

GEN. OMAR BRADLEY
New veteran's chief

Gen. Bradley Appointed to Civilian Post

Succeeds Hines as Veteran Bureau Head

BY PAUL R. LEACH
From Our Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The appointment of Gen. Omar Bradley as administrator of veterans' affairs was announced Thursday by President Truman. Gen. Bradley succeeds Gen. Frank T. Hines, resigned.

In announcing the retirement of Gen. Hines, the President said that it was his desire to have veterans' affairs conducted by a soldier who had participated in World War II.

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HE POINTED out that he would have resented having veterans' business directed by a Spanish-American War veteran when he returned from France in 1918.

The President indicated that Gen. Bradley would carry out a modernization program. There were reports of sweeping changes in personnel and operation of the Veterans' Administration.

Gen. Bradley, who has commanded the 12th Army Group—First, Third, Ninth and 15th armies — will take charge, continuing as a four-star general, as soon as he can wind up his affairs in Germany.

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VET RETURNS TO JOB AT LOCAL A & P STORE

Among World War II veterans returning to their jobs in this area is Sgt. Lee J. Miller, who served with the 141st Infantry, Company F, 36th Division, in the European and Mediterranean theaters of war.

Miller saw active combat in Italy; at Cassino, Anzio, Rome and on up to the Arno River. After the conclusion of the Italian campaign, he took part in the invasion of southern France and fought in both France and Germany.



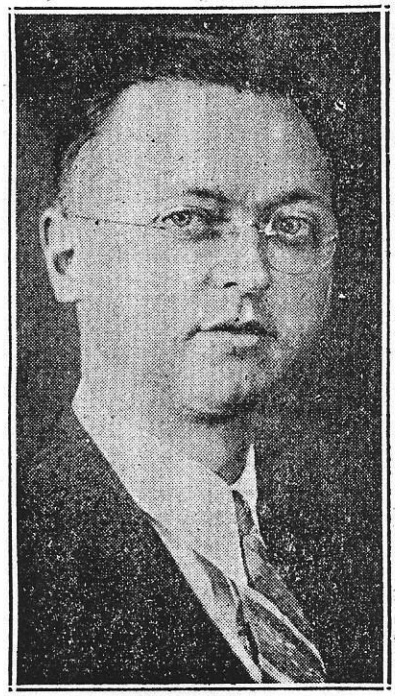
Miller

He comes home to resume his duties as assistant manager of the A & P store at St. Johns, after two years and one month in the army. He was employed by the food chain for three years before entering service. He married Jane Splane and they have two sons, David and Richard. The family lives at 507 W. Higham St., St. Johns.

DR. DEAN HART GOING TO NAVY

Receives Notice Monday of His Commission As a Lieut. Commander

Dr. Dean Hart of 110 Spring street, St. Johns, will soon join the ranks of city and county physicians who have gone into service in Uncle Sam's armed forces.



DR. DEAN HART

Dr. Hart was informed Monday by the Navy Department at Washington that he had been given the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the Navy, and will report Oct. 26 at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station for temporary duty.

Dr. Hart said his family would join him when he has received a permanent assignment. He is a native of this counyt, having been born at Eureka, and has been in St. Johns since 1930.

are certain of," they said, "we hope to come back to St. Johns when the war is over. We like St. Johns and St. Johns people."

Dr. Earl M. Slagh, of Elsie, will leave Saturday of this week for Abilene, Texas, where there is a re-assignment center connected with Camp Barkeley. Mrs. Slagh, a registered nurse, has not yet decided her future plans.

While Dr. Wahl has been definitely assigned to the air service. Dr. Slagh's future assignment is uncertain. He, like Dr. Wahl, enters the service as a first lieutenant.



DR. S. R. RUSSELL
Accepted for War Service with Rank of Major

THREE DOCTORS ENTER THE ARMY

DR. S. R. RUSSELL WILL GO TO DENVER; GIVEN RANK OF MAJOR

Dr. Wahl of St. Johns and Dr. Slagh of Elsie, to Take Oath This Week

Monday Dr. S. R. Russell of St. Johns, received notice from the Surgeon General's office, Department of War, Washington, D. C., that he had been accepted for service with the armed forces of the United States and had been given the commission of major.

Wednesday Dr. G. E. Wahl, associate of Dr. Russell, received word to report in Flint today (Thursday) and take the oath preparatory to entering the service. Dr. E. M. Slagh of Elsie, received his notice the same day to report to Saginaw for similar induction.

While definite dates are not known as to when these young physicians will leave home, Dr. Russell's notice indicated that he would be notified shortly, and that he was to leave St. Johns within two weeks of the date of the notice for Fitsimmons General Hospital in Denver, Colo. Within 60 days after his arrival there, it was indicated, he would be reassigned for active duty.

These three doctors, along with Dr. Dean W. Hart, who has applied to the U. S. Navy, voluntarily offered their services to their country.

Dr. Stoller of Fowler, took steps to enlist, but was declared "essential" in the Fowler community where he serves. Likewise Dr. Bennett of Elsie was deferred for similar reason, while Dr. Bruno Cook of Westphalia, was deferred for physical reasons.

Dr. Russell came to St. Johns in 1934 from University Hospital, Ann Arbor, where he had been senior instructor in surgery following his graduation. In the eight years he has been in St. Johns he has become widely known and performed considerable referred surgery from doctors in this section of Michigan.

Three of the doctors who have enlisted, Drs. Russell, Wahl and Hart, have dependent children. Dr. Slagh, while married, has no children.

To Shreveport, La.



DR. GEORGE E. WAHL
who will leave next Tuesday for Barksdale Field, La., after having been in St. Johns two years.

2 DOCTORS TO LEAVE IN WEEK

Dr. Wahl Enters Air Service; Dr. Slagh Goes to Camp Barkeley, Texas

Two more Clinton county doctors have their marching orders.

Dr. George E. Wahl, who has been associated with Dr. S. R. Russell in St. Johns for the past two years and who enlisted some weeks ago, is to leave for Barksdale Field, Shreveport, La., on Tuesday, Sept. 22. Dr. Wahl will have the rank of first lieutenant.

For the past two weeks Dr. and Mrs. Wahl and their two children, Kathleen, aged four, and Eric James, three months, have been visiting their parents in Eau Claire, Wis. It has not yet been decided whether Mrs. Wahl and the children will live in St. Johns during the doctor's absence, or near her parents in Eau Claire. "One thing we

Reports at Chicago



DR. NELSON HOWE
Given First Lieutenant's Rating in Army Veterinary Corps

DR. N. HOWE LEAVES FOR ARMY SERVICE

PRACTICE HERE TO BE TAKEN BY DR. L. G. KRAUS OF HART

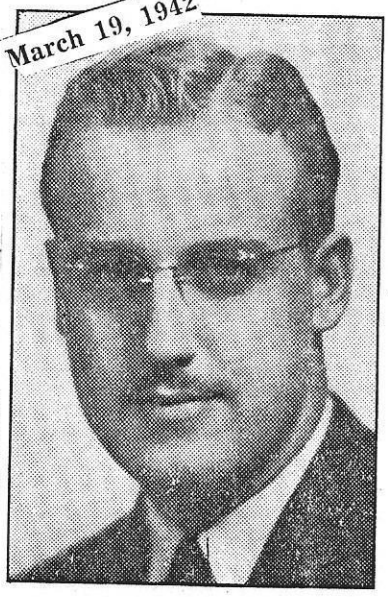
Dr. Nelson Howe, veterinarian, who has practiced in this vicinity for five years, recently received a commission as a First Lieutenant in the Veterinary Corps and left Wednesday to report at Chicago to enter the service. Dr. Howe has been a reserve officer in the Veterinary Corps since his graduation from Michigan State College in 1935.

Dr. L. G. Kraus, 23, of Hart, Mich., will continue Dr. Howe's practice here for the duration and will maintain the same office and location. Dr. Kraus was born at Hart, where his father has a large dairy farm. He graduated from M. S. C. in June in veterinary science and practiced at Mecosta, Ohio, before coming to St. Johns.

When Dr. Howe went to Chicago he was accompanied by Dr. James Nash, veterinarian of Elsie, who is also going into the service. It is reported Dr. Don Wright of Portland, formerly of Maple Rapids, will also be in the service in this work.

Commissioned

March 19, 1942



DR. H. L. OATLEY
Will leave St. Johns for war duty as U. S. Naval officer

Fought In Philippine Islands Under Two MacArthurs

Duplain Spanish War Veteran Served Under Sire of Today's Hero

"Don't you ever lie to General MacArthur. If you get called up in front of him, soldier, you tell the truth. 'T'wouldn't do you any good, anyhow, he's got a pair of eyes that can look right through you, and things would go mighty hard for you if you ever lied."

It was an old mule driver who spoke that piece as a bit of friendly advice to John Hess some 40-odd years ago when both of them were serving under MacArthur in the Philippines during the Spanish-American war. It was General Arthur MacArthur whom the mule driver, an old campaigner, was talking about. The General MacArthur whose son, General Douglas MacArthur, is universally acclaimed the outstanding leader of the present world conflict.

John Hess, now a well known Duplain township man, says the son looks remarkably like his father. He has the same eyes, the same

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JOHN HESS
With Gen. Arthur MacArthur

Bengal Township Soldier Is Now On Bataan Or Corregidor

The sun shone again on Wednesday, April 1, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Swagart of Bengal township.

On that day they received a letter from their son Rex stating that he was safe and well. It was their first message from him since the arrival of a Christmas cablegram three months ago, and much has happened in the Philippines since Christmas.

Rex is one of MacArthur's men, and so far as is known is the only Clinton county soldier to help make that gallant stand against the Japs. He was stationed at Fort Stotensburg, 45 miles north of Manila, at the time of the December attack, and presumably, is now on Bataan or Corregidor.

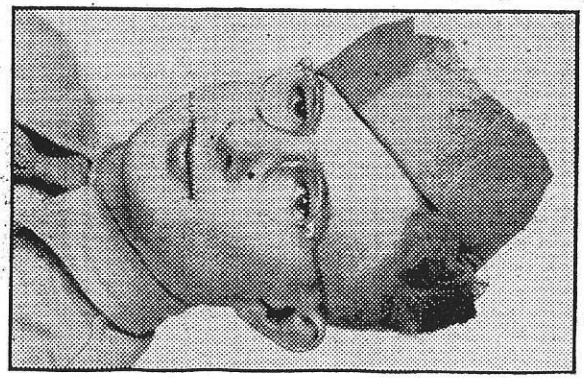
"I'm top-notch, and doing all right," his letter said. It bore no date nor postmark, except for "U. S. A., FFE, Philippine Islands." The envelope carried the inscription "Soldier's Mail," and was without stamps. It came "Via Clipper" and may have been carried from the Islands by Gen. MacArthur when he left Bataan for Australia.



