

OUR MEN IN SERVICE

First Lt. Richard J. Smith, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob G. Smith, 521 Birch street, is currently assigned to the AAF redistribution station No. 4 at Santa Ana army air base. He has completed 38 combat missions as navigator of a B-24 Liberator and C-47 transport. He entered service June 26, 1942 and went overseas in January, 1944. Lieutenant Smith has been awarded the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf cluster and one battle star for participation in major operations in the southwest Pacific area.

Among those graduating recently from an intensive course of quarter-master training at service schools at Great Lakes, Ill., was Willis J. Winzell, 19, son of John M. Winzell, Adams.

Receives Combat Badge
Pvt. Melvin A. Langer, son of Mrs. Laura Langer, Route 4, Wisconsin Rapids, has recently been awarded the Combat Infantryman's badge for action with the 36th division of the Seventh army in France.

Robert Herriot, son of Mrs. Ruth Herriot, Adams, is a member of the 101st airborne division which recently won a Presidential citation for its action at Bastogne. The Adams soldier was wounded in this action, but is now back at the front.

Orville Marti, whose wife, Inez, and two small daughters reside at 340 Fifteenth avenue north, and Robert Gebert, whose wife, Betty, and three small children live at 360 Thirtieth street south, are in boot training at the U. S. naval training station, Great Lakes, Ill.

Pfc. Reinhard E. Steege, Route 2, Wisconsin Rapids, is a member of the 342nd armored field artillery battalion, supporting U. S. Seventh army troops in Germany. One of the combat operations of Steege's battalion was a daring, daylight raid on the German command post town of Schaffhausen, Germany.

With Artillery Unit
The first American artillery unit to fire across the Rhine river into Germany is the 250th field artillery battalion which supported Seventh army armor in the breakthrough to Strasbourg. Member of the battalion include S-Sgt. Lloyd E. Thalacker, Route 3, Wisconsin Rapids.

M-Sgt. Joseph F. Flanagan, 27, son of Edward Flanagan, 421 Seventh street, has recently been awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service. A veteran of more than two years' service in Europe, he has been serving with the 305th bombardment group as chief of the ground crew of a B-17 Flying Fortress. Before entering the AAF September 19, 1941, Sergeant Flanagan was employed as a promotional advertising man by Consolidated Water Power and Paper company, On Luzon Island.

Pfc. Frederick H. Braunstead, son of Mrs. Frederick Braunstead, 410 Tenth street south, now is in action with the 38th division, famous as the "Avengers of Bataan," in the Philippines. He entered service January 15, 1943 at Milwaukee, and went overseas January 1, 1944.

Since then he has served in Hawaii, New Guinea and Leyte in the Philippines before his present action on Luzon. For his services, he is entitled to wear the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon, both the Expert and Infantry badges and the Philippine Liberation ribbon.

Sgt. Stanley Braunstead, a brother of Private Frederick Braunstead, is in service in the European theater.

Sgt. Albin L. Czaplinski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stella Czaplinski, Route 2, Milladore, is returning to this country on rotational furlough, following 35 months of overseas duty with the veteran 32nd division. He holds the Combat Infantryman's badge for exemplary conduct under enemy fire at Buna and also wears the Distinguished Unit badge. Entering the army in January, 1942, he went overseas that April with the famed Red Arrow division to fight through six campaigns—Buna, Sidor, and Aitape in New Guinea; Morotai in the Netherlands East Indies; and Leyte and Luzon in the Philippines.

Receives Transfer
William Behrend, 22, S 1/c, has been transferred from the naval training school at Del Monte, Calif., to an advanced school for radio technicians at Treasure Island, Calif. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Behrend, 410 Seventh street south, he entered service last August and took his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., then attended naval schools in Chicago and Del Monte, Calif. He was a senior at the University of Wisconsin in the college of engineering when he entered service.

Robert D. Smolarek, S 1/c, received that rating January 3, 1945, and has now arrived safely overseas, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Edward Smolarek, 1041 Tenth avenue north. He graduated from Lincoln High school in 1944 and was employed at Consolidated Water Power and Paper company prior to his entry into the armed forces last July. He received his basic training at Great Lakes, Ill., and San Diego, Calif. He is in amphibious operations.

Mrs. Earl Weeks, 140 Third street north, has received word from her husband, Cpl. Earl Weeks, that he is stationed with the field artillery, somewhere in Italy. His daughter, Bonnie Jean, resides with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Budtke of Arpin.

