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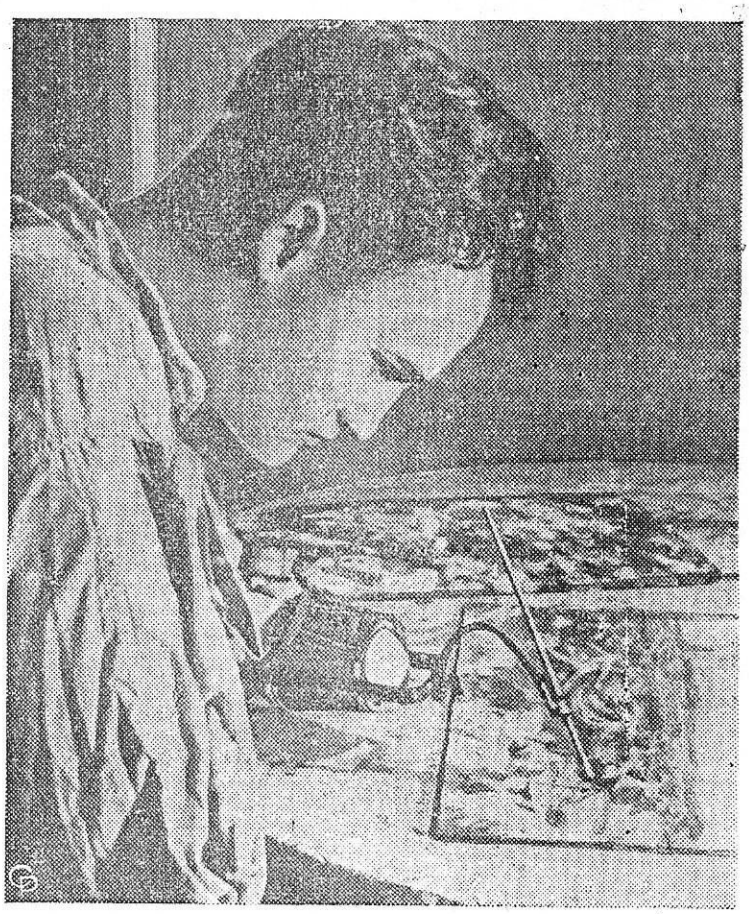


CPL. LESTER SPERRY

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sperry, of R-4 St. Johns, have been notified that their son, Cpl. Lester G. Sperry, was seriously wounded in action on Okinawa on July 17 when he was strafed by Japanese airplane fire. He is now in a Naval hospital in Hawaii. According to a letter received from him by his parents. the shell entered his back, cutting a nerve and paralyzing him from the waist down.

Cpl. Sperry was also wounded in the Pelelieu campaign and received the Purple Heart medal. He has been serving in the Marine Corps since May 26, 1943.

HANDLESS ARTIST STIRS CRITICS

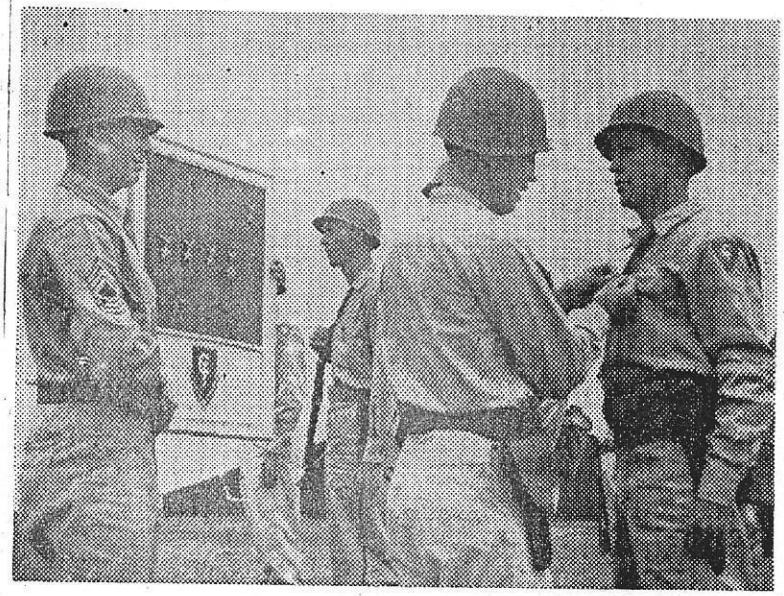


WAR WOUNDS COST HIM BOTH HANDS, but Lt. George Sharpnack (above) of Seabring, Ohio, has learned to paint with a special appliance that holds the brush. His works have created much interest in art circles of the nation. Signal Corps photo. *(International Soundphoto)*



PVT. CLIFFORD C. PARKS is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Parks. He entered service in October, 1944, and received his training at Camp Robinson, Ark. Pvt. Parks left for overseas in February, 1945 and is stationed in France with the infantry.

St. Johns Boy Decorated on Luzon



In a formal ceremony cast of Manila in the Philippines, Col. William E. Lobit, commanding officer in the 38th Division's 151st Infantry Regiment, pins the Bronze Star Medal on Pfc. Frank VanAmberg, 403 Ottawa street, St. Johns. Frank won his award for meritorious achievement during the bitter battle to take Zig Zag Pass last February.







T-5 ROLAND ORDIWAY, CPL. EDWIN ORDIWAY and SGT. ERVIN ORDIWAY are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ordiway of R-6, St. Johns. Roland entered service in August, 1944, and received training at Louisiana. In January, 1945, he left for overseas and is now stationed at Manila. His wife, Mrs. Anna Ordiway, and two sons reside in St. Johns. Edwin entered service in March, 1943, and left for overseas in March, 1945. He is now stationed in Germany. Ervin is stationed in Czechoslovakia with an Infantry Division. He entered service in September, 1943, and left for overseas in June, 1944.





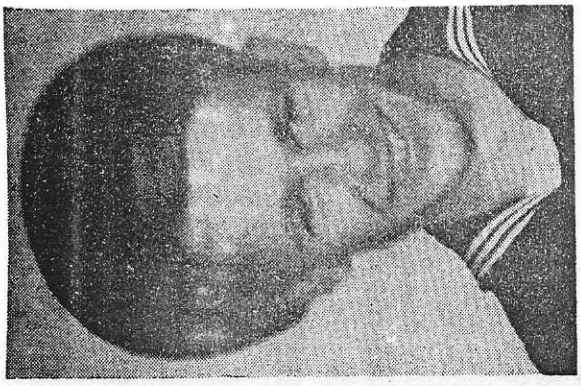
CAPT. and MRS. FORREST CONLEY JR., are the son and daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Conley Sr. of Lebanon township. Capt. Conley entered service in November, 1942, and left for overseas in January, 1944. He is now stationed with the headquarters department of the Engineers Division in Belgium. In July, 1945, Capt. Conley was married. His wife is attached to the ambulance division of the Red Cross.

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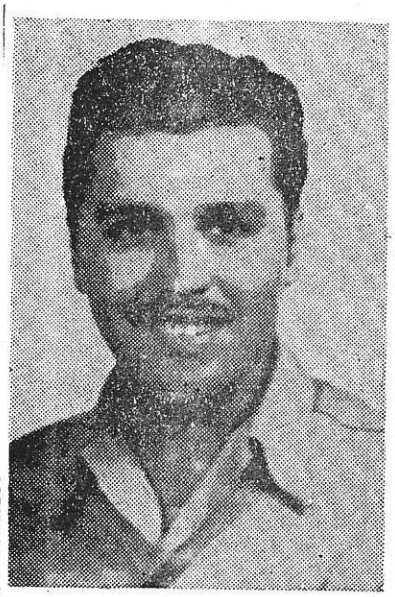


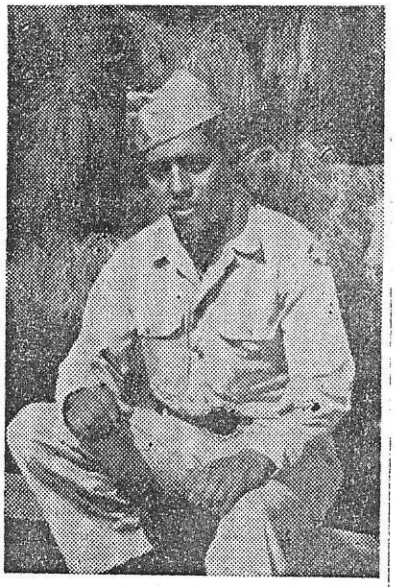
ENSIGN ANDERSON

Adelbert A. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Anderson of St. Johns, received his wings and a commission of Ensign in the U. S. Navy Air Corps at Pensacola, Florida, on Tuesday, Sept. 11. Ensign Anderson entered service in July, 1943. and received his training at Wooster, Ohio, Yakima, Washington; St. Mary's, California; Norman, Oklahoma; Corpus Christi, Texas; and Pensacola, Florida. He will be stationed at Daytona Beach, Florida.

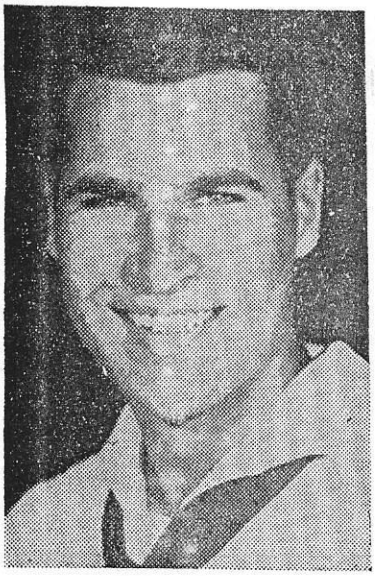


ROBERT P. CORNELL, S 1-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cornell of Essex township, is now stationed at Shanghai. He entered the Navy in February, 1945, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. In October, 1945, Seaman Cornell left from San Francisco, Calif., and has been serving in the Pacific since.



