

OUR MEN IN SERVICE

Pfc. William Moscinski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Moscinski, Junction City, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

Pfc. Orval W. Burchett, the former Yvonne Roth, Route 2, Junction City, has received word that her husband, Orval W. Burchett, has been recently promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant.

Irvin Ernest Smith, S 1/c ARM, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Smith, 620 Cliff street, has completed a course in gunnery school at Whidbey Island, Wash., finishing seventh high in his class.

S/Sgt. Raymond D. Peterson, 27, son of William J. Peterson, Route 3, Wisconsin Rapids, has arrived at army air forces redistribution station No. 2 in Miami Beach, Fla., for reassignment processing after completing a tour of duty outside the continental United States.

Corp. Tech. Kermit H. Sommers, whose wife, Mabel, resides at 750 1/2 Baker street, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy.

Pfc. Frank Flick, son of Mrs. Frank Flick, 1411 Oak street, was promoted to that rank in March. He is now serving in the 23rd infantry with the First army in Germany.

Cpl. Gerald A. Salter, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Salter, Nekoosa, has just been awarded his third Bronze Star. He is serving in a headquarters battery with the First army in Germany.

Cpl. M. J. Thomas, son of John R. Thomas, Milladore, has recently been transferred to the infantry. He is serving in the European theater of operations.

Walter Martin Kersten, 28, husband of Mrs. Gladys Ruth Kersten, Nekoosa, is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. naval training center, Great Lakes, Ill.

injury while in the front lines in Belgium. He has been overseas for three and one-half years, having been among the first American troops to land on North Africa.

Donald W. Palay, 22, was promoted to sergeant from the rank of private first class on March 29. He is a communications sergeant for machine gunns and mortars and is with the 44th division in the Seventh army in Germany.

Sgt. Lyle J. Ketchum, 29, whose wife, Dorothy, resides at 1210 High street, has been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant. He is stationed with the 94th General Hospital in England.

Pfc. Frank Flick, whose wife, Arlene, lives in Wisconsin Rapids, is with the 23rd infantry in the First army in Europe. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Flick, who live near Rudolph.

T/Sgt. Chester Prusynski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Prusynski, Biron, is now serving in the south Pacific.

Mrs. Regina Cooper, 410 Eleventh avenue north, received the Purple Heart this week for her husband, Pfc. Clifford Cooper, who was killed in action in France January 12.

Aviation Cadet Gerald R. Roszkowsky of Class 46-B received his wings this week after graduation ceremonies at Moore Field, Tex., central flying training command advanced pilot school and has been appointed a flight officer in the army air force.

Jerre Lee O'Day, S 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Day, 2010 East Chestnut street, has 16 months in the Mediterranean and two in the Pacific regions to his credit. Wounded at Naples, he holds the Purple Heart. Another son, Cpl. James A. O'Day, is with the Seventh army in Germany.

Rudolph Posekany, Friendship, has been promoted to private first class. He has been in service two years and is serving with the Seventh army in Germany.

S/Sgt. Roman J. Jamros, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jamros, City Point, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service. He is serving with the Ninth infantry division in Germany. He participated in the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns, the invasions of Normandy, and has also served in France, Belgium and Germany. He entered service October 16, 1940. Prior to that he was a carpenter. The sergeant also wears the Combat Infantryman's badge and the Good Conduct medal.

Ray Gilardi writes from Honolulu that he is receiving the Rapids Tribune and that it is "quite a treat on this island."

Cadet William C. McDonald, son of John W. McDonald, 210 Twelfth street north, has successfully completed the basic flying training course and was recently graduated from the Maroon army air field, Tucson, Ariz. He attended Lincoln High school and Central State Teachers college. Before entering the service, Cadet McDonald was employed by Consolidated Water Power and Paper company.

fore entering the army October 13, 1943, Private Hanson was a farmer. Cpl. Harold Witt, whose wife resides at 831 Baker street, has arrived safely in France with the field artillery of the Second army. He entered service in May, 1941.

In California Hospital Pfc. Robert R. Reeves, 21, son of Mrs. Harold Witt, is in a hospital at Occidental, Calif., with a broken hand. He entered service September 15, 1942 and served in the Pacific for a year as a marine.

Another son of Mrs. Harold Witt, Pfc. John Reeves, 19, is on Okinawa with the First marine division. He was in the Palau action and entered service November 18, 1943. A son-in-law of Mrs. Witt, T/Sgt. William Houston, has nine more missions to go to complete his quota. He is with the Fifteenth air force in Italy.

