Killed In Action



JOSEPH C. KUDELLA

JOS. C. KUDELLA GAVE HIS LIFE

Killed in Action August 3rd in Southwest Pacific War Area

"We can do nothing. We can say nothing." These were the words of resignation uttered by Matthew Kudella after he had been told Wednesday of the death of his son Joe, Aug. 3 in the southwest Pacific area.

The wire came from the War Department late Tuesday evening. It was mailed Wednesday morning but before it reached the little farm home three miles northeast of St. Johns, Anne Kudella, a high school student, learned of Joe's death and she hurried home to break the sad news. Mrs. Kudella has been in ill health for some months.

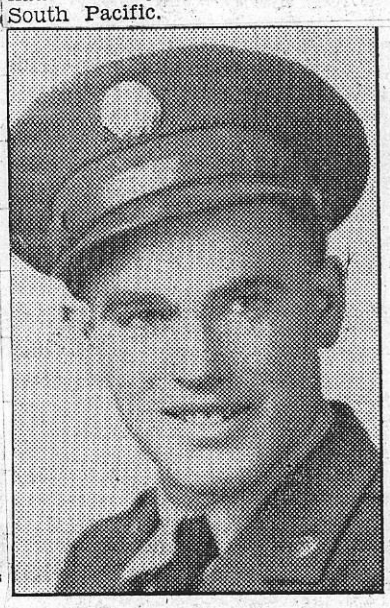
Joseph Charles Kudella, 26, was well known in St. Johns. Before Pearl Harbor he wanted to enlist. His mother urged him to wait until after a serious operation she was to have. Joe waited. Then he was inducted early in October, 1941.

For a time he was at Camp Haan in California and later in Washington and Los Angeles. The family had a letter written early in the year from the Hawaiian Islands. His most recent letter indicated he was in or near New Guinea. The telegram stated Joe was "killed in action."

Before entering service Kudella had worked in Detroit for the Detroit Paper Products Co. and the Kelivinator Co. Whenever he was out of work he came home and helped on the farm. A brother, Stephen M., is at Camp Hale in the truck division of the quartermaster's department.

Besides the parents, he is survived by five sisters, Mrs. Mary Malone, of Chicago; Mrs. Ethel Grycan of Fort Smith, Ark.; Mrs. Margurite Wrzesinski of Lansing; Helene of Detroit, and Anne at home.

The family regretted they had never seen Joe in uniform. Despite the fact that he was in training for about a year in this country, he never had a furlough. His letters were infrequent and told very little of the experiences he had in the jungle fighting of the South Pacific.





Pfc. RAYMOND PARKS and Pfc. HERBERT PARKS are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Parks of South Lansing street. Raymond entered service Feb. 24, 1943, and is stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C., with a Field Artillery division. His wife and infant daughter reside with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Madar. Herbert entered service Dec. 29, 1942, and is attached to an infanty division somewhere in the Hawaiian Islands Both boys worked with their father in moving buildings before entering service.





RUSSELL A. SWATMAN, M. M. 2/c and S/SGT. FORREST A. SWATMAN are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Swatman of Greenbush township. Russell, who enlisted in the U. S. Navy Aug. 21, 1940, is serving with the fleet some where overseas, and prior to that time was employed by the Rosevale Packing Co. Forrest, who is stationed some where in England, entered service March 7, 1942, and is attached to the Army Air Forces. He was formerly employed as mechanic at the C. E. Patterson garage.

Hubbardston Boy Helps Bag Three German Planes

Seaman first class Robert William Fitzpatrick, of Hubbardston, has distinguished himself as a gunner on a U. S. ship in the Mediterranean Sea.

It has been reported that Fitzpatrick was among the three



ROBERT W. FITZPATRICK

Michigan men who participated in shooting down three out of four German torpedo planes which swept down upon their ship.

Fitzpatrick enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve July 23, 1942. He received his boot training at the Great Lakes Training Station and was later sent to Brooklyn for a short training. He was then sent overseas. After serving for six months overseas, he was sent home for a short leave.

Fitzpatrick has a brother, S-Sgt. Gerald Fitzpatrick, serving in the U. S. Army in England.

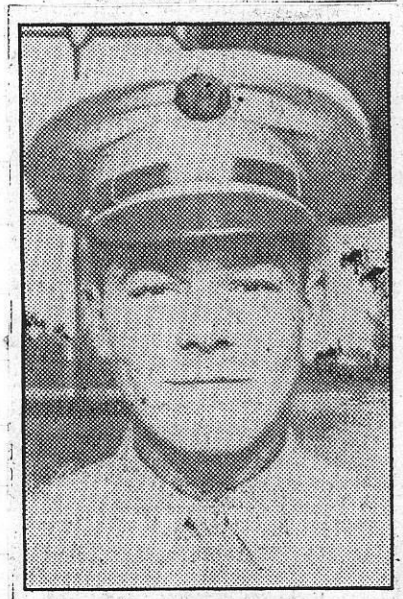
Killed in Italy



PVT. LAWRENCE R. ASH



DALE M. BANCROFT, MM2-c, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bancroft of St. Johns, R-3. He entered service Sept. 25; 1942, and after five weeks training was sent overseas. He has served for some time in the Bahama Islands with the Navy. Dale was employed as a mechanic before entering service.



Pfc. WILLIAM C. ZIMMERMAN, formerly of Bath, is serving in the Army as a Military Police Escort Guard. He was stationed for some time at Camp Ruston, La.



Cpl. CLARE A. RHINES is assigned to an Anti-Aircraft Coast Artillery division serving somewhere in England. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Rhines, and the husband of Mrs. Dorothy Rhines of this city. Cpl. Rhines was inducted August, 1942, and prior to that time had been employed at the local Gamble Store for some time.



Cpl. DELBERT R. BLIZZARD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Blizzard of Olive, was inducted into the Army July 6, 1942. He is now stationed somewhere in England, where he is mail clerk with a Tank Destroyer battalion. His wife is Mrs. Dawn Blizzard.



Pvt. STANLEY NICHELSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Nichelson of St. Johns, is attached to the Army Air Forces as an Aerial Gunner. He is stationed at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho. Pvt. Nichelson entered service Jan. 1943, and received his Aerial Gunner's Wings at Harlingen, Texas in October.



Sgt. LORENZO J. DICKSON entered service on Jan. 7, 1942. He arrived in North Africa on Christmas Eve in 1942 and later was sent to Sicily then to England. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Dickson of Dewitt, and his wife and little son reside in Lansing.



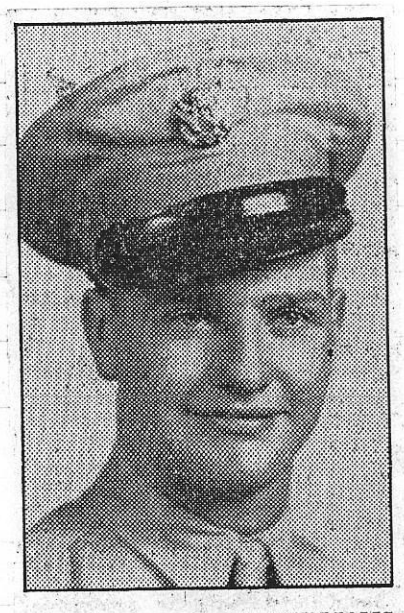
MERLE DEAN BROWN, M.M. 2-c is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Brown of St. Johns. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy on March 9, 1941 and is now serving at some unknown destination.

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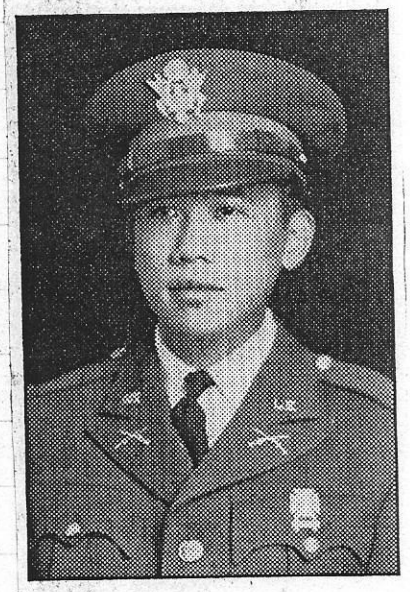
PVT. STUART SALTERS

Son of Arthur Salters of East Railroad street, this young St. Johns soldier saw fighting in North Africa. Word came recently to his father that he had been wounded. Stuart left St. Johns August 4, 1942, and received his training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and at Fort Bragg, N. C. He has five brothers and three sisters. His mother is dead. Pfc. Salters lived at the home of Mrs. Wayne Williams for a time before he went into service.



Cpl. WALTER W. WILLIAMS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred A. Williams of Pewamo R-1, has received a honorable medical discharge from the Army and has returned to the home of his parents. He entered service May 14, 1942 and has been attached to the Army Air Forces at Lincoln, Nebr., for some time. Before induction he worked with his father on the farm.

IN INDIA



LT. CHARLES T. FOO, son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles T. Foo, of St. Johns. (See letter.)

January 14, 1943
Somewhere in India

Dear Sir:

Received your Christmas card last night along with some other errant mail and wish to thank you for sending a bit of St. Johns hospitality and its grand wishes way out here.

It's been a long time since I last drove out of the city limits and it may be even longer before I drive back in again.

As you probably heard my job is to help train Chinese troops.

Which reminds me that I should like to say "I told you so" to whomever it was who disapproved of my saying we should boycott Japan and send China equipment and material after my talk before the Rotary club.