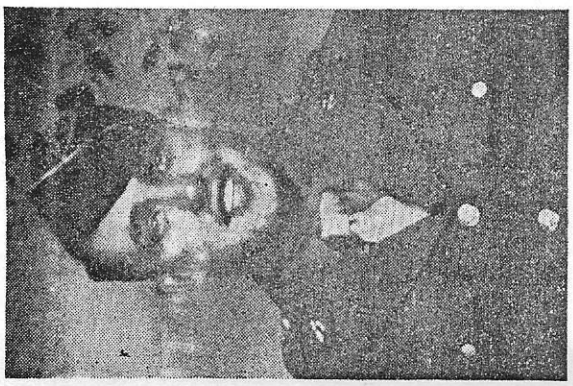


SGT. LEWIS GARCIA and PFC. JOHN C. GARCIA are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Garcia of R-1, St. Johns. Lewis entered service in February, 1943, and received his medical training at Camp Grant, Ill. Sgt. Garcia is now stationed in the Philippine Islands. John entered service in December, 1942, and received training at Fort Lewis, Washington. He left for overseas in July, 1943, and is now stationed on Luzon in the Philippine Islands.





RAYMOND L. KUSSMAUL, Y 2-c and EARL H. KUSSMAUL, S 1-c, are the sons of Mrs. Tillie Kussmaul of Dewitt. Raymond entered service in December, 1943, and is now stationed on the Palau islands. Earl was inducted into service in April, 1944, and is serving in the New Bebrides Islands.



PFC. GORDON C. PIGGOTT, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Piggott of Fowler, is now stationed in Korea with an Infantry Division. He entered service in March, 1945, and received training at Camp Maxey, Camp Fannin, Texas, and Fort Ord, Calif. In October, 1945, he left for overseas from Fort Ord.



Sgt. JOSEPH YOCK entered service in December, 1939, and sailed to Panama nine months later. He returned to the states in September, 1941, and was stationed at Fort Custer. He then left for overseas duty and served in Iceland, Scotland, Ireland, England and Wales, with a station hospital. Sgt. Yock then joined the 1st Division and served with the division in France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and Germany. He was sent home on 30-day furlough in March, 1945, and joined his division again in Germany on V-E Day. Sgt. Yock received his honorable discharge on V-J Day at Indiantown Gap, Pa. He was awarded the silver star, purple heart, good conduct medal, American defense ribbon with star, American theater of operations ribbon, combat medal badge, Presidential unit citation with two clusters, a forty gear with 46 months overseas duty. Sgt. Yock is now residing with his wife and daughter Sandra Kay, in Battle Creek. Mrs. Yock was formerly Miss Agnes Miller of Maple Rapids.



TONY A. WIEBER, ABM 3-c and HERBERT M. WIEBER, S 2-c are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony W. Wieber of this city. Tony enlisted in the Navy in May, 1944, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. In November, 1944, he left for overseas and served in the Atlantic until June, 1945, when his ship, the USS Card, was transferred to the Pacific. Herbert enlisted in March, 1945, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. He left June 13 and is now serving in the Pacific.





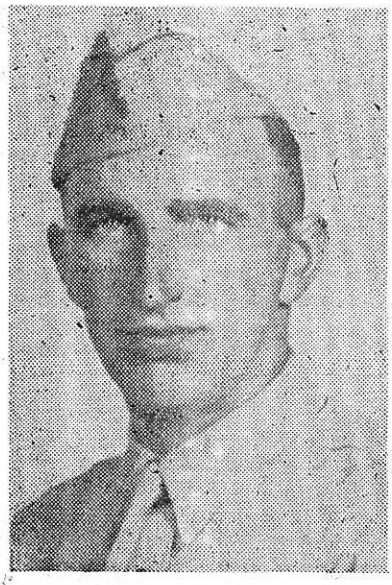
SGT. T. FRANCIS THRUSH and PVT. RALPH THRUSH are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Thrush of Bengal township. Francis entered service in June, 1941, and received his training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and Camp Shelby, Miss. He left for overseas in May, 1942, going to the South Pacific theater of operations. Sgt. Thrush received the bronze service star during the campaign where he participated in the battles of Guadalcanal, Munda, and Bougainville on New Georgia island. He returned to the States in October, 1944, under the rotation system after 29 months overseas service. He is now stationed as an M. P. at Rotunda Barracks in Dearborn. His wife, the former Miss Marjorie Lewis of Mt. Pleasant, resides with him.

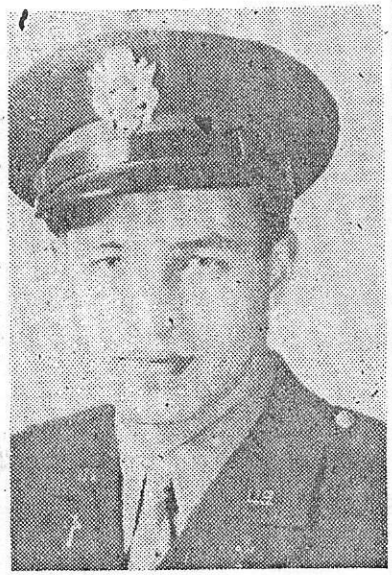
Ralph has been awarded the bronze star for meritorious service in the European theater of operations. On April 15, 1945, he received a citation which reads in part: "General Eisenhower, the supreme commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces, has awarded to every member of the 66th Infantry Division a battle star for participation in the campaign of Northern France. Each member is now privileged to wear a bronze service star on his European, African, Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon. This star is the badge of recognition for a task well done. It places us among the ranks of the battle-tested veterans of an Army that has never been defeated. Your first unit battle honor is well merited and one which you can wear with pride." Pvt. Thrush entered service in April, 1944, and received his training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Camp Gordon, Ga., and Camp Rucker. Ala. He left for overseas in November 1944. His wife, the former Miss Beulah Reist, and son, Martin, reside in Maple Rapids.

Serving in Navy

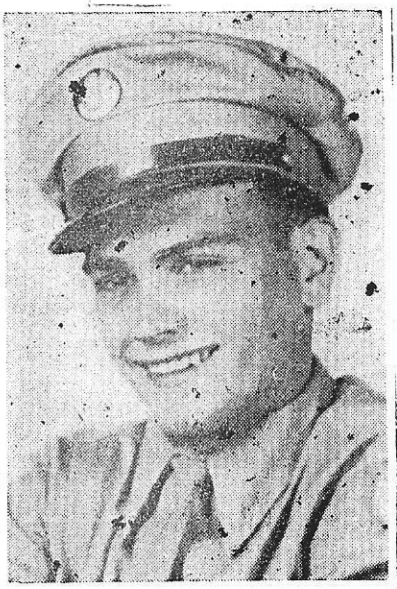


Roy D. Sperry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sperry of Olive township, enlisted in the Navy on March 19, 1946, and is now stationed aboard the light cruiser, U. S .S. Topeka. He received his boot training at San Diego, Calif., and was immediately sent overseas. Roy graduated from St. Johns High School with the class of 1945, and is expected home on leave about Christmas. He was at Manila on the 4th of July celebration of Philippine independence.





SGT. JOSEPH F. ZABELKA and CHAPLAIN GEORGE B. ZABELKA are the sons of John Zabelka of Greenbush. Joseph entered service in April, 1942, and left for overseas in August, 1943. He was a mechanic on tanks in the Second Armored Division. Sgt. Zabelka has served in Africa, Sicily, England, France and Belgium. Chaplain Zabelka entered service in January, 1944, and received training at Dayton, Ohio, and Fort Jackson, S. C. He now has an APO out of San Francisco, Calif., and arrived safely at his desination overseas.



PFC. HEWITT VANVELSOR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy VanVelsor of Laingsburg R-1, received an honorable discharge at Fort Sheridan, Ill., on February 9, 1946. He entered service December 8, 1943, and served 11 months in the European theater of operations.





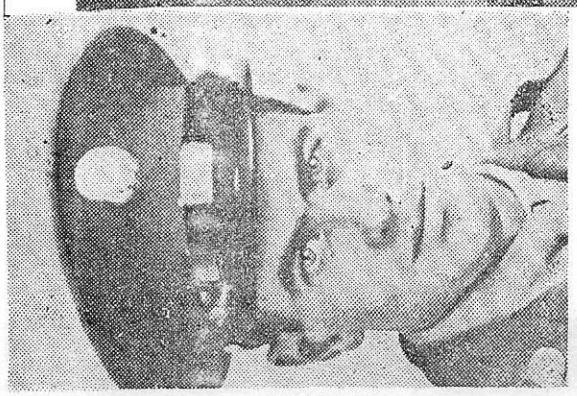


PFC. JOSEPH J. MAKARA, CHIEF PETTY OFFICER STEVE MAKARA, and T-5 GEORGE G. GAVENDA are the sons and son-in-law of Mrs. Anna Makara of near St. Johns. Joseph entered service in April, 1941, and received training at Fort Custer and Camp Robinson, Ark. He left for overseas in December, 1941 and has served in Iceland, Northern Ireland, England, France, and Germany, and has been awarded four stars. On May 18 he telegraphed his mother of his safe arrival at Camp Miles Standish, Mass. Steve entered service in April, 1942, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. He left for overseas in August, 1942, and is serving aboard the USS Washington in the Pacific. He has been in 15 major battles. George was inducted into service in October, 1943, and received his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla. He left for overseas in May, 1944, and served in Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Another brother, Pvt. Joseph Gavenda, has an APO out of San Francisco, Calif.

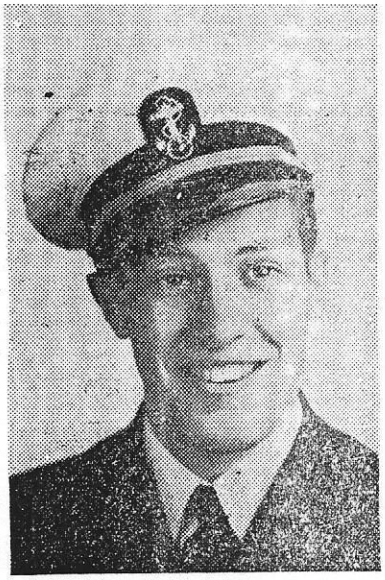
St. Johns WAVE in Hawaii



Checking a Link trainer's operation before starting classes for Navy fliers in advanced training at the Naval Air Station at Oahu, Hawaii, are Miss Constance Gladstone, (left) specialist, second class, WAVES, daughter of Mrs. J. H. Gladstone, of St. Johns, and Miss Evelyn Gifford, of Paxton, Nebraska. Miss Gladstone has been in service more than two years and was stationed at Whiting Field, Milton, Fla., for nearly 18 months before being sent to Hawaii.

