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'Missing' Major Writes From Red Prison Camp

A Rochester major, missing in action in Korea since last December, is alive and in "good health" in a Chinese Communist prisoner-of-war camp, it was reported yesterday.

Maj. Robert N. Abbott, husband of Mrs. Winona Abbott, 6 Aldern Pl., wrote his wife in a recent letter that he "hopes to be able to return home in the near future." The letter was dated Aug. 26.

Major Abbott served as an adviser to the 7th Division of the South Korean Army. He arrived in Korea Oct. 1 and was reported missing in action about two months later. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Abbott, 194 Avenue A, Pt. Pleasant, Major Abbott reenlisted in the Army in 1947 after serving for seven years before and during World War 2. He received three Purple Hearts, the French Croix de Guerre, two Bronze Stars and the Silver Star for heroism in action during the invasion of Sicily and European and North African campaigns.



MAJ. ROBERT N. ABBOTT

After quitting the Army, he was employed by the state as director of the Rochester office of the Monroe County Veterans Information Bureau.

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Reds Send Photo Of City Major

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Further confirmation of the whereabout of Maj. Robert N. Abbott, 35, of Rochester, has been received in the form of a photo taken of him in a North Korean prisoner-of-war compound.

The photo was taken by a Communist photographer and included three other American prisoners, all shown playing cards.

Maj. Abbott's wife and their daughter, Roberta Lee, 4, live at Aldern Pl. A World War 2 veteran, he was captured in December, 1950, while serving as a United Nations military adviser to the 7th ROK (Republic of Korea) Division. Mrs. Abbott has had a number of letters from her husband since his capture.

Colonel Abbott, PW, Flies Toward Home

Lt. Col. Robert Abbott, 6 Aldern Pl., the much-decorated Rochester prisoner of war repatriated in the final days of Operation Big Switch, is on his way home from Japan by plane, the Associated Press reported yesterday. Destination and arrival time of the plane has not been announced.

Due to arrive today in San Francisco aboard the transport Gen. William Black are Rochester repatriates S. Sgt. Berger L. Johnson, 839 Thurston Rd., and Cpl. James Scahill, 177 Herald St.

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Food for PWs 'Very Poor'

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Col. Abbott Rushing from Coast

Lt. Col. Robert N. Abbott of 6 Aldern Pl., Rochester's most decorated prisoner of war, arrived in the United States yesterday with one thought uppermost in his mind—to get home.

Holder of the Silver Star for gallantry in action in World War II, as well as three Purple Hearts and other medals, Abbott landed at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., with other repatriated prisoners of war. In an interview with the Associated Press, he told of his 34 months as a Communist captive and his plans to be reunited with his wife, Mrs. Winona McConnochie Abbott.

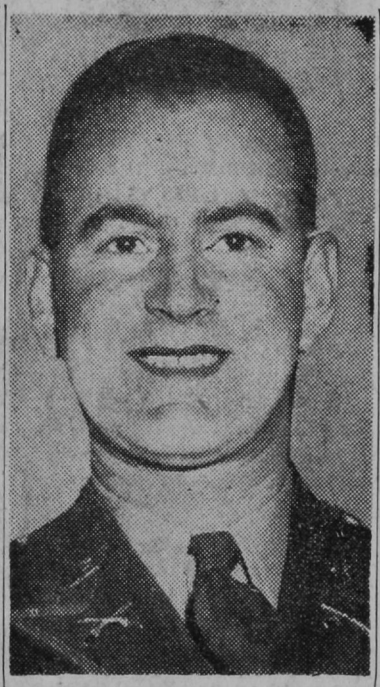
Abbott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Abbott, 194 Ave. A, Point Pleasant, was captured Nov. 26, 1950, while serving as liaison officer with the 7th ROK (Republic of Korea) Division. He was taken when Chinese hordes swept down from Manchuria, just as UN forces thought they had defeated the North Koreans.

"I was taken in the vicinity of Tokchon by the Chinese, who just overran my division," Colonel Abbott related.

"I was held in the Tokchon area for a week, then was taken to the rear and marched to Camp No. 2."