Well, there's a job to be done now and a nasty one it will be. But despite all that, there are some advantages, to wit: I can get tires, gas and oil for jeep, motorcycle or truck, whichever I drive, and coffee is plentiful even if brewed in a muddy sort of way.

There is very little I can say about my work etc. The most I can do is ruminate on this and that which soon becomes boring.

What the future will bring is even more unpredictable now. However I'll be back in St. Johns some day.

My own best wishes to the town as a whole and a special "good luck" to all other fellow soldiers from there.

Sincerely,
Lt. CHAS. T. FOO

3 More Clinton County Boys Commissioned



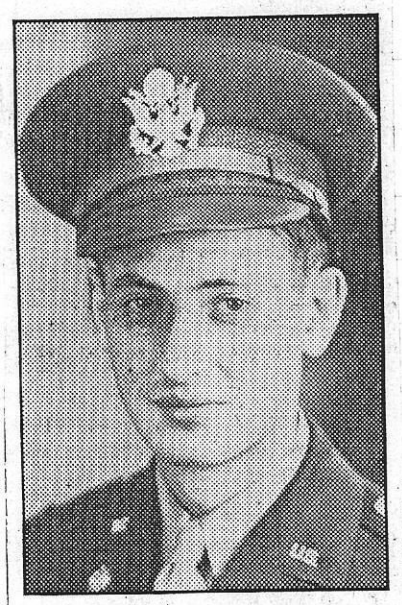
LT. REXFORD JACK CARPENTER

Lt. Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Carpenter, Sr., of this city, was a member of the class of aviation cadets to graduate from the Advanced Twin-Engine Army Flying School, Columbus Army Air Field, Columbus, Miss., on Jan. 7. He received the silver wings of a flying officer and commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces. Lt. Carpenter enlisted in the Air Forces in October, 1942, and received technical training in Chicago, before entering pilot training last April. He is spending a few days leave at his home here before reporting at Salt Lake City for new assignment.



LT. ORRISON E. BAILEY

Lt. Bailey was awarded the silver wings of a flying officer and commissioned second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces Friday, Jan. 7, at Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas. Lt. Bailey is spending a 10-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bailey of Maple Rapids, before reporting for his new assignment at Bergstrom Field, Austin, Texas.



LT. HAROLD L. MARTIN

Lt. Martin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin, former Westphalia residents, who graduated from officers' training school at Camp Harahan, La., Dec. 29, 1943. Lt. Martin has recently been visiting Westphalia friends and will be stationed at New Orleans.



Pfc. DOW DEE INGALLS enlisted in the Marine Corps Jan. 22, 1942, and after several months received advanced amphibious training. In Oct., 1942, he arrived at Guadalcanal and was on duty there until the Marines were relieved in 1943. Don has several medals and ribbons to his credit, and is still on duty in the South Pacific. Before enlisting he was in partnership with his father in the plumbing and well drilling business. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Ingalls of Watertown township.





Pfc. HENRY J. DOBIAS and Cpl. EDWARD DOBIAS are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Dobias of St. Johns R-5. Henry entered service March 5, 1943, and is serving with a Quartermaster division somewhere in India. Before entering the Army he was employed at the Motor Wheel factory in Lansing. Edward was inducted Aug. 14, 1941. He was recently transferred to England after serving with the Army in Sicily. Before entering service he was employed in Grand Rapids.

Parents Hear from Son with Marines In Pacific Battle

The first letter in four weeks brought the following gratifying news to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Witt from their son, Duane, who is with the 2nd Marines in the Gilbert Island area:

Dec. 1, 1943

Dear Mom and all:

I am dropping you a few lines just to let you know that I am o. k. As you probably know by now I



PFC. DUANE R. WITT

have been in the Gilbert Is., but I am now on my way to a safe port. It was a very tough fight, but we won. I hope that it was as close as I will ever come to being in hell.

How is everyone doing back home? Fine I hope. Well, Mom, it won't be long now until Christmas rolls around again, so I guess I will wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

I will write you as soon as I hit port, so don't worry about me. I am fine. I guess I had better close for now, hoping to hear from you soon.

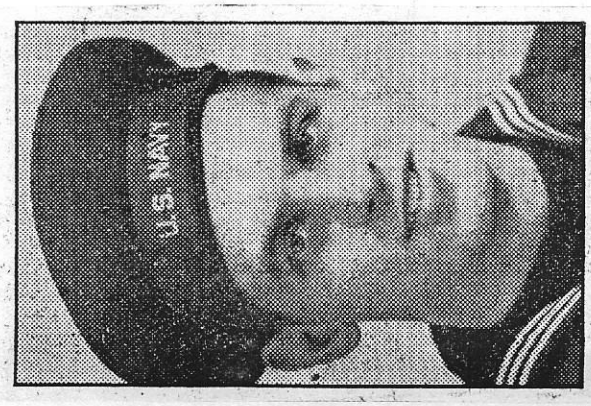
Your loving son,
DUANE



Sgt. LEE C. ELLIS is a cook with the Amy Air Forces serving somewhere in England. He was inducted into the Army May 19, 1942 and has been oversas for more than a year. Sgt. Ellis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Ellis of St. Johns R-1.



PETER V. SIRA, C.S.K. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sira, Sr., of this city. He is on duty somewhere in the Pacific after being confined in a hospital for three months. Peter has served with the Navy for seven years.



TED A. GLOWACKI, S 1-c, son of Mrs. Albert Glowacki, enlisted in the Navy on Nov. 9, 1942. After receiving his boot training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, he was transferred to the Armed Guard Center, Treasure Island, Calif., and is now serving somewhere in the Pacific. Ted is a graduate of Rodney Wilson high school.



LUCY E. SHIPLEY, formerly of 142 West Oak street, Ovid, was one of the first young women in Clinton county to join the WAC's. She received her basic training at Fort DesMoines, Ia., and was later sent to Maxton, N. C.

Reported Wounded



PVT. DEAN J. RHYNARD

Mrs. Mae Rhynard of St. Johns R-2, received word recently from the War Department that her son, Pvt. Dean J. Rhynard, was seriously injured in action somewhere in Italy on Feb. 12. Pvt. Rhynard, who is assigned to a Field Aritllery division, served in North Africa before being transferred to Italy. He was inducted in the spring of 1943.







CPL. HARRY B. CARPENTER, JR., SGT. FREDERICK MERRILL CARPENTER and A/C REXFORD JACK CARPENTER are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Carpenter, Sr. Cpl. Harry enlisted in the Army Air Forces Nov. 10, 1941. He has been stationed in Alaska since January, 1942. Merrill enlisted in the Marine Corps Aug. 6, 1942. Upon completion of his boot training he was appointed drill instructor and has been stationed at San Diego, Calif., since that time. Cadet Carpenter enlisted in the Air Forces Oct. 9, 1942. He graduated from Radio Technical School at Chicago, received his pre-flight training at Maxwell Field, Ala., and is now receiving his basic at Greenwood, Miss.

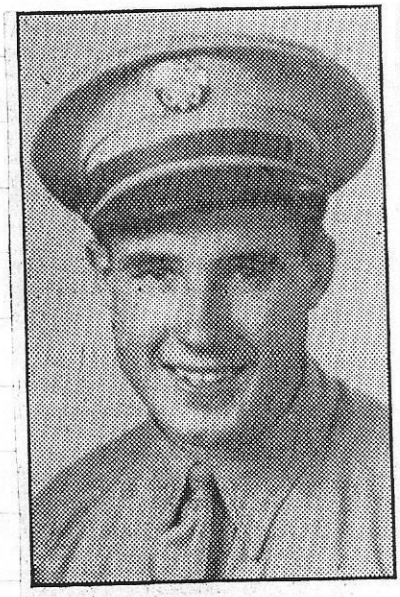




Pfc. GERALD W. PUNG and Pvt. VIRGIL J. PUNG are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Pung of St. Johns, R-4. Gerald enlisted in the Marine Corps and left for San Diego, Calif., on Oct. 31, 1942. He has served in Guadalcanal, New Zealand and is now somewhere in the South Pacific Virgil entered the Air Forces April 15, 1943, and is stationed at Santa Maria Air Base, Calif. His wife is the former Marguerite Cook of Pewamo.



Pfc. CHARLES W. HULL was graduated from Lansing Eastern high school June 18, 1942 and enlisted in the Marine Corps on June 24. He was in training at a desert camp in southern California for five months before leaving for overseas duty in May 1943. Pfc. Hull is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hull of Lansing R-4, and is now serving somewhere in the South Pacific.



Pfc. HERMAN D. HEIDEN is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Heiden of Fowler R-2. He was inducted into the Army on March 5, 1943 and left for overseas duty in July. Pfc. Heiden is serving as a truck driver with a Quartermaster Truck Regiment. Before entering service he was employed by the Rosevale Packing Co.

