

OUR MEN IN SERVICE

Erwin Bernhard Martin, Route 4, Wisconsin Rapids, is receiving pre-flight training at the San Antonio aviation cadet center, Tex. Cpl. Oswald D. Zuege, 25, of 1011 Ninth street south, was hospitalized in England, from wounds received near Baslogne, Belgium, December 26, 1944. He has now been released for a return to duty. A member of a field artillery unit, he entered the army March 11, 1942. Technician 4th Grade.

The award of army air forces airplane mechanic technician's badge to S/Sgt. Garth D. Lowell, Route 5, Wisconsin Rapids, for proficiency in the performance of his duties, has been announced by the Hamilton field, Calif., base unit of the air transport command's west coast wing headquarters. Sergeant Lowell entered the army January 3, 1942 and was transferred to Hamilton field December 26, 1944.

James C. Prebbanow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin L. Prebbanow, 151 Sixteenth avenue north, has received his wings and commission as an aerial navigator at Selman field, Monroe, La. He was trained directly under AAF central flying training command direction. His wife, Mildred, lives in Ames, Wisconsin.

Col. Jonathan Jule Clement, whose wife, June-Lee, resides at 1311 First street north, has been enrolled at Scott field, Ill., army air forces training command radio school. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor A. Clement, New York City, N. Y., he was a salesman in advertising in civilian life. He left from the radio school in Wisconsin Rapids a year ago, going to Chanute field, Ill., and then to Truxton field, near Madison. He has been in service two and one-half years.

Pfc. Howard W. Pagels, son of William C. Pagels, Route 2, Wisconsin Rapids, has been promoted to sergeant. An assistant squad leader in Company G, Pagels saw action during the 152nd infantry's 16-day battle for fanatically defended Zig Zag pass, east of Olongapo, and across the northern part of Bataan peninsula. Overseas for 15 months, he served previously in Hawaii, New Guinea and Leyte.

William J. Reichert, who is a member of the infantry replacement training center, Camp Blanding, Fla., has been promoted to the rank of T/4. His wife, Leona, lives at 1911 Eighth street south. Prior to entering service in 1941, he was employed by the Nekosa-Edwards Paper company.

An infantry company of the 32nd division, on Luzon in the Philippines. Entering the army in October, 1942, he trained at Camp Walters, Tex. He left the United States for overseas duty in March, 1943, where he joined the famed Wisconsin-Michigan Red Arrow division.

Second Lt. Howard Page, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Page, Adams, has arrived in the European theater. He left the states April 12. Norman Bernard Decker, Adams, is a cadet in training at the San Antonio aviation cadet center, Tex. Robert M. Aldridge, 23, with the Pacific fleet, has been promoted from ship's cook first class to chief commissary steward. He is chief with the Pacific fleet over four years and is the son of Mrs. Roy Panium, Adams.

Sgt. Carl G. Strand, aerial gunner, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for a period of service from March 22, 1944 to December 15, 1944. He is from Arkdale and is stationed in the India-Burma theater.

S/Sgt. Leo Lambert has been awarded the Bronze Star. The son of Mrs. Jake Lambert, Adams, he has been serving overseas since 1942.

Lt. Victor M. Salter, son of Mrs. John Salter, 1031 Lincoln street, took part in the invasion of Okinawa island.

The Bronze Star for meritorious achievement has been awarded Sgt. Leonard A. Mayer, Junction City, who is serving with an infantry division on Luzon. Percy Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stevens, Friendship, is with the First army in Germany. He is a machine gunner.

S/Sgt. Floyd Jacobson was recently promoted to that rank, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Floyd Jacobson, who resides at 411 Fourth avenue north. Sergeant Jacobson is serving in Germany with the Seventh army.

Staff Sgt. Donald A. Zager, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Zager, 1001 West Grand avenue, is recuperating following an appendectomy at the Scott Field, Ill., hospital. Sergeant Zager returned in January after six months in England with the Eighth air force.

Sgt. Francis R. Kubisak, son of Mary Kubisak, 411 Eighth avenue, has been cited by the 88th Mountain regiment of the 10th "Mountain" division and awarded the Combat Infantryman badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy on the Fifth army front in Italy.

