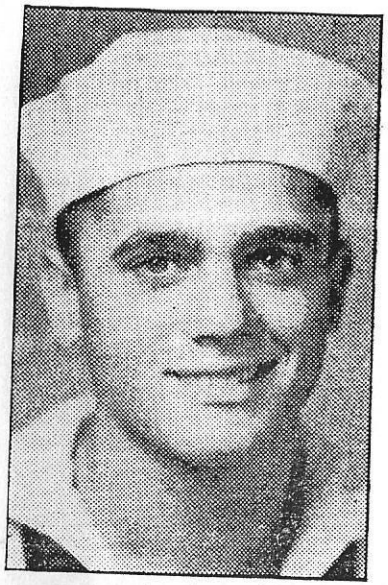
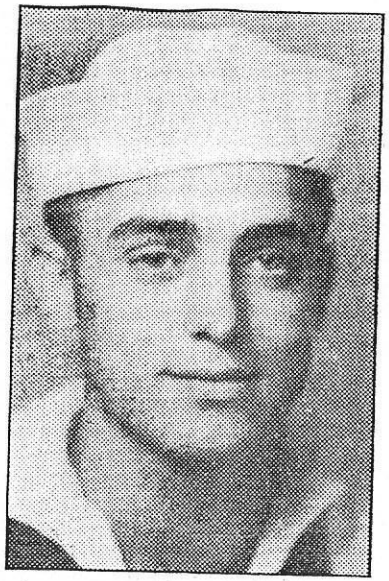
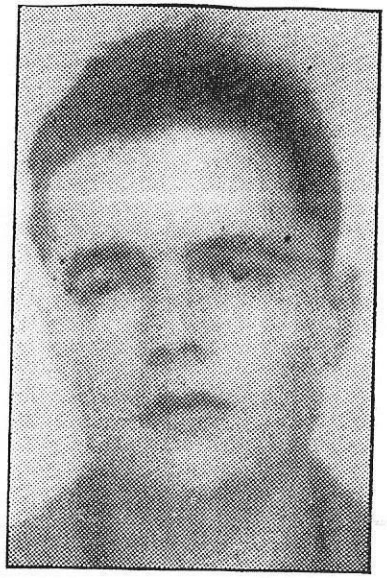






GEORGE EDWARD SPICER, S 2/c, KENNETH E. SPICER, S 2/c, Pvt. WILLIAM L. SPICER, Pfc. DONALD R. SPICER and Pvt. NORWOOD SPICER are the sons of Mrs. Rhea Spicer of this city. "Eddie" was employed at the Shopping Basket before entering service last June. He is now stationed with the Navy at Port Hueneme, Calif. Kenneth, who enlisted in the Navy last June, recently notified his mother of his safe arrival in Hawaii. William was inducted into the Army in February, 1943, and is serving with the Medical Corps somewhere overseas. Donald served for two years with the 119th Field Artillery and was recently given an honorable medical discharge. He is now employed in a defense plant. Norwood is stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., with a Tank Division. He entered service Nov. 17, 1942.



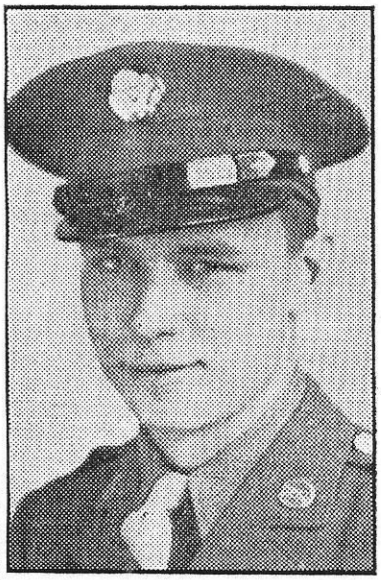

LEE DOYLE DUNHAM, Y 2/c, DUANE PAUL DUNHAM, G M 3/c and DONAL EDWARD DUNHAM, S 2/c, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lee W. Dunham of Bath. Lee enlisted in the U. S. Navy May 31, 1940. He has seen a lot of action and has been in eight major battles. He is now serving as the Admiral's Yeoman. Duane and Donal are twins. Duane enlisted Dec. 15, 1942, and is on duty in the Atlantic. Donal entered the Navy July 2, 1943, and is serving as Radioman at Corpus Christi, Texas.





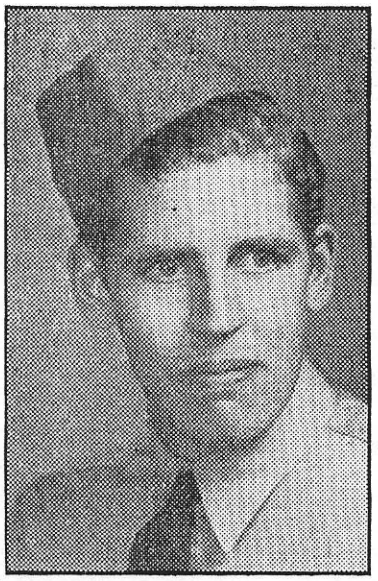


Pvt. ROSS CORNELL, JR., and Pvt. JACK A. CORNELL are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cornell of this city. Ross entered service Oct. 6, 1942, and before induction worked at the bomber plant in Ypsilanti. He is stationed at Reno, Nev. Jack worked in Lansing before entering service March 5, 1943. He is stationed in the Fiji Islands. Cpl. FREEMAN BLESSINGER is the husband of the former Alberta Cornell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cornell, and has been stationed in North Africa for several months. He is a mechanic in the Army and entered service July 18, 1942.

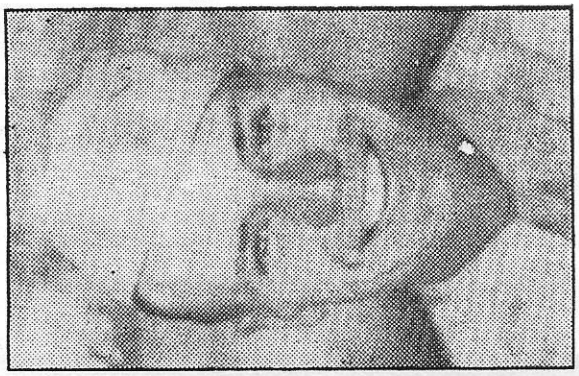




Cpl. DONALD HAMBLETON and Cpl. RICHARD HAMBLETON are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Hambleton of St. Johns. Donald entered service Sept. 19, 1942. and served with the Army until Feb. 5, when he was given an honorable medical discharge. He has returned to his old employment in a Lansing bakery. Richard entered service Feb. 3, 1943, and received his basic training in the Ordnance division at Camp Santa Anita, Calif. He is now stationed at the Ordnance Base, Pomona, Calif.



Cpl. ALBERT A. GEER enlisted in the ground crew of the Air Forces Sept. 1, 1940. He has served overseas more than a year, having been transferred recently from the Middle East to Sicily. Before entering the Army Cpl. Geer was in a C. C. C. Camp for six months in 1939. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Geer of St. Johns R-2.



MARVIN E. HAINER is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hainer of Elsie R-1. He was inducted into service July 19, 1943 and was sent to Camp Kearns, Utah, where he was assigned to the Medical Corps of the Army Air Forces. Marvin was graduated from Adelphian Academy, Holly, and learned the book bindery trade, which he worked at to pay his expenses through school.



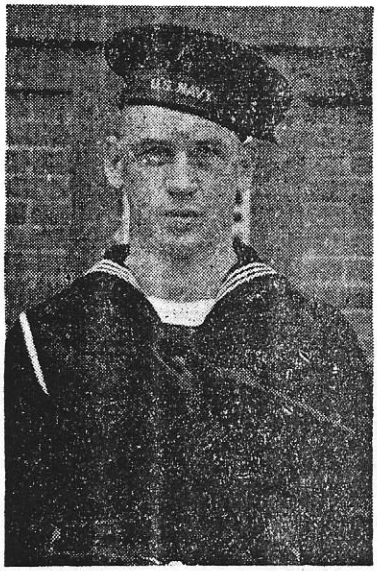


Cpl. WILLIAM F. WEBER, Jr., and GEORGE DONALD WEBER, S 2-c are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Weber of Fowler. William enlisted in the Army March 6, 1941, and left for overseas in June, 1942. He served for almost two years in Alaska and was only recently returned to the States for new assignment. George enlistd in the Navy May 18, 1943, and has served on a destroyer in the Pacific since last August. Before entering service both boys worked on the farm with their father.



JACK BRITTON S 1-c Bkr. entered service on April 26, 1944, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. He is a baker aboard a ship in the Pacific. Jack is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Britton of this city.

Missing in Pacific



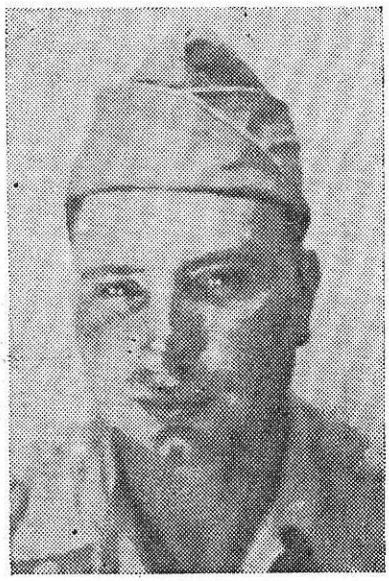
JOHN PAKSI, G. M. 3-c

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Paksi of Ashley received word Sunday, Feb. 27, that their son, John Paksi, G. M. 3-c, 23. of the U. S. Navy, has been listed as missing in action. He enlisted in the Navy Jan 30, 1941, and has been overseas four times. He took his boot training at Great Lakes. Illinois, and was then sent to Norfolk, Va. From there he went to San Francisco The last letter received by his parents was Jan. 31.



Cpl. ANDREW M. HANACEK is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hanacek, R-1, Elsie. He was inducted into service in March of 1943, and is completing his training as a ball turret gunner on a Liberator bomber at Pueblo Army Air Base, Pueblo. Colo.

WOUNDED



PFC. IVAN FIDLER

Two Clinton Men Are Wounded On Western Front

A war department telegram was received Sunday noon, March 18, by Mrs. Barbara Kimball of Wacousta, stating that on March 2, her husband, Sgt. Richard Kimball, had been seriously wounded in Germany.

It was but Feb. 20 that Mrs. Kimball had received a telegram stating that her husband had safely returned to his company, after having on Jan. 25 received the telegram saying that Richard had been missing in action since Jan. 4. At that time "Dick" was serving in Belgium. It has been learned since that time he was hospitalized from Jan. 26 to Feb. 8.

Sunday's telegram was followed by a letter from Dick received Monday. By the letter the family learns of Dick's suffering the amputation of a leg.

