth street, have been informed of the arrival at New York of their son, Sgt. Arthur R. Craig, who has seen action in the various European theatres for the past three years. He anticipates discharge at an early date.

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Mrs. Nancy Rouch has received word from her son, Cpl. Wilbert Rouch, who has just arrived from the Pacific areas and is now in San Francisco. He expects soon to be sent to Camp Atterbury for medical discharge.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Squires have been informed of the arrival of their grandson, Earl Schrimsher in New York from service in Europe. He anticipates discharge from the service at an early date.

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The Regional Convalescent hospital, Miami Beach, Fla., has announced the retirement to inactive status of 2nd Lt. Harold E. Meiser, route 5.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 9, 1945]

FATHER RECEIVES SON'S POSTHUMOUS AWARD

Pvt. 1/c William C. Willard

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The Bronze Star Medal for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy was posthumously awarded to Private First Class William C. Willard of Rochester in ceremonies at Fort Benjamin Harrison last Friday. Captain F. J. Luchowski, post adjutant, presented the medal to the soldier's father, Daniel Willard.

Pfc. Willard, who went overseas in July of 1944 with the 382nd Infantry of the 96th Division was killed on Leyte "while acting as volunteer rear guard for a group of three litter squads carrying wounded soldiers to an aid station, when he and two other men held off an estimated fifteen enemy soldiers armed with a heavy machine gun until the wounded were in a place of safety. His heroic devotion to the welfare of his comrades cost Private First Class Willard his life."

Pfc. Willard attended Rochester High School and was employed by the Nickel Plate railroad before entering the service in March of 1941. He took basic training at Camp Robinson, Ark., and then engineering courses at Stillwater, Okla., and Bradley Tech., in Peoria, Ill.

His brother, Private James J. Willard, a student at Rochester High, were present for the award. [sic] Mrs. Willard was unable to attend. Earl Enyart and his son, Cpl. Emmerson Enyart, home on leave from the Army Air Corps stationed at Tabago Island off South America, were other friends from Rochester who accompanied the Willards to Fort - - - - [omitted] - - - - .

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, October 10, 1945]

DISCHARGED

The following men have been reported as discharged from the armed forces:

S/Sgt. James T. White, Kewanna. Aberdeen, Md., Oct. 3. Demobilization. Served in Alaska.

S/Sgt. Robert LeRoy Eshelman, Rochester. Romulus, Mich., Oct. 6. Demobilization. Served in Europe.

Lloyd L. Grable, Fulton. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 4. Demobilization.

EM 3/c Joseph W. McConnell, Kewanna. Shelton, Va., Oct. 4. Demobilization. Served in Atlantic and Mediterranean.

S/Sgt. Morris L. Conner, Akron. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 5. Demobilization. Served in Europe.

Pfc. Howard Walter Gearhart, Akron. Marine Corps. Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 26. Demobilization. Served in Pacific.

Pfc. Charles D. Cochran, Rochester. Camp Gordon, Ga., Oct. 1. Demobilization.

BM 3/c Theodore Dilsaver, Akron. Great Lakes, Oct. 5. Demobilization. Served in Pacific.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, October 10, 1945]

BROTHERS MEET AT HOME AFTER FOUR WAR YEARS

Two brothers, one from Europe and the other from conflicts in the Pacific met for the first time in nearly four years at the home of their parents southwest of the city.

They were T/Sgt. Robert C. Ward, Signal Corps, U. S. Army, who served 19 months with Patton's Army in France and Germany, and M T/Sgt. Glenn H. Ward, U. S. Marine Corps, a radar

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tecnician who served two years in the Pacific. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Ward, rural route 6.

Both men have been discharged; Robert at Ft. Sheridan, Ill., Sept. 28 and Glenn at Corpus Christi, Texas, Sept. 26.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, October 11, 1945]

WINS BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTERS TO HIS STAR

Lt. James A. Deardorff, now at Percy Jones Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich., is one of several men of the 37th U. S. Division to be awarded the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star medal, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Deardorff of Athens, have been informed.

The clusters, among the first to be issued by the Army, were awarded by Maj. General Beightner, commanding the division. Lt. Deardorff's citation reads:

"First Lieutenant James A. Deardorff, 01298197, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with the military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 9 Feb. 1945. During the advance in the vicinity of the Manila gas works, Lieutenant Deardorff acted as a forward observer for his mortar section and paved way for our forces by skilfully laying down an effective pattern of fire, aiding the advance of the rifle elements. He was always in the forefront of the assault troops, spotting hostile targets. When the enemy suddenly opened fire with machine guns and mortars, Lieutenant courageously left a position of cover to crawl forward under intense fire in order to direct mortar fire on the Japanese, but was painfully wounded by shell fragments."

Lt. Deardorff holds in addition to the Bronze Star and the Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart Medals.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, October 11, 1945]

DISCHARGED

The following county men are reported discharged from the armed forces:

Sgt. Harold E. Wichmann, route 6, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Sept. 13. Demobilization. Served in Africa, Italy.

T/4 Ray McGriff, route 3, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 7. Demobilization. Pacific theatre.

Pfc. Frank V. Galladay, route , Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 6. Demobilization.

S/Sgt. Francis B. Jones, route 2, Macy. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 6. Demobilization.

S/Sgt. Leonard E. Grantham, route 6, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 6. Demobilization.

T/Sgt. Donald F. Bruce, route 1, Kewanna. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 6. Demobilization.

S/Sgt. Clarence Kotterman, route 1, Macy. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 6. Demobilization.

S/Sgt. Dick E. Reed, route 5, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 6. Demobilization.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, October 11, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Sgt. Donald Hartung, Rochester. Sept. 27. Demobilization.

Sgt. Norman Gillispie, Kewanna, Camp Breckenridge, Ky., Oct. 7. Demobilization.

S 1/c George Winfield Kuhn, Akron. U. S. Naval hospital, Camp Faragut, Idaho, Sept. 26. Medical.

T/Sgt. Tom L. Wright, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Sept. 28. Age.

Pfc. Edward L. Klock, Rochester. Indiantown Gap, Pa., Oct 10. Demobilization.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, October 12, 1945]

RETURNS HOME FROM NAZI PRISON CAMP

After a long confinement in a Nazi prison camp, Pfc. John T. Hall has arrived home with an honorable discharge and is now visiting his mother, Mrs. Lewis E. Hall, East 10th street.

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Pfc. Hall was a member of the 168th Infantry, 34th Division and served nearly four years during World War II.

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SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Elmer Sutton has been informed of the transfer of her son, Pvt. Murrell Sutton from Camp Rucker, Ala., to a new station in Oregon. He expects transfer to overseas duty in the near future.

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Mrs. Imogene Wilson has learned through a telephone call that her husband, Lieut. Taylor "Eddie" Wilson has arrived in Sacramento, Cal., and that he will arrive home in a few days.

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Kenneth E. Shepherd, HA 2/c has advised a change in his address which is now: care Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, Calif.

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Pfc. Richard L. Smiley, returned to Camp Atterbury Wednesday after spending 45 days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Smiley, route 5.

Pfc. Smiley returned August 25 from Italy where he had spent 29 months in active duty. He is a member of the famous 715th Ry. Op. Bn noted for bridge building at Arno and Pesa.

Pfc. Smiley is authorized to wear the ETO ribbon with 4 Bronze Battle stars, the Presidential Citation Badge, the Wreath of Merit, Good Conduct Medal and the Invasion of Naples Medal. He hopes to be discharged as he has 83 points to his credit.

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SERVICE NOTES

Pvt. Richard E. Kindig, 35966406, informs relatives of his new address, which is 89th Field Hospital, APO 73, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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Cpl Herman Haines has advised his sister, Mrs. Alice Haines, of this city, that he has arrived from overseas at Boston, Mass., and that he expects soon to arrive at Camp Atterbury for discharge.

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Addison E. Alber, S 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Alber, route 5, Rochester, has been transferred from San Francisco, Calif., to Bermerton, Wash. His address is Addison E. Alber, S 1/c, PSNY, Bks. G, Dorm B, Bremerton, Wash.

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Relatives here have learned that Robert Blackburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Blackburn of Wabash, formerly of Rochester, has enlisted in the U. S. Navy.

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Pfc. Herman R. Grantham has arrived in Boston from Europe on the USS Marine Panther, and is now awaiting transportation to Camp Atterbury, relatives here have been informed.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 15, 1945]

LOCAL MAN HEARS FROM SON MISSING SINCE '42

Isaac Watson, 1114 Elm street, is happy today with word from his son, Pfc. Donald James Watson, 25, U.S. Medical Corps, that he is safe and well after 42 months' imprisonment at Osaka, Japan, and that he is now in Havana, Cuba, enroute home.

It is the first word Watson has had from his son since the fall of Corregidor in 1941, and clears up all available information heretofore known that he is still alive.

Reported missing in action by the War department on June 23, 1945, all further efforts on the part of the parent, government and Red Cross as to what became of him proved futile. Although faced with apparent disappointment, Watson says he never gave up hope for his son, and

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the cablegram that arrived this morning takes on added significance as a harbinger of consolation and happiness.

Pfc. Watson was serving his second enlistment when the Japs struck at Manila in December, 1941. From that time until the capitulation of Bataan and Corregidor he saw constant action. Following the surrender of the island fortress, no further word was ever received from him.

At Osaka he was, no doubt, confined with Coxswain Frank Raymer, son of Mrs. Florence Raymer, and Sgt. Howard Jordan, brother of Fred Jordan, also of this city, but because Watson has never resided here, it is probable that the men were not aware of a common interest.

Sgt. Jordan arrived home several weeks ago. Coxswain Raymer is expected to arrive soon.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 15, 1945]

FRED HANSON DIED IN JAPANESE PRISON CAMP

Mrs. Boyd Peterson and Garfield Hanson late Saturday received official word from the Pacific Employees Foundation Inc., that their brother Fred Hanson of this city died in Taumori Camu, in Osaka, Japan on March 30th, 1944.

The information was just recently received by the foundation from liberated internees who were formerly employed by the contractors, who were building Pacific Naval air bases on Wake Island. Fred was employed in construction work and was taken prisoner by the Japs when Wake fell on December 22nd, 1941. The brief message stated that Mr. Hansen died of beri-beri and was presumably buried at Osaka, Japan.

In an interview today with Garfield Hanson he stated his brother went to Wake Island in June of 1941, where he was employed by a construction company. For several years Mr. Hanson was engaged in contracting and construction work in California. His last visit home was in the spring of 1940. Fred had never married and the above mentioned relatives are the only survivors. His brother, Garfield, owns and operates a farm about a mile east of this city.

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DISCHARGED

Pfc. Kenneth C. Bright, Akron. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 4. Demobilization. Served in Pacific.

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MM 2/c Graydon S. Roe, Akron. Great Lakes, Oct. 14. Demobilized. Served in Atlantic.

Pfc. Charles N. Sweet, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 11. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

Sgt. Amos E. Foor, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 4. Demobilized. Served in Pacific.

Corp. Harry E. Staley, Rochester. Camp Atterbury. Demobilized. Served in Pacific.

Pvt. Vern A. Kissinger, Kewanna. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 10. Demobilized. Served in Europe, Africa.

Pvt. Wm. L. Cunningham, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 10. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

T/5 Earl D. Thompson, Rochester. Camp Pickett, Va., Oct. 12. Demobilized. Served in Pacific.

Sgt. Artur K. Craig, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 13. Demobilized. Served in Africa, Europe.

Pfc. Lester R. Wentzel, Kewanna. Ft. Lewis, Wash., Oct. 10. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

Pfc. John T. Hall, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 11. Demobilized. Served in Africa.

RA 1/c John W. Collins, Kewanna. Great Lakes, Oct. 8. Demobilized. Served in Pacific.

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Capt. William Russler, Rochester. Separated Air Corps Reserve Status. Served in Pacific.

T/Sgt. Trenson T. Kline, RFD Argos. Camp Atterbury Oct. 13. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

T/Sgt. Volney O. Wheadon, Rochester. Army Air Force Separation Center, Amarillo, Texas, Oct. 1. Demobilized. Served in South America.

Pfc. Edward Wideman, Akron. Camp Gordon, Fla., Oct. 7. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

Pfc. Chas. Garrison, Rochester. Ft. Bliss, Texas, Oct. 6. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

T/5 Simon B. Talbott, Kewanna, Camp Atterbury, Oct. 11. Demobilized. Served in Pacific.

T/5 Herbert Lanz, Akron. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 11. Demobilized. Served in Europe

Pfc. Richard L. Smiley, route 5, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 11. Demobilized. Served in Pacific.

Sonorman 2/c Paul Ley, Kewanna. Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 30. Demobilized. Served in Atlantic.

Pfc. John J. Wolfe, Kewanna. Camp Crowder, Mo., Oct. 11. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

T/4 Clair E. Strong, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 13. Demobilized. Served in Alaska, Europe.

Corp. Donald C. Reason, Kewanna. Camp Gruber, Okla. Demobilized. Served in Europe

Sgt. Robert C. Shobe, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 3. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

T/4 Arthur Magleic, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 14. Served in Europe.

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SERVICE NOTES

The new address of Pfc. Carl T. Westwood is Pfc. Carl T. Westwood, 35907309, Hq. Co. 2nd Bn., 6th Inf. APO 1, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y. Carl, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Westwood, has served with the 79th Division in the European theatre of war. He was recently promoted to military police.

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SK 2/c Robert Kern was a week-end visitor with his family and friends near Athens. He has recently been transferred from Sampson, N.Y., and his present address is: Robert Kern S 2/c (SK) Supply Disbursing Personnel Separation Center, Nashville, Tenn.

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Earl D. Thompson, back in civvies after three years of service in the Pacific, during which time he saw a great deal of action, will assume his pre-war job in the press room of The News-Sentinel after a short rest and visit with relatives and friends.

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T/Sgt Trenson Kline, who served overseas 18 months with the 307th Bomb Group B-26 received his honorable discharge from the U. S. Air Corps services at Camp Atterbury Saturday. Trenson, who was a former star on the RHS Zebras, plans to make his home here.

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EH 2/c Edward Jasper Hutchinson, Rochester. Fort Pierce, Fla., Oct. 13. Demobilized. Served in Atlantic and Pacific.

F 2/c Lorrell Mackson Thornburg, Rochester. Great Lakes, Oct. 14. Demobilized. Served in Atlantic and Pacific.

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Among those who landed at New York Tuesday aboard the SS Queen Mary, returning from Europe for discharge are: Corp. John M. Good and T/5 Herman D. Matthews, both of Rochester.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Stout, route 5, have been informed of the safe arrival in New York of their son, Cryptographer Ron. R. Stout, who has returned from three years service in England, France and Germany. He arrived Tuesday aboard the SS Queen Mary and expects to reach Camp Atterbury and a discharge in a few days.

A brother, Jack, is with the U. S. Marines in Korea.

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Corp. Wilbert S. Rouch, Fulton. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 13. Demobilized. Served in Pacific.

Pfc. James W. Simpson, Akron. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 7. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

First Lt. Jack W. Hayden, Akron. to inactive status. Served in Europe.

Pfc. James E. Radway, USMC, Rocheter. Quantico, Va., Oct. 12. Demobilized. Served in Pacific.

T/5 Alfred Wynn, Kewanna. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 15. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

T/4 Ermil C. Lewis, Rochester. Camp Sibert, Ala., Oct. 9. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

Corp. Phillip A. Perkins, Rochester. Lowry Field, Colo. Demobilized, over age. Served in England.

Pvt. Gordon L. Beehler, Rochester. Fort Knox, Ky., Oct. 8. Dependency.

T/4 Charles D. Shuman, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 15. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

Second Lt. Everett W. Hoffman, Akron. to inactive status, Camp Atterbury, Oct. 5.

S/1c Elton Reuben Nelson, Rochester. Great Lakes, Oct. 18. Dependency. Served in Pacific.

A/S Robert Bixler, Rochester. Great Lakes, Oct. 15, Medical survey.

Pfc. Emerson E. Johnson, Athens. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 17. Over age. Served in Europe.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, October 19, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Howard Bunn, 530 Madison street, today received a telephone call from her brother, Coxswain Francis Raymer, who is now in Chicago, stating he would reach home Saturday.

Raymer, who has served nearly four years in a Jap prisoner of war camp, was liberated when Japan capitulized and has since been hospitalized in American hospitals in Hawaii and California.

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Mrs. Pauline Cox has received word of the safe arrival in New York of her husband, Pfc. Henry N. Cox, who has just returned from 19 months service in Europe.

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Mrs. Glen Myers has received a change of address for her husband, Pvt. Glen Myers, which is Inf. Co. B., APO 213447, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, October 19, 1945]

BULLETIN

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Washington, Oct. 20 (INS) - Flight Officer Samuel L. Burch of Akron is accompanying Lt.-Gen. Nathan Twining, commander of the 20th Air Force, who is leading three B29s to Washington today on the first Germany-to-America non-stop flight by a bomber.

The superfortress making the flight carried 18 veteran air personnel, all eligible for discharge. The flight originated at Guam and Twining chose the western route because of congestion at intermediate fields on the dedeployment route.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, October 20, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

S/Sgt. Kenneth L. Corbin of Leiters Ford has received his army discharge as of Oct. 11 from Camp Atterbury. Kenneth was in the service 32 months, 21 of which were spent in the European war theatre.

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Roger D. Yeider, Jr., has been promoted to private first class, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Betty M. Yeider, of this city. Pfc. Yeider is stationed with the fifth A.G.F. band in the Panama Canal zone. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roger D. Yeider of Logansport.

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T/5 Harry Ginther and S/Sgt. Richard Ginther met each other recently in Germany, according to word received here by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ginther.

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SERVICE NOTES

Sgt. Herschell E. Snyder returned to San Antonio, Texas Sunday after a 45-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Snyder and other relatives and friends. He will be reassigned to duty after having served overseas two and a half years.

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Mrs. Charles Hand has been informed of the promotion to the rank of captain for her husband. Capt. Hand is now stationed in Frankfort, Germany.

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Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Sadowsky 716 Pontiac street have been advised that their son, Maurice, Jr., has been promoted to the grade of corporal and is now stationed at Ft. Bliss, El Paso, Texas.

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Pvt. Merle L. Kelley arrived Sunday for a furlough with his wife and other relatives and friends. Pvt. Kelley is stationed at Shepherd Field, Texas.

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The new address of Robert Lowell Blackburn A/S, is V-6 USNR, Co. 761, Camp Perry, Va.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 22, 1945]

FIVE LOCAL MEN REPORT FOR PRE-INDUCTION EXAMS.

The following county men reported this morning at Indianapolis for pre-induction examinations:

Robert LeRoy Woodward

Oris Glen Baker

Whitten Reffett, Jr.

George Laverne Smith, Jr.

Melvin Earl Swango.

Oris Glen Baker was appointed leader.

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Pfc. W. Lynn Chamberlain, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 22. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

Robert Norman Weir, Fulton. San Pedro (Cal.) Naval Center, Oct. 13. Demobilized. Served in Pacific.

S/Sgt. LeRoy Paige Thomas, Delong. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 15. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

T/Sgt. Donald F. Bruce, Kewanna. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 8. Demobilized. Served in Italy.

T/4 James Eugene Jacob, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 13. Demobilized. Served in Alaska and Europe.

S/sc Ashel Wesley Tabler, Macy route. Great Lakes, Oct. 20. Dependency. Served in U.S.

MM 3/c Sidney Richard Sadler, Jr., Grass Creek. Great Lakes, Oct 14. Dependency. Served in Atlantic and Pacific.

S/Sgt John R. Richardson, Rochester. Wakeman Hospital, Camp Atterbury, Oct. 20. Medical. Served in Europe.

T/Sgt Robet W. Mills, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 20. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

S/Sgt. Kenneth L. Corbin, Peru. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 11. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

Pfc. Robert Kale. Rochester. Perry Jones Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich., Oct. 14. Medical. Served in Europe.

T/Sgt. Wilbur D. Urbin, Kewanna. Chanute Field, Ill., Oct. 20. Demobilized. Served in Panama.

Sgt. John M. Crabbs, Rochester. Camp Attrbury, Oct. 19. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

Pfc. Russell G. Shewman, Rochestr. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 18. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

Corp. Paul D. Huls, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 16. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

Corp. Robert A. Cessna, Kewanna. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 14. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

Pvt. Ray A. Pickens, Macy route. Camp Beale, Calif., Oct 18. Dependency. Served in U. S.

T/5 Gerald L. McQuillan, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 16. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

Sgt. Cecil Taylor, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 19. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

Sgt. William E. Goodman, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 14. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

Corp. Arthur J. Anderson, Kewanna. Camp Detrick, Md., Oct. 16. Convenience of Government. Served in U.S.

Corp. Dale W. Frissen, Rochester. Camp Maxy, Texas, Oct. 14. Demobilized. Served in Panama.

Sgt. Rex Rhodes, Athens. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 22. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

Pfc. Richard L. Smiley, Rochester. Camp Attrbury, Oct. 12. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

Pfc. Arthur Weaver, Rochester. Camp Pickett, Va., Oct. 10. demobilized. Served in Panama.

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SERVICE NOTES

Manila. - Pvt. Donald McNeil is now a directory clerk with the post office of the 5th Replacement Depot, Replacement Command, AFWESPAC.

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He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter McNeil of route 3, Rochester, Ind. Joan, his wife, and two children reside on route 1, Rochester.

Pvt. McNeil's brother, FO 2/c Royal, now in Boston, formerly served with the Navy in the Philippine Theatre. His brother-in-law, Pfc. S. E. Andrews of Rochester, is now with the Army in England.

Pvt. McNeil attended Manchester college in North Manchester, Ind., for two years. After he is discharged he plans to return to the Pennsylvania railroad, where, before his induction, he was employed as a mail clerk of the Chicago to Pittsburgh run.

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T/5 Lawrence Kennedy, of Huntington, Ind. who received his discharge yesterday at Fort Knox, Ky., is the guest of Miss Judy Smith and her mother Mrs. Martha Smith of this city. Lawrence served three and a half years with the 148th General Hospital Corps in the Pacific areas.

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A. E. Miller received a telegram today from his son Lt. Robert C. Miller that he had just arrived at Fairfield, Calif. from Yokohama. Lt. Miller who has been serving in the Pacific campaign with the U. S. Army signal corps will leave Thursday for Camp Atterbury, Ind. where he will receive his honorable discharge.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 23, 1945]

SGT. GLASSLEY BACK IN U.S. FOR PROCESSING

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Glassley of this city received a phone call yesterday from their son S/Sgt Firmer Glassley, who had just arrived at Newport News, Va. Sgt. Glassley had just returned from 18 months service in the European theatre. Following the end of the European war he was stationed at Berchesgaden for a few months.

Firmer will be sent to a base in California where he will receive his processing for discharge. He enlisted May 23rd, 1942. Sgt. Glassley and his wife plan to spend Christmas in Rochester with his parents.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, October 24, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

On the USS Matanikau. - Ens. W. R. Kriegbaum, 1008 Fulton Ave., Rochester, Ind., served on this escort aircraft carrier when she steamed into Ominato harbor, on the northern tip of Honshu, main Japanese island, as part of the occupying force. Before the area, including the Ominato Naval Base, was taken over, planes from the Matanikau dropped food and supplies to prisoners in camp in the vicinity.

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S 2/c Robert Duane Remy has informed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Remy, of his transfer from Gulfport, Miss., to Personnel Separation Center, Barracks 22, Memphis 15, Tenn.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Squires have received word from their son, Sgt. Glen O. Squires, that he is enroute home after a long period of duty in the Pacific.

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Sgt. Charles E. Decker is enjoying a rest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Decker. He served 34 months in North Africa and Italy. Discharged from Camp Atterbury, Ind., on Sept. 24, after being in service four and one-half years.

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Sgt. T/4 James E. Jacob is discharged from the Army after four years and nine months service, most of which was in Alaska and Belgium. He had one furlough in that time, just before being sent to Belgium.

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Mrs. Charles Lockridge today received word from her husband, Sgt. Lockridge, that he is now enroute home from Honolulu. He is due to arrive at the West Coast within a few days and it

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is believed he will soon receive his discharge from the services. Sgt. Lockridge is owner of the Lockridge photography studios in this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, October 24, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Kenneth Stevens received a telephone call from her husband, S/Sgt. Kenneth M. Stevens, that he had landed in New York and was being sent to Camp Atterbury for discharge. S/Sgt. Stevens has been in China the past 18 months.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, October 25, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Pfc. Lloyd R. Redinger, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 20. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

S/Sgt. James E. Fenstermaker, Rochester. Tinker Field, Okla., Oct. 21. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

T/5 Harold L. Spurlock, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 22. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

S/Sgt. Phillip J. Parker, Akron. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 21. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

Sgt. Robert O. Pletcher, Rochester. Baer Field, Oct. 22. Demobilized. Served in Pacific.