He said he later was moved from a second to a third Chinese camp, and eventually was turned over to a North Korean camp near Pingyang and held there five months.

"The food was very poor," Abbott said. "And at Camps 5 and 3 we had to attend lectures for the indoctrination of Communist ideology. But that was the only time we were exposed to Communism."



LT. COL. ROBERT N. ABBOTT
. . . home his one thought

Abbott was asked whether there was brutality in the camps but he declined to comment.

When the armistice was signed, he said the Reds told groups of prisoners about it.

"But the treatment of prisoners did not improve after the armistice," Abbott said. "In fact, the food got worse."

He said senior POW officers were tried and sentenced to varying terms, after the armistice. He said the sentences were for issuing illegal orders to fellow POWs. But he recalled that all such officers sentenced, to anywhere from six months to two years, later were released and repatriated in the last exchange of prisoners.

"As to future plans," Abbott said with a big grin, "I want to meet my wife in New York, and then spend a 30-day leave in Rochester. That's as far ahead as I want to figure."

A reserve officer, Abbott had been called back to duty in 1947 when he was a civilian director of the Monroe County Veterans Information Bureau here.

He was asked whether he had heard anything of Lt. Spiro Peters, husband of Mrs. Ann C. Peters, 90 Allandale Ave., whose name is on the list of prisoners for whom the Reds have refused to account.

Abbott said he had not known Peters, nor had he heard anything of him while he was a captive.

Abbott said he had "lost quite a bit of weight." But the colonel, who is 6 feet 1 inch, looked in good shape otherwise.

He said he would leave soon for a hospital near his home. He explained he wanted to take a commercial airliner at San Francisco for the trip. He hoped to start home last night.

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City's Most Decorated Vet Is Home

Abbott Sees China Leading World Reds

By STEVE HAMMER

China, potential center of the Communist world, seems ready to lead the East away from Moscow's policy of aggression, Rochester's most decorated ex-prisoner of war said yesterday after returning from Korea.

Nearly three years in Chinese custoday suggested this conclusion, among others, to Lt. Col. Robert N. Abbott whose four rows of ribbons are eloquent testimony to his valor. The 38-year-old infantry officer, appearing thin but otherwise well and tanned, quietly slipped into town Sunday night with Mrs. Abbott, who had met him in Buffalo Saturday.

Living with his captors for three years convinced him that control of world communism could well pass from Moscow to Peking. The stature of Mao Tse-tung, leader of Chinese communism, is eclipsing that of Russia's Malenkov and rivaling even the memory of Stalin, he said. More significant, he added, is that Mae's peace talk—in contrast to that of Moscow—seems to be backed by the actions of his regime.

If Mao succeeds in superseding the Kremlin, Abbott declared, the basic policy of communism might well be turned from aggression to a peace under which East and West could live together.

"They've succeeded in whipping up a tremendous amount of nationalism in China. But at the same time they are telling their own people, as well as the world, that they must have peace.

"That is perhaps the most significant thing, this stress on the need for peace even at home. The Chinese are aware they are becoming a great power, and they are working hard to achieve it.

"They also know that any aggression on their part would be the spark to set off another world war and they don't want that. They want to build in peace. They know they can't win in war."

Mao's chief domestic accomplishments so far are improvement of food distribution, notable flood control achievements—and more to come—in a country for ages ravaged by high water, and a more equitable distribution of wealth, Abbott said.

"The broad masses of peasants, I'd say, are better off today than they ever were under the Nationalists," he said. "The peasant class has more today, and the upper class less."

Abbott noted the political inspectors and interpreters in his prison camps—all well-educated and with some past contact with Americans—were not unfriendly toward their charges.

"Of course, none of them ever said in so may words they were in sympathy with us," he explained. "They couldn't under a police system. But by humane treatment they showed they didn't hate us capitalists too much. But at the same time, they certainly were loyal to communism—most young Chinese are. It's only the older ones who are still skeptical."

During his captivity, Abbott said, he became something of an expert on Communist doctrine. For lack of other literature, he read all the books on Communist theory—Marx, Engels and the rest—and found they contained some seeds of real peace as well as the seeds which the Stalin crowd sprouted into aggression.