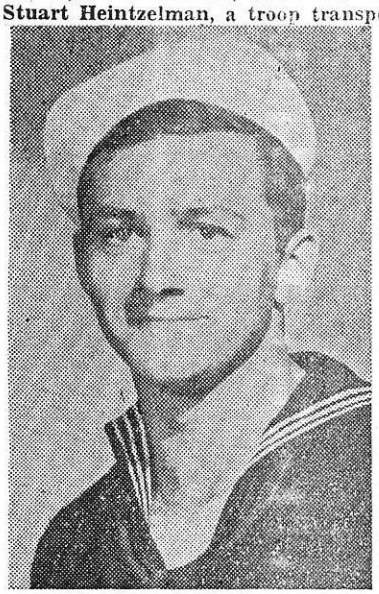


PFC. THOMAS P. O'CONNOR, son of Mrs. Nora O'Connor Shiels of Hubbardston, is stationed with the 36th Division of the 111th Engineers Combat Battalion in Germany. He entered service in February, 1942, received his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and left for overseas in April, 1943. Having served in Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria, he has received a bronze star, four battle stars, and presidential unit citation. A letter received from him recently stated he would be stationed there for some time, as the engineers are building recreation camps. Pfc. O.Connor has sent several German medals and emblems to relatives here. Another son, William O'Connor, was wounded in North Africa and has received a medical discharge.





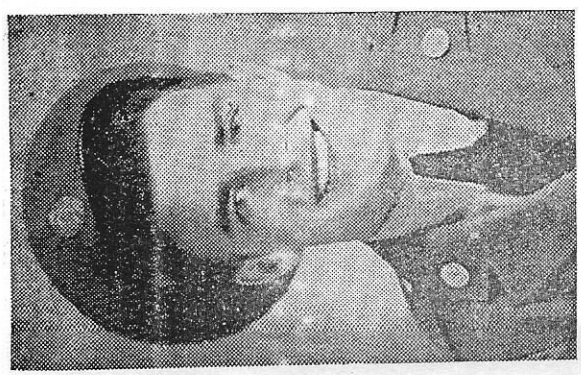
PHILIP B. VINCENT, A-S, NROTC and EUGENE C. VINCENT, PhM are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Vincent of Dewitt. Philip enlisted in September, 1943, in the Navy V-5 unit and received basic training at Grosse Ile and Arkansas A. & M. in Monticello, Arkansas. While there he was chosen for officer's training in November, 1944, and sent to Rice Institute at Houston, Texas, where he is still training. Eugene enlisted in the Navy in February, 1945, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. He is now at a Pre-Commission Training School on Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif. He has been assigned to the USS General Stuart Heintzelman, a troop transport, which is now under construction.



ARTHUR SPITZLEY, MM 3-c, is serving in the Marianna Islands. He entered service in August, 1943, and left for overseas in June, 1944. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Spitzley of Fowler.



PVT. HIRAM A. SAGE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hathaway of Bengal township, is receiving his basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas. He entered service in July, 1945.



PFC. FRANK BRZAK, son of Mrs. Marie Brzak, of Ashley, is guard over German prisoners in the Quartermaster Cook Division at Fort Crockett, Texas. He entered service in October, 1942, and has two other brothers in service. His wife, the former Miss Eva Moore, and son, Gary, reside in St. Johns.

T-3 Kenneth Vance Wins Bronze Star

Pewamo Soldier Awarded Medal for Meritorious Service in Italian War

T-3 Kenneth E. Vance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Vance of Pewamo, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in Italy, according to word received by his parents.

The accompanying citation reads: "Technician Third Grade Kenneth E. Vance, for meritorious service in combat from March 4, 1944, to May 2, 1945, in Italy. Sgt. Vance entered combat as a Pfc. and served faithfully and efficiently as a clerk in the regimental aid station. After a short time he was given the responsible position of records clerk and was promoted to T-5 Grade.

"When casualties increased, Sgt. Vance so cleverly improved and revised the filing and reports system, that he was always able to give an accurate report on the number of injured men. To insure the accuracy of this data he often traveled over heavily shelled roads to the collection company for first hand information.

"In addition to his revular duties, Sgt. Vance voluntarily assisted the regimental surgeons in administering first aid and preparing the wounded for evacuation, even when the aid station was under heavy enemy fire. The continuous accuracy of his reports and his cheerful willingness to help others, won him the well-merited promotion to T-3 Grade.

T-3 Vance has also received the Medical Badge. He will leave the 88th Division of the 5th Army in Italy, where he has served in a medical unit and join the 15th Army at their headquarters in Vienna, Austria.



KENNETH E. VANCE

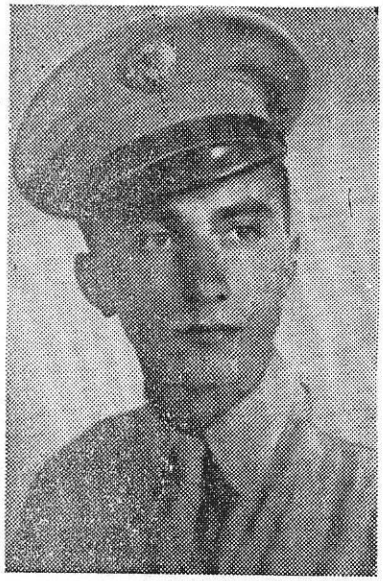
Sgt. Vance will be the chief typist clerk at headquarters in the Office of Internal Affairs.

Sgt. Vance's outfit was recently recommended for the French Croix de Guerre.



ROBERT E. STENZEL S 2-c is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stenzel of R-2 Dewitt. He arrived at Okinawa Nov. 6. On Nov. 10 he left for Tokyo on a P88 Assault Transport.





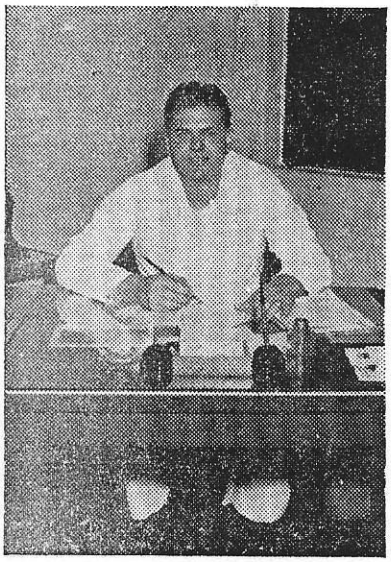
T-3 REX BAKER and Cpl. KEITH W. BAKER are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baker of R-2, Ovid. Rex entered service in January, 1941, and received his basic training at Fort Winfield Scott. In May, 1945, he left for overseas and is now serving with a field artillery unit in Luzon. Keith entered service in March, 1943, and is now serving in Orlando, Fla., with an Armored Division.



SAMUEL C. ANDERSON S 1-c enlisted in the Navy in February, 1944, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. He was later sent to Norfolk, Va., where he was assigned to a ship and in October, 1944, he left for the Pacific on Destroyer Escort. Seaman Anderson is now stationed in the Philippine Islands. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Anderson of this city.



PFC. DONALD E. HEPFER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hepfer of near Dewitt, is serving with the Ninth Army in Germany, with the machine gun division. He entered service on Oct. 11, 1944, and received his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala. Pfc. Hepfer left for overseas in February, 1945. He is expected home on a 30-day furlough soon and will be sent to the Pacific.



MILES C. MERRILL S 1-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Merrill of R-2 Dewitt, entered service in March, 1944, and received his boot training at Farragut, Idaho. In July, 1944, he left for overseas and served in the Hawaiian Islands until he was recently called home on emergency leave. Seaman Merrill is now stationed at Shoemaker, Calif., with the public relations office.

St. Johns Officer Wins Legion Of Merit Award



Lt.-Col. Ralph G. Atkinson (right) receives the Legion of Merit from Brigadier General Herbert J. Lawes at a special regimental review at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

At a special regimental review held in his honor, Lt. Col. Ralph G. Atkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon E. Atkinson, 104 W. Baldwin St., St. Johns, was recently awarded the Legion of Merit for his outstanding work as Ordnance Supply Officer with the First U. S. Army in the European Theater of Operations. The presentation of the medal was made by Brig. Gen. Herbert J. Lawes, Commanding General of the Army Service Forces Training Center (Ordnance).

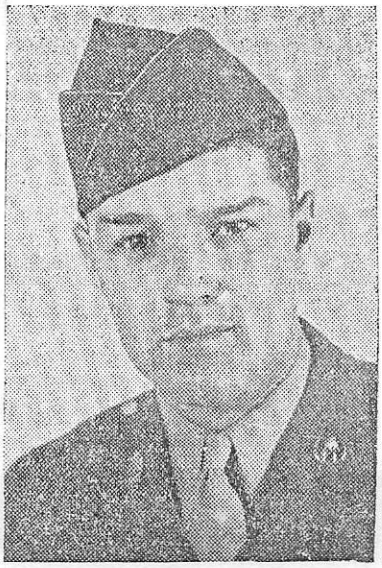
According to the citation, Col. Atkinson "organized and directed the equipping of First Army units prior to the initial invasion of France, and planned a project to assure the Army of a properly balanced stock of major items for replacement during the early phase of the Normandy campaign." The citation attributed much of the First Army's battle successes to the superior organization he developed.

Lt. Col. Atkinson entered the service in January, 1941 as a Second Lieutenant with a reserve commission from the University of Michigan. After intensive training and maneuvers in the United States, he left for overseas duty in the European Theater of Operations in December, 1942.

Lt. Col. Atkinson served as Ordnance General Supply Officer for the 2nd Corps through the African and Sicilian campaigns, and was one of a small group of outstanding officers who were chosen to accompany Gen. Omar Bradley to England. It was then he began his Ordnance activities with the First Army which were to prove so instrumental in the successful battle of logistics during the invasion and French campaigns.

Following his return to this country several months ago, Lt. Col. Atkinson became the Army Ground Forces representative on the Ordnance Department Board at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. He was given his discharge two weeks ago and will return to Cleveland, Ohio, to resume his work with the Standard Oil

Killed in Action





JEROME A. GELLER S 2-c entered service in September, 1945, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Geller of R-1 Fowler.

