

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. Pvt. George N. Stertz, Junction City, has been awarded the Expert Infantryman badge at Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif.

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. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cronin, Neokosa, have received word from their son, Lt. Arthur J. Cronin, Jr., that he is well and is enjoying packages sent by the parents. Lieutenant Cronin, held prisoner in Germany, had not been heard from since July, 1944. He was serving as a bombardier on a Liberator when his plane was shot down over Steyr, Austria, April 23, 1944. On two other occasions the parents had received word that their son was alive, once through short wave radio message and last September through a communication from a repatriated officer from the Gripsholm. Sgt. Erwin Finup of Wisconsin Rapids has been transferred from Camp Stewart, Ga., to Camp Gordon, Ga. Pvt. Charles W. Habeck, combat engineers has left Camp Bowie, Tex., and now has an APO New York address. Joseph Busch, soundman third class, of 721 Market street, Neokosa, is serving aboard a coast guard cutter engaged in North Atlantic patrol duty. His ship helps convey men and supplies to the battle of Germany. T-4 William C. Leder, who has served eight months in New Guinea, is now in the Netherlands East Indies. S-Sgt. Reynolds D. Peterson, whose wife Charlotte resides at 459 Third avenue, is currently stationed at a Twelfth air force B-25 bomber base on Corsica as a turret gunner. Leaving the United States Sergeant Peterson has earned the right to wear one gold overseas stripe on the left sleeve of his uniform. He has been awarded another battle star for his European-African-Middle East theater ribbon, signifying that he has played an active part in the Rome-Arno campaign. Prior to going overseas, Sergeant Peterson attended gunnery school, Fort Meyer, Va. Stationed in England Cpl. Robert Kitzush, son of George Kitzush, 254 Wood avenue, Neokosa, is now stationed somewhere in England with the Sixth air disarmament group. He has spent 15 months with the chemical warfare division of the air corps in Ireland, after leaving the states. Donald J. Walter of Almond has been promoted from captain to major in an Eighth air force base in England. He is a squadron operations officer with a bombardment group that has made more than 260 attacks against the Nazis. Major Walter holds the Air Medal and an Oak Leaf cluster. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Walter of Almond and his wife lives at Shamrock, Tex. Promotion of Roy O. Rued, 311 Sixth street south, to the grade of staff sergeant was recently announced at the headquarters of the Ninth air force. Currently engaged in clerical work, Sergeant Rued entered the service in May, 1942. Two men from the Wisconsin Rapids area are among members of a Ninth air force engineer aviation battalion which has been awarded the Presidential Distinguished Unit citation for constructing an emergency landing strip while under fire on D-Day and an advanced landing ground in the Normandy beachhead. They are Pfc. Carl H. Manka, 342 Seventh street, and T-5 Philip A. Brundt of Route 1, Milladore. 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. S-Sgt. Alvin J. Bucholz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bucholz of Port Edwards, who was recently promoted to the rank of technical sergeant, entered the service in November, 1941, and went overseas in October, 1944. He is now in France. S-Sgt. Raymond Fay, Plainfield, is located in England and has been awarded the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf clusters. He went overseas June 28, 1944. Sgt. Irvyn Wilborn, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilborn, Port Edwards, is stationed at Fort Monmouth, N. J., with the 849th signal infantry battalion. His wife, Estelle, is making her home with her parents at Auburndale. Charles W. Haskins, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Kohlmeier, 1111 Baker street, and Harold W. Neuman, 17, son of Mrs. Mildred Neuman, Route 1, Neokosa, are receiving their initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. naval training center, Great Lakes, Ill. Pfc. Herbert E. Knoll, U. S. infantry, has just been awarded the Philippines Liberation ribbon. He also holds the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon and the Expert Infantryman badge. Knoll is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Knoll, Route 3, Wisconsin Rapids, and has been overseas for more than a year, in the central and southwest Pacific theaters. Prior to entering the army in August, 1942, he aided his parents in the running of their farm. Robert A. Haferman, 18, son of