Cpl. Edwin F. Winchester, 35, son of Mrs. Aurie Winchester of Adams, is currently assigned to the AAF redistribution station No. 4 at Santa Ana army air base, Calif. Corporal Winchester, who has served overseas as an ambulance driver, entered service March 9, 1942, and went overseas in December of that year. He is entitled to wear five battle stars for service in the European

where in France. He was inducted in the army June 23, 1944, went overseas last December, and has been in action in Germany.

S/Sgt. William H. Clark, 29, who was the owner of Clark's Tire shop in Wisconsin Rapids, prior to his entry into service, is serving in France. He entered in August, 1942. He went overseas from Fort Benning, Ga. His wife, Ardean, and small daughter live at 1511 West Grand avenue. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Clark, Third street. Serving in Belgium.

Cpl. Roland Klevene, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Klevene, Sr., 1511 West Grand avenue, has been serving in Belgium since October as a mechanic with the Ninth air force. He entered service in January, 1943. His brother, Marvin R. Klevene, 18, fireman 1/c, is serving aboard the U. S. S. Chenango somewhere in the Pacific. He entered the navy in August, 1944.

Sgt. Frank J. Hartmanstorfer, son of Mrs. Joseph Hartmanstorfer, Sr., of Port Edwards, is assigned to the quartermaster section at Casablanca, in the North African division of the air transport command. Overseas nine months, the sergeant is stationed within a five minute drive of Casablanca. He was stationed at Camp Luna, N. M., before transferring overseas. Prior to entering service in October, 1942, he was employed by a saw mill company at Rib Lake.

Pfc. Charles L. Wallace, whose wife, Ruth, and three children reside in Adams, was recently promoted to that rank at his base in the China-India-Burma theater. The 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wallace, Adams, is a physical director in the air corps. He entered military service from Wisconsin Rapids.

S-Sgt. Donald Yetter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yetter, Pittsville, has been located on the Philippines for some time with the 32nd division. In the field artillery, he has been in the army for five years, existing in the National Guard. At Fort Leonard Wood.

Pvt. Phillip Bepler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bepler, 209 First street, Nekosha, has arrived at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., where he will receive his basic training.

Sgt. Charles Corbin, son of Mrs. Martha Corbin, Pittsville, has been transferred from Santa Barbara, Calif., to Miramar, San Diego, Calif.

William Sonnenschein, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sonnenschein, Sr., 921 Oak street, has fulfilled the 50% requirements for promotion to the rate of ship's cook, third class, at Great Lakes, Ill. Before joining the navy the newly promoted Bluejacket attended Lincoln High school. He has now been assigned to Galley 609 at Great Lakes.

Pvt. LaVerne Neve, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neve, who live west of Pittsville, now has a new York APO address. He entered service July 21, 1944 and was trained at Fort Bliss, Tex., Camp Meade, Tex., and Fort George G. Meade, Md. Located in England.

Cpl. George Arendt, brother of Miss Agatha Arendt, city, now is with an anti-aircraft unit stationed somewhere in England.

Ronald A. Hancock, Pittsville, who is in the navy, was recently transferred from Great Lakes, Ill., to Shoemaker, Calif.

Promotion of Neil E. Dhein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dhein, Route 1, Wisconsin Rapids, to staff sergeant has been announced by headquarters of a Ninth air force bombardier group in France. He is an airplane mechanic with the 394th bombardment group which was recently commended for its successful attack on the important communications center of Grevenbroich, Germany. He has been overseas for more than a year.

Pvt. Verne Graf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Graf, Pittsville, is serving in Belgium as a mechanic in a tank destroyer battalion.

Edmond L. Anderson, RM 2-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Anderson, 1320 Third street north, has been located in the south Pacific for the past 12 months. He has been in service two and one half years. Two other sons of the Andersons are in service in the Pacific, Sgt. Clifford and Sgt. Wilbur.

With Third Army
Pvt. Edward Kedrowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Kedrowski, 1140 Apricot street, is serving with the 11th tank division in the Third army in Germany.

The Bronze Star medal has been awarded to Pfc. Victor H. Meinberg, field artillery, U. S. army, "for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Limon, Leyte, December 15, 1944. A member of a forward observer party serving with an infantry company which was attacked by five enemy tanks, he and another soldier fired the cannon and machinegun fire that swept the area to carry much needed ammunition to rocket launcher operators. This action made possible the destruction of the enemy tanks. He is the son of Ernest Meinberg, 920 Second street north.

Training at Fort Wayne
Sgt. Donald R. Surprison, son of Mrs. Edith Helen Surprison, 721 Third street, Port Edwards, is stationed at Beer Field, I troop carrier command base, Fort Wayne, Ind. He recently was awarded the Good Conduct medal. He entered service March 20, 1942.

