

OUR MEN IN SERVICE

Pfc. Kenneth W. Erdman, whose wife resides at 281 Johnson street, is stationed with the Seventh army in Europe. He will have been overseas two years in June, serving with the 45th Thunderbird division in the field artillery. His mother, Mrs. C. Kronholm, lives at 840 Twelfth avenue north.

Pfc. Bertram Urban, whose wife, Margery, lives at Pittsville, writes that he is now located in Luxembourg, after having been in Belgium and France. He is in the same company as Pfc. Quentin Irwin of Wisconsin Rapids. He is the son of Elmer J. Urban, Wisconsin Rapids.

Pvt. John Barrette, son of Leo J. Barrette, 141 Third avenue north, has been in a hospital in France for the past several weeks. He landed in England last November and went to France about the 20th of January. In the Marianas.

Pfc. Earl A. Behrend, whose wife, Lucille, lives at 2301 Eighth street south, is stationed with a B-29 force somewhere in the Marianas. He is in the 29th bomb group, Sixth bomb squadron.

Claude A. Wolcott, MM2/c, U.S.S. Peiffer, was recently promoted to that rank from third class machinists mate. He is in the Philippines and participated in the battle for Luzon.

T/5 Harry J. Clark, son of Mrs. Georgia Clark, Reedsburg, is stationed in the Netherlands East Indies. His wife, Dorothy, lives at 1651 Apricot street.

On Escort Carrier—Robert L. Pfeiffer, son of A. L. Pfeiffer, Route 2, Wisconsin Rapids, is aboard the escort carrier U. S. S. Kallin Bay in the Pacific. He left for overseas about six weeks ago.

Sgt. Kenneth Keenan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Keenan, Pittsville, is on the island of Oahu in the Hawaiian islands. His wife, Mary, lives in Milwaukee.

Sgt. (T/4) Raymond C. Kuehl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kuehl, Route 5, Wisconsin Rapids, has been stationed in the Marianas for the past seven and a half months. He was in the Hawaiian for seven months previous to being transferred to the Marianas. His wife, Mavis Ann, lives at 1131 Sixteenth street north.

Sgt. Robert Schmidt, who is serving with the Seventh army in the European theater, entered service in February, 1942, and has been overseas since October of that year. He is first cook of Co. C, Third Medical Battalion. His wife, Mildred, is making her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Fahl, Route 1, Nekoska.

Cpl. T/5 Jesse C. Janz, whose wife lives on Route 2, Auburndale, is still hospitalized somewhere in England. He was injured on December 31, 1944, while serving with a unit of the 101st airborne division in Belgium.

S/Sgt. Merle O. Berry, whose wife, Esther, resides in Arkdale, was recently promoted to that rank at his base in Alsace-Lorraine.

Cpl. Kenneth P. Keeffe, whose wife, Doris, lives at 641 Oak street, is now stationed somewhere in Belgium. He has been overseas 22 months and up until last summer he was a paratrooper, having participated in four major battles. He has the Expert Infantryman's badge. He is the son of P. M. Keeffe, Adams.

Ainsley R. Hill, S/1/c, whose wife lives at 2010, Third avenue south, is stationed in New Guinea. He is the son of Mrs. Hysen Hill, Green Day.

On Convoy Duty—Raymond J. Henke, S/1/c, is on convoy duty in the Atlantic with the U. S. S. Orlando. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Henke, 1311 Irving street.

Pvt. Clifford L. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Johnson, Route 2, Hancock, is serving in the Philippines with the infantry.

Sgt. Lamont L. Veroot, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Gukenberger, Route 5, Wisconsin Rapids, is serving somewhere in Germany with the First army, with an engineer combat battalion.

Pvt. Grover W. O'Connor, whose wife Violet, lives on Route 3, Warrens, is now somewhere in the Pacific. He was employed by Consolidated Water Power and Paper company before entering the armed forces in April, 1944. He went overseas in December, 1944.

SS/Sgt. Clinton A. Falcosky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Falcosky, 140 Eighteenth avenue south, is serving with a field artillery battalion with the 32nd division in the Philippines.

Pfc. Fred E. Shidell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Shidell, Vesper, has been transferred to a new base somewhere in the Pacific. He had previously been in the Netherlands East Indies.

Pvt. Earl Kawalski, whose wife, Mildred, lives at 541 Ninth street south, is at an observation post in Germany, where he repairs telephone lines on the fighting front. He is connected with the Ninth army.