Sgt. Alan P. Hilgendorf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin W. Hilgendorf, Almond, is a member of a troop carrier service unit which was recently awarded the meritorious service unit plaque. It covered a period of service from May 26 to November 25, 1944.



Let's Postpone the Celebration

Just a Letter From Home

Monday, April 30, 1945 Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

Dear Bud,

As this is being written, it's about 4 o'clock in the morning. That's A. M., you know. Last night (Saturday), Wisconsin Rapids, like the rest of the nation, was sitting on the edge of its collective seat awaiting an announcement that Germany had surrendered. The writer is on the last lap of an all-night vigil kept by radio station WFHR and newsmen of the Daily Tribune so that the facilities of both institutions could be thrown into high gear immediately upon receipt of such word.

Maybe by the time this appears in print, it will be all over. Maybe not. For a while last evening, it looked like the end was in sight. Coming on top of a report that Heinrich Himmler had offered unconditional surrender to United States and Great Britain, it was announced in San Francisco by a "high American official" that Germany had quit and that official confirmation could be expected momentarily. Everybody's heart did a flip-flop but then President Harry S. Truman dashed these hopes by describing it as a rumor totally without foundation. Senator Tom Connally of Texas, vice chairman of the United States delegation at the World Security conference, then identified himself as the author of the original statement and reiterated his belief that a surrender announcement could be expected at any moment and that the news was to have been released in Washington during the afternoon but had been held up for some reason. Connally, who is chairman of the senate foreign relations committee and would have to be pretty sure of himself before going out on the biggest limb in the world, would not reveal where he got his information but said it came from authoritative quarters.

And that is how matters still stand at the moment. Senator Connally is in an extremely awkward position. Events of the next few hours or days may or may not bear him out but, at best, it is a bizarre, mystifying situation, a full explanation of which should be made so that people may know the score—one way or t'other. Meanwhile, there is little to do but mark time and pray that hostilities have ceased or that their cessation is at least imminent.

There is plenty of reason to believe, of course, that Germany is ready and anxious to quit. The Nazis have been beaten figuratively for some time and apparently made one last attempt to split the opposition by excluding Russia from the peace bid.

The Germans at least now know that no peace offer will be considered unless made to all three of the great powers.

The night has been without its good news for the Milan radio reported that Benito Mussolini had come to the end of his long and sordid trail, having been executed along with other Fascist leaders by Italian patriots following what was apparently a short and sweet summary trial. Let us hope that it was not too painless.

This question of what to do with "war criminals" is an important one. But more important is the generation which has had drummed into it the foul and twisted teachings of the Axis leaders. You, Bud, probably have run onto the fanatical and arrogant youth of enemy countries who are without reason in defeat and still hold ingloriously to their warped beliefs. And you, Bud, probably would better know whether there is a chance to re-educate them or whether a whip must be held over their heads.

Judge Joseph R. McCarthy of the Tenth judicial district who left the bench shortly after Pearl Harbor to serve three years as a combat intelligence officer with the marines in the southwest Pacific, told the Wisconsin Rapids Kiwanis club last Thursday that he believed permanent peace lies in controlling the education of youth in traditionally war-minded countries. He pointed out how all peoples are fundamentally the same at birth, that all have the same potentialities, but that the Jap had been misguided mentally and that the same thing can happen again regardless of how strong a military force is maintained by the United States or other countries. We do know that Japanese born and educated in America have become good citizens. Therefore, the Appleton jurist seems to have gone to the seat of the trouble. The speaker, who at 31 was the youngest circuit judge ever to be elected in Wisconsin and who harbors senate aspirations, had some other good points about "flag-waving patriots" and universal peacetime military which you may have read about in the Tribune's Serviceman's Digest.

Things are coming to a head in the state legislature and we'll try to give you a fill-in on the doings at Madison one of these times. Trust that members of your family or friends are continuing to clip these offerings and are sending them on to you.

Yours for Victory! R. A. D. (And I do mean "VICTORY" —)

continental United States. He flew 35 missions as a radio operator-gunner in the European theater, winning the Air Medal with five clusters. His wife, Vivian, resides at the above address.

