

OUR MEN IN SERVICE

Pfc. James McCourt, Wisconsin Rapids, is a member of the 42nd Division, serving at the present time with the Seventh Army in France. A member of the infantry, he entered service in June, 1943, and went overseas in November, 1944.

Visit Wounded Soldier Pfc. Herbert H. Schmidt, whose wife, Florence, lives on Route 5, recently visited Pfc. Francis H. Matthews in a hospital in England. Private Matthews was wounded in Europe and has been transferred to the English hospital while Private Schmidt is stationed with a ground crew in the air corps in the British Isles.



KEEPS THEM OPERATING—One of the men responsible for radio communications between Eighth Air Force planes and their home base is Sgt. James F. Schnabel, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Schnabel, 110 Eighth street, Wisconsin Rapids. A radio maintenance man, he repairs and services radio equipment in Mosquito and Flying Fortresses.

Transferred To England Pvt. Verne Graf, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Graf, of Arpin, has written his parents that he has been transferred from the Italian front to England.

At Great Lakes Rudolph J. Jensen, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry O. Jensen, Arkdale, and Burton E. Griese, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil C. Griese, Adams, are receiving their initial indoctrination at the U. S. naval training center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Completes Primary Training Aviation Cadet George A. Nimitz, USNR, has completed primary training at the naval air station at Memphis, Tenn., and has reported to Pensacola, Fla., for further training. The son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Nimitz, 840 Sixteenth street north, he entered active service in August, 1942.

Hears Brother Is Prisoner of War Anxious months of suspense were finally relieved for Mrs. Russell Kuitquist, 210 Thirteenth avenue south, when she learned today that her brother, S-Gt. Elton W. Nelson, 38, previously reported missing in action in Germany, October 18, 1944, is a prisoner in Germany.

Robert A. Haferman, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Kehlmeier, 1111 Baker street, and Harold W. Neuman, 17, son of Mr. Mildred Neuman, Route 1, Nekosia, are receiving their initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. naval training center, Great Lakes, Ill.



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Just a Letter From Home

Dear Bud, Well, this is the third weekly letter which we again hope some friend or relative will send on to you. And what a week it has been. It really went fast. We pray that you may be able to say the same.



FIRST RURAL PATROL—Pictured here with Wood County Traffic Officer Arthur Boll and Hansen Township Clerk Martin Hoeneseld are the members of the Vesper school safety patrol, first rural group of its kind in Wood County.

Hot Spot

only to have our boys show them a thing or two about how the game is played. Rapids Beverage and Freway continued in a City Vocational league first place tie with eight wins and one loss apiece but, as this is being written, they are settling the issue. More on that next week. Wisconsin's stock soared when it bumped Northwestern, 44-43, in the final round of a ding-dong game but since then the Badgers have been quite ineffective. Nekosia came through with a 27-25 decision over Tomahawk.



NEKOOSA YOUTH TAKES PART IN U.W. SHOW Don Larson, Nekosia, was one of 42 fitters of livestock at the Little International at the University of Wisconsin stock pavilion in Madison Saturday.

"Asia Must be Free if World Is to be Free," Forum Speaker Asserts

"If the world is to be free, Asia must be free," Harry Paxton Howard, noted authority on Far Eastern affairs, told a sizable forum gathering in the Lincoln High school music room Tuesday night.

Commenting on recent successes in the Philippines, Mr. Howard stated that the majority of the peoples in that area welcomed liberation from Japanese domination, they had previously been endowed with a fair degree of effective self-government and a right to live their own lives. Contrary to this situation was that of Burma, whose people welcomed the entrance of the Japanese as liberators in 1942, he said.

Speaking of the Dutch East Indies, he said that the prime purpose for the reconquering of this area is apparently to return the rule to the exiled Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, although the majority of 73,000,000 subjects are not Dutch.

Japan No "Pushover" Although 15,000,000 persons in the Philippines will have been liberated, Japan still dominates 600,000,000 Asians, consequently that country is no "pushover," he declared. Recapture of the Philippines, he pointed out, punctured the outer defenses of the vast area of Japanese domination, re-acquiring strategic areas from which to strike at Japanese shipping south of the China Sea.

In stressing the vastness of the Asiatic area, Mr. Howard mentioned that white superiority is a comparatively recent thing. Just five centuries ago the vast stretches of Asia was controlled by the Mongol empire, one of the greatest regimes the world has ever known. Equipped with various phases of scientific knowledge, the western world copied this knowledge, developing the technique to an advanced degree. America in turn brought scientific knowledge into Japan and, when military became stronger in that country, they could not be managed and went into alliance with Germany after previously carrying on economic, diplomatic and political relations with America.

Democratic Principles Other Asiatic countries must be built up along with Japan's defeat, it was declared, but in doing so there must follow the democratic principle that peoples of different races and origins can live peacefully side by side. Domination is not the only course to follow. Development of modern techniques in the Asiatic area would not necessarily lead to domination, Mr. Howard asserted.