Pfc. Ivan Fidler, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Foote, R-4, St. Johns,, was wounded in action in Germany on March 7, according to word received last week by his parents. Pfc. Fidler entered service in June of 1944 and got his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla.. He has been with General Patton's 3rd Army on the continent since December of last year. He is now at an Army hospital in France and has been awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

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3 Ovid Men Casualties

Toll of Clinton Dead And Wounded Continues To Mount: Seven More Reported During Week

Merle Secord, 22, son of Mrs. Minnie Secord of Ovid, was killed in Germany March 11, according to word received Tuesday. He had been previously reported as wounded Dec. 27 in Belgium but had seemingly recovered and returned to the front. Mrs. Secord received a V-mail letter from her son on Wednesday, March 28, which was written March 5, in which he said he was in a German home where things had been exciting. He was home on furlough in May, 1944, when he was married to Miss Helen Ylajaky of Ashley, leaving the next day for overseas. Besides his wife, who is employed in Lansing, he is survived by his mother, a brother, Lyle of Laingsburg, and three sisters, Mrs. Edna Mitts of Owosso, and Edith and Eva Jane at home.

Memorial Service For Leonard Bond

A memorial service for Lt. Leonard Bond, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bond of Bingham township, will be held at the St. Johns Methodist church Sunday, April 8 at 2 p. m. The Rev. H. W. Ellinger will conduct the service and friends are asked not to send flowers.

A bombardier, Lt. Bond was killed when his plane crashed over Scotland on last December 10th.

Pfc. Maynard Newcombe, 22, who had been reported missing in action since Dec. 1, 1944, is a prisoner of the Germans, according to word received last week by his wife at Ovid this week. He is held at Camp Stalag IV B.

Pfc. Newcombe was taken prisoner while serving with an Infantry division in France and his wife was first notified that he was missing in action on Dec. 28, 1944, the day their son was born. She had received no other word until March 22 when she received two cards from him dated Dec. 28 revealing that he was well and safe.

Maynard entered service on Dec. 28, 1942, and received his basic training at Camp Claiborn, La., and at Camp Howse, Texas. He left for overseas duty in October of 1944.

His wife, the former Muriel Fox, of Lansing, and his infant son make their home with her parents in Ovid.

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PFC. MAYNARD NEWCOMBE



CPL. FRANK J. PROCHAZKA

Receives Air Medal



LT. RALPH E. MAIER

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maier, of St. Johns, are among 90 next of kin of Michigan AAF heroes who have been invited to Selfridge Field this Friday, April 6, to receive decorations on behalf of officers and enlisted men who are prisoners of war, killed or missing in action.

On behalf of their son, 2nd Lt. Ralph E. Maier, who is a prisoner of war in Germany, Mr. and Mrs. Maier will receive the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters.

The citation which accompanies the medal reads: "For meritorious achievement in accomplishing with distinction several aerial operational missions over enemy occupied continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this individual in the face of determined cpposition, materially aided in the successful completion of these missions. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

Selfridge Field personnel will participate in the presentation ceremonies there at 4:30 p. m. Friday.

Local Boy Freed From Nazi Prison By Advancing Army

Lt. Ralph E. Maier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maier, of St. Johns, is among those American prisoners of war in Germany who have been liberated by advancing Allied armies, according to word received Tuesday by his parents.

The word came in a letter from Ralph dated March 31st and said, in part:

"I will say first of all that everything is all right. I am feeling fine and hope I will be seeing you all soon. I guess I am too excited to write more.

"I have just been visiting and eating dinner with American troops. It's certainly a wonderful feeling to talk to these boys."

Ralph, who is a bomber pilot with the Army Air Forces, has been a German prisoner since August of last year.

Lt. Willis Gregory Killed In Crash

Word was received Sunday morning of the death of Lt. Willis Gregory, son of Mrs. Reynolds Gregory of St. Johns, who was killed in an airplane crash near Victorville, Calif., where he was an instructor in the army air corps.

Lieutenant Gregory formerly lived with his parents two miles west of Elsie and with his brothers attended the Elsie school, graduating with the class of 1941. His father, H. Reynolds Gregory, died two months ago and at that time Lieutenant Gregory was in St. Johns for the funeral services. He had recently completed 50 missions overseas.

Surviving are the wife and one child who live in Nebraska; the mother, Mrs. Gertrude Gregory and twin brothers, Omar and Ellis of St. Johns, and a brother, Myron, who is with the armed forces in Saipan.

Mrs. Gregory and two sons left Sunday for Nebraska, where funeral services will be held and burial at Fort Calhoun, about 20 miles from Omaha. The Gregorys formerly lived in Nebraska.

Cpl. Richard E. Eckert, of the U. S. Marine Corps, was killed in action on Okinawa on April 13, according to word received by his wife here last Thursday.

Cpl. Eckert has been in service



CPL. RICHARD ECKERT

since October of 1942 and has been overseas since December of last year. He is survived by his wife and an infant son; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Eckert, four brothers and two sisters, all of Grand Rapids. Mrs. Eckert is the former Wauneta Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Stewart, of St. Johns.

Sgt. Charles Berkhousen, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Berkhousen of St. Johns, has been reported missing in action since April 14. Sgt. Berkhousen has been with the U. S. forces in Germany and was last heard from in March.

Pfc. Albert Krause is in a hospital in the Philippines where he is receiving treatment for wounds, according to a letter received Tuesday from him by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Krause of St. Johns, R-1. Pfc. Krause has been overseas about 21 months.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hemingway of Eagle have received a war department telegram informing them that their son, Sgt. John Hemingway, was wounded in action in Germany on April 17 and is recovering satisfactorily in an army hospital.

Sergeant Hemingway was inducted into the army March, 1942, and went overseas in October, 1942. He was with a tank division of the Seventh army and had served in campaigns in Italy and southern France before going into Germany. In a recent letter to his parents, he states his tank ran over a land mine. Two of his buddies were seriously wounded in the explosion.



CPL. FREDERICK M. LEWIS is serving as a plane dispatcher with the 19th Liaison Squadron attached to the 14th Air Force somewhere in China. He enlisted with the enlisted reserves at Michigan State college in November, 1942. Cpl. Lewis left for service in April, 1943, and left for overseas in March, 1944. Cpl. Lewis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Lewis of this city. His wife, the former Helen Anderson, is employed in East Lansing.



CPL. HOWARD SHOUP is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shoup of Bengal township. He entered service in June, 1941, and received his training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He left for overseas in October, 1944, and is now stationed in Belgium. His wife, the former Evelyn Christensen, resides with her parents in Marlette.

Gets Purple Heart



CPL. FRED P. SYKORA

Mrs. E. Mildred Sykora of this city has received the Purple Heart medal which was awarded to her husband, Cpl. Fred P. Sykora, who was wounded in Germany on March 18. Cpl. Sykora, who spent over three years in Alaska, was serving with the 7th Army in Europe. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sykora of Greenbush.

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St. Johns Officer Plans To Live In China After War

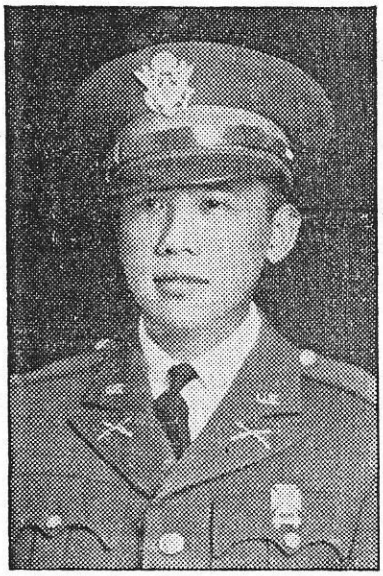
Captain Charles T. Foo Envisions Industrial Opportunities There

Capt. Charles T. Foo, Jr., of the United States army, American born of Chinese ancestry, plans two homes in the postwar era—one in China and the other here in Michigan.

Captain Foo, son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles T. Foo, of St. Johns, has recently returned from China, where he spent over a year with Chinese forces as a training officer and liaison officer during the Salween campaigns. He was ordered to the United States for rest and rehabiliation in January.

The Clinton county man, who was born in St. Johns and is a journalism major graduate of Michigan State college, has intentions of returning to the home of his ancestors, because he regards it as about the last "great geographical frontier in the world." He visions opportunities in either the field of business or production.

Captain Foo's ideas were formulated during his recently concluded



CAPT. CHARLES T. FOO

period in China, when he became associated with other American Chinese from the east. He hasn't any definite plans as to what business they will found, but he feels that it undoubtedly will be in the field of engineering. Captain Foo says that he will be the organizer for the group, while the other Chinese-Americans will furnish the engineering experience.

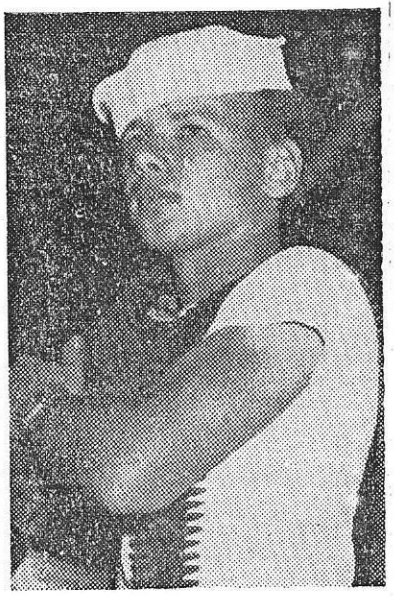
He hasn't any plans to make his home permanently in China, hoping to commute between the Asiatic country and Michigan, to maintain contact with his parents. His father has been a practicing physician here since 1915 and Captain Foo received his elementary and high school education in the St. Johns schools.

Captain Foo's assignment to China by the army in 1943 was not his first visit to the homeland of his parents. He went there in 1934 and enrolled in Lingman university in Canton, studying at the school through 1938 when he returned to the United States.

His intention of establishing industry in China is not one merely of mercenary character, but a keen desire to aid the people of his parents' native land—to protect the Chinese against another invasion. He seeks to help modernize the land.

Captain Foo, who is to start his return journey to China around the middle of April, was commissioned in the army after completing the Michigan State college R.O.T.C. training in June, 1942. He left the campus to attend an infantry training course at Fort Benning, Ga., and was later sent to China.

Honor Graduate



S 1-c Clarence E. Atwater, who is training to become a U. S. naval aircrewman, graduated last week as one of ten honor students in his class at aerial gunners school in Jacksonville, Fla. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Atwater, the 19-year-old bluejacket previously completed a course at aviation ordnance school at Norman, Okla. He is next scheduled for operational training as ordnance-gunner in Navy planes at Banana River, Fla., after which he will receive his aircrewman's wings. Atwater enlisted in the Navy June 21, 1944, taking recruit training at Great Lakes, Ill.

4 More Clinton Men Reported As Casualties

Pfc. Simon M. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Smith, of Portland, has been missing in action in Germany since April 5, according to word received by his parents.

Pfc. Smith has been with the medical corps of the Third Army in France and Germany. He was in-



PFC. SIMON M. SMITH

ducted into service in November of 1942 and has been overseas since September of last year.