REX SWAGART
With Gen. Douglas MacArthur

"There's nothing much I can say, wrote Rex in his brief message which had been censored. "I had a lot of pictures that I hoped to send you, but have lost them. Now, don' worry. Remember, a bad penny always turns up."

Rex has been in service since March, 1941, and was stationed at Camp Wallace and Fort Bliss in Texas, before being transferred to the Philippines with the coast artillery. It appeared that his letter had been written rather recently and the knowledge that he is safe and well came as great tidings to his parents and friends.

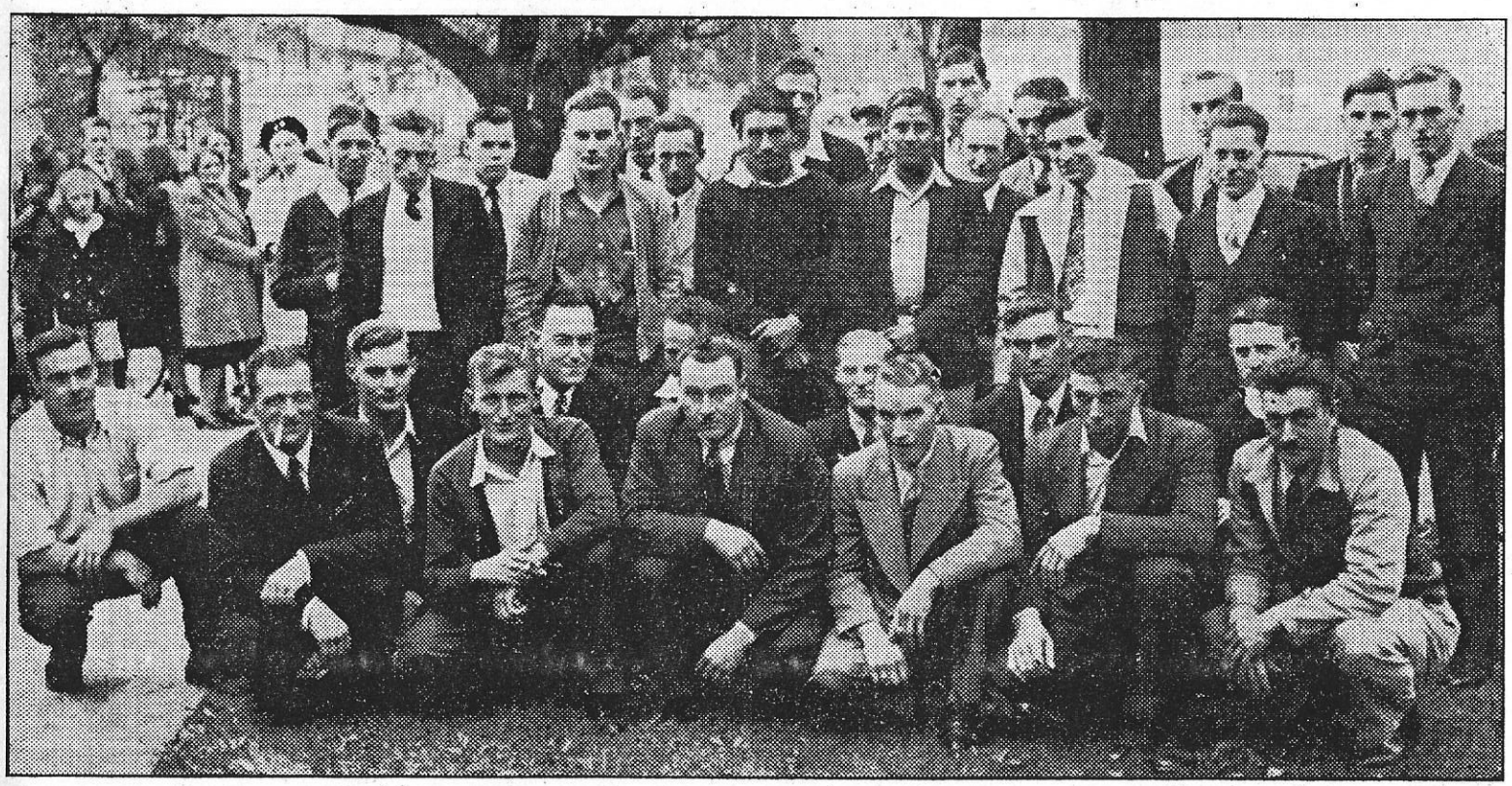


Cadet LOYAL A. STEVENS is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Stevens of St. Johns. He was inducted into service last March, and is now taking special training in mechanical engineering at South Dakota State College. His wife, Mrs. Hazel Stevens, is residing in South Dakota with him.



Pfc. LESTER SPERRY is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sperry of St. Johns R-4. He enlisted in the Marine Corps May 26, 1943, and graduated from the local high school in June, 1943. He is serving somewhere in the Pacific, according to word received by his parents.

Clinton County's October Draft Contingent



Thirty-one of the 32 selectees who left St. Johns Wednesday, Oct. 8, for the army induction center at Detroit, were rounded up near the city hall for the above picture. Those who have been identified by draft board officials are as follows: Front row, kneeling left to right—Loyal G. Weismiller (white shirt) John Schneider, Joseph Kudella, Rollin Kennett and Herman Bandt. Second row, kneeling—Harold Dobrick, William Aldrich (chosen leader of the group), Floyd Miller, *Robert Heinze, *L. C. Schmidt and *Grant Wakefield. Standing, left to right—First man unidentified, John Hatta, Jr., Donald McDiarmid, Emil Dobrick, Clarence Deweerd, Bernard Bowen, *John Fiscal, *Don Allen, *Floyd Hopkins, *John Rodriguez, *Deone Squiers, *John Smith, next man unidentified, Carl Smith, next two unidentified, Charles Shipley and *Milford Nunemaker. Those men whose names are preceded with * failed to pass their final examinations at Detroit and returned home.

St. Johns Boy Holds 1st Draft Number In County



Clarence MacBride

Clarence McBride Won't Wait To Be Called; Plans To Enlist Soon

Second number drawn from the draft lottery bowl at Washington Thursday night was the first one held by a Clinton county registrant. It was No. 98 and it belonged to Clarence MacBride of St. Johns, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. MacBride of 705 S. Oakland street.

Clarence registered on July 1 along with 166 other Clinton county 21-year-olds. Ordinarily he would be due to be drafted about Sept. 1, but he has different plans and will probably be in uniform before that date. He has already arranged for a physical examination at Selfridge Field and hopes to enlist in the Air Corps.

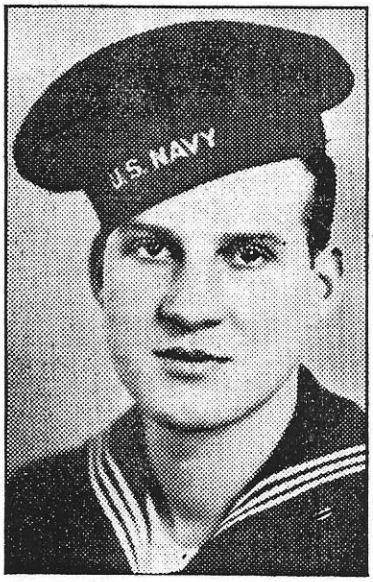
Clarence was graduated from St. John high school three years ago, and has been a student at Michigan State College the past two years. This summer he is working for the Detroit Creamery Company.

There are 21 other St. Johns men who registered for the draft on July 1, a number of whom have numbers up toward the top of the list and will probably be classified for service within a few weeks.

CASPER LUCKY TO BE ALIVE

Former St. Johns Lad Jumps into Atlantic Twice in Eleven Hours

Charles Casper, 2-C Boatswain Mate, and a former St. Johns boy, is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Casper in Mason, recovering from a thrilling and harrowing experience in the North Atlantic. Charles had the unusual experience of having two ships torpedoed from under him in 11 hours.



BOATSWAIN CHAS. CASPER

He lived with his parents at 915 South Church street until about five years ago.

The ship upon which Casper was serving engaged in a running battle with a submarine for some hours. When hit those who were not killed by the explosion jumped into the icy water of the Atlantic. Eleven hours later, after having been rescued, the experience was repeated. His legs and arm were badly frozen and he has spent some weeks in a hospital before visiting his parents in Mason.

The Ingham County News published the following account gained in an interview with young Casper:

Casper was a member of the crew of a convoy vessel. The convoy was attacked by submarines. Two torpedoes struck Casper's ship and the men who were not killed by the explosions were blown into the water or quickly jumped in when the ship began to sink under them. There was no time for launching life rafts or small boats and the men clung to wreckage for five hours before they were rescued by a British destroyer.

The weather was exceptionally cold and the rescued sailors were bundled up in warm clothing and the ship was headed for an English port. The destroyer, however, had been damaged in the convoy battle and she limped badly. A radio message was sent out for assistance but a German submarine arrived first and sent two torpedoes into the destroyer. Casper, with other mates saved from the convoy attack, again had to abandon ship and again the abandonment was so sudden that rafts and boats could not be launched.

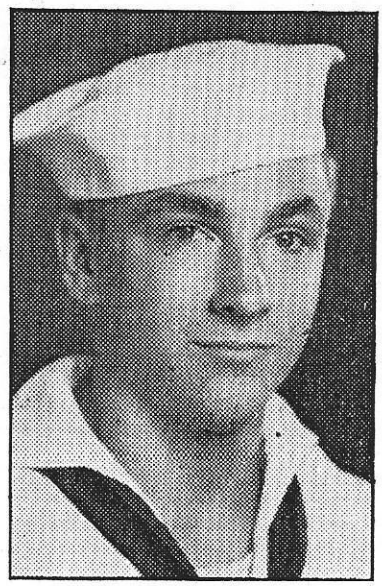
A British destroyer and a Free French corvette were on their way to the rescue ship when the sub



CPL. ELDRED M. RADEMACHER entered service Feb. 1943 and left for overseas in Sept. 1944 and was stationed in England. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Rademacher of Fowler and was engaged in farming before entering service.



PFC. SCHUYLER L. MARSHALL is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Marshall. He was inducted into the Army in 1943 and left for overseas duty in Sept. 1944. Pfc. Marshall notified his parents this week that he has been transferred from England to France, where he is serving with a Field Artillery battery.



ELLIS EUGENE HEIBECK, A-S, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Heibeck of near Fowler. He is stationed at Norman, Ill., with a Navy V-12 unit. "Eugene" was graduated from the local high school in 1943 and was employed at the J. C. Penney store before entering service.