"I'm positive," he elaborated, "that communism in any form can never be as good as our own capitalism."

He warned that even the mildest beginnings of communism, once permitted to slip into the American way, would lead to certain disaster.

"Communism," he declared, "is like a creeping disease. If you once come in contact with it, even lightly, it will eventually consume you. You can't get rid of it once you've got it."

The principle, he said, applies to individuals as well as nations. He saw it in action in stockades where the few Allied prisoners who nibbled on the Communist line were sucked into the "sinking hole" all the way.

The method used by Communists to hold their converts and collaborators, he said, is plain blackmail. "Once they have something on you, they never forgive you," he said. "They keep harping on it over and over, even if the 'offense' is something ridiculous. As you know, they encourage self-criticism and that's the way they often get a hold on people. Another way to get 'confessions' is to give the suspects a stretch of solitary."

Self-criticism and the generally grim prison life had their occasional humorous moments in which communism came out second-best, he said. He cited the case of a young officer who habitually snared, cooked and ate chickens belonging to stockade personnal. Ultimately he was caught red-handed but at first refused to admit any thefts. The Reds insisted they had proof he had stolen nine chickens.



LT. COL. ROBERT N. ABBOTT

". . . China could lead communism from aggression to peace"

"The Commies put him into solitary 'to meditate your misguided course'," Abbott recalled. "A couple of days later they brought him pencil and paper and told him to write out his confession. 'I am forced to admit,' he wrote, 'that I have stolen 14 chickens.' The Chinese looking over his shoulder became very agitated and insisted that the number of chickens should be nine, not 14, and the lieutenant gladly complied."

The inflexibility shown by these Communists, the colonel pointed out, is one of the millstones which burdens their system, discouraging all independent thought. It also indicates their unbending insistence on getting "confessions," exonerating virtually all Allied personnel who admitted phony crimes under duress.

"By and large," he said, "I think that our prisoners showed some pretty red-blooded Americanism, even those who co-operated with the Commies simply because they felt it was a matter of survival. You'll do some strange things for an extra bowl of rice when you're hungry—and we were pretty hungry sometimes.

"I believe that the Defense Department will in due course issue a statement to that effect. I think our men—just about all of them—stood up like real Americans."

Abbott's prison life, as he told it, was pretty much the same as that of other prisoners who told their stories: At first hunger, brutality, fear, untreated wounds (Abbott's legs were wounded but healed even without treatment), ruthless marches and deaths by the hundreds. Later came better treatment, propaganda, constant hope and ultimately freedom.

After a checkup at St. Alban's Hospital in New York, the colonel hopes to return for a long leave at his home at 8 Aldern Pl. He figured out that he has 128 days of leave coming, not counting 30 days' convalescence leave and he'll take as much as the Army will give him at one sitting.

And then?

"I'll do whatever the Army gives me. I'd like to work with prisoners, of course, or maybe in psychological warfare.

"I'm an expert on communism, you know," he smiled.

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Abbott Talks Tomorrow

Rochester's most decorated ex-prisoner of war has plenty of opportunity to fight the Korean War over and over again from Rochester speakers' platforms, but he prefers to keep such appearances on a restricted basis.

Lt. Col. Robert N. Abbott, who returned to Rochester late last month after three years of imprisonment by Chinese Communists, said he has appeared and has agreed to appear before seven organizations "but I'm trying to hold the number down."

"I'd like to talk before all the groups that have invited me," he said, "but I'd rather to spend as much time as possible with my family while I'm on leave from active duty. For that reason, I'm restricting my appearances to major organizations that can play a role in the nation's fight against communism."

His next speaking engagement will be before the T.N.T. Luncheon Club at 12.15 p. m. tomorrow at the Rochester Chamber of Commerce.

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POW Survivor Assigned Here

Assignment to a Rochester post of Lt. Col. Robert N. Abbott, local survivor of three years of Communist prison camps in Korea, was announced yesterday by Col. St. E. P. Tyner, instructor of local Army Reserve units.