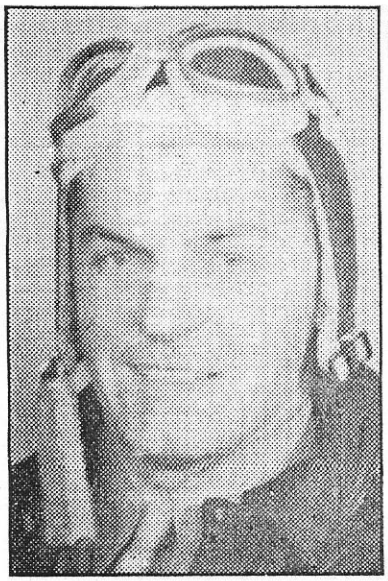


SGT. ERNEST H. CONKLIN is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Schlappi of Maple Rapids. He has served 30 months in the U. S. A. with a mechanized cavalry unit, of which 15 months were spent overseas. He is now stationed in Austria with the Army of Occupation Troops. His wife resides in St. Johns.

PVT. STEPHEN JAKUS

Mrs. Mary Jakus, of Bingham township, has received word from the War Department that her husband, Pvt. Stephen Jakus, was killed on Nov. 12, 1944, in San Pedro Bay off Leyte in the Philippines, when his ship was hit by a Japanese suicide plane. Mrs. Jakus had been previously notified that her husband was missing in action.

Pvt. Jakus had been in service since Oct. 21, 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Jakus, of Owosso.





Sgt. JOHN DULOCK and Cpl. FRANK DULOCK are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. Dulock of Ovid R-2. John is an aerial gunner with the Army Air Forces serving somewhere in the South Pacific area. He entered service Nov. 15, 1942. Frank is serving with the Army somewhere in Italy. He was inducted in June, 1942, and has been overseas for several months.



Capt. CLIFFORD W. LUMBERT was inducted in the Army May 7, 1943. Before entering service he was an instructor in the Dental Clinic at Ann Arbor. Mrs. Lumbert teaches English in Muskogee junior high school, near the camp where her husband is in service.

Receives Orders



HAROLD E. PATTERSON, S 1-c, is serving with the Navy somewhere in the South Pacific. He enlisted on Dec. 29, 1942, and left for overseas in September, 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Patterson of this city.



S-Sgt. RUSSELL A. SIBLEY is attached to an Anti Aircraft division.. He has been serving overseas since last April as a truck master and mechanic. S-Sgt. Sibley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alger R. Sibley, and before induction worked on a farm near Dewitt.



PVT HELEN PARKER

Pvt. Parker will leave Monday, Feb. 7, for New River, N. C., to report for active duty at the Marine Corps Women's Reserve School at Camp Lejeune. She was in Detroit on Thursday, Dec. 9, where she successfully passed her examinations and was sworn into the Marine Corps Reserves, and has been awaiting final orders. Pvt. Parker, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Parker of Ovid township, is well known in this city where she has served as deputy in the office of the County Abstract Department for more than two years.



S-Sgt. DONALD E. NICHOLS is stationed somewhere in France. Before leaving for overseas duty in November, 1943, he was stationed at Fort Dix, N. J. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nichols and his wife is Mrs. Dorothy Nichols of Dewitt R-2.



RAYMOND PARR, Ph M 3-c is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Parr and husband of Mrs. Elma Parr of this city. He enlisted in the Navy and entered service July 6, 1943. He is stationed at Great Lakes Naval Training station where he is assigned to the Dental Corpsmen. Raymond is a graduate of the local high school and also attended the University of Michigan.



Pvt. ELDRED KRAMER, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kramer, was inducted into the Army Aug. 4, 1941. He is attached to the Field Artillery division and has been stationed at Fort Dix, N. J., until recently. He now has an APO number out of New York.



EARL HARRY BENSON, S 1-c, was graduated from the local high school in 1942 and enlisted in the Navy in March, 1943. He completed his training at the Naval Radio-Gunnery School in Jacksonville, Fla., on Jan. 25, 1944. His home is with his brother, Harold Benson, and family of Ovid.

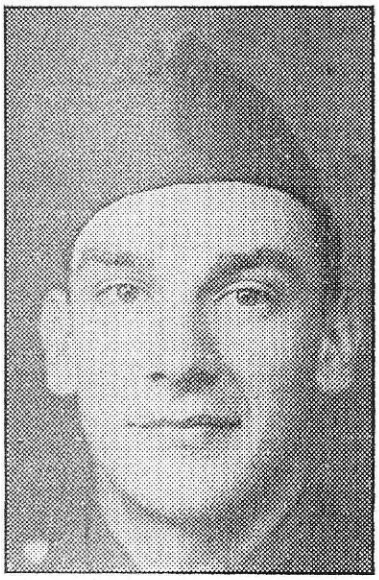
Wounded



PVT. DON S. GILLISON

Mrs. Minnie Gillison, R-2 Dewitt, has received a telegram from the War Department that Don was wounded March 6 in the battle area of Italy. Mrs. Gillison also received a letter from Don telling her that he was in a hospital. Don was inducted Feb. 3, 1943, trained in an infantry regiment at Fort McClellan, Ala., and went overseas in June and has since been in Italy.



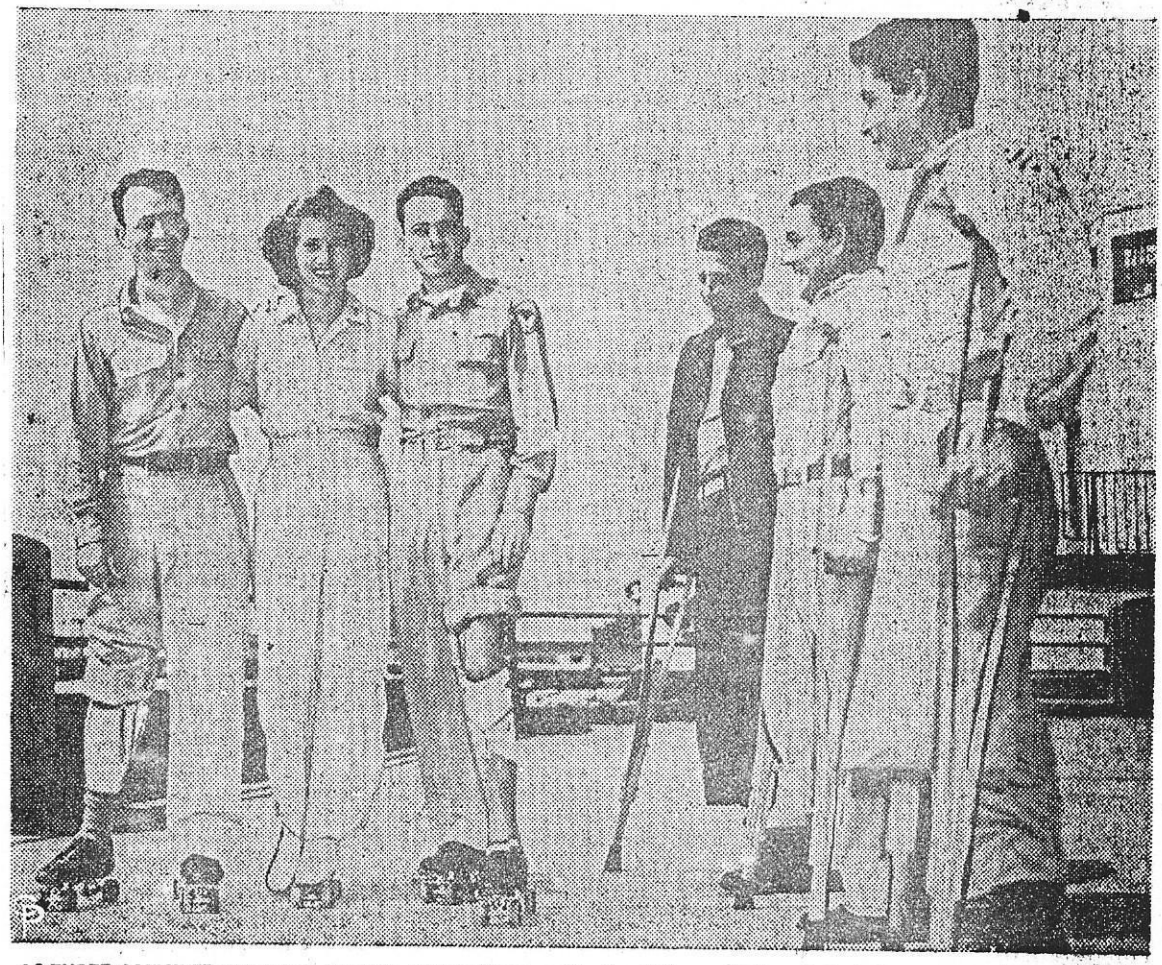


Cpl. FRANK HALSTED entered service Feb. 24, 1943, and is stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C., with a Field Artillery division. Cpl. VIRGIL HALSTED entered Army service on Oct. 6, 1942, and is now serving in Italy with an infantry division. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Halsted of Maple Rapids.



Pvt. GALE W. KUHNS is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kuhns of Greenbush. He was inducted into the Army Aug. 7, 1943, and received his basic training at Fort Bragg, N. C. He was awarded an expert's medal on the rifle range, and carbine. Pvt. Kuhns was recently transferred from Camp Gruber, Okla., to Camp Carson, Okla.

LEGLESS VETS LEARN ART OF ROLLER SKATING



AS THREE AMPUTEE PATIENTS (right) at the Thomas England General Hospital at Atlantic City, N. J., watch, two veterans who lost their legs are learning to roller skate with artificial limbs, one of the phases in the rehabilitation program for wounded veterans. Shown in this group are (left to right): Pvt. Clement Gariazzo, of Staten Island, N. Y.; Lt. Muriel Albright, of White Plains, N. Y., an instructor; Flight Officer Darrell Getty, of Erie, Pa.; Pvt. Dominick Cafarelli, of Hopkinton, Mass.; Pvt. Joseph Lishefski, of Rochester, N. Y., and Pfc. Paul Bosela, of Unionport, Ohio—all old-time skating fans. *(International)*



PVT. JOHN OCHIS, son of Peter Ochis of St. Johns, was inducted into service in April, 1945. He is receiving his basic training at Fort Sill, Okla. His wife, Mrs. Mary Jane Ochis, and three daughters, Joyce, Mary Lou, and Linda Kay, reside in St. Johns.



COXSWAIN JOHN M. RYAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ryan of Maple Rapids, entered service in October, 1942, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. In January, 1945, Cox. Ryan left for sea duty and is now stationed at Guam.