T/5 Herman D. Mathews, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 22. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

T/4 Clyde D. Cornell, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 22. Served in Europe.

Pfc. Arthur L. Weaver, Rochester. Camp Pickett, Va., Oct. 10. Demobilized. Served in Panama.

2nd Lt. Leon M. Bidwell, Akron. Separated to inactive status, Oct. 16.

Pfc. Henry Nelson Cox, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 23. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

A/S Earl Eugene Hoffman, Akron. Great Lakes, Oct. 5. Medical. Served in U.S.

T/3 Harold Darwin Morrett, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 22. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

S/Sgt. Homer LeRoy Carr, Akron. Baer Field, Oct. 22. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

Pfc. Charles M. Smith, Rochester. Ft. Jay, N.Y., Oct. 19. Overage. Served in Africa and Europe.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, October 25, 1945]

CAPT. CHARLES L. HAND AWARDED BRONZE STAR

Mrs. Clara Hand, 700 Pontiac street, has been informed of the award of the Medal of the Bronze Star to her husband, Capt. Charles L. Hand, Transportation Corps, U. S. Army.

The citation by which the award is made, reads:

“By direction of the President, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded for meritorious service in connection with the operations during the period 1 September 1944 to 1 May 1945.”

Capt. Hand entered the service four and one-half years ago. He does not anticipate discharge for several months.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, October 25, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Corp. Herman L. Haines, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 17. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

Pfc. Edgar A. Miller, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 19. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

Corp. Archie Ben Chance, Rochester. Sioux Falls, S.D., Oct. 21. Demobilized. Served in Africa, Europe.

GM 3/c Warren William Robertson, Leifers Ford. Great Lakes, Oct. 17. Dependency.

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Sgt. Reuben Rynearson, Rochester. Camp Pickets, Va., Oct. 20. Demobilized. Served in Panama.

T/Sgt. Ralph P. Chapman, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 21. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, October 27, 1945]

FORMER GILEAD YOUTH KILLED IN GERMANY

Pfc. Sammie H. Karn, 21, a former resident of Gilead, was killed in a vehicle accident in Germany on Oct. 7, according to word received by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Karn of Wabash, from the war department.

No details were given, but it was stated a letter would follow. Pvt. Karn entered the service in March, 1943, and received his training at Camp Hood, Texas.

He is survived by the parents and one brother, Pfc. Roland Karn, who was due to leave Germany Oct. 20, for return to the United States.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, October 27, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Arriving at New York aboard the SS Lake Cantalin today, Pfc. William BICKS of Akron and Cps. William B. Musselman of Rochester.

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Aboard the SS Central Falls Victory at Newport News, Va., Pfc. Carl C. Miller of Rochester.

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Sgt. Austin Vickery, until recently stationed on Saipan, has arrived in the United States and is now a guest of his brother, Capt. Harold Vickery. This is the first meeting of the brothers in four years. They are the sons of Mrs. Alma Vickery, 1015 Main street.

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Back from Europe and now awaiting discharge at Camp Atterbury, S/Sgt. Melvin Sweeney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sweeney.

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DISCHARGED

Pfc. Steven F. Huggy, Rochester. Fort Sheridan, Illinois, October 18. Demobilization. Served in Europe.

T/4 Howard S. Hughes, Kewanna. Camp Atterbury, October 22. Demobilization over age. Served in Europe.

Pfc. James Robert Mathias, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, October 25. Demobilization. Served in Europe.

Pfc. Harold L. Kaley, Rochester. Fort Knox, Kentucky, October 25. Demobilization. Served in Europe.

Pvt. Robert D. Hill, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, October 25. Demobilization. Served in Europe.

Pfc. Richard D. Showley, Rochester. Sioux Falls, South Dakota, October 24. Demobilization. Served in Europe.

Pharmacists Mate Third Class Robert Oren DuBois, Rochester. Naval Reserve Armory, Chicago, October 26. Dependency. Served in the Philippines.

Cpl. James O. Wilson, Kewanna. Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, Arizona, October 23. dependency. Served in U. S. only.

T/Sgt. Ralph P. Chapman, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, October 21. Demobilization. Served in Europe.

Painter Third Class John Lloyd Coleman, Rochester. Great Lakes, October 27. Dependency. Served in Japan.

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Specialist 2nd Class Alfred Frederick Mathiesen, Akron. Toledo, Ohio, October 27. Demobilized. Served in U. S. only.

Corporal John Henry Max Good, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, October 21. Demobilization. Served in Europe.

Pfc. James H. F. Daugherty, Rochester. Baer Field, October 23. Over age. Served in U.S.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 29, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Lt. James Francis Casey, Rochester. Separated New York Naval Separation Center, October 26. Served Mediterranean, Africa, as Armed Guard Gunnery Officer.

Lt. Owen G. Hoehne, Rochester. Drew Field Separation Center. Separated October 25. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoehne, route 1.

Water Tender 1/c, Bernard Engle, Kewanna. St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 28. Demobilized. Served in Atlantic, Pacific, Mediterranean.

Pfc. Kenneth Dean Bryant, Rochester. Fort Knox, Ky., Oct. 25. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

Sgt. Paul J. Copeland, Kewanna. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 26. Demobilized.

Corp. James Emerson Smith, Rochester. Barksdale Field, La., Oct. 28. Demobilized. Served in Trinidad.

Pfc. Glen A. Shambarger, Macy. Fort Knox, Ky., Oct 28. Demobilized. Served in Aleutian Islands.

T/Sgt. William S. Kelso, Culver, R.F.D. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 24. Demobilized. Served in Canada.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 30, 1945]

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Pfc. Robert E. Nicodemus, Akron. Kennedy General Hospital, October 25, CDD. Served in the Philippines.

Private Kenneth Emory McVay, Kewanna, Marine Corps, Parris Island, S.C.I, October 25. Served in U.S. only.

Carpenters Mate Third Class Harold Lee Butts, Rochester, Coast Guard, Boston, Mass., October 22. Demobilization. Served in U. S. only.

Pfc. John S. Dennie, Rochester. Lowry Field, Colorado, October 13. Demobilization. Served in Europe.

Fireman First CVclass Roy Dwight Fultz, Rochester. Great Lakes, October 30. Demobilization. Served in Asiatic Pacific.

Technical Fifth Grade Edward Maglecis, Rochester. Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Demobilization. October 29. Served in Italy.

Arvid J. Putman, Akron. Miami Beach, Florida. Demobilization, October 22.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, October 31, 1945]

THREE COUNTY MEN ENLIST IN REGULAR ARMY

Recruiting officers in the court house lobby today reported the enlistments for regular army service of Lynden Eugene Swanson, Akron; Joseph Crabill, Kewanna and Robert Owen Gottschalk, route 1, Rochester.

The trio left this morning for examinations and induction at Indianapolis.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, October 31, 1945]

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Sgt. Tomas Anthony DelRosa, Kewanna. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 29. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

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S/Sgt Kenneth M. Stevens, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 28. Over age. Served in India-Burma-China theatre.

S/Sgt. Wm. T. Ewen, Rochester. Patterson Field, Ohio, Oct. 21. Demobilized. Served in U.S.

S/Sgt. Jacob H. Linden, Kewanna. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 21. Demobilized.

Separated: Capt. D. G. Dudgeon, Rochester. Reverted to inactive status. Port of Embarkation, Brooklyn, N.Y., Oct. 29.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, November 1, 1945]

SOLDIER SON MATCHES SERVICE WITH LETTERS

A letter a day kept the blues away. At least that's the way it worked out for Mrs. Hertha Graeber, 716 Madison street who today received word of the arrival of her son, T/5 Ed "Bus" Thompson at New York from Africa, Italy and Germany.

"Bus" landed in Africa just 924 days ago. Mrs. Graeber reveals, and a careful check of mail delivered to her from him, shows a total of 924 letters or post cards, catalogued by her as follows: 389 regular mail; 113 air mail; 227 post cards, and 95 V-mails. In addition there is an array of souvenirs and gifts sent from Casablanca to Berlin.

T/5 Thompson is expected to arrive home in a few days.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, November 1, 1945]

DISCHARGED

2nd. Lt. Owen G. Hoehne, Rochester. Reverted to inactive status, Drew Field, Fla., Oct. 30.

S/Sgt, Melvin W. Sweeney, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 28. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

T/4 Alfons Ell, New York. Camp Plauche, La., Oct. 26. Over age. Served in Europe.

Corp. Thomas Allen Rhodes, Rochester. Camp Beale, Calif., Oct. 21. Convenience of government. Served in Europe.

Ship's Cook 2/c Edward Gibson Steenbergen, Rochester; Great Lakes, Oct. 30. Dependency. Served in Pacific.

Seaman 1/c Fred Zellers, Kewanna. Shoemaker, Calif., Oct. 29. Demobilized. Served in Pacific.

Carl W. Miller, Rochester. Fort Knox, Ky., Nov. 1. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 2, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Palo, Leyte, P.I. - T/5 Jack G. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Miller of Rochester, Ind., has been promoted to the grade of technician fourth grade while serving with the 126th General hospital here.

Overseas since October, 1943, Sgt. Miller served in the New Guinea campaigns before coming to the Philippines.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, November 3, 1945]

RUSSEL R. PARKER, JR. NOW WARRANT OFFICER

With Tenth Corps in Kure, Japan. - Russell B. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russel H. Parker, 711 Madison street, Rochester, Indiana has received a direct commission as Warrant Officer, Junior Grade, and has been assigned to the Chief of Staff section at Headquarters, Tenth Corps.

WOJG Parker, who was inducted May 12, 1942, had been serving as Master Sergeant in the G-1 section of Tenth Corps. He has been overseas 16 months with Tenth Corps in New Guinea, Leyte and Mindanao islands of the Philippines, and now is a member of the occupation force at Kure, once great Jap Naval base.

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He has been awarded the Bronze Star medal and the Asiatic-Pacific and Philippines Liberation ribbons.

A graduate of DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, with a major in political science in 1940, WOJG Parker also took a post graduate course at Northwestern University. He was employed in the county surveyor's office before entering service.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, November 3, 1945]

SGT. BILL RITCHIE BACK FROM OVERSEAS

S/Sgt. Bill V. Ritchie, of West Lafayette spent the week-end in Rochester with relatives. Bill received his honorable discharge from the U. S. services at Camp Atterbury, Ind., and has already resumed his studies at Purdue University.

Sgt. Ritchie served 30 months overseas with the 93rd heavy motorized field artillery and saw action in the African, Italian, French and German campaigns. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Ritchie, of West Lafayette, former residents of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, November 5, 1945]

"CHUCK" LOCKRIDGE BACK FROM PACIFIC

T/4 Charles Lockridge arrived home here Saturday from Honolulu where he had been serving in the Pacific theatre of war as a U.S. war photographer.

"Chuck" as he is more familiarly known, will go to Camp Atterbury where he will be processed for discharge. He will return to his home here later in the week and take over the management of the Lockridge studios which have been managed by his wife during the war.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, November 5, 1945]

FORMER LOCAL MAN, JAP POW, IS ENROUTE HOME

Oahu, T.H. - (Delayed) - Marine 1st Sgt. Frank E. Pick rested here today before starting the last leg of his journey home to his wife and daughter, Eva Marie, 6, whom he has never seen.

Son of Mrs. Faye S. Pick of Athens, Ind., he was prisoner of the Japanese since Corregidor fell May 6, 1942. He left the United States March 27, 1939—four days before Eva Marie was born.

"I got 25 letters, including 12 pictures of my wife and daughter, while under the Nips," Pick said. "But I'm afraid that I will be quite a stranger to both of them when I get back." His wife and daughter live in Fremont, Neb.

The first thing Pick wants to do when he reaches Fremont is take his daughter on a "shopping binge."

"She started to school this year," he said, "but I figure they will let her have a few weeks off when I get home."

Pick also plans to "take that honeymoon we never got." He intends to visit his mother at Athens and visit the grave of his father at Ashland, Ky., where Pick attended Holy Family academy and lived for several years.

The volunteer Leatherneck, who enlisted Aug. 1, 1933, was wounded twice in the defense of Corregidor where he served as first sergeant of headquarters company of the First Battalion.

From Corregidor, Pick was taken to the Cabanstan prison camp, and in August, 1943, was removed to Japan. He worked as a "straw man" in the steel mills at Hiro Hata, 130 miles north of Kobe on Honsu Island.

When the war ended, Pick volunteered his services to the American Eighth Army to assist in the evacuation of prisoners of war. He worked as supply officer in the Osaka hotel and helped arrange train schedules for repatriated prisoners. For this work, Pick received a personnel commendation from Lt. Gen. R. I. Eichelberger, commanding general of the Eighth Army.

Pick comes from a family of service men. His father was a master sergeant in the Army in World War I, and three brothers served with the Navy in World War II. Pick intends to remain in the Marine Corps.

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He is the grandson of Mrs. Nancy Smith of Athens, and a nephew of Dell G. Smith of 516 West Third street and Mrs. May Pontius of Athens. He is expected to visit relatives here soon after his arrival in the United States.

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T/4 Emerson L. "Bud" Braman, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 4. Demobilized. Served in Panama.

Sgt. Donald D. Umbaugh, Argos. Chanute Field, Oct. 31. Demobilized.

Sgt. James L. Crabtree, Akron. Oct. 23, Demobilized.

Walter H. "Bud" Mreader, Rochester. Camp Beale, Calif., Oct. 23, Demobilized. Served in Asia and Pacific.

S/Sgt. Willis Russell Helvey, Akron. Ft. Knox, Ky., Oct 25. Convenience of Government. Served in Europe.

S/Sgt. M. E. Moore, Akron. Camp Grant, Ill., Oct. 30. Demobilized. Served in China-Burma-India theatre.

Pfc. Virgil W. Wagoner, Culver, route 1. Camp Knox, Ky., Nov. 1. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

S/Sgt. Myron C. Reed, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 2. Demobilized. Served in Africa, Italy.

T/4 Foster Wayne Hutchinson, Akron. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 2. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

T/4 Joe Bruce Cook, Kewanna. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 1. Demobilized. Served in Africa and - - -.

T/4 Merrill D. Waltz, Fulton. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 3. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

T/3 Lloyd E. Fisher, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 2. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

CM 3/c Herschel Roy Gibson, Rochester. Great Lakes, Nov. 4. Demobilized. Served in Pacific.

S 2/c James Russell Paxton, Akron. Seattle, Wash., Oct. 29. Dependency. Served in U.S.

Pfc. Carles E. Troutman, Kewanna. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 1. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

MM 1/c Rollin Roy Overton, Akron. Great Lakes, Oct. 25. Demobilized. Served in Pacific.

T/5 Donald T. Davis, Kewanna. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 28. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

S/Sgt. Arthur W. Shively, Akron. Camp Hood, Texas, Oct. 23. Convenience of Government.

Pfc. Earl Edward Shrimsher, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 31. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

Corp. Gerald Edward Cavender, route 1, Culver. Chanute Field, Ill., convenience of government. Served in U.S.

Boatswain's Mate 2/c Walter John Petrie, Rochester. Fort Pierce, Fla., Nov. 2. Point system. Served in Atlantic, Pacific.

Sgt. Paul Eugene Grable, Fulton. Sioux Falls, S.D., Nov. 1. Demobilized. Served in England.

S/Sgt. Waldo L. Gray, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 5. Demobilized. Served in India-China-Burma theatre.

CM 1/c Herbert Wayne Baldwin, Fulton. Great Lakes, Oct. 30. Demobilized. Served in Pacific.

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T/5 Robert Roe Good, Kewanna. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 29. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

Pfc. John Judson Summers (USMC), Rochester. Camp LeJeune, N.C., Oct. 29. Point system. Served in Pacific.

T/5 Lee E. Crabbs, Rochester. Camp Swift, Texas, Oct. 30. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, November 6, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

PhM 3/c Robert B. Glassley has advised his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Glassley, 302 West Fourth street, of his arrival from Tokyo Bay at San Pedro, Calif., naval station. He is now enroute to Philadelphia, Pa.

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The new address of Pvt. Richard E. Kindig, 35966406, is: Nurses Staging Area Section, Hq. Co. Base R, APO 78, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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M/Sgt. Robert F. Reed advises friends of his arrival in San Francisco from the Pacific theatre and states that he expects a discharge and return home soon. His mother, Mrs. Donald Crissler, now resides in Mishawaka.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bailey have received word their son, Earl, has arrived in Japan at the Yokota Army Air Field, Honshu, Japan. His new address is Lt. Earl J. Bailey, 0876378, 17th Rcn. Sq. (B), APO 710, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, November 6, 1945]

PFC. MAX GRUBE HOME FOR 30-DAY FURLOUGH

Pfc. Max A. Grube arrived this week to spend a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Grube and family near Kewanna.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps 28 months ago, and received his boot training at San Diego, Calif. He has served for the past two years as an M.P. at Pearl Harbor.

Pfc. Grube will be stationed at Quantico, Va., after his furlough and will be on duty as an M. P. between that city and Washington, D.C.

In August this year Pfc. Rex J. Grube was stationed five miles from his brother Max. The two brothers met and spent their free time together for three weeks until Pfc. Rex was transferred again. This was the only time the two brothers had seen each other since Rex enlisted in the Marine corps two and one-half years ago. He received his boot training at San Diego, served as M.P. at Bremerton, Wash., before being transferred to Adak, Alaska, where he served 13 months in the Aleutian Island group.

He is now serving with the Medical Battalion of the Fourth Marine Division in the Hawaiian Islands.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, November 6, 1945]

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T/5 John R. Hoesel, Kewanna. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 1. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

M/Sgt. John Nelson Downs, Rochester. Fort Dix, N.J., Oct. 23. Demobilized. Served in Pacific.

Sgt. John Jacob Mutchler, Kewanna. Camp LeJeune, N.C., Nov. 2. Demobilized. Served in Pacific.

Pfc. Paul W. Mattix, Rochester. Fort Knox, Ky., Nov. 6. Demobilized. Served in Europe and Africa.

Sgt. Harold D. Shields, Rochester. Fort Knox, Ky., Nov. 6. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

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Sgt. Harvey D. Drudge, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 5. Demobilized. Served in Europe.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 7, 1945]

"BEEZER" BENNETT INSTRUCTS G-I CLASS ON SAMAR ISLE

"Beezer" Bennett, member of the Bomber Barons squadron which blasted many of the squint-eyed buck-toothed Japs on their way to meet honorable ancestors during the closing days of the Pacific war is in a new role while awaiting passage home.

S/Sgt. Robert V. Bennett is now a professor or head man in the instruction of a class of 20 GI's in a course of instruction on the isle of Samar, P.I. A paragraph removed from an air mail special just received from the former News-Sentinel reporter says:

"Did I tell you that I, Robert "Beezer" Bennett, am teaching a journalism class? My records showed that I was an old newspaper man, so when our G. E. school began they made me an instructor. We have about 20 men in the class . . . mostly officers. When we complete the course and a test we will be credited with 20 hours of college journalism. It is a fine course . . . everyting from obits to libel . . . I should have taken it before I wrote those harsh words about poor Mrs. Dowling, the titian-haired, accused slayer of Robert Hoffman, of Akron. Recall the case?

"I'll try a column soon for The News-Sentinel, but material is scarce even for ME, who never says much anyway. . . "

"Beezer" writes he expects to be back in Rochester during the Christmas holidays, if everything "breaks" right for him.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 7, 1945]

SGT. CHARLES CALLAHAN GETS HIS DISCHARGE

Swannanoa, N.C., Nov. 6. - S-Sgt. Charles Callahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Callahan of RFD No. 3, Rochester, Ind., and veteran of te Pacific war, has been given an honorable discharge at Moore General Hospital Separation Point here.

Callahan entered the service April 15, 1941, and served in the southwest Pacific with the 152nd Regiment of the 38th Infantry Invasion.

He saw action in the battle for Luzon, The Philippines, and wears the Combat Infantry Badge for meritorious acievement in action, the Asiatic Pacific ribbon with one battle star, the Pre-Harbor [sic] defense ribbon, the Philippine liberation ribbon, and the good conduct medal.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 7, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Leo Beehler, Mrs. L. V. Noyes and Mrs. Richard Sheets have received word their brother, Seaman Conn Hamlet arrived in San Francisco, Calif. Tuesday morning from the Philippines. He will move on to Great Lakes and receive his discharge. His home is in Dayton, O.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brubaker have received word of the safe arrival of their son Staff Sergeant Kenneth Brubaker in China. His crew left the P.I. in Sept. They were held at Naha Bay for three weeks. They had just left for China when the typhoon struck and was in the storm 2 days and 3 nights, but weathered it successfully, arriving in China Oct. 20. He will be sent to the U.S. soon and will receive his discharge Jan. 7th.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 7, 1945]

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Sgt. Herschel E. Snyder, Rochester. San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 3. Served in Iceland, Europe.

Pfc. James E. Carruthers, Rochester. Chanute Field, Ill., Nov. 3. Served in U.S.

Corp William D. Musselman, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Oct. 31. Served in Europe.

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Pvt. Eugene Arthur Waggoner, USMC, Rochester. El Tora, Calif., Oct. 31. Served in Pacific.

S/Sgt. Francis L. Umbaugh, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 6. Served in China-Burma-India theater.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, November 8, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

T/Sgt. Howard E. Haldeman, USMC left today for Cherry Point, N.C., after a 30-day furlough. He has been in the service 37 months and spent 15 months overseas. He wears the American theater of operations ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific with one Battle Star, and the Presidential Unit Citation. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Haldeman of Akron.

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Mrs. Clyde Lyle has received word that her husband, the former coach of RHS has recently been transferred to a naval base on Tubabao isle (in the Philippine group) where he is the head physical educational officer. His complete address is Lt. Clyde Lyle, R/S Navy 3149, Educational Services, Fleet P.O., San Francisco, Calif.

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Paul Henriott, gunner's mate second class, is spending a portion of his 26-day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Henriott of this city. Paul arrived at San Francisco Oct. 20 after sailing from Tokyo on Oct. 1. He will report for further service in the regular U. S. Navy at Camp Shoemaker, Oakland, Calif, during the coming week.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, November 8, 1945]

PFC. PAUL ARVEN BACK IN U.S. FROM EUROPE

Camp Swift, Tex.- (Spl.) - Among the recent arrivals at Camp Swift from the European Theater of Operations is Pfc. Paul D Arven, Rochester, Ind. of the Recon Co., 692 T. D. Bn., husband of Mrs. Paul D. Arven, 520 W. 6th St., Rochester. Paul was formerly employed by Rochester Metal Products Co., Rochester, Ind. Served overseas 12 months and took part in three campaigns, and received the following decorations: ETO ribbon, 3 Battle Stars.

Pfc. Arven's battalion record is as follows:

The 692nd Tank Destroyer Bn. now commanded by Lt. Col. Samuel S. Morse of Manchester, New Hampshire was activated at Camp Gordon, Ga., on the 10th of April 1942. The unit trained at the following camps: Camp Gordon, Ga., Camp Bowie, Tex., North Camp Hood, Tex., Camp Hood, Tex., and Camp Philip, Kan. The unit then went on Tenn. maneuvers after which it was sent to Camp Campbell, Ky.

The unit sailed from New York on the 13th of Sept., 1944 and landed in Cherbourg, France on the 23rd of Sept., 1944. The Bn was attached to the 104th Inf. Div. on the 8th of Oct. 1944 and entered combat at West Wezel, Belgium on the 21st of Oct. They participated as the only American TD Bn fighting under the 1st Canadian Army in the Western Holland campaign to free the port of Antwerp.

On Nov. 8th the Bn was strategically displaced to the Aachen area where the 104th relieved the 1st Div. They fought from the Siegfried Line to the Rhine River at Cologne.

The unit was then relieved from this attachment and sent to the Seventh Army and attached to the 42nd Inf. Div. The unit fought from Alsace-Lorraine in France through the Siegfried Line and crossed the Rhine at Worms. They spearheaded in the capture of such places as Wurzburg, Schweinfurt and Munich. On V-E day the organization was in Southern Bavaria and performed occupation duties and in Austria.