Three Local Young Men Get Wings At Texas Air Schools



LT. DALE L. BISSELL



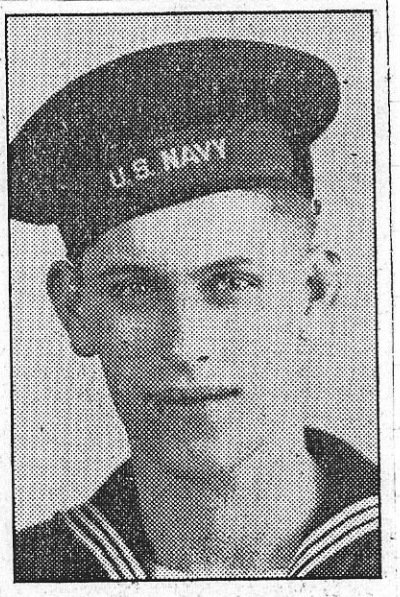
LT. WILLIAM S. ERNST



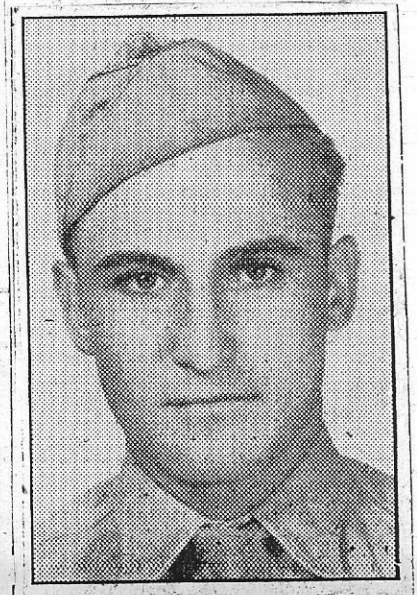
LT. MAYNARD L. COWLES

Three young men from St. Johns and vicinity received their pilot wings and the commission of second lieutenant in the Central Flying Training Command area last Wednesday, Nov. 3.

Lt. Bissell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bissell, received his commission from the Pampa advanced pilot school. Lt. Cowles was graduated from the Aloe training school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Cowles. Lt. Ernst, son of John Ernst, was commissioned at Ellington Army Airfield. Ernst has a brother, Capt. Carl V. Ernst, who is a pliot. All three schools are in Texas.



ROLLAND KEITH MUNGER, T. M. 3-c is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rollie C. Munger of this city, and his wife is Mrs. Hazel Munger. He enlisted in the Navy Nov. 10, 1942, and received his boot training at Great Lakes. After training at several bases in California he left for overseas duty December, 1943. According to word recently received he is now asigned to an aircraft carrier in the South Pacific.



S-SGT. RUSSELL WHITFORD

Ralph E. Maier Receives Wings As Flying Officer

Ralph Eugene Maier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maier of this city, received his wings as a flying officer on Wednesday, Nov. 3, and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He graduated from the Columbus Army Air Field at Columbus, Miss.



LT. RALPH E. MAIER

His previous training was taken at Maxwell Field, Ala.; Jackson, Miss., and Greenville, Miss. He will now receive specialized training with four-motored bombers at some other field. Lt. Maier is a graduate of Rodney Wilson high school and was a former resident of Victor township. He is spending a few days' leave here with his parents before reporting for his new assignment.



SGT. KEITH E. MAIER entered service Feb. 7, 1943, and was graduated from Cook and Bake School at Camp Edwards, Mass., in May. He is now serving as a baker with his company some where in the South Pacific. Sgt. Maier is also the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maier, and a former student of the local high school.





PFC. VIRGIL E. ROBBINS, PVT. GERALD C. ROBBINS and PVT. HOWARD L. ROBBINS are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Robbins of St. Johns, R-5. Virgil was inducted into the Army in January, 1942, and is serving with an Ordnance division somewhere in the South Pacific. Gerald enlisted n the Marines April 18, 1943, and left for overseas duty the latter part of July. He is also stationed somewhere in the Pacific. Howard is attached to the Field Artillery division, at Camp Gordon, Ga. He was inducted Feb. 28, 1943.



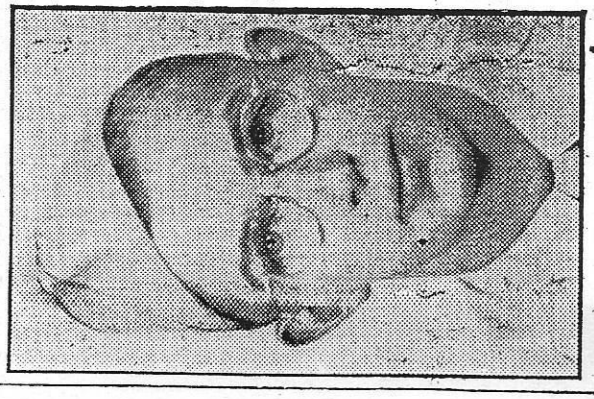
Cpl. REX R. GILMORE is serving somewhere overseas as an Infantry truck driver. He entered service in Nov. 1941 and for some time was stationed at Camp Gordon Johnson, Fla., where he received special training. Cpl. Gilmore is the son of Mrs. Pearl Gilmore of Eagle.



PFC. RAYMOND JOHN WARREN is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Warren of near Maple Rapids. He entered service March 6, 1941, and is attached to the Medical Corps. Pfc. Warren is serving somewhere overseas.

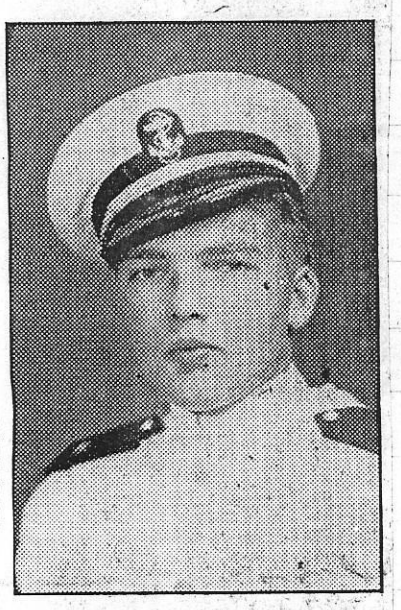


SGT. LAVERN A. KOWALK has been stationed somewhere in New Guinea since May where he is attached to a division of the Coast Artillery. He was inducted May 5, 1941, and has served overseas since April, 1942. Sgt. Kowalk is the son of Reine Kowalk of near Dewitt. He was employed by Rosevale Packing Co. before entering service.



PVT. KENNETH A. SPITZLEY is stationed with a Military Police Escort Guard Co. at Camp McCoy, Wis. Before his induction into the Army March 23, 1943, he was employed at Shafer's Shell Station. Pvt. Spitzley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Spitzley of Fowler, and his wife is Mrs. Therese Spitzley of this city.

Three More St. Johns Boys Receive Wings



ROSCOE CARL HANSENS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Hansens, graduated July 31 from the Naval Air Training Center, Corpus Christi, Texas, and was commissioned an ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve. He received pre-flight training at the Chapel Hill, N. C., pre-flight school.



ROBERT C. HARPER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lynn Harper of St. Johns, was a member of the class of aviation cadets to graduate from the Army Air Forces Advanced Flying School at George Field, Ill., on July 28. He received the silver wings of a flying officer and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces.



WILLIAM RAY ALLEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Allen, 610 East Cass street, St. Johns, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Forces at Turner Field, Albany, Ga., Wednesday, July 28. His parents spent a few days last week in Georgia and witnessed the ceremony when Lt. Allen received his silver wings.



Sgt. ARTHUR W. KIRBY is the son of Mrs. Hazel Groves and the brother of Mrs. Keith Munger of this city. He entered service in January, 1942, and went overseas in June, 1942. Sgt. Kirby, an airplane mechanic, has since then served with the Middle East Forces in Africa, in Sicily and is now stationed in Italy.

HONORED



PVT. PAUL A. KRAMER

Son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Kramer of R-2, Fowler, received the commendation of Lt. Col. Charles S. Shaunesey, executive officer, "for his outstanding qualities to participate in a most important mission." The commendation recited that Pvt. Kramer had merited special mention for the way he responded and performed his duties at the history-making "Mena Conference" at which President Roosevelt and the high officials of other United Nations

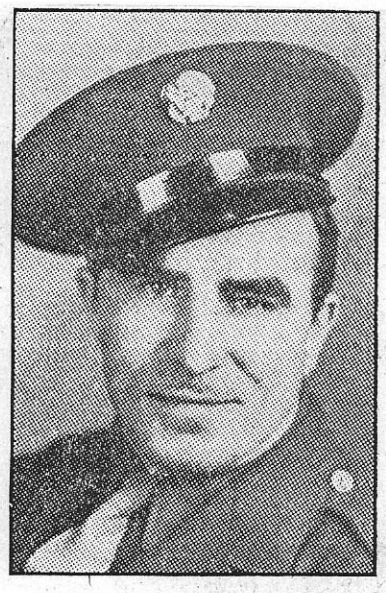
Missing in Action



PFC. GERALD C. ROBBINS

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robbins, R-5, St. Johns, that their son, Gerald, who enlisted with the Marines April 18, 1943, has been missing in action in the Central Pacific war area since May 15. He has two brothers in service, Pfc. Virgil with ordnance overseas, and Pvt. Howard with a Field Artillery branch. The usual brief telegram notified the parents who are anxiously awaiting the letter giving details.