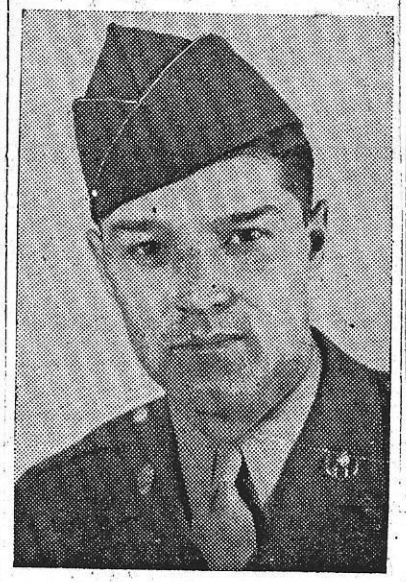


Pvt. RAY GRIFFIN entered service March 5, 1943 and is attached to a Truck Regiment, serving somewhere in India. He is the son of Frank Griffin of Ovid and Mrs. Myrtle Rawling of Ashley. His wife also resides in Clinton county.



PVT. FRANK A. WATSON is the son of Mrs. John Zimmerman of St. Johns. He entered service in June, 1943 and has been stationed at Camp Claiborne, La., for some time.

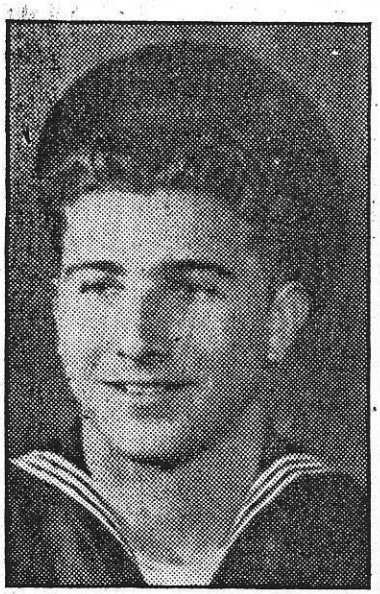
Missing on Leyte



PVT. STEPHEN JAKUS
As reported last week, Mrs. Mary Jakus received word that her husband had been missing since Nov. 12 on Leyte Island in the Philippines.



CPL. SHIRLEY J. GILMORE entered service in Feb. 1943. He is with an Infantry division and received his training at Camp Stoneman, Calif. Two other brothers, PVT. LEO GILMORE and S-SGT. REX R. GILMORE are both serving with the Army in France. They are the sons of Mrs. Pearl Gilmore of Eagle.



STEPHEN YURCSO, BM 2-c, is the son of Mrs. Catherine Sackrider of St. Johns. He entered service in October, 1942, and has served overseas about 18 months, having participated in the D-Day invasion. He was engaged in farming before entering service.



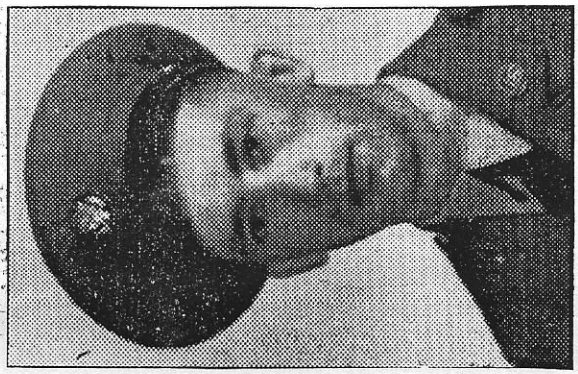
PVT. KENNETH E. WALKER, who is serving in France with an Infantry division, was inducted March 3, 1944. He received his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and left for overseas duty in August. His wife, Mrs. Maude Walker, and three children reside in this city.



PVT. CHESTER BLANK is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Blank of St. Johns R-3. He entered service in March, 1943, and went overseas with an engineers company in January, 1944, his destination being New Guinea. He was employed at the Motor Wheel Co. in Lansing before entering service.



LESTER HOWE, S 1-c, entered service July 12, 1944 and received his boot training at Great Lakes. He is now serving with the Navy in the North Atlantic. Lester is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Howe of Dewitt R-2.



SGT. STEWART A. SALTERS

Wild Geese Stop War In Germany for A Few Minutes

Following are excerpts from a letter received from Lt. Robert S. Marshall, who is on the northern sector of the fighting line in Germany:

"We've been drawn back into a rest area so I have a chance to write again. From now on until this is over letters are apt to be fewer than in the past.

"When we are up front we are required to travel light and a writing case will not kill many Jerries. Back here I'm living in a pup tent . . . rather hard to write a letter when stretched out flat on your belly.

"Wars have their queer moments. A few days ago we were in the front lines—dug in about 300 yards from the Jerries. About the only thing going on was patrolling on both sides with the usual number of shells being thrown by both sides. Men were close by their holes, waiting, watching, listening.

"From our backs, flying toward the Jerry lines, came a flock of wild geese. They weren't too high and were making a hell of a racket. One of our men shot at them with a carbine—then some M-1 rifles opened up on them. Then the company on the right started firing.



LT. ROBERT S. MARSHALL

"The geese flew on across the lines and the Jerries opened up on them. The war, in our sector, seemed to stop for a flock of geese. Soon they were out of range and so far as I know, none were hit.

"Then the war resumed.

"If a flock of geese can break up a war—if for only two or three minutes—it seems something could be done to stop this God-awful slaughter. I've seen more dead, mutilated Germans around some of these pill boxes than there are people living in our block. Most of the American dead had, of course, been removed.

"It is so peaceful and quiet back here.

"In the distance we occasionally hear the big guns and once in awhile a Jerry plane flies over and a few robot bombs go over. They sound like a flying threshing machine. It is getting cold and I am all cramped up from lying in this position. Write when you can."

Postmaster and Mrs. Ernest Halfman of Fowler, received a telegram Thursday, Dec. 14, that their son, Raymond J. (Jim) Halfman, had been seriously wounded in the fighting in Germany. Jim entered service April 21, 1942 and left for overseas on Sept. 5, 1944.

LT. PHILLIPS KILLED TUES.

WAS FLYING B-29 WHEN ONE OF ENGINES EXPLODED

Tragedy Occurred At Salinas, Kansas; Father Was Visiting Him

Lt. Lewis S. Phillips, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Phillips of R-2, Dewitt, was killed at Smoky Hill Army Air Field, Salinas, Kansas, on Tuesday afternoon, when the B-29 which he was piloting crashed. Meager information received by Mrs. Phillips Wednesday morning indicated that one motor stopped and another exploded. Mr. Phillips, Sr., was at Salinas visiting his son and wife.

Lt. Phillips graduated at Stuttgart Army Air Field, Ark., on May 23 and was married to Miss Erdine Millar, daughter of Mrs. John Hitchcock, on Friday, May 26. Following his leave Lt. Phillips went for further training and two weeks ago wrote the Republican-News that he had qualified in the flight leader crew on a B-29 formation which was to lead the squadron when time came for combat.

He returned last Thursday from a long practice flight to Cuba and it was believed that his outfit was about ready for overseas duty. For that reason his father made the trip to visit his brother, Cpl. Cliff W. Phillips in Missouri and Lt. Phillips in Salinas.

Lt. and Mrs. Phillips were widely known among the young crowd in their community and both attended the 4-H Club Fair at St. Johns late in August, Mrs. Phillips having been one of the outstanding club members in the county.

Dies in Crash



LT. LEWIS S. PHILLIPS, Jr.

Missing in Europe



LT. LEONARD BOND



PVT. RONALD W. SPITZLEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Spitzley of Westphalia, was inducted into the army on Feb. 3, 1943. After four months training at Fort McClellan, Ala., he left for overseas duty and is now serving with the armed forces in Sicily. He was graduated from Westphalia high school with the class of 1941, and before his induction was employed as teller in the American State Savings Bank of Lansing.



Pvt. NORMAN SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith of Pewamo. received word Dec. 12 that their son, Pvt. Norman Smith, was wounded Nov. 18 while fighting with the 10th Armored Division in France. He has been removed to a hospital in England. Details regarding his injuries have not been received.



PFC. DONALD A. LEUTE

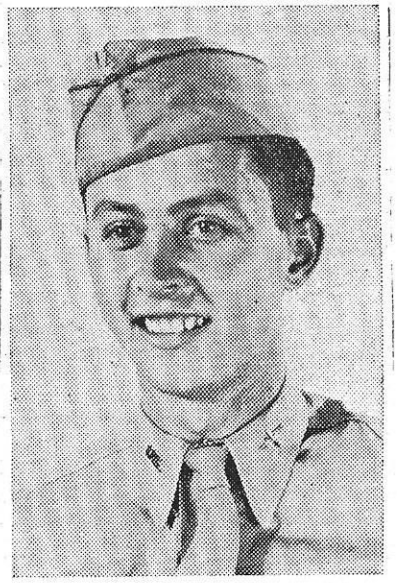
Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Leute, R-5, St. Johns, received the following telegram Dec. 11: "Regret to inform you that your son, Pfc. Donald A. Leute, was slightly wounded in action Nov. 25 in France. You will be advised as reports of his condition are received." Signed, Adjutant General.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Horak, of near Elsie, were informed last week Wednesday that their son, Pvt. Joseph M. Horak, 21, who was fighting with the Third Army in France, was killed Nov. 25. Pvt. Horak graduated from the Elsie high school in 1940, and entered the service May 9, 1944. He trained at Camp Fannin, Texas, and went overseas in October. He had been in France but 12 days at the time of his death.



1st Lt. KEITH H. SETTERINGTON is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Setterington of Elsie. He attended Michigan State College and received his commission as 2nd Lieutenant from ROTC in June 1941. Soon after graduation he was sent to the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Okla., for three months. Upon graduation from there he was transferred to Camp Roberts, Calif., and there was promoted to 1st Lieutenant. He left for overseas duty in March 1943 and is now located in New Guinea. His wife is a registered nurse and is supervisor of the Centinela hospital in Los Angeles, Calif.

Flight Officer



ARTHUR M. KEILLOR

This St. Johns young man received the silver wings of an Army Air Forces pilot on Monday, Nov. 20, at Eagle Pass Air Field, Texas, when he graduated with a class in which there were 14 other Michigan young men. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Keillor, live at 704 N. Clinton avenue.



PVT. VICTOR J. TOROK entered service July 14, 1943 and received his basic training at Fort Sill, Okla. His wife, Mrs. Dorothy Torok, and daughter received word Aug. 4 that he had arrived safely in England where he is serving with a Field Artillery Battery.

Navigator



LT. MONROE C. BIRKEY

One of a large class to graduate from Sieman Field, Texas, which had representatives from 47 states, was Lt. Monroe C. Birkey, son of Mrs. Dorothy N. Birkey, 305 East Steel street, St. Johns. His wife, Mrs. Dorothy (Wieber) Birkey lives at 627 Westmoreland street, Lansing. The large class of which Lt. Birkey was a member will very soon be moved into combat.

German Prisoner



PVT. WAYNE CASTEEL

LT. L. BOND IS MISSING

WAYNE CASTEEL IS NOW KNOWN TO BE GERMAN PRISONER

Casualty Reports Come in on Several Clinton County Men in War Areas

Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Bond, R-6, St. Johns, Tuesday received word that their son, Lt. Leonard Bond, had been missing since Dec. 10, in the European war area. Lt. Bond was commissioned as a bombardier in August and went overseas late in September. The last letter to his parents was dated Dec. 6. He is a graduate of St. Johns high school and well known in St. Johns.