During the fighting, personnel in the Bn were awarded 21 Silver Stars, 245 Bronze Stars, 131 Purple Hearts and 2 Soldier medals. The Bn is entitled to battle participation stars for the Rhineland, Central Europe and the Ardennes campaigns. The unit received orders redeploying them through the United States to the Pacific Theatre of Operations and were in the U. S. when

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war in Japan came to an end. The unit sailed from LaHavre, France on the 14th of Aug 1945. At present the battalion is located at Camp Swift, Texas.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, November 8, 1945]

T-4 H. V. BECK BEING PROCESSED IN CHINA

Camp Ting Hao, Kunming, China. - T/4 Herbert V. Beck, husbnd of Mrs. H. V. Beck, 1323 Franklin Ave., Rochester, has just arrived at this station for re-deployment. Ting Hao--the name being the Chinese equivalent for "OK," is an efficiently laid out tent city in the foothills of the Himalayas with athletic fields, outdoor movies and other Post-Victory recreational facilities, recently established by Maj. Gen. H. S. Aurand, Commanding General of the Services of Supply in the China Theater as the speediest means of processing troops about to return to the States.

T/4 H. V. Beck was a member of the Field Artillery Training Center which was one of the largest units of the U. S. Forces Chinese Training Center. Here the practical aspects of artillery operations, along with instruction in communications, ordnance and animal transport were taught to Chinese personnel by American officers and enlisted men.

During the bitter Salween offensive in the Fall of 1944, the value of the Field Artillery Training Center was demonstrated when Chinese troops using 75MM and 105MM howitzers repulsed the Japanese drive. This program contributed much to the success of the Chinese Army advances in southwest China.

T-4 H. V. Beck received his basic military training at Fort F. E. Warren, Wyo., and Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. For his service, in Burma and China, he was awarded three Battle Stars.

A graduate of Rochester High School and Ind. Tech. College and Indiana Business College, T-4 H. V. Beck was employed as a steel worker by the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Co. prior to entering the Armed Forces.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, November 8, 1945]

DISCHARGED

S/Sgt. Harry Sayger, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 6. Served in Europe
MM 2/c Floyd LeRoy Crippen, Kewanna. Great Lakes, Nov. 8. Served in Pacific.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 9, 1945]

MAJ. D. E. WENTZEL HOME ON EXTENDED LEAVE

Major. Donald E. Wentzel is at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Wheatley of Leiters Ford, after 38 months overseas. Major Wentzel, who is in the air corps, flew from Rome, Italy, to Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Florida, last week. He has 109 days leave of absence. Major D.E. Wentzel spent over two years in England and was also stationed in Paris, France, and in Italy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Wentzel of the Kewanna vicinity.

While in Rome Major Wentzel was received by the Pope, who holds audiences frequently for U. S. service men.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 9, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Lt. Paul E. Smiley left for Camp Robinson, Ark., Sunday evening after spending a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Smiley.

Lt. Smiley recently graduated from O.C.S. at Ft. Benning, Ga. He has been appointed instructor of troops at Camp Robinson and will start his class Nov. 7.

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T/Sgt. Kenneth Kochenderfer, who received his honorable discharge at Camp Atterbury yesterday is spending a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Kochenderfer before returning to his home in Michigan, City. Kenneth served overseas with the 240th U. S. General Hospital corps and was in charge of the supplies.

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Mrs. Clyde Lyle today stated that her husband Lt. Lyle, who is stationed on one of the Philippine isles, is not the head of physical education division but is employed in that line of work. Lt. Lyle is the former coach of the RHS Zebras.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 9, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Wilson Drudge today received word from her son, Vivian Cole, radioman 2/c that he would arrive in Philadelphia aboard the USS Chester around November 25th. Vivian sailed from Omimato, Japan early in October. He has been in the Navy four years.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, November 10, 1945]

CAPT. HERENDEEN TO BE DISCHARGED THIS WEEK

Mrs. E. V. Herendeen has received word from her husband, Capt. E. V. Herendeen, that he is being processed at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala., and is expected to arrive at his home here in this city within the next few days.

Dr. Herendeen, who recently has been stationed at Scott Field, Ill., has been in the service of the U. S. Medical Corps for over 40 months. He plans to resume his professional practice in this city at an early date, it was stated.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, November 12, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

1st Lieut. Russell Williams, of Amarillo, Texas is spending a terminal leave here with his mother, Mrs. Edith Lindley. Lieut. Williams of U. S. Air Corps, who was formerly an employee of the Barnhart-Van Trump Co., expects to receive his discharge within the next few weeks.

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Calloway, route 1, have been advised by cable that their son, Capt. Kermit H. Calloway, will arrive in the United States on Nov. 23. He has been acting military governor of a small German city as a member of the Civil Affairs Section of the Army. He expects to be reverted to inactive status soon after his arrival on these shores.

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Friends and relatives of Sgt. Frederick Wagoner have been informed that he has recently been promoted to the grade of staff sergeant with the U. S. Army of Occupation and is now stationed at Limberg, Germany.

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Mrs. Jeanette Gohn has been advised of the arrival of her son, A. S. Duane Gohn, at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, where he is now taking basic training.

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The Newton D. Baker General hospital, Martinsburg, W. Va., reports that Pfc. Vernard L. Hartle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hartle of Leiters Ford, has entered that institution for treatment. He served in England, France and Russia with the 325th Ferry Command.

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Mrs. Leonard D. Brockey has been informed of the promotion from seaman first class to machinists mate third class for her husband, Leonard D. Brockey, whose present address is MM 3/c, 67th Bn., Co. D, P-2, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, November 12, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Discharged recently from Camp Atterbury and other centers are:

Sgt. Richard McKee, son of Mr. and Mrs. George McKee, rout 1, Akron, who returned several months ago from a Nazi prisoner of war camp after six months confinement. He had been assigned as a patient to the Billings General hospital, Ft. Benj. Harrison, Indianapolis, for observation.

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Pfc. Richard M., son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Miller of this city who arrived home last Friday night after a long tour of duty with the army. He served 30 months in Panama and 11 months in the European theatre where he won the American Defense Medal, Good Conduct, Victory and EAME Theatre ribbons with three battle stars.

Lt. Charles Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson of Akron, arrived home recently reverted to inactive status from the Army after something over four years service, two years of which were spent in the South Pacific.

From the Fort DesMoines WAC Separation Center, Nov. 6, S/Sgt. Marjorie I. Tomb, 514 E. Ninth street, has been discharged.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, November 12, 1945]

CAPT. FISHER DISCHARGED

Capt. Albert I. Fisher, son of Mrs. Edna B. Fisher of Richland Center, was discharged from the U. S. Army Air Corps on Oct. 31 at Santa Ana, Calif. Capt. Fisher served 66 months in the Army Air Corps, 22 months of which were spent in the CBI theatre. He will make his home in Lincoln, Nebr., with his wife, Mrs. Evaline A. Fisher.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, November 13, 1945]

H. B. HOLMAN, JR. NOW OUT OF SERVICE

Yeoman 1/c Hugh B. Holman, Jr., has arrived home from Boston, Mass., where on Thursday, Nov. 8th, he received his honorable discharge from services in the U. S. Navy.

Hugh, who was former sports editor of The News-Sentinel, had spent nearly four years in the service most of which time was served in the SW Pacific area. He has not announced his plans for the future. Hugh is the son of Hugh B. Holman of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 14, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Pfc. Paul Dean Arven, Rochester. Camp Swift, Texas, Nov. 10. Served in Europe.

Separated: Flight Officer Wm. L. Tippy, Rochester. Baer Field, Nov. 4. Served in U.S.

M. Sgt. Robert W. Tracy, Rochester. Camp Grant, Ill., Nov. 8. Served in Europe.

OM 1/c Albert William Huffman, Grass Creek. Norfolk, Va., Nov. 2. Served in West Indies.

Corp Harris D. Lease, Kewanna. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 8. Served in Pacific.

Pfc. Harold Dean Clevenger, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 6. Served in Pacific.

T/4 Harry Dean Drudge, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 5. Served in Europe.

T/4 Charles Lockridge, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 8. Served in Pacific.

S/Sgt. Edward J. Steffey, Rochester. McClellan Field, Calif., Nov. 3. Served in U.S.

S/Sgt. Levon St. Clair, Kewanna. Percy Jones hospital, Battle Creek, Mich., Nov. 10. Served in Pacific.

S/Sgt. Francis J. Carithers, Fulton. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 11. Served in Europe.

T/Sgt. John S. Stephen, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 7. Served in Pacific.

A/c Chas. W. Callahan, Rochester. Moore General hospital, Sewannanee, N.C., Nov. 3. Served in Pacific.

EM 1/c Paul David Dunsizer, Delong. Great Lakes, Nov. 10. Served in Europe.

Y 1/c Hugh B. Holman, Jr., Rochester. Boston, Nov. 8. Served in Pacific.

T/4 Edward M. Slaybaugh, Akron. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 7. Served in Pacific.

T/5 Joseph R. Karns, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 9. Served in Pacific.

T/4 Kenneth A. Nelson, Rochester. Fort Knox, Ky., Nov. 12. Served in Europe.

Pfc. Richard M. Miller, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 10. Served in Panama, Europe.

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SERVICE NOTES

HA 1/c Gerald L. Eastburg has returned to his base at St. Elizabeth hospital, Washington, D.C. after spending a 5-day leave here with his wife and family.

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AC Donald D. Umbaugh of Midland has received his honorable discharge, due to a surplus of aviation cadets. He was released from service at Chanute Field, Ill, October 31st. At the present Donald is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Umbaugh, of near Argos.

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Musician 3/c Malcomb Kestner arrived Sunday from Newport, R.I., for a 15-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kestner, route 2.

Malcomb, a member of the Navy band at the Newport Naval Station spent 20 months in service at Attu, Alaska

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From the far Pacific, MoMM 3/c Donald D. Kilmer writes a vry interesting and informative service letter of his experiences at the landing of Marines at Sasebo, Japan, and gives his present address as: U.S.S. Wheatland, A.K.A. 85, L. Div., Group 5, care Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, Calif.

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Mrs. Jane Shriver of Leiters Ford has received word of a promotion for her husband, J. F. Sriver, now a second class petty officer, U. S. Navy. He has served in the Pacific for the past 15 months.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carr received a telegram this morning from their son T/Sgt Clarence Carr saying he had arrived safely at San Francisco, Calif.

Sgt. Carr served 21 months in the southwest Pacific and is now eligible for discharge.

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Mrs. Richard Sheetz received word that her husband, Richard Sheetz, EM 3/c has been assigned to the submarine USS Cod. His present address is: Richard D. Sheetz, EM 3/c, USS Cod (SS224) c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, N.Y.

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DISCHARGED

Pfc. Rolland D. Newcomer, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 12. Served in Pacific.

S/Sgt. Arthur Grendel Martin, Akron. Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Nov. 13. Served in Europe.

T/5 Robert C. Reichard, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 12. Served in Pacific.

S/Sgt. Gerald Gearhart, Silver Lake, route. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 10. Served in Pacific.

T/5 George C. Nuell, Rochester. Fort Knox, Ky., Nov. 11. Served in Pacific.

Specialist 1/c Teacher Harold E. Rans, Kewanna. Norman, Okla., Nov. 11. Served in U.S.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, November 15, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Fireman Marcus Hendley Steenbergen, Delong. Great Lakes, Nov. 11. Served in Pacific.

Pvt. James M. Martin, Leiters Ford. Baer Field, Nov. 11. Served in U.S.

Gunners Mate 1/c Cleon Lamont Gilbert, Fulton. Great Lakes, Nov. 14. Served in Pacific.

Pfc. Maurice Sayger, Akron. Fort Knox, Ky., Nov. 14. Served in Europe.

Tc4 Keith Cessna, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 11. Served in Europe.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 16, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

T/4 Ray F. Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Myers, west of Rochester, is back home after receiving his discharge from the service on September 7th at Camp Atterbury. Ray served with the 897 Ordnance division and saw 20 months of service in the European theatre. He received the EAME theatre ribbon, bronze star, American defense medal and good conduct medal. Ray plans to operate a farm of his own which is situated about ten miles west of Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, November 17, 1945]

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AKRON GI "PHOTOING" NURNBERG CRIMINALS

Mr. and Mrs. George Harper have received word from their son, Pfc. George Harper, Jr., that he has been temporarily detached from Company B and is now in the Engineers Department. He is doing very interesting work as he is stationed at the Palace of Justice in Nurnberg, Germany, where the war criminal trials are being held. He is a cameraman, taking pictures and developing them himself. George has obtained a powerful German camera.

There are 20 high civilian officials at this palace and soldiers from all the Allied nations who are high ranking officers. George has received a combat badge, ETO ribbon with two major battle stars, and a good conduct ribbon and one bar. He participated in the battle across the Rhine and the battle of the Rhur pocket.

George graduated from Akron high school in April, 1943. He entered the Army in the fall of 1943 and went overseas in February, 1944.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, November 20, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Separated: 2nd Lt. Harold E Meiser, Rochester. Miami Beach, Fla., Nov. 13.

Pfc. Weldon D. Carr, Rochester. Fort MacArthur, Calif., Nov. 11. Served in Europe.

Sgt. Ned R. Hutchinson, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 16. Served in Europe.

T/3 Kenneth B. Benner, South Whitley, route. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 13. Served in Europe.

Pfc. Oren D. Miller, Deedsville. Fort Knox, Ky., Nov. 15. Served in Europe.

Water Tender 1/c Harold E. Lowe, Rochester. Great Lakes, Nov. 17. Served in Pacific.

Sgt. Ernest V. Dilts, Akron. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 9. Served in Pacific.

S/Sgt. James A. Collins, Kewanna. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 15. Served in India.

T/5 Lewis E. Johnson, Rochester. Camp Hood, Texas, Nov. 13. Served in Europe.

Sgt. Charles E. Upp, Rochester. Fort Winfield Scott, Calif., Nov. 5. Served in U.S.

T/4 Kenneth W. Hathaway, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 16. Served in Europe.

Merle Eugene Hammond, Akron. Baer Field, Nov. 14. Served in U.S.

Radioman 1/c Richard M. Smith, Rochester. Bremerton, Wash., Nov. 12. Served in U. S.

James E. Sedam, Rensselaer. Camp McCoy, Wis., Nov. 12.

Pfc. Israel J. Smith, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 7. Served in Europe.

S/Sgt. William E. Gray, Akron. Andrews Field, Washington, D.C., Nov. 17. Served in U.S.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, November 20, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kindig have been informed of the new address of their son, which is: Pfc. Richard S. Kindig, 35066406, APO 73, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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Electrician's Mate 2/c Westel Carr has written his parents, Police Chief and Mrs. Fred Carr, 700 Fulton avenue, of a recent meeting at Sasebo, Japan, with Don Smith, son of Mrs. Della Smith, 717 1/2 Main street. The letter reveals that the boys spent several enjoyable hours together talking over incidents of interest in the old home town.

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Mrs. W. P. Ross, 819 Madis on street, has been informed of the transfer of her grandson, Seaman 1/c Bill Ross, from Gulfport, Miss., to NATTC, Barracks 6, Wards School, Corpus Christi, Texas.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spohn, 402 Pontiac street, are in receipt of the new address of their son, Pvt. Charles Spohn, Jr., 35966405, which is 232nd Signal Op'ns. Co., APO 503, AF Pac Mob. Comm. Unit, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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The new address given his parents by T/5 George Bowers, Jr., ASN 35572982, is Hq.Co. Hq.Com. Trans. Co., APO 513, care Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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Mrs. Agnes Swanson, route 2, Akron, is in receipt of the new address of her son, which is Pvt. Lynden E. Swanson, 15296075, Bry.C-55, AARFC Bn., Fort Bliss, Texas.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, November 20, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

WAC Pvt. Nona Sayger, A 516170, is now at SCU Station, Camp WAC Sec. Camp Atterbury, according to latest advices reaching relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray McCarty have been informed of the transfer of their son, Ph.M. 2/c Ward A. McCarty, from an aircraft carrier to duty on Kwajalein Island in the South Pacific. His present address is: 863-82-16 G4 No. 2, NOB Navy No. 824, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

Pvt. Robert O. Gottschalk, 15206054, has released his new address, which is Battery C, 33rd Bn., 8th Reg. FARTC, Fort Sill, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Holloway have received advice of the safe arrival overseas of their son, Pvt. Robert L. Holloway, and his new address, which is Pvt. Robert L. Holloway, 35989819, 244 Port Co., APO 503, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Mrs. Orville Severns has received word of the safe arrival from overseas of her husband, Sgt. Orville W. Severns who served two years in Europe with the famed 101st Airborne Division in France, Belgium and Germany. He expects early transfer to Camp Atterbury and discharge from the service.

Mrs. Roy Kindig stated today that her son's address is: Pfc. Richard E. Kindig, 35966406, Hdqrs. Co., Sub Base X, APO 73, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Craig of this city have received word that their son Raymond H. Craig S 1/c is on his way home after spending fifteen months in the Southern Pacific. S 1/c Craig is a member of the crew of the U.S.S. L.S.T. 778, which has taken part in several of the major landings in the Pacific.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 21, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Pfc. Fred M. Keeseey, Akron. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 18. Served in Europe.

Corp. Robert M. Thomas, DeLong. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 16. Served in Europe.

Sgt. Donald E. Kingery, Kewanna. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 16. Served in Europe.

Pfc. Joseph G. Slaybaugh, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 19. Served in Pacific.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 21, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Lt. Robert Young, son of Mrs. Lois Mudgett of this city, received his honorable discharge at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala., last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Young are now residing at Hollywood, Calif.

Robert entered the U.S. Air Corps in August, 1942, and following his graduation he served as an instructor at Newport, Ark., and Tuskegee, Ala. Mrs. Young was formerly Rosanna Ruh of this city.

Far East Air Service Command, Southwest Pacific. - Private First Class Clarence D. Boggess, son of Mr. William Boggess, has recently been assigned to the 374th Troop Carrier Group in the Philippines. The 374th, oldest Troop Carrier unit in the Southwest Pacific, has participated in

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every major campaign from New Guinea to Okinawa, carrying men and supplies to the front lines in unarmed transports.

Before joining the 374th Pfc Boggess served overseas for twenty-eight months with the 2nd Aircraft Assembly Squadron. He is entitled to wear the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon with one battle star and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon.

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Mrs. Ted Smith has received a telegram from her husband Musician 3/c Ted Smith, that he has arrived in Oakland, Calif., aboard the U.S.S. Kindburg after 21 months of service in the South Pacific. He will soon report to the Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

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Kenneth W. McIntyre, 117 1/2 West 10th St., Rochester, Ind. has been promoted to Staff Sergeant, according to Brig. Gen. John T. Pierce, Fort Sheridan, Illinois, commanding general.

Sgt. McIntyre is a member of the Station Medical Activities at Fort Sheridan.

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Sgt. Robert Wilson has arrived home with an honorable discharge from the armed forces from Roswell, N.M. He served in the Pacific.

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Pvt. Richard E. Kindig, 35066406, is now stationed at Hdq. Co., Sub Base X, APO E3, care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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T/5 Williard Warren has returned to Ft. Jackson, S.C., after enjoying a 45-day furlough here with his wife and children.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 23, 1945]

AKRON, IND. OFFICER COMMANDS AN LST

Lieutenant Charles Wells, Jr., USNR, of Akron, was recently ordered to duty as the commanding officer of the USS LST 812, a unit of the Amphibious Forces, U. S. Pacific Fleet. Previous to assuming command he had been executive officer of the same vessel since October, 1944.

The LST 812 participated in the initial assaults upon both Iwo Jima and Okinawa. In the later invasion a few vessels of the same convoy were damaged, but not sunk, by Japanese suicide planes. The ship was also engaged in the primary phases of the occupation of Japan, landing Army troops and equipment, brought from the Philippines, in the Wakayama-Osaka area in September. Recently other Army units were transported to Nageya.

Lieut. Wells was formerly teacher of physics and mathematics at Akron High School and was first commissioned an Ensign in the Naval Reserve in March, 1942. He was advanced to Lieut. (j.g.) in July, 1943, and to his present rank in October, 1944. He will be eligible for release to inactive duty in the near future.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, November 24, 1945]

ACCEPTED BY ARMY

The Selective Service Board has been advised that Oris Glen Baker and Melvin Earl Swango, recently sent to Indianapolis for induction have been accepted by the Army.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, November 24, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Seaman 1/c Charles Dale Daulton, Rochester. Great Lakes, Nov. 22. Served in Pacific.

Seaman 1/c Clarence B. Alexander, Rochester. Great Lakes, Nov. 29. Served in Pacific.

Ships Clerk, S/c, Herbert Roy Rans, Kewanna. Great Lakes, Nov. 13. Served in Pacific.

CC Mate Roy Lowell Haggerty, Rochester. Great Lakes, Nov. 20. Served in Pacific.

Ships Clerk, 3/c Floyd Kenneth Nuell, Bourbon. Great Lakes, Nov. 18. Served in Pacific.

A/S Calvin Gene Lessing, Rochester. Brooklyn, N.Y., Nov. 16. Served in U.S.

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Pfc. Robert J. Bright, Rochester. Borden Gen. Hospital, Chichasha, Okla., Oct. 19. Served in Europe.

Pfc. Ernest E. Smoker, Akron. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 17. Served in Europe.

MP Richard Franklin Polley, Rochester. Fort Custer, Mich., Nov. 18. Served in Europe.

T/4 Dean S. House, Kewanna. Camp Breckenridge, Ky., Nov. 20. Served in Europe.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, November 24, 1945]

C. E. KOCHENDERFER GETS HIS DISCHARGE

1st Sgt. Charles E. Kochenderfer arrived home Saturday morning from Fort Knox, Ky., from where he received his honorable discharge from service in the U. S. army.

Charles served four and a half years with the Armored Forces of the U. S. army. While overseas in the European theatre he was with the 15th, 3rd and 7th divisions. Mr. Kochenderfer is the husband of Mrs. Martha (Van Trump) Kochenderfer, of this city and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Kochenderfer, also of Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, November 26, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Corp. Raymond E. Weller, Kewanna. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 20. Served in Europe

Pvt. John H. Slone, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 24. Served in Europe.

John J. Neal, Kewanna. Camp Shelby, Nov. 19.

Pfc. Robert C. Brown, Macy. Camp J. T. Robinson, Ark., Nov. 14. Served in Europe.

M/Sgt. James S. Howell, Jr., Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 17. Served in Asia and Pacific.

Pfc. James E. Swick, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 21. Served in Europe.

Ships Clerk 1/c Jesse Lee Henderson, Rochester. Toledo, Ohio, Nov. 19.

Ships Cook 3/c Harold Levi Gelbaugh, Rochester. Great Lakes, Nov. 2y6. Served in Pacific.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, November 26, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Pfc. Frank H. Tunis of route 3, Winamac, Ind., who was inducted into the Army of the United States on Aug. 10, 1943, re-enlisted in the Regular Army at Fort Rodman, Mass., for a period of one year under the new Army recruiting program, it has been announced by the Recruiting Officer, Harbor Defenses of New Bedford, Fort Rodman, Mass. Pfc. Tunis, who served in Europe, wears two bronze campaign stars on his EAME Theatre Ribbon. He is also authorized to wear the American Theatre Ribbon and the Victory Medal (World War II).

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Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sutton have received word from their son, Pvt. Murell Sutton, that he has arrived in Nagasaki, Japan, where he is now stationed.

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Mrs. Otis Hagan has been advised that her son, Sgt. Dean J. Neher, has landed in New York and expects to be home soon.

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T/Sgt. Clarence Carr, son of Police Chief and Mrs. Fred Carr, now of Logansport, was recently discharged from the service and spent the week-end here with his parents and other relatives and friends.

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County Clerk and Mrs. Robert Shafer have received word of the honorable discharge from the Navy of their son, Phillip "Spike" Shafer, AMM 2/c, at a California separation center. He expects to return home via Seattle and points in the Pacific northwest, arriving here about Christmas.

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Albertus Van Dien, Jr., S 1/c, has notified relatives here of his arrival in a Pacific port from Hawaii, and of his discharge from the service on the west coast. He and Mrs. Van Dien, now

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residing with a sister on the coast, expect to return here for the Christmas season, and plan to make this their future home.

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Ralph Zimmerman, GM 3/c, has returned to his station at Memphis, Tenn., after a 15-day leave with his wife and family here.

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Seaman 1/c Richard W. Simpson has advised relatives of his arrival at San Diego, Calif., from the Pacific theatre, and that he is now awaiting discharge. S 1/c Simpson operated a sound machine for detection of submarines, which gave him temporary rating of first class petty officer.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, November 26, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Long have been informed of the new address of their son, Pvt. Robert A. Long, 35989872, Hq. Co. USAS, Com., APO 404, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. He was recently transferred from Tokyo to Yokamana.