Arvid Maeder, 13, fireman 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Maeder, 331 Lincoln street, has been transferred from Miami, Fla., to Galveston, Tex., where his ship, the U.S.S. Mustatine AK 197, was commissioned April 19. A graduate of Lincoln High school in 1944, Maeder entered the navy exactly one year before his ship was commissioned. He received his boat training at Great Lakes, Ill.

Paul K. Povalawski, radar man 3/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beck, Nekosa, is somewhere in the south Pacific.

Pfc. James R. Casey, son of James Casey, 151 G street, Nekosa, has received the Combat Infantry badge. He is serving with the 76th infantry division, in the battle for Germany. A rifleman, he is in Company A, 291st infantry.

This week's graduation exercises at the naval training school (radio) on the campus of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, qualified Blue-jacket William R. Clusman, 17,

son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Clusman, Route 1, Wisconsin Rapids, as a radio operator with the fleet.

At Camp Rucker Robert Hanneman, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hanneman, Sr., Route 5, Wisconsin Rapids, is now stationed at Camp Rucker, Ala.

Darryl C. Hagen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hans C. Hagen, Nekosa, was commissioned as an ensign in the USNR in ceremonies held this week in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City, N. Y.

T/5 Donald E. Steuck, 26, whose wife lives at 1310 McKinley street, has returned from service outside 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. Corporal Stauck served 35 months as a clerk in the European theater of operations. He was awarded the European campaign ribbon with three battle stars. Prior to entering the army November 17, 1941, he was employed by Consolidated Water Power and Paper company.

Pfc. Norman J. Weller, 26, son of Mrs. Celia Weller, 161 Fourteenth avenue, is a member of the 188th "Rainbow" regiment's cannon company, which recently fired its 160,000th combat round across the Fifth army front in Italy. Weller has been a cannoner with the company since it was organized in March, 1943. He worked in a paper mill in civilian life. His brother, Pvt. Melvin Weller, is serving with the engineers in the China-Burma-India theater.

Receives Promotion Herbert Kallish, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Kallish, 1601 Second avenue south, was recently promoted to the rank of corporal from that of private first class. He also has been awarded an Oak Leaf cluster, in addition to the Bronze Star. Serving with the First army, he has fought in France, Belgium and Germany. He entered service in September, 1942 and went overseas in January, 1944.

Pfc. Carl Laycon Wounded on Leyte Mrs. Emma Harroun, Route 5, Wisconsin Rapids, has received the Purple Heart which was awarded to her son, Pfc. Carl G. Laycon, 22, for wounds received in action at Aquhang on Leyte island in the Philippines December 15, 1944.

Tribune Letter Box Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. Tribuna readers and writers are invited to send us their comments on questions of interest to our readers. All letters published must contain the author's name. Letters should be moderate in length, should be fully written and should not contain any form of a defamatory or libelous nature.

DIGEST ON OKINAWA

To the Editor: I've received quite a few copies of the "Serviceman's Digest" and, as I noticed you'd like our opinion of the paper—well, I think it's a swell idea. In fact, the whole paper is quite interesting. Also the news isn't very old when it gets here. I've been out here in the Pacific for two years now and I dream of home more every day. Our outfit has had some quite extensive tours around the Pacific, starting in Attu and finally winding up here in Okinawa. It's a long time and I want to keep in touch with developments around home as I'll be back there some day in the good old home town, soon I hope. News from home is one of the best morale builders for anyone in the service, anyone will agree. I'd appreciate getting letters from my friends and neighbors back there. I have a hard time keeping up with my correspondence now, but I'll try to answer any letters I receive. Hoping I get to see you all soon in the future, I'll close for now. Sgt. Harry (Leonard) Kronstedt.

"GLAD TO PAY FOR IT"

Dear Editor: About a week ago I received four issues of your Serviceman's Digest and enjoyed them very much. They sure had a lot of local news we like to hear and usually don't get. I would appreciate it very much if you would continue to send them. If there is any fee please let me know and I would be glad to pay for it.

There isn't much more to write about so I'll sign off hoping you're all getting along O. K. The weather here is about the same as it is back there at home. Good-by and thank you very much for the papers. Pfc. Clement F. Ruesch. (Editor's Note: The subscription for Private Ruesch was entered by Mrs. Mary Ruesch, Route 1, Vesper.)