Mrs. Lucile Casteel of St. Johns received a wire from the war department Tuesday that her husband, Pvt. Wayne Casteel, who was reported missing in Europe on Sept. 27, is now reported a prisoner of war in Germany. Pvt. Casteel is the son of Mrs. R. M. Otto of Leipsic, O.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Strauser received word Sunday that their son, 1st Lt. Donald E. Strauser, had been wounded Dec. 16 in the fighting in eastern France. Lt. Strauser was in Italy from October, 1943, until the invasion of France last summer and since has been with the 7th Army. His wounds were reported as "slight."





SGT. HARRY MAX REDMAN and PVT. GALE REDMAN are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Redman of Essex. Sgt. Redman enlisted in the Army Jan. 26, 1941 and is attached to an Amphibious Tank Battalion at Fort Ord, Calif. He left Monday for California after spending several days furlough with his wife, Mrs. Anna Redman of Lansing, and his parents. Gale was inducted May 9, 1944 and received his basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas. He left for overseas duty in October and is now stationed in France with an infantry division. His wife, Mrs. Arlene Redman, resides in Bengal.



ARTHUR DUANE KENFIELD, E. M. 3-c, enlisted in the Navy Jan. 15, 1943 and received his boot training at Great Lakes. He also went to Naval Training school there where he received his rating of Electrician's Mate 3rd class the first of October. He is now stationed in Chicgao.



Cpl. EDWIN DALMAN is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dalman of Bath, and is stationed at McDill Field, Tampa, Fla. His brother, Pvt. Arthur Dalman is attached to the Field Artillery division at Camp Claiborne, La.

Prisoner of War



SGT. ROBT. D. DAVIS
Reported missing in September, word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Davis, former Clinton residents, that their son, Sgt. Davis, is a prisoner of the German government. Mr. and Mrs. Davis now live on R-4, Mason.



Captain James H. Kelly, 23-year-old Flying Fortress pilot from St. Johns, is shown at an 8th A.A.F. Bomber Command Station in England being congratulated by Major Thomas P. Beckett, 25, of Blue Mound, Ill., upon the completion of his operational tour of duty. Capt. Kelly and Major Beckett had just returned from leading a formation of American heavy bombers on an attack against a target in German-occupied France.

On one of these assignments he had found himself in the same cockpit with a general who was directing a heavy attack on naval installations at Emden, Germany.

The mission which remains foremost in Capt. Kelly's memory is the Kassel raid last summer. "We shouldn't have come back from that one," the St. Johns pilot comments. A burst of flak smashed a supercharger and a turbine was flung back at the plane, punching a large jagged hole in the waist section. Rib supports were splintered. "We'll never know what prevented the plane from breaking in two in mid-air," says Capt. Kelly.

Capt. Kelly, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Kelly, terms his tour of duty as "uneventful," although his crew has participated in some of the most grueling missions the Eighth AAF has undertaken. The crew encountered some of the stiffest opposition that the enemy has unleased against the American formations.

It had been a long haul, fraught with tense and dangerous moments, since that day last June when Capt. Kelly received his first taste of combat flying on a raid on Antwerp, Belgium. Fittingly, the mission that rang down the curtain had been an easy one, a "milk run" in airmen's terminology — no enemy fighter opposition, light flak and all of the big Fortresses in the Michigan flyer's formation had returned safely to England.

Included among the most important targets which Capt. Kelly has bombed are Kassel, Schweinfurt, Stuttgart, Anklam, Emden, Duren and Wilhelmshaven in Germany; Brussels, Belgium; Beaumont le Roger, Paris, Romilly, Nantes, Poix and Amiens in France, and Heroya in Norway, which was reached after a long over-water flight.

A graduate of the St. Johns high school, Capt. Kelly was a student at Michigan State College before entering the service. He is married, Mrs. Kelly and her infant son residing with his parents in St. Johns.

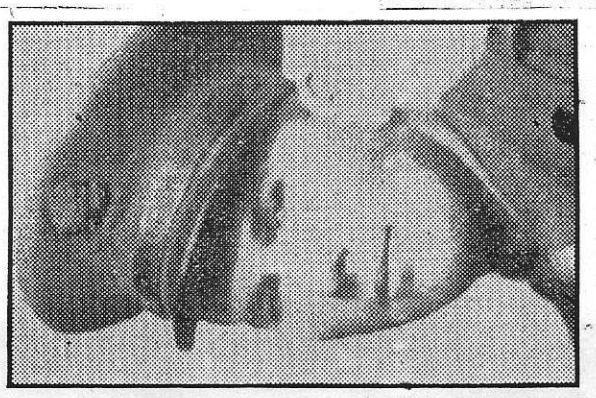
Capt. Kelly wears the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and has been recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross.



Cpl. BURDETTE BOND is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred V. Bond of Lansing, and the husband of Mrs. Frances Bond. He was inducted into the Army Nov. 7, 1942 and attached to the Quartermaster Truck Regiment. Cpl. Bond left for overseas duty in May 1943 and is stationed in Iran. Before his induction he was employed for several years by Rosevale Packing Co.



CPL. KARL L. KYES is serving somewhere overseas with the armed forces. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Kyes of Dewitt, and entered service in November, 1942.



Pfc. OLIVER D. GILLESPIE is attached to an Infantry division now serving in California. He was awarded an experts medal on the rifle range. Pfc. Gillespie is the son of Mrs. Clara Gillespie of this city, and was inducted into the Army April 22, 1942. Before induction he was employed by the County and was also farming.



ALFERD ALTON WICKERHAM, A. M. M. 3/c, has arrived at his destination somewhere in the South Pacific. At the time of his enlistment on Feb. 25, 1942, he resided in Dewitt. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Wickerham, and was graduated from Rodney Wilson high school with the class of 1938.



Pfc. ARNOLD L. KUHNLE is the son of Henry Kuhnle of Dewitt R-1. He was inducted into the Army in March 1942 and is attached to the Signal Corps. After serving in Africa for several months he was transferred to Sicily.



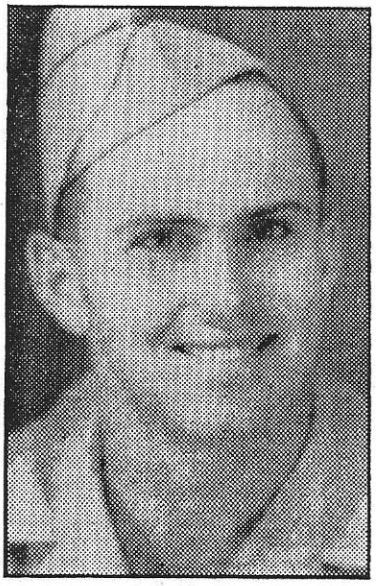
Pfc. VIRGIL L. MEAD, son of Mrs. Lyman Cobb of Lansing, was inducted into the Army in February, 1942. He formerly resided on Dewitt Route 2. Pfc. Mead received his training at Camp Santa Anita, Calif., but is now serving overseas with an Ordnance division.



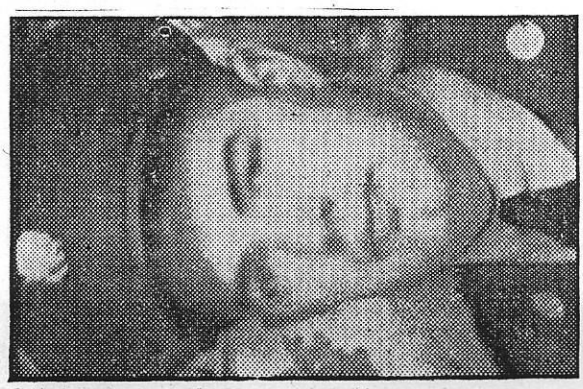
SAMUEL WAYNE GIBSON, S. K. 3-c is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gibson of Dewitt R-2. He has served with the U. S. Navy, somewhere in the Pacific for some time, and the first of August was promoted to the rating of Store Keeper 3rd class.



PVT. RUSSELL T. BROWN is the son of Mrs. Maybelle Beery of St. Johns, R-6. He entered the Army on Feb. 18, 1942, at the age of 19 years. Pvt. Brown left for overseas service in June, 1942, and is stationed somewhere in the South Pacific.



Cpl. ROY E. STEWART is serving with the Army, somewhere in the South Pacific, where he is in charge of supplies. He was inducted Feb. 3, 1942 and left for overseas duty July 1942. Before entering service he was employed in Lansing. Cpl. Stewart is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Stewart of St. Johns R-1.



Pfc. ROBERT V. BEEBE is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Beebe of St. Johns R-3, and his wife, Mrs. Milda Beebe and daughter reside near Breckenridge. Pfc. Beebe entered service June 2, 1941 and is assigned as a truck driver with an Infantry division now serving somewhere overseas.

COMMISSIONED



LT. HELEN KRAAS

This well known and popular Dewitt girl has again received promotion in the WACs, being advanced to the rank of lieutenant after six weeks' special training at Intermediate Officers' School. She will be stationed at DesMoines, Iowa, for an indefinite period.



PVT. LOREN E. SCHNEEBERGER is serving with a Quartermaster division of the Army Air Forces somewhere in North Africa. He was inducted into service Aug. 22, 1942. Pvt. Schneeberger is the husband of Mrs. Arlene Schneeberger and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Schneeberger of Dewitt.



Sgt. EUGENE S. BOND, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred V. Bond, entered service April 1, 1941. He was assigned to an Ordnance division and graduated with a class at Aberdeen, Md., on Jan. 15, 1944 for Instrument Repairman and Fire Control. He has had an APO number out of New York, since March. Before induction, Sgt. Bond was employed by Rosevale Packing Co., in Dewitt.

Killed



PFC. JOE WALLACE, Jr.
Former St. Johns man, who was reported killed in Germany last week.

KILLED IN WAR



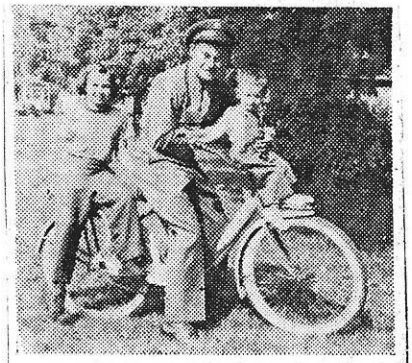
LT. VINCENT PAUL LERG

Son of Daniel Lerg, of near Dewitt, who lost his life on the European war front May 21. Lt. Lerg was a member of a bomber crew. He was widely known throughout the county as a 4-H club worker and a grange member.



Norman Dale Greenfield, G. M. 3/c, is serving with the Navy somewhere in the Atlantic. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Greenfield of Dewitt. His brother-in-law, Pfc. Sylvester C. Higbee is stationed with the Coast Artillery division somewhere in the Aleutians.