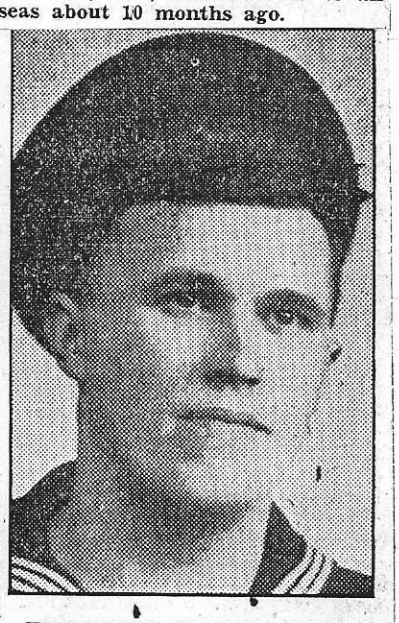




Cpl. ALEX LUCI and Pfc. PETER LUCI are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Luci of St. Johns R-5. Alex was inducted March 25, 1942, and assigned to a Cavalry division. He has been overseas about 20 months, serving most of that time in North Africa. Peter is stationed in the Hawaiian Islands. He was inducted Dec. 21, 1942, and attached to an Infantry division, and was sent overseas about 10 months ago.



Pfc. THEODORE FINK, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fink of Fowler, was recently transferred from Fort Lewis, Wash., to the maneuver area near Shreveport, La. He is attached to the Infantry and Communications Company. Before his induction into the army on March 4, 1942, he was a barber in Westphalia.



FREDERICK B. CORSON is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Corson of Maple Rapids. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy in July 1941 and served overseas for nine months in the South Pacific. His rating was Aviation Machinist's Mate 3rd class. He was returned to the States recently for special training and is now stationed at Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif.



STANLEY M. PRICE, S 2-c was transferred to Balboa Park, San Diego, Calif., after completing his boot training at Great Lakes. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Price, and is now serving somewhere in the Pacific with the Navy. Stanley enlisted in the Navy May 26, 1943.

COMMISSIONED



LT. JAMES L. WAKEFIELD

Lt. Wakefield, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Wakefield of Essex, won his Navy "Wings of Gold" and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve this week following completion of the prescribed flight training course at the Naval Air Training Center, Pensacola, Fla. Having been designated a Naval Aviator, Lt. Wakefield will go on active duty at one of the Navy's air operational training centers before being assigned to a combat zone.



Pvt. VERYL L. PRATT is the son of Mrs. Pearl F. Pratt of Lansing R-1. He left St. Johns for Fort Custer on Dec. 29, 1942 and received his basic training in the Ordnance division at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. Pvt. Pratt has been serving overseas for several months, and is stationed somewhere in the Hawaiian Islands.

Gives His Life



PVT. CARL W. SILVERNAIL

GREENBUSH BOY LOST IN ITALY

PVT. CARL W. SILVERNAIL KILLED IN ACTION, FAMILY TOLD

Young Farm Lad Refused to Let Widowed Mother - Ask Deferment

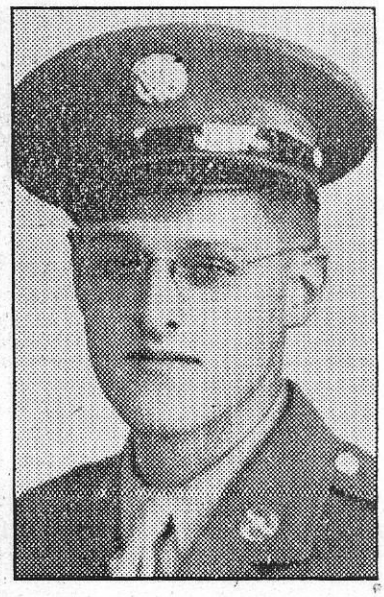
Three days less than a year from the date he was inducted, Mrs. Nina Silvernail, widowed mother of Pvt. Carl Wayne Silvernail, received word from the War Department that he had been killed in action February 12 in Italy. The word came Monday morning, March 13. Carl was inducted March 16, 1943. No particulars were included in the telegram.

Because of a letter dated Jan. 26 and mailed in Virginia to his sister, Mrs. Otto Gower in Eureka, the word of his death came as a great shock to the family. Although they suspected that he had started overseas, they do not understand how he could have seen action in Italy 16 days after his letter was written in this country.

Born in Greenbush Sept. 27, 1924, and attending the Richmond school, he completed two years in high school before leaving to manage the farm. His father's death in 1937 impressed the boy that he should stay at home. Last year he refused to let his mother apply for an agricultural deferment because so many of his friends were already in service.

Attached to an infantry outfit, he gained his training at Camp Robinson, Ark., at Fort Benning, Ga., and at Fort Jackson, S. C. He was

Memorial services for Pvt. Carl W. Silvernail will be held at the Christian church in Eureka Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock (slow time). Rev. R. E. Prince of Lansing, a former pastor, will officiate assisted by the present pastor, Rev. Paul E. Tucker.



Pfc. NORBERT J. REHMANN is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rehmann of this city. He graduated from the local high school, and is well known here, where he worked in his father's clothing store. Pfc. Rehmann is stationed at Muroc Army Air Base, Muroc, Calif., where he is assigned to a Medical Detachment.

Missing in Italy



PFC. WM. J. CZACHORWSKI
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Czachorwski of Duplain, missing in Italy since Jan. 22.

Hubbardston Boy In States After 21 Months in Pacific

Hubbardston—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cusack received word that their son, Seaman Second Class Francis L. Cusack, arrived in San Francisco after almost 21 months of sea duty on the U. S. Aircraft carrier, Saratoga. The Saratoga took part in the Munda and Bougainville invasions, the powerful raid on Rabaul and in the Tarawa invasion.



S 2-c FRANCIS L. CUSACK

Cusack, a graduate of St. John's high school in Hubbardston, enlisted in the U. S. Navy two years ago in February. He was employed in California previous to his enlistment.

Cusack received an eight-day leave on reaching San Francisco, but was unable to spend it at home. On his return voyage he was able to see his sister, Miss Rebecca Cusack, R. N., a government nurse on a Pacific island. It was their first meeting after almost two years apart.



Sgt. RUSSELL H. WHITFORD entered service April 7, 1941, and is attached to the Army Air Forces as a radio operator and instructor. He left for overseas duty March 17, 1942, and served in India for 11 months before being sent to China. Sgt. Whitford is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Whitford of St. Johns R-6.

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LAST LETTER



PVT. ALBERT J. KESTELOOT

In a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Camiel Kesteloot of St. Johns from their son, Pvt. Albert J. Kesteloot, several days after receiving word that he had been killed in France, he said in part: "I wish I could have been home for Dad's birthday. Maybe I will be next year. One never knows. If you wish to send me something, make it a sweater without sleeves. I am all right in every way. My mail has not caught up with me—it will any day now. It will not be long before my birthday. I do hope you do not worry too much about me." The letter was written Sept. 4 and the young soldier was killed Sept. 19, a few days after the birthday he mentioned. A memorial mass for Pvt. Kesteloot will be held at St. Joseph church next Sunday, Oct. 22, at 10:00.



Cpl. ANDREW MIKULKA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Mikulka, Sr., of Elsie, is stationed somewhere in England with a tank destroyer division. He was inducted into service in March, 1942.

D.F.C., Air Medal Won By St. Johns Gunners



S-SGT. REX WORRALL

S-Sgt. Rex Worrall, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Worrall, of this city, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross on Aug. 21, according to word received this week.

His citation read: "For extraordinary achievement, while serving as waist gunner on B-24 airplane on many bombardment missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe. Displaying great courage and skill, this enlisted man, fighting from his gun position has warded off many enemy attacks and has materially aided in the successful completion of each of these missions."

S-Sgt. Worrall left for overseas duty in March, 1944, and has been stationed somewhere in England. According to a recent letter he had completed 31 missions over enemy territory. Previous to this time he has been awarded the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters.



S-SGT. WILLIAM B. ROOF

S-Sgt. William B. Roof was recently decorated with the Air Medal, according to word received from Lt. Gen. George C. Kenny, Commander of Headquarters Allied Air Forces, Southwest Pacific area.

He was cited for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific Area from Dec. 1, 1943 to March 18, 1944. These flights included bombing missions against enemy installations, shipping and supply bases, and aided considerably in the recent successes in that theater, according to Lt. Gen. Kenney.

S-Sgt. Roof, son of Mrs. W. E. Roof of this city, is an aerial gunner and has completed 61 missions over enemy territory.



Pvt. Ernest E. Davis, son of Ernest A. Davis of Greenbush, entered service in April, 1944. He is married and his wife resides in Ithaca. Pvt. Davis is assigned as a truck driver in a Field Artillery battalion.

St. Johns Flyer Missing, Eagle Boy Killed in Latest Casualty List



LT. RALPH E. MAIER

Closely following recent news that Lt. Ralph E. Maier, St. Johns bomber pilot, had been made lead pilot in an Eighth Air Force squadron flying over Germany and that he had been awarded the second Oak Leaf Cluster for "distinguished and outstanding performance of duty" his squadron having completed 68 missions without the loss of a man, word came Wednesday to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Maier, 309 South Lansing street, that he had been missing since Aug. 24. It was a mission over Germany.

Lt. Maier's squadron was among the first "heavies" that flew over the invasion coast on "D" day. On Aug. 22 he wrote his parents that he was flying every second day and had nearly completed his missions. Lt. Maier is a graduate of Rodney B. Wilson high school and well known here.

The third Eagle township young man has given his life for his country to date in World War II.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Glumm of the Kebler district, have received word from the War Department, that their son, Pfc. Clyde Glumm was killed in action in France August 12. Besides the parents, he is survived by two brothers, Lawrence at home and Cpl. Floyd Glumm of Miami, Fla., three sisters, Mrs. Stanley Clark and Nina Glumm of Grand Ledge and Mrs. Esther Brethaur, who resides with her parents, and a nephew, Lyle Clark of Grand Ledge.