T/Sgt. Ernest Neinfeldt, Jr., brother of Mrs. Robert Moll, Route 1, Wisconsin Rapids, writes from Belgium, "I received the Wisconsin Rapids Tribune's Serviceman's Digest today. It sure is a swell little paper, having plenty in it!" Sergeant Neinfeldt received the Purple Heart for wounds received in Belgium last January 9. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Neinfeldt, Sr., Route 5, Wisconsin Rapids. Arrives in France

Sgt. Clarence D. Neinfeldt, brother of Sergeant Ernest Neinfeldt, has arrived safely in France. Pfc. Clarence Arendt, 22, whose wife, Helte, resides at 951 Plum street, is en route to Great Lakes, Ill., from Guam, where he has been recuperating in a hospital from wounds received in Iwo Jima, February 19. A marine, Private Arendt was wounded by shrapnel in the back and shoulder.

S/Sgt. William J. Hanneman, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hanneman, 1611 Washington street, has arrived at army air forces redistribution station No. 2 in Miami Beach, Fla., for reassignment processing after completing a tour of duty outside the continental United States. He was a control tower operator in the Asiatic Pacific. His wife, Helen, resides at 1131 Baker street.

Pvt. Raymond J. Schmick, 313 Wood avenue, Nekoosa, has arrived at the field artillery replacement training center, Fort Bragg, N. C., for basic military training. He has been assigned to Battery C, Tenth battalion, Fourth regiment.

Pvt. Gordon C. Krubsack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Krubsack, Nekoosa, is now stationed at Camp Croft, S. C. He entered military service at Fort Sheridan, Ill., March 22 of this year and was sent to Camp Croft the last day of March.

"You don't have time to keep score when you're blasting away to stop a Jap charge," states Pfc. George H. Sachs, son of Mrs. Ann Sachs, Route 4, Wisconsin Rapids, in describing how his unit smashed the Japs' last desperate counter-attack in a western Luzon mountain pass. "It seemed like the little yellow fanatics didn't know enough to be afraid," Sachs said. "Why they even gave us warning by screaming as they charged. But we stopped the screams and slant eyes, too." Sachs is a veteran of the liberation of Bataan and mopping up on Corregidor. He now holds the Asiatic Pacific ribbon with two campaign stars, Philippine Liberation ribbon and Combat Infantry badge.

Capt. H. J. Gazeley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Gazeley, 340 Ninth street north, was recently promoted to that rank at his Fifteenth air force base somewhere in Italy. He is flying a squadron leader and has eight months combat duty with 44 missions. He entered military service in October, 1942 and went overseas August 7, 1944.

Pfc. Lyle J. Steuck, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Steuck, 1310 McKinley street, has arrived somewhere in England. Delsing in France Pfc. James "Jim" Delsing, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Delsing, Rudolph, went overseas in February and has been in France for the past six weeks. He is in the medical department.

Pfc. Ralph E. Boger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Boger, Port Edwards, is assigned to Castel Benito air base, Tripoli, in the North African division of the air transport command. He is a radio technician serving North African division aircraft. In preparation for his current assignment, Private Boger attended the army radio school at Madison. A graduate of John Edwards High school, Boger was in business with his father prior to entering service in October, 1942.

A/C Wayne I. Triggs, son of Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Triggs, 410 Oak street, graduated as a military pilot for the army air forces training command in station at Blackland army air field, Waco, Tex., April 15, and received his silver wings. He entered service March 4, 1941, and spent nine months in Brazil with the ground forces.

Also receiving his silver wings at Blackland AAF was A/C Stephen K. Haugh, husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Jean Towne Haugh, Adams. He had attended the University of Wisconsin in 1936-37 and Marquette University in 1940-42.

Pfc. Richard E. Young, 19, son of William A. Young, Wisconsin Rapids, has recovered at the 141st General Hospital in England from wounds received in the Ardennes forest in Germany last December 13, and has been released for return to duty. He had been wounded with shrapnel in the arm and chest.



"Well, Well! Imagine Meeting You Here!"

Just a Letter From Home

Monday, April 23, 1945 Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

Dear Bud, Things are sure moving fast these days, aren't they? You won't believe it, but it's even tough to keep up with you boys on a map—the same going for either the European or Pacific theaters. We here at home are sitting on the edge of our collective seat waiting for the blow that will knock out Berlin and the final punch that is to be swung at all Nazidom.

The United Nations this week will set about at San Francisco to see what they can do in the way of establishing a world security organization and upon this gathering may rest the hope of the world for a permanent peace. Much will depend upon the deliberations and conclusions of the many delegates but we figure you guys are presenting the Germans and the Japs with one of the most valuable and convincing arguments against future aggression. They are certainly asking for and getting it.

President Harry S. Truman has made a flying start in taking up the reins which slipped from the hands of one whom was taken from us so suddenly, but already there is considerable speculation as to what the administration will or will not do about this and that. We are assured that the prosecution of the war will continue unchanged and that this country will press for the broad principles of international cooperation and goodwill for which our late President Franklin D. Roosevelt stood. But there are many problems on the domestic side with which Mr. Truman along with the cabinet and congress will be coming to grips. I touched upon some of these last week.