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Corrected address of Pvt. Lynden E. Swanson, 15206075, is Bty. C., 55 AAPA, G Bn., Fort Bliss, Texas.

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Mrs. Mel Wertzberger, of this city, has received a phone call from her son S/Sgt. W. J. Wertzberger, that he has arrived in California and plans a visit to Rochester in the very near future. Sgt. Wertzberger served 26 months with the Third Marine Division in the SW Pacific theatre. After a visit here with relatives he will return to his home at Fort Worth, Texas.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, November 27, 1945]

FOUR LOCAL MEN TAKE PRE-INDUCTION EXAMS

Four local men left Monday for pre-induction examinations at the Indianapolis induction center. They were:

Omer Norman Conrad, leader

Wayne Lewis Groninger

Lester Dean Edington

Avid William Geller

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 28, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Painter 2/c Oliver Arthur Champ, Rochester. Nov. 23. Served in Panama.

S/Sgt. Robert Wilson, Rochester. Roswell, N.M., Nov. 23. Served in Pacific.

Pvt. Telford Conrad, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 19. Served in Pacific.

Sgt. Dean J. Neher, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 25. Served in Europe.

S/Sgt. Eugene Foley, Kewanna. Randolph Field, Texas. Nov. 17. Served in U.S.

Corp. Eli Wynn, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 25. Served in Europe.

Pvt. Fredrick William Mohler, Akron. Barstow, Calif., Nov. 10. Served in U.S.

T/Sgt. Warren T. Braman, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 24. Served in Burma.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 28, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

After more than 3 years in the military service, S/Sgt. Robert Wilson (husband) of Mrs. Robert Wilson of 1116 Madison St., Rochester, Indiana has been honorably discharged from the Army Air Forces.

S/Sgt. Wilson, who first entered the Army in October of 1942 served for six months in Tinian as a supply Sgt. with the 20th Air Force.

In recognition of his service there he was awarded the Two Battle Stars. S/Sgt. Wilson was an employee of Wilson Coal & Grain Company prior to his entry into the Army Air Forces.

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Naval Staging Center, Pearl Harbor, T.H. - After 30 months, Albertus Van Dien, mailman first class of Rochester, Ind., is getting ready to rejoin the ranks of civilians, together with thousands of others going through this Naval demobilization center headed for the States.

At this staging center, the Prospective discharges are grouped according to what separation center they will report to for their final papers. They are placed aboard ships headed for the States as soon as shipping space is available.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 28, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Boats'ns Mate 1/c Eugene Lechler, Rochester. Great Lakes, Nov. 21. Served in Pacific.

Separated at Greensboro, N.C., Nov. 21, 1st Lt. Arthur H. Gard, Rochester. Served in Pacific.

T/Sgt. Carl W. Gross, Mentone. Baer Field, Nov. 27. Served in U.S.

Radioman 2/c Vivian Eugene Cole, Rochester. Great Lakes, Nov. 26. Served in Atlantic and Pacific.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, November 29 1945]

DISCHARGED

Pfc. Ralph Lawrence Overmyer, Kewanna. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 27. Served in Pacific.

Metalsmith 2/c Ted Devon Smith, Rochester. Great Lakes, Nov. 28. Served in Pacific.

Seaman 1/c Alfred Ray Coplen, Rochester. Great Lakes, Nov. 28. Served in Pacific.

Yeoman 2/c Robert Krathwohl, Rochester. Great Lakes, Nov. 26. Served in Pacific.

Mailman 1/c Albertus Van Dien, Rochester. Shoemaker, Calif., Nov. 23. served in Pacific.

T/4 Ralph L. Davis, Akron. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 28. Served in Europe.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 30, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Kenneth Bendure, S 1/c of the Great Lakes Naval Training Center and attending school in Chicago, was the guest of his great-uncle, Jesse Zuck and wife, Saturday and Sunday. His mother will be remembered as Pearl Zuck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Zuck of Phoenix, Ariz. This was his first trip here and he enjoyed it very much. Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Burton and son Bobby were also dinner guests of the Zucks.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 30, 1945]

LT. COM. B. B. MILLER DISCHARGED FROM NAVY

Lieut. Commander Burk B. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Miller, route 1, Rochester is enroute home from California accompanied by his wife, of Long Beach, Calif.

Burk was discharged from the U. S. Navy on November 24th at San Francisco. He had served 55 months in the Pacific theatres of war. Two of the ships on which he served were the USS Platte and USS Darke. While on the latter ship he transferred cavalry troops into Tokyo bay on V-J day. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are driving through from the west coast and are expected to spend some time here.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 30, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Mrs. Ada Smith has been informed that her son, Lt. James E. Smith, has been honorably discharged as of Nov. 6 at a Pacific coast separation center, and that he has entered into the furniture business in Van Nuys, Calif., with his sister, Mrs. Joe Thompson, and husband.

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Pvt. John R. Fultz, 35992916, writes that his present address is: Prov. Co. K., 415 Plat. APO 21384, c/o Postmaster, New York.

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Capt. Michael Hines, USMC, has informed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hines, Sr., Kewanna, of his arrival in the United States.

Capt. Hines enlisted in the Marine Corps in January of 1942, received his training at Quantico, Va., about six months at Camp LeJeune, N.C., and served two years in Europe. Later he saw service with the Third Marine Division on Iwo Jima, where he received the Bronze Star for meritorious service. While a student at Notre Dame he played right tackle with the varsity football team.

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Pvt. Herbert A. Ballenger, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Ballenger, is home after serving 31 months in the Mediterranean theatre of operations. He received his discharge Monday at Camp Atterbury.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 1, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sherrard from their son, H. Weldon Jr., MM 1/c, in the First Special Construction Batt which went into Japan in the occupational forces at Sasebo near Nagasaki. He is in charge of transportation of the battalion which includes heavy equipment repair (130 pieces of draglines, bull-dozers, trucks, "cats", Diesel Motors, etc.) tire repair, parts department and grease racks, garage mechanics, heavy equipment operators, welders, painters and truck drivers. He is not expected home until after the first of the year.

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Drew Field, Tampa, Fla., Dec. 1. - Presentation of his honorable discharge certificate at the Army Air Forces separation station at this field has marked the completion of 14 months of service in the armed forces by Cpl. Howard J. Henderson. More than 26,000 men have been released from service with the AAF to date at this separation station.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 1, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Staff Sgt. Donald W. Troutman, Kewanna. Great Lakes, 11-29. Central Pacific.

Sgt. Orville W. Severns, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, 11-22. Europe.

S/Sgt. Cleotus D. Utter, Akron. Camp Atterbury, 11-22. Europe.

Separated 1st Lt. William F. Glaze, Akron. Camp Atterbury, 11-22. Europe.

Cpl. Maurice Sadowsky, Jr., Rochester. Fort Bliss, Texas, 11-22. Europe.

Cpl. Howard J. Henderson, Rochester. Drew Field, Texas, 11-29. England.

T/Sgt. Howard Eugene Haldeman, Marine Corps, Akron. Cherry Point, North Carolina, 11-27. Central Pacific.

Cpl. Dustin Gene Lowman, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, 11-26. Europe.

T/Sgt. Dalton L. Kindig, Akron. Camp Atterbury, 12-1. Europe.

T/S William W. King, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, 11-16. Europe.

T/5 George E. Pollock, Rochester. Fort Sheridan, Ill., 12-2. Europe.

Radarman 3rd Class Carl Emil Swanson, Rochester. Great Lakes, 12-2. Central & South Pacific.

Electrician's Mate 2nd Class Colburn Smith Hardin, Kewanna. Great Lakes, Illinois, Nov. 26, South Pacific.

Electricians Mate 2nd Class John Wm. Foglesong, Kewanna. Great Lakes, 11-26. Asiatic Pacific.

S/Sgt. Theodore J. Riley, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 1, Europe.

T/5 Alphonse J. Kriscunas, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 30. Served in Pacific.

S/Sgt. Paul D. Ulrich, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 24. Served in Europe.

T/Sgt. Leo W. Dubois, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 17. Served in Pacific.

T/Sgt. Robert H. Wentzel, Kewanna. Randolph Field, Texas, Nov. 28. Served in U.S.

T/5 Donald M. Zartman, Akron. Dec. 1. Served in China-Burma-India.

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Corp. James A. Little, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 27. Served in Aleutians-Pacific.
EM 2/c John W. Foglesong, Kewanna. Great Lakes, Nov. 26. Served in Hawaii.
PhM 3/c Velmar Robert Bowman Rochester. Great Lakes, Dec. 1. Served in U.S.
[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, December 4, 1945]

COXSWAIN FRANCIS RAYMER REMEMBERED BY PRESIDENT

A local man, Coxswain Francis M. Raymer, 317 Fulton avenue, son of Mrs. Florence Raymer, and recently repatriated from a Japanese prison camp where he spent three and one-half years behind barbed wire, on Monday received what is perhaps one of the most highly prized epistles ever to reach him. It is a letter written at the White House, Washington, D.C., and signed by the President. It follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington
27 Nov. 1945

Dear Francis Marion Raymer:

It gives me special pleasure to welcome you back to your native shores, and to express on behalf of the people of the United States, the joy we feel at your deliverance from the hands of the enemy. It is a source of profound satisfaction that our efforts to accomplish your return have been successful.

You have fought valiantly and have suffered greatly. As your Commander in Chief, I take pride in your past achievements and express the thanks of a grateful Nation for your services in combat and your steadfastness while a prisoner of war.

May God grant you happiness and a successful future.

Harry S. Truman

Raymer, who was captured at the fall of Guam on Dec. 10, 1941, expects to return to Navy service as soon as his present rest leave is finished. He plans to remain in service until eligible for retirement.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, December 4, 1945]

SELECTIVE SERVICE LISTS TWENTY FOR NOVEMBER

During the month of November a total of 12 men registred at the local selective service board. All were former members of the armed forces, but were recently discharged. They were:

Gordon Earl Moore
Richard McKee
Gerald Edward Cavender
Vivian Eugene Cole
John Judson Squires
Laurel D. Crabill
James E. Carruthers
Owen Dewey Deisch
Walter John Petrie
James M. Martin
Ward V. Nickell
Warren C. Braman

The following eight men registered during November, having attained the age of 18years:

Eugene William Baker
Omer Richard Shoemaker
Carl Dale Veder
Robert Wesley Ross
Howard Eugene Swafford
Robert Dean Crispen
Bobby Joe Herrell
Roscoe Frderick Beerwart.

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DISCHARGED

Signalman 1/c Don Emerson Smiley, Rochester. Great Lakes, Nov. 30. Served in Atlantic-Pacific.

Machinists Mate 3/c Russell Harrison Tilden, Rochester. Great Lakes, Nov. 28. Served in Pacific.

S/Sgt. Glen O. Squires, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 3. Served in Europe and Philippines.

Pfc. Herbert A. Ballenger, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 26. Served in Europe.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, December 5, 1945]

LT. LYLE BACK IN U.S. TO BE RELEASED SOON

Lt. Clyde Lyle, of the US Navy, arrived Wednesday at San Francisco aboard the USS Bunkerhill. From there he will go to the Great Lakes where he will receive his discharge. Mrs. Lyle of this city received a call today from her husband, that he was back in the states.

For the past several months he has been stationed in the Pacific theatre of war. Lt. Lyle was coach of the RHS athletic activities prior to his entry into the service.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 6, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Corp. Lonus B. Wise, Akron. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 1. Served in Europe.

T/4 Marion Lawrence Bale, Rochester. Camp McCoy, Wis., Dec. 2. Served in Europe.

Pfc. Otis B. Putterbagh, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 4. Served in Europe.

T/Sgt. Frederick Snyder, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 2. Served in Europe.

S/Sgt. Frederick Partridge, Bremen. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 28. Served in Western Carolines.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 6, 1945]

LT. HELTZEL OF AKRON ARRIVES HOME

Lt. Lester Heltzel arrived Saturday evening at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Heltzel, south of Akron. He came from Germany and he is on a 30 day temporary duty in the United States. He will then return to Germany for further duty. He is in the 3rd Infantry Division. He has received the Presidential Citation, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, 5 Battle Stars on the YTO Ribbon. He has also received the French decoration, Feurnaguerre, for bravery in action on French soil.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 6, 1945]

GRASS CREEK SEAMAN SWEEPING JAP MINES

On The USS Density (Delayed) - Donald K. Scales, boatswain's mate, second class, USNR, Grass Creek, Ind., is serving aboard this minesweeper, which is engaged in the occupation of Japan.

A veteran of Okinawa and later the minesweeping operation in the East China Sea, this vessel destroyed six Jap suicide planes, one suicide boat, and more than 50 enemy mines.

The Density cleared the channels preparatory to the entrance of hospital ships and fleet units to evacuate American prisoners of war and for the American Army occupation landings.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 7, 1945]

LT. COL. L. V. TEETER SHOT DOWN OVER CHINA

Mrs. Cleo Teeter, route 5, has received confirmation by the War Department of the death over Luchow, China last June 30, of her son, Lt. Col. L. V. Teeter, 26, who was shot down by Jap gunfire on a bombing mission over enemy territory.

On June 2, 1945, Mrs. Teeter received word from her son that he had completed his 87th bombing mission on Jap held installations, and that on completion of his 100th mission he would

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doubtless be granted leave to return home for a brief vacation. On June 16, however, the War Department reported him missing in action. That was the last word received concerning him.

Col. Teeter was reared at Fulton where his mother was a teacher in the schools. He was graduated from the high school at Fulton and was an engineering student at Purdue University for three years prior to his enlistment in the army air corps in 1939.

Col. Teeter was a flying instructor at Cochran Field, Ga., for several years before he was sent to the China-India-Burma war theater in July 1944.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Helen Harris Teeter and son Loren Vincent, Ft. Valley, Ga., his mother who is teaching this winter in the schools at Mishawaka, a sister, Miss Helen Teeter, Indianapolis, maternal grandmother, Mrs. Loren W. Hatfield and uncle Ralph Hatfield of Talma.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 8, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Sgt. Robert Ross-Shannon, Jr., E. Chicago, Ind. Camp Rucker, Ala., Nov. 28. Served in Europe.

S/Sgt Devon W. Engle, Akron. Patterson Field, Ohio, Dec. 6. Served in Pacific.

Watertender 3/c Elson John Umbaugh, Rocheser. Great Lakes, Dec. 5. Served in Pacific.

T/5 Wayne Reese, Argos. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 22. Served in South Pacific.

S/Sgt. Hugh L. Umbaugh, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 26. Served in Arica, Italy.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 8, 1945]

ATHENS MARINE, FORMER JAP PRISON, BEATEN 117 TIMES

By Staff Sgt. Claude R. Canup

{Marine Corps Correspondent}

* * * * Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo * * * *

Marine First Sergeant Frank E. Pick, 33, son of Mrs. Faye Pick, of Athens, Ind., is shown on the docks at Yokahama where he and other POWs were processed and rushed to the States. He was held prisoner by the Japs from May 19, 1942 to September, 1945, and during that time was beaten 117 times for stealing food and contempt.

Yokohama (Delayed) - Although he was beaten 117 times by the Japanese whippings and clubbings were not the worst experiences in prison camp for Marine First Sgt. Frank E. Pick, 33, who was captured on Corregidor May 19, 1942, and was not released until early September, 1945.

"The worst thing that happened to me," recalled the Leatherneck, whose mother, Mrs. Faye Pick, lives at Athens, Ind., "was the day I had to stand in ice water up to my arm pits for seven hours. That was in February of this year, and it was near freezing weather."

Pick was a Honcho, squad leader, and didn't have to work. Second in command, he was always looking out for his men, and his punishment, he explained at the evacuation hospital here, was for stealing and contempt. "We had to steal food or starve," is the way he put it.

He was forced to stand in the huge tub of ice water for slapping a guard who threw the prisoners' food away one day because the guard accused the Americans with not moving fast enough during an air raid. "The men were hungry and had been working hard, so when I saw their chow dumped out, I jumped the guard, cursed him and slapped him in the face," Pick said bitterly.

The sergeant, whose wife lives in Fremont, Neb., is now suffering with a sinus ailment brought on, he explained, by what the POW's refer to as the "water treatment." This treatment, he said, consisted of placing a water hose over the mouth and nose of a prisoner and turning on the water to a high pressure.

Pick, who was wounded in the left leg by machine gun slugs on May 6, at Corregidor, was captured when the Japs seized the hospital at Malinta Tunnel. He was "kicked out" of the hospital and taken to Manila by boat, where he marched in the "Humiliation Parade" to Bilibid prison five

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miles away. Next day he was in a detail sent by train to Cabanatuan, then walked 20 miles to another camp.

He remained in the Philippines until August, 1943, returned to Manila and sailed Majji on Honshu, where he remained five days before being sent to Hirohata, a steel mill town. He was freed there on Sept. 8.

On Aug. 30 this year, Pick and the other POWs in his camp made an American flag out of silk lining from blackout curtains, struck the Rising Sun and ran their improvised Stars and Stripes up on the Jap flagpole at 4:15 on Sept. 2. A few Japs were still in camp, but had ceased to give orders following the end of war. "They were even good to us," the sergeant explained.

Instead of seeking immediate transportation home, the liberated Marines and soldiers volunteered to help the Eighth Army free other prisoners. They worked until the latter part of the month and then were processed here and speeded home.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 8, 1945]

COLONEL HOFFENBACHER HOME FROM EUROPE

Lt. Col. W. Edward Hoffenbacher of the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps., arrived here Friday evening on terminal leave to visit his wife, Mrs. Laura Hoffenbacher, who is making her home here with her mother, Mrs. Edna Foy. He expects to receive his discharge in April.

Col. Hoffenbacher, an Episcopal minister, was rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd at East Chicago at the time of his enlistment and also was head chaplain of the Indiana National Guard. He has been overseas 42 months and when ordered home, was senior chaplain at the United Kingdom Base of the U.S. Army.

He spent several months in France where he organized relief projects for French children and for this work he was awarded the Crois de Guerre by General DeGaulle. He formerly held pastorates at Peru and Logansport.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 10, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Separated: Flight Officer William H. Crabill, Kewanna. Lincoln, Nebr., Nov. 22. Served in U.S.

Sgt. Dale F. Myers, Kewanna. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 5. Served in Europe.

Pfc. Paul Pershing Waltz, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Nov. 23. Served in Europe.

Pfc. Donald William Holloway, Rochester, Camp Atterbury, Dec. 7. Served in Europe.

T/5 Herman D. Jones, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 6. Served in Pacific.

S/Sgt. Wilbur E. Brown, Rochester. Scott Field, Ill., Nov. 29. Served in U.S.

Pvt. Wilbur Dean Reed, Kewanna. Percy Jones Gen. Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 6. Served in Europe.

Corp. Paul Ralph Crabb, Rochester. Bowman Field, Ky., Dec. 7. Served in South America.

Sgt. Dean H. Severns, Rochester. Barksdale Field, La., Nov. 29. Served in U.S.

Pfc. Kenneth L. Rookstool, Rochester. Ft. Crockett, Texas, Dec. 7. Served in U.S.

[NOTE: Rookstool was a member of the first large contingent to leave here in January 1941. He is the last of that contingent to return, the Selective Service board announced today.]

S/Sgt. John A. Tomb, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 7. Served in Europe.

Soundman 3/c George Reed, Akron. Lido Beach, N.Y., Dec. 7. Served in Pacific.

Seaman 1/c Donald William Morgan, Rochester. Great Lakes, Dec. 8. Served in U.S.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, December 11, 1945]

VERNON A. JOHNSON SOON TO BE RELEASED

Naval Staging Center, Pearl Harbor, T.H., Dec. 6. - Vernon A. Johnson, radarman, second class, Rochester, Ind., is getting ready to rejoin the ranks of civilians, together with thousands of others going through this Naval demobilization center headed for the States.

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At this staging center, the prospective discharges are grouped according to what separation center they will report to for their final papers. They are placed aboard ships headed for the States as soon as shipping space is available.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, December 12, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

A Macy youth was among the six Indiana naval heroes awarded decorations recently by the Russian government, according to word received here from Washington. He is Francis Lee Duncan, Signalman 3/c. He resides on route 2, Macy.

Duncan was awarded a medal for merit in action with the Russians.

Only 190 United States Navy men received the decoration, it was stated.

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Pvt. Frederick Keim has returned to camp after enjoying a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keim. His new address is: Pvt. Frederick B. Keim, 45016777, Btry B, 30th Bn., 6th Reft. F.A.R.T.C., Fort Sill, Okla.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, December 12, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Corp. Richard Lee Davis, USMC, Akron. Great Lakes, Dec. 1. Served in Pacific.

Radarman 3/c Hugh Emerson McMahan, Rochester. Great Lakes, Dec. 10. Served in Pacific.

Pfc. Francis T. Carlson, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 7. Served in Europe.

Sgt. Donald J. Enyeart, Kewanna. Chanute Field, Ill., Dec. 5. Served in U.S.

Corp. Guy Hill, Jr., Akron. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 7. Served in Europe.

S/Sgt. Robert R. Worl, Akron. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 7. Served in Europe.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, December 12, 1945]

RE-ENLISTS IN ARMY

James Orlie Fugate on Wednesday re-enlisted through the Army recruiting office in the courthouse lobby for future service in the armed services. He was recently discharged as a cook, after serving three years during World War II.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 13, 1945]

"WOODY" RYNEARSON DISCHARGED FROM USN

Radarman 2/c Woodrow "Woody" Rynearson, who was discharged Wednesday from service in the U. S. Navy at Great Lakes Station, Ill., returned to Rochester today where he and his wife, Olive Rynearson, of Waukegan, also returned will make their home.

Mr. Rynearson, who has been in the service of the USN several years is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowe Rynearson, of Route 2.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 13, 1945]

LT. LYLE RETURNS

Lieut. Clyde Lyle, USN, former high school coach, arrived home last night from the Pacific area where he served throughout the Philippine campaign. He has now reverted to civilian status and is making plans to re-enter citizen pursuits.

Lieut. Lyle entered the service August 16, 1943 and was separated at Great Lakes Dec. 13, having seen much action in the war against the Japs.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 14, 1945]

DISCHARGED

S/Sgt. Edward Hauser, Macy. Chanute Field, Illinois, Dec. 4. Served in U.S.

Corp. Albert J. Studebaker, Rochester. Ft. Sheridan, Ill., Dec. 2. Served in Pacific.

Pfc. Gerald M. Urbin, Kewanna. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 9. Served in Europe

Sgt. Thomas Walter Baldwin, Rochester. Patterson Field, Ohio, Dec. 2. Served in U.S.

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Pfc. Thomas Eugene Hauptert, Akron. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 8. Served in Pacific.
Pfc. Richard Wayne Sanders, Kewanna. Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., Dec. 8. Served in Europe.
T/4 Hugh B. Wilson, Kewanna. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 10. Served in Mediterranean.
Radarman 2/c Marvin G. Zabst, Fulton. Great Lakes, Dec. 11. Served in Atlantic.
PhM 1/c Robert Lee Zimmerman, Rochester. Great Lakes, Dec. 7. Served in Pacific.
Separated: Lt. Luther A. Herbster, USNR, Rochester. Great Lakes, Dec. 10. Served in Pacific.
Pfc. Robert Frederick Sausaman, Akron. Maxwell Field, Ala., Dec. 4. Served in U.S.
Sgt. Roy Delbert Price, Rochester. Drew Field, Fla., Dec. 7. Served in South America.
T/5 James Walton, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 8. Served in Europe.
T/5 Raymond Walter Bowers, Rochester. Fort Lewis, Wash., Dec. 8. Served in U.S.
Seaman 2/c Paul Wesley Thomas, Rochester. U. S. Naval Hospital, Corona, Calif., Dec. 7. Served in U.S.
Fire Controlman 2/c Woodrow Rynearson, Rochester. Great Lakes, Dec. 13. Served in U.S.
Radarman Vernon A. "Bill" Johnson, Rochester. Great Lakes, Dec. 12. served in Atlantic, Pacific.
Seaman 1/c Charles Robert Evans, Kewanna. Great Lakes, Dec. 8. Served in Pacific.
[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 14, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Ramon E. Alber 2/c on board the U.S.S. Castor was presented with the history of his ship on Navy Day by his Captain. Alber has been on sea 20 months on board this ship in the Pacific. The history as follows:

The U.S.S. Castor (AKS-1), the first ship of its type in the United States Navy, was commissioned March 12, 1941. It was moored at Pearl Harbor on that "day of infamy," December 7, 1941 and participated in the initial battle between the United States and Japan. One Japanese plane is officially credited to the Castor during that engagement.