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 Mosquitos and Flying Fortresses. He is a graduate of Lincoln High school and attended Marquette university, Milwaukee. A member of the Kiwanis club and Knights of Columbus, he was the owner of a clothing store in Stevens Point before entering the army in July, 1942. He has been overseas since February, 1943, and has been awarded the Good Conduct medal and the European theater of operations ribbon with Bronze Star for participation of his unit in the aerial warfare over western Europe on D-Day. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Haferman, Route 4, Wisconsin Rapids, was enrolled recently in an intensive course at the electrical naval training school located on the Purdue university campus, Lafayette, Ind. 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. Cpl. Carl G. Strand, aerial engineer, Route 2, Friendship, has been awarded the Air Medal upon completion of 150 hours of operational flight in transport aircraft over difficult India-China air routes. The award was made for the period of service, from March 22, 1944 to September 1, 1944. Allen F. Rennhack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rennhack, who reside west of Pittsville, was inducted into the navy recently. He is now in "hot" training at Great Lakes, Ill. A brother, Pvt. Richard H. Rennhack, is serving with the marine corps in the Hawaiian islands. Glenn L. Simonsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Simonsen, Pittsville, was recently promoted to major. He is serving in the India-China theater as an air traffic control officer. He has been in the army since 1942. 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. Cpl. William Gayeski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Gayeski, Pittsville, who has spent almost two years in the southwest Pacific, is at present on Bougainville Island in the Solomons. Previously, he had served on New Caledonia, New Britain and New Ireland. Pvt. Archie Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Parker, Pittsville, recently graduated as a radio operator at Fort Sill, Okla. John Enghatt, Adams, seaman first class, who has been in New London, Conn., is now stationed somewhere in the Pacific. Now in Australia Pfc. Harold Walsh, son of Mrs. Tillie Walsh, Pittsville, who is an MP in the army, is now stationed in Australia. Pvt. Orin G. Stormoen, Friendship, is now in the European area after training in Arkansas. Officer Candidate Robert Pease, Adams, has moved from Texas to an officer's training school in Camp Lee, Va. Pfc. Kenneth Stevens, Friendship, who has been training in Montana, is now stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. Harry Glenn Becker, Adams, seaman first class, has gone from Norfolk, Va., to a European station. Pfc. Charles Arendt, who was wounded in action somewhere in France October 29, 1944, has returned to the United States and is now recovering at an ASF hospital at Camp Carson, Colo. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Arendt, 519 Hooker street.

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-Sgt. Elton W. Nelson, 38, previously reported missing in action in Germany, October 18, 1944, is a prisoner in Germany. Mrs. Kuitquist received a card direct from her brother stating that he is well. Sergeant Nelson has been in service for four years, having been stationed in Manila just prior to its seizure by the Japs, and later serving in the European theater of operations. He was serving with the 99th infantry division when reported missing.

Hot Spot MACARTHUR

Just a Letter From Home Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. Monday, Feb. 5, 1945 Dear Bud, Well, this is the third weekly letter 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. With the Russians continuing to grind their way toward Berlin, Allied penetration of the Siegfried line and surprisingly swift gains on Luzon, it was a week of renewed belief that the end—at least in Europe—may not be too far off. Wishful thinking, and false optimism does not help matters any, though, so let's just say that every day is one nearer to Victory. The Roosevelt popped into the news again when a train bound for the west coast was held over an hour at Chicago so that Colonel Jimmy and his wife could make connections. Jimmy denied he had asked that the train be delayed for his convenience and said the conductor must have requested it. The next day, Jimmy admitted that he had sent a telegram at the suggestion of a Pullman conductor. It also came out that White House resident Mrs. Anna Roosevelt, sister of Colonel Elliott, whose nomination as a brigadier general has won committee approval, arranged to have his dog Blaze flown to California in an army cargo plane, bearing an "A" priority. Which reminds us of some of Mr. Dewey's campaign statements about White House pronouncements. False, too, recovered some of the publicity ground he had lost to Blaze when it became known that he had been hospitalized as the result of his lady-love's displeasure. We were told that when a dog bites a man it isn't news but when a man bites a dog it is news. It's anybody's guess to what it is when a "bride" bites the first dog of the land. They're still yammering about the appointment by President Roosevelt of Henry Wallace to succeed Jesse Jones as the secretary of commerce. It now looks like Wallace will get the job but only after it has been stripped of the vast lending powers of the Reconstruction Finance corporation. Just about the best news of the week is that Saturday night the Lincoln High school Raiders went into the Stevens Point cage and came off with a stunning 32-20 victory. Just like last year, the Pointers had been mowing down all opposition, including the Rapids in a game here,