Sgt. Jesse N. Leiser, whose wife lives at 431 Third street south, is now somewhere in the vicinity of Manila. He left for overseas in January, 1944. He is the son of Norman Leiser, Route 3, Wisconsin Rapids. Serving in Belgium.

Pfc. Fred H. Ogden, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McConville, 522 Fourth avenue north, is now located in Belgium with an engineering group.

Albert A. Giese, MOMM 3/c, whose wife lives in Nekoska, took part in the battle at Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines in February.

S/Sgt. Leslie A. Heath, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Heath, Babcock, is returning to Australia to attend school in the army transportation corps, following 24 months in Australia and New Guinea. His wife, Dorothy, lives in Babcock.

Pvt. Charles Olinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Olinger, Sr., is now serving somewhere in France with an anti-aircraft artillery battalion. He has been overseas since June, 1943.

Among those graduating from an intensive course of fire controlman training at recent service schools exercises at Great Lakes, Ill., was Ernest August Kroll, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Kroll, 421 Adam street.

Three Sons in Service—S-Sgt. R. W. Totzke, whose wife, Irene, resides at 950 Baker street, is now stationed somewhere in Italy. He entered service May 12, 1942 and went overseas in November, 1943, to spend a year in North Africa. A brother, Kenneth R. Totzke, MM 3-c, is now serving in the Philippines, after having been stationed in New Guinea. He entered service December 10, 1942. Still another brother, Harold D. Totzke, GM 3-c, is in the south Pacific. He entered service in November, 1941. All three are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Totzke, 211 Eighth street south.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krubasak, 811 D street, have been notified by their son, Pvt. Henry Krubasak, that he is now in the Philippines.

Mrs. Francis LaCrosse of Arpin has received word that her husband, Pfc. Francis LaCrosse, serving in the transportation corps, has arrived in the Philippines. He had previously spent 14 months in the Hawaiian Islands.

Sgt. Robert L. Maier, son of Mrs. V. Maier, Wisconsin Rapids, is a former member of the 691st engineer boat regiment now serving with the 275th engineer combat battalion on the Seventh army front. The boat regiment has been awarded the Meritorious Service plaque with star in recognition of the regiment's outstanding achievements in the North African theater.

At Fort Sheridan—Sgt. Harold Iverson, who went to a replacement camp in Florida, after having been in Australia and New Guinea for 35 months, is now stationed at Fort Sheridan, where he is going to school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Iverson, Sherry.



Spring of '45

Just a Letter From Home

Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. Monday, March 19, 1945

Dear Bud,

That Wisconsin river is really rollin' again and folks hereabouts are keeping a weather eye on the sky because a good rainstorm could push it up near flood level. The ice is reported breaking up unusually early this year. All of which means that spring is just around the corner and a severe winter in the form of extreme temperatures and a goodly amount of snow will be behind us. We are hoping that spring will bring some glad tidings from the continent but it seems that thus far those Heinies just don't know when to quit.

While the war is uppermost in the minds of all, Wisconsin Rapids has been in something of a dither over the performance of the Lincoln High school basketball team. As duly recorded on The Tribune sports page, they hammered through sectional and regional tournaments and gained the semi-finals of the state meet at Madison before being stopped by a whizz-dinger of a Lena team, 50-43, which had mowed down with ease such phenomenally strong outfits as Shawano and Neenah. Anyway, the boys had a very successful season with 20 wins against 3 losses and Coach Carl Klundrud can look forward to another crackjack next year with Bob Mader, a real competitor, and several promising sophomores returning.

The Red Cross drive here went over with a great big bang! South Wood county over-subscribed its quota of \$20,000 in 10 days of the month allotted for the annual war fund campaign. A lot of credit must go to General Chairman Dwight Teas and to organized labor which outshone the other divisions, all of whom did a splendid job, however. Next on the list is the Seventh War Loan.

The Wisconsin legislature is being asked to consider a measure which would outlaw discrimination on the part of an employer or unions against an individual on the basis of race, creed, color or nativity. The idea certainly has merit. For any arrow aimed at intolerance should be sped on its democratic way. But we're wondering if this particular dart may not go wide of its target and become something of a boomerang. We can see all kinds of complications when racial factors are projected into the employment picture. A minority could

employ such a device to obtain or retain a job for an individual and bring reprisals against an employer or union when in actuality he was incompetent or did not meet the same standards required of others.