Mrs. R. E. Eckert received word Thursday morning that her husband, Cpl. Richard E. Eckert, was killed in action April 13 while fighting with the U. S. Marines on Okinawa.

Cpl. Eckert entered service on Oct. 2, 1942, and served with the Marine Corps in California until he went overseas in December of 1944.

He is survived by his wife, the former Wauneta Stewart, of St. Johns; an infant son; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Eckert; four brothers and two sisters, all of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Maude Walker, of St. Johns, has received word that her husband, Pfc. Kenneth E. Walker, was slightly wounded while fighting with U. S. forces in Germany on April 9. He is now in an English hospital. Pfc. Walker is the son of Ed Walker, of Duplain township.

Pfc. Frank Horwath, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Horwath, former residents of Maple Rapids, was seriously wounded in Germany on April 2, when he was shot in both thighs. He is now in a hospital in Germany. Pfc. Horwath was inducted into the army from St. Johns in June, 1944, and went overseas in November.



Pfc. Lyle Foote



Cpl. Lionel Foote



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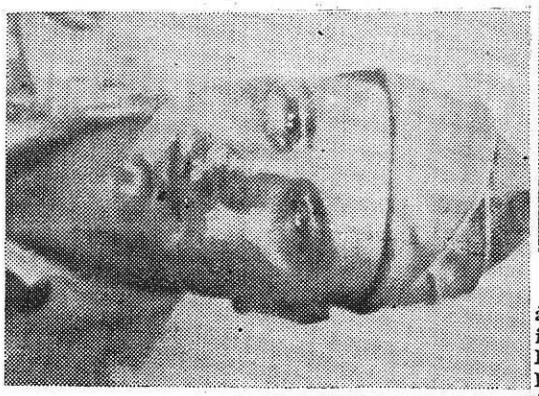


DONALD FIFIELD, First Class Torpedo Man, PVT. GLENN FIFIELD, and ROBERT FIFIELD, S 1-c, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fifield of this city. Donald entered service in July, 1940, and has been in nine battles in the Pacific. He has been given a medical discharge from service and is now residing with his wife in Detroit. Glenn entered service in May, 1944, and is stationed at Camp Howze, Texas. Robert is now stationed at Port Chicago, California. He has had 12 months of shore duty.

A five star flag adorns the window of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Foote of R-4 St. Johns for three sons and two sons-in-law now serving in the armed forces. The eldest son, PFC. LYLE FOOTE, is in the Air Corps at Keesler Field, Miss. Lyle entered service in September, 1942. He lives with his wife who works in a department store in Biloxi. CPL. LIONEL FOOTE entered service in August, 1941 and received his training at Camp Eustic, Va., and Camp Davis, N. C. Cpl. Foote is now stationed in the Hawaiian Islands with a Coast Artillery company. PFC. IVAN FIDLER, half-brother of the boys, entered service in June, 1944, and received his infantry training at Camp Blanding, Fla. He left for overseas in December, 1944. He was wounded March 7 while serving with General Patton's Army. He is now in a hospital in France and has been awarded the Purple Heart. CPL. OLA OLSON, husband of the former Irene Foote, entered service in January, 1941. He received the rating of Surgical Technician after attending several schools in the states. He is now stationed in Fort Jackson, S. C. Mrs. Olson and daughter reside with her parents. CPL. JAMES BOYCE, husband of the former Evelyn Foote, entered service in February, 1942, and received his training in several states with a Chemical Warfare Unit. Cpl. Boyce left for overseas in September, 1943, and has been transferred to an infantry division. He is receiving his training in England. Mrs. Boyce is employed at the J. C. Penney store and lives with her parents.



Cpl. James Boyce



Pfc. Ivan Fidler

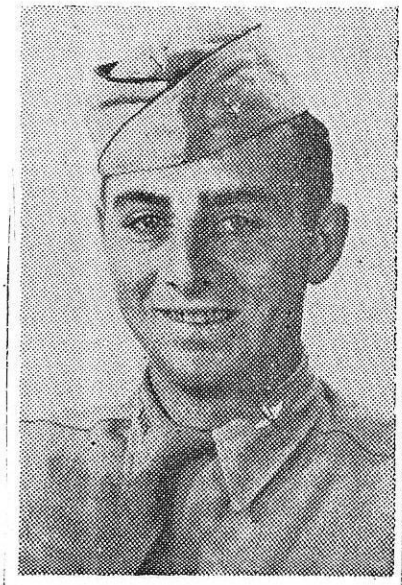


LEE ORDWAY S 2-c son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ordway of this city, is stationed at a Repair Base at San Diego, Calif.' He entered service Dec. 1, 1944, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill.



BERL LOUIS FOERCH S 1-c was inducted into the navy on April 6, 1944. He received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., and is now serving aboard a cruiser in the Pacific. His wife, Mrs. Doris Foerch, and two daughters reside on their farm north of Shepardsville where he was engaged in truck gardening before entering service.

Commissioned



Aviation Cadet William B. Wanless received his wings this week after graduation ceremonies at Moore Field, Texas, and has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie E. Wanless, of Wayne, former Clinton county residents.





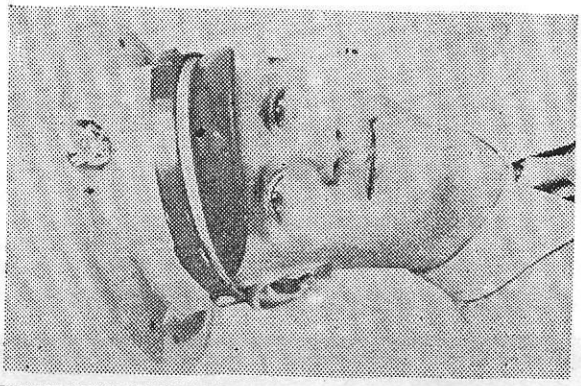
S-SGT. REX L. WORRALL and CPL. RICHARD WORRALL are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Worrall of this city. Rex entered service on March 5, 1943, has served as a waist gunner on a B-24 in the European area, and has completed 35 missions. Sgt. Worrall is now training at San Antonio, Texas. Richard entered service on December 8, 1943, and left for overseas in May, 1944. Cpl. Worrall is serving in a postal unit in Holland. His wife and two children reside in St. Johns. Before entering service he was a mail carrier in this city.



S-Sgt. ARTHUR KIRBY enlisted in the Air Corps in January, 1942, and left for overseas in July, 1942. S-Sgt. Kirby is now stationed in northern Italy as a crew chief. He is the son of Mrs. Hazel Groves of this city.



BERNARD C. NELLER F 1-c received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., and now has a Fleet Postoffice address out of San Francisco, Calif. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Neller of R-5, St. Johns. His wife and family reside in Detroit.



Pvt. CLARE W. BOAK was inducted into service in April, 1944, and received field artillery training at Fort Sill, Camp Chaffee, Camp Hood and Fort Ord. He now has an APO out of San Francisco, Calif. Pvt. Boak is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Boak of near Fowler.

Gets Silver Star For Capturing 22 German Soldiers

S-Sgt. Oliver D. Gillespie, son of Mrs. Clara Gillespie of St. Johns, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in France. During the engagement for which Sgt. Gillespie won his award he was credited with capturing 22 Germans single-handed.



S-SGT. O. D. GILLESPIE

The citation accompanying the medal reads: "For gallantry in action against the enemy on November 28, 1944, in the vicinity of Merten, France.

"Leading his squad, Sgt Gillespie reached the outskirts of Merten despite direct artillery and heavy small arms fire. When the squad attempted to assault a heavily fortified barn, such intense fire was met that he immediately took action to secure cover for his men.

"Skirting the hostile position alone and coming up to the rear, he surprised the enemy in the act of displacing 22 Germans. Believing themselves to be surrounded, they surrendered to Sgt. Gillespie.

"His bold leadership and great personal courage, enabling his comrades to occupy the company objective with a minimum of casualties, reflect distinct credit on Sgt. Gillespie and on the military service."

Sgt. Gillespie entered service on July 22, 1942, and has been overseas with an Infantry division since August of 1944. He is now in Germany and was previously given the Infantry Combat Badge. A brother, Pvt. Phillip Gillespie is stationed with our forces in England.



PFC. DONALD V. OTT is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ott of this city. He was inducted into service in July, 1943, and has been assigned to a military police escort guard. He left for overseas duty in August, 1944, and is now stationed somewhere in the South Pacific. Pfc. Ott was a graduate of the local high school with the class of 1943.



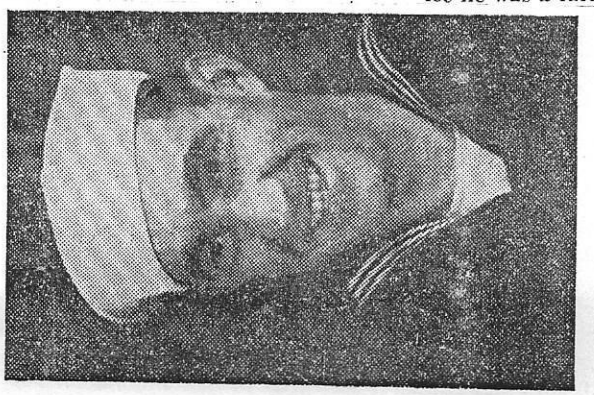
CPL. WILLIAM G. FELL is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fell of Olive township. He was inducted into service Jan. 26, 1943, and is serving with the Medical corps as a motor mechanic in southern Italy.



SGT. JOHN FLAK, Jr., is stationed in Germany with the First Army. He entered service in January, 1941, and left for overseas in November, 1944. His wife, the former Miss Dorothy Edlin of Carson City, and son are temporarily residing at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Flak, Sr.



Pvt. VERNON J. PUNG is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pung of Fowler. He entered service in November, 1944, and received his infantry training at Fort McClellan, Ala. Pvt. Pung left for overseas in March, 1945, and is now stationed in Germany. Before entering service he was a farmer.



REUBEN J. WALDO M 3c received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., and later was sent to Shoemaker, Calif., for further training. He left for overseas duty in June, 1944, and is now stationed at a submarine base somewhere in the Pacific. His wife, Mrs. Mary Waldo, resides near Grand Ledge.

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PVT. ROLAND L. HALLEAD and PVT. RICHARD A. HALLEAD are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hallead of Perry. Roland was inducted into service in August, 1944, and received Air Corps training at Buckley Field, Colo., and Keesler Field, Miss. He is now expert rifleman and is stationed at the Replacement Depot at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. Richard entered service in March, 1945, and received his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala. He now has an APO address out of San Francisco, Calif.



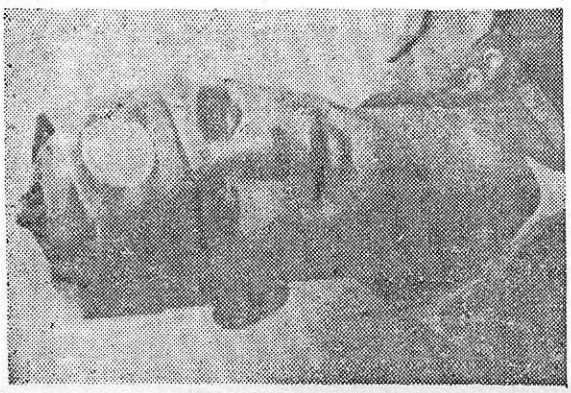
ROBERT G. REEVE, S 1-c, enlisted in the Navy in March, 1944, received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., and amphibious training at Coronado, Calif. Seaman Reeve has spent the past 10 months in the Pacific. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Reeve of St. Johns.