Missing



PVT. LEONARD KENTFIELD

Mrs. Ann Kentfield received word Thursday, Dec. 21, that her husband, Pvt. Leonard Kentfield, is missing in action in France. Pvt. Kentfield entered service April 5, 1944 and received his infantry training at Camp Wolters, Texas. He left for overseas in September and was assigned to the Third Army. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kentfield of this city and is 29 years old. His wife and son also reside in St. Johns.

Wounded



PVT. CLAUD JOLLY

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jolly that their son, Pvt. Claud Jolly, was slightly wounded while fighting in France on Dec. 3. Pvt. Jolly is with a medical unit of the infantry and the wound was in his shoulder. He had been taken to a hospital in England. He entered service in December, 1942, and went overseas in September of 1944.

Word has been received that Pvt. Reo Anderson, formerly of this city, has been wounded while serving with the armed forces in the South Pacific. Pvt. Anderson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. X. Anderson of East Lansing, and his wife and two children also reside in East Lansing.

Pvt. Thomas Taylor of Fowler has been reported wounded in action a second time and is now confined to a hospital in England. His wife resides in Fowler.

Two Elsie Soldiers Meet in Hawaii



Pfc. Galen Bashore **Pvt. George C. Manning**

Two soldiers who were former school friends at Elsie high school, recently met at a Seventh Air Force base in Hawaii. They are Pfc. Galen Bashore and Pvt. George C. Manning. They joined the army nearly two years ago, just 20 days apart. Being assigned to different branches of the service, Bashore to the Air Corps, and Manning to the Engineers, they had not seen each other until their recent meeting when fate and army orders brought them both to the same base.

Pfc. Bashore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bashore, of Elsie, has been in overseas service for all but a month of his army career. He was assigned to the Base Photo Lab as a photographer.

Pvt. Manning, whose grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Manning, are residents of Elsie, entered the army at Fort Custer. After serving at several stations in California and Washington, he shipped overseas and was stationed at various posts in the Pacific. Finally his organization was sent to this base and he met his old friend at an enlisted men's party at a local recreation center.





CPL. ROBERT F. SALTER and SGT. ROLLA SALTER are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Salter of this city. Robert is now serving with an Infantry division some where in Sicily, but was sent to Africa with the first convoys. His wife, Geraldine Salter, resides in St. Johns with her parents. Rolla is a cook with the Quartermaster Truck division at Camp McCoy, Wis.



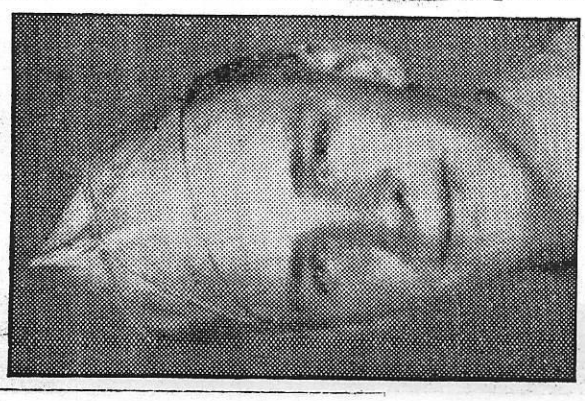


CPL. VERNON E. BENJAMIN and PFC. HOWARD F. BENJAMIN are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Benjamin of Fowler, R-1. Vernon entered the service on June 2, 1941, and is attached to the Infantry division. He is stationed at an unnamed destination overseas. Howard entered service January, 1942, and has been serving overseas since March, 1943. He is in the Tank Division. Both boys are graduates of Fowler high school.





Pfc. LEO HALFMANN and Pfc. EDWARD HALFMANN are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halfmann of Fowler. Leo entered service Feb. 5, 1942, and has served in England, North Africa and Italy with a chemical company since July, 1942. Edward was inducted into the Army Aug. 28, 1941, and received his basic training at Camp Grant, Ill. He is now with the medical department at Stockton Field, Calif.



Cpl. FRED G. EWING, husband of Mrs. Georgine Heiler Ewing, of Dewitt was inducted into the Army Sept. 18, 1942. He is attached to a Signal Corps division at Fort Jackson, S. C. Cpl. Ewing was graduated from Eastern high school, Lansing, in 1939 and was employed by General Motors for sometime before his induction into service.

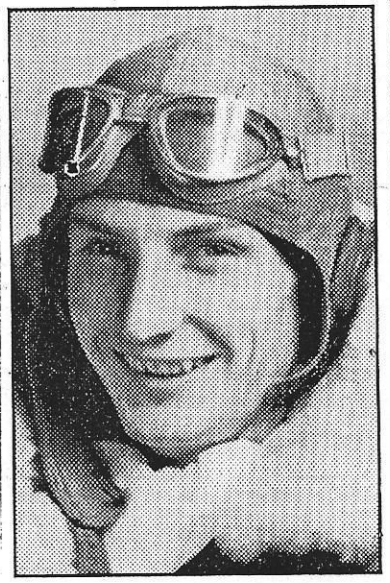
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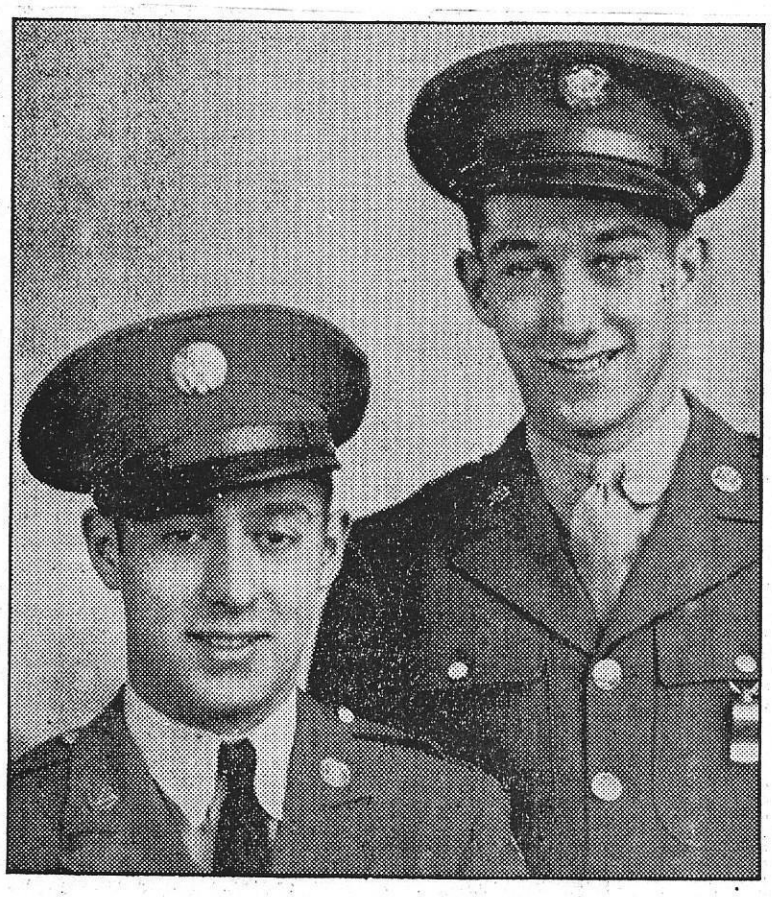
LT. FRANCIS H. SMITH

Francis H. Smith graduated from the Engineer Officer Candidate school, Fort Belvoir, Va., on Oct. 13. He is now a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers.

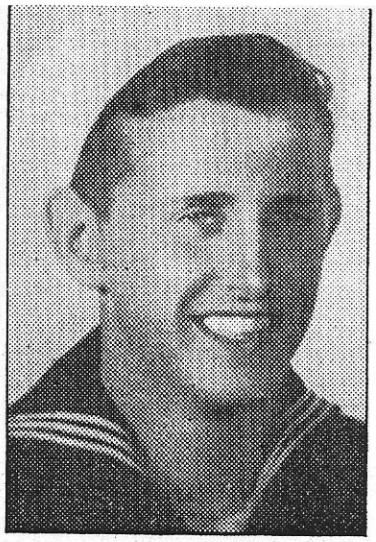
Lt. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stafford C. Smith of this city, entered the Army on Oct. 27, 1942. Prior to that time he had been employed by the Republican-News for about two years as printer's apprentice. His wife, Mrs. Virginia Smith, is employed in Lansing.



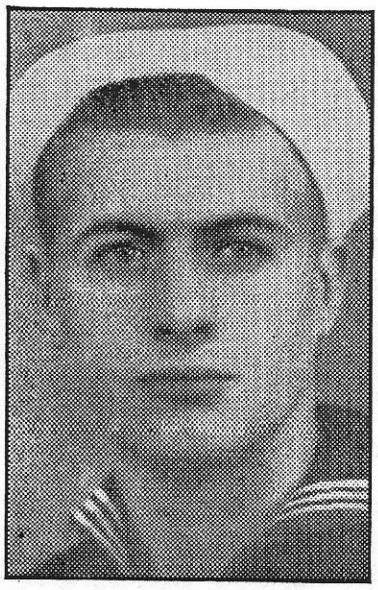
Tad A. Godfrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Godfrey of St. Johns, is receiving his intermediate flight training at the Naval Air Training Center, Pensacola, Fla. Upon completion of the intensive course at the "Annapolis of the Air" on Oct. 25, Godfrey will receive his Navy "Wings of Gold" with the designation of Naval Aviator and will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve.



S/SGT. Raymond and S/SGT. GERALD EISELER are both stationed at Camp McCoy, Wis. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fr[illegible] Eiseler of this city. Raymond enlisted in the Army March, 1941 and is attached to the Quartermaster Truck division. Gerald was inducted August, 1942, and is assigned to an Engineers Battalion.



MAX D. BARRETT, S 1-c (above) and PFC. MILTON E. BARRETT (below) are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Barrett of this city. Max Barrett, S 1-c, entered service on March 7, 1944, and left for overseas Aug. 1944, and is now stationed in the South Pacific. Pfc. Milton entered service Dec. 4, 1942, and is now stationed with the Marines at Movjave, Calif.



CLARK H. JEFFERS, S 1-c has been serving with the U. S. Navy in North Africa. He was aboard the Normandie when fire broke out, and later spent some time in North Ireland. He is the son of Mrs. Edna Watamaker of Essex. Clark graduated from the local high school in 1941 and enlisted the following week in the Navy.



Pfc. GLENN D. HOPP was inducted into the army Aug. 20, 1942, and is attached to the Medical Corps of the Army Air Forces in Blytheville, Ark. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hopp of Riley and the husband of Mrs. Lucille Hopp of near Dewitt. Before entering service he was employed at the Reo Factory in Lansing.



Pvt. Charles Orson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Orson of this city is now stationed in Belgium.