Clyde, who was in the 120th Infantry, 30th Division, entered the service September 5, 1942, and arrived in England in February, 1944. Previous to going into action in France in the early part of August, he had been confined to a hospital in England, convelescing from an operation undergone there.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their bereavement.

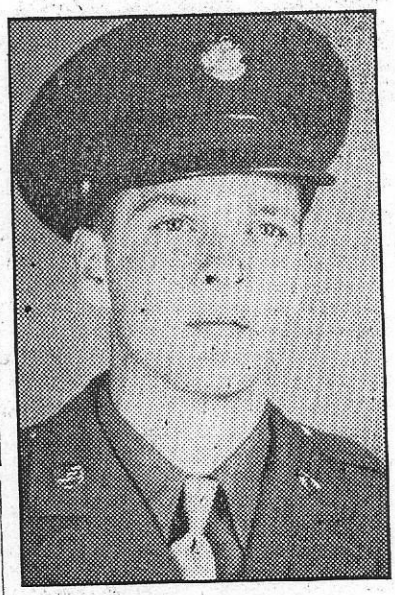
GERMAN PRISONER

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carpenter of St. Johns received a telegram Wednesday morning that their son, Lt. Rexford J. Carpenter, bomber pilot in the North African area, who had been missing since Aug. 3, was a prisoner of the German government. Lt. Carpenter was believed to have been flying from an Italian field and went down over Germany.



PVT. GERALD J. SCHAFER

Pvt. Gerald Schafer, 19, son of Mrs. Veronica Schafer, of Hubbardston, was wounded in the leg in France, according to information recently received by his mother. He received the wound August 12 and was evacuated to a hospital in England. Pvt. Schafer was attached to an infantry division. He entered the service in January, 1944, and went overseas in July.



PVT. LEO B. GILMORE

Mrs. Pearl Gilmore, R. F. D., Eagle, recently received word that her son, Pvt. Leo B. Gilmore, had been wounded in action in France and had been awarded the Purple Heart. Pvt. Gilmore entered service in January, 1944, and was with an infantry divsion. He has two brothers, also in France.

Memorial services will be held for Lt. Dale E. Shillinger at the Congregational church in Carson City on Sunday, Sept. 10, at 2:30 p. m. C.W.T. Lt. Shillinger was killed in Natal, Brazil, August 10. His widow, Mrs. Mildred Shillinger, has been living at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Shaw in Olive.

Supt. Edythe Karber of Clinton Memorial hospital, received word this morning that her fiance, S-Sgt. Peter Biloeick, of Staunton, Ill., was killed in France Aug. 19. Miss Karber will be away from her duties for a few days.

Silver Star Awarded To Pvt. Joe Kudella

In posthumously awarding the Silver Star to Pvt. Joseph C. Kudella, Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, commanding U. S. Army forces in the South Pacific area, forwarded the following brief account of Pvt. Kudella's gallant service just prior to his death:

Joseph C. Kudella, (36129175), Private, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands on 3 August 1943. As the leading scout of a reconnaissance patrol Private Kudella proceeded alone and unaided to within 25 feet of an enemy 75mm dual-purpose gun, located another, and counted 30 Japanese. Following this he went to the artillery observation post where he assisted in registering fire on the hostile gun positions. Later, as he aggressively guided the leading platoon of an infantry company in the ground attack he was killed by rifle fire. By his courageous action, and at the sacrifice of his life, Private Kudella contributed inestimably to the success of the operation. Next of kin: Mrs. Genevieve Kudella, Mother, 255 Steel Road, St. Johns, Michigan.



PVT. KUDELLA



Pfc. ROBERT MOORE was a member of the enlisted reserve at Michigan State College and left for service April 14, 1943. He received his basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif., for a gun mechanic. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Moore of Elsie. Pfc. Moore now has an APO number out of New York.





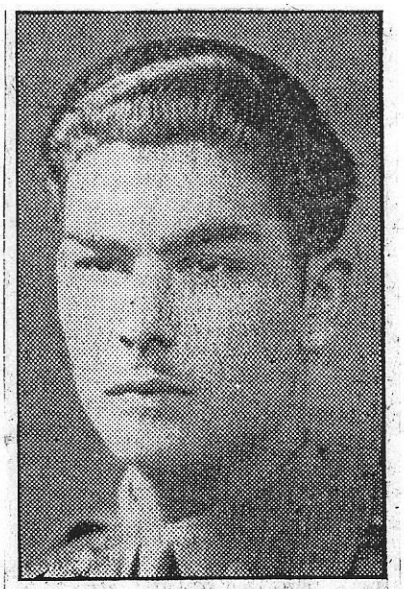
Pvt. ROBERT L. PRICE and GEORGE GEE are both stationed in England. According to word received by relatives, they met on the streets of London several weeks ago. Both boys are from Laingsburg and are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Price and Mrs. Bertha Gee. Robert entered service Dec. 7, 1942, and left for overseas last June.



1ST LT. WENDELL M. BREWBAKER entered service in March, 1940, after receiving commission from Michigan State College. His first term of duty was for six months in Texas, then he was called in April, 1941, as reserve officer. Lt. Brewbaker left the States in April, 1942, and for three months was stationed in New Guinea. He was in the first Field Artillery Battery to be flown into action. Wendell is now in Australia where he is serving in Division Headquarters. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Brewbaker, and his wife is Mrs. Beth Brewbaker of St. Johns.



Sgt. GERALD C. CARROLL is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hehrer of Elsie R-1. He entered service in March, 1943, and is asigned to a Cavalry division at Fort Reno, Okla. He formerly worked on the farm and at Willow Run before entering service.



Cpl. THOMAS E. ALDRICH, former resident of St. Johns and a graduate of Rodney Wilson high school, is stationed somewhere in England with the Army Air Forces. He entered service Nov. 4, 1942, and left for overseas in May, 1943. Before entering service he was employed by the Olds Motor Works. Cpl. Aldrich is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Matteson of this city, and the son of Mrs. Orvel Aldrich of Lansing.

Lt. Howe Of St. Johns Fights LaJunta Battle

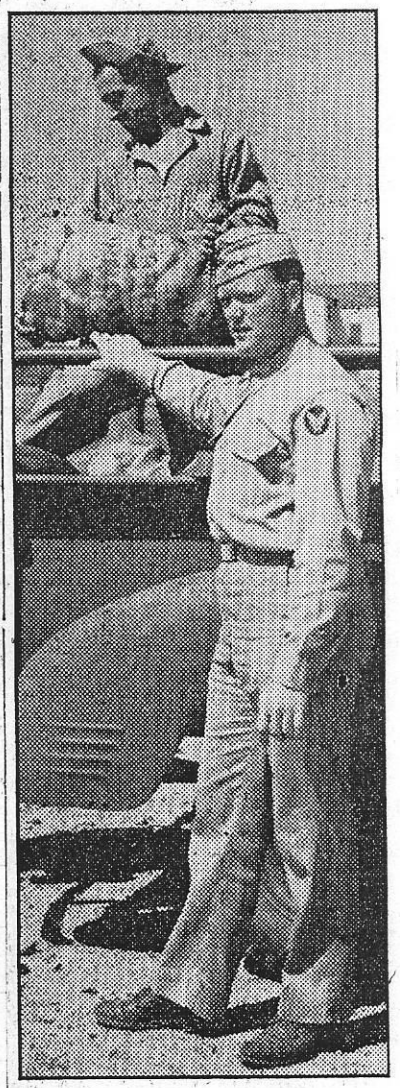
Lt. Nelson S. Howe, Jr., former St. Johns veterinarian, writes that he has been "fighting the battle of La Junta" this summer. Stationed at the La Junta, Colorado, Air Base, Lt. Howe drew on some of his boyhood experience on the farm and started a 10-acre Victory Garden adjacent to the air field. Because there were plenty of men, he was not handicapped for want to help. The air base officials asked for volunteers and got a fine response.

The Denver Post featured the big "garden" with three-column pictures and had the following to say about the former St. Johns man and his project:

"During August and September harvest will be increased greatly as the 9,600 tomato plants and the watermelon, cantaloupe and carrots begin maturing.

"Lieut. Nelson S. Howe. Jr., base gardner, has supervised the planning and planting of the garden, and is directing the harvest. The irrigation system which is used in the garden daily also was constructed under his direction.

"During July 1,600 pounds of radishes, 2,250 pounds of Swiss chard, 1,200 pounds of turnips, 1,600 pounds of beets, 2,650 pounds of squash and 140 pounds of cucumbers were (Turn to page 6, column 3, please)



Lt. NELSON S. HOWE

Here Lt. Howe is supervising the loading of a truck with vegetables from his 10-acre Victory Garden at La Junta, Col. The enlisted helper is wrestling with a big sack of summer squash.





S-Sgt ROBERT E. PECK and S-Sgt. AUSTIN J. PECK, JR., are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Austin J. Peck, Sr. Robert enlisted in the Army Sept. 4, 1942. He is now stationed at Dalhart, Texas, as an instructor in ground school for the Army Air Forces. His wife and daughter are residing with his parents. Austin enlisted in the Marine Corps in February, 1943, and received his basic trainng at San Diego, Calif. He is now stationed at Corpus Christi, Texas, where he is attending the Advanced Naval Aircraft Technical Training Center. Another brother, Pfc. David Duain Peck, was recently given an honorable medical discharge after serving for more than a year in the Army.



