

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. He is now receiving medical treatment at Vaughn General Hospital, Illinois, Ill., after having been a patient in an English hospital for three months. He entered service in July, 1942, and served with an infantry unit of the Third army until he was wounded November 27, 1941, in Germany. He has been awarded the Purple Heart.

Howard E. Mullen, 25, Wisconsin Rapids, and Darwin Michael-kamp, Nekosia, have arrived overseas and are now stationed somewhere in Germany. They both left for induction October 23, 1944, and received training at Fort Sheridan, Ill., Fort McClellan, Ala., and Fort George Meade, Md. Receives Promotion

Mrs. 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. He is serving as a pilot of a Superfortress with the Twentieth airforce stationed in India.

S/Sgt. Frank Boyarski, infantryman in the 43rd Winged Victory Division, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for heroic action during the opening days of the Luzon campaign at Lingayen Gulf. He took a field telephone with him to an exposed position and phoned back fire directions to the mortar squad which enabled them to knock out enemy machine gun positions. The sergeant, who landed with the initial assault forces which liberated the first Luzon town on January 9, is the son of Mrs. Agnes Boyarski, Route 3, Wisconsin Rapids.

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. Known as "Bud," he received his wings April 8, 1944, at Corpus Christi, Tex., completing almost a year of study in the course of combat air crewman. He is now awaiting further orders.

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. He flew 70 missions as gunner on A-24 Dauntless dive bombers and B-25 Mitchell medium bombers in the European theater of operations, for which he has been awarded the Air Medal with seven Oak Leaf clusters. His wife resides at 450 Third avenue.

Receives Combat Badge
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; he also holds the Distinguished Unit badge. A veteran of three campaigns against the Japs, he is now serving in an anti-tank company of the veteran 32nd infantry division, on Luzon in the Philippines. He has 34 months of overseas duty to his credit, having left the United States in April, 1942, with the famed Red Arrow division.

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, Nekosia, has just been awarded his third Bronze Star. He is serving in a headquarters battery with the First army in Germany. He entered service in December 23, 1941, Gerald Salter and went overseas in November, 1942.

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. Barney Goggins, son of Hugh W. Goggins, with the Eighth airforce in England, has been promoted from the rank of private first class to that of corporal. Cpl. Jack Goggins, his brother, is now stationed at Lincoln, Neb., as a radio gunner assigned to a B-24 bomber.

Cpl. R. S. Goggins, who formerly practiced law here, is now stationed with the air force in Manila as a cryptographer.

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. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Donald Palay, Mrs. Palay, 520 Eighth avenue, he entered service January 20, 1943 and went overseas last October.

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. Sergeant Ketchum entered service in September, 1942, and went overseas in February, 1944.

With First Army
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. Roszkows 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.

He is the son of G. Roszkows, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Roszkows, 810 First street north.

Jerome 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.

Receives Bronze Star
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."

Claude J. Dellaver, Jr., a graduate of Adams-Friendship High school in 1942, has recently been promoted to technical sergeant third class while serving with the 67th signal company in Europe. With the Third army, he has been overseas for a year.

Pvt. Henry G. Kurz, whose wife, Betty, and small daughter reside on Route 2, Wisconsin Rapids, is stationed in the infantry replacement training center, Camp Rucker, Ala., for his basic training. He is the son of Mrs. Rosa Kurz, Route 2.

Naval A/C Robert P. Gleason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Gleason, 921 Wisconsin River avenue, Fort Edwards, has completed the course of physical conditioning and ground school work at the U. S. navy pre-flight school, Athens, Ga., and has been ordered to a naval air station to begin progressive flight training preparatory to joining a combat unit. A graduate of John Edwards High school in 1940, he participated in football, basketball and golf. Later, he attended Northwestern university, where he also was an athlete and from which school he graduated in 1944. He now reports to the naval air station, Memphis, Tenn.

Graduates in St. Louis
Honier Fairfield, 921 Washington street, was graduated recently from the naval training school (electric) at the St. Louis, Mo., naval armory.

Pfc. Raymond O. Hanson, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ole E. Hanson, Wisconsin Rapids, has returned from service outside the continental United States and is now being processed through the army ground and service forces redistribution station in Miami Beach, Fla., where his next assignment will be determined. He served eight months with the infantry in the Pacific. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds, the Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon with one battle star and the Combat Infantry badge. He

Wayne Triggs 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.



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. We can't see how they can keep hanging on the ropes but probably you could tell us something about that. Anyway, the beating that the Axis armies and peoples are taking can't be too bad to suit us. Here's hoping you give them plenty to remember us by—just so's they won't be getting any of those fancy ideas for a long time to come.

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.

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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.

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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 Bernadine Spitz, 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.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Brauer, city, born at Riverview hospital April 21.

A daughter, to Seaman First Class and Mrs. Darrold Steinke, city, born at Riverview hospital today.

A daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Eron, Babcock, born at Riverview hospital today.

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.

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. . ."

Nothing bolsters the morale of the front-line 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

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 Tripotamos, 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. Hilke, 1421 Arvon 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. Tomaczski, 441 Eleventh street north; Douglas W. Becker, Vesper; Oliver H. Peters, Rudolph.

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

BUILDING PERMITS

Six building permits have been issued for minor construction, according to A. J. Hanneman, building inspector.

William Burchell was issued a permit to tear down an old barn and erect a garage at 150 Market street. Estimated cost is \$200.

Neal Flahman was granted a permit to build a basement at 1600 Second street north at an estimated cost of \$200.

William Sweet, proprietor of the Sweet grocery store, 840 Eighth avenue south was granted permission to build an addition for storage purposes. Estimated cost was \$50.

John Bull, 520 Fourteenth avenue north, received a permit to build an addition to the kitchen and a frame garage at a cost of \$180.

J. P. Maney, 211 Nineteenth avenue south was granted permission to enclose a frame porch at a cost of \$100.

Clarence Teske was granted a permit to remodel a school house at 430 Thirteenth avenue, to be used as a residence. Estimated cost is \$200.

A moving permit was granted to Wallace Fletcher to move a garage from 1250 Prospect street to 2320 Sixth street south.

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Tribune Letter Box
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Wisconsin readers and friends are invited and urged to write letters or questions on timely subjects for publication in the Letter Box column. All letters published must contain the author's name. Letters about sex or otherwise lengthy should be legibly written and should not contain anything of a defamatory or libelous nature.

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