Local Boy Fears He Has Forgotten Color of Snow

The following letter written Sunday, Nov. 28, by Sgt. Edwin Schrauben, serving in the Pacific area, is the third received at this time of year by the Republican-News. He fears he has forgotten the color of snow and wishes that he received more letters:

November 28, 1943

Editor Republican-News,

Dear Sir and Friends:

Just a line is all I have time for and about all the news we are allowed to write.

A sincere wish of the best of everything to you and all my friends back there. I know this is my third year in writing this to you, but we still live in hopes that maybe next year we all can be together on Christmas day.

I still receive your paper and as I've said before I look forward to the day it arrives of every issue. It means much to me, for to keep in touch of things happening back there make a person feel different and sort of puts a bright spot in life. So I really enjoy it very much.

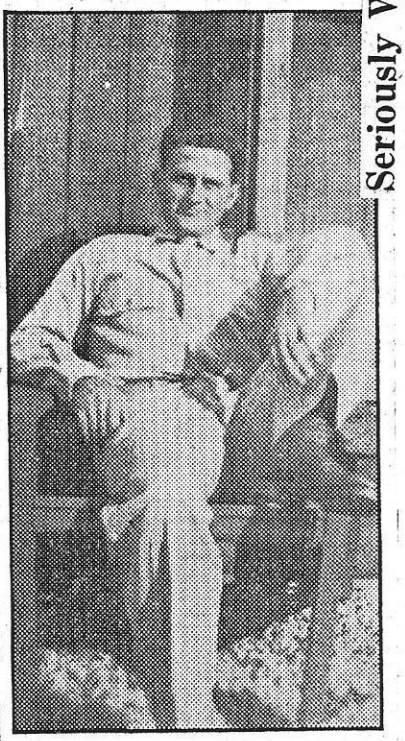
Life is still the same here. It continues plenty hot, while back there, I imagine, people are trying to keep warm. I am beginning to wonder what color snow is for I haven't seen any for three years. Yes, I've spent almost two years over here and to see home once again, surely would do my heart good.

I am feeling fine and doing the same work, which is Motor Transportation. They keep us plenty busy, but I guess this is the best for us.

Well, friends, I'll have to close, but please if any of you get a minute to spare, write me a line and let me know how the home town and neighborhood are getting along.

As ever,

EDDIE



SGT. EDWIN SCHRAUBEN

Seriously Wounded



SGT. HILARY HENGESBACH

Decorated



1ST LT. JAMES W. FILLMORE
Former St. Johns man who has been twice decorated while flying with the 441st Troop Carrier Group in Europe.

First Lieut. James W. Fillmore of Muir, and formerly employed in the Central Food Market in St. Johns, is a veteran pilot with a squadron of the 441st Troop Carrier Group, a unit in Major General Paul L. Williams' U. S. Troop Carrier Forces. He flew paratroops and glider-borne shock troops into Normandy on D-day, into the Reviera in August, and Holland in September, when the First Allied Airborne Army made its battle debut with a thrust at the German flank in the Low Countries. Following these missions, he was awarded the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the 441st Group received a Presidential Unit Citation for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy.

The Michigan flyer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Manson D. Fillmore of Muir, and is a graduate of Pewamo high school. Lieut. Fillmore entered the Army in June, 1941, and commenced training as an air cadet in October, 1942. In November, 1943, he received his wings and commission at Brooks Field, Texas. Early in 1944, he was sent to England to take part in pre-invasion maneuvers with his squadron.

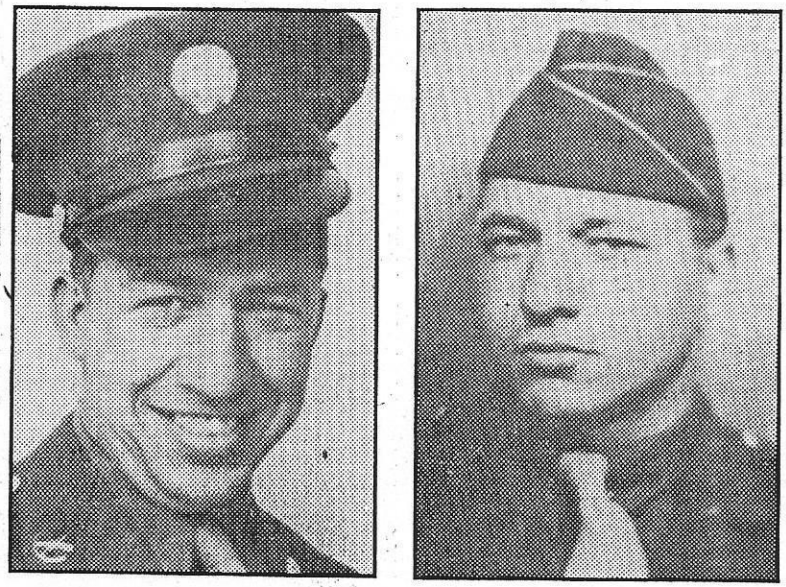




PVT. MILO SMITH and PVT. BRAINARD SMITH are the sons of Mrs. Minnie Smith of this city. Milo was inducted Oct. 7, 1942, and is stationed with a Quartermaster division at Camp Davis, N. C. Brainard entered the Army May 5, 1941, and has served overseas since March, 1942. He is a machine gunner.



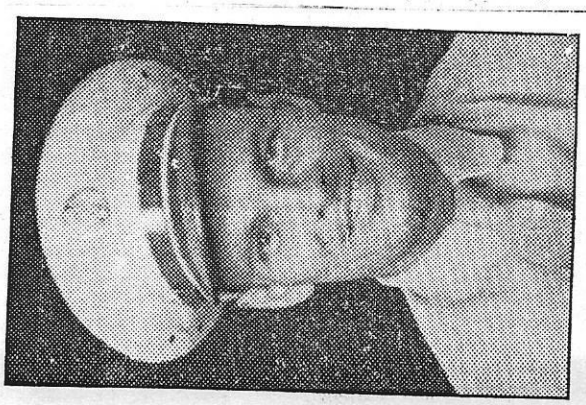
PVT. ELLIS W. SLAGEL, CPL. DALE E. SLAGEL and PVT. ROBERT B. SLAGEL are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Slagel. Ellis is stationed as Camp Maxey, Texas, where he is with the Medical Corps. Dale is at Fort Sheridan, Ill. He was inducted into service Februray, 1942. Robert has been at Fort Lewis, Wash., since April, 1943. He has also been on maneuvers in Oregon.



PVT. FLOYD L. PETERSON and PVT. LAWRENCE S. PETERSON are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Peterson of Elsie. Floyd, who is stationed at Camp Carson, Colo., was inducted Nov. 1, 1942, and is attached to an infantry division. Before entering service he worked with his father on the farm. Lawrence entered service Dec. 28, 1942, and is stationed in the Hawaiian Islands with an infantry division. His wife, Doris Peterson, and son, Eugene, reside in Elsie.



A-C BERNARD BARTON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barton of Greenbush, entered service Jan. 28, 1944 when he was a senior in Maple Rapids high school. He is stationed at Kelly Field, Texas, where he is receiving pilot and bombardier training.



Pvt. RAY VERNON ADAMS was inducted into the Army March 3, 1944 and received his training at Fort McClellan, Ala. He left for overseas duty in August and is stationed in England, where he is assigned to an Infantry division. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McCarthy of this city, and his wife, Mrs. Daisy Adams, and children also reside here.

TURRET GUNNER, 19, MISSING ON RAID

Corp. R. W. Ridenour Lost Over Hungary; Two Local Men Suffer Wounds



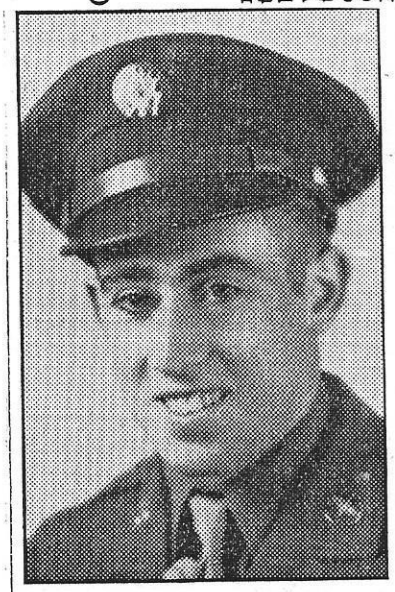
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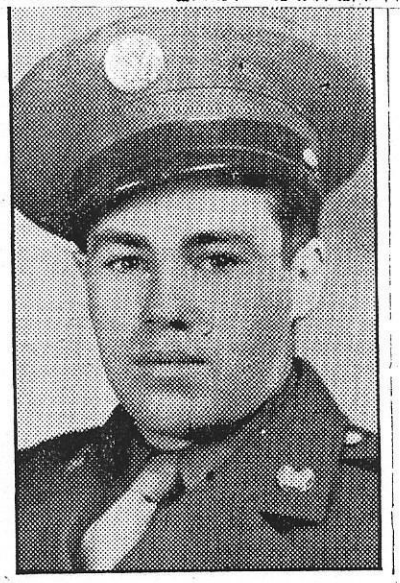
A Lansing turret gunner has been reported as missing in action and two local men, one an officer, have been slightly wounded in action, relatives disclosed Monday. Corp. Rex W. Ridenour, 19, turret gunner on a B-24 Liberator based with the 15th army air force in Italy, has been missing in action since February 7 while on a mission over Hungary, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd H. Ridenour, R. 2, South Cedar street, learned in a telegram from the war department.

Corporal Ridenour graduated from Sexton high school in June, 1943, and entered the service the following December. He graduated from gunnery school at Casper, Wyo., and left for overseas in December, 1944. A brother, Jack, also is serving with the army air forces.



MERVIN L. RHYNARD, S 1-c spent several weeks at Pearl Harbor, following his boot training, and is now serving somewhere overseas with the Navy. Mervin, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Rhynard, graduated from the local high school and later was employed by the Rosevale Packing Co., Dewitt. He enlisted on Aug. 21, 1942.