GLENN C. PLOWMAN S 1-c and DONALD OSGOOD S 1-c, both formerly of near St. Johns, had the pleasure of meeting in China several weeks ago. Glenn entered service April 15, 1945, and left for China on Oct. 15, 1945. Donald entered the Navy about the same time.



CPL. LEONARD F. BROOKS, son of Mrs. Bessie Brooks, received his honorable discharge at Wakeman General hospital in Indiana on October 23. He served with the army three years, of which 30 months were spent overseas with the Fifth Air Force.



PVT. FREDERICK T. BELBECK entered service in December, 1943, and left for overseas in August, 1944. He served with the 101st Airborne Division of paratroopers in the European Theater of War. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Belbeck of Bath.

War Casualty



LT. MAYNARD L. COWLES

Receives Word Of Son's Death

Memorial Service to Be Held for Lt. Cowles April 7, at Maple Rapids Church

A memorial service will be held at the Methodist church in Maple Rapids, at 2:30 p. m., Sunday, April 7, for 1st Lt. Maynard L. Cowles, now officially listed as killed in action.

Mrs. Austin Cowles received word from the War Department on March 8, informing her of her son's death. Lt. Cowles had previously been declared missing in action from March 3, 1945. He was pilot of a P-47 Thunderbolt and was on a dive bombing mission over Germany when he was shot down.

Lt. Cowles and his fellow pilots took off from Etain, France, the morning of March 3, and while flying along the Rhine River the formation ran into heavy anti-aircraft fire. It is presumed that the Essex township youth was lost in this action.

Maynard was born in Essex township Jan. 14, 1922, the son of Austin E. and Clara A. Cowles. He grew to manhood on the farm where he was born, attending the Grove school, Maple Rapids high school and Michigan State college. He learned to fly at Lansing Airport while attending college and before entering service.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps Jan. 14, 1943, his 21st birthday anniversary. He trained at San Antonio, Texas, Sikeston, Mo., Independence, Kan., and Abilene, Tex., before being sent overseas Aug. 1, 1944. Lt. Cowles was at a Port of Embarkation ready to go across in April, 1944, when he was called home by the death of his father.

Maynard was stationed in England a short time before going to France and active duty as a fighter pilot. He was the recipient of the Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters before leaving on the fateful bombing mission.

Surviving are his mother, recently of St. Johns but now living in Portland; one brother, Glen of South Haven; one sister, Mrs. Webster Linebaugh, living near Portland; and a 93-year-old grandmother, Mrs. Virginia Hill, of Portland; besides many other relatives and friends.

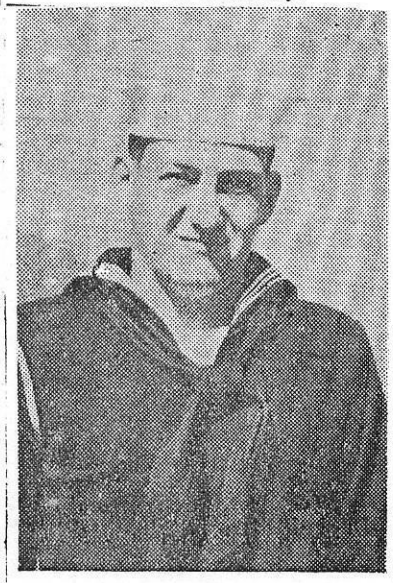
He was a member of the Maple Rapids Methodist church and active in the young people's group. He was a kind and loving son and well liked and respected by both young and old in his home community. Maynard had expected to take over the management of the big farm in Essex township upon his return from service.



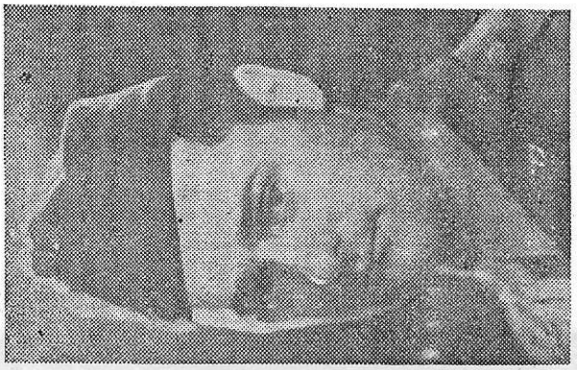
PFC. JAMES E. SALI, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sali of Olive township, entered service in June, 1944, and left for overseas in November, 1944. He was a machine gunner with the Seventh Army in Germany.



PVT. LOIS FRANCIS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Francis of R-5, St. Johns, is receiving her medical WACs training at El Paso, Texas. Before entering service in May, 1944, Pvt. Francis was employed as secretary in the State Health Department in Lansing. Lois graduated from Rodney B. Wilson high school with the class of 1943.

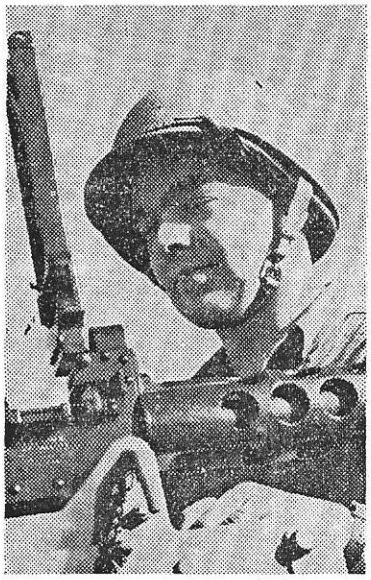


JOHN L. JONES, S 1-c entered service in August, 1945, and is now attached to an outgoing unit at Great Lakes, Ill. He was recently released from the Naval Hospital at Great Lakes where he suffered bronchitis. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Jones of Greenbush township.

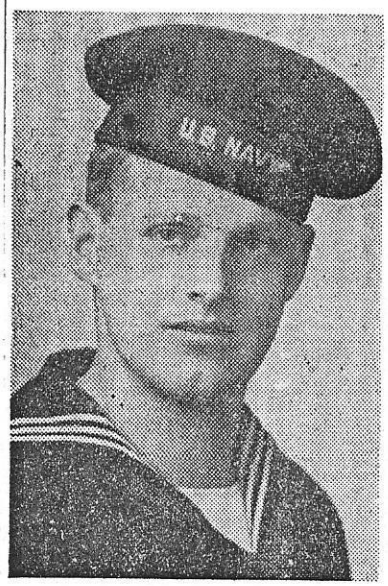


CPL. ROBERT S. WOOD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wood of R-1, Fowler, enlisted into service in September, 1942. He entered service in October, 1942, and left for overseas in May, 1943. Cpl. Wood was a member of the 316th Troop Carrier Group that was recently awarded a citation for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy on June 5, 6, and 7.

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Coast Guardsman CARL F. MILLER, fireman first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller of Fowler, is serving aboard a Coast Guard manned Army freight supply ship in the Pacific war theater. His ship is one of many Coast Guard-manned vessels carrying vital material of war to our invasion forces, closing in on the Jap homeland. Carl has two brothers, Fred and Edward, serving with the armed forces.





WILLIAM F. HOLLEY, MOMM 2-c and Pvt. ROBERT G. HOLLEY are the sons of Mrs. Mary A. Holley of Lansing. William recently returned to the states after serving 23 months in the European Theater of War with sea rescue and amphibian forces. He was in the Anzio and Salerno campaigns. Pvt. Holley has been receiving infantry training for several months at Camp Livingston, Louisiana.

Wounded



PFC. JOHN BOND

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bond of this city received word this week that their son, Pfc. John F. Bond, received a flesh injury in the leg while in active duty in the Philippine Islands. He will be confined to the hospital for two months before returning to his outfit. He has been awarded the purple heart. Pfc. Bond entered service in September, 1944, and received his infantry training at Camp Fannin, Texas, and left for overseas on February 19, 1945.





PFC. ROY E. STEWART and WILBUR D. STEWART, HAL-C are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Stewart of R-1, St. Johns. Roy entered service in February, 1942, and left for overseas in July, 1945. He is serving with the 31st American Division in the Philippine Islands. Wilbur enlisted n the Navy in January, 1943, and left for overseas in August, 1943. He is serving with a hospital unit in the Southwest Pacific.



BERTRAM C. CROWELL, MoMM 3-c, entered service in June, 1944 and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. He is now stationed at Fort Pierce, Fla. His wife, Mrs. Margaret Crowell, and children reside at St. Ignace. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Crowell of this city.

Little Ships Performed Major Role On Okinawa

Dr. and Mrs. William B. McWilliams of Maple Rapids, recently received a letter from their son, Ensign Kenneth R. McWilliams, who is now stationed on Leyte island in the Philippines. He is a gunnery officer on the L. C. S. (L) No. 70 and saw action at Saipan and Okinawa.

Ensign McWilliams enclosed an interesting article with his letter, which was written by W. H. Lawrence of the New York Times. This story tells of the tremendous job done by the smaller craft of the Navy at Okinawa.

The story follows:

"The Navy threw a Picket line across 'Bogey Highway' to keep Jap ship breakers out of the Okinawa transport area. These Picket ships, none larger than destroyers, fought and won the longest and hardest battle in the history of naval warfare. They suffered the greatest losses in men and ships ever sustained by the United States Navy. But they fulfilled their mission of keeping the bulk of enemy aircraft out of the transport area, where vital supplies for the soldiers and Marines were being unloaded. It is no exaggeration to any that these little ships, which seldom have the chance for glory given to the aircraft carriers and the battleships, performed a major role in our great victory on Okinawa.

Gunnery Superb

"This thrilling story, which can be told for the first time now that the Okinawa campaign is won, constitutes an epic that will live forever in the annals of the Navy. It is a story of the tough little ships and brave men whose extraordinary gunnery took care of the best the Japanese Air Force could throw at our Okinawa operation.

"They were at 'General Quarters' more than 150 times during the 82 days of the land fighting on Okinawa. These air alerts lasted from a few minutes to several hours and came at all hours of the day and night, as the Japanese sent over 200 aircraft in a single attack.

Jap Suicide Boats

"Commanded by Commodore Frederick Moosbrugger, himself a hero of naval fighting off Vella La Vella in 1943, these Picket ships stood guard as much as 60 miles of Hagushi anchorage, but the Pickets did have to cope with scores of small suicide boats carrying powerful explosive charges, which naval men called 'skunks.' A few submarines were encountered and depth charges were dropped. Whether any submarines were sunk or damaged has not been announced, but the enemy aircraft which the fighting men called 'Bogey,' that made this the toughest duty naval men have had to face in this war, suffered heavy losses.