As a member of Lt. Col. Claiborne Kinnard's high-scoring 155th fighter group, T/Sgt. Harold W. Berg, Junction City, has been awarded the ribbon of the Distinguished Unit citation by the war department. A fighter squadron engineering flight chief, he was employed by the Bake-Rite Baking Co., Stevens Point prior to entering the army in June, 1941. He went overseas in July, 1943 and is now stationed at an Eighth air force fighter station in England.

Sgt. Fred D. Newby, who was recently promoted to that rank, is serving with the Third armored regiment of the First army somewhere in Germany. His wife, Mar-



Breaking Through

Just a Letter From Home

April 9, 1945
Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

Dear Bud,
Last Monday I wrote something about the winter's snow and ice having been left far behind and of the prospects for a long growing season ahead. Last Tuesday it snowed like the devil and was colder than Toby's nose most of the week. I should know better than to anticipate Wisconsin weather—which is best described in the saying that "if you don't like it, wait five minutes." It warmed up again yesterday but there's no telling what it will be like when this comes off the press. It just goes to show that things are much the same here on the home front.

We thought this week you'd like to hear something about the world security conference upcoming at San Francisco. It's a pretty broad and complex subject and we don't presume to know all the problems involved—let alone the answers—but from its deliberations may emerge the structure for a permanent peace and believe, me, buddy, that's something in which both you and I want to have more than a passing interest.

Representatives of the United Nations will be gathering April 25 in an effort to put together a league which will prevent war—something for which man has sought since the beginning of time. We do not think the United States should abandon all its high-principled independence—which may be defined as isolationism—but we can see where American participation is a requisite to the success of any such participation.

Briefly, as we see by the papers, the Golden Gate parley will consider the Dumbarton Oaks recommendations which were the outgrowth of more than three years' intensive study by some of the best minds in the world. It boils down to something like an international police force operating on the theory that if a cop is on the job, a stick-up man will keep his gun in his holster.

The cops would be all the nations who cast their lot with such an international policing agency, agreeing to check a war-mongering nation by peaceful means if possible at first. If the violator of the peace, persists, the "cops" would get out their billy clubs in the form of armies and bombers and forcibly gang up on the offender. In the main, it would seem to be a sensible and logical setup.

Present plans call for three main branches of the police force—a world court, a general assembly and a security council. When a dispute arises between two nations, it would be submitted to the court for arbitration and judgment. Sort of a super-supreme court. The assembly would embrace representatives of all participating nations. It would pass on new members and serve as a sounding board for disarmament recommendations and various proposals for world economical and social progress.

The security council would be the most important of all. Only it would have the power of deciding to use force against an obstreperous nation. It would have only 11 members with five, the United States, the United Kingdom, Soviet Russia, China and France, holding permanent seats. The other six would be elected by the assembly and would be passed around among the various other nations.

Voting procedure of the security council is not a little complicated but does not seem to be too effective for, as set up, each of the Big Five could veto any vote of the other nations to take action against it for any warlike move it made. Smaller nations could be kept in line for they would have no veto power. It becomes apparent here that all nations must put a whole of a lot of trust in each other and must be sincere in establishing an organization devoted to the peace of the world. And that, it occurs to me, must be the ultimate solution to our troubles whether an international organization is developed or not.

This voting is not to be confused with the three votes Russia is openly seeking in the general assembly. The furor raised over this stems more from President Roosevelt's part in its introduction than the actual request. It had been generally assumed that he had given congress and the people a full account of the diplomatic discussions at Yalta. Now it appears, some seven weeks later, that "Uncle Joe" Stalin wants a vote for Russia, one for White Russia and one for the Ukraine and was given Mr. Roosevelt's promise to support his claim, along with a bid for three U. S. votes. One of these probably would have been in the name of Texas. Anyway, this upset the "sovereign equality" of nations as suggested in the Dumbarton Oaks plan.

Some reasoned this was to offset the six votes of the United Kingdom and its five dominions while critics of the Stalin-Roosevelt pact said this was a lot of baloney because the dominions have grown away from Mother England and would not act as a solid bloc. Be that as it may, many a person objected solely on the principle that our president had made such a commitment in the first place and that it had not been made known until such a late date. And it also created a natural suspicion of the whole Yalta proceedings.

Be that as it may, Secretary of State Stettinius announced that there were no other secret agreements of this nature at Yalta and that the president will support Russia's request for three votes in the assembly but has decided not to ask three for us. It also was said that the agreement had been kept secret until the president had consulted the American delegates to San Francisco.

I have tried, Bud, to faithfully sum up highlights of the picture as we approach the San Francisco conference. It remains for you to keep an eye on the talks and draw your own conclusions.

