

OUR MEN IN SERVICE

Cpl. Donald P. Smolarek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Smolarek, 1011 Tenth avenue north, is starting his fourth year overseas with the 32nd "Red Arrow" division. He went overseas in April, 1942. Besides the current action on Luzon, he has seen action at Sidor and Aitape in New Guinea and Leyte in the Philippines. Corporal Smolarek is entitled to wear the American Defense ribbon, the Army Good Conduct medal, the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon with one battle star and the Philippines Liberation ribbon, also with one battle star.

Pfc. Gilbert Hass, a former Babcock resident, is now located at Munich, Germany, where he is aiding in hunting down Hitler's elite SS troops.

Anthony J. Wisniewski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Wisniewski, Plover, recently was promoted from private first class to corporal. He is stationed at Alexandria, La.

Pfc. Laver A. Tiffany, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tiffany, Babcock, describes his experiences on June 13, 1944 during his outfit's landing on the French coast, the breakthrough by the Americans at St. Mihiel, the war in Belgium and the German breakthrough of last December and finally the American drive to ultimate victory. He wrote the letter from Schmalkeldon, Germany.

Clayde E. Bates, 31 son of Mr. and Mrs. Merton Bates, 2010 Sixth street south, states that he expects to be coming home soon from Italy. He is stationed at Cerniola at the present time. He entered the AAF in June, 1942. Prior to that he was employed by the Nekooza Edwards Paper company. His wife, Agnes, lives on Route 3, Wisconsin Rapids.

Robert Arthur Haferman, 18, fireman 1/c, USNR, of Wisconsin Rapids, has arrived at the world's largest naval receiving station, a unit of the U. S. naval training and distribution center, Shoaemaker, Calif., for further assignment to a naval unit afloat or to another shore station. Haferman's previous station was at the naval training station, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., where he completed a course of instruction in electricity.

Ed Scholzen, son of Mrs. Henry Scholzen, Pittsville, writes that he is serving at present with the First Army in Germany. He recently received a letter from his brother, Harold, who is serving in Belgium. Writing to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Krenholm, 2140 1/2 Eighth street south, Sgt. Robert Krenholm tells of visiting Manila and how that city is a shambles. Serving in the 13th medical group, Sergeant Krenholm has been overseas three and one-half years.

Among those graduating recently from an intensive course of basic engineering training at Great Lakes was Harold Paul Krumer, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Krumer, 150 Thirtieth street north.

S/Sgt. Richard Kruger, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Kruger, 310 Eighth avenue north, is assigned to John H. Payne field, Cairo, Egypt, in the North African division of the air transport command. Sergeant Kruger, prior to entering the service in 1942, was employed by Consolidated Water Power and Paper company.

John Leyland Vogel, ARM 3/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Vogel of 551 Tenth avenue north, recently completed operational training at the navy's diving training station at Cecil field, near Jacksonville, Fla., and was awarded his aviator wings of Silver and Gold. He will be assigned to an operational squadron aboard an aircraft carrier, or at a naval air station.

Pvt. Raymond Kedrowski, whose wife resides at 1340 Baker street has received the silver star for gallantry while in action in Germany. The citation stated that Private Kedrowski was one of 14 men of Company F, 333th infantry, who crossed the Rhine river in the vicinity of Oberwesel, Germany, last March under withering enemy small arm and mortar fire. They captured an enemy strongpoint and took nine prisoners. Kedrowski was out from his company but continued to defend the captured strongpoint against two enemy counter-attacks. While guarding the rear exit of a building he killed one German and drove another to the cover of adjoining buildings. In searching the buildings he was fired upon by two enemy soldiers and received a wound in the leg. He returned fire and drove the two to cover, then crawled back to his squad's position to give the enemy location.