PFC. RUFUS CASE was inducted into service in August, 1943, and received his training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. He left for overseas in January, 1944, and is now stationed in Germany. He is the son of Mrs. Marion Case of St. Johns and A. B. Case of Laingsburg.

St. Johns Sailor Revealed As Hero

Stanley H. Jolly Given Credit for Saving Life Of Officer Off Okinawa

Stanley H. Jolly, Fireman Second Class, USNR, 18-year-old son of Mrs. Oliva Jolly, 211 West Buchanan street, St. Johns, was revealed by his shipmates upon landing at San Francisco recently to have been one of the heroes of his ship's sinking off Okinawa on April 8.

Though the vessel was sinking fast and the order to abandon ship had already been given, Jolly completely disregarded his own safety and went to the aid of an officer lying unconscious on the bridge.



STANLEY H. JOLLY

Shipmates said his action doubtless saved the life of the officer, Ensign Herbert Losch. The ship capsized and sank only a few minutes after the St. Johns man had slipped a lifejacket on the stricken officer and lowered him into the water.

Jolly's ship, a patrol gunboat (mechanized), was traveling in an area supposedly swept clear the day before, when at 7:45 a. m. it struck a mine. The order to abandon ship was given and, at about the time Jolly was aiding the officer, a minesweeper came alongside to remove the crew of the sinking vessel. Only a handful of men had been transferred when the minesweeper itself hit two mines in rapid succession.

Jolly took his apprentice seaman training at Great Lakes, Ill., in the spring of 1944. Upon completing training there, he went to Miami where the crew of his ship was assembled. There followed a period of pre-commissioning training, after which he went to the Navy Yard, New York, and boarded his ship. The Okinawa campaign was Jolly's first action. His ship at the time of the sinking, was on patrol duty on Nakagusuku Bay, off Okinawa.

Finishes Combat Training At Air Field In Arizona



CPL. DELBERT ROBBINS

Corporal Delbert C. Robbin, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Robbins, R-5, St. Johns, was recently graduated as a member of the second B-29 Superfortress class to complete its combat crew training at Davis Monthan Field, Tuscon, Ariz., and will soon join the Twentieth Air Force overseas for combat duty against the Japs.

Cpl. Robbins, a gunner, has passed rigid tests, both physical and mental, to become a B-29 Superfort crew member. Flying with overseas veteran instructors, he has undergone a very comprehensive training schedule, including such courses as defensive tactics against enemy planes, practice bombing and gunnery missions, emergency procedures and long cross-country navigation flights.

Cpl. Robbins entered the service in May, 1944.

He attended Lincoln high school at Ionia. Before entering the service he was a cab and bus driver. His wife, Betty, resides at R-4, Ionia.

Wins Bronze Star For Bravery In Normandy Battle

Sgt. Gerald C. Woodbury, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Woodbury, of St. Johns, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Engranville, Normandy, France, on June 8, 1944.



SGT. GERALD C. WOODBURY

According to the citation which accompanies the medal Gerald's patrol was fired upon from an enemy outpost while reconnoitering a strategic bridge. "Sergeant Woodbury courageously moved to an exposed position and, by deliberately diverting hostile fire to himself, enabled his comrades to complete the important mission in comparative safety. His heroic initiative merits the highest praise."

Gerald served with the 1st U. S. Infantry Division in France and Germany. He entered service in March of 1943 and went overseas in November of the same year.

Wins Discharge



CPL. WALTER D. MILLER

Cpl. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Miller of Fowler, arrived home with his honorable discharge Monday, June 11. He was inducted May 5, 1941. After nine months training he left for Australia and later New Guinea and surrounding islands. In December 1944 he came back to the States and after a 21-day furlough at home he was reassigned to Fort Dawes, Mass. Having 92 points to his credit he was discharged under the point system after serving four years and five weeks in the Army.



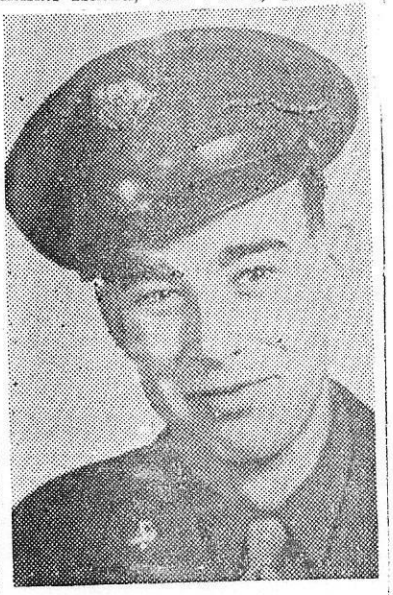
GENE ICE Mo. M. M. 3-c is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Ice of R-4 Lansing He was inducted in June, 1943, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. Immediately following his boot training he was sent to the Pacific where he served 24 months. In August, 1945, he spent a 30-day leave with his parents. He is now stationed at Terminal Island, San Pedro, Calif.



SGT. DONALD E. BIRD entered service in November, 1942, and trained with the 10th Armored Division at Fort Benning and Camp Gordon, Ga. He left for overseas in September, 1944 and is serving with the 11th Tank Battalion in General Patton's Third Army in Germany. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tilson Bird of Maple Rapids.



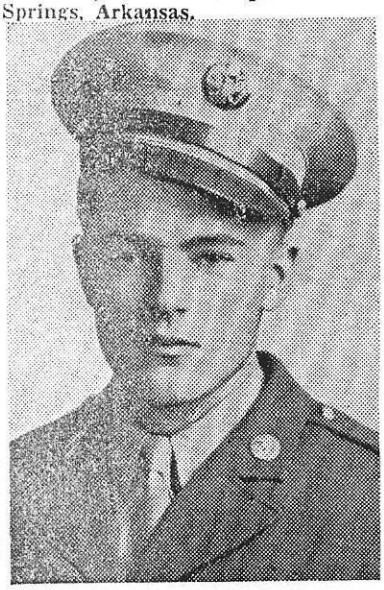
PVT. WELLS D. GUTSHALL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gutshall of near Ovid, was inducted into the Army in March, 1945. He received his basic training at Fort McClellan, Alabama, and left for overseas in August, 1945. Pvt. Gutshall spent a few months at Okinawa in the Pacific. He is now stationed at the Army and Navy General hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas.



PVT. CLARE M. FENEIS is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Exelby of St. Johns. He entered service in November, 1945, and received his basic training at Camp Robinson, Ark. He is now stationed at Camp Pickett, Va.



PFC. KENNETH DEVEREAUX, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Devereaux of Olive township, entered service March 21, 1945 and received his basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. He is now stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C.



PVT EMERSON DUNHAM, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dunham, was inducted in service in November, 1944. He received his basic training at Camp Croft, South Carolina, and left for overseas in May, 1945. He is now stationed at Korea.



PFC. FRANK BARNARD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Barnard of Dewitt, entered service in January, 1944. He received his training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and left for overseas in July, 1944. He is serving with the Ninth Army in Germany. Pfc. Barnard has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on April 2.



PFC. GEORGE E. CORNELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cornell of St. Johns, R-6, entered service on March 3, 1944. He received Infantry training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Fort Shelby, Miss., where he became an expert rifleman. Pfc. Cornell left for overseas Jan. 1, 1945 and served with Pattons Third Army. He is now with the occupation forces in Germany.



DONALD H. HYLER, S 1-c is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Zenos Hyler of this city. He entered service August, 1945, and received his boot training at Great Lakes. He is now assigned to the U.S.S. Pioneer.



CPL. GEORGE E. FELDPAUSCH arrived home recently with his honorable discharge. He served 33 months with the U. S. Army of which 28 months were spent in China, Burma and India. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Feldpausch of near Grand Ledge.



CPL. REYNOLD GOERGE, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Goerge, of Fowler, R-1, entered service Feb. 9, 1945, and received his basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas. He left for overseas July 31, 1945, and is now serving as a mail clerk in Korea.



LOUIS CARL ZELL, S 1-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zell of St. Johns, was inducted into the Navy in May, 1944, and left for overseas in January, 1945. He is now serving in the Pacific. His wife, Mrs. Virgiline Zell, resides near Dewitt.



T-5 RICHARD A. CORNWELL was inducted into the Army in March, 1944, and received his training at Fort Knox, Ky. He left for overseas in October, 1944, and is now a mechanic in the Third Armored Division in Germany. His wife, Mrs. Alberta Cornwell, and son, Denny, reside in St. Johns. He was employed at Jack's Body Shop prior to his induction.



PFC. STANLEY PLAZA, son of Mrs. Mary Plaza of R-1, S. Johns, is a truck driver in the Air Corps stationed somewhere in the West Pacific. He entered service in November, 1943, and received his basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Pfc. Plaza left for overseas in December, 1944. His wife, Mary, and daughter, Jerry Ann, reside in St. Johns.

S-SGT. ABE PELTIER

Staff Sergeant Abe Peltier, of Dewitt, who spent more than six months in several prisoner of war camps in Germany, told a Republican-News reporter of the suffering and hardships of many American prisoners. Sgt. Peltier was captured shortly after being wounded by a machine gun bullet on the Belgian front Sept. 6, 1944.

Along with about 60 other Americans, he was captured about 13 miles inside the Belgian border. He was taken to a prison camp at Duren where American medics X-rayed his leg and after two days was removed to a larger camp at Bonn, where his leg was placed in a cast. Here he remained until Jan. 11 when the RAF bombed the town and the Nazis were forced to evacuate the prisoners to Offenstall where they remained until Feb. 14, when they were returned to Bonn. During these movements only those with more serious wounds rode in carts while the remainder were forced to walk.

The city of Bonn being a prime objective of the RAF, Sgt. Peltier said most of the time there was spent in air raid shelters, sleeping on concrete floors. From Bonn the prisoners hiked to Ziegburg, then by train to Limburg. During this trip the prisoners' train stopped behind another train carrying German tanks, troops and ammunition. American P-47's spotted the train and immediately started strafing and bombing. After destroying the troop train, they strafed the prisoner of war train, not knowing American prisoners were aboard.

Trapped in Tunnel

"Some of the boys ripped the barbed wire from the ventilators and we crawled to safety," Peltier stated. "Our own officers assembled the group in a field where we removed our shirts and formed the 'POW' which was immediately recognized by our fliers who dipped their wings in salute and ceased their strafing attacks.

"Our train was started some time later and during the night we entered a tunnel. While inside the tunnnel RAF bombers blasted both ends of the passageway and we were forced to spend more than two days inside."