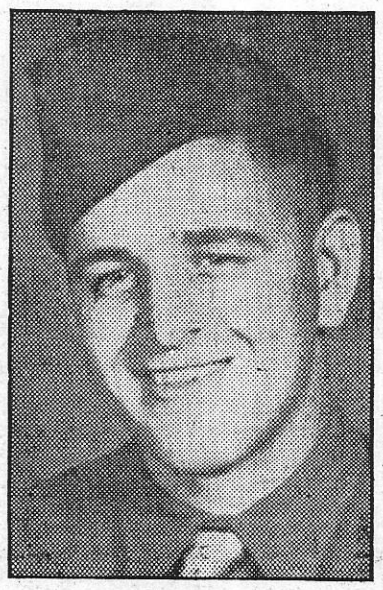
Pvt. NORMAN P. SMITH, who was inducted into the Army on Nov. 17, 1942, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith of Pewamo. He is attached to an Armored Reconnaisance division at Camp Gordon, Ga.



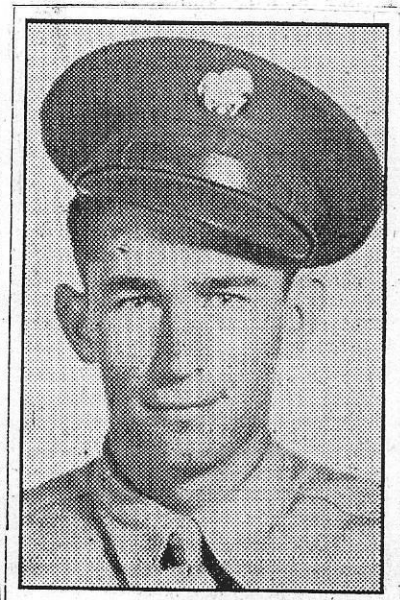
Sgt. DONALD LIETZKE is assigned to the Anti Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons division at Camp Haan, Calif. He entered service Jan. 7, 1941, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lietzke of Dewitt R-1.



PFC. GAYLORD D. SCHAVEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Schavey of Greenbush township, has notified relatives of his safe arrival some where in England. He was inducted on June 9, 1941, and is attached to an Armored Infantry regiment.



Pfc. OTIS L. HILTS entered the service in Sept. 1942 and received his training at Camp Shelby, Miss. He landed at his destination in India in April 1943. Pfc. Hilts is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hilts of Dewitt.



CPL. STEPHEN M. KUDELLA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Kudella of St. Johns, R-6, was inducted July 22, 1942. He is attached to the Quartermaster division at Camp Hale, Colo.



Pvt. ORIN DOYNE CARMACK is attached to the Field Artillery division somewhere in the Aleutian Islands. He entered service Dec. 29, 1941 and left for overseas duty in July 1942. Pvt. Carmack is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. Carmack of St. Johns.



Pfc. LYMAN L. MILLER is serving with a Quartermaster battalion somewhere in Iran. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Miller of near Ovid and was inducted into the Army Aug. 30, 1942. Pfc. Miller left for overseas duty last January.

KILLED



CPL. RONALD SPITZLEY



PFC. BERNARD J. ELLIOTT

MISSING



ERNIE W. LOCKWOOD, S 1-C

More Clinton Casualties

Cpl. Ronald Spitzley And Cpl. Joseph Pohl Are Killed in Action In European War Area

Cpl. Ronald Spitzley, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Spitzley of Westphalia, was reported killed in action in France, Dec. 31, according to a War Department telegram received by the parents on Saturday. He was with an anti-tank company of the infantry in General Patton's Army and had been overseas since June 17, 1943.

Cpl. Spitzley was born August 24, 1923 and attended St. Mary's school and later the Westphalia high school, graduating with the class of 1941. He was employed at the American State Savings Bank of Lansing before his induction in February, 1943. He had been through North Africa and the campaigns of Sicily, Italy and France. He was wounded on April 17, 1944 in Italy and confined there to a hospital for almost five months.

On Sept. 12 he rejoined his company in France and on Jan. 20 word was received from the War Department that he was missing in action.

Besides the parents there are two sisters, Lilly Mae and Dolores. A Requiem Mass was said for Cpl. Spitzley at St. Mary's church Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Mrs. E. W. Lockwood received a telegram Friday morning from the War Department informing her that her husband, Ernie W. Lockwood, S 1-c, is missing in action. The wire stated that the ship he was assigned to was reported as lost through enemy action, and latest information indicated he was on board. As no word as to his whereabouts have been determined, he had been placed in the missing status. Lockwood has served with the Navy since June, 1943 and has spent about 17 months on duty in the Pacific.

Mrs. Al Weber of Fowler was notified last week of the death of her brother, Cpl. Joseph Pohl, who was killed in action on Feb. 8 somewhere in the European area. He entered service in March, 1942, and has been overseas since May 1943.

Cpl. Pohl is survived by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Pohl of near Portland; the widow, Donna Bell Pohl of Lansing; four sisters, Mrs. Weber of Fowler, Caroline and Viola of Detroit, and Geraldine at home; and four brothers, Leon, who is in service in the Philippines, Peter and Harry of Portland, and Aloysius of St. Johns.

Word has been received by Mrs. Jeanette LeBeau Lyons of Elsie that her husband, Pfc. Floyd Lyons, is a prisoner of war in Germany. He had been reported missing in action since Nov. 30.

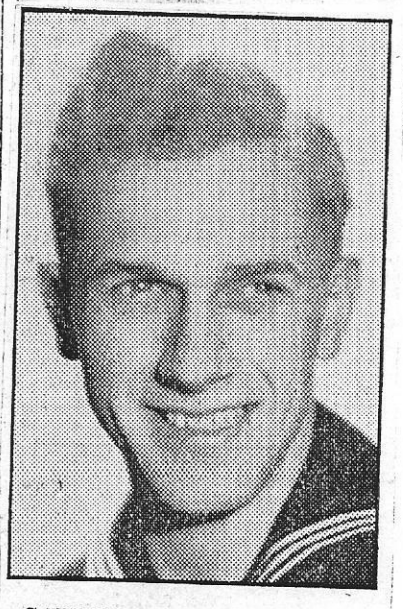
Mrs. Anna Hogan of Hubbardston received official notice from the War Department that her son, T-Sgt. Martin Hogan, had been seriously

COMPLETES 25TH



CAPT. JAMES KELLY

Fortress pilot who cabled his wife and parents last Saturday when he had completed his 25th successful bombing mission over enemy territory.

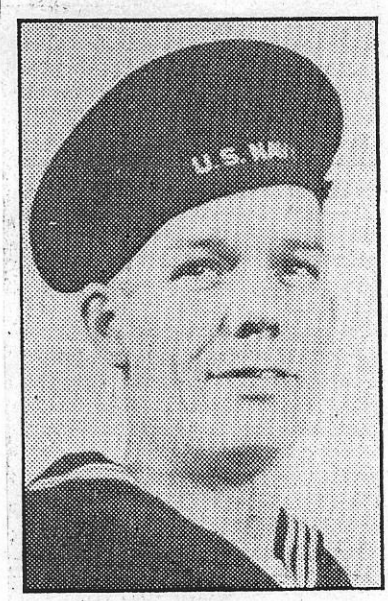


GAYLORD D. PILE, A. M. 3-c, is the husband of Mrs. Opal Pile of this city, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pile of St. Johns, R-5. He enlisted in the Navy in July, 1942, and has been assigned to an Aircraft Carrier since October, 1943, serving in the South Pacific. He arrived in San Francisco, Calif., recently and is expected home on leave about May 9.





PVT. WAYNE F. FARRIER and WESLEY H. FARRIER, S 2-c, are the sons of Mrs. Lucille Farrier of Dewitt. Pvt. Farrier entered service June 23, 1944, and received his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla. He is now in northern France with the Ninth Armored Division. Prior to entering service he was employed at the Reo Motor Co. Wesley entered service June 15, 1943, at the age of 16. He received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., and then was sent to Armed Guard school at Gulfport, Miss. He left for sea duty in October, 1943. He has been in India, South America, and England. He is credited with shooting down three robot bombs and two German planes. He has one bar for foreign service, one bar for bravery, and stars for taking part in three invasions.



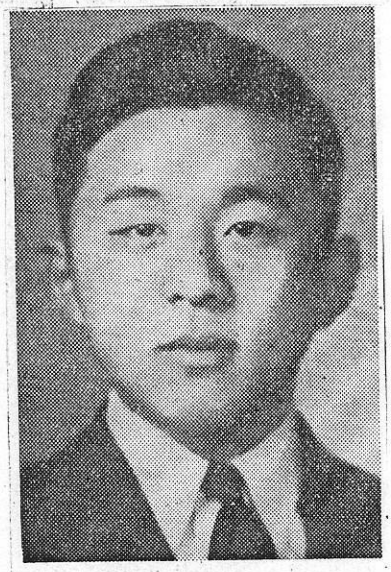
JAMES L. HEATHMAN S. C. 3-c is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. David Houseman of R-3, St. Johns. He left for overseas duty in July, 1944, and is now serving in the Philippine Islands. Before entering service he was employed at the Motor Wheel plant in Lansing.



Pfc. EARL J. FLEGLER was inducted into the Army on Sept. 5, 1942 and received his basic training at Camp Pickett, Va. He is now attached to the medical division at Blytheville, Ark. His wife, Mrs. Ethel Fleger and son, Barry, reside in Riley. Pfc. Flegler is the son of Mrs. Elenora Flegler of Riley.