From then on, the Castor--the "Can Do" ship of the Navy--traveled many thousands of miles in carrying out her mission. That mission briefly is to carry a cargo of general stores, canteen supplies, mavy clothing and accessories and medical supplies to the forward operating areas, where no advance bases have been established. As an issue ship, she is designed to issue one or one hundred units of any of her eight thousand items to any ship of the fleet--large or small.

During her wanderings, over uncharted and trackless waters of the Pacific, the Castor has, at one time or another, been at the following places:

Pearl Harbor, Johnson Island, Wake Island; Efate, New Hebrides; Suva, Fiji Islands; Havannah Harbor; Espiriti Santo; New Hebrides; Nowmen, New Caledonia; Vanna Levu, Fiji Islands; Funafuti, Ellice Islands; Finachafenn, New Guinea; Manus, Admiralty Islands; Okinawa, Japan; Tutuila, American Samoa; Tongatabu, Friendly Islands; Auckland, New Zealand; Cora Bora, Society Islands; Tongs Islands; Tarawa, Gilberts Islands; Makin, Gilbert Islands; Majuro, Marshall Islands; Eniwetok, Marshall Islands; Ulithi, Carolines; Guam, Marianas; Saipan, Martanas Kerama Ralto, Japan; Ie Shina, Japan.

At Okinawa, the Castor received her battle scars as a result of a Kamakazi attack. Several times prior to that, the Japs had reported the "Can Do" as "sunk" in action. She has lived however, and visualize for you, one unit of the largest and most powerful group of vessels the world has ever known.

Captain F. C. Huntoon, USNR Commanding
[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 15, 1945]

DISCHARGED

T/5 Samuel Howard Kirk, Kewanna. Camp Grant, Ill., Dec. 7. Served in Europe.
Pfc. Ronald G. Weir, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 9. Served in Europe.
Pfc. Lowell Lyman Hoehne, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 14. Served in Europe.

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Machinists Mate 3/c Leonard D. Brockey, Rochester. Great Lakes, Dec. 16. Served in Pacific.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 17, 1945]

EIGHT REPORT FOR PRE-INDUCTION EXAMS

The selective service board today announced eight men who left this morning for pre-induction examinations for the armed services at the Indianapolis Induction Center. They are:

Virgil Ray Zellers, leader
Donald Eugene Callahan
John Charles Ogle
Byron Paul Leininger
Leonard Earl Hattery
Gale F. Foley
Kendall Eugene Westwood
John Max Miller

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The following changes in addresses have been filed by service personnel for publication:

Charles W. Donathen, S 1/c, 146th NCB (ABCD) Co. E., c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

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T/5 Robert J. Wagoner, 35966409, 1279th Engrs. Bn., Per. Sec. H&S Co., APO [8], c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Addison E. Alber, S 1/c, USNB PSNY Ship's Co., Bremerton, Wash.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 17, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

EM 3/c Richard D. Sheets arrived home Saturday evening from New London, Conn., to spend the holidays with his wife and son. He is stationed on the USS Cod.

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Corpl. James R. Bowers, who is stationed at Shepherd Field, Tex., is spending a yuletide furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bowers and family.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, December 18, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Seaman 1/c Eldon Maurice Sands, Rochester. Great Lakes, Dec. 11. Served in Pacific.

Water Tender 2/c Arthur Buryl Reese, Rochester. Great Lakes, Dec. 14. Served in Atlantic, Pacific.

Pharmacists Mate Order Dale Sheetz, Akron. Great Lakes, Dec. 13. Served in Pacific.

Sgt. Harry L. Patsel, Delong. Patterson Field, Ohio, Dec. 7. Served in U.S.

Sgt. Roland C. Hizer, Grass Creek. Drew Field, Fla., Dec. 10. Served in U.S.

Pfc. Walter A. Sayger, Rochester. Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif., Dec. 11. Served in Europe

T/4 George William Ziesenhene, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 15. Served in Europe.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, December 18, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

T/Sgt. Burl Eber has recently been promoted to the rank of 1st Sgt., according to word received from Camp Roberts, Calif., where he is now stationed. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eber, of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, December 19, 1945]

DISCHARGED

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S/Sgt. Franklin D. Berkheiser, Rochester. Camp Grant, Ill., Dec. 6. Served in Europe.
S/Sgt. Robert L. King, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 13. Served in Pacific.
Pvt. Jack D. Morris, Akron. Chanute Field, Ill., Dec. 11. Served in South America.
Pfc. Verle D. Lindsay, Fulton. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 10. Served in Europe.
Sgt. LeRoy Joe Van Duyne, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 14. Served in Pacific.
Pfc. Joseph Earl Wolf, Delong. Patterson Field, Ohio. Dec. 14. Served in Europe.
T/Sgt. James A. Williams, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 14. Served in Europe.
Electrician's Mate 3/c Arthur Paul Marquardt, Rochester. Great Lakes, Ill., Dec. 17. Served in Pacific.
[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, December 19, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Second Lieut. Don M. Young, Rochester. Separated Chanute Field, Ill. Dec. 18. Served in U.S.
T/5 William E. Clayburn, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 16. Served in Europe.
T/4 Harold D. Zink, Rochester. Indiantown Gap, Pa., Dec. 15. Served in U.S.
Pfc. Ostinell T. Davis, Rochester. Gardiner General hospital, Chicago. Dec. 15. Served in Europe.
Seaman 1/c Walter Albert Miller, Rochester. St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 19. Served in Pacific.
Pharmacist's Mate 3/c William Alfred Nixon, Rochester. Great Lakes, Dec. 17. Served in U.S.
Radioman 2/c Frank Hannaback, Jr., Culver route. Great Lakes, Dec. 14. Served in Atlantic-Pacific.
[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 20, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Lawrence Carvey, Jr., of route 1 Macy, underwent nose surgery in Billings hospital, University of Chicago, yesterday. Miss Nann Carvey [his sister] also of Macy is spending the week in Chicago with him.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Teeter received word that their son Pfc. Max E. Teeter has just arrived at San Francisco, Calif., and will soon be discharged from the U. S. services. Max has served 20 months in the Pacific theatre of war and was in service approximately three years. His parents reside at 200 North Pontiac street.
[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 20, 1945]

LT. CLYDE LYLE TO MENTOR ZEBRAS IN '46

See: Lyle, Clyde
[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 20, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Pfc. George W. Deardorff, Athens. Camp Crowder, Mo., Dec. 13. Served in Europe.
Signalman 3/c James Richard (Bud) Myers, Rochester. Great Lakes, Dec. 19. Served in Atlantic-Pacific.
Boats'ns Mate 2/c Donald LeRoy Smith, Rochester. Great Lakes, Dec. 18. Served in Atlantic-Pacific.
T/4 Curtis J. Croussore, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 20. Served in Europe.
T/5 Robert E. Roe, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 19. Served in Europe.
[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 21, 1945]

CPL. BAILEY KEEPING BUSY AT MANILA

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Manila, Dec. 14. - Technician Fifth Grade Harold V. Bailey, whose wife, Mrs. Bonnie Bailey and their 11-months-old son, Harold Van, Jr., of Rochester, Ind., is serving with the 119th Port Battalion, one of the oldest units in the Pacific.

Cpl. Bailey left the United States on July 1, 1944 and landed in New Caledonia. He saw action on the Fiji Islands, Leyte and finally Luzon. He is now stationed at Manila, in the famous section known as "Walled City."

Cpl. Bailey's job is one that involves a great deal of work and responsibilities. He holds the position of Operations Sergeant, second in command to the Executive Officer. Cpl. Bailey has over two thousand men under him, and his orders direct them to the many ships that must be, and are loaded and unloaded each day.

Cpl. Bailey was a student of the International Correspondent School. Before he entered the Army, he was employed as an agent for the Railway Express Agency, Inc., out of Grand Rapids, Mich. Cpl. Bailey is authorized to wear the Atlantic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one campaign star and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one campaign star.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 21, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Pearl Harbor, T.H., Dec. 22 - Joseph J. Michaels, T/4, the husband of Mrs. Dolly A. Michaels, of Rochester, Ind., is on his way home.

Michaels is one of 6,000 high-point Army veterans whom the "Magic Carpet" is bringing back to the States aboard the U.S.S. Windsor.

The U.S.S. Windsor--one of more than 250 carriers, battleships, cruisers, and attack transports in the Navy's famed "Magic Carpet" fleet--left Okinawa, December 3, and was scheduled to arrive in Seattle about December 16.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Becker, route 6, were pleasantly surprised when their son, Elwyn, ARM 2/c arrived home for a 23-day leave. Elwyn has been on duty in the Panama Canal zone.

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Corp. Lee McIntire of Cleveland, Ohio, has notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McIntire, route 1, of his discharge from the Armed Forces. Corp. McIntire served three years in the service, two of which were on duty in the Pacific areas.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 22, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Corporal Robert S. Robertson, of the USN arrived home her Saturday evening from the West Coast where he received his discharge from service at San Diego, a few days prior. "Bob" as he is better known to local friends had spent three years in the navy most of which time was served in the Pacific theatre of war.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 24, 1945]

BLUMENTHAL PLAYS ON GREAT LAKES TEAM

Seaman 1/c Jordon Blumenthal, who arrived home Sunday evening to spend a three-day Christmas leave with his parents, is a member of the Great Lakes first string basketball squad.

Jordon, who was center on the Zebras last year, played in games Saturday and Sunday with the Great Lakes team. On Sunday the navy men handed a rather lopsided defeat to the crack Wisconsin university crew. Both Saturday and Sunday contests were played in Chicago. The navy basketballers will make a tour through the midwest early in the new year, it was learned.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 24, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Corp. Robert S. Robertson, who was recently discharged at San Diego, Calif., served with the U. S. Marine Corps in the Pacific area, and not with the Navy as was previously announced in a recent issue of The News-Sentinel.

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S/Sgt. Forrest H. Rans has arrived in New York from overseas. He expects to be home soon. His wife, Mrs. F. H. Rans, in Chicago, received the news. He is a son of Mrs. Etta Rans of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, December 26, 1945]

SERVICE TAKES TWO

The Army and the Navy split the county quota of two men who reported last week for induction into the armed forces. Navy took Robert M. Townsend, while Whitten Reffett went to the Army.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 27, 1945]

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T/4 Frederick Hugh Moore, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 21. Served in Europe.

M/Sgt. Paul D. Cutshaw, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 20. Served in Pacific.

Sgt. Devon H. Graham, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 23. Served in Pacific.

Pfc. Louis E. Kelly, Rochester. Maxwell Field, Dec. 15. Served in U.S.

Pfc. Lewis J. Polk, Jr., Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 21. Served in Europe.

Pfc. Elias Nolan Butts, Rochester. Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 18.

Served in Europe.

T-5 Harry Ginther, Jr., Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 20. Served in Europe.

Pve. Wayne Irwin (USMC), Rochester. Camp Pendleton, Calif., Dec. 19. Served in Pacific.

Pvt. James Robert Holloway, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 19. Served in Europe.

T/4 Howard G. Coleman, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 19. Served in Europe.

T/5 Albert E. Flora, Kewanna. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 15. Served in Europe.

Sgt. John E. Hogan, Kewanna. Ft. Dix, N.J., Dec. 18. Served in Europe.

Pvt. Omer S. Troutman, Kewanna. Ft. MacArthur, Calif., Dec. 16. Served in U.S.

Sgt. Frederick J. Brown, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 22. Served in Pacific.

Coxswain Ben Eddie Daulton, Rochester. Great Lakes, Dec. 18. Served in Atlantic-Pacific.

Seaman 1/c Edward Franklin Griebel, Kenosha, Wis. Great Lakes, Dec. 19

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 27, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Mrs. Laurine Peterson Rauschke has received word of the arrival in Boston from Europe of her husband, Pfc. Charles H. Rauschke who has completed 18 months service overseas. He expects to arrive home for New Years.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 28, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Boats'ns Mate Donald Keith Scales, Grass Creek. Great Lakes, Dec. 17. Served in Pacific.

Storekeeper 2/c Wayne A. Daulton, Rochester. Great Lakes, Dec 22. Served in Pacific.

Pharmacist Mate 3/c David Winfield Shafer, Rochester. Great Lakes, Dec. 24. Served in Pacific.

T/5 Kenneth A. Enyart, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 26. Served in Pacific.

Separated: Second Lieutenant James L. Fall, Rochestr. San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 16. Served in Europe.

Corp. Robert Samuel Robertson, Rochester. San Diego, Calif., Dec. 19. Served in Pacific (USMC)

T/Sgt. Ernest F. Miller, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 21. Served in Pacific.

Pfc. Balemar Valdez, Rochester. Ft. Lewis, Washington, Dec. 14. Served in Pacific.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 28, 1945]

TO BROADCAST MONDAY

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A record made by Tom Gast in Teinstin, China by a broadcasting company will be rebroadcast during the Melody hour over station WOWO Monday afternoon. Pfc. Gast is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Gast of Akron.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 29, 1945]

DISCHARGED

Separated: Capt. Michael Hines, Jr., Kewanna. Great Lakes, Decemer 1945. Served in Europe and Pacific.

Separated: 1st Lt. James A. Deardorff, Athens. Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 18. Served in Pacific.

Discharged: Sgt. Charles W. Siders, Kewanna. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 21. Served in Pacific.

Pfc. Oville R. Pickens, Macy route. Patterson Field, Ohio, Dec. 17. Served in U.S.

Corp. Robert Harold Moore, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 19. Served in Europe.

Sgt. Richard Stanley Zolman, Athens. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 24. Served in Pacific.

T/5 Ivan M. Dague, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 22. Served in Europe.

T/5 Francis N. Kelly, Culver route. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 23. Served in Pacific.

Pfc. Wilbur C. Steffy, Rochester. Camp Atterbury, Dec. 21. Served in Pacific.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 29, 1945]

SERVICE NOTES

Pfc. Warren L. Cornell son of Elizabeth Brown arrived at New York aboard U.S.S. Lake Champlain on the 20th of December and received his discharge from Camp Atterbury December 26.

Warren had been in service 39 months of which 2 years were spent in England and France.

Warrem was with the 4th division in the invasion of Normandy and was the first Fulton county boy wounded in the invasion on June 8th.

Warren was the holder of the Purple Heart, Presidential Citation, Expert Combat Infantry badge, Paratrooper Wings, Victory Ribbon, 2 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, ETO Ribbon and American Theater Ribbon.

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Pvt. Kenneth Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Campbell of Leiters Ford is home on a 90-day furlough from service in the Europe theatre. He has been in service three years, 15 months of which were spent overseas. He has re-enlisted in the regular army and will report back to the replacement depot in Germany.

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Three U.S. Navy men rcently released at the Great Lakes Station from this commnity are: Arthur Brubaker, EM3/c; David W. Shafer, Phm3/c, both of this city, and Royal N. McNeill, FC 2/c, route 3, Rochester.

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Captain Michael Hines, Jr., USMRC has been reverted to inactive duty from Great Lakes, Ill.

Capt Hines is a former Notre Dame University student and was right tackle on the undefeated 1941 football team. He spent two years in the European teater and returned to the United States where he spent 5 months at Camp LeJeune, N.C. He was transferred to the Pacific where he was an Infantry Company Commander with the Third Marine Corps Division on Iwo Jima. He served as an Infantry Company Commander with the 3rd Marine Div. until last month when he was returned to the States and put on inactive duty.

Capt. Hines enlisted in the Marine Corps in Jan. 1942 and served overseas 34 months.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Sherrard have recently received a phone call from their son H. W. Sherrard, Jr., MM 1/c that he has landed on the West Coast and will soon be sent to the Great

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Lakes Station where he will receive his honorable discharge. Sherrard is returning from Sasebo, Japan after 30 months of service in the Pacific area.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 29, 1945]

RECOMMENDED FOR THE SILVER STAR

Robert "Bob" Gast, 23-year-old battle-scarred infantry veteran of three major campaigns in the European theatre of operations, has been recommended for the Army's Silver Star medal "for gallantry in action in the Hurtgen forest, Germany."

The young lieutenant, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gast of 701 East Main street, Warsaw, is cited for having led a successful reconnaissance in force against a heavily-fortified enemy position.

The Gasts were former residents of Akron.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 29, 1945]

MRS. DOCTOR ACCEPTS NEWS-SENTINEL POST

Mrs. Robert Doctor, of this city has accepted a part time position with The News-Sentinel and will be employed on the reportorial staff.

Mrs. Doctor, who was formerly Miss Delores Karn of this city for several years was employed as society editor of The News-Sentinel and is well qualified for this line of work. Her husband, Capt. Robert Doctor, is now serving in the Pacific area. Mrs. Doctor assumed her duties today.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 31, 1945]

HERENDEEN RETURNS TO CIVILIAN LIFE

Maj. E. V. Herendeen returned Sunday from Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala., where on Saturday he received an honorable discharge from service in the U. S. Medical Corps.

Dr. Herendeen, former surgeon and physician for Woodlawn hospital, was in the service of the U. S. for 42 months. He plans to resume his practice here within a few weeks in a residence property on West Ninth street which he recently purchased.

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FULTON COUNTY ROLL OF HONOR

- * WENTZEL, Lt. Arthur, 23, Rochester. Killed in action over Pacific, April 21, 1942.
- * REYNOLDS, Lt. Leland, 46, Rochester. Killed, aircraft accident, Clinton, Ill., Jan. 6, 1943. Home base Hondu, Texas.
- BALL, Norval, 28, Rochester. Killed in action over Guadalcanal Jan. 6, 1943.
- * ROSE, Capt. Robert, 29, Rochester. Killed in plane crash in Africa, Jan. 26, 1943.
- * LOWNES, S/Sgt. Clyde, 29, Rochester. Died of natural causes, Texas, March, 1943.
- * HARDIN, Edward A., AMM 2/c, 41, Kewanna. Killed in plane crash on Training flight, May 14, 1943, near Kewanna.
- ECKART, Lt. Leland, 25, disappeared in flight over Guadalcanal on April 25, 1943. Declared dead by Navy department, April 30, 1945.
- * COPLEN, A.C., Charles M., 24, Rochester. Killed, aircraft accident, July 16, 1943, while in training, Moody Field, Ga.
- * McINTYRE, T/Sgt., Omer Eugene, 24, Rochester. Killed in action over Italy, July 16, 1943.
- * BEALL, Sgt. Jack D., 127, Rochester. Killed in action over Italy, Oct. 1, 1943.
- * ROBBINS, Lt. Robert, 25, Rochester. Killed over Pacific, April 1, 1944.
- * BALL, S/Sgt. Louis D., 25, Rochester. Killed in action over Nubia, New Guinea, April 9, 1944.
- * HARSHBARGER, Lt. K. Norris, Kewanna. Killed over Germany, April 11, 1944.
- * CRABB, Pvt. Devon F., 23, Kewanna. Killed in action, Italy, May 12, 1944.
- TROUTMAN, Edward A. Killed in action over Germany, May 29, 1944.
- * THOMAS, T/5 Clarence, 27, Rochester. Killed in action, France, June 6, 1944
- * MYERS, Theodore W., Mo. M.M. 1 c, Rochester. Died of wounds received in action in English Channel, June 9, 1944.
- * ABBOTT, Sgt. Eldon W., 24, Fulton. Killed in action, France, June 23, 1944.
- * HOGE, Pfc. Howard W., 21, Rochester. Killed in action, France, Aug. 12, 1944.
- * POTTER, Lt. Ralph J., Jr., Rochestr. Died of wounds, Italy, Aug. 27, 1944
- * GRAY, Pfc. Clifford, 24, Akron. Killed in action, France, Sept. [day unkn.] 1944.
- * GAULT, S/Sgt George, Fulton. Killed in action, France, Sept. 6, 1944.
- BALDWIN, Lieut. Norman, Jr., Talma. Killed in action over Groesbeck, Holland, Sept. 17, 1944
- * Van DIEN, Lt. Frederick, 22, Rochester. Killed in action in Italy, Sept. 23, 1944.
- * LONG, Capt. Richard E., Kewanna. Died of wounds, New Guinea, October 2, 1944.
- KLISE, John, Akron. Killed in Germany, September 11, 1944.
- * THORNBURGH [THORNBURG], Lt. Harold D., Rochester. Killed in action at sea, Sept. 21, 1944.
- * TOWNE, Pfc. Emerson L., 23, Rochester. Killed in action, France, Oct 2, 1944.
- * HARTLE, Raymond L., S 1/c, Leiters Ford. Killed off Leyte, Battle of Philippine Sea, Oct. 24, 1944.
- * WILLARD, Pfc. William, 20, Rochester. Killed in action, Leyte, Nov. 4, 1944.
- * CLARK, Sgt. Dale E., Leiters Ford. Killed in action, France, Nov. 8, 1944.
- * KRALIS, Lt. Frank, 20, Rochester. Killed in action, France, Nov. 14, 1944.
- * HUFFMAN, S/Sgt. Joseph, 27, Kewanna. Killed in action, Germany, Nov. 16, 1944.
- * WHYBREW, Lt. Robert D., 23, Fulton. Killed in action, France, Nov. 16, 1944.
- * BELL, Pvt. John A., 28, Rochester. Killed in action, France, Nov. 19, 1944.
- * HUNT, Pfc. Merle, 22, Grass Creek. Killed in action on Leyte, Nov. 19, 1944.
- * CHAMBERLAIN, Pvt. Willard, 37, Rochester. Killed Battle of France, before Strasbourg, Lorraine, Nov. 20, 1944.

SvcMen WW II, Saga of Rochester Families

Jack K. Overmyer

The absorbing story told by the current movie hit, "Saving Private Ryan," is of the search for a soldier who is the last survivor of brothers who went to World War II so he, too, will not be killed. It is a powerful film of unrelenting combat reality whose premise, based upon a real incident, is by no means far-fetched.

For, you see, Fulton County has its own proud examples of families who sent that many, or even more, sons to help defeat the evilest yet of our nation's enemies, Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan. Among the approximately 1,400 county men who served in that war were five Daultons, five Smileys and four Balls.

Norval and Louis Ball gave their lives, each in South Pacific air war action. Surprisingly, every one of the Daultons and Smileys returned home unharmed. Meet, and remember, them now.

The five Daultons of Rochester were known as "Lucy's boys," for their mother raised them after father Charlie left for parts unknown. All now are deceased.

When war came all the Daultons went into the Navy except the eldest, Joe. He was in the Army and stationed a year in Greenland as part of the force that kept that Western Hemisphere base from the Nazis. There he sustained the family's only wartime injury, a fractured knee in a baseball game. Joe lived in South Bend after the war and died in 1981, outliving wife Thelma. His brothers spent their lives in Rochester.

Ben Daulton's Navy service was as a gunner aboard a transport liberty ship, primarily in the Atlantic. Later on a voyage to Hawaii, his ship turned back to San Francisco when struck by a cargo-wrecking storm. Ben died in 1990, first wife Edna preceding him. Second wife Noelle is in Florida.

Dale Daulton was better known as "Dirty," a nickname that originated from a character in a popular comic strip of the day, "Dirty Dalton and Texas Slim." Dale's friend Ed Campbell was so persistent in using it that it stuck for a lifetime. "Dirty" was, like brother Ben, a gunner on a Liberty ship, one that supplied ammunition to Seventh Fleet warships in the South Pacific. He served beyond war's end on an extended cruise home. "Dirty" died in 1989; his wife Mable still resides here.

There also were the twins, Wayne Daulton and Glen (Sheeny) Daulton. Wayne served 32 months, 20 as a storekeeper on a destroyer that escorted convoys in the Pacific. He won Asiatic and Philippine Liberation ribbons with bronze stars. Wayne died in 1995; wife Jean remains in Rochester.

Glen, or "Sheeny," served more than five years and briefly considered the Navy for a career. He was a bo'sun's mate aboard troop transport ships in the South Pacific, was stationed awhile in China and also won Asiatic and Philippine Liberation ribbons. His nickname originated during his childhood, when he and his twin refused to dance for a local merchant unless they were paid in nickels. Glen died in 1980; wife Betty still lives in the family home.

Besides the five sons, the Daulton family also included two daughters, Goldie Swain and Velma Vigus, both now deceased.

Like the Daultons, the Smiley boys all were involved in Rochester community activities. The Smileys were John, Dean and Don (also twins), Dale and Ray. Three still are alive: John, Dean and Dale. The family also included an older brother Robert and a sister, Ruth. Their father was Earl Smiley; their mother Ingrid died in 1940.

John Smiley, the only officer among these 14, was a first lieutenant in the Air Corps. He flew 46 missions as a B25 pilot during 13 months in the China-Burma-India theater, winning a Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal. His plane never took a single bullet hole despite many low-level missions in which half of the planes were lost. He and his wife Gladys live in Sebring, Florida, and frequently visit Rochester.