"To form the Picket line, the Navy stationed destroyers, destroyer escorts and LCS's in great arcs before the approaches to Hagushi anchorages. These Pickets moved back and forth throughout the day and night. The enemy chose to fight the main battle along the Picket line. This in itself is a tribute to the men who manned this outer line to report the statistics on ships sunk or damaged in the battle of Okinawa. It reflects the splendid manner in which they did their job of keeping the enemy away from the crowded transport area that once sheltered more than 1,000 ships.

Casualties Heavy

"One out of every three of these ships that served the outer Picket line was sunk or damaged in this fierce, never-ending vendetta with the Kamikaze Kids. Of the ships engaged at various times in this duty, nine were sunk and 21 were damaged. Our casualties among these ships on the outer line exceeded 1,000. But the Japanese could not win. Guns of ships on the outer line accounted for 490 enemy aircraft.

"Between the outer line and the transport area there was another stream of light naval units, which took on the Japanese planes that



ENSIGN McWILLIAMS

managed to get by the first group of Pickets. During the campaign we employed several hundred ships in this work, of which three were sunk and more than a score were damaged.

"It was the inner screen that handled most of the suicide boats. It was the fine work of these ships and especially their superb gunnery that demonstrated conclusively that the Kamikaze weapons could not win the war. It cannot be denied that this type of attack was damaging, but it could not destroy many of the ships hit and could not diminish the fighting spirit of the brave men and officers who sailed them."

County's 56th War Casualty Is Reported

Howard Benjamin, 30, of Lebanon Township, Dies From Battle Injuries

Clinton county's toll of dead from injuries received in World War II reached 56 Tuesday morning when Howard F. Benjamin, 30, of Lebanon township, passed away at the Veterans' hospital in Mendota, Wisconsin.

Young Benjamin suffered a severe head injury while fighting with a tank company in Germany two days before V-E Day in 1945. After treatment for his injury in hospitals overseas he was flown to this country for further treatment in July of last year.

He was a patient at Percy Jones hospital in Battle Creek until January 19 of this year when he was



HOWARD F. BENJAMIN

transferred to the Wisconsin hospital where his death occurred. He received his honorable discharge from the Army after his transfer to Wisconsin. The head injury affected his sight in one eye and paralyzed an arm and leg.

For a time he seemed to be recovering from his injury and while he was a patient at Percy Jones he recovered the use of his arm and leg and was allowed to come home on week-end passes.

Howard entered service in January of 1942 and was sent overseas in March of 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Benjamin, of Lebanon, and was a graduate of the Fowler high school.

The body was brought to the Osgood funeral home in St. Johns Wednesday and funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. today (Thursday) from the St. Johns Methodist church. Burial will be in Mt. Rest cemetery.

Surviving are his parents; a sister, Mrs. Clyde Thuma, of Sunfield; and three brothers, Vernon, also a veteran of World War II and now a student at Michigan State college; Gerald and Eugene, at home.

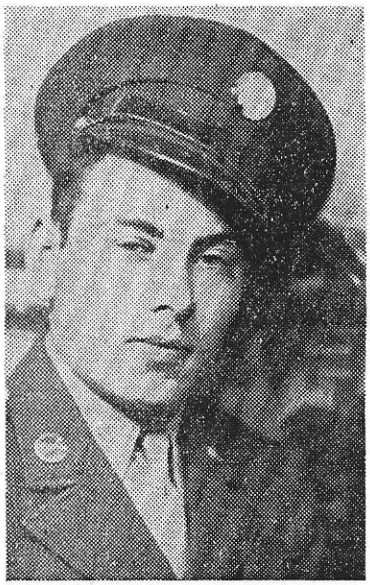
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PFC. ROBERT WILLIAM GILLSON was inducted into service on April 15, 1941. He received training in several camps in the states and left for overseas on April 18, 1942. He has served in New Guinea, Australia, and Netherlands East Indies. Pfc. Gillson is now stationed in the Philippine Islands with the famous Red Arrow division in the medical battalion. He is the son of Mary B. Gillson of Greenbush and William L. Gillson of Yakima, Washington.



CPL. JAMES V. BAESE is stationed in Italy as a ski trooper in the medical department of the mountain division. Cpl. Baese has served on Kiska Island. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Onas Baese of Elsie, and has another brother, Cpl. Robert O. Baese, stationed in Burma.

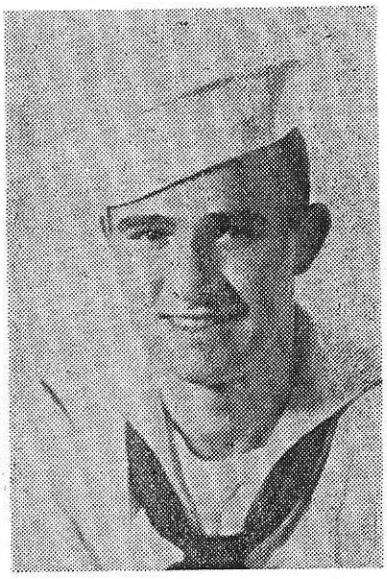


PFC. KENNETH J. VAN AMBURG is serving with an armored field artillery battalion with the Ninth Army in Germany. He received his basic training at Camp Van Dorn, Miss., and left for overseas in July, 1944. His wife, Mrs. Lucille Van Amburg, resides near Laingsburg and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Van Amburg, live in Corunna.



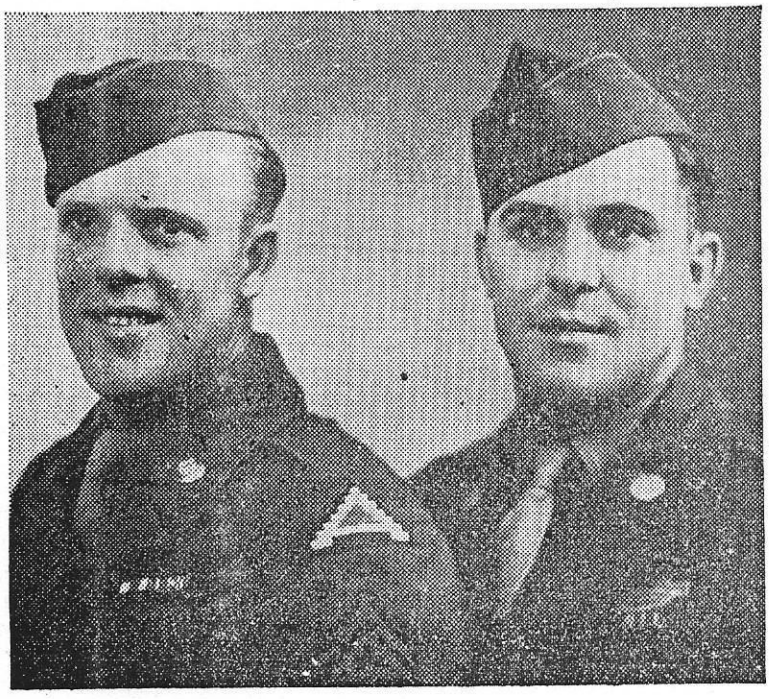
Aviation Cadet RUSSELL D. TAYLOR, United States Army Air Force, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Taylor of St. Johns, is undergoing primary combat pilot training at Lakeland, Fla. He is a graduate from Elsie high school with the class of 1939 and attended Central Michigan College of Education at Mt. Pleasant. He was a flight instructor with the Bishop Flying Service at Flint, prior to joining the USAAF. His wife, Marie, lives at Bannister.



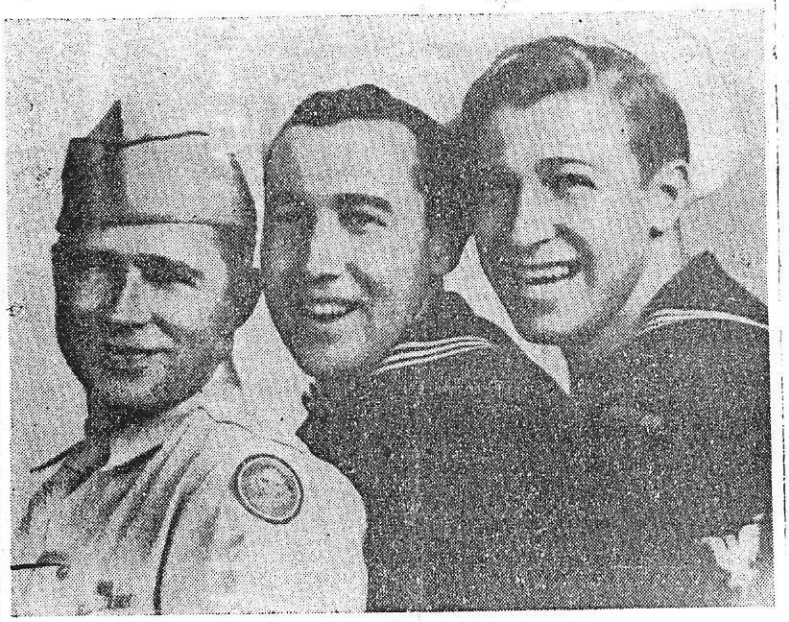


MRS. ANNA STURGIS ACKLES, RM 3-c and LESLIE (Tim) S. STURGIS, S 2-c are the daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sturgis, former residents of St. Johns. Anna enlisted in the SPARS at New Orleans in July, 1943, and received her boot training at Palm Beach, Florida. After six weeks training she was transferred to the communication center at New York City where she spent nearly a year, later being transferred to Long Beach and San Diego, Calif. In August, 1945, she graduated from radio school after receiving several weeks training at Atlantic City. She was assigned to a coast guard station at Chicago. Mrs. Ackles husband, Pfc. Vincent Ackles, is serving with Bomber Wing in the Air Forces at Guam. Leslie enlisted in the Navy and entered service in May, 1945. He received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. Seaman Sturgis was assigned to his ship at Norman, Okla.

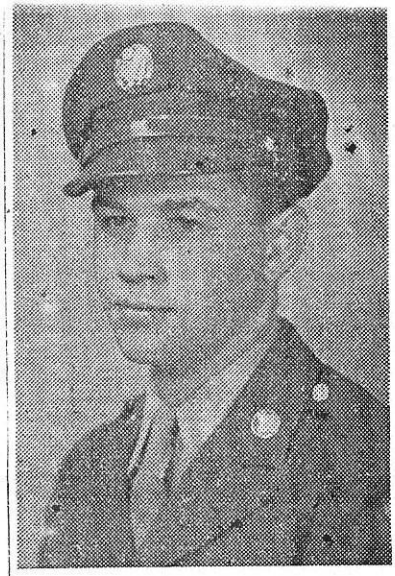
Twin Brothers Meet in France



Cpl. Rodney Devereaux and Sgt. Robert Devereaux, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lynne Devereaux of St. Johns, recently met at Rouen, France. This was their first meeting in three years. Rodney entered service in August, 1942, and left for overseas in June, 1943. He is now stationed in England. Robert entered service in September, 1942, and left for overseas in January, 1945. He is now stationed in France.