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only to have our boys show them a thing or two about how the game is played. Rapids Revenge 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. Neokosa came through with a 27-25 decision over Tomahawk. There's a story on the coast about a guy who had twelve wives. First it was eight, then nine, etc. A street car conductor, he said all he wanted was a nice, quiet home but hadn't had much luck. Don't let this give you any ideas, though, as there's nothing in the G. I. Bill of Rights to provide for such matrimonial meanings. Lt. Col. Gordon A. Miller, son of Fire Chief and Mrs. August C. Miller, recently was promoted to that rank in France where he is executive signal officer at a channel base section. William J. Conway, city attorney, went to work in the plastic division of Consolidated in line with the new manpower regulations, and a week later lost three fingers in an unfortunate accident. There is considerable speculation about the time and place of the "Big Three" meeting. I don't think when and where they meet is very important. It's what they do there that counts. The weather cooled down somewhat this week and Wisconsin Rapids was one of the coldest spots in the state with two recordings of 15 below—that can mean most anything to you according to the theater in which you might be serving. We had a good, old-fashioned heavy snowfall Saturday night and most everybody spent Sunday digging out. The "brownout" went into effect this week and it sure looked funny to see Friday night shoppers bustling around the streets in the dark. No children were reported lost, however. You've probably heard about the liberation of about 500 prisoners of war from a Japanese Camp by a Ranger force which went 25 miles behind enemy lines to do the trick. One of those released was a Warden S. Clark, brother of Mrs. Arthur Stewart, who lives in Wisconsin Rapids. Guess that about does it. Yours for victory, R. A. D.

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. In discussing communism in China, the speaker said that this condition was bred through poverty and misery and Chinese communists, as do all others of this party, look to the Soviet union as the "hope of the world." Great ranks of Chinese looked to communism as a respite from their desperate poverty stricken condition for, Mr. Howard added, "people won't always fight for their own misery." Stalin may perhaps gain pre-eminence in China for Russia is not the "pushover" which America first thought it was. American and Soviet powers now outclass the British, the narrator declared, but powers rise and fall. During the open discussion following his talk, Mr. Howard dwelled considerably on the Russian influence and stated that terms of military operations given to China by the American government were "influenced" by the Soviet Union. 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 areas 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. "We cannot afford to remain indifferent," he said, "for if we do not bear these obvious facts in mind, a still greater may occur in the future with the alliances again reshuffled and we may be drawn in for economic, religious, political or racial reasons."

"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. The Burmese people previous to the coming of the British had been a part of the Manchu dynasty with a large degree of self-rule. Under the British, however, they had been denied dominion status by the British government. Consequently, the speaker declared, the Burmese would rather remain under Japanese domination although that country may desert them at any time in an effort toward self-preservation. 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 Asiatics, consequently that country is no "pushover," he declared. Recapture of the Philippines, it was 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.



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, Auburndale, 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; Neokosa, 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; Neokosa, 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, \$461.85. 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.



FIRST RURAL PATROL—Pictured here with Wood County Traffic Officer Arthur Boll and Hansen Township Clerk Martin Hoenesfeld are the members of the Vesper school safety patrol, first rural group of its kind in Wood county. The boys are, from left to right: Rear row, Vaughn Carterson, James Southern, Roger Hoekstra, Victor Holtz, and Julian Hladilek; center row, Dale Dasow, Nick Vandenberg Jr., James Hoogesterter (lieutenant), and Orville Pawell (captain); front, Donald Hoogesterter and Miles Choe. (Photo by Lawrence H. Oliver.)

Nekoosa Youth Takes Part in U.W. Show Don Larson, Nekoosa, was one of 42 fitters of livestock at the U. W. International at the University of Wisconsin stock pavilion in Madison Saturday. The annual event was sponsored by the Saddle and Sirokin club, a student organization at the college of agriculture. Livestock, from university herds, was fitted and exhibited by students.

Doin' the Town Home on leave or furlough as announced by the local war price and rationing board: T-3 Sgt. Gerald Sampson, 740 Oak street. T-Sgt. Donald Persohn, Port Edwards. Tech. Sgt. Leslie Spice, Neokosa; Pfc. Victor Manning, 1320 First street north; Lt. Mathew Ermer, 1120 Avon street; G. M. 3/2 Lawrence F. Kaja, 431 Hale street; Lt. Edward R. Aughey, Route 1; S-2/c Earl Smart, Route 1. Pvt. Carl H. Zeman, 1350 Oak street. P.O. R. J. Worland, 343 West Grand avenue.

Three From Central Wisconsin Wounded Pfc. John J. Ostrowski of Almond and Pvt. Raymond H. Slipepp of Coloma, were listed by the war department today as having been wounded in action in the European area. The war department also listed T/5 Oscar G. Millard of Mauston as having been wounded in action in the southwest Pacific area. RUBBISH FIRE Fire in a rubbish pile on the east side of Prentiss Washers Products company resulted in a call to the local fire department at 7:25 Monday evening. No damage was reported.

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. The 19-year-old soldier is making normal improvement in a hospital in England, according to word received by the parents.