Wisconsinites at Calcutta Nearly 500 members and guests attended the Wisconsin club's dance May 29 more than 10,000 miles from home in Calcutta, India, in observance of Wisconsin's 97th state birthday. Members from central Wisconsin include: Sgt. Carl Timm, Maj. Bertram Nason, Sgt. Martin Stender, Maj. Woodrow Swannett, Pfc. Sherman Payne, S/1c Harold Landon, Cpl. Albert Mertz, Cpl. Stanley Gilbertson and Pvt. Mike Plummer, all of Wisconsin Rapids; S/Sgt. Basil Applebee, Hancock; Pfc. Eldred Judd, Bancroft; Sgt. John P. Ochs, Adams; Cpl. D. L.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tommerman, 1941 Baker street, have received word from their son, Donald J. Timmerman, motorist machinist 1/c, that he is enjoying the Serviceman's Digest very much. He is with the U.S.S. YR-48, a repair ship stationed at Ulithi.

Lt. M. K. Palmquist, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Palmquist, 342 West Grand avenue, has been assigned to the office of the surgeon general in the Philippines. His job is concerned with the evacuation of patients to the States. At present he is working in a four-story office building in a city in the Philippines.

Arriving by air transport command planes in ever increasing numbers under the army's redeployment plan, scores more overseas veterans are clearing the ATC's Miami, Fla., army air field enroute to furloughs. Among the latest was Sgt. George C. Manthey, 29, of Neeshah, who has served for 23 months in Africa with the A.F.C. His wife, Irene, and his mother, Mrs. Edith Manthey, live in Neeshah.

Pfc. Kenneth Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stevens, Friendship, is a member of the 71st infantry division that recently was commended by Maj. Gen. W. G. Wyman for its efforts in helping to bring about Germany's surrender.

Ralph Eugene Ward, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julia R. McNight, Adams, has graduated from the naval training school (electric) on the Purdue University campus, Lafayette, Ind.

Chester L. Kaja, GM 2/c, is now in gunners mate school at Washington, D. C. He recently completed 23 months of active service aboard a navy destroyer escort in the North Atlantic. His brother, Edward J. Kaja, S/1c, is with the 58th division in the Philippines. Another brother, T/Sgt. George V. Kaja, who has been in service the last two and one-half years, is with the 21st airforce on Saipan. The three servicemen are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Holmes, 351 Roosevelt street.

Pfc. George A. Hamm, whose wife, Dorothy, resides in Milladore, recently arrived at Torney General hospital, Palm Springs, Calif., one of the three rheumatic fever convalescing patients. Reporting for army duty over two years ago, Private Hamm trained at Camp Wallace, Tex., and Fort Bragg, N. C., before going overseas as a member of a mortar gun crew. He served in France and Germany and has received the Combat Infantry medal and the European-African-Middle Eastern theater ribbon and the



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Just a Letter From Home

Monday, June 18, 1945 Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

Dear Bud, As mentioned in last week's letter, which we trust has been forwarded to you by some relative or friend, we thought you'd be interested in what went on at Madison during the final sessions of the state legislature. And, believe you me, it's worse than a crossword puzzle.

We'd sooner talk about Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt receiving a \$200,000 loan from John Harford, president of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea company, and settling it for \$4,000 but the revenue department may be having some more to say about that.

Anyhow, the legislature slashed its way through hundreds of bills last week, either killing them or jamming them through, under the cloud of intense political differences with Governor Goodland. The venerable chief took the legislature apart for passing the Coleman bill which would prevent members of one party from running on another party's ticket unless they filed a declaration of change a year before the primary as he vetoed the action and from there on it was open warfare between the executive and legislative departments. Mr. Goodland said "it is unwarranted and indefensible in a democracy" and how very right he is.

Following this blast, the senate emulated the assembly in overriding the governor's veto of a bill that segregates highway funds and provides that they be used only for highway purposes. The governor objected to this measure, something which has been long sought by many interests, on the grounds that it was not needed, was contrary to sound principles of government and would lead only to new taxes.

An anti-gambling bill, a postwar building program of nearly \$20,000,000 and the establishment of a department of veterans affairs were among other things battled around by the legislature. The department for veterans would help in postwar rehabilitation and do the work now done by the adjutant general's office and the soldiers' rehabilitation board. It would provide for hospitalization and

for his part in the campaign in Germany. He is with the 117th infantry in the 30th infantry division.