RICHARD THELEN, F 1-c, was inducted into the Navy on April 6, 1944. He served in the Atlantic for five months and was then transferred to the Pacific in January, 1945.

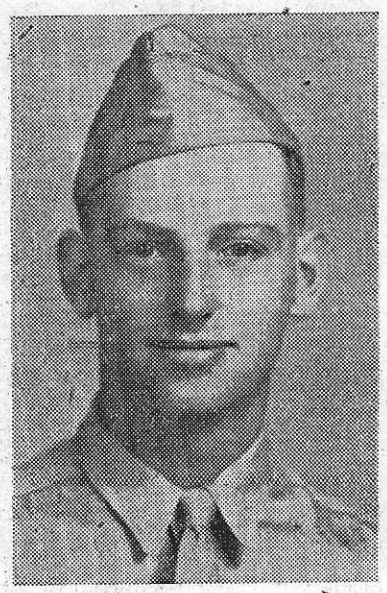


IN THE ARMY—George Kawano has left Albion College, where he was completing his junior year, to begin work for the United States Army intelligence service. Kawano can read and write both Chinese and Japanese.



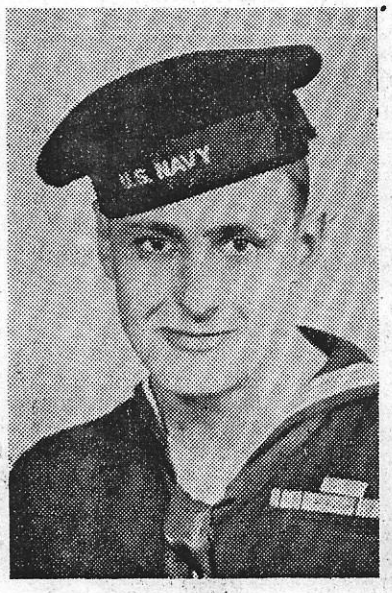
CPL. WILLIAM LEO O'CONNELL enlisted in November, 1942, and is with the Army Air Forces as a radio mechanic. He now has an APO out of New York City and is the son of Mrs. Daniel O'Connell of Fowler.







PFC. MAX LOUDENBECK and PFC. KENNETH LOUDENBECK are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Loudenbeck of Fowler. **LT. KENNETH DUNN** is the husband of the former Thelma Loudenbeck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Loudenbeck. Max and Kenneth entered service June 6, 1944, and received their basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla. They left for overseas in November, 1944, and are serving with the 34th Division in northern Italy. Lt. Dunn entered service in October, 1942, and is now an assistant operations officer in the Philippine Islands. He has completed 102 missions.





CLARE WILLIAM GILSON S 1-c and OLIVER ARTHUR GILSON S 2-c are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gilson of this city. Clare enlisted in the Navy in December, 1941, and is now stationed in the Philippine Islands. Oliver was inducted into service July 12, 1944, and left for overseas in January, 1945. He is now stationed with the Navy in the South Pacific. Before entering service he was employed by B. Danley & Son.

IN HOSPITAL



PVT. WALTER (Bud) GLOVER was injured and hospitalized in France last November. He returned to his unit about two months later and soon after that was sent to England for further treatment. At last reports he was still in the hospital. Pvt. Glover is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Glover of Gunnisonville.



TOM E. PARKS, S 2-c, enlisted in the navy in August, 1944, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. He is now stationed at Norfolk, Va. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Parks of St. Johns, and has two brothers in service, Pfc. Herbert Parks in the Philippine Islands, and Sgt. Raymond Parks in Germany.

Met Army Demands For Meat In European War

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Moore, of Dewitt, recently received a very interesting letter from their son, First Sgt. Dale E. Moore, and sent it to the Republican-News for publication.

Sgt. Moore entered service Dec. 27, 1941, and is a graduate of the Refrigerator and Air Conditioning school at Muncie, Ind. He is now stationed in Nurenberg, Germany.

The following paragraphs are excerpts from Sgt. Moore's letter:

"Two days last week I went into Austria and went up in the Alps mountains. There are some very beautiful lakes and mountains, many of which are snow-capped, but while they are beautiful they don't seem to hold the fascination or have the background of our own Rockies.

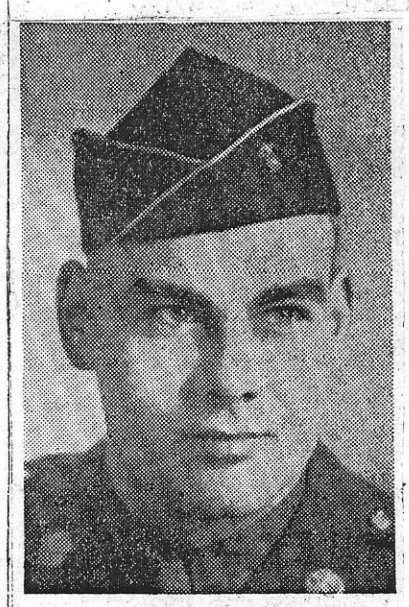
Awarded Plaque

"The company received a letter the other day of which we all feel proud of and we have been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque and it permits us to wear a gold wreath on our right sleeve. I will quote part of it as I think it will tell you more about our job and what we have been doing than I can.

"Operations at the cold storage plant at Namour, Belgium, were taken over from the First Army by the 284th Q. M. Refrigerator company. At that time there was only one compressor in operation and that in very poor condition. There was no equipment for loading or unloading meat other than five wheel barrows and all other facilities equally inadequate.

"The mission of the 284th Q. M. Refrigerator Co. was to meet the demands of the First, Ninth and ADSEC troops (advanced section of communications, of which we were a part) for fresh meat. To fulfill this mission by storing a seven-day supply of fresh meat and meat shipments, a loading dock 225 feet by 92 feet was constructed. This dock enabled the loading of seven rail cars or 10 refrigerated vans simultaneously. The refrigeration equipment was repaired and 100 small trucks were procured or built at the same time to be used in operations.

"Refrigerated vans attached to the armies came directly to this plant, were loaded and dispatched to Army truck heads where meat was issued to Army units. This method was used until March 3, 1945, when a daily train was inaugurated to the



1ST SGT. DALE E. MOORE

Armies. This train became known as the "Meat Ball Express."

Demands Met Promptly

"At the time of the battle of the Belgian bulge there was stored at at this plant 1,368 tons of meat. During this period all demands of the Army were met promptly. The plant itself was further forward than many of the Army units it was servicing.

"During the period of Oct. 12, 1944, to April 15, 1945, the First Army was issued 14,677 tons of meat, the Ninth Army 10,905 tons, and the ADSEC troops 4,934 tons. The daily average for this period was 325 tons of fresh meat. The highest issue of meat rations was on April 11, 1945, amounting to 1,022,000 tons. In order to accomplish this the plant was run 24 hours a day."

So you see what we have been doing. This type of award is given no one's word but actual data picked up during a period of time from the records of our higher headquarters. I'll bet those figures on tons of steak, pork, chicken and turkey would make a lot of civilians water their mouths."



MAURICE G. HAYNES, SC 3-c, son of Mrs. Nancy Haynes of this city, is stationed at Iwo Jima. He enlisted into service in October, 1942, and was called on Dec. 4, 1942. He received his training at Camp Endicott, R. I., and left for overseas in March, 1943.



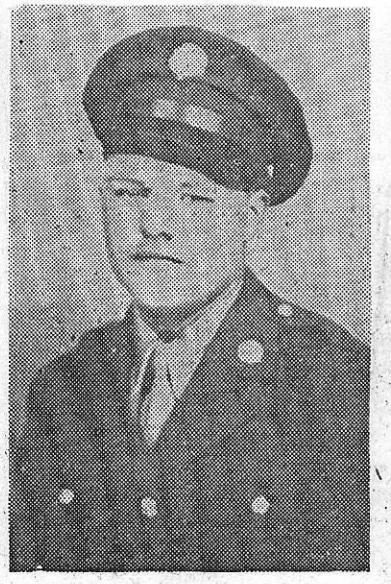
JOHN H. LYON, RM 3-c, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Lyon of this city. He entered service on March 16, 1943, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. He is on a mine sweeper in the South Pacific. His wife, the former Naida Vaughan, resides in Owosso.



ELMER LLOYD SMITH, S 2-c, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Dunn of R-2, St. Johns. He entered service in November, 1944 and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. He is now stationed at Newport, R. I., and has satisfactorily completed the prescribed course of study at the Fire Fighters Naval Training School.



SGT. DONALD L. STROUSE of Mason, formerly of Eureka and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shinabery, was a 36th division infantryman, who cracked the Siegfried line and helped take the Saar Basin in Germany. He is in the 142nd infantry, one of the crack regiments in the Italian campaign, which made a beach landing in southern France. They pushed back the German 29th Army and were the first troops to pass through Lyon. They captured Renirement, the historic Koenigsburg castle, St. Marie Pass and Solestat.