Liberty and union is the only sensible basis on which a permanent peace can be worked out, he said, and in striving for this goal, all peoples must have control over their own lives and have the power to choose their own form of government, for, above all, "we do not want a peace of subjugation."

Throughout his entire address, Dr. Howard stressed first, the need to recognize Asiatic peoples as equals in negotiation, to rule out the idea of white superiority, emphasized the vastness of the Asiatic area and the spheres of influence which may come to control them, and to bear in mind the democratic principles in working toward a permanent peace.

John Corey Is Killed on French Soil

Wood County Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. S. G. Corey, 1011 East Two Mile avenue, received the tragic news by telegram from the war department Sunday night that one of their four sons, Sgt. John A. Corey, 20, had been killed in action in France January 11. A week previous, the Corey family had been notified that their son was missing in action.

Sergeant Corey had recently been promoted to that rank from private first class, and was serving with the infantry. He was born in Wisconsin Rapids, August 19, 1924, and attended grade school at the Two Mile school. Following his graduation from Lincoln High school, he attended Wayland Junior college, Beaver Dam, for a year before entering service, July 12, 1943. He received basic training at Camp Hood, Tex., and ASTP training at Texas State Teachers college, Denton, Tex., before being transferred into the infantry at Camp Howze, Tex., in March, 1944.

Sergeant Corey went overseas in October, 1944, landing in southern France. His last letter to his parents was dated January 2.

The Wisconsin Rapids infantryman is survived by his parents, a sister, Mrs. James Kieffer, Auburn, and three brothers, First Lt. Ralph Corey, serving in the marines at Cherry Point, N. C., Second Lt. Dean Corey, stationed with the air corps at Amarillo, Tex., and Richard Corey, a senior at Lincoln High school.

AMBULANCE HAS 164 CALLS IN '44

A report on the operations of the city ambulance during 1944, presented at the February council meeting, showed that a total of 164 calls had been made, 113 of them within Wisconsin Rapids.

Out-of-town calls listed were Eau Claire, one; Port Edwards, six; Nekosia, 10; Stevens Point, one; Marshfield, 13; Madison, 16; Rochester, Minn., one; Milwaukee, three; Wausau, one.

Total receipts were listed as \$1,335 with the following disbursements: firemen's fees, \$738.13; linen laundry, \$41.15; supplies, \$16.72; auto license, \$1; repairs and upkeep, \$20.85; gasoline, \$100; oil, \$35.16; leaving a total of \$963.01.

Since the beginning of ambulance service July 20, 1942, 401 calls were made, 306 of them local. Others listed were Madison, 28; Nekosia, 17; Marshfield, 14; Port Edwards, 11; Milwaukee, seven; Stevens Point, Portage, Rochester, Wausau, Chicago, Eau Claire, Oshkosh, and Bloom, one each. Total charges were \$8,425.00; total paid, \$2,964.05; unpaid, \$4,460.95.



RECEIVES SILVER WINGS—Richard John Worland, son of Mrs. M. A. Worland, 343 West Grand avenue, recently received his silver wings when he graduated as a flight officer from Marfa air field, Marfa, Tex., an advanced two-engine pilot school of the AAF training command. He had received previous training at Montana State college, Bozeman, Mont., Santa Ana, Calif., Sequoia Field, Visalia, Calif., and Gardner Field, Taft, Calif. After a brief furlough home he goes to Kingman, Ariz., for a B-17 co-pilot transition training.

Francis Matthews Gets Purple Heart

Mr. and Mrs. George Matthews, Route 5, Wisconsin Rapids, have received the Purple Heart which was awarded to their son, Pfc. Francis H. Matthews, for wounds received in action in the right shoulder, on December 24, in the European theater of operations.

Three From Central Wisconsin Wounded

The war department also listed T/Sgt. Oscar G. Millard of Mauston as having been wounded in action in the southwest Pacific area.

Doin' the Town

Home on leave or furlough as announced by the local war price and rationing board: T-Sgt. Gerald Sampson, 740 Oak street. T-Sgt. Donald Persohn, Port Edwards.

Nekosia Youth Takes Part in U.W. Show

The annual event was sponsored by the Saddle and Siroin club, a student organization at the college of agriculture. Livestock, from university herds, was fitted and exhibited by students.

ARKDALE MAN WOUNDED

Pfc. Charles W. Prichard of Arkdale was listed today by the war department as having been wounded in action in the European area.

AWARDED UNIT BADGE

Sgt. William J. Dietel, 27, cook in a B-24 Liberator bomber group, formerly of Spencer, has recently been authorized to wear the Distinguished Unit badge. He entered service in January of 1942, and is now serving with the 15th AAF in Italy.

AWARDED UNIT BADGE

Robert Boyaraki, serving with the signal corps in the south Pacific, has recently been promoted to first lieutenant, according to word received by his wife, Beverly, who is at Siroin. Lieutenant Boyaraki has been on duty in the Pacific the past 18 months. He has passed