"The prisoners were removed from the train and hiked to a camp about 20 miles from Essen. At this camp the distant rumble of artillery fire could be heard and everyone knew the Yanks were not far away. The guards at this camp, as at most others, were mostly old men of about 60 years," Peltier continued, "and they informed us that they were going to leave us there to be liberated by American troops. Several Nazi SS troops appeared and threatened to shoot the guards if they released us. The SS disappeared and the guards followed them within an hour.

Lost 60 Pounds

The next day, March 28, 1945, was the happiest day of my life," said Peltier. "The American 7th Armored Division surrounded the town and we were free again. Most of the boys were in a pitiful condition from lack of food, clothing and medical attention. I had lost nearly 60 pounds and my wound was giving plenty of trouble; after many forced marches. On one three-day hike three of us were forced to share one small loaf of bread. Most of the food given to us was wormy and moldy and for the first few days we refused to eat it, but later forced ourselves to eat it to keep from starving. It certainly is wonderful to be home in the good old U. S. A."

Sgt. Peltier wears the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, ETO ribbon with seven stars. His unit, the First Infantry Division, saw action in French Morocco, Casserine Pass in Africa, the invasion of Sicily, landed on Omaha Beach in Normandy on D Day plus four, fought their way down the Cherbourg peninsula and captured the city of Cherbourg. After taking this town they continued on through northwestern France and into Belgium where Sgt. Peltier was wounded and taken prisoner. On July 4 he will report to Miami Beach, Fla., where he will be assigned to a hospital for further surgical attention.





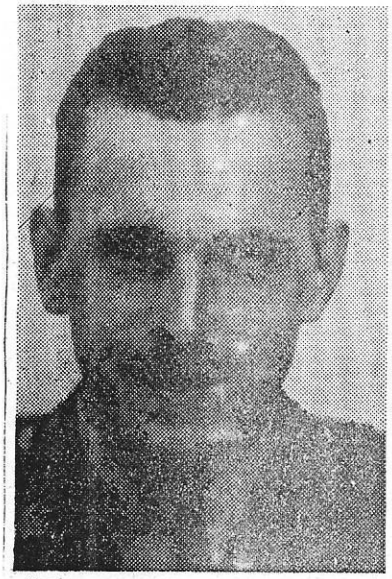
BILL WILSON, F 2-c recently completed his boot training and expects to leave soon for Pearl Harbor. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson of St. Johns R 6.

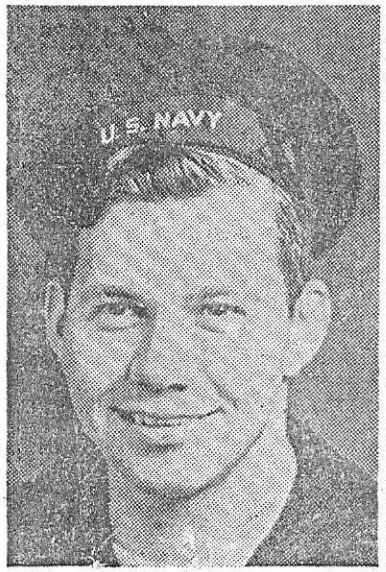


PFC. RUDY O. DICKSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Dickson of Dewitt, entered service in July, 1944, and was sent to Shepherd Field, Texas, in the AAF for schooling. He is now stationed in Gulfport, Miss., where he is training on a B-29.



PVT. GORDON DREW, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Drew of St. Johns, entered service in June, 1945. He received his basic training and attended medical school at Fort Lewis, Wash. Pvt. Drew is now taking an active part on the medics' football team. His wife, Mrs. Velma Drew, and two children, Vanda Lee and Lyle, reside in Dewitt.





T-5 Carl A. Pierson and George E. Pierson, F 1-c, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Pierson of this city. Carl entered service in December, 1943, and received his training at Camp Blanding, Florida. He left for overseas in April, 1945, and is now stationed in the Philippine Islands. George entered service in December, 1943, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois. He attended Diesel School at Richmond, Virginia, and left for overseas in November, 1944. He is now serving in the Southwest Pacific. Both boys farmed prior to entering service.



T-5 LESLIE J. JOLLS is stationed in Germany with General Patton's Third Army. He entered service in April, 1944, and left for overseas in December, 1944. He is the son of John Jolls of Maple Rapids. His wife, the former Miss Ruby Baxter, and daughter reside in Maple Rapids.

St. Johns Boy Discovers Coin Stolen by Germans



Cpl. Clarence S. MacBride Jr., of St. Johns, is shown above with the treasure trove of Yugoslavian brass coins he uncovered in a German foundry during the closing days of the war on the continent.

Countless thousands of Yugosalvian coins were uncovered in the cellar of a foundry near Kitzingen in southwestern Germany by Corporal Clarence S. MacBride, Jr., of St. Johns, during the closing days of the war on the continent.

The treasure trove of mutilated brass coins, evidence of the systematic plunder of subject nations by the Nazis, was packed in large wooden boxes and strewn over the floor of the basement store room in the bomb-damaged building.

Dwindling stocks of brass, needed in the manufacture of vital airplane parts for Goering's late Luftwaffe, brought about this confiscation by the Germans of the Yugoslavian coins in one and two dinar denominations.

Together with his squadron commander, Lt. Edward W. Harris of Franklin, Tenn., and two other comrades, MacBride toured the hastily evacuated foundry which boasted some excellent labor saving machinery. Piled high in silent workshops were ingots and castings which will never be used for their intended purpose.

Cpl. MacBride, 24, is a finance clerk in a team of the 309th Service Group. His organization, a unit of the Ninth Air Force Service Command, is engaged in the servicing and maintenance of a P47 Thunderbolt group and has been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque "for outstanding devotion to duty."

A graduate of St. Johns high school, MacBride has participated in the campaigns through Normandy, northern France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany. He attended Michigan State college prior to entering the service in September, 1942, and went overseas in the fall of the following year. He served in the United Kingdom at various air bases prior to the invasion of the continent.

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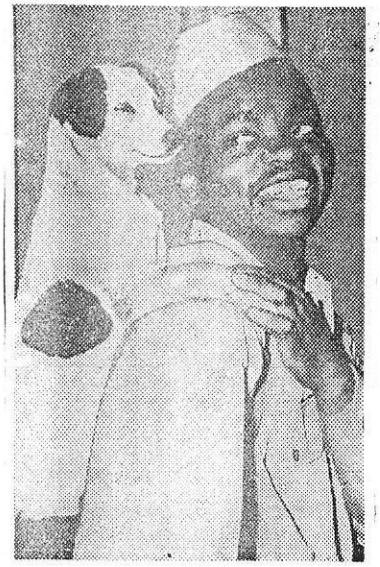
OFF TO THE PACIFIC WAR go this pup "Butch" and his master, Lt. Bill Reese, of Atlanta, Ga. They are shown just before they boarded a river boat at Camp Stoneman, Calif., for trip to troop transport. Reese is among new troops on the way to fight the Japs.



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LATEST PICTURE OF GEN. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

He has received a top Russian honor



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PRIVATE AND BRUNO—Leaving for home in Muskegon Heights are Pvt. LeRoy Hodges and his dog, Bruno, who was acquired from the Germans. Pvt. Hodges, who was wounded in Italy, has been stationed at Gardiner General Hospital in Chicago.



Free Press Photo
CPL. DAVID CRAIG
Survived Nazi atrocities

Freed POW Cites Effects of Nazi Brutality

Americans are easy-going—until they come up against Fascism, first hand. Then you feel different.

Cpl. David Craig, 24, who was freed from Nazi captivity April 12, said Wednesday:

"I never thought I could use a knife. I didn't even go deer-hunting. But after I saw what was happening—"

Cpl. Craig lost 50 pounds during his nightmare four months as a German prisoner.

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"I SAW men shot, and beaten with rifle butts, and dying for lack of medical attention. And starving—well, starvation is something you just can't talk about."

"You hear about Jap atrocities, but the Germans invented that stuff. I guess it doesn't make much difference whether it's German or Japanese Fascism you're fighting."

Cpl. Craig was taken prisoner last December, when the Germans isolated his tank-destroying division.

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"THEY JAMMED us in, sick, wounded, without clothing, 60 and 70 to a boxcar. Dysentery was bad among us, and many men had frozen feet," he said.

"Then they began marching us. We walkeod over 700 miles. It was awful.

"When guys dropped from fatigue, the Nazis either kicked them or beat them with rifle butts, or used their bayonets.

"We thought we'd be liberated by the Red Army. But they put us on the march again.

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"AT ONE STREAM, several of us turned out to get a drink. Immediately, the guards sicked their police dogs on us. One bit my leg clear through my pants and boots."

Cpl. Craig arrived home four days ago on a sixty-day leave.



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LT. SCHMITT LT. PAULSSEN LT. EBERHARDT
Pals return from Nazi prison camp

Three Detroit Pals Home from Nazi Prison Camp

Three Detroit families were pleasantly surprised when a trio of young servicemen walked in unannounced from their two-year sojourns in a German prison camp.

One of them, Lt. John Paulssen, 26, of 15385 Fairfield, met his baby son for the first time.

His wife, Esther, was "just minding John, Jr.," when her husband rang the doorbell.

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LT. PAULSSEN'S homecoming was doubly gratifying. Although his wife had written him every day he'd never received a word from her during the bitter two years as a POW.

Lt. Jack N. Schmitt, 24, of 15020 Fairfield, simply walked in on his father at work.

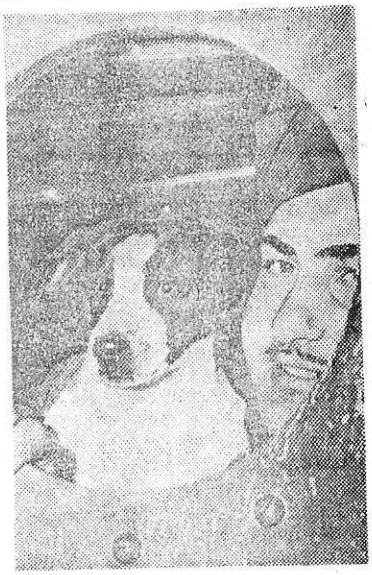
August A. Schmitt was sitting in his Corporate Service office when his son came into his office.