If you kick it around a little, you can see a lot of other drawbacks which would tend to defeat the purpose of the sponsors by creating friction instead of curbing any such discrimination. It might be interesting to give it a try, but in our book it says that you cannot change beliefs and prejudices by legislation. Human nature just isn't built that way. We believe the answer to the broad question of racial animosity and disturbances may lie in education in the church, at school and in the home.

At least it's something to think about for it involves a problem that long has been something of an ominous undercurrent in our American way of life and which has boiled to the surface on several occasions in these war years. Although we are fighting to establish a world brotherhood, many look for the problem to be intensified following the peace as the result of population shifts and other wartime experiences.

This may seem like pretty "dry stuff" to be sending a serviceman, especially when he has a mighty grim task confronting him. But we feel it is an insult to his intelligence when he gets little else but jokes, cartoons and idle chatter from those who have been left behind. Don't get us wrong. We think that a laugh contained in any of the light-hearted stuff is important and serves its purpose. But men who are doing a man's job should be treated as such. They will better be able to fit into the postwar scene and assume their rightful role in the deliberation of these various issues if some of the background is passed along to them so that opinions can more readily be formed and they can pick up near where they left off.

The point is that when you come back, Bud, we'll have a place for you. And we want you to step right into it. To help build that which has been neglected. To become once again a part of us. To attain that better world which, above all else, must be the reward for the service you are rendering your country.

Yours for Victory,

R. A. D.

with the Pacific fleet. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wunrow, Arpin.

Pfc. Ronald Bramble, son of S. W. Bramble, Route 1, Wisconsin Rapids, is serving with the 76th division in General Patton's Third Army. He has been previously stationed at New Caledonia, Guadalcanal and Bougainville.

Sgt. Carl W. Hankey, son of Mrs. Delphine Hankey, Route 4, Wisconsin Rapids is serving with an armored division in Belgium. He entered service in November, 1941 and has been overseas two years.

Pfc. Herbert W. Kallish, whose sister, Mrs. Kenneth Burt, lives at 640 Ninth street south, recently received a Bronze Star medal in recognition of his service in Belgium and Germany.

Pvt. William R. Grode, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Grode, Nekoska, is now stationed at Camp Hood, Tex. He entered service last February 16.

Pfc. Harold S. Topping, son of Carl Topping, Wisconsin Rapids, is serving with the Third army under Gen. George S. Patton in Europe.

Pvt. Fred D. Newby, serving with the 38th armored regiment somewhere in Germany, was recently promoted to private first class, according to word received by his wife, Margaret, and son, Jerry, who reside in Wisconsin Rapids.

Pvt. George Schmidt, son of Edward J. Schmidt, 810 Fifth street, is now being examined by the AAF training command station medical and psychological unit at Keesler Field, Hattiesburg, Miss., to determine his qualifications as a pre-aviation cadet.

S/Sgt. Lawrence Stanforth has returned to active duty in Italy, following a rest period in Rome. He is a member of the six air force in Italy. Both he and his brother, Sgt. Morris Stanforth, entered service on the same day, January 20, 1942. Morris, who is stationed in France with the quartermaster corps, went overseas in September, 1943. Lawrence in July, 1944.

Pvt. Melvin W. Peters, son of Joe E. Peters, Route 2, Wisconsin Rapids, is stationed on Corcora. He is with a bomb squadron.

Pvt. John R. Gruber, is now in England with the 788th field artillery, having arrived there in December. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gruber, Vesper. His wife, Gertrud, lives at 1010 Wisconsin street.

Pvt. Clifford Dolan, whose wife, Eleanor, lives at 450 Eighth avenue south, is at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Recently he was on military police duty in the Union station at Denver, Colo.

George W. Kell, CM 3/c, son of Mrs. Ella Kell, 1110 Eighth street south, is now stationed in Australia

Living Music Concert to Be Held March 26

Musicians of the Tri-City area are completing plans for the fourteenth annual Living Music Day concert to be held March 26 in Lincoln field-house. This event is sponsored by the American Federation of Musicians. Classical, old time and modern dance music will be played as well as selections by individual instrumentalists.

The following organizations will appear on the program, Wisconsin Rapids City band under the direction of E. A. Lambert; Elwin Melbrech's orchestra; Cleve Akey's orchestra; Little Bohemian band; Buck Leverton's novelty group; and Joe Liaska, violinist. Several more soloists probably will be added to the program.

The committee working on arrangements is composed of E. A. Lambert, Elwin Melbrech, Cleve Akey, Henry Zivney, Buck Leverton and Martin Lipke. Bruce Reichel will serve as master of ceremonies. The one and one-half hour program will begin promptly at 8 o'clock and is free to the public.