John H. "Jack" Gill, Jr., 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Harold Gill, 161 Ninth street north, is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U.S. naval training center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Anthony Brock, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Brock, Route 2, Junction City, has been promoted from the rank of private to that of corporal. He is on his way overseas, following training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and Fort George Meade, Md. Brock received his schooling in Milladore and was employed at garage, Milladore prior to his entry into service, November 29, 1944. His parents resided at 1361 Ellen street, Wisconsin Rapids, until they moved to Junction City, Wis.

Pfc. Clyde L. Fry, whose wife, Vera, resides in Wisconsin Rapids was recently awarded the Bronze Star. He has been fighting with the First infantry, Sixth division, on Luzon.

Sgt. Gilbert E. Luebeck has arrived in the Philippines after 58 days on the water according to information received by Mr. and Mrs. Reinhard Luebeck. Sergeant Luebeck was on furlough in April at his brother's home here.

T/A Mertz Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Peterson, 301 Thirtieth street south, has arrived in New York with the 86th "Blackhawk" division from the European theater of operations. His wife, Arlene, and daughter reside in Wausau.

Richard A. Stensberg, A/S, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Stensberg, 321 Fifteenth avenue north, is in boot training at Great Lakes, Ill.

Horace Van Hayes, 25, fireman second class, USNR, son of Arthur C. Hayes, Route 2, Pittsville, is now at the amphibious training base, Camp Bradford, Va., training for duty aboard an LST (landing ship tank). Before entering the navy in July, 1944, Hayes was employed by Greenlee Brothers and Co., Rockford, Ill. He is married to the former Dorothy Ritter of Rockford.

Cpl. Howard T. Commins, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Commins, 1321 Sixth street south, is starting his fourth year overseas with the 32nd "Red Arrow" division. A member of the 129th field artillery battalion, he went overseas in April, 1942. Besides the current action on Luzon, he has seen action at Sidor and Aitape in New Guinea and Leyte in the Philippines. He is entitled to wear the American Defense ribbon, Good Conduct medal, Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon with three battle stars and the Philippine Liberation ribbon with one battle star.



WACS Observe Anniversary Of First Year in the SWPA

It was a new and different anniversary that some 80 members of the 5203rd WAC Detachment observed on April 27 of this year. The date marked their first year of service in the SWPA and was celebrated with a fried chicken dinner plus all the trimmings.

One of the members who did justice to this special banquet was First Lt. Mary Hubbard of Wisconsin Rapids. Lieutenant Hubbard has been a member of the Women's Army Corps since late in 1942. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Hubbard reside at 240 Third avenue north.

The First Year Downunder celebration for these pioneer WACs was a gala event—One year ago to the day the U. S. S. West Point left the Golden Gate strait-hoisted against a bright blue sky and set her stern into the Pacific. Two weeks later, following a sardined existence, on May 12 some 600 WACs invaded Australia. This was the first contingent of WACs to land in the SWPA.

Following a four day whirl in Sydney, a hospital train moved the pioneer WACs to Brisbane. A brief staging period precluded the activation of companies, which distributed WACs to all branches of the Army. One hundred officers and eighty-eight enlisted women were tagged, "5203rd WAC Detachment." On May 29, 1944 an advance party of pioneer Wacs set out for the New Guinea frontier. By June 26, the last set-

was rapidly becoming home. For nine months Censorship and V-Mail kept the detachment occupied with the job of preserving security, evaluating morale, translating foreign letters and moving the mails.

The middle of February 1945 the Detachment moved to APO 920, a coral island in the Dutch East Indies. Censorship continues to employ an even larger number of WACs.



LIEUTENANT HUBBARD

Donald Fehrman Home After 37 Months Overseas Service

A former employe in the Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune mailing department, Cpl. Donald Fehrman is now enjoying a 45-day furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fehrman, 321 Ninth avenue north, following 37 months of overseas service.

Corporal Fehrman, a Lincoln High school graduate with the class of 1939, has been overseas since May 22, 1942. He entered the army July 22, 1941, and is now enjoying his first furlough since his entry into military service five months prior to the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

Incidentally, it was in Hawaii that the Wisconsin Rapids soldier first traveled when he went overseas more than three years ago. He went to Hawaii while things were still pretty rough there. The memory of the Kip attack was still too fresh in the minds of the inhabitants of the islands to relax from fear of a possible invasion.