PVT. FRANK G. ALLDAFFER, LLOYD ALLDAFFER, S 2-c and TRACY P. ALLDAFFER, Ph. M. 1-c are the sons of Rev. and Mrs. Tracy G. Alldaffer of Coldwater, and nephews of Mrs. Anna Knowles and Mrs. Clara Harris of Bath. Frank entered service in December, 1943, and received his training at Camp Atterbury, Ind. He was then sent overseas and served with the 106th (Fighting Lions) division in the European Theater of War. He was wounded by a German machine gun which clipped his chin and passed through his shoulder. He has been receiving treatment at Percy Jones Hospital in Battle Creek. Lloyd recently completed his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. Tracy who has served with the Navy for four years, received his training at Newport, R. I. Seaman Alldaffer served on battleship and in England and on D-Day his unit served with the LCI's crossing the channel. He was recently married in New York.



CPL. LYMAN M. VAN SICKLE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moss VanSickle of near Maple Rapids, is now stationed at Guam with the 147th AAC Squadron. Cpl. VanSickle entered service in April, 1943, and received his basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and completed his ASTP at South Dakota School of Mines in January, 1944. After taking courses in radio electronics at Truax Field, Wis., and Chanute Field, Ill., he graduated from Radar School at Boca Raton, Fla., as a radar mechanic in December, 1944. Cpl. VanSickle received his term training at the Ground Approval School at Fort Dix, N. J., and a short stay at Kearns, Utah and Hawaiian Islands. He was then transfered to Guam in May, 1945. He graduated from Maple Rapids high school in 1942 and was a freshman at M. S. C. when he enlisted in E.T.C.



DON J. STEAVENS, S. F. 3-c, was inducted on Feb. 9, 1945 and sailed for overseas duty in May, 1945. He served nine months in the Admiralty Isles and is now stationed at the Naval Supply Center, Pearl Harbor. Don is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Steavens of St. Johns. On March 31, 1946, he met Herbert M. Weiber, S 1-c, who is also stationed at Pearl Harbor.

Killed In Action



Pfc. Milton Barrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Barrett, of St. Johns, has been killed in action in the South Pacific war zone, according to word received by his parents here last week.

Pfc. Barrett had been in service with the U. S. Marine Corps since Dec. 4, 1942.

Ronald Myers, former Clinton county conservation officer, was killed in action with U. S. forces in Czecho-Slovakia on May 8, V-E day, according to word received by friends here last week.

4 More Clinton Soldiers Are Liberated



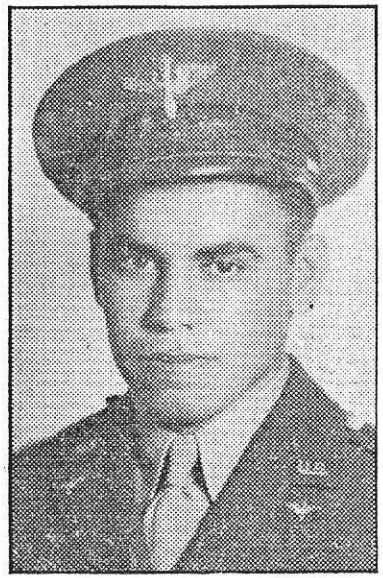
LT. REXFORD CARPENTER



S-SGT. HAROLD SNATER



PVT. WAYNE CASTEEL



SGT. BENNY ZAMARRON

Four more Clinton county men have been liberated by Allied armies in Germany according to reports reaching The Republican-News this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Carpenter, Sr., of St. Johns, have received a letter from their son, 1st Lt. Rexford (Jack) Carpenter dated May 21 saying that he has been liberated from a German prison camp after nine months of internment. It had been seven months since the Carpenters had heard from their son. He wrote that he was safe and well and would be home shortly.

A pilot of a B-24 bomber, Lt. Carpenter left for overseas in May of last year and had flown 34 missions in two months of service before he was reported missing. He holds the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and two Bronze Stars for theater of war operations. Only last week his parents received a citation that he had received last June 26 while on a bombing mission over the Hungarian oil fields.

Lt. Carpenter enlisted Oct. 10, 1942. He has two brothers serving also: Sgt. Harry B. Carpenter, Jr., who spent 31 months in the Air Transport Command in Alaska and is now back in the United States, and Sgt. Frederick Merrill Carpenter, who has been with the U. S. Marines in the South Pacific for 16 months. These brothers have not seen each other since Harry, Jr., enlisted in 1941.

Mr. and Mrs. George Snater, of Eureka, received a telegram from the War Department Wednesday morning informing them that their son, Staff Sergeant Harold R. Snater, had been liberated from a German prison camp.

He was taken prisoner on March 4, 1944, and was a radio gunner on a Flying Fortress. The last word the parents had received from their son was a letter written on Nov. 18, 1944. Harold was inducted into service on Dec. 4, 1942.

Mrs. Lucile Casteel of St. Johns, has received a letter from her husband, Pvt. Wayne Casteel, saying that he has been liberated from the Stalag 7A prison camp near Moosburg, Germany. He said that he had been flown into France and would be on his way home soon.

Pvt. Casteel, who was with an Infantry outfit in France, was taken prisoner on Sept. 27, 1944, and was liberated on April 29 of this year.

Sgt. Benny M. Zamarron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Trinidad Zamarron of Ashley, has been liberated by Allied armies in Germany, according to word received by his parents through the American Red Cross. Sgt. Zamarron was taken prisoner by the Germans last June.

Listed as Dead



S-Sgt. Berwyn F. Nicholas

Sgt. Nicholas Is Reported Dead By War Department

Former Ovid Youth Had Been Missing in Action Since Nov. 11, 1944

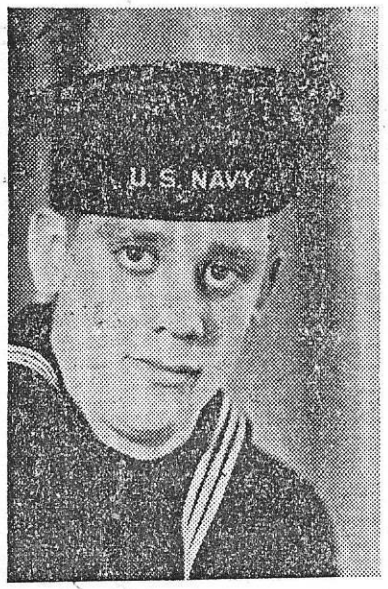
S-Sgt. Berwyn F. Nicholas, 23, previously reported missing in action, has been officially declared dead by the War Department according to a letter received last week by his wife, Mrs Delores Nicholas of Moline, who in turn notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alwyn Nicholas of Ovid R-2.

Sgt. Nicholas was a gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber with the Fifteenth Air Force based in southern Italy. He was on a bombing mission over northern Italy when adverse weather was encountered and the plane was last seen flying through heavy weather over the Adriatic Sea.

None of the crew members have been heard from since, although the plane was reported under control when last seen. He is reported to have completed 11 missions when reported missing Nov. 11, 1944.

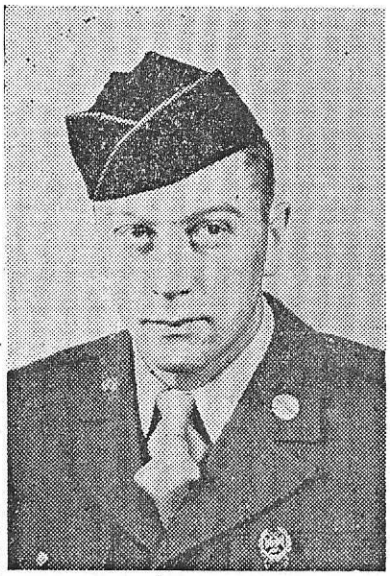
Nicholas entered service Dec. 29, 1943, and received training at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., Harlingen, Texas, and Chatham Field, Ga. He went overseas in September, 1944, and was holder of the Air Medal.

Besides the widow and parents he is survived by: three children, Gerald, Bonnie and Gene; two sisters, Norma and Beverly; two brothers, Larry and Russell; the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Nicholas and Mrs. Bertha Haker, all of Ovid R-2, and many other relatives.





MAHLON M. NICHOLS, S 2-c and S-SGT. DONALD NICHOLS are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nichols of R-2, Dewitt. Mahlon enlisted in the Navy in January, 1945, and received training at Great Lakes, Ill., and Shoemaker, Calif. He now has a Fleet Postoffice address out of San Francisco. Donald entered service in March, 1941, and left for overseas in October, 1943. He has served in England, Ireland, France and Germany, with the 47th Ordnance Division. S-Sgt. Nichols is now stationed in Czechoslovakia.





PFC. JOHN SPOUSTA and PFC. JOSEPH SPOUSTA are the twin sons of Mrs. Josephine Spousta of this city. They entered service in April, 1944, and received training with the field artillery at Fort Sill and Camp Gruber, Okla. In June, 1945, they left for overseas and are now stationed at Cavite City at Luzon in the Philippine Islands. Joe is serving with the mechanics and John is with the military police.



PVT. DEAN PRICE is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Price of this city. He entered service in June, 1945, and received his basic training at Camp Robinson, Ark. Pvt. Price is now stationed at Camp Pickett, Va. His wife, Mrs. Cora Price, resides in St. Johns.

Wounded



PFC. FOREST ALLEN

Pfc. Forest G. Allen has been seriously wounded on Okinawa, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Allen, of R-1, Elsie. He was reported wounded on May 22, and the telegram was received June 26.

Pfc. Allen entered the service in August, 1944, and left for overseas duty in February, 1945. He was serving with the 7th Division of Okinawa when wounded.



ANTHONY H. POHL, H. A. 3-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony A. Pohl of Westphalia, entered service in March, 1945, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. He was later transferred to San Diego, Calif., where he attended the Hospital Corps School. On July 6, 1945. Seaman Pohl was awarded th certificate of graduation by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Navy Dept. He is now stationed on Mare Island, Calif., with the U. S. N. Hospital Corps Staff.



Pfc. LUKE E. BECKER was inducted into service in July, 1943, and received his basic training at Fort Sill, Okla., in the Field Artillery Signal Corps. Later he was transferred to Camp White, Ore., and Camp Stone, Calif., where he was an instructor for about a year. In January, 1945, he was placed in the transportation division and assigned to the Sea Corporal ship. He is now working in the commissary. Pfc. Becker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Becker of Fowler.