SERVING WITH PATTON—Pvt. Wesley Captain, 20, (left) and Pvt. Michael Captain, 18, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Captain, Route 1, Wisconsin Rapids, are both serving with Gen. George Patton's Third army in Germany. Wesley has been in service since March, 1943; he went overseas a year later, then landed with the invasion forces in France on D-day. Michael entered service in June, 1944 and went overseas last December, being in combat since January 14. Both soldiers have served in England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and now Germany.

S-Sgt. Sternot Dies in Action in Belgium

Vesper—S/Sgt. Edmund Sternot, 27, previously listed as missing, was killed in action, January 13, 1945, in Belgium, according to a war department telegram received Tuesday evening by the soldier's grandfather, Jacob Sternot of Vesper.

On February 7 the grandfather had received a war department telegram, stating that the sergeant was missing. He was serving with the glider infantry.

He was born in the town of Sigel, May 20, 1917, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sternot. His mother died soon after his birth so he made his home with a grandmother in the town of Arpin until he was seven, then went to live on his grandfather's farm near Vesper. He attended the Spring Lake rural school and Lincoln high school.

Prior to his induction at Fort Sheridan, Ill., March 26, 1942, he was employed by Consolidated Water Power and Paper company. The Vesper soldier received training at Camp Claiborne, La., and Fort Bragg, N. C., before leaving overseas for England in September, 1943.

Sergeant Sternot took part in the D-day invasion of France, also participated in the Holland operation, then had a rest period in France before going back into action in Belgium.

In addition to his father and step-mother, who live in Flint, Mich., and his grandfather, Sergeant Sternot is survived by several aunts and uncles, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith, Tom and Florence Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mrs. all of Wisconsin Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. William Hahn of Pittsville, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sternot and Mr. and Mrs. John Sternot of Vesper.

Raymond W. Eaton Wounded On Luzon

Pfc. Raymond W. Eaton, 28, whose wife, Marion, lives at 80 Wyatt avenue, was wounded in action on Luzon in the Philippines, February 9, according to a letter received by Mrs. Eaton from her husband. He was wounded in the face with shrapnel.

Private Eaton, a member of the 40th infantry division, entered service August 3, 1942 and went overseas in February, 1943. His mother, Mrs. Minnie Eaton, lives on Route 3.

Purple Heart Goes to Widow of Virgil Lamb

The Purple Heart, awarded to Pvt. Virgil L. Lamb, who was killed while fighting with the armored infantry in Belgium in January, has been received by the soldier's widow, Ethel, a resident at 321 1/2 Tenth avenue north.

Mrs. Lamb was also notified that her husband was buried in an American cemetery in Belgium.

Extensive Damage In Farm Home Fire

Arpin—Fire from a chimney destroyed the interior and roof of the Maynard Pflenn farm home two miles north of Arpin at 4:30 Saturday afternoon, all furniture and personal property was removed safely.

The Arpin fire department responded to the call but the blaze had done considerable damage before it arrived. It was reported that the building was covered by insurance.

Miss Margaret Mosher, James Anderson Wed

Two local families were united with the marriage on Thursday afternoon, March 15, of Miss Margaret Mosher and James Anderson. The double ring ceremony was read by the Rev. E. H. Walthers in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran parsonage at 8 o'clock in the presence of Miss Iris Ebbe and Rodney Volter, cousins of the bride.

A wedding supper was served to the bride party and immediate relatives at the home of the bride's parents, where other relatives and friends gathered at an evening reception to congratulate the couple.

Young Mrs. Anderson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Mosher, 1530 West Grand avenue. She attended Lincoln high school, graduating with the class of 1944, and since that time has been employed by the Johnson and Hill company. Mr. Anderson is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. David C. Anderson, 321 Third avenue north. He also graduated from Lincoln high school and is employed by Staub's Electric and Motor Winding Works.

After April 1, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson will be at home to their friends at 130 1/2, Fifteenth avenue south.

Former Wood County Man Dies in Action

Pfc. Richard J. Tjepkema, cousin of Mrs. Harold Sheets, 590 Seventeenth avenue south, was killed in action recently while serving in the European theater of operations, according to the war department.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick J. Tjepkema, former residents of Arpin and Vesper, who now reside at Brantwood in Price county. He had visited Mrs. Sheets in Wisconsin Rapids last July.