DIGEST CROSSES THE RHINE

I have been getting the Serviceman's copy of your paper for awhile now and like it very much. I am sure the rest of the boys enjoy it as much as I do. I am now in Germany with the Seventh army, having been in Italy and up through southern France, have also crossed the Rhine river. It is a peculiar river which runs northwest toward Holland and has a very swift current. Germany has very pretty scenery but all the towns that have any, or had I should say, industry, have been bombed into oblivion. I am with the corps dispensary and like medical work real well. But wish I were back in Central Wisconsin for the fine spring weather. Our winter only lasted about two months. Of course, a couple more weren't nice, nor are we having beautiful spring weather. Some of the crops are up and the apple trees in bloom. I live on Route 1, Pittsville. Pfc. Don S. Accola.

Doin' the Town

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

- Rudolph F. Brandt, Route 2; Gerald Rosekrans, 810 First street north; Clarence N. Arendt, 951 Plum street; James C. Prebbanow, 151 Sixteenth avenue north; William Benz, Nekosa; Vernon Ahles, 1441 Oak street; Raymond E. Saeger, 1260 Irving street; Richard J. Smith, 521 Birch street; Donald H. Ironside, 1641 Lincoln street; Roy H. Saeger, 1250 Irving street; W. H. DeKarske, Wisconsin Rapids; Clarence F. Kullinski, 710 Lincoln street; Donald Hobart, Nekosa. Raymond L. Ellis, 270 Seventeenth avenue south; Homer Fairfield, 921 Washington street; Chauncey Wilson, Route 3; Arnold W. Hanneman, 2301 Eighth street south. William M. Schacht, 630 Tenth avenue south; C. A. Keentjes, Route 5; R. A. Schade, 1210 Second avenue south; F. J. Warren, 240 Sixth street; Elden E. Rhoads, 231 Third avenue south. Richard L. Heeg, Route 5; Leonard W. Henke, 531 Fourth avenue north; Oscar O. Rutz, Babcock; S. J. Van Denberg, Vesper; Irving Larson, Nekosa.

BUILDING PERMITS

A building permit was issued to Henry Urbanek, 1951 Franklin street to build a frame garage, according to Building Inspector A. J. Hanneman. Estimated cost of the structure is \$100. George E. Jacobsen, 1110 Eleventh avenue north was also granted a permit to build a part basement at an estimated cost of \$200.

Maureen Bender Officially Introduced As Prom Queen



MAUREEN BENDER

Now it can be told! And this is one prom secret which had the public baffled almost up to the last minute. Who did King Robert "Sticks" Mader, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Mader, 1150 Oak street, choose to reign with him at the coming Junior Prom May 11? During an all-school dance in the fieldhouse Friday night, Bob fed his queen, Maureen Bender, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bender, 340 Jackson street, down the steps of the Lincoln stage to officially introduce her in traditional pre-prom ceremony. Maureen, a junior at Lincoln High school, has been active as a member of the Pep club and is interested in dramatics. She is on the program committee for the prom and during the past three years has been taking the English course. Her favorite hobby is horse back riding, a sport in which she has indulged since she was old enough to own her first Shetland pony. Bob's athletic career needs no introduction but as a short review—he has already won a letter for the past football season, two letters as a sophomore and junior in basketball, was selected to the All-Wisconsin Valley and All-State honorary basketball teams. In addition to competitive sport at the high school he works out occasionally at a neighborhood basketball hoop—just for relaxation. Bob is president of the junior class, serves as a member of the student council and is enrolled in the English course. Both he and his queen are popular with the entire high school set. The Swing Shifters played for the dance which was attended by some 400 students.

ROBERT MADER

James Konopacki, Don Cook Describe Warfare on Luzon

War department dispatches from Luzon in the Philippines to The Tribune today tell of the exploits of two more Wisconsin Rapid soldiers who are doing their part in driving the Japanese from that Pacific isle. Pvt. James J. Konopacki, son of Mrs. Nick Konopacki, 431 Plover street, is fighting with the 149th infantry, 38th division, in the Zambales mountains of central Luzon. Pfc. Donald F. Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cook, 521 Grant street, is an assistant machine gunner with the 38th division. Private Cook says in describing an incident at the front, "Our gun was assigned to accompany a patrol of another company up a creekbed. This was the first time that we were actually up where we could see the enemy. We rounded a bend in the creek, and spotted several Japs washing clothes. We hit the ground and opened fire, with the result that the Japs scrambled everywhere. Everytime I squeezed the trigger, a few more Jap laundrymen jumped and ran."