22 Years in Army



SGT. GAIL A. DAVIS

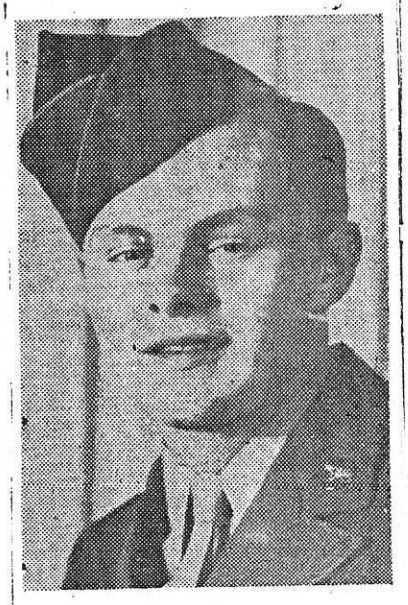
Master Sergeant Gail A. Davis, of St. Johns, was retired from the U. S. Army at Fort Custer, Michigan, on Monday, Sept. 30, after 22 years of service. He is now home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Davis, of Greenbush township.



SGT. KENNETH IVAN BLIZZARD, husband of Mrs. Onalee Blizzard of St. Johns, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Blizzard, of near Dewitt, was inducted into the Army on May 14, 1945. He received his basic training at Camp Livingston, La., and for some time has been attending Military Police School at Fort Myer, Va. He left for camp Wednesday after spending a 10-day furlough here with his wife and other relatives.



PFC. HARRY S. MARTIN, grandson of Mrs. Main Shipperley of this city, is stationed at Iwo Jima with the Fourth Division and has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for valorous conduct in action against the enemy. The 19-year-old Marine, a veteran of Roi-Namur, Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima, was wounded in five places by shrapnel, and holds the Purple Heart and the Presidential Citation for the Saipan-Tinian campaigns. Pfc. Martin is expected home in the near future .



PFC. OLNEY ESTES is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Estes of this city. He entered service in September, 1943, and received his basic training at Miami, Fla. Pfc. Estes left for overseas in November, 1944, and served with the 15th Air Force in Italy. In June, 1945, he returned to the States and is now stationed at Washington, D. C.



SGT. GAYLORD TEED is a radio man in the Air Forces stationed in England. He enlisted Dec. 7, 1941, and received his training at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., Mercer Field, Calif., and the flexible gunnery school at Kingman, Ariz. Sgt. Teed made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Beaufore for several years before entering service. He was active in 4-H Club work, being a member of the Victor Livestock club.

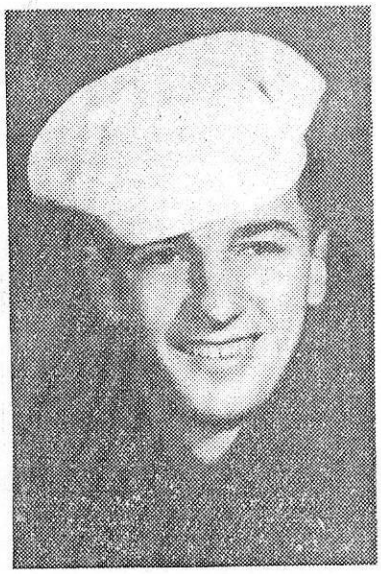


ARTHUR D. CHANT S 2-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chant of R-2 Dewitt, entered service in March, 1945 and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. He served four months on the USS Bunkerhill and recently spent a few days leave with friends and relatives here. He is now stationed at Seattle, Wash.

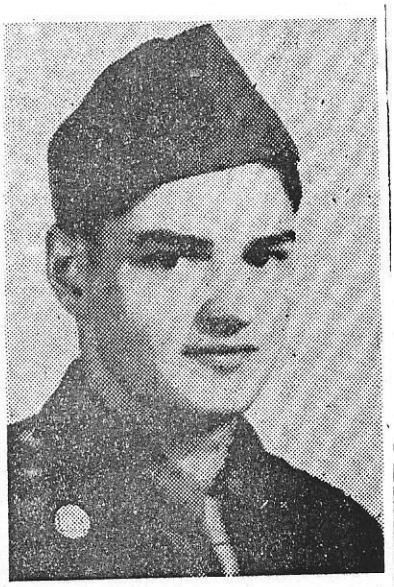


PVT. ELGIN GOODMAN entered service in May, 1944, and received his training at Camp Stewart, Ga., and Camp Haan, Calif. He left for overseas in March, 1945, and is now serving in the South Pacific. Pvt. Goodman is attached to the Signal Corps. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goodman of South Haven, Kas. Before entering service he made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hopp of Bingham.

On Leave



ROY D. SPERRY, S 1-c, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sperry, R-4, St. Johns, arrived home last week for a 30-day leave from his duties aboard the U. S. S. Topeka. Roy recently completed six months overseas and his ship is in the harbor at San Pedro, Calif. Roy graduated with the 1945 class of Rodney B. Wilson high school.



PVT. CLARE BEEBEE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Beebee of R-3, St. Johns, was inducted into service in March, 1945, and has just completed his infantry training at Camp Robinson, Ark. After a 10-day furlough he will report to Camp Maxey, Texas. A brother, Robert, is serving with the Sixth Division in the Philippine Islands and another brother, Howard, was discharged from service on Aug. 1, 1945.



EARL D. STEPHENS, son of Mrs. Millie Stephens of this city, was inducted into service on March 9, 1944. He received his boot training at Farragut Idaho, and left for overseas in June, 1944. He is now serving in the Pacific. His wife, Mrs. Ida Stevens, and family reside at Imlay City.



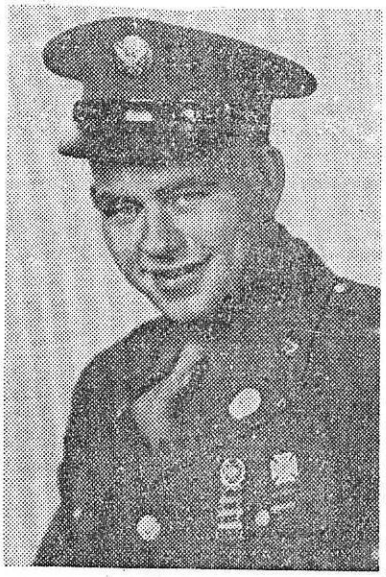
JACQUELINE LORRAINE MUNGER, S 1-c entered service in September, 1944 and received her boot training at Hunter College, Bronx, New York City. On Nov. 7, 1944, she was transferred to the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts at Cleveland, Ohio. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Munger of this city.



Pvt. ROSEMARY R. HOWELL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Howell of R-1, St. Johns, enlisted in the Marine Corps in November, 1944 and entered service in January, 1945. She received her boot training at Camp Lejeune, N. C., and is now stationed at Cherry Point, N. C.



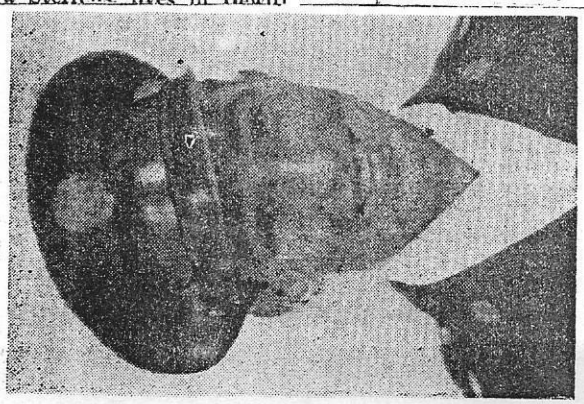
SGT. ERNEST L. STEFFEN entered service in January, 1943, and left for overseas in October, 1944. He was wounded in Luxembourg on Dec. 16, 1944. Sgt. Steffens is now a dispatcher in a motor pool somewhere in France. His wife, Mrs. Orva Steffens, lives in Dewitt.



PFC. GERALD H. REED entered service in December, 1944, and received his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. In August, 1945, Pfc. Reed left for overseas and is now stationed in Japan with the 123rd Infantry Division. He is the son of Mrs. Mary Reed of Dewitt.



CPL. PAUL P. FELDPAUSCH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony C. Feldpausch of Eagle, arrived home recently with an honorable discharge. He spent 34 months with the U. S. Army of which 29 months were spent in the Aleutian Islands.



CPL. ELVIN LAING, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Laing of Riley, returned home Feb. 12, after spending several months in the Philippines. After a 30-day furlough he will report to Fort Sheridan, Ill. Cpl. Laing, who has been in the army since March 21, 1945, has reenlisted in the Regular Army for three years and will be stationed in Alaska.



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BUDDIES OF THE AIR—Capt. Warren L. Johnson, Army flier of Elmhurst, Ill., and his dog, "Lt. Gremlin," peer from the cockpit of a Douglas A-20 fighter-bomber. The dog has spent 225 hours in the air—75 on bombing missions. They are now at a California redistribution center for a rest.



CPL. ALFRED MILLER entered service Nov. 7, 1942, and left for overseas in November, 1943. He is serving with the Air Corps in Germany. His wife, Mrs. Wilma Miller, and son reside in Elsie.



LLOYD J. PICKETT S 2-c, son of Mrs. Hazel Pickett of St. Johns, is serving on the USS McCoffery at Treasure Island. He entered service in February, 1945, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill.



PVT. STEVE SPESS enlisted in the Air Corps and left for service in June, 1945. He is receiving his basic training at Keesler Field, Miss. His mother, Mrs. Mary Brown, resides in St. Johns.



PVT. THEODORE L. WARD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ward of Dewitt, entered service in November, 1944. He is receiving infantry training at Camp Rucker, Alabama.



ALBERT RECTOR, F 2-c, son of Mrs. Maude Rector of Lansing, entered service in September, 1944 and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. He later received training at Norfolk, Va., and Boston, Mass.



PVT. LEO HIRAM TREAT entered service in April, 1943 and left for overseas in March, 1945. He is serving with the Plant Engineering Agency, Army Communication Service, of the Signal Corps, in Egypt. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo W. Treat of Duplain.



PVT. JOHN DROSTE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Droste of Westphalia, was inducted into service in July, 1944, and received his infantry training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and Fort Benning, Ga. He now has an APO out of New York City, N. Y.



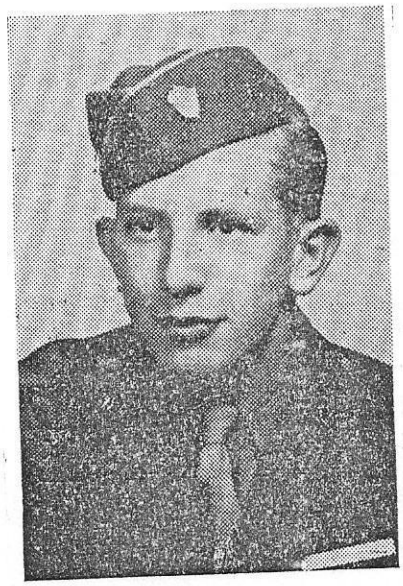
FLOYD D. SLOCUM. SC 2-c is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Espie of Eagle. He received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., and spent several months in the Naval Armory in Detroit. He left for overseas in January, 1944, and has been stationed in England for the past 18 months.



WINDLAND L. CALDER S 2-c enlisted in the Navy in March, 1945, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. He is receiving training at San Francisco, Calif., at the present time. Seaman Calder is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Calder of R. R. Dewitt.