Living in the strict blackout in the Hawaiian islands seemed worse than up at the front later on," says the corporal.

After two years of Hawaii, Corporal Fehrman and his battalion participated in the invasion of Saipan in June, 1944. Although the Americans soon wrested control of the island from the enemy, the local soldier asserts that there are still Japs on Saipan.

"All those few Japs want to do now," he said, "is to keep alive." A Year On Saipan

Corporal Fehrman, an anti-aircraft artilleryman, spent a year on Saipan—a year which has had considerable excitement connected with it, especially after the Yanks began using Saipan as a B-29 base. When the Japs learned of this fact their bombing attacks on Saipan naturally increased, thereby increasing the duties of the anti-aircraft artillery of the Americans.

However, the former Tribune employe was never wounded, although he lived through closer calls than he ever hopes to have to undergo again.

Corporal Fehrman has an older brother, Leroy, serving with the navy in the Pacific. Donald must report back to Fort Sheridan, Ill., August 3, for reassignment.

But Corporal Fehrman has been adding up his points of late and finds that he has 87 of them. That's two more than the required minimum for a discharge and he won't mind a bit if Uncle Sam decides that the corporal may turn his artillery duties over to someone else.

Former County Youth Killed On Okinawa

Pvt. Anthony Bushway, 19, a former resident of Route 2, Milladore, was killed in action June 2 on Okinawa, according to a war department telegram received Thursday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bushway, who now reside in Sheboygan Falls, Wis.

Private Bushway, a former student at the Wood County Agricultural school, was serving with the First marine division.

He was born at Claremont, N. H., September 8, 1925. Prior to his entry into the marines March 31, 1944, he was employed at Haven, Wis. He received his training at San Diego, Calif., before going overseas.

Tribune Letter Box

Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. Tribune readers and friends are invited and urged to write their opinions on questions of local interest for publication in the Letter Box column. All letters published must contain the author's name. Letters should be of moderate length, should be briefly written and should not contain anything of a defamatory or libelous nature.

D-DAY PLUS 365

Dear Editor, I have been receiving the paper quite regularly and enjoy it. I look forward to each new copy. There is always bits of news in there which one would not otherwise read.

Today is D-Day plus 365 and everyone here is taking it easy, as a holiday. Yes, D-Day plus 365. The big guns are now silent, people placidly walk the streets. The tanks no longer race along the roads nor can you hear the muffled roar of distant guns. It is now quite different than Normandy—Omaha and Utah beaches. Time and the elements have changed the scene, all that's left is the waves lapping the shore strewn with driftwood instead of one dead, barbed wire broken and tangled in the weeds and only a few pieces of broken equipment to remind one of the tough bloody days and the men which valiantly gave their lives.

At the time I was just a rookie in Basic and hardly knew the nomenclature of an M-1 and the only one in the platoon that was in step. But at the time there were veterans, yes, veterans of many campaigns, fighting and dying beside rookies—men just out of boot training. There are very few veterans of those days left. Veterans which no one can forget—or ever will.

I suppose you wonder what I, an Air Corps man, knows about that. Well, I am not in the Air Corps, just attached, I was and still am at heart an Infantry man. After being wounded, was transferred into the Air Corps—just as men were transferred out of the Air Corps into the Infantry.

Pfc. Vernon Amundson

WAIT FOR EACH COPY

Dear Editor, I have been receiving the Serviceman's Digest that my wife ordered for me. It sure is great to read news from home and also from Wisconsin. I have several buddies from Wisconsin in my outfit and they wait for each copy the same as I do.

A few things of interest about Italy and the people that live here. This country is nearly all mountains—most of it is too rough for farm land, although the Po Valley has a few nice farms. The main crops are grapes and wheat. The work is done by oxen or horses. Everything is built of stone as wood of any kind is very scarce.