The twins, Dean Smiley and Don Smiley, were members of the RHS basketball team that went to the Final Four of the 1937 state tourney. When war came, Dean chose the Army, Don the Navy.

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Dean was a truck driver with the 151st Infantry in Hawaii, New Guinea and the Philippines and won the Combat Infantryman's Badge. He served 56 months from 1941 and lives today in Terre Haute with wife Esther. .

Don swam ashore unharmed near Casablanca when his troopship was sunk during the North African invasion of 1942. He then became a signalman aboard LSTs delivering troops to beach assaults during South Pacific campaigns. Don died in 1977. His wife Wilma recently moved from Rochester to Dallas, Texas. to live with a daughter.

Dale Smiley, a classmate of mine at RHS, became a sergeant in the Army Air Corps intelligence unit. He was posted in England a year before D-Day and went ashore in France six days after the invasion. There his 9th Air Corps was in support of Gen. George Patton's Third Army and he spent six months in occupied Germany. Dale resides today in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, with wife Jean.

The family's youngest, Ray Smiley, needed his father's approval in order to join his brothers in service because he was only 17 years old. Earl signed the papers and Ray became a gunners mate with a Navy crew protecting Merchant Marine vessels transporting supplies, once aboard a Norwegian freighter where only his crew spoke English. He died Feb. 16, 1998; Wife Barbara survives here.

The sixth Smiley son, Robert, lived in California and spent the war working in defense shipyards there. He died in 1971. Sister Ruth now is Mrs. Mike Tullis of Wabash. The Smileys' half-sister is Mrs. Larry (Terry) Howdeshell of Rochester, whose mother was Earl's second wife, Estelle Koffard.

Reatha Ball was the widow of Norval G. Ball. She also might have sent five sons to war except that Barton, the eldest, developed a lung ailment while working at the Kingsbury munitions plant near LaPorte and failed his enlistment physical exam.

The two who never returned were Norval J. (Killer) Ball and Louis Darrell Ball. Both were tail gunners on B-24 bombers lost in New Guinea action of the Pacific. Norval won three successive bantamweight titles in the Chicago Golden Gloves boxing tournaments and got his nickname for his aggressive ring style. He was declared missing in action over Guadalcanal on Jan. 6, 1943.

Hoping to avenge his brother's death, Louis enlisted in the Air Corps soon afterward and like Norval was made a B-24 tail gunner. Louis and three fellow crewmen bailed out of their disabled plane Oct. 18, 1943, over the New Guinea jungle. They wandered for 11 days until reaching a native village and rescue. Reassigned to another B-24, Louis's luck ended on Easter Sunday, April 9, 1944, when his bomber took a direct hit from a Japanese Zero fighter and exploded with all hands lost.

The youngest brother, Hovey James Ball, was an Air Corps sergeant, a gunner and, radio technician who flew 23 Southern European bombing missions, winning the Air Medal. He died in 1966. The fifth son, Robert Lee Ball, who died In 1997, was an Army draftee who was discharged for physical disability. after brief service.

The Ball family moved from Rochester to Akron in 1941 and included a sister, Willodean, known as "Bill" Ball, now deceased. Reatha Ball was the first county mother to lose a son in the war and the only one to lose two. When the second was killed she asked the War Department to release her other sons. The request was refused. Barton Ball, also a local boxer in his young days, now is 84 and resides in Largo, Florida. He will move to Rochester in the fall to be near his son, also named Barton, who teaches science at Rochester Middle School. His daughter, Barbara (Clifford) Fergeson, lives in Plymouth.

Altogether, 306,000 Hoosiers fought in that greatest of the World Wars, 10,000 of whom died. These 14 Fulton County sons, brothers and friends stand tall in deed and memory for every one of them.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, August 25, 1998]

THE SAYGERS, ANOTHER SINGULAR FULTON COUNTY FAMILY
CONSIDERED COMMENT

SvcMen WW II, Saga of Rochester Families

Jack K. Overmyer

There's one more Fulton County family - the Saygers - that gave five sons to the county's armed forces in World War II as did the Daultons and Smileys, previously recounted here. Their tale also must be recalled for its singularity.

Herschel and Mary Burnett Sayger raised a family of 11 on their farm southwest of Athens. When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, to send the U.S. into the global war, six of the seven Sayger sons were old enough for military service. One son already was in the Army, four others were to join.

The five brothers were: Harry, Walter, Omer, Maurice and Leroy. All five survived the war; only Harry and Walter are alive today.

The sixth son, Otis, could not pass his Army physical examination because of a lung condition. He died in 1983. The seventh and youngest son, Jack, served following the war after reaching military age. He lives in Rochester, as do Harry and Walter.

Harry Sayger, who became a staff sergeant, went into the Army long before Pearl Harbor, on Jan. 16, 1941, and served 58 months, nearly five years. He was sent first to the West Coast but tired of garrison duty and volunteered for the Paratroops. Early in 1945 his unit was flown to France to be dropped into combat east of the Rhine River, within Nazi Germany. The war in Europe ended before the mission could be ordered.

Harry has been secretary of the Rochester Eagles Lodge for 40 years and a member for 53 years. His wife, the former Maxine Lowe of Rochester, was a volunteer in the Women's Army Corps for a year. The couple married while in uniform, in 1945 at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

Walter Sayger served 34 months from February, 1943, first with a chemical warfare unit attached to the 8th and 9th Air Corps. A private first class, he sailed to Europe on the Queen Mary and was overseas 22 months, near war's end hauling gasoline from Parts to U.S. airfields. Afterward he volunteered into the infantry and was back in the U.S. training for the war in the Pacific when it ended. He became a truck driver for Dean Foods, retiring in May, 1987. Walter's wife is the former Nancy Lou Baker of Plymouth. He and Harry were stationed within 30 miles of one another in France early in 1945, but both were unaware of it.

Omer Sayger entered the Air Corps in early 1942 and served 42 months, discharging as a sergeant. He was a tailgunner on a B-24 bomber in the South Pacific and came closer than any Sayger brother to be harmed. When his plane was shot down, he and his crew spent 12 hours in the water until a U.S. submarine picked them up. After the war he lived in Dayton, Ohio where he met his wife, Joy Darrough, who survives. She also served as a WAC. Omer died in 1987.

Maurice Sayger, a private first class, landed with the U.S. Fifth Army for the invasion of Italy at Anzio in January, 1944. He served 33 months from 1943 and on his return lived south of Athens until his death in 1994. His wife, the former Irene Miller, died in 1992. Walter and Maurice rode the same bus from Rochester for their draft induction physicals. When they arrived in Indianapolis, they were sent in different directions and did not see one another for almost three years. Their reunion was on a 20-below zero day in South Bend where Maurice came to pickup Walter, the last of the family to return.

The fifth soldier-son, Leroy Sayger, entered the Army in 1944 and served 21 months as a corporal in Army camps in Texas and at Biloxi, Mississippi. After the war he worked at Inland Steel and the Calumet City Refinery in the Gary region. Leroy died in 1985; his wife Ruth in 1987.

John Sayger, known as Jack, was too young for the World War II draft but went into the Army in June, 1952, and served two years, all in the continental U.S. He is retired from Sibley's Foundry in South Bend, where brothers Harry, Otis and Maurice also worked until retirement.

The four daughters of the 11-niember, Herschel and Mary Sayger family all survive. Three are in Rochester: Nancy (Harry), Baker, Maude (Bill) Coleman and Laura Jean (Jack) Lewis. The fourth, Willodean Collins, lives in Warsaw. A constant concern in the lives during those wartime years was the wellbeing of their five brothers.

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ANOTHER WORLD WAR II CHRONICLE: THE CARR BROTHERS

Considered Comment

Jack K. Overmyer

I have been reminded that there is yet another Fulton County family whose extraordinary contribution to the nation during World War II should be memorialized: the Carrs.

Five of them served in that global four-year conflict and all survived, just as did the five Daultons, five Smileys and five Saygers whose stories already have been recounted here.

The five Carr boys, with sister Bernice, were the children of Harley and Clara Gray Carr, farmers of the McKinley neighborhood east of Rochester.

The boys were Howard, Robert, Weldon, Byron and the youngest, Russell Dean, who lives today in Kewanna.

Dean, as I knew him when we both were budding musicians in the Rochester High Srbnol band, was the only brother not to serve in the Army. He chose the Navy and became a quartermaster third class aboard LSTs in the Pacific for three years. He was at some of the island invasions of those campaigns and was assigned to the pending invasion of the Japanese home islands when the war ended. Afterward he served with the U.S. occupation forces in Japan.

Howard Carr, the eldest, was a corporal in the field artillery, seeing duty in the Philippines among other Pacific locations.

Robert Carr was in the thick of combat actions that followed the Allied invasion of Europe on June 6, 1944. He was a 60 mm mortarman with the 325th Glider Infantry of the 82nd Airborne Division that landed on D-Day behind the frontline beaches. His unit was a part of the furious fighting by which the U.S. army broke out of the Normandy peninsula and he then remained in action for the rest of the European war, taking part in the invasion of Holland and the Battle of the Bulge.

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Their sister, Bernice, today is the 90-year-old widow of Delbert Hoffman of Rochester. She still savors her memories and the postal keepsakes that her brothers shared with her during those anxious years when they were in harm's way, so far away.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, October 13, 1998]

FOR MEMORIL DAY,

A STORY OF WAR'S REMORSELESSNESS

Considered Comment

Jack K. Overmyer

This is a story from a war that still seems recent to one of my age but, as our nation counts its involvement in international savagery, took place four wars ago.

The story contains those human qualities of patriotism, family devotion, courage and perseverance that lead to triumph. But war is ruthless, relentless, impersonal and unforgiving; what it gives it also instantly can take away.

Among the men involved in this story was one of ours, Louis Darrell Ball, who told it. His friends sometimes called him Monk. With his widowed mother, four brothers and a sister he had moved from Rochester to Akron in 1941, the year America entered World War II.

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Soon afterward brother Norval (Killer) Ball, nicknamed because of his success as a bantamweight boxer, enlisted in the Army Air Force and became a tail gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber. On January 6, 1943, he was lost in air action over the island of Guadalcanal in the Southwest Pacific; his body never was recovered.

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SERVICE MEN KILLED, WORLD WAR II

(Editor's Note: For the next several weeks, The News-Sentinel will publish articles and photos of Fulton county men who have been killed or died as the result of the current world war. It is the publishers desire that photos and news stories of every service man who made the supreme sacrifice be published and relatives or friends are requested to bring in or mail the photos and information concerning the life of the deceased. Upon completion of the stories a special edition, carrying all of those who died in service of their country will be published.)

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Thursday, June 28, 1945

Norman Paul Thomas

Norman entered service on Aug. 18, 1942, receiving preliminary training at Fort Benjamin Harrison. He was then sent to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., for three months. While there he underwent an operation and came back home for a month's furlough.

From Fort Leonard Wood he was sent to San Luis Obispo, Calif., for eight more months of special training. From California he sailed to the Hawaiian Islands and from there to New Guinea. Later he was sent to the Philippines for the Luzon campaign where he was killed by a Jap in a foxhole. Norman was shot twice in the chest, however, he killed the Jap before he died. He met his death in action on Jan. 13, 1945.

Norman Paul Thomas was born at Delong, Ind., Sept. 18, 1919, and had resided in that community throughout his entire life. He is survived by his wife, the former Anna Belle Baker of Culver, Ind., and two children, Norman William and Jane Ann Thomas.

Robert T. Rose

Capt. Robert T. Rose, the second son of Daniel T. and Reta R. Rose, was born Feb. 2, 1914, at Findley, Ill. Moving to Fulton county, Indiana, in March of 1930, he attended high school at Richland center one year graduating at Rochester High school. In June 1936, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps School of Airplane Mechanic at Rantoul, Ill.

After completing the course, he was assigned to detached service at Army air post command at Chicago Municipal airport. While on duty there, Robert attended Woodrow Wilson college and took entrance examination for Randolph Field. Upon his graduation there in May, 1940, as a second lieutenant, he was assigned patrol duty at Langley Field, Va., flying a P-38 interceptor, and later was stationed at Mitchell Field.

In August, 1940, Lt. Rose was placed on Reserve Officers' list, immediately he got a position as pilot with Eastern Air Lines of Atlanta, Ga., which position he held until being placed again into active service on March 16, 1942.

On June 1, 1941, he was united in marriage to Miss Glades Bertetti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bertetti, at San Antonio, Texas. A daughter, Paula Reta was born to this union March 24, 1942, at Atlanta, Ga., while he was at Miami Beach, Fla., taking a refresher course at an Army air field prior to being sent to India.

May 11, 1942, Lt. Rose was placed in First Ferry Group with the 10th Air Force Transport Command, given a plane to fly to India, accompanied by a crew of co-pilot, navigator, mechanic and a radio man. He spent 20 months flying supplies into China, Assam and Burma, from

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different bases in India, some of which were Agri, New Deli, Karachi and Calcutta. He received his commission as captain in October, 1942.

On Jan. 26, 1944, at Acera, Gobi Coast, Africa, the plane on which Captain Rose and 22 other personnel were returning to the U. S. on a 15-day leave, exploded at a 200-ft. altitude as it was leaving the airport. All aboard lost their lives, so no reason for the accident was known. All were buried with military honors at Acera.

Other survivors are a sister, Miss Virginia Rose, teacher of the fourth grade at Akron; three brothers, Daniel V. Rose, EM 3/c, naval repair base, New Orleans, La., Murpy D. Rose, at home and Marvin E. Rose, Warrant Officer, Army Air Corps, at base in North Ireland; nieces, Doris Ann and Nancy Rose; nephews, Tommy and Carl Rose, and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Roller, Sr., of Crowley, La.

Saturday, June 30, 1945

Raymond Gunter

Raymond Gunter was born May 25, 1926, on a farm northwest of Grass Creek. He received his schooling in the Grass Creek grade and high schools, and during his junior year he and his older sister entered a summer NYA school, taking up machine shop work. Following his graduation from high school he went to South Bend where he worked until time of his call for service.

He entered service on Sept. 20, 1944, and was sent to Fort McClellan, Ala., where he was in Co. C, of the U. S. Infantry. He spent a five-day furlough at home while enroute to Fort George G. Meade. He was at Fort Meade but one day when he received his overseas equipment and given a week-end pass.

Raymond sailed Feb. 10 and was very seasick. In one of his letters he told of hearing his ship fire at an enemy sub which was after them. He passed through Scotland, England and France, and then to Belgium. A short time later he was sent to the front.

Through a pre-arranged plan Raymond let his folks know he was serving with General Hodges' First Army and was in the 36th Armored Infantry Regiment. The family have no details concerning his death other than an official notice that he was "killed instantly while in action," on April 1, 1945. He was buried in Germany with full military honors and with a Protestant chaplain officiating. His parents have received his Purple Heart.

Surviving are his father and mother, Cecil and Ruth Gunter; four brothers, George, Robert, Harold Ray and Richard Dale, and a sister, Marjorie, all at home. Another sister, Mildred, resides at 401 East Third street, Mishawaka, Ind., and a brother, Pfc. Russell L., is now in Antwerp, where he is a guard at the gate of supplies for the Army. Sgt. Virgil E., another of the Gunter brothers, is with the 16th Division of the Third Army. He sailed Feb. 5 and was one of the last groups to go into Germany.

Edward A. Hardin

Edward Augustus Hardin was born Feb. 2, 1902, in Livonia in Washington county. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Hardin, now of Kewanna. He grew up on the farm and attended school in southern Indiana, coming north to Kewanna in 1920 where he clerked in a store until in 1929 when he started working as a mechanic. He and his father opened a filling station and garage in Kewanna.

He was a member of the Methodist church.

Edward enlisted in the Navy Spt. 15, 1942, and was assigned to the Bunker Hill Naval Training Station.

On May 14, 1943, on a training flight, he together with Aviation Cadet Lewis W. Strahley of Drexel Hill, Pa., were instantly killed when their airplane crashed on the west end of the Roy Nutt farm a half mile west of Kewanna. The plane had circled about Kewanna two or three times before the fatal accident occurred.

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Edward Hardin was an aviation machinist mate second class.

He leaves besides the parents, one brother, Colburn S. Hardin, EM 3/c Cincpac Advance Headquarters, Box 8, c/o FPO San Francisco, Calif; two sisters, Mrs. Myrtie Silburn of Kewanna and Mrs. Norma Gunzales of Logansport; five nieces, and one nephew.

Monday, July 2, 1945

Dwight E. Pollock

Private First Class Dwight E. "Jiggs" Pollock, who was born in Elwood, Ind., July 7, 1925, resided a few years in Peru. Later the family moved to Lake Manitou, Rochester, and "Jiggs" started his schooling here in the third grade at Woodrow school, southeast of this city; and there graduated from the grade school. He then attended the Rochester High school until U.S. entry into the World War II.

Private Pollock enjoyed athletics and while in high school he played some basketball and was active in other fields of sports. He was an expert swimmer and diver, and enjoyed skating and sailing on the waters of Lake Manitou where all lake residents learned to know and admire young Pollock.

"Jiggs" entered the U. S. Army Infantry when 18 years of age and was sent to Camp Shelby, Miss., for his basic training. His one and only furlough of seven days was spent here with his parents in April, 1944. In June of the same year he left for overseas duty, landing in Italy. He remained in Italy as a part of the 11th Armored Infantry, Fifth Army, and there met his death from wounds which he received in action on April 19, 1945.

Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Pollock of Ferndale park, Lake Manitou; one brother, Cpl. George E. Pollock, Jr., and one half-sister, Mrs. Thelma Jean Loyd of Elwood.

Guy L. Murfitt

S/Sgt. Guy L. Murfitt, aged 24, succumbed on Jan. 6, 1945, to injuries received on Dec. 25, 1944, during the fighting of the "Battle of the Bulge."

Guy L. Murfitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley E. Murfitt, was born on Sept. 28, 1920, on a farm two and one-half miles north of Leiters Ford where he resided until he entered service. He was graduated from Leiters Ford High school with the class of 1940, and was an active member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Leiters Ford. He was engaged in farming with his father before entering service. On Sept. 6, 1943, he was united in marriage with Donna Castleman.

He was inducted in the Army on July 6, 1942, and with 23 other men left for active duty on July 20, 1942. From Fort Benjamin Harrison he was sent to Camp Forrest, Tenn., as a member of the famous 80th "Blue Ridge" Division. After receiving training at Camp Forrest, Tenn., Camp Phillips, Kas., Camp Leguna, Ariz., and Fort Dix, N.J., he was sent to England on July 1, 1944. Early in August he was sent to France where he saw continuous action as a member of the Third Army. He was acting as mess sergeant for battalion headquarters company of the 317th Infantry. His duties were in a kitchen behind the front lines. He was preparing Christmas dinner for his company when enemy aircraft bombed the kitchen area which at that time was in the vicinity of Lintgen, Luxembourg. Several incendiary bombs were dropped and in the ensuing fire Guy was severely burned. He was immediately rushed to the 104th Evacuation hospital which was at that time situated in the city of Luxembourg. There he received the best of medical treatment but despite this he died on the fifth day of January, 1945.

Sgt. Murfitt was buried at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the following day, Jan. 6, 1945, in the United States military cemetery at Hamm, Luxembourg. His body was given a Christian burial with a Protestant chaplain conducting religious interment services. It is grave 251, row 11, plot 1. His grave is marked with a white cross signifying the burial of a true Christian soldier.

He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the Expert Combat Infantryman Badge, and also was awarded the Purple Heart, posthumously.

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Surviving are the wife; a son, Guy Lawrence; the parents, Mr. and Ms. Charley E. Murfitt of Leiters Ford; a brother, Edward, with the Army in France, and three sisters, Charlotte, Mary and Rosella, all at home.

Tuesday, July 3, 1945

Louis J. Heckathorne

Pfc. Louis J. Heckathorne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Heckathorne, of Fulton, was reported "missing in action" as of Feb. 17, 1945. One week later the parents received word that he had been killed on that day.

Further details disclosed he was fatally wounded by enemy machine gun fire in the battle of "Little Aachen," at Kesternich, Germany. Louis was buried in an American cemetery in Holland with a U. S. Army Protestant chaplain rendering the service. He is survived by his parents and a sister, Ladonna.

Louis was born at South Bend, Ind., on Oct. 1, 1924, and later moved to Fulton county where he grew to manhood. He received all of his schooling at Fulton with the exception of six months in the schools at Mexico, Ind. He graduated from the Fulton High school in the spring of 1942.

Fourteen months after completing his schooling he was inducted into the U. S. Army and took his physical examination on June 3, 1943, and began his training at Fort Benjamin Harrison on June 10, 1943. From there he went to Keesler Field, Miss., for further tests. Later he went to Buffalo, N.Y., for his cadet training and later with many others was transferred from the air corps to the infantry in April, 1944.

Louis received his special combat training at Camp Pickett, Va., and on Oct. 13, 1944, he left the States for overseas service. He landed in England from where he went to France, later to Belgium and into Germany, where he fell in action on Feb. 17, of the current year.

John O. Mikesell

First Lt. John O. Mikesell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Omer H. Mikesell, was killed in action on Aug. 6, 1944, in France. He was an officer with Co. D, 112th Infantry, 28th Division, General Hodges' First Army. The Purple Heart was awarded posthumously to his parents, also a letter of high esteem and commendation. Burial was in an American cemetery No. I near Ste. Lo, France.

The lieutenant entered service July 20, 1942, and was assigned to the 95th Division, Camp Swift, Texas. Determined to push ahead he was soon promoted and Dec. 22, 1942, received appointment to Fort Benning, Ga., officers training camp, where on March 30, 1942, he received his commission of second lieutenant and was assigned to the 97th Division which was then being formed at Camp Swift.

He was with the 97th all through their training period and winter maneuvers during the winter of 1943 and 1944 later locating at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Here he received his promotion to first lieutenant on March 30, 1944, and was then assigned to overseas duty, leaving the U. S. in June of 1944. After six weeks during which time he attended the American school center in England, he was assigned to the 112th Regiment of the 28th Division with which he served with distinction.

Friday, July 6, 1945

Eldon Wendell Abbott

A posthumous award of the Silver Star for Sgt. Eldon W. Abbott was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Abbott of Fulton, Ind., through notification from headquarters of the 79th Infantry Division, U. S. Army, on Aug. 3, 1944, Excerpts from this signal award follow:

"Sgt. Eldon W. Abbott, 35357052, Co. D., 313th Infantry, U. S. Army for gallantry in action in France. On 21 June 1944 the platoon of which Sgt. Abbott was a member was supporting an assault on a series of enemy pillboxes. The area had been cleared, thus affording the enemy

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antitank guns, artillery and machine guns excellent fields of fire. The assault troops were held fast by intense enemy fire and Sgt. Abbott, on his own initiative, advanced across the open field without regard for his own personal safety and organized three machine gun squads and several riflemen into a reinforcement group. With this additional firepower the pressure on the assaulting troops was alleviated and the enemy pillboxes were captured. Sgt. Abbott's achievement in an extremely hazardous action reflects highest credit upon the military forces of the United States. By command of Maj. Gen. Wycke: Kramer Thomas, Colonel, G.S.C., Chief of Staff."

It was in the drive four miles from the city of Cherbourg, on the night of June 23, 1944, that Eldon was killed while in a foxhole with a companion. Sgt. Abbott was buried at the St. Mere Eglise cemetery. Besides the Silver Star he also received the Good Conduct award and the Purple Heart.

Eldon was born July 17, 1920, at Logansport, Ind., and moved with his parents to Fulton in 1922. He spent his early life in the Fulton Grade and High schools and graduated in the class of 1940. His childhood was spent in or near Fulton, part of which time he made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Burton. Later he was employed by the Botke Brakband Corp., of Warsaw, for about a year. Eldon was a member of the Fulton United Brethren church from early childhood.

Sgt. Abbott has a host of friends among the younger people of the county and for three years was a member of the Fulton basketball team.

Raymond Lewis Hartle

Seaman First Class Raymond Lewis Hartle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hartle, was born in Tippecanoe township, Pulaski county, April 23, 1925. He received his entire schooling at Leiters Ford. At the age of 17 years and six months he enlisted in the Navy, Oct. 12, 1942.

He received his boot training at Great Lakes and was sent to Newport News, Va., in November, 1942. In December he was assigned to the USS Birmingham, a newly commissioned ship. He was on duty in the Atlantic until in September, 1943, when his ship was transferred to the Pacific. He was in the invasion of Sicily. Raymond spent three months in Africa, while the ship was in for repairs.