Yours for Victory,
R. A. D.

Glenn Dickson Of Pittsville Dies in Action

Pvt. Glenn Dickson, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dickson, Pittsville, was killed in action in Germany March 16, according to the war department.

The parents had just heard from their son in February.

The Pittsville soldier was born in Caty township, January 4, 1922 and attended the West Cary rural school. Prior to his induction into the armed forces, June 23, 1944, he was employed by a cheese factory near Argyle.

He received training at Fort Sheridan, Ill., Camp Blanding, Fla., and Fort Meade, Md., before going overseas to France last December. He was home on furlough just before going to Europe.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, four sisters, two step-brothers and four step-sisters.



SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATE
Alice Betty Reshel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Reshel, Pittsville, has been selected as the Pittsville representative for the Rennebohm Scholarship Award to the University of Wisconsin. Alice was chosen from a group of 25 seniors as the Pittsville candidate on the basis of scholarship and personality. Members of the committee who made the selection were Dr. C. A. Salter, George Ritchie, Dr. Hart Beyer, Dr. E. C. Glenn, and John D. Laughlin.

Della M. Burhite, Wilbert Kronholm Married in Georgia

The Lutheran church of the Ascension at Savannah, Ga., was the scene of the marriage of two Wisconsin Rapids young people, Miss Della M. Burhite, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Burhite, 1811 Chase street, and S-Sgt. Wilbert E. Kronholm, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kronholm, 2410 Eighth street south, at 9 o'clock the evening of Friday, March 23. The Rev. Turner S. Graves performed the ceremony.

Both young people are graduates of Lincoln High school and previous to her marriage the bride was employed by the Sante Fe Railroad in Chicago. Sergeant Kronholm, an instrument specialist in the air corps, entered the service in March, 1942, and prior to that was employed by the Prentiss Wabers Products company.

Sergeant and Mrs. Kronholm are making their home at 309 West Thirty-First street in Savannah, while he is stationed at Chatham field.

Mrs. Fred Kroll Is Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in ANC

Mrs. Fred Kroll, visiting nurse for the Metropolitan Life Insurance company for the past seven years, received her commission as second lieutenant in the army nurse's corps, and will report to Camp McCoy on Thursday.

She enlisted in the corps in January and was informed by mail on Tuesday of her commission. She expects to be stationed at Camp McCoy for about three weeks.

Mrs. Kroll received her nurse's training at Asbury hospital in Minneapolis, Minn., and was on the staff at Riverview hospital for seven years prior to her position with the insurance company. Her husband is an employe of the Belkhe Chevrolet company.

Two Win Awards in Nepeco Idea Contest

Two winners have been named in the idea contest conducted at the Nekosha-Edwards Paper company. John Arendt, 610 Hooker street, member of the Port Edwards maintenance department developed a tool for bending wood room chain connectors. Use of this tool has speeded up repair and re-assembly of conveyor chain, with a resultant saving in repair costs. The award to Mr. Arendt was \$25.

Frank Lile, a machine tender, was awarded \$10 for an improvement on the Vortraps paper machine. Although his idea has made no savings in dollars and cents, it has resulted in an improvement in cleanliness of the finished paper and improved working conditions on the machines.

The contest is still being conducted and Nepeco employes are to submit suggestions to Chairman Cecil C. Prvinn.

BUILDING PERMITS

Max Krey, 420 Cleveland street, has been granted a permit to build a frame porch, according to Arthur J. Hanneman, building inspector. Cost of the structure is estimated at \$50.

Henry Grosbier, 731 Tenth avenue north, received a permit to build a garage at an estimated cost of \$200.

Pigs Doing Part

Two hogs on the farm of John Horn, Route 2, Pittsville, have taken upon themselves the task of easing the pork shortage. Last year the hogs gave birth to 37 pigs, 30 being raised for market. Apparently sensing wartime needs, the two hogs again set out this year to solve the acute shortage by producing 39 pigs, 32 of which are living. Mr. Horn has had numerous offers to sell the patriotic pair but declines in the hope that they may supply the surrounding community's future needs.

FRAEDRICH ASKS BALLOT RULING

A petition has been filed with Jasper C. Johnson, clerk of county court, for a hearing on the April 8 election results in the town of Port Edwards by Arnold H. Fraedrich, a candidate for town chairman who tied with Carl R. Vehrs. The latter was declared winner on the flip of a coin but Fraedrich subsequently asked for a recount, which took place April 9. Two ballots were challenged by Fraedrich as defective and the court has been asked to decide on the validity of the two ballots in question.