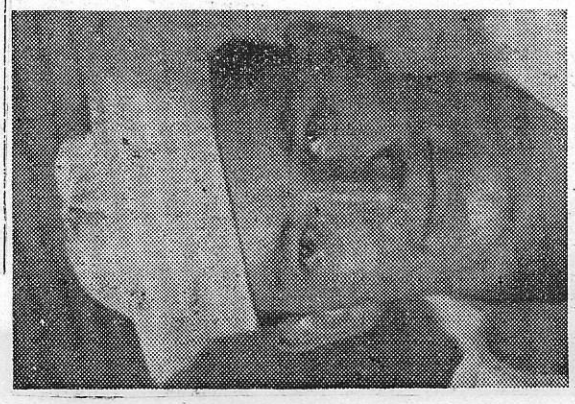
PVT. GERALD A. WELTER and CPL. PETER F. WELTER are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Welter. Gerald entered service on Dec. 8, 1944, and received his infantry training at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark. He is now stationed at Fort Meade, Md. Peter entered service on March 5, 1943, and received his training at Camp Sutton, N. C. He left for overseas in July, 1943, and is now with the Quartermaster truck company in India.





Sgt. John Faivor entered service in March, 1941, and spent two years in England, Africa, and Italy with the Ordnance division. He returned to the states in January, 1945, and has been stationed at Patterson Field, Ohio. His wife, Mrs. Helen Faivor, resides at Dayton, Ohio. Before entering service he was engaged in construction work in Lansing. Pvt. Charles Faivor entered service in April, 1945, and is receiving his infantry training at Camp Gordon, Ga. Before entering service he was engaged in farming. Their sister, Miss Rita Faivor, and three half-brothers, Tom, Leon, and Joe Miller, reside at R-5, St. Johns.

CPL. DONALD D. RANDOLPH is serving with the Seventh Army in Germany. He entered service in March, 1942 and left for overseas in August, 1944. He has served in Africa, Italy and France. Before entering service he lived with his brother, Dale Hankey, now a private in the army stationed at Fort Sill, Okla.



BRUCE BAILEY, W. T. 3-c, recently received his honorable discharge. He served 18 months with the U. S. Navy, of which 14 months were spent in the Pacific. His wife, the former Miss Betty Jane Bloomer, resides at Valley Farms.

Victor Soldier Released After Two Years In German Prison Camps



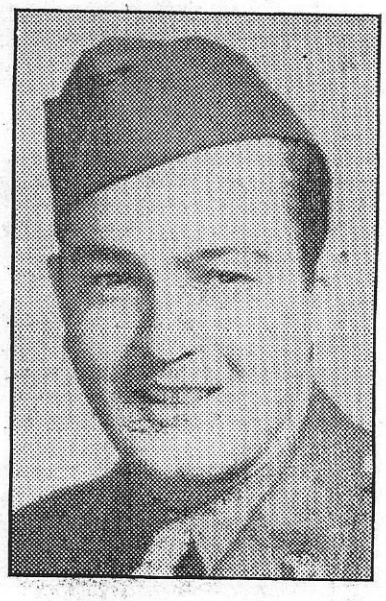
CPL. VICTOR JORAE

Three more Clinton county German prisoners of war have been released, according to word received during the past week by their parents. The men are Cpl. Victor Jorae, of Victor township; Sgt. Frank Martemucci and T-Sgt. Ronald J. Taylor, both of Dewitt.

Cpl. Jorae, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jorae, of R-2, Laingsburg, had been a prisoner for more than two years. He enlisted in service in November of 1941 and served with a tank division. He went overseas with the first troops to take part in the invasion of North Africa and was taken prisoner there on February 9, 1943. His parents received word of his release last week.

T-Sgt. Ronald Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor, of Dewitt, was liberated from a German prison camp on May 2nd, and arrived in Dewitt at the home of his parents last Friday. He had been a prisoner since April 8, 1944, when his plane was shot down over Herford, Ger-

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T-SGT. RONALD J. TAYLOR





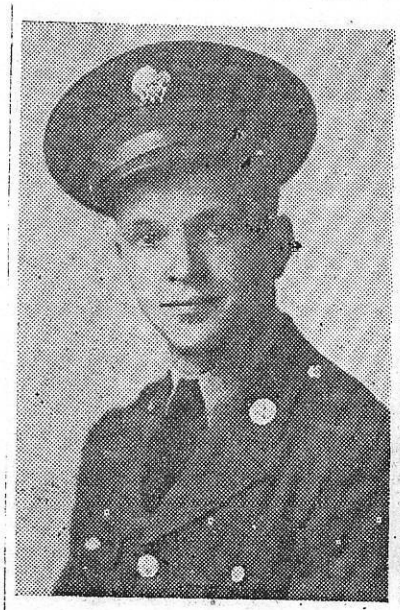
RAYMOND MASON F 2-c and CALVIN MASON, AMM 3-c, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mason of this city. Raymond entered service in May, 1945, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. Raymond is now serving on the USS Maryland in the Pacific. Calvin entered service in December, 1941, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. He is now serving in the Marianas Islands in the Pacific.

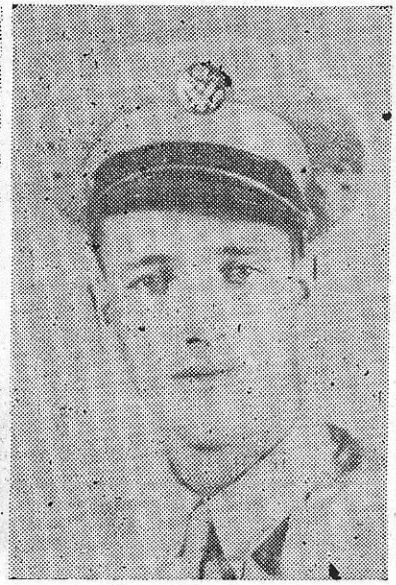


PFC. EUGENE A. DUTTON entered service in July, 1944 and is serving with the Third Army in Germany. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dutton of R-5, St. Johns.



T-4 WALTER O. SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Smith of Eagle, was inducted into the army in March, 1942. He received his training at Camp Livingston, La., Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida, and Camp Pickett, Virginia. He left for overseas in September, 1943, and served in the Combat Engineers Battalion in the First Army under General Hodges. T-4 Smith saw action in Normandy, France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany. On March 8, 1945, T-4 Smith was wounded in Germany and hospitalized eight weeks, returning to his company in Germany. He was awarded the Purple Heart. In the latest letter from him he states he was at Rheims, France, and is expected home soon. Before entering service Walter was employed by the Clinton County Road Commission. His wife, Maxine, lives in St. Johns.





SGT. HAROLD GEORGE WELLER and SGT. WILFORD WAYNE WELLER are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Weller of R-6, St. Johns. Harold entered service in March, 1942, and left for overseas in June, 1942. He served in the Signal Corps and has spent 21 months in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands. He is now stationed in California. His wife, Mrs. Lucy Ann Weller, resides in San Francisco, Calif. Before entering service Harold assisted his father with work on the farm and was also employed in the Byerly stores in Ovid, Fowler, Owosso and St. Johns. Wayne entered service in July, 1942, and left for overseas in August, 1943. He served with a Tank Destroyer Battalion in England, France, Belgium, and Germany. He is stationed in a hospital in England. His wife, the former Miss Helen Truber of Alma and son James reside in Ithaca. Before entering service Sgt. Weller was employed at the refinery in Grand Rapids.





SGT. RUSSELL HENNING and CPL. RAYMOND HENNING are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew L. Henning of near St. Johns. Russell entered service in February, 1943, and received training at Fort Bragg, Camp McClell and Alliance, Nebraska. He left for overseas in September, 1944, and served in England, France, Holland, Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany and Austria with the Field Artillery. Last word received by his parents was that he was quartered with the 99th Infantry Division in France. Before entering service Sgt. Henning was employed by Montague & Son. Raymond entered service in July, 1943, and received training at Fort Sill and Fort Riley, Kansas. He left for overseas in September, 1944, and served in Scotland, England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. He is now stationed about 60 miles from Nuremburg, Germany, in occupational duty at the Trafenwohr training area. On Jan. 1, 1945, Cpl. Henning was awarded the purple heart at Rambrouch, Luxembourg. Before entering service he was employed at the Byerly store.

Killed in Action



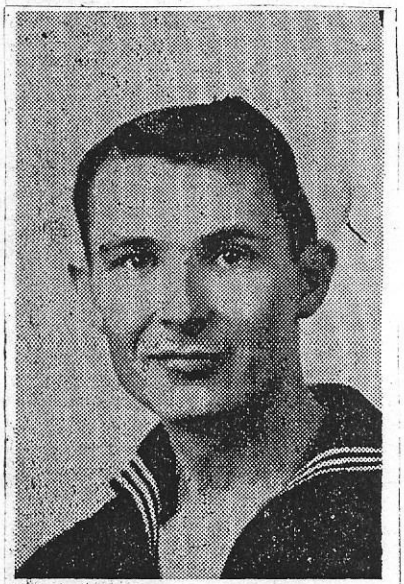
PVT. NORMAN MOTZ

Pvt. Norman J. Motz, 37, of Fowler, has been killed in action on Okinawa, according to a telegram received by his sister, Miss Mae Motz, on June 21. He was reported killed May 22.

Pvt. Motz entered service on June 19, 1942, and received training at camps in Georgia, Louisiana, Arizona and California. In March, 1944, he left for overseas, and was serving with the Medical Corps on Okinawa. He also served on Guam and Leyte Islands.

Surviving besides the sister are Mr. and Mrs. Clemens Fox and family, also of Fowler, and other relatives and friends.

Memorial services were held at Holy Trinity church in Fowler, on Tuesday morning, June 26, at 9 o'clock.



JAMES EDWARD PARKERSON, EM 1-c entered service on June 7, 1942. He now has a Fleet Postoffice address out of San Francisco. His mother, Mrs. Mae Anglemyer, resides at El Monte, California.