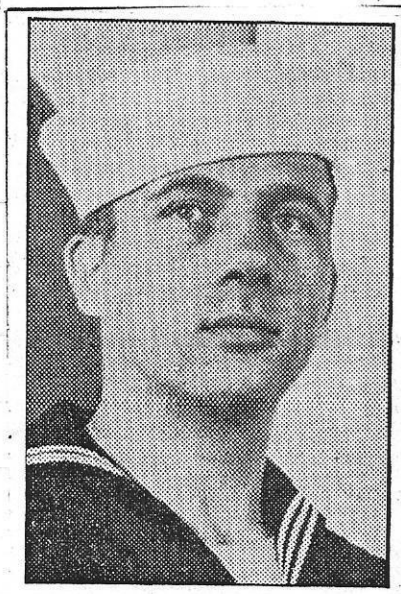


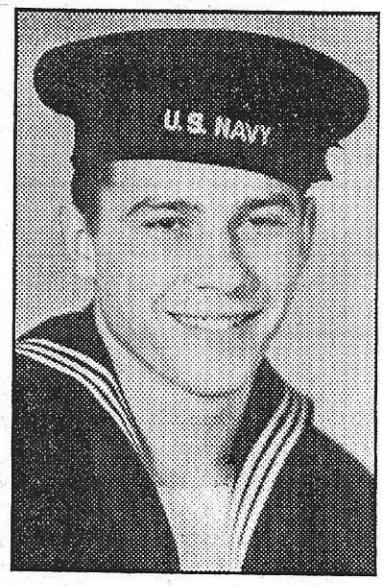


Sgt. WILLIAM B. ROOF and Pvt. R. V. (BOB) ROOF are the sons of Mrs. W. E. Roof of St. Johns. William was inducted into the Army Sept. 19, 1942, and wears the silver wings of a gunner sergeant, which he won at the Harlingen Army Gunnery School, Harlingen, Texas. He is now serving overseas, somewhere in Australia. Pvt. Roof is attached to an Engineers Battalion at Fort Lewis, Wash. He entered service April 7, 1943.



Sgt. ROY BECK is the son of Mrs. Verna Beck of St. Johns R-3. He enlisted in the Army Air Forces in Sept. 1943 and left for overseas service in June 1944. He is now stationed at an 8th Air Force Bomber station in England, where he is a waist gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress.





LORRIE R. SCHAVEY, F 1-c, and WILLIAM SCHAVEY, F 1-c, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Schavey of near Traverse City, formerly of Dewitt. Lorrie graduated from Rodney Wilson high school in 1933 and is now serving with the Navy overseas. His wife and three children reside near Traverse City. William graduated from Central high school in Lansing and was employed at the Sears-Roebuck store in Lansing prior to his induction. His wife and son live in Iron Mountain. He is also serving with the Navy in the Pacfic.

13 Clinton County Boys Reported As Casualties

Recent German Break-Through Takes Big Toll Among Clinton County's Fighting Men; 5 Are Killed, 2 Missing, 2 Prisoners, 4 Wounded

Word was received from the War Department on Saturday, Jan. 20, by Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Spitzley of Westphalia that their son, Pfc. Ronald W. Spitzley, was reported missing in action in France since Dec. 31. He was with an anti-tank company of the infantry in Gen. Patton's Seventh Army. He entered service Feb. 3, 1943, and received his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., later going to Fort Shenango, Pa., from which he left for overseas duty on June 17 of the same year without ever being granted a furlough. Ronnie has been through North Africa and the campaigns of Sicily, Italy and France.



PFC. RONALD W. SPITZLEY

He had been wounded on April 7 in Italy. and was confined there to a hospital for almost five months. On Sept. 12 he rejoined his company in France. Before his induction he was employed at the American State Savings Bank of Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Kerr of Ashley have received word from the War Department that their only son, S-Sgt. Robert E. Kerr, was killed in action Dec. 24 while fighting at Luxembourg. Sgt. Kerr, 19, entered the service in March, 1944, and trained at Camp Walters, Tex., and Fort Meade, Md. He went overseas as a member of the Infantry last September. Sgt. Kerr graduated from Elsie high school with the class of 1943.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bond, of 120 West Ross street, St. Johns, received word form the War Department Monday that their son, Pfc. George R. Bond, 22, had been seriously wounded in action in Germany on Jan. 4. Pfc. Bond was inducted into service in November of 1942 and has been fighting overseas with the 7th Army since September of 1944.

1st Lt. Wm. Keith Blackmer, son of Mrs. Nellie Blackmer, of Pewamo, was killed in action while fighting with the 8th Tank Battalion of the 4th Armored Division in Belguim on Dec. 23, according to word received from the War Department last week. Lt. Blackmer entered the Army in August of 1942 and went overseas last summer. Prior to joining the armed forces he was employed for a time by Jay Egan, of St. Johns.

Mrs. Anthony Platte of Westphalia was notified by the War Department on Monday afternoon, that her son, Pfc. Harold Howard, a paratrooper, was slightly wounded in action somewhere in Belgium on Jan. 5. Pfc. Howard was inducted into service Dec. 8, 1943. He was sent to Camp Blanding, Fla., and from there to Camp Eddibury, Ill. He received his paratrooper training at Fort Benning, Ga., and has been overseas since the latter part of November, 1944.

Mrs. Robert Snyder received the Purple Heart medal Monday from her husband, Pvt. Robert Snyder. He was slightly wounded in action in France during the latter part of December. He is confined to the 9th Evacuation Hospital in France. His wife and children reside in St. Johns.

Pvt. Alfred Bell of Bath has been missing since Dec. 17 in Luxembourg, according to word received by relatives at Bath.

Pvt. Howard Dewitt Perry of Dewitt was wounded in Italy Nov. 1. He has since been returned to the States and is now at Gardner General Hospital in Chicago. Pvt. Perry, who entered service Oct. 7, 1943, is a brother of Fred and Andrew Perry of Dewitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schafer of near Maple Rapids have received word that their son, Pvt. Gaylord



PVT. GAYLORD SCHAFER

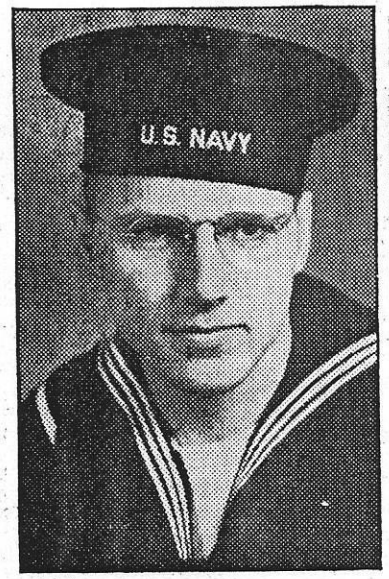
Schafer is a German prisoner of war. He was serving with the Army in Italy.

Clinton county relatives have received word from S-Sgt. A. B. Peltier stating that he is now a prisoner of the Germans. Sgt. Peltier is the son of Frank Peltier of Dewitt and was previously reported missing Sept. 6 in Belgium. He had been overseas about two years at that time.

Pfc. Francis A. Richmond has been reported killed in action in Belgium Jan. 3. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Richmond who formerly lived on the McLouth farm west of Dewitt. Pfc. Richmond, who would have been 35 years old on Jan. entered service July 6, 1942.

Word has been reported that Stephen J. Cummings was killed in action Dec. 17, 1944, in France. He was the son of Reuben Cummings of of Newberry, Mich. His mother, Mrs. Mary Nedry, lives at Marion Springs. They formerly lived north of Elsie.

Mrs. Joseph Shupe of St. Johns recently received word that her nephew. Pvt. Francis Luther Graessle, was wounded in Germany Dec. 25. A report has now come through that he was killed in Luxembourg on that date. Pvt. Graessle is the son of Mrs. Elsie Thrasher of Drayton Plains, and formerly lived in St. Johns.



SGT. WAYNE J. BARBER (above) and **FRED GORDON BARBER, S 1-c** (below) are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Barber of near Laingsburg. Sgt. Barber entered the Air Corps in Feb., 1943. He is an assistant crew chief, and left for overseas in March, 1944. Sgt. Barber is stationed in France. Fred Barber, S 1-c, entered service in November, 1943, and is stationed at an amphibious training base at Little Creek, Va. Before entering service he worked at University Hospital, Ann Arbor. Another brother, Cpl. Ralph D. Barber, was killed in action in Africa in Feb. 1943.



2nd Lt. Laddie Bartholomew of Lincoln, Neb., spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bartholomew.





Pvt. WILLIAM G. WAGER and Pfc. WARREN W. WAGER are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Wager of this city. They are both married and their wives reside here. Pvt. Wager is attached to the Medical Corps at Camp Bowie, Texas, and Pfc. Wager is receiving special training at King College, Bristol, Tenn.

Pint-Sized Valedictorian Finally Gets Into Army

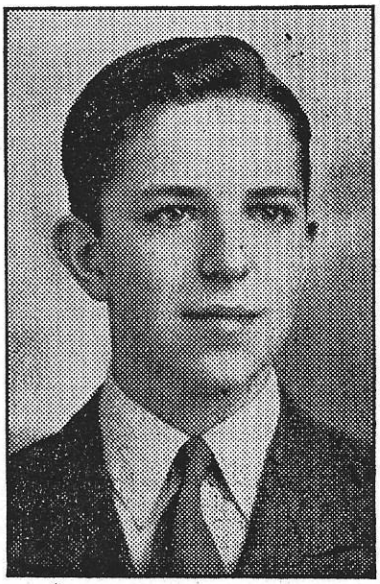
Dick Millman finally made it!

Last Friday afternoon this youngster, who is 18 years old, but might be mistaken for 15, climbed on the eastbound 1:30 G. T. train and started for Fort Sheridan. There was a grin on his face, also a look that was closely akin to consternation when he saw the whole St. Johns high school band come trooping around the corner of the depot just two or three minutes before the conductor yelled "All aboard."

Dick has two brothers in service. Brother Jack has been in for more than two years and is now with Ordnance at Fort Bliss, Texas. Brother Bill was chosen for West Point quite awhile back. This matter of getting into service became a touchy matter with Dick. Three times he had been turned down. With two brothers and most of the boys in the graduating class of '43 in uniform, Dick was about ready to blow up any time anybody said anything about service.

Early last year Dick tried to get into the Navy Air Corps. "Sorry

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DICK MILLMAN



T-SGT. SHIRLEY L. ESTES, son of Mrs. Earl Smith of Dewitt, is serving with the Army Air Forces overseas. He enlisted in the Army in June, 1940, and was stationed for some time in Texas. His sister, PVT. JEANETTE ESTES, is serving with the WAC at DesMoines, Ia., and his father, GLENN W. ESTES, SF 2-c, is with the Seabees at Camp Parks, Calif.

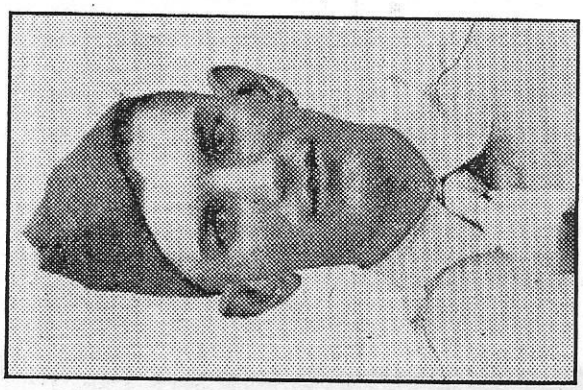
FOUR SONS WITH UNCLE SAM'S FIGHTING FORCES



Mr. and Mrs. James F. Woodhams sat in the parlor of their home on South Lansing street with the pictures of their four sons who are in armed forces arranged between them. Eugene, 23, landed in North Africa last November and has seen four months of fighting there. Pfc. Lawrence is at the Sedalia (Mo.) Army Air Base. Pvt. Donald, 20, has an APO address. Pvt. Alvin, 18, who left St. Johns June 7, is stationed at Eustis, Va. Mr. Woodhams works a night shift in one of the Lansing war plants and finds time to do quite a bit of farm work. Mother Woodhams works long hours, too, for there are several younger children at home.