The hearing is scheduled for Monday, April 16. If the ballots should be ruled out, Fraedrich, a former township supervisor, would be installed as the Wood county supervisor for the town of Port Edwards unless Mr. Vehrs should ask for a re-examination of the ballots and appeal from the court decision.

Ardis Johnson Is the Bride of K. F. Kohnen

At a 9 o'clock ceremony Saturday morning, April 7, in SS. Peter and Paul Catholic church, Miss Ardis P. Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson of Biron, became the bride of Kenneth F. Kohnen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kohnen, Route 2, Wisconsin Rapids.

T/Sgt. Arlyn Johnson, brother of the bride, and Fred Reimer a cousin of Mr. Kohnen, were his attendants.

Dinner and supper were served to 100 guests at the Biron Community hall. A large wedding cake was cut for the guests. Following the supper a wedding dance as held at Rudolph.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kohnen attend Lincoln High school. They are now at home at Route 2, Wisconsin Rapids.

Out of town guests for the wedding were Mrs. John Schoerer, the bride's grandmother, of Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. Casper Johnson, Iola; Miss Dolores Norby, Iola; T/Sgt. Arlyn Johnson, U.S. air force; George Kohnen, seaman first class, U.S. navy.

Telephone System Affected by Rains

If your telephone is out of order, please exercise a little patience, is the advice of Don Smart, manager of the Wood County Telephone company.

Some telephones went out of order following the spring storms which occurred in this area earlier this week. "This is not unusual at this time of year," said the telephone manager. "It's a routine spring occurrence in which small cables get wet, thereby putting some phones out of commission."

Mr. Smart stated that the difficulties are only temporary and are being remedied as soon as possible.

Pvt. Ray Kedrowski Wounded in Left Leg

Pvt. Ray Kedrowski, 26, whose wife, Esther, resides at 1340 Baker street, recently was wounded in the left leg by machine gun fire in Germany, according to a letter received from the soldier by his wife. Private Kedrowski is now recuperating in a Paris hospital.

A member of the 89th infantry division in the Third army, he entered service in May, 1944, and went overseas last January. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Kedrowski, 1140 Apricot street.

Donald M. Schill, Sr., whose wife lives at 631 1/2 Fourth avenue north, was graduated recently from the naval air technical training center located at Norman, Okla. He is now eligible to earn a petty officer rating. The newly graduated man is now awaiting further duty orders either to sea or to a naval base.

Pvt. Melvin A. Langer recently joined the veteran 141st Infantry regiment of the 38th "Texas" division fighting in France. He is the son of Mrs. Laura Langer, Route 4, Wisconsin Rapids.

T/Sgt. William H. Houston, 28, of Baker street, veteran Liberator bomber engineer, has been awarded the Good Conduct medal at the 15th AAF in Italy. A former paper maker and construction worker, Sergeant Houston enlisted in the air forces September 15, 1942, and completed the aircraft mechanic's course at Sheppard Field, Tex., prior to winning his gunner's wings at Tyndall Field, Fla. He also holds the

Air Medal with one Oak Leaf cluster.

S/Sgt. Edward H. Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Webb, 2650 Eighth street south, recently enjoyed a "recess" from aerial warfare at an air service command rest home in England. After seven days he went back to his combat station. He has completed 20 missions over Germany. Before entering the army he was employed as a mechanic at the Tri-City airport.

Pfc. Franklin H. Jacoby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jacoby, 1351 Irving street, is authorized to wear the Distinguished Unit badge as a supply man with a 15th AAF B-24 Liberator bomber group cited for outstanding performance of duty. A highly successful attack, despite severe opposition, was carried out on the Pfungis aircraft factory, Rogenburg, Germany, last February 20, 1945. He entered service January 20, 1943. He is also authorized to wear the European-African-Middle East

theater ribbon with five campaign stars.

Sgt. Henry P. Molepske, whose wife, Caroline, resides at 171 Fifteenth avenue south, has been promoted from the rank of corporal and awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial combat in the Mediterranean zone. He is flying as ball-turret gunner with a veteran B-24 Liberator bomber group of the 10th AAF. A graduate of Lincoln High school and a papermaker in civilian life, he entered the armed forces in July, 1942, received his gunnery training at Tyndall Field, Ala., and was awarded his wings in July, 1944. His father, John Molepske, lives on Route 2, Wisconsin Rapids.

Pfc. John W. Miller, son of Mrs. Martha E. Miller, 541 Eighth street, was in a night combat patrol that raided a German-held hill recently on the Fifth army front in Italy, wiped out three enemy machinegun nests, killed at least 20 Germans and brought back three prisoners.

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—Out on a Limb!

BY CHIC YOUNG