In the Bougainville area his ship was attacked by Jap planes. Even though they got the planes and five Japs their ship was so badly damaged they had to come to the Navy Yard at San Francisco for repairs and while the ship was being repaired the crew were given leaves. Therefore Raymond was home the last time in January, 1944.

His ship went back to Pearl Harbor and from there took part in the warfare in the Philippines. He was killed in the battle for Leyte by an explosion while his ship was on attempted rescue of the Princeton on Oct. 24, 1944. He was 19 years old. He attended Sunday school and church at Mt. Hope church.

He is survived by his parents, five sisters and six brothers.

Wednesday, July 11, 1945

Rolland R. Meyer

Pvt. [Rolland R.] Meyer was first reported as "missing in action" on Jan. 15, 1945, but later this same date was given as the time he was killed by the Germans.

Rolland met his death at Themont, Belgium, while he and others of his company were engaged in taking a hill. The enemy cut him off from his company and every attempt was made to reach him but due to the deep snow and heavy German fire those efforts proved futile. This Fulton county service man is buried in the Newville cemetery, France. Graveside services were conducted by the U. S. Chaplain and the marker bears his name and serial number. He was killed three weeks after he arrived overseas.

Rolland R., son of Mrs. Ollie Breen, 1106 Elm street, this city, was born at Fulton, Ind., on July 25, 1921. He attended both the Fulton and Rochester schools and at the time he entered service he was employed at farm work.

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Pvt. Meyer is survived by his mother and two brothers, Dean [Meyer] and Howard [Meyer]. His father preceded him in death. He was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

Rolland entered the service on June 30, 1944. He received his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala. Rolland spent a short furlough here with friends and relatives on Dec. 9, 1944, and soon after sailed overseas. The last letter was received by his mother on Jan. 12, 1945, and in this he informed her that he had been ill and had been to the doctor four times.

Pvt. Meyer had a host of friends throughout both the Fulton and Rochester communities.

Robert Dee Whybrew

Lt. [Robert Dee] Whybrew died on Nov. 15, 1944, as the result of wounds he received in action in Germany on Nov. 10, 1944. He was serving with General Hodges' army which was among the first to enter on German soil.

Lt. Whybrew's parents received a letter a short time before his death that gave a report of the company's march through Paris after its liberation. His company was the first to enter Paris and the welcome given by the liberated peoples was a most memorable one, the Fulton county officer stated.

Robert Dee, the only son of Chester and Bessie Whybrew, was born on a farm near Green Oak on July 27, 1921. He attended grade school at Fulton and graduated from the Grass Creek high school with high honors in 1939. He was president of his graduating class. Robert, during his school years, was active in both basketball, baseball and other sports. Following his graduation he went to Marion, Ind., where he was employed as an inspector in the Anaconda Wire and Cable Co.

On Dec. 28, 1941, he was united in marriage with Jean Ellen Loucke of Peru. The couple established their home in Marion where they resided until he was called into service. Robert entered the Army on Nov. 5, 1942, and received his training at Camp McClellan, Ala. He was commissioned as a lieutenant at Camp Pickett, Ala., and assigned to Headquarters Co., 109th Infantry.

Lt. Whybrew was sent overseas on Oct. 1, 1943, and was in England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. In addition to his campaign ribbons he was awarded the Purple Heart. He is buried in an American cemetery in Belgium.

Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Whybrew of route 2, Kewanna; his wife, Jean Ellen Whybrew of Peru, and three sisters, Mrs. Wesley Dawson of Chicago, Mrs. Lloyd Dawson and Mrs. Charles Kindig, both of Rochester.

Saturday, July 14, 1945

Devon F. Crabb

[Devon F. Crabb] was killed in action on May 12th, 1944 in the Italian campaign. Although the exact details of how Devon met his death have never been received by his relatives, it was learned he was killed in a battle which was staged near Naples, Italy, soon after the Allies launched their big drive.

Pvt. Crabb was reared in the vicinity of Kewanna. He entered the U. S. army on November 9th, 1942, and had been overseas five months before he met his death. At the time he was inducted into the service of his country Devon was employed at Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Devon F., son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Crabb was born in Kewanna on May 27th, 1921. He was a graduate of the Kewanna U.S. and had a host of friends throughout the western section of the county.

The survivors are his father, Alvah Crabb who resides one and a half miles southeast of Kewanna; three sisters, Mrs. Opal Garner and Mrs. Ersa Sommers, both of Kewanna and Mrs. Thelma ReVeal, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a half-brother, Albert Crabb, of Kewanna and his step-mother. Devon's mother preceded him in death several year ago.

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George Robert Gault

George R. Gault, who was with the Third Army, was wounded in his left arm while his troops were attempting to cross the Mozelle river in France. He was placed on a "peep" struck a mine and everyone on it was killed, instantly. George was buried in France but the relatives have not been advised to the exact location.

George Robert Gault was born in Cass county near Fletchers Lake on December 26th, 1915 and was killed in action in France on September 6th, 1944. His parents are Merritt and Katy Gault. The deceased was a member of the Olive Branch United Brethren church and the Eagles lodge of Rochester.

At the time of his induction, George was employed at North Liberty, Ind., operating a dredging machine. He received his initial training at Camp Wolters, Texas, from where he was transferred to Camp Polk, La., and later was sent to California for desert maneuvers. He received further training at Fort Benning, Ga. and from there went to New York where he embarked for overseas duty.

George was last home on a furlough in May of '44 and shipped out June 6th. He had been in France less than a month before he was killed. The last letters he wrote to his people were dated Sept. 4th and 5th, 1944.

Survivors are two brothers in the service, Sgt. Earl, of Salina, Kans., and Sgt. Elium, of Camp Campbell, Ky.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gault, route 2, Kewanna; a brother, Lloyd of Grass Creek; six sisters, Mrs. Estel Champ, Mrs. Lawrence Siders, Mrs. Laurel Otto, Bessie Gault, all of South Bend and Nellie and Donna at home.

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Omer Eugene McIntyre

This Fulton county service man, namely Staff Sergeant Omer Eugene McIntyre, was killed in action on July 10, 1943. Omer met his death in the North African campaign and saw many months of service in that field of operations.

He was born in Indianapolis on June 13, 1920. Practically all of his life was spent in Hammond, Ind. Omer resided in Rochester, however, for two years, during which time he graduated from the Rochester High school.

He enlisted in the U.S. air force service, signing his entry papers as of July 1, 1941. During his residence in this city Omer made a host of friends among the young people of this community.

Survivors are his wife and daughter Becky Sue; his mother, Mrs. Eva Jane Quackenbush of Los Angeles, Calif., a half-sister, Beth Quackenbush, also of Los Angeles, his father, Omer Ray McIntyre, two half-brothers, a half-sister, all of whom reside in Indianapolis, and his grandmother, Mrs. John Kolthoff, who resides at Lake Manitou.

Clyde L. Lownes

Staff Sergeant Clyde L. Lownes of Fulton, Ind., was born in Kankakee county, Ill., on June 7, 1914. He moved to Fulton with his parents when but two years old. Clyde received his education in the Fulton schools and graduated from the Fulton High school with the class of 1931.

For a few years he was employed on their farm near Fulton and from there he went to Ellensburg, Wash., and worked on a sheep ranch.

He enlisted in the U.S. Air Corps in January 1942, and received his training in various bases throughout the United States. Sgt. Lownes passed away in an army hospital at Pyote, Texas, on March 15, 1943.

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Surviving are his father, 1123 Helm street, Logansport, Ind.; a sister, Mrs. Lucille Gregory, route 3, Logansport; a half-brother, Harvey Hubert, in the U. S. Navy, and a half-sister, Mrs. Marvine Rentschler of Fulton. His mother preceded him in death in 1932.

Thursday, July 19, 1945

Emerson L. Towne

Pvt. Emerson L. Towne, son of Clyde E. and Bessie Towne of route 5, Rochester, was born Sept. 2, 1921, in Rochester. Following three years in the Rochester grade school, the Townes moved to a farm near Talma and Emerson entered the Talma schools, which he attended for a number of years.

At the age of 21, he was inducted into the service of his country and received his initial training at Camp Forrest, Tenn. Upon completion of these instructions he was given a furlough home. On his return he was sent to Camp Phillips, Kas., for a short time, and later was transferred to Arizona for desert maneuvers.

A short time later he went east to Fort Dix, N.J., for six weeks' training. After enjoying a 10-day furlough back home he returned to Fort Dix and was shipped overseas in June of 1944. He arrived in England where he remained for a few weeks and was then taken to France in August.

Private Towne served with the 317th U. S. Infantry in the Third Army under General Patton. He was reported "missing in action" on Sept. 6, 1944, and later reported as killed in action on Oct. 2, 1944. He was buried at St. Lorraine, France serving two years in the service.

He is survived by his parents; five brothers, James, Clyde, Harold, Jack and Vernon, six sisters, Lucille, Evelyn, Marjorie, Catherine, Norma and Mary Towne. Emerson had many friends throughout both Rochester and Talma communities.

Richard E. Long

Capt. Richard E. Long died Oct. 2, 1944 in Maffin, New Guinea, as result of wounds received in action. He was a staff officer in chemical warfare service and had been overseas 15 months at the time of his death.

Captain Long was born in Logansport Dec. 2, 1916. He attended school in Kewanna and graduated from the school of chemical engineering at Purdue university in 1940. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and of the Methodist church of Kewanna. He was employed by the U.S. Rubber Co. in Indianapolis prior to his entry into the Army in February, 1941. While in the service he was stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., Edgewood Arsenal, Md., Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif., and in Hawaii.

Captain Long was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star medal for heroic achievement against the enemy.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Long of Kewanna. His wife, Maryalice, and son Richard E., Jr., reside in Kewanna.

Saturday, July 21, 1945

Wayne Leroy Scott

On December 17, 1944, Pfc. Wayne Leroy Scott was killed in action in Belgium. He was buried in an army cemetery in Belgium. A protestant chaplain officiated at the service. The Purple Heart and his service flag were received posthumously by his brother. A sister, Mrs. Thelma Bruce, and brother, Kenneth Scott and two half-brothers and a half-sister survive.

Wayne Leroy Scott was born in Knox and came to Rochester when a very small boy. He attended the Rochester grade school through the eighth grade.

He worked on the railroad in Elkhart for the consolidated and the New York Central.

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On September 15, 1942 he entered the army and was sent to Camp Rucker, Ala., where he was placed in the ambulance motor company. Fifteen months later he was sent to England.

Robert Harry Dague

Pfc. Robert Harry Dague was born July 29, 1923 in Wayne township, Fulton county, Indiana. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Dague and the youngest brother of Dorothy Fatman of Richmond, Ind., and Cpl. Ivan M. Dague of Air Corps.

He attended grade schools in Grass Creek and Fulton. He attended high school at Metea, graduating in 1941. During his school years and after graduation he was very active in baseball and basketball, excelling in these sports. He also loved hunting.

On February 11, 1943 he entered the army and was sent to Ft. Lewis, Washington, where he was attached to the 44th division 324th Inf. Co. A. While there he played on his companies baseball and basketball teams.

From Fort Lewis he was transferred to Shreveport, La. for maneuvers later going to Salina, Kansas. He received his last furlough from there in May of 1944.

In September 1944, his outfit shipped from Boston and landed on the coast of France. He fought through the winter taking part in the battles of Strasburg. In February 1945 he received his first overseas three-day pass which he spent in Paris.

On April 13th he wrote a last letter to his parents stating he was still okay. On April 14th while his squad was attacking the well-fortified town of Bencheim, Germany, he was hit by rocket of mortar shrapnel and killed instantly. Robert is buried a mile out of Bencheim in a U.S. military cemetery. The location Plot L, Row 10 grave 1609.

Tuesday, July 24, 1945

Harold B. Thornburg

Lt. Harold B. Thornburg was born Jan. 10, 1911, in Rochester, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Harvey D. Thornburg, Los Angeles, Calif.

He was a member of the First Baptist church of Rochester, a member of the local Boy Scouts and attended local public schools until 16 years of age. Due to ill health he went to Holtville, Calif., where he lived. He attended the university of California at Los Angeles, and won sergeant's stripes in the home guard. Harold was married to Katie V. Harris on Feb. 11, 1934. Three children, Leland Howard, Harvey Lawrence, and Lora Jane whom he never saw, survive. Mrs. Thornburg and the children are living in San Pedro, Calif., at the present time. Lt. Thornburg graduated from the school of Medicine at the University of South California in June, 1940. In July, 1940, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy and was ordered to Bremerton, Wash., where he spent a year in the naval hospital.

He was in the Marine recruiting office at Seattle, Wash., for some time and while there he took up flying. He won his wings, was commissioned as a lieutenant, and in October, 1942, reported for duty as a flight surgeon on an aircraft carrier.

Lt. Thornburg was in the battles of Tarawa, Guadalcanal, New Hebrides, Marshalls, Kwajelein, Eniwatok, Atipe, Hollandia, Guam, Saipan, Garapau and Halmahera.

His plane was the first to land on Guam.

On a dangerous mission over Halmahara the plane was hit by enemy antiaircraft and the pilot wounded. Lt. Thornburg gave the crewmen instructions to bail out and went to help the pilot. The plane crashed into the ocean and took his life. He was awarded the Silver Star medal and citation posthumously.

Merle Hunt

Pfc. Merle Hunt, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hunt of Grass Creek, was killed in the Philippines. His survivors here received a letter from officers of his company, excerpts of which are herewith published:

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“When the fatal news was received concerning Merle’s death, the hardest among us wept. We had lost a personal friend, an excellent worker and a very fine man. Your son was caught in a surprise enemy artillery barrage when the company was making its way forward to support the infantry.

“Several members of the company suffered the same fate. Your son came to his end instantly without suffering; the date being the 19th of November, 1944, at Colaisian Point, Leyte Province, Philippine Islands. He was buried with full military honors at the U.S. Army military cemetery on Carigara Island. Those who were able attended the services, others since have paid their respects to his grave.”

From the commanding officer, the parents have received the Purple Heart medal.

Merle was born Sept. 21, 1922, near Francesville. He was employed by the Pennsylvania railroad before entering the service. He entered service Dec. 26, 1942. He attended high school in Grass Creek and received his training at Camp Hood, Texas. Merle was home on furlough before going overseas last June. The last letter from him was dated Nov. 16. He is survived by the parents, two sisters and three brothers.

Wednesday, July 25, 1945

Arthur E. Wentzel

Lt. Arthur E. Wentzel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Wentzel, route 4, Rochester, was born Nov. 17, 1913, near Monterey, Ind. He graduated from Leiters Ford high school in 1936 and attended Indiana university for three years where he sang in the university glee club and was a member of the Newman club.

On Sept. 6, 1940, Arthur enlisted in the air corps as a flying cadet. After completing three months primary training at Lincoln, Neb., he entered the West Point of the Air at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas, where on April 25, 1941, he received his wings and was commissioned a second lieutenant at Brooke Field, Texas.

Lt. Wentzel was sent to Langley Field, Va., where he checked out on various bombers. Later he was sent to Patterson Field, Ohio, where he checked out on the Martin B-26 Marauder bomber. Arthur was assigned to the 2nd Squadron of the 22nd Bombardment Group. The first squadron left for patrol duty along the west coast. Their bases were at Muroc Lake, Calif., in the Mohave desert, and March Field. In February, 1942, they left for Hawaii for patrol duty.

On April 12, 1942, the squadron landed in Brisbane, Australia, after flying 4,300 miles (nautical) in a little over 19 hours flying time. They stopped to refuel at four islands on the way. From Brisbane the group moved up to their base near Taronsville along Reid river. They built their own quarters and runway for their planes from logs. The only foodstuffs they had for the first few weeks were rations they had stored in their planes.

April 18, 1942, his flight group bombed Rabaul harbor, where Jap ships were organizing for the Coral Sea battle. Arthur’s plane was credited with sinking a Jap ship. Although the plane was badly damaged he flew it back to Port Moresby, where he stayed behind to make repairs before returning to the base in Australia.

On April 21, 1942, Lt. Wentzel and his crew were ordered to their Australian base because the plane had been so badly damaged the radio was not working and it was impossible to radio their position to the base.

Later it was learned that the plane crashed in the Coral Sea about 15 miles off the Australian coast and only 25 miles from base. The only survivor is believed to be an Australian newspaperman who had accompanied Wentzel’s crew on the raid. Lt. Carl Hansing of Elkhart, Ind., was the navigator on the plane.

Lt. Wentzel was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Wentzel; his sisters are Mrs. Virgil Parker of North Judson, Ind., Mrs. Joe Brugh of Rochester, Kathryn, Dorothy Ann, Mary Alice and Patty Lou, living at home, route 4, Rochester.

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Lt. Wentzel received the Purple Heart, the President's citation and an overseas ribbon posthumously. Lieut. Wentzel was a member of the St. Anna's Catholic church of Monterey.

Raymond R. Jones

Pvt. Raymond R. Jones entered service on April 12, 1944, and received the first four months of his training as a chauffeur in the infantry at Camp Hood, Texas.

When this training was completed he was sent to Fort Meade, Md., and then to Camp Shelby, Miss., where he was assigned to the 69th Infantry Division for further training. Here he spent 30 days on maneuvers and it was at this time that he began failing in health. He was then taken from the infantry and sent to Keesler Field, Miss., and then to Lincoln, Neb., for reassignment. In December, 1944, he was sent to McCook Army Air Field as a mechanic at the base unit of the 2nd Air Corps.

On Feb. 14, 1945, he was called home on emergency furlough and was unable to return because of his physical condition. On Feb. 22 he entered the hospital at Bunker Hill air base. From there he was removed to Billings General hospital, Indianapolis, and then to Wakeman hospital, Camp Atterbury, Ind., where he underwent an operation for removal of tumors of the brain.

Two weeks after the operation was performed he was removed by transport plane to Perry Jones hospital, Battle Creek, Mich., where he remained until his death on May 21, 1945.

Raymond was born in Fulton county and lived nearly his entire life in and near Rochester. He was employed by the U. S. Rubber Co. at Mishawaka, Ind., for three years prior to his entrance into the service. He is survived by his wife, the former Arvada Barnes, five sons, Jimmie and Jackie, who are twins, Kenneth, Ronald and Donald; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones of Rochester; one sister, Mrs. Mary Ellen Mikesell, and a brother, Robert.

Friday, July 27, 1945

Howard W. Hoge

Pfc. Howard W. Hoge was born in Argos, Ind., January 24, 1923. The family moved to Rochester, Ind. when Howard was two years old. He attended the Presbyterian church, the Burton grade school and Rochester high school. He was enthusiastic about basketball while still in the grades and became a member of the high school squad. Howard belonged to the Hi-Y.

During his senior year he developed asthma and dropped out of school because of his poor health. After which he went to Colorado and Arizona returning home during the summer months.

He was inducted into the army at Ft. MacArthur, Calif., March 27, 1943 and was in training in the states some over a year. Stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, in La., Fr. Breckenridge, Ky., and Ft. Meade, Md.

Howard declined limitd service and went overseas the first part of June 1944, served in the infantry and was killed in action August 12, 1944 in Normandy, France. He was 21 years old, was buried in a U. S. military cemetery in Normandy having a service conducted by a Protestant chaplain. The purple heart was awarded postmously.

Howard Wilfred Hoge was the son of Lewis and Elizabeth Hoge and the ounge of six children. A sister died in infancy and his father died in 1929. Survivors ar the mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Hoge, two brothers, Paul in the U. S. Army and Harold of this city, two sisters, Martha Hoge and Mrs. Ted Zumffe.

William C. Willard

Pfc. William C. Willard was born December 7, 1924 at Rochester, Ind., the son of Daniel and Ethel Mae Willard of East 8th street. He attended the Woodrow and Columbia grade schools and the Rochester high school where he majored in shopwork, mathematics and mechanical drawing. He was a member of the graduating class of 1942.

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William received his basic training at Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas after entering service March 19, 1943. Upon the completion of his basis training he passed the examination for specialized training and was sent to the Oklahoma College at Stillwater, Oklahoma. Later he was sent to Bradley Poly Tech. College at Peoria, Ill., to complete a course in engineering. He was then transferred to Camp White, Oregon and was assigned to Co. A 382 Infantry, 96 Division (known as the Bradley Raiders) here he took land, sea and air training. During their training period they went to Pearl Harbor and returned to San Francisco, Calif., for a 15-day leave of absence.

He left Rochester on July 5, 1944 for Camp Beale in Calif., and was sent to the Palau Islands on patrol duty aboard a ship.

He was in the first invasion of Leyte Islands in the Philippine Islands last October 20th.

He was reported missing in action on November 3, 1944 and later reported killed in action on November 4, 1944.

Besides the parents he leaves two brothers, James J. and Dorney E. and a sister Wanda Kay all at home.

Tuesday, July 31, 1945

Norman K. McColley

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson McColley of Akron, [are parents of Norman K. McColley, Akron, who] was reported missing in action Dec. 11, 1944, and afterwards reported killed on that day. He entered the Army Dec. 15, 1943, and took his training at Fort McClellan, Ala.

Norman was sent overseas in June and was in the First Army. He participated in the Battle of St. Lo and was awarded the Expert Infantryman's Badge for the battle of Brest. He was buried in Belgium in the Protestant cemetery.

Norman was born near Disko, Ind., Aug. 17, 1919, and attended at Laketon till he moved to Kewanna and graduated from the Kewanna high school in 1937. A year later he accepted a position at the South Bend Lathe Works.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanette, and a son, Thomas, who reside in South Bend; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson McColley of Akron; two sisters, Ruth Mae at home and Mrs. Helen Wentzel of Griffith, and one brother, Herman of Kewanna.

Louis D. Ball

Louis D. Ball was inducted into the service at Camp Perry, Ohio, in October, 1942, and was sent to Tyndall Field, Panama City, Fla., for training. From there he trained at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., and at Pocatello, Idaho. He was sent overseas in August, 1942, as a tail gunner on a B-24 bomber.

On Oct. 18, 1943 the men aboard his bomber were forced to bail out over the jungles of New Guinea. Four of the crew, including Louis, were lost in the jungles for 11 days, after which time they came upon a native village, and through a Catholic missionary there they were returned to their base.

On Easter Sunday, April 9, 1944, their bomber received a direct hit while on a mission, and from buddies in that area the report came that the ship exploded in the air. Although Catalina flying boats searched for several hours, there was never any trace of any survivors from the plane.

Surviving Louis are his mother, Reatha M. Ball; his sister, Willodean Ball, both of Akron; a brother, Barton Ball of South Bend; a brother Robert Lee Ball of Rochester, and a brother, T/Sgt. Hovey James Ball of the U. S. Air Corps, now stationed at Tyndall Field, Panama City, Fla. Another brother, Pvt. Norval J. Ball, also of the Air Corps, was reported missing in action on Jan. 6, 1943, and no further information has been received on his status other than he is still listed as missing in action.

Louis Darvell Ball was born in Rochester, Dec. 11, 1918. His parents were Norval G. Ball and Reatha M. Ball.

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After receiving his education at the Rochester city schools, he went to Chicago, Ill., where he was employed. At the time of his induction into the U.S. Army he was employed by Buick Motor Division, Chicago.

Thursday, August 2, 1945

Wayne Leroy Scott

Pfc. Wayne Leroy Scott was born at Bass Lake, Ind., on April 6, 1922, resided there a few years with his parents and later moved to Rochester as a small boy and attended the Columbia grade school.

He was employed by Armour's creamery before entering the army in September 15, 1942. He took his basic training at Camp Rucker, Ala.

Wayne was sent to Germany in December of 1942 and was killed on the Belgium front in December 17, 1944. He had a Protestant burial and was laid in the Belgium Memorial cemetery.

His survivors are one sister, Mrs. Thelma Bruce of Walkerton, Ind., and one brother, Kenneth Scott, of Hammond.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frances Scott, who preceded him in death.

Chester Ernest Freel

Chester Ernest Freel was born August 13, 1915 at Kewanna, Ind. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Crane Freel, deceased. Chester attended grade school at Kewanna and graduated from Monterey high school in 1935. He was active in basketball and softball.

Chester was employed in V. E. Fallman's general store from 1935 to June of 1940. He went to Marine City, Mich. on June 4, 1930 and was employed at Maryville, Mich. in the Chrysler plant until March of 1941. On March 21, 1941 he was married to Miss Hazel Crane of Winamac, and on March 25, 1941 he entered the services of his country.