There is one which looks like a major postwar headache and to which you might want to devote some thought. This is when and how to end consumer food subsidies. Currently costing about \$1,600,000,000 a year, they represent money spent by the government to hold down Mrs. John Q. Public's grocery bill. This is not the only type of subsidy. There are many more on petroleum, copper and other items, the annual overall expenditure being something like \$2,381,000,000. It is felt that most of these others will die a natural death.

But there are rumblings in congress of a head-on political clash over food subsidies, the purposes of which are to keep retail prices unchanged by paying the difference of higher premiums at the source. The picture is something like this: When the war ends—and it can't be too soon—wages probably will decline. There is little doubt but what incomes will fall for millions who now are receiving considerable extra in the form of overtime pay. Stopping food subsidies would mean the consumer might have to absorb this difference which, of course, means higher retail prices.

You can see that this wages down and prices up business wouldn't jibe at all. The Reconstruction Finance corporation and the Commodity Credit corporation are the government agencies which administer this program, the RFC paying something like \$569,000,000 on meat, \$100,000,000 on butter and \$190,000,000 on flour. This goes to packers, creameries and mills. At present levels of farm product prices, they would have to ask more for meat, milk and bread if they didn't get subsidies. The CCC pays about \$568,000,000 in payments for dairy products, \$120,000,000 on feeds and \$225,000,000 on other crops such as beans and other vegetables. These payments go directly to the farmers.

So you can also see there are a lot of economic interests in this setup. It is feared that an abrupt end to subsidies would throw everything out of whack. A gradual elimination would produce the situation we have described. Continuation and expansion could keep us eternally in debt and operating in something of a false and artificial economy.

You may say that you can't be bothered with such things now. But, brother, you'd better keep your eye on the question of wartime economic props and controls. Because you're going to have to help supply the answer.

Yours for Victory, R. A. D.

Lincoln Vocal Groups to Hold Spring Concert

The vocal music department of Lincoln High school will present its Spring Concert in Lincoln field house at 8 o'clock Thursday with a wide variety of selections to be presented by four choral groups.

A setting of giant tulips and jonquils will form the background for this evening of song. There will be songs of the chorale type as composed by Bach, Negro spirituals, folk-tunes, narrative songs and songs of love. These selections will be presented by the high school choir and girls' glee club, the mixed chorus and a junior chorus made up of members of the Lincoln eighth grade.

These four groups will combine to sing three songs as a climax to the evening's entertainment, one of which will be the "Lord's Prayer," by Edward Hay Malotte.

Three solo voices are being presented in this concert. Violet Reddick, soprano, will sing with the mixed chorus, Robert Olmsted as soloist with the combined choirs and Bernard Speltz, contralto, with the girls' glee club. The program is open to the general public.

Edward Webb Is Missing

S/Sgt. Edward H. Webb, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Webb, 2650 Eighth street south, has been missing in action over Germany since April 4, according to a war department telegram received by the parents Friday evening.

Sergeant Webb is a turret gunner with the Eighth air force. He entered service in November, 1942 and has been overseas for four months. He has three brothers in service. First Lt. Downing Webb, serving with the air corps in Indiana; T/Cpl. Harold Webb, who has been stationed in the Philippines but believed to be on his way home, and Cpl. Robert Webb, with the air corps in California.

At Beaufort, South Carolina, on the afternoon of Friday, April 13, Tech. Sgt. Earl W. Hafemann, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Hafemann, Route 4, Wisconsin Rapids, took as his bride, Miss Florence E. Berg, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur A. Berg of Sparta, Wis. Vows were exchanged at 4 o'clock.

Sergeant Hafemann of the United States Marine Corps has been stationed at Parris Island, South Carolina, and is now en route to a base on the west coast. A graduate of Lincoln High school, he entered the service in July 1942.

Prior to her marriage his bride was employed in the office of the Cargill Shipbuilding Division at Savage, Minnesota.

NAME NEW ASSESSOR Glen Peterson has been appointed assessor by town of Lincoln board, according to word received here by Joachim A. Schindler, county clerk. Peterson takes the place of Loy L. Rayborn, who resigned. It was announced by Mary Hensler, town clerk.

ATTEND MEETING Thirty city, town and village assessors attended a meeting this morning where instructions were given relative to assessments in Wood county. The meeting was conducted by Soren Rasmussen, Wausau, deputy supervisor of assessments office.