Private Cook has been overseas since January, 1944. He wears the Philippine Liberation ribbon with a combat star, the Asia-Pacific theater ribbon with bronze arrowhead and combat star, the Good Conduct medal and Combat Infantry badge. He has two brothers also in the service; Neil in the air corps and Irving in the navy. Private Konopacki, a rifleman in an infantry line company, is one of those men who are the backbone of the whole army. He admits the Jap is a tough man to fight, especially when backed up in a hole and cut off completely. "A Tough War"

"In the mountains we're fighting in now," said Private Konopacki, "the terrain is as bad as the Japs. All our supplies and ammunition have to be carried in on somebody's back, so we're always short of food and ammunition. The Japs here are just making a suicide stand; we have to go in and dig them out of their caves and pillboxes. Occasionally they pull a Bazooka attack, but we've about broken them from do-

ing that. Anyhow I can say it's a damn tough war." Before entering the army in October, 1943, he was employed at the Nekosa-Edwards Paper company. Prior to the invasion of Luzon, he had served in Hawaii, New Guinea, and Leyte. At present he has been awarded the Combat Infantry badge, the Asiatic-Pacific campaign medal and the Philippine Liberation medal—both with battle stars and the Bronze arrowhead for making an assault landing on enemy shores.

Joe Goodrich Dies in Action In Philippines

T/5 Joe K. Goodrich, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Goodrich, 1311 Elm street, was killed in action April 8 on Luzon in the Philippines, according to a war department telegram received by the soldier's parents this morning. The Wisconsin Rapids soldier was a member of the 126th infantry in the 32nd division. His parents had received their last letter from him two weeks ago and it was dated April 1, from Balete pass in the Philippines. He had been wounded by shrapnel in the back, neck and hand, in December, 1944 at Ormoc Bay in the Philippines. He recovered in three weeks from the wounds received in that battle, for which his outfit received a presidential citation. He also had been awarded the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantry badge. Goodrich was born in Wisconsin Rapids December 7, 1919. He attended the Howe Grade school and was graduated from Lincoln High school in 1938. While in high school he participated in four major sports—baseball, football, basketball and track. Following his graduation from Lincoln High, he attended Central State Teachers college for three years, then enlisted in the army in October, 1942. While at the Point Teachers college, he was a member of the football team. After 13 weeks training at Camp Walters, Tex., he was sent overseas to Australia. He participated in the Munday Bay, Saidur, Altape and Morotai campaigns in the south Pacific before going to the Philippines.

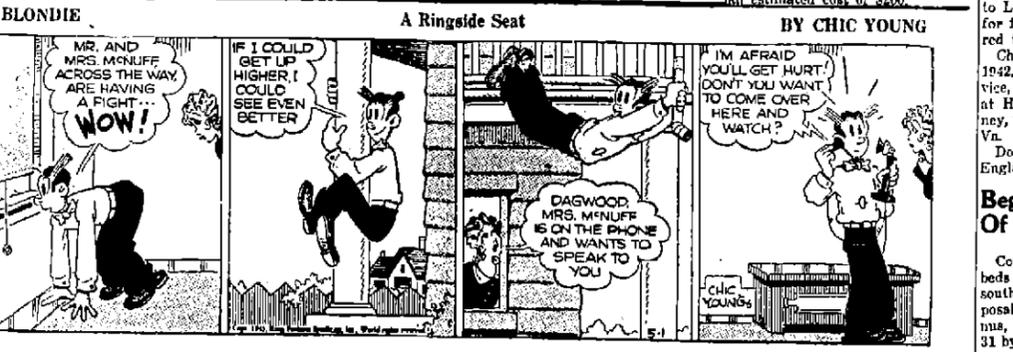
Parents Learn of Son's Rescue From Nazi Prison Camp

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Chiswell, 350 1/2 First avenue south, have received the welcome news that their son, Warrant Officer Douglas Chiswell, RCAF, was recently freed from Stalag 13D, a German prison camp just south of Nuremberg, by the United States Seventh army. The 21-year-old Canadian serviceman was shot down in a bomber and captured in Holland, March 5, 1943, after he had eluded the Germans for three days. He was sent to Lamsdorf, where he was chained for five months, then was transferred to several other camps. Chiswell entered service in July, 1942. He has two brothers in service, Flight Officer Earl Chiswell, at Halifax, and Petty Officer Sydney, with the U. S. navy at Norfolk, Va. Douglas has been transferred to England, following his release.