"He hasn't changed a bit," his father and three sisters, Mary Alice, Betty Anne and Margaret, exclaimed later.

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LT. CHARLES M. EBERHARDT, 24, of 12802 Second, Highland Park, is getting about the same kind of reception from his wife, Virginia, and his mother, Mrs. Charles F. Eberhardt, of 148 Glendale, Highland Park.

The three boys have been buddies since school days, enlisted in the Army Air Force together, and were taken prisoners together. They never were separated even during a change of prison camps.



Associated Press Wirephoto

HOME AGAIN — Tech. Sgt. William Fabrizio, of Providence, R. I., lifts Skippy, ship's mascot, to a porthole for a look at home—the good old U. S. A.—as their ship docks at a pier in New York after a voyage from Europe. Bones may be scarce, but it's still home to Skippy, too.

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Works on B-29's



CAPT. ROBERT PERRY

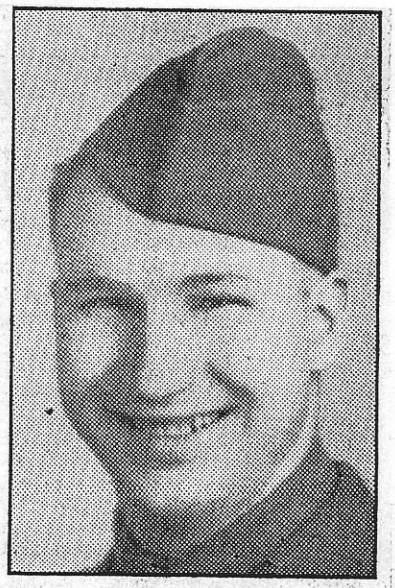
Lt. Robert Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry of Dewitt, was recently promoted from the rating of First Lieutenant to Captain, according to word received this week. Capt. Perry is serving with the 20th Bomber Command, somewhere in India, and his work is entirely with the B-29 Boeing Super Fortress—the type of plane that bombed Japan last week. He is a radar operator, and also does installation work of radar equipment.

Soon after Pearl Harbor, then in the Signal Corps, Capt. Perry was sent to England to work as an observer. In this work he spent many nights flying over Europe and the British Isles in fighter planes of the R. A. F. The knowledge he gained there is being used in this country to train our own fighters.

Capt. Perry again left for overseas duty a few months ago, and is now stationed in India. In a recent letter to his parents, he described a trip over "The Hump" in China, and stated that he was having many interesting experiences.



Pvt. JOHN HATTA is attached to the Paratroopers at Camp Mackall, N. C. He was inducted Oct. 31, 1941, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hatta, Sr., of this city.



Cpl. CLARE L. SWANSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Swanson of Fowler R-1, entered service Feb. 4, 1943. He was formerly stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., but now has an APO number out of New York. Cpl. Swanson, who was engaged in farming before his induction, is assigned to an Ordnance Co.



Pvt. REINHARDT E. HAUSER, who is a mechanic in the Army Air Forces, was recently transferred to Gulfport, Miss. He has been classified as an inspector on Flying Fortresses. Pvt. Hauser was inducted into service Feb. 24, 1943 and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hauser of St. Johns R-4.



Pvt. CARL G. LIGHT was inducted into the Army on Jan. 19, 1943, and is in a Signal Air Warning Company, attached to the Air Forces. He now has an APO number out of San Francisco. Pvt. Light is the son of Carl F. Light and Mrs. Myrtle Hunter, and his wife is Mrs. Edith Light of Riley. Before entering service he was employed as an Ordnance inspector at the Motor Wheel Corp., in Lansing.



Pvt. JAMES PARKS entered service Dec. 8, 1943 and was sent to Camp Blanding, Fla., for his basic training. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parks of St. Johns, and his wife was the former Gladys Cole. Pvt. Parks is now stationed at Camp Atterbury, Ind.



S-Sgt. ROBERT L. BALLINGER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ballinger, is serving somewhere in England with the Army Air Forces. He entered service Jan. 7, 1942 and left for overseas duty in January 1944.

There on D-Day









DALE E. WILCOX, S 2-c, Pfc. CLIFTON CARL WILCOX, Sgt. PARK ROBERT WILCOX, and CHARLES D. WILCOX, H. A. 2-c, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilcox of Dewitt. Dale enlisted in the Navy July 6 and is now serving somewhere in the South Pacific. Clifton was inducted Aug. 20, 1942, and is with the armed forces in the Solomon Islands. Park was inducted Jan. 26, 1943, and has an APO number out of New York. Charles enlisted on his 17th birthday, Nov. 13, 1943, and received his boot training at Great Lakes. He is now serving on the Naval Hospital Staff at Great Lakes.



LT. RALPH MAIER

This St. Johns flier, a pilot, had a seat high over Normandy on D-Day. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maier of St. Johns, he wrote his folks about D-Day plus one, and the following excerpt is taken from that letter:

"Well, I suppose D-Day will be pretty much a thing of the past by the time this arrives and you will know probably as much as we do by reading the papers. We all knew it was coming off the night before and I had a part in it, but can't say what now. Our group led the 8th Air Force over before the troops landed. which makes us a pretty proud bunch here. None of us got any sleep for quite a while. I got four hours in two days and that was quite a bit. Well, this is all I can say for now and will close for this time. I located Dr. Russell. I haven't seen him of course, but know where he is so if I ever get some time off, can visit him."



Pvt. JACK GEE has recently notified his wife, Mrs. Vergene Gee, that he is stationed somewher in New Guinea. He was inducted into the Army Jan. 26, 1943, and is assigned to the Medical Corps. He is the son of Mrs. Edward Parker of Ovid R-2.

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Pvt. BURTON KEENE CRAMER is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Cramer of this city. He received his basic training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and is now stationed at Fort Snelling, Minn.

PAY TRIBUTE TO LIEUT. LAPHAM

Memorial Service Is Held at Methodist Church on Sunday Afternoon

Memorial services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the St. Johns Methodist church honoring the memory of the late Lt. Gale G. Lapham son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lapham of St. Johns. Lt. Lapham was killed in action in Normandy, France, on June 14.

Services were opened with an organ prelude by Mrs. George Osgood, followed by prayer and then a solo by Harry Hulse. The memorial sermon was given by Lt. Harold Kaufman, formerly a chaplain with the Army Air Forces. Then followed another solo by Mr. Hulse and closing prayer and benediction by Rev. Kaufman. The services closed with "Taps" followed by the organ postlude, during which a large photograph of Lt. Lapham was viewed by the large number of relatives and friends in attendance. Members of the Legion Post acted as ushers for the services.

Honorary pallbearers were J. E. Goldstein, a brother-in-law, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Claud Pilmore of Lansing and Theodore Rahl of St. Johns, cousins, and Lawrence Drake, of Lansing, a close friend.

Besides the parents, he leaves one sister, Mrs. Myrtle Goldstein; two nephews, Gary and Gale Goldstein of Brooklyn, N. Y.; a grandmother, Mrs. Frank Lapham of St. Johns; three uncles, Robert Danley of Lansing, Palmer Lapham of San Diego, Calif., and Charles Lapham of East Bingham, besides other relatives and a host of friends.



GAYLORD E. WARD, S 2-c, enlisted in the Navy in June, 1943, and is stationed at the U. S. Naval Repair Base, San Diego. Calif. Before entering service he was employed as a shop mechanic. Gaylord is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ward of Dewitt.



Cpl. ROBERT J. TRIERWEILER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Trierweiler of Eagle, entered service in February, 1943. Before induction he was employed at the Ford factory in Detroit. He left for overseas duty in November, 1943 and is stationed somewhere in England.



Capt. DONALD A. WRIGHT is serving with the Veterinary Corps in Burma. He practiced in Portland for two years before entering service and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Wright of Maple Rapids. He entered service Aug. 19, 1942, and was stationed at Camp Swift, Texas, for nine months prior to leaving for overseas. His unit is supporting Gen. Stillwell. Mrs. Wright is residing in Portland.



Pfc. FLOYD G. CONLEY is stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., with an Armored division He was inducted Nov. 17, 1942. Pfc. Conley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Conley of Laingsburg.



Pvt. STEVEN P. KURNCZ left for overseas duty in January 1944 and has been stationed in the Hawaiian Islands. He is the son of Mrs. Mary Kurncz of St. Johns R-6. Pvt. Kurncz entered service Aug. 20, 1942.



Pvt. Mahlon Devereaux is the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynne Devereaux of St. Johns, who is now serving in the armed forces. He was inducted Dec. 9, 1943, and was sent to Fort Knox, Ky., where he was assigned to a Tank Corps. Pvt. Devereaux is now stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas, and before induction was employed at the Motor Wheel Corp., in Lansing.

Gets Wings



ENSIGN RICHARD S. CLARK

One of the youngest St. Johns boys to be commissioned. He graduated Tuesday at Pensacola, Fla.



M-Sgt. GAIL A. DAVIS, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Davis, is stationed at Camp Carson, Colo. He has served 19 years in the Army, having first enlisted on Oct. 21, 1924. He is the sergeant major of an infantry division. Since the beginning of the war he has had a part in the organizing and training of three infantry' divisions. The first two are now serving overseas, and the destination for the third one in which he is now serving is, of course, unknown.



Pvt. LAVERNE KRAMER, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kramer, received his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla. He volunteered in September, 1943, and was attached to an Infantry division. Pvt. Kramer is now serving somewhere overseas.



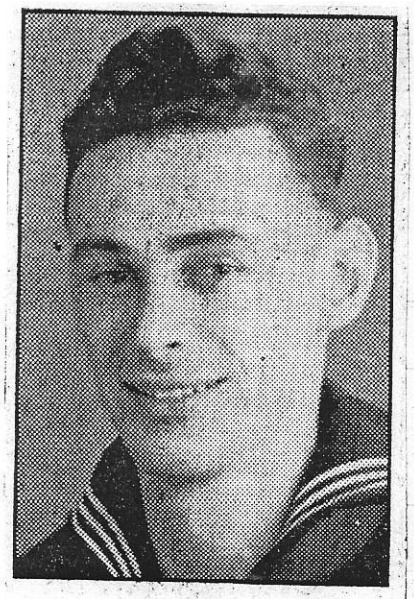
Lt. HELEN B. BRADLEY of the U. S. Army Nurses Corps, is the daughter of Mrs. Mae Bradley of Maple Rapids. She graduated from Maple Rapids high school in 1925 and received her nurse's training at Hackley Hospital, Muskegon. Lt. Bardley entered the service in June, 1943, and is stationed somewhere in England.