DONALD IVAN KEYS, Coxswain, entered service in March, 1944, and received his training at Dallas, Texas. He is attached to the Aircraft Carrier Unit and has a Fleet Postoffice address out of San Francisco, Calif. His wife, Mrs. Norma Keys, and two children reside in St. Johns. Prior to entering service he was employed at the Borden Milk Company at Perrinton.



PFC. ROBERT PROWANT, son of Ed Prowant of Valley Farms, is home for 30 days. He entered service in May, 1945, and received training at Camp Livingston, La., and Camp Pickett, Va. Pfc. Prowant enlisted in the regular army and will report to Fort Sheridan, Ill., on Dec. 27, for further assignment.



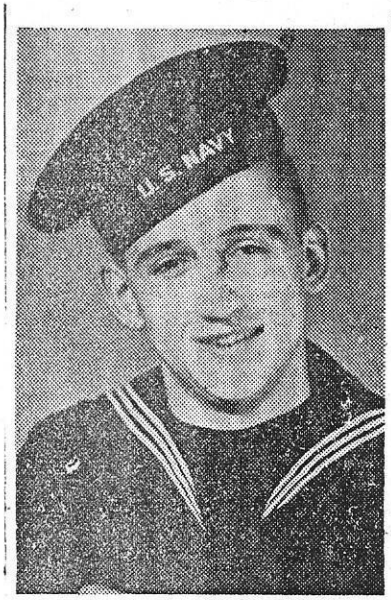
PFC. ROBERT W. COLE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Cole, entered service in August, 1945. He received his basic training in Camp Roberts, Calif., and on April 28, 1946, left for one year overseas duty. He is now stationed at Anchorage, Alaska, with an Engineers division.



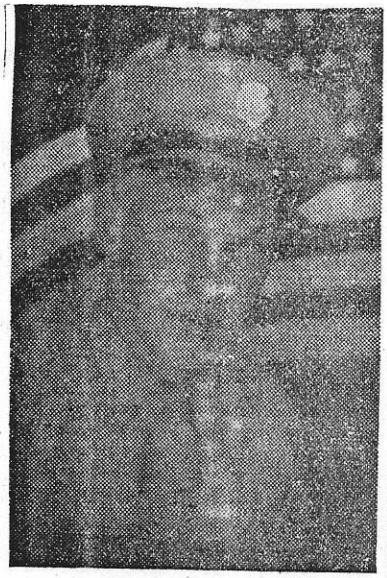
CRAIG BRITTON, A-S, son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Britton of East Lansing, formerly of St. Johns, is stationed at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. He entered service in February, 1944, and received training at Kalamazoo college. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Britton of this city.



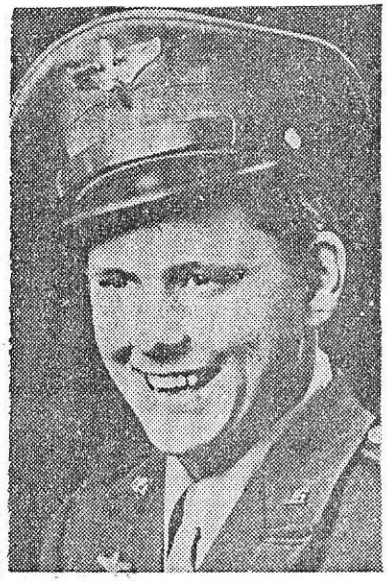
S-SGT. JOSEPH J. SEYREK is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Seyrek of Greenbush. He entered service in January, 1944, and received engineeer training at Indianapolis, Ind. S-Sgt. Seyrek has an APO out of San Francisco, Calif., and has arrived safely at his destination overseas.



DAIL L. AKLES, F 1-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ackles of Ovid, entered service in January, 1945, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. He has been assigned to USS Fargo and is attending school at Newport.



PVT. JESSE SPERRY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sperry of near Fowler, entered service in March, 1945, and received his basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. He is now receiving training at Camp Maxey, Texas.



PVT. CLAUDE CHADWICK entered the Air Corps in April, 1944 and received training at Sheppard Field, San Marcos, and Midland, Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Chadwick of Dewitt.



S-SGT. MAX STRAUSER is serving with an infantry division in Germany. He entered service in January, 1944, and left for overseas in October, 1944. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs Archie Strauser of near St. Johns.



SGT. LOUIE E. SCHAVEY is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schavey of Greenbush. He entered service March 14, 1945, and left for overseas duty in August 1945. He is now in Korea with an Engineers battalion. His wife was formerly Edith Eiseler, of this city.



PVT. NICHOLAS GROZDIAK, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Grozdiak of St. Johns, is stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., with the Tank Ord Co. He entered service in August, 1945.



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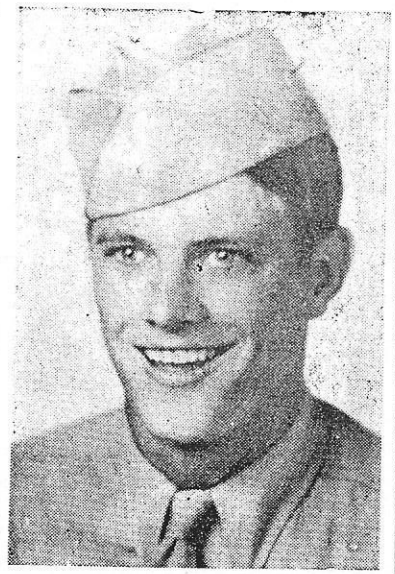


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Cpl. Robert A. Schueller, Lieut. Paul A. Schueller, Mark J. Schueller GM 3/c, Pfc. James L. Schueller, and Pvt. Joseph B. Schueller are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schueller of Fowler. Robert entered service in May, 1941, and received his basic training at Camp Davis, N. C. He received his honorable discharge on June 30, 1945, after 35 months in the Pacific and European Theaters of War. At the present time he is employed by the Fowler Gas and Oil Company. Paul entered service in September, 1941, and received his basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif. He recently returned from the European Theater of War, and spent a 30-day furlough with his parents and other friends and relatives. Lt. Schueller is now stationed in Japan. Mark enlisted in the Navy in January, 1942, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. He later joined the Armed Guard and has been at sea duty in the Atlantic and Pacific. James is stationed at Munich, Germany with the Army of Occupation. He entered service in October, 1943, and received his basic training at Camp Grant, Ill. He left for overseas in July, 1944. Joseph entered service in July, 1945, and is receiving his basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas.



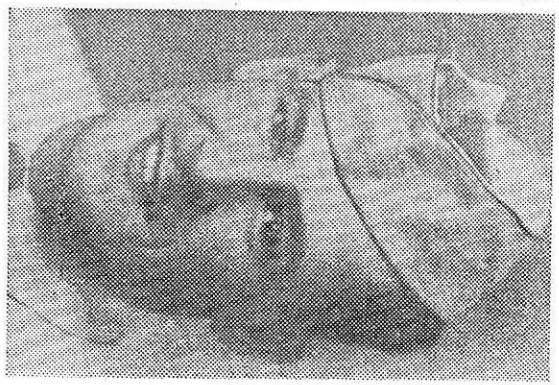
JOSEPH

Fund For Soldier Over $2,700 Mark

Ovid Homemakers Club Spurs Drive to Assist Veteran Charles Dietz

The fund for Charles Dietz, 23-year-old Ovid youth who lost both legs while fighting with the U. S. Army in Luxembourg has passed the $2,700 mark according to Mrs. Hazel Dibble of the Homemakers Club, who is chairman of the fund drive.

The ex-sergeant received his injuries as a result of a mine explosion while his engineering group was building a road in Luxembourg in March of this year. He was taken from there to a hospital in Paris then to the United States, arriving at Percy Jones hospital just three weeks after the date he was injured.



SGT. DIETZ

The fund was started by the Ovid Homemakers Club to set Dietz up in his own business. Assisting Mrs. Dibble on the committee are: Mrs. Zelta Hall and Mrs. Hildred MacArthur. Business men assisting the committee are Jay Martin, Robert DeGurse and Vern Moore.

Dietz was married to Martha Jane Drake of Ypsilanti on Oct. 13. Mrs. Dietz was an aide at Percy Jones hospital while he was a patient there.

He entered the service in July, 1942, received training in an engineering course in England and in December, 1944, was transferred to

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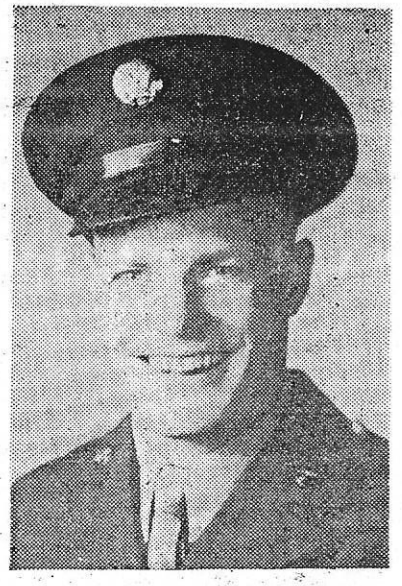


PVT. JOE FABUS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Fabus of Elsie, entered service in March, 1945, and received his basic training at Fort McClellan, Alabama. After spending a furlough at the home of his parents in August he left for overseas and is now stationed at Okinawa.









CPL. LAVERE G. LEONARD, S-SGT. DONALD K. LEONARD, MAXWELL H. LEONARD, S 1-c, and PVT. LYLE J. LEONARD are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Leonard of St. Johns. LaVere entered service in June, 1942, and left for overseas in September, 1943. He served with the Ninth Air Force in England, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, and France. He is home on furlough now, eligible for discharge. His wife, Mrs. Mary Leonard, and son, Michael LaVere, reside in St. Louis. Donald is stationed in the Philippine Islands. He enlisted in the Marine Corps and entered service in September, 1942. S-Sgt. Leonard has served 2½ years overseas. His wife, Joan, and daughter, Sherry, reside in Chicago. Maxwell entered service in December, 1943, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. In October, 1945, he left for overseas and is now serving in the Pacific. Lyle is expected home on furlough next week. He entered service in June, 1945, and just completed his basic training at Fort Riley, Kansas. He expects to leave for overseas upon his return.



CPL. LLOYD ERNST, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Ernst of R-2, St. Johns, was inducted into service in January, 1942, and received training at Camp McCoy, Wis., Fort Flegler, Wash., Camp Barkley and Camp Bowie, Texas, with the field artillery. He left for overseas in June, 1945, and is now stationed in the Philippine Islands. His wife, the former Miss Reva Rininger, resides in St. Johns.

DELPHINE JEANETTE SMITH Y. 3-c is the daughter of Mrs. Frances Smith of this city. She enlisted in the service in July, 1944, and received her boot training at Hunter College in New York. After completing her training at Oklahoma A. & M. College and Stillwater, Okla., she was transferred to San Diego and assigned to the U. S. Naval Ordnance Test Station. Yeoman Smith has been stationed there since December, 1944. Before entering service Yeoman Smith was employed by the State of Michigan in the sales tax division.