Thinking you for a very nice paper, I am

Cpl. Earl H. Weeks

EXPRESS APPRECIATION

Dear Sir, I received three editions of the Serviceman's Digest of the Wisconsin Rapids Tribune and I want to let you know that I appreciate it very much. I also want to thank everyone who made it possible for such editions to be put out.

I also receive the Elks paper from the Rapids which is another fine accomplishment and thanks to the Tribune staff for their part in it. I have also written the Nekooza Edwards Paper company expressing my thanks for their part in getting the Digest to me.

Pfc. Melvin Langer

THANKS NEKOOSA-EDWARDS

Dear Editor: I have just finished a letter to Nekooza-Edwards to thank them ever so much for sending me fellows the Serviceman's Digest of your Rapids Tribune. I received 4 copies yesterday along with a Special V-E Edition which I liked very much.

It sure is a grand little paper and doesn't take up all the room that the regular paper would. We sure like to get the inside dope on the news from home, it's from your paper that we can tell just how the home front is coming along in this war.

I surely haven't any criticism to make, I believe that you have done one swell job and I surely do like the news about the Sporting World and the Rapids winning the Track Crown for the valley, also about the German prisoners and the work that they are doing around the Rapids. I sure hope to keep getting the Rapids Digest—it's just the thing for our moral over here and all over the world.

P. S. Moral is a lot of little things put together—your Serviceman's Digest sure is helping our moral over the world—keep it up, please.

58 Panes Broken in Garage at Nekooza

Nekooza Police Chief William Wintlyn issued a warning today to a number of Nekooza children after 58 panes of glass were broken in the Chevrolet garage on Garrison avenue. The garage is being used by the Nekooza Foundry and Machine Works, Inc., for storage.

Wintlyn said the glass is being replaced and warned that if the windows are broken in the future, prosecution in juvenile court will follow.

Elks Report On War Activities

A special delegation of Elks headed by Dr. Robert South Barrett, grand exalted ruler, made their "report to the nation" recently, presenting a published resume of the order's war activities to President Harry S. Truman, to the secretaries of war and the navy and to members of congress.

The activities reviewed in the report represent a total expenditure of \$1,300,000 according to the Elks war commission, which conducts the fraternity's war programs.

Among the war activities which the local Elks lodge has aided this year according to W. J. Foote, exalted ruler, are several recruiting campaigns for WACS, naval cadet and electronics students, army construction men, and the Sea Bees. Also on their list of war activities is the publishing of the Elksquire which is sent monthly to some 1,800 servicemen from this area. The local lodge has also sponsored and paid for shows and entertainment given at the LaCrosse Veterans' hospital.

First National Bank Has 73rd Birthday

Seventy-three years ago today, June 18, 1872, the First National Bank of Wisconsin Rapids was founded by J. D. Witter, pioneer in the banking field in Wood county. It has the distinction of being the oldest bank in central Wisconsin.

Presidents who have served this bank are George A. Neeves, 1872-1874; Thomas B. Scott, 1874-1882; Jera D. Witter, 1882-1902; E. T. Harmon, 1902-1905; George W. Mead, 1905-1921; Isaac P. Witter, 1921-1942. W. J. Taylor, now president said that nothing special was planned for today but that an appropriate observance would be conducted on the seventy-fifth birthday in 1947.

WOUNDED IN ACTION

Pfc. Alonzo W. Schumann, son of Mrs. Hedwig Schumann, Route 1, Montello, was listed today by the war department as having been wounded in action in the Pacific regions.

HURT AS HORSE FALLS

Harold Malcolm, 28, Route 1, was taken to Riverview hospital yesterday morning with a 2-inch cut on the forehead received when a horse he was riding slipped and fell near his home. The attending physician said the injury is not considered serious.

A Heavy Diet!

WOOLEY HAS SOME LOVELY YOUNG GREEN ONIONS GROWING IN HIS GARDEN! I WONDER IF I DARE

MY BEDTIME SANDWICH NEEDS AN ONION AND WE HAVEN'T ANY

BANG

BLONDIE CAN YOU REMOVE BLACK SHOT WITH YOUR EYEBROW TWEEZERS?

BY CHIC YOUNG