Gets Wings



LT. LEWIS S. PHILLIPS, JR.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Phiplips of Dewitt, received his wings and commission as a Second Lieutenant at Stuttgart Army Air Field, Stuttgart, Ark., Tuesday, May 23. L. Phillips entered the service in February, 1943, and received his first training at Miami Beach and later at the Lafayette School of Aeronautics in Louisiana. He worked with his father and brother on their farm near Dewitt before enlistment. He now goes on to transition flying school for further combat training in larger aircraft.



GERALD C FAIVER, Rdm. 3-c, is serving aboard a light cruiser somewhere overseas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Faiver of St. Johns, and has been in the Naval Reserve two years April 13, 1944.



Pvt. Ronald C. Hyler is stationed somewhere in the Hawaiian Islands, where is is assigned to a radio communications outfit. Before induction he served as inspector at the Motor Wheel. He left for overseas duty in October, 1943. Pvt. Hyler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Hyler of this city, and his wife, Lillian, and little daughter also reside here.

Awarded Purple Heart

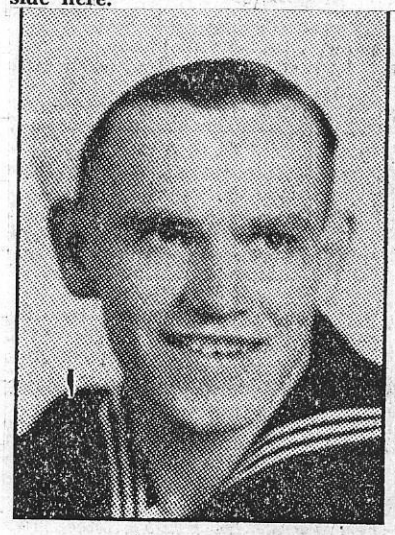


PFC. KENNETH STOCKWELL

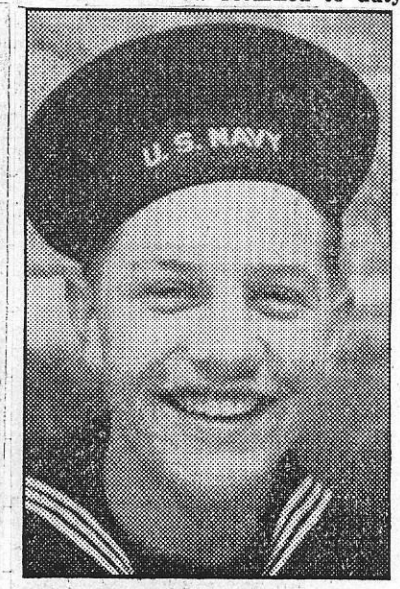
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stockwell have received word that their son, Pfc. Kenneth Stockwell, has been injured in action in Italy, and has been awarded the Purple Heart. In a letter received this week he stated that he has now returned to duty.



Sgt. HARRY B. OBERLIN is stationed at Midland, Texas, at a Bombardier School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Oberlin of Elsie R-2, and worked on the farm with his father before his enlistment. Sgt. Oberlin enlisted in the Army Air Forces and entered service Feb. 5, 1940. He is engaged in mechancial work at the Bombardier School.



ALBERT TOLKSDORF, S 1-c, is the son of Mrs. Mary Tolksdorf of Dewitt. He enlisted in the Navy and left for his boot training at Great Lakes on May 14, 1943. He was later sent to the Philadelphia Navy Yards for further training. Word was recently received of his safe arrival in England.



RALMOND COIN, S 2-c, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coin of Dewitt. He enlisted in the Navy last fall and received his recruit training at Great Lakes.



Pfc. HARRY MALKIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Malkin of Laingsburg, entered service Jan. 7, 1941, and left for overseas duty in July, 1943. He is stationed somewhere in Iceland, with a Coast Artillery division.

Smiling Dale Blanding Gets Wings and Reunion

For some years past St. Johns people have taken more than passing interest in a chunky, curly-headed smiling little guy who graduated from high school here, played football, and worked with his parents in their dairy business at 205 Brush street, St. Johns. These same people will be interested to know that this lad now has the "lieutenant" handle ahead of his name and has graduated as a Navy flier.

Following his graduation at Corpus Christi, Texas, May 3, and while spending a few days at the home of another flyer in New Orleans, Dale wrote his parents a letter telling of the graduation and the "St. Johns reunion" which occurred the same day. His letter says:

"We finished flying out at Kingsville Field on Friday, the 28th, and moved over to the Main Station the next day to prepare for graduation. Had a nice long leave Saturday and Sunday and spent the next two days getting my uniforms ready and checking out.

"Then came Wednesday—the day I've been waiting for for 14 months. It was a nice day and graduation took place at 11:30 in the morning. The program was short, but nice. We marched in and stood facing the officers and people. The Chaplain said a prayer and then we were given the oath and listened to a talk by the Commandant, Admiral C. P. Mason. The national anthem was played and we were dismissed as officers.

"An old custom is to give a dollar to the first person who salutes you.

"I met Joe Hopko from St. Johns that afternoon. He saluted and I gave him the dollar. He came to the graduation exercises. As we were walking back to the barracks we met Bob Sirrine (son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Sirrine of St. Johns). The three of us from the hometown surely had a fine talk. It was great to meet these fellows from home."

Lt. Blanding is now stationed at Cecil Field, Jacksonville, Fla. He, like all naval flyers, has to qualify as an expert naval aviator, navigator, aerologist, gunner and radio operator and are trained to fly fighter planes, dive bombers and multi-engined bombers.

Navy Wings



LT. DALE BLANDING

Wounded



PFC. RONALD W. SPITZLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Spitzley, of Westphalia, this week received a letter from their son, Pfc. Ronald W. Spitzley, saying that he was wounded in the shoulder and leg at the Anzio beachhead area in Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the medal has been forwarded home. Ronnie reports he is getting the best of care. He was inducted Feb. 3, 1943, and trained with an anti-tank outfit at Fort McClellan in Alabama. He went overseas in June and saw action in both Sicily and Italy.



Pfc. John Grozdiak has been serving with the Army in Hawaii for some time. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Grozdiak of this city, and was inducted Dec. 4, 1942. Before entering service he was employed in Chicago. Pfc. Grozdiak is attached to an Infantry division.

Missing

Thursday, April 27, 1944

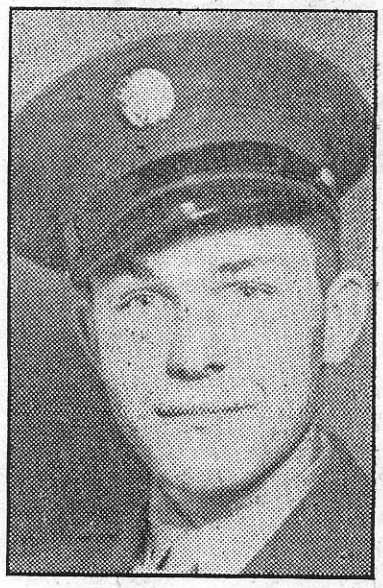


T-SGT. RONALD J. TAYLOR

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor, 600 East Cass street, St. Johns, received a telegram from the War Department Tuesday morning that their son, T-Sgt. Ronald J. Taylor was "missing in action on April 8 over Germany"

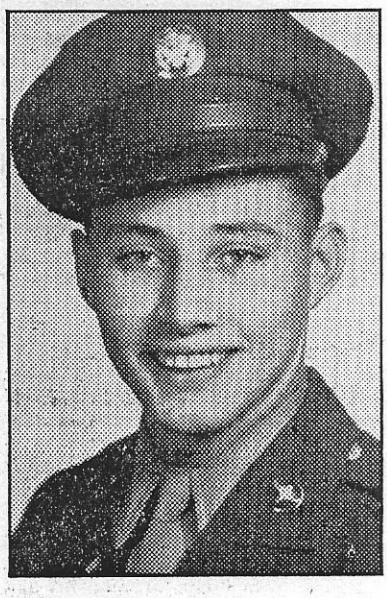
T-Sgt. Taylor was inducted into service in February, 1942, and received his radio training at Peterson Field, Colo, and arrived in England about Feb. 15, 1944. One letter home referred to it "being hot up above the clouds," indicating that he had early been sent on bombing missions.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and their family lived for a number of years on a farm on US-27 in Olive township. They came to reside in St. Johns three year ago. Another son, Pfc. Robert Taylor, is in the quartermaster's department.





Pvt. GAYLORD E. SCHAFER and Pvt. ARTHUR W. SCHAFER are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schafer of St. Johns, R-2. Gaylord was inducted Feb. 3, 1942, and went overseas in June, 1943. He has served in Sicily for some time. Arthur entered service Feb. 6, 1943, and has been serving overseas for several months.



Pfc. ROBERT W. ZUKER, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Zuker of St. Johns R-6, is serving with the Army Air Forces somewhere overseas. Robert was employed in Lansing before his induction into service in March, 1943. He was graduated from the local high school.





Cpl. OSCAR STOCKWELL and Pfc. KENNETH STOCKWELL are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stockwell of St. Johns. Oscar entered service Aug. 4, 1941, and received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He is now stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., where he is in charge of supply rooms. Kenneth entered service Oct. 6, 1942, and was assigned to the Signal Corps. He left for overseas duty last November and after serving for a few months in North Africa, was transferred to Italy.



ENSIGN JAMES C. MATTHEWS

Receives Wings



LT. ROBERT O. ELESON

Lt. Eleson, son of Dr. Norma Eleson of Maple Rapids, graduated as a bomber pilot from the Army Air Field, Luddock, Texas, on March 12, and was commissioned second lieutenant. His mother and sister attended the graduation exercises.

Ovid Soldier Killed

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Maloney of Ovid received word Tuesday from the War Department that their youngest son, Sgt. Bill Maloney, 22, was killed in action in France July 12. He trained at both Camp Robinson, Ark., and Fort Benning, Ga., and left Fort Dix, N. J., in March for England. He was home last Thanksgiving for the last time. He is survived by his parents, two brothers, Gordon at home, and Russell in the Navy, who is in training at Norman, Okla., and three sisters, Mrs. Edna Thompson of Battle Creek, Mrs. Donna Reuch of Chesaning and Arla, at home.