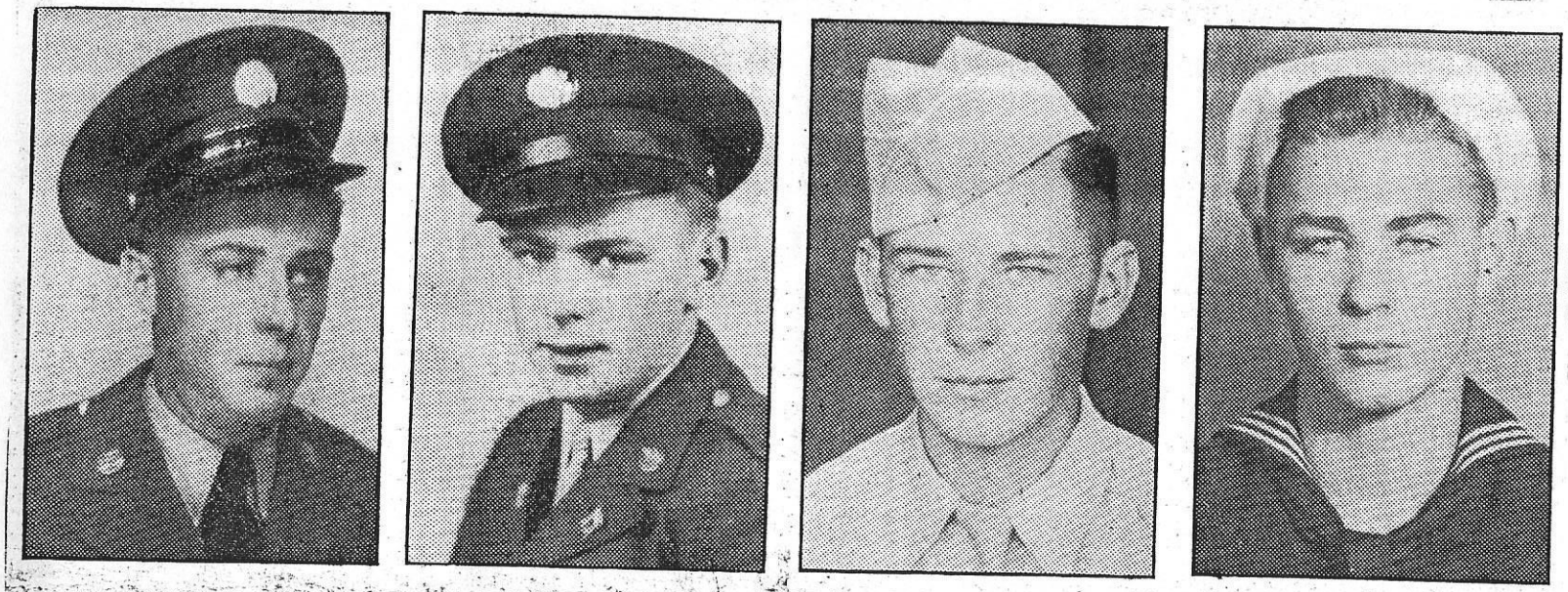




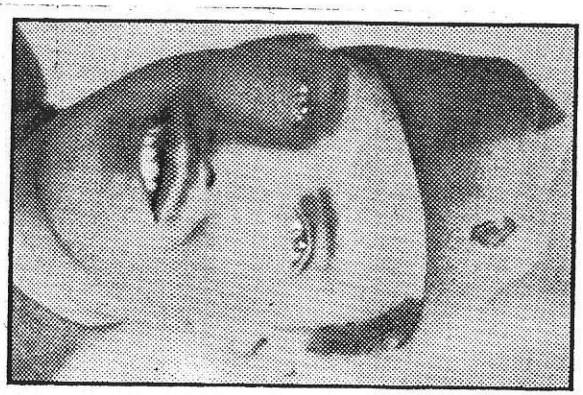




PVT. EUGENE WOODHAMS, PVT. DONALD WOODHAMS, PFC. LAWRENCE WOODHAMS and PVT. ALVIN WOODHAMS are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Woodhams of this city. Eugene and Donald are serving with the Infantry division in Africa. Lawrence is attached to the Army Air Forces at Sedalia Air Base, Warrensburg, Mo., and Alvin is in the Anti-Aircraft division at Fort Eustis, Va.



CPL. ALTON C. STODDARD, S-Sgt. LESTER C. STODDARD, CPL. HAROLD P. STODDARD, and EDGAR EUGENE STODDARD, S 1-c, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stoddard of Hubbardston. Cpl. Alton Stoddard entered service Nov. 18, 1941, and left for overseas March 18, 1942. He is with an Ordnance division, and is now stationed in New Guinea. S-Sgt. Stoddard enlisted Sept. 22, 1942, and left for overseas May 22, 1944. He is assistant chief clerk with the plans and operation of air service command, and is now stationed at Calcutta, India. He attended Cleary College at Ypsilanti. Cpl. Harold Stoddard entered service April 5, 1944 and is with the Quartermaster Corps. He just arrived in New Guinea, and met his brother Alton, whom he had not seen for three years. Eugene enlisted in the Navy March 1, 1944, and is a gunner on the U. S. S. Destroyer Rooks. At the present time he is out to sea. All four Stoddard boys attended the St. John's high school at Hubbardston.



PVT. RICHARD DALE DUBOIS is stationed somewhere in the South Pacific. He entered service in April, 1944 and later attended Infantry and Browning rifle section school at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George DuBois of Greenbush and his wife and son Billy reside in Lansing. Before entering service Pvt. Dubois was employed at the Lansing Dairy.



AULDEN L. BURKHOLDER, S 2-c of the U. S. Navy, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Burkholder of St. Johns R 1. He received his boot training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station and from there was transferred to Shoemaker, Calif. Before enlisting in service he was employed at the Emmons cider mill in St. Johns.

DONALD DILLER KILLED NOV. 15

WESTPHALIA SERGEANT MISSING OVER HUNGARY

Several Clinton County Men Receive Wounds on Battle Fronts

Mrs. Gertrude Diller of Maple Rapids, received word Friday morning, Dec. 1, that her husband, Pvt. Donald Diller, had been killed in action on the fighting front in France on Nov. 15. Pvt. Diller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Diller who live three miles northwest of St. Johns.

Pvt. Diller, well known in this community, wrote his father a letter the day before he was killed. He had been wounded and awarded the Purple Heart earlier in the summer, and was hospitalized for a time in England. Recovering from his wounds, he had rejoined his infantry unit in France.

He entered service in September, 1943, and trained at Camp Gruber, Okla., and went overseas early this year and had seen action since early June.

Sgt. Martin Rademacher, age 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rademacher, of Westphalia, was reported missing over Hungary since Nov. 20. He was with the 15th Bomber Squadron and was a tail gunner and assistant radio operator on a B-24 Liberator. He entered service Oct. 7, 1943 and was sent to Keesler Field, Miss., for three months, then to the Army Air Field gunnery school at Laredo, Texas. He graduated in March, 1944, receiving the wings of an aerial gunner. After 3 months he was sent to Hammer Field, Fresno, Calif., and granted a 15-day furlough after which he was sent to Muroc, Calif., for two months. He was shipped overseas in August of the same year. He was a member of the 454th and 455th Bombing Squadron, the entire Squadron of which was awarded the Presidential Citation by Maj. Gen. Twineing, the first time in history a joint citation has been awarded to the Army Air Force. In three months time Sgt. Rademacher completed 25 missions.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Armbrustmacher of Carson City received a telegram Saturday night from the War Department stating that their son, Pvt. Donald Armbrustmacher, had been killed in action in France on Oct. 31. He was a member of the Infantry. Donald was born in Clinton county on Oct. 2, 1923, and was graduated from Carson City high school in 1941. He entered service Feb. 8, 1943 and received his basic training at Camp McCall, N. C. He went overseas in July, 1943, and served in North Africa before being transferred to France. Surviving are his parents and a sister Janet, at home.

The Armbrustmachers are former residents of Maple Rapids, and Donald's father, a World War I veteran, at one time operated a restaurant in Maple Rapids in partnership with Fred Frisbie.

In a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Spitzley of Portland from their son, Pvt. Carl Spitzley, he stated that he was wounded in action on Nov. 20 and was confined to a hospital in Belgium. Carl, who is 26 years of age, operated the Westphalia and Portland hardware store in Westphalia before being inducted into service on Dec. 14, 1943. He received his basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and left for overseas duty from Ft. Meade, Md., in July, 1944. He is with an Infantry division and has been in Germany for the past 10 weeks.

Missing



S-Sgt. BERWYN NICHOLAS

Mr. and Mrs. Alwyn Nicholas of Ovid R-2, received word last week that their son, S-Sgt. Nicholas is missing in action in the Mediterranean area. He was top turret gunner and assistant engineer on a B-24 Liberator bomber and had only recently been promoted. He was serving with the 15th Air Force. He entered service in December, 1943, and went overseas in September of this year. His wife and children live in Moline, Michigan.

Wounded



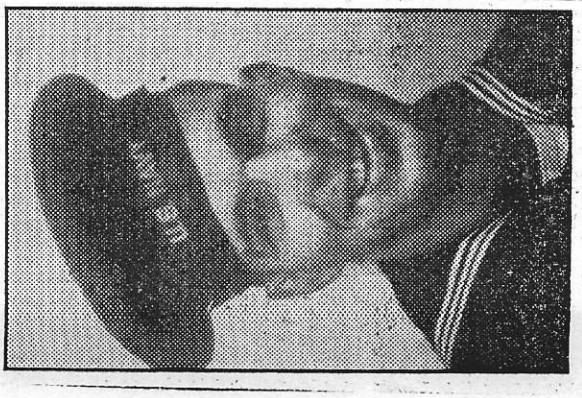
PFC. IVAN SMITH

Mrs. Jeannette Smith, of Fowler, received word last week that her husband, Pfc. Ivan Smith, had been wounded on Nov. 1, while fighting with the 5th Army in Italy. Details regarding his injuries have not yet been received.

Missing



SGT. MARTIN RADEMACHER
B-24 Gunner Missing Over Hungary



DONALD A. PHILLIPS, MM 3-c, is spending a leave here after serving with the Navy Construction Battalion in France. He entered service June 23, 1943 and received his boot training at Camp Peary, Va. He was stationed in England for four months before moving into France. His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips, and son Johnny, reside near St. Johns.