Chester was inducted at Camp Grant, Ill. and was sent to Ft. Custer, Mich. for basic training and was promoted to Pfc. before leaving in May of 1941 for Camp Robinson, Ark. In July he returned to Ft. Custer and was appointed company mechanic. January of 1942 he was sent to Ft. Dix, N.Y. and from there to Ft. McArthur, Iceland where he served for 16 months and was promoted to a Tech 5th grade.

In July 1943 he with 14 other men from his company were selected for staff sergeants. He was then returned to the states and was stationed at Camp Atterbury and Ft. Leonard Wood, with the 75th division. In January of 1944 he was sent to Ft. George G. Meade, Ky. and on to North Africa as a replacement to the "Red Bull" division.

During May of 1944 he went to Italy and took part in the drive from the Anzio Beachhead.

He was commissioned January 17, 1945 in the field to rank of 2nd lieutenant. On March 7, 1945 he was supervising in the landing of a mule train which carried ammunition and food to the front lines when a heavy caliber artillery shell burst near him. A fragment of the shell went into his chest and came out his back. He was rushed to a first aid station and later to an evacuation hospital but died soon after he reached the hospital.

Lt. Freel was buried in an American Military cemetery with full military honors. Survivors are the wife, a son whom he never saw, five brothers, Basil, Charles, William, Dale and Marvin.

Thursday, August 16, 1945

Jack D. Beall

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Sgt. Jack D. Beall was killed in action on Oct. 1, 1943 when the B-17 bomber on which he was a gunner was shot down over Leghorn, Italy during a raid. The crew at that time was based in Africa and had seen much action during the Italian campaign.

Sgt. Beall was born in LaPorte, Ind., March 3, 1916 where he attended school, graduating from high school in 1933. He enlisted in the Army in 1935 and served one enlistment during which time he participated in the Army maneuvers and tactical practice held in Michigan in 1936. Later he was associated with his brothers, Ancil and Thayne in the tire business in Rochester.

Jack enlisted in the Air Corps in January 1941 and received training at Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill., several Fields in Texas and graduated from Harlingen Texas Army Gunnery School in August 1942. He went overseas in May 1943 and was stationed at various bases during the African campaign and up to the time of his death. Sgt. Beall is buried in the United States Military cemetery at Vada, Italy. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Beall, Howe, Ind., three broters, Ancil, Rochester, Ind., Thayne, Kokomo, Ind. and Ray of Oakland, California, and one sister, Mrs. R. H. Williams of Los Angeles, Calif.

Ralph J. Potter

Lt. Ralph Jay Potter, Jr., was an officer with the Japanese-American troops in Italy. He was reported "missing in action" on Aug. 23, 1944, and no additional information concerning him was received until April, 1945. He died in a German prison hospital Aug. 27, 1944, from wounds received on the day of his capture, Aug. 23, 1944.

Lt. Potter entered the Army on March 14, 1941, and received his basic training at Camp Walters, Texas. In the summer of '41 he joined the 9th Infantry at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. With the 9th he participated in the Louisiana maneuvers of '41 and '42, and as this outfit was being used for experimental purposes, he was part of the first "Airborne Army." Later he was sent to officers' candidate school at Fort Benning, Ga., and graduated from there Feb. 11, 1943.

At Camp Shelby, Miss., he met for the first time the Nusi troops that he was later to fight and die with; an outfit made up of loyal Japanese-American volunteers from the Hawaiian Islands, and the U.S. In the spring of '44, Lt. Potter landed in Italy, with the 442nd Infantry Division, sent to replace another Nusi division, the 100th. This outfit has been much publicised and sometimes called the "Purple Heart battalion."

Lt. Potter is survived by his wife, Pvt. Anna Marie Potter, WAC, his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jay Potter, Sr.; a brother, Don Hollis Potter, RDM 2/c, serving in the Pacific, and four sisters, Patricia Potter, Mrs. Richard B. Young, Mrs. Robert Dale Jagger, and Mrs. Louis S. Eggert.

Saturday, August 18, 1945

Leland Reynolds

Lt. Leland Reynolds, 46, son of S. C. Reynolds, 1116 Bancroft, met death Jan. 16, 1943, in a crash near Clinton, Illinois, during a flight from his base in Hondu, Texas.

"Irish," as he was familiarly known to a host of friends, was a veteran of World War I, where he served with distinction to both his country and to himself. His discharge certified that he was with the U. S. Marines from July 28, 1918 until August 12, 1919.

Following the peace of 1918, he took up flying and worked until the outbreak of the present conflict, when in an intrepid spirit of adventure, he joined the Canadian Royal Airforce, where he served for many months as a transport pilot, flying planes from American factories to Canadian fields.

When America entered the war he immediately requested transfer to the AAF and on the 24th day of May 1942, was honorably discharged from the Canadian Airforce to accept commission in the American Corps. His Canadian discharge shows that during his service there, he was stationed at Toronto, Picton, Rockcliffe and MacDonald fields.

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His record shows that he left Hondu, (Texas) Field on the night of January 15, 1943 on a routine test flight, enroute to a Northern destination. Over Clinton, Illinois his plane developed engine trouble during a bad storm. Forced down, he crashed his ship in a fatal accident, after a flying record of unusual duration and success up to that time.

Herbert Clifford Gray

Herbert Clifford Gray was born June 21, 1920, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Moyer Gray of Peru, Ind. When he was six years old, the parents with nine children moved to Akron where Clifford started to school, at the Akron grade school. When he was in the second year at Akron he quit to start working for Ford Johnson in his milk plant at Rochester. At the time he entered service he was employed at the American Fork and Hoe Co., at Akron.

Herbert was united in marriage to Miss Wilma Holloway of Rochester in 1941. They established their home in Rochester and a son Dennis Deane was born before [Herbert] entered the army.

Herbert became a private in the army in the fall of 1942 at Camp Forrest, Tenn. He received his training at several different camps and embarked for overseas duty in the spring of 1944. He was killed in action Sept. 16, 1944.

Surviving besides the wife and son, are his mother, Mrs. Gertrude GRAY of Akron, and the following brothers and sisters: Orville of Plymouth, Sgt. Edward Gray, in the air corps at Washington, D.C., Robert of Akron, John of Rochester, Mrs. Jack Benner, of San Francisco, Calif., Mrs. Athur Loise, of South Bend, Vivian and Lois of Akron and Apprentice Seaman Garland Gray of Sampson, N.Y.

Tuesday, August 28, 1945

Raymond W. Wise

Corporal Raymond W. Wise was born Sept. 13, 1922, at Denver, Ind. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Galen Wise of South Bend, Ind. Raymond attended grade school at Metea and Delong, Ind. He graduated from Leiters Ford high school in 1941. He was employed at the Ball Band Rubber Co., in Mishawaka before entering the Army Dec. 8, 1942.

Raymond was inducted at Camp Perry, Ohio, and was sent to Camp Van Dorn, Miss., for his basic training and later received training at Camp Maxey, Texas.

He was promoted to technician fifth grade before leaving Camp Maxey Sept. 12, 1944, for New York, the port of embarkation. After leaving New York he landed in England Oct. 11, 1944. He spent some time in Liverpool and London and in Belgium. He was also in Viners for several weeks. Raymond was in the 99th Division of the First Army under General Hodges. He was in the "Battle of the Bulge" in Belgium and on into Germany.

Raymond was awarded the combat infantryman badge.

On April 17, near the town of Tohr, Germany, they were driving along in convoy with jeeps at night. They stopped for a rest, they were so dead-tired. In a letter from a chaplain he stated: "A German plane swooped down and machine-gunned them. The wounded were picked up and taken to a barn for first aid.

"Raymond was the only one that paid the supreme sacrifice. He was killed instantly."

Corporal Wise was buried in Ittenback, Germany, about 10 miles southeast of Bonn. He was buried with full military honors.

Survivors are his parents, one brother, Wayne, and one sister, Mrs. Charles Apple of South Bend.

Oscar Milton Corsaut

Lt. Oscar Milton Corsaut was born March 20, 1918, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corsaut of Kewanna, Ind. He attended Kewanna school for 12 years and played basketball all four years in high school. He was captain of the team the last two years.

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Oscar graduated from Kewanna high school in April, 1936, and enlisted in the Marines May 4, 1936. He trained at the Marine base at San Diego, Calif., and from there he was shipped to the Hawaiian Island and from there to Midway, Wake, Marshall, Guam and the Philippines. While serving in the Philippines he played with the Marine tennis team and held the championship title for two years. He was awarded two tennis trophies.

From the Philippines he was sent to Shanghai, China. After serving four years in the South Pacific he was shipped back to the U.S.A. via the Panama Canal. Later he was transferred to the Marine base in Portsmouth, N.H.

While he was stationed at Portsmouth he married Victoria E. Tessler of Rochester, N.H., on April 20, 1940. He was discharged from the Marines on May 5, 1940. He attended the University of New Hampshire at Durban, N.H., and took up welding engineering. After completing this course he was employed at the Portsmouth Navy Yard.

Oscar enlisted in the Army Oct. 14, 1942, trained at Camp Crof, S.C., and Fort Benning, Ga. He was commissioned a second lieutenant on June 2, 1943.

A son was born to Lt. and Mrs. Corsaut on April 5, 1944 at Fort Benning, Ga. He was named Ronald James Corsaut.

Lt. Corsaut was shipped overseas June 20, 1944, and served with an infantry regiment in the fight across France and into Germany. He fought with General Hodges' First Army which made the crossing of the Roer and Rhine rivers.

Oscar was slightly wounded in March, then severely wounded April 4. He received a severe head wound and fractured skull which later was complicated by meningitis. He died of his wounds in England, April 26, 1945.

Lt. Corsaut was awarded the Purple Heart, Silver Star, Expert Combat Infantryman Medal, and made a first lieutenant.

He is survived by his wife and son; his parents; two brothers, Robert, stationed in Puerto Rico, and Delbert, just discharged after serving three years in the South Pacific, and three sisters, Mrs. Bernard Carpenter, Mrs. Dick Smith of South Bend and Mary Kay Corsaut of Kewanna, Ind.

Saturday, September 8, 1945

Kenneth E. Craig

Pvt. Kenneth E. Craig, formerly of Rochester, died of wounds which he received while on reconnaissance patrol in Germany, February 17th, 1945.

Kenneth entered the service on March 16th, 1944 and received his basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas.

Kenneth E. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Craig, of Plymouth, Ind. Besides his parents he leaves three brothers, Robert, who is serving with SeaBees in Rhode Island, Norman and Richard at home and also two sisters, Joann and Sandra at home.

Joseph E. Gilbert

Lt. Joseph E. Gilbert of the U.S.N., was killed in action on December 7th, 1944 when a Jap suicide plane crashed on his boat during the invasion of Ormoc Bay. Ensign Gilbert was buried at the U. S. Army Field cemetery at Tacloban, Leyte. He received posthumously the Purple Heart and the Asiatic-Pacific Area campaign medal.

Joseph E., son of Everett and Florence Gilbert was born Sept. 24th, 1917 at Springfield, Mo., and moved with his parents to Rochester in 1923. "Joe," as he was familiarly known to a host of Rochester young people, graduated from the Rochester H. S. and later graduated from the School of Pharmacy at Purdue University.

While attending school he was employed in his father's drug store, this city, and also worked with Oden Barger at Lake Manitou during the summer months. "Joe" received his private pilot's license from Purdue University. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy Feb. 6th, 1942 as a pharmacist mate and was stationed at the Great Lakes and later at the Glenview Naval air station.

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He received his appointment to the Midshipman's School on Jan. 22nd, 1943 and reported to the Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School at Northwestern University. "Joe" received his appointment to the rank of Ensign on April 23rd, 1943 and was given temporary training aboard a submarine chaser at Miami, Fla. Later he attended the Fleetbound School at Key West, Fla.

Completing his training there he was assigned to the USS Liddle at Charleston, S.C., and was in convoy duty in the Atlantic and Mediterranean for a period of seven months. Following this service he received a promotion to Lieutenant J.G. on July 1st, 1944

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Judy (Gordon) Gilbert, baby daughter Henrietta Ann; his father, Everett Gilbert and a sister Lucy Gilbert, all of this city. Lt. Gilbert was a member of the Rochester Methodist church.

Tuesday, September 18, 1945

Robert A. Robbins

Before entering service, Robert A. Robbins was employed as an airplane engine inspector at the Bendix plant, South Bend, Ind. He was inducted into the Army on September 17th, 1941 at Ft. Custer, Mich. Later he was assigned to the quartermaster corps at Fort Frances F. Warren, Wyoming, where he received his basic training. ----- [page missing] -----.

Wendell Emerson Sedam

Pvt. Wendell Emerson Sedam, of South Bend, Ind., former Fulton county youth was killed in action in Belgium on December 29th, 1944.

Wendell was serving with the U.S. Anti-Aircraft Airborne Division (82nd All-American Division).

Pfc. Sedam won his wings and boots at Ft. Benning, Ga., on Jan. 15th, 1944. He sailed for foreign ----- [page missing] -----.

Saturday, September 22, 1945

Frank A. Kralis

Lt. Frank A. Kralis, of Indiana University, '44, who wrote to his parents in LaPorte, on November 4th, 1944 from France that he was preparing to lead his platoon over the top to clear out a strong point held by the Germans, was killed in action on November 14th, 1944.

An expert M-1 rifleman, he held ten medals for expert work, a Presidential Citation as well as the Purple Heart. Frank enlisted in November, 1942 and was called into service the following May. He received his basic training at Camp Croft, S.C. and then returned to the Indiana campus, Bloomington, Ind. for Army specialized training program work.

From this training he was sent to Ft. Benning O.C.S. from which he graduated in April, 1944. Short service at Camp Hood, Texas, completed his training and he embarked for overseas duty in July, 1944.

At the time he left the I. U. campus he was a junior. Frank was a member of the Board of Aeons, Union Board personnel committee, Junior prom committee, the Indiana Independent Students Association, executive board and social chairman, Folia (literary magazine) and publicity committee, Der Deutsche Verein (German club), the Flame club, YMCA and the Kappa Kappa Psi (band fraternity) all of Indiana university.

Lt. Kralis was a graduate of the Rochester H. S. and resided in Rochester with his parents for several years. Following his graduation at the local high school Frank was employed as city reporter on The News-Sentinel for a brief period.

Besides his parents he leaves one brother, Dan Kralis, geologist, who resides at Craig, Colorado.

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Ora R. Bolinger

Pfc. Ora R. Bolinger was killed in action in the "Battle of the Bulge" on January 14th, 1945 near Long Camps, Belgium. He was buried in the United States military cemetery at Grand Failley, near Longenpon, France.

The Purple Heart was awarded Ora, posthumously. He is survived by his parents, one brother Edward, two sisters, Esther and Doris, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Oyler and grandmother, Mrs. Flora Bolinger, of South Whitley and other relatives and a legion of friends.

Ora R., son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Bolinger, of Argos, Ind., was born Sept. 15th, 1924 in Blue Island, Cook county, Illinois. He attended schools in Villa Park, Ill., until 1936, when he with his parents moved to a farm four miles south of Argos. He attended the Walnut Twp. consolidated schools and graduated from the Argos high school in 1942.

During his high school years he made an enviable record in track and softball activities. Ora also took an active part in the high school band, Hi-Y club, 4-H club, Boy Scouts organization and young people work in the church.

While attending the International College of Business and Finance at Ft. Wayne, he was inducted into the U.S. armed forces on April 12th, 1943. He received his basic training as a medical clerk in the army air corps at Kearnam, Utah. Later he transferred to the army specialized training where he studied engineering at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, and at Washington State college, Pullman, Wash.

When the A. S. & P. was disbanded March 1st, 1944, he was sent to Camp Cooke, Calif., for infantry training and was shipped overseas in September 1941. Pfc. Bolinger was a member of Co. B, 65th armored Infantry Battalion, 11th Armored Division with Gen. Patton's Third Army.

Saturday, October 6, 1945

Earl L. Townsend

Earl Lawrence "Larry" Townsend attended Rochester high school when his family resided on their farm in the Burton community west of town. After the family moved to Cutler, Ind., he attended and graduated from Cutler high school. He attended Manchester college one year and was a sophomore at Purdue University when he enlisted in the air corps Feb. 1943. After training in numerous camps about the U. S., Larry received his wings and commission at Spence Field, Georgia, March 12, 1944.

After having been assigned as an instructor, he requested overseas duty and was sent to Richmond, Va., when he received intensive Thunderbolt and gunnery training at Norfolk, Va., before being sent overseas. He left on Christmas day, 1944, and was based in England after January, 1945.

Lt. Townsend lost his life March 14, 1945 after a hard fight with German jet planes over the Continent. With a faulty motor he was attempting to reach his base when he was forced to bail out over the English Channel. His parachute never opened as his friends and Squadron leader stated that he probably struck some part of the plane as they have a reputation for being difficult to get rid of. His body was never recovered by all reports. He would have been 21 on March 18th, 1945.

Lt. Townsend was a member of the Burton Methodist church.

His parents at Cutler and two sisters survive, Barbara, at home, and Mrs. Irene Robison of Indianapolis. The parents received his Purple Heart decoration following his death.

Saturday, November 10, 1945

Norman A. Baldwin, Jr.

From a co-pilot, sole survivor of a burning plane crash over Groesbeck, Holland on Sept. 17, 1944, when he was reported missing in action, Mrs. Clara Mae Baldwin of this city has learned the

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details of the tragic death of her husband, Lt. Norman A Baldwin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Baldwin of Rochester, former residents of Newcastle township.

Lt. Baldwin, a troop carrier pilot held the DFC and the Air Medal with four clusters.

Mrs. Baldwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Crawford of Avoca, has received a posthumous award of the Purple Heart. A son, Norman III, born after his father had been overseas a few weeks, also survives.

Co-Pilot's Story

From Burt Squires, her husband's co-pilot, Mrs. Baldwin has learned that his C-47 was taking paratroopers to be unloaded near Groesbeck, Holland, when it was set on fire by flak.

"There was so much flak smoke in the cockpit," Squires said, "we had to open the windows to see how to fly. This caused a suction which drew the fire to the cockpit. Baldwin was telling me what to do and when I leaned back to tell the paratroopers to jump, flak passed directly where my head had been.

I was burning and screaming and I tried to knock myself out so I could die in peace, but I didn't pass out. Baldwin told me how to get out of my flak jacket and get through a small window in the plane when it landed. The landing was rough. I'm sure Baldwin brought the ship in, as I did not. I got my jacket off and crawled through the window and into a ditch. The plane was burning and no one else got out. I owe my life to Norman and he certainly died a hero--a wonderful pilot."

Ora R. Bolinger

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When the A.S.&P. was disbanded March 1st, 1944 he was sent to Camp Cooke, Calif., for infantry training and was shipped overseas in September 1944. Pfc. Bolinger was a member of Co. B., 55th Armored Infantry Battalion, 11th Armored Division with Gen. Patton's Third Army.

Tuesday, November 27, 1945

Theodore William Myers

Motor Machinist Mate 1/c Theodore William Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin L. Myers, west of Rochester, died from wounds received in action on June 9, 1944 in a base hospital, Portsmouth, England.

"Ted" as he was more familiarly known to his friends had participated in D-Day invasion in Normandy without receiving a scratch. He returned to England on the 7th and wrote his parents he was "O.K." His boat reloaded and started back for the Normandy beachhead on June 8th. Myers

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was on duty from 12 midnight to 4 a.m. When they were within 20 miles of the coast of Cherbourg they were attacked by a German torpedo boat and hit at 2:30 a.m.

Their ship was damaged in such a manner they were forced to abandon it. Before they left the ship officers went down to the engine room where they found it had killed two of Myers' buddies and Ted was sitting at a table. He was found to be critically wounded and was placed in a lifeboat. About three hours later he was picked up by a British destroyer and later removed to the hospital in Portsmouth. It was revealed he had suffered a fractured skull and triple fractures of his left arm. He lapsed into unconsciousness and passed away at six o'clock that evening. He was buried in Surrey county, Brookwood, England.

Theodore William Myers, was born April 7, 1917 at the Myers farm home, route 1, Rochester. He started his schooling at the Russell school building. In 1926 he was transferred to the Munger school and in '26 to the Bruce Lake school and later in the Kewanna school. He made excellent grades and was on the honor roll in the Kewanna High School. His favorite sports were baseball, hunting and swimming.

He engaged in farming for Rude Brooker for four years and enlisted in the U. S. Navy on May 1942. He graduated Sept. 11 at the Naval Training School, Chicago. In October of that year he was sent to a Diesel School at Brooklin Village, near Cleveland, Ohio. Later he trained at Norfolk navy yard and was assigned to an amphibious group. Further training and service was received at the Solomons Branch, Washington, D.C. In April his LST 376 was launched and loaded for overseas duty. He arrived at Oran, North Africa May 5th, 1943. Ted participated in the invasion of Sicily, Salerno and on Feb. 7th of the following year was sent to England to prepare for the Normandy invasion. He was the recipient of the European theatre of war ribbon and the American theatre of war ribbon with four gold stars and one silver star.

The survivors are his parnts, Irvin L. Myers and Carrie (Olsen) Myers; one brother, T/4 Ray F. Myers, who had served 19 months overseas; last stationed at Nuernberg, Germany; his grandmothers, Mrs. T. C. Olsen, of Rochestrer and Mrs. Lucy A. Myers, and a host of relatives and friends.

THOMAS ELWOOD HUNT, OUR MYSTERIOUS P.O.W.

Considered Comment

Jack K. Overmyer

With a little help from my friends. I've identified the mysterious Tom Hunt of Rochester. His name and hometown turned up recently in a book about World War II that Charlie Fear brought to my attention before donating it to the county library.

The book was an account of the infamous Bataan Death March in the Philippines at the beginning of World War II, when the Japanese marched captured U.S. soldiers 60 miles to prison under savage treatment. Of the 75,000 men who started, 12,000 of them Americans, as many as 10,000 died. The book also included details of the survivors' subsequent inhumane treatment at the prison camps. It was written by a soldier who lived through the ordeals that cost the life of Fear's brother Delbert.

Hunt was mentioned in the text as a member of a prison work detail. His name is not included on the county's World War II dead and his Rochester connection could not immediately be established. Here, however, is his story:

Thomas Elwood Hunt lived for a time in Rochester during the late 1920s and early 1930s on South Main Street with his mother, Bertha Neighbor, and her second husband. Bertha was a well-known local antique dealer and the Neighbors had two children of their own, Jean and Robert. Tom's relationship with his stepfather proved unsatisfactory, however, and later he went to live with other relatives in Santa Fe, N.M.

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From there he enlisted in the Army Air Corps, became a lieutenant and was stationed at Clark Field near Manila when the Japanese attacked the Philippines December 7, 1941.

Captured after American forces capitulated in early 1942, Hunt survived the Death March. It was while he was at his third prison camp that he met death, and a rather heroic one at that.

He and other officers in the camp determined to get help for their starving, sick fellow captives. They managed to free themselves on occasion long enough to escape into the surrounding hills, where friendly Filipino natives gave them rice for food and quinine to treat rampant malaria.

Hunt and five fellow officers were discovered by prison guards on one of these humanitarian missions. They were sentenced to die immediately and told to dig their own graves. Hunt refused, saying that if he was going to die he certainly wouldn't provide his own burial. The guards killed him immediately. He was in his early 30s.

Until the end of the war, Hunt was listed by the Army as missing in action so his mother clung to hope for his survival. It was not until 1945, after the war's end, that she learned of her son's death. The details of his fate were brought here personally by a fellow officer who survived the camps.

His name was Peck and he came from Oregon to fulfill a pact made by those involved in the food and medicine missions to contact the families of any of them not surviving. Mrs. Neighbor wanted every detail and she kept Peck here until she had all of it.

A local rumor that Hunt had been beheaded, as the Japanese in fact did dispatch of their American captives, is untrue.

As for the friends who helped me to uncover this touching war story. Marjorie Fred, who has a sharp memory of past people and events, recalled that a Tom Hunt was Bertha Neighbor's son and had lived with her for a time.

That led me to my RHS classmate, Jean Neighbor King of Pensacola, Florida, widow of Charles King of Rochester. Extremely proud of her half-brother, she confirmed his local existence and recounted his history. He had moved to New Mexico by the time Jean and I met in high school, hence I never knew him. Jean surmises that Hunt listed Rochester as his home during the war so his mother would be the first to know when anything happened to him.

It's only a footnote to the history of World War II, perhaps, but worth the investigation. And, come to think of it, not so trivial to Jean King, either.

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[NOTE: Thomas Hunt graduated from Rochester High School with the class of 1931. His accomplishments were listed as Latin Club, 1; English Club, 2; Junior Science Club, 2; "The Nut Farm" 4, Honor Roll, 3. - - - WCT]

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