Begin Construction Of Six Sludge Beds

Construction of six sludge-drying beds was started yesterday on the south side of the city sewage disposal plant, according to Carl Cjankus, city engineer. The beds are 31 by 126 feet each and will require a total of 1,800 yards of dirt fill.

POSTMASTER CONFIRMED Nomination of Edgar H. Setzkorn as postmaster of Arpin has been approved by the senate, according to the Associated Press.



BLONDIE A Ringside Seat BY CHIC YOUNG



PACIFIC WARFARE—Sgt. John Szyka, Wisconsin Rapids, a member of the 129th field artillery, 32nd division, sends these two photos to The Tribune from the Philippines. On the left is a part of the muddy Leyte river near Limon, where the Red Arrow division crushed the First Imperial Japanese division. The picture was taken shortly after leading U. S. elements had crossed the barrier in pursuit of the Japs. In the background stretch the low hills of western Leyte leading to the sea opposite the island of Cebu. On the right are pictured some guerrillas, who are assembled near Limon, prior to going on patrol. According to Sergeant Szyka, these lads did a fine job in patrol and reconnaissance. Motivated by intense hatred of the Japs, they fought well and took no prisoners. Many can speak English, he says, and some had even resided in America before the war.

S/Sgt. Bernard Hopp, whose wife, Mable, resides at 1921 Bonow avenue, recently enjoyed a "recess" from aerial warfare at an air service command rest home in England. After seven days rest, he went back to his combat station ready to play his part once again in the march across Germany. He has completed 26 missions over Nazi-dominated Europe. Before entering the army he was employed as a papermaker by Consolidated Water Power and Paper company.

Pfc. James Ostrum recently met his brother, Sgt. Leo Ostrum, in Germany. A third brother, Pfc. Jack Ostrum, is also serving in Germany. Sgt. William Ostrum, a fourth brother, is serving with the Eleventh airborne force in the Philippines. All four are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Ostrum of Strong's Prairie. James entered service in May, 1944. Jack in June, 1944, Leo in July, 1942 and William in October, 1941. Now in Germany

Pvt. Richard Rheunne, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Rheunne, 1211 Elm street, is now in Germany, in the 44th division of the 71st infantry with the Seventh army. Prior to going overseas from Fort Meade, Md., Private Rheunne had received 15 weeks training at Fort McClellan, Ala. In training he met Sgt. Donald Palay, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Palay, 520 Eighth avenue south. Pfc. Harold R. Henke, son of Mrs. Martha Henke, Wisconsin Rapids, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy. He is now serving as a rifleman in

Pvt. James S. Cottrill, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Cottrill, Route 1, Wisconsin Rapids, has been transferred from Keesler field, Miss., to Sheppard field, Tex., where he is receiving liaison pilot training.

Cpl. Robert Gjertsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gjertsen, Wisconsin Rapids, has just been promoted to that rank. He is stationed at an army air base in Pyote, Tex. His brother, Sgt. John Gjertsen, is stationed in France.

T/Sgt. Robert J. Greenaway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garret Greenaway, 641 Ninth avenue south, recently passed through an air service command station somewhere in England en route to a well-earned rest after 35 missions as an engineer on a B-17 Flying Fortress. He has been awarded the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf clusters and the ETO ribbon with two major battle stars.

Allen Rennback, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rennback, who live west of Pittsville, has been transferred to Shoemaker, Calif., from Great Lakes, Ill. Glenn Franson, MoMM 2/c, Pittsville, is now with the coast guard at Morehead City, N. C. He was recently transferred there from Detroit, Mich., where he attended an engine school.

T/Sgt. Jack E. Fritzsinger, 31, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fritzsinger, 220 Third street, has arrived at army air forces redistribution station No. 2 in Miami Beach for reassignment processing after completing a tour of duty outside the