Letter Reveals Lt. Mathews Killed Returning from Mission

Second Lieut. George M. Mathews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mathews, 331 Twelfth street south, was killed along with all members of his crew when his plane crashed while returning from a reconnaissance flight over northern France, it was learned here recently by his parents when Mrs. Mathews received a letter from Capt. Josiah G. Chatham, Catholic chaplain of the 397th Bomb group.

Lieutenant Mathews had previously been reported as missing in action on February 14 and on March 24 the war department advised the family that he had been killed in action. The letter, in part, follows: "In the name of Col. Richard T. Coiner, Jr., our commanding officer, and of all the officers and men of the 397th Bomb group, I extend to you, from my heart, my prayerful sympathy. "On January 30th, George's ship was on a reconnaissance flight in northern France. When he returned, a snowstorm had developed over the field where he was to land. It was under bad weather conditions of poor visibility that George's ship crashed and all the members of the crew were killed instantly. "George was an outstanding officer and was loved and admired by all the men of his organization.

Nothing bolsters the morale of the frontline soldier so much as news from home—either in the form of letters or daily newspapers and I can assure you I deeply appreciate receiving it very much. Having lived in the Tri-City area practically all my life, I've been reading the "Trib" ever since I've been old enough to read so that it had more or less become part of my daily routine back home.

Hoping to continue receiving your paper and sincere good wishes for continued success of the Tribune, I am,

Yours respectfully, Sgt. Earl W. Breece

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Drivas Family Has First Word From Greece Since 1941

Way back in February, 1941 George and Jim Drivas of the Sugar Bowl cafe received their last word from relatives in Greece. Now, after several years of anxious waiting, they were rewarded this week by an answer to a cablegram sent recently, the returning wire stating simply—"All well. The message was signed by Nick Drivas and "Jim" the former being George and Jim's younger brother who was in the army the last they had heard. "Jim" is a brother-in-law of Tom Foules, also working at the Sugar Bowl.

George and Jim have their mother, brother and two sisters in the little town of Triptamos, Greece, a little town situated between three rivers, for which its name stands.

Doin' the Town

Home on leave or furlough as announced by the war price and ration board:

Robert Shea, 1030 1/2 Washington street; Carl F. Hike, 1421 Aron street; R. A. Herzberg, 1261 Oak street; Robert E. Knutson, 511 Witter street; Raymond W. Kronholm, 2410 Eighth street south; James E. Mayer, Route 4, Marshfield; Stanley D. Tomczak, 441 Eleventh street north; Douglas W. Becker, Vesper; Oliver H. Peters, Rudolph.

Lt. Wayne Triggs, 410 Oak street; Howard C. Thorntson, Star Route, Nekoosa; Melvin Van Ert, Route 2, Stevens Point; Maurice N. Perry, Port Edwards; Arthur G. Krey, 420 Cleveland street; Raymond A. Staks, Vesper; Howard F. Hazell, 441 Oak street.

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Posthumous Award To Pfc. Ira Heinen

Milwaukee—(AP)—The Navy Cross, awarded posthumously to Marine Pfc. Ira E. Heinen, killed in action on Guam in July, 1944, was presented yesterday to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Heinen, Junction City.

Despite two bayonet wounds, Private Heinen refused relief and help until three fierce charges by the Japanese, his citation said. He died after his evacuation.

Over and above this he was devout in the practice of his religion. "George had flown eight combat missions and had been decorated with the air medal. . . ."

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Nekoosa Star Athlete Killed in Philippines

Pvt. Howard R. "Sammy" Crowns, whose wife, Geneva, lives on Route 1, Nekoosa, was killed in action March 23, on Romblon island in the central Philippines, according to a war department telegram received by the soldier's wife this week-end.

Private Crowns, an outstanding athlete in central Wisconsin for many years was serving with the 19th infantry. He was born in Nekoosa, February 2, 1919, and attended Alexander High school, Nekoosa, where he starred in football and basketball. He later played baseball in the Wood County league and amateur basketball with the Modern Shoes. Playing in the City Basketball league, he established a Lincoln field-house scoring record of 36 points in one game and 47 points in one fray for the Lowell school record.

On May 31, 1939, he married Miss Geneva Jackson. Prior to joining the army, he was employed by the Nekoosa-Edwards Paper company.

The 26-year-old Nekoosian entered military service May 22, 1944 and received his basic training at Camp Hood, Tex. Following a furlough last October, he was transferred to Fort Ord, Calif., and he left for overseas in December, 1944.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two small daughters, Jennine and Juanita; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Crowns, Jr., Nekoosa; five sisters, Mrs. Andy Pakkan, Chicago; Mrs. Myron Hartjes, Little Rock, Ark.; Mrs. William Cook, Jean and Elizabeth, at Nekoosa; and three brothers, Alfred, at Nekoosa; and Clayton and Conrad of Wisconsin Rapids. The latter brother leaves for military service Wednesday.