Private Tjepkema was born at Galesville, November 25, 1922. He was a cheesemaker by trade, being employed at Ashland prior to entry into service July 15, 1944. The former Wood county resident received training at Fort Sheridan, Ill., and Camp Wheeler, Ga., before going overseas last December.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Howard Thuesing, Macon, Ga., and five brothers, Jacob of Marengo, Wis., Sidney of Prairie du Sac, Peter of Madison, and Roy and Clarence at home.

Shirley Bentz Bride of Cpl. Kendall Green

The Bethlehem Lutheran church at Nekoska was the scene at 4:30 Monday afternoon, March 19, of the wedding of Miss Shirley Ann Bentz of Nekoska and Cpl. Kendall Wright Green of Sutersville, Pa. Fred Bentz gave his daughter in marriage at the service read by the Rev. Fred Kersten. Miss Lorraine Zettler sang "O Perfect Love" as the wedding party assembled at the altar.

White satin and lace fashioned the bride's formal gown with leg-o-mutton sleeves and a train edged with lace. The lace was repeated in the veil which hung finger-tip length from a beaded coronet, and in dainty insets in the wedding gown. A colonial bouquet of gardenias and sweetpeas carried out the bridal-white color scheme.

Corporal Green and his bride left following the wedding supper which was served to 37 guests at the Paper Inn at Fort Edwards. They were to stop at Madison, where he had been stationed with the air corps and where she taught at Emerson school. After a few days they are to go on to Newport News, Va., where they will make their home after April 2. The groom is stationed at Langley field, Va.

Three Caucus Meetings Held

Caucus meetings to prepare slates for the April 3 election were held Saturday for the towns of Remington and Rudolph and the village of Port Edwards.

The town of Remington nominations are as follows: Henry Ness, Fredrick Wilkins, Ervan Van Wormer, chairman; Eli Mosher, Alfred Meier, August Rutz, Charles Olinger, supervisors; June Walker, clerk; James Scott, treasurer; Kenneth Clauson, assessor; Roy Potts, Glen Somerville, William Styles, caucus committee.

Nominations in the town of Rudolph are Arnold Kempen, William Kuter, chairman; John Stubaski, Alfred Herman, William Dorshorst, supervisors; Grover Akey, clerk; William Zimmerman, treasurer; Ira Thompson, assessor; William Wirtz, Herman Wirtz, justice of the peace; Olaf Evanson, constable.

In the village of Port Edwards the nominations include: C. A. Jaspersen, president; George Elliott, August Neuberger, Russell Karberg, trustees; Irving Hofschild, Theodore Oilschlager, clerk; Alfred Wipfl, Kenneth Campbell, treasurer; Harold Dailey, assessor; F. G. Kilo, county supervisor; Anton Arnold, constable; A. G. Buehler, Victor Sandman, justice of the peace; A. G. Buehler, E. G. Ross, Hugh Madden, caucus committee.

Memorial Services For Charles LaBrot

Memorial services for Pfc. Charles K. LaBrot, who died March 2 in Luxembourg of wounds received in action, will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the First Baptist church, the Rev. F. F. Knickerbocker officiating.

Local Girl Given Nurses' Cap Monday

Miss Myrtle Rickhoff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Rickhoff, Byron Drive, was one of a class of 28 members of the United States cadet nurse corps to receive caps at the Madison General hospital in Madison on Monday.

Pittsville Class Play Is Thursday

Pittsville—A mystery comedy in three acts entitled "Phantom Bell" will be presented Thursday evening at the community hall. Miss Meta Wright will direct the production which is the annual senior class play.

Characters are Mrs. Rhodes, second wife of Mark Rhodes, played by Dorothy Byrnes; Laura Rhodes, step-daughter, Alice Reahel; Lela Sayles, nurse and wife of Darrel Carson, Shirley Smith; Darrel Carson, Ray Newman; Miriam Booth, secretary, Audrey Kumm; Ned Caruthers, family lawyer, Allen Thedens; Jack Page, Laura's fiancé, Warren Kut; Victor La Velle, a neighbor, John Krause; Harriet Forbes, a maid, Lucille Fox; Joseph Kennedy, detective, Andrew Kruger. Setting for all action in the play is the Pacific coast.

Victory Garden Plots Available

Persons desiring Victory garden plots in Witter field may now apply for space for 1945 gardens, according to M. C. Jacobson. This project is sponsored by the local Kiwanis club.

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Darn Those Knocking Knees!



BY CHIC YOUNG



BUMSTEAD!