Col. Abbott reported for duty Monday as unit adviser at the 1047th U.S. Army Reserve School, 20 Symington Pl., and of the 817th Evacuation Hospital Unit. He also will have "some administrative duties" in the over-all Reserve program here, according to Colonel Tyner.

Together with other officers assigned here, Abbott will work in the current recruiting drive of local Reserve units, Tyner said. This is the Korea veteran's first active duty assignment since he returned home from captivity. He lives with his family at 6 Aldern Pl.

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l Gls Listed as POWs, ng 3,198 Americans Held

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WORD FROM KOREA—Mrs. Robert N. Abbott was at the home of friends when news reached her that her husband, a major, and much decorated veteran of World War 2, was on list of American prisoners of war given negotiators at Panmunjom.

Maj. Robert Abbott, Sgt. Raymond Buck Imprisoned by Reds

Two Rochester servicemen last night were identified in prisoner-of-war lists yesterday handed Allied truce negotiators in Panmunjom, Korea, by a Communist truce team.

They are: Maj. Robert N. Abbott, husband of Mrs. Winona Abbott of 6 Aldern Pl., and son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Abbott, 194 Avenue A, Pt. Pleasant.

Sgt. Raymond Buck, 28, whose wife lives at 1647 North St., and who is the son of Mrs. Harriet Walters, 1946 Main St. E.

The Defense Department in Washington and Supreme Headquarters in Tokyo began the release of names of 3,198 Americans, all that were accounted for yesterday by Communist truce delegates of almost 12,000 missings GIs.

The total list of 11,559 UN prisoners—which the Reds exchanged for an Allied list of Communist prisoners totaling 132,472 North Koreans and Chinese—fell shockingly short of the more than 100,000 or more Allied missing believed in Red hands.

The Tokyo lists gave only name, rank and serial number. The Defense Department lists, checked against official records, was necessarily released much more slowly.

PRISONER LISTS
released in Washington, Tokyo are On pages 6, 7, 8,

Red Cross Inspection

The Defense Department emphasized that the prisoner list was given by the enemy and that its records of missing would not be changed until some agency such as the Red Cross can inspect Communist prisoner-of-war camps.



MAJ. ROBERT N. ABBOTT

"That's grand!" was the only comment Major Abbott's father could manage. On the telephone, his voice sounded thick with emotion.

"We've been listening to the radio and watching the lists on television," he added, after a pause. "But yours is the first word we've had."

The major's wife was at a "hen party" at the home of friends when the news reached her. "I can't say anything. I'm so happy," she laughed. "I had sort of hoped he'd be on that list, especially after we got a letter from him a few months ago."

as saying he was getting "courteous and kind treatment" at the hands of the Communists. At the time, both his mother and his wife agreed that he would only have signed such a statement "if he was between life and death," but never voluntarily.

Sergeant Buck is a veteran of three years' World War 2 Army service and was wounded in the second battle of Luzon, Philippine Islands. Discharged in 1945, he reenlisted in 1949. A former East High School pupil, he worked for the Merchants Despatch Transportation Corporation, East Rochester, between enlistments.

Letter in October

Mrs. Abbott had a letter from her husband last October. It was dated Aug. 26 and purportedly came from a Communist prisoner camp. In his letter, the major said he was in "good health," and that he hoped to be able "to return home in the near future." According to the list released yesterday, he is in a camp at Pyoktong in North Korea. His serial number matched that given by the Communists.

The officer, a World War 2 veteran, was reported missing in action just a year ago. He landed in Korea Oct. 1., 1950, and served as an adviser to the South Korean 7th Division until he disappeared on the battlefield.

During World War 2, he served in North Africa, and Europe. Wounded three times, he was decorated twice with the Silver Star and once each with the Bronze Star and the French Croix de Guerre.

The Abbotts have a 5-year-old daughter, Roberta Lee.

Not Surprised at News

Mrs. Walters did not appear surprised at the news; she, too, had had word from her son, although indirectly. Sergeant Buck's name was given by the Chinese Communist radio as that of a prisoner last January.

The sergeant's wife could not be reached last night.

The name of Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, U. S. 24th Division commander who was last seen leading a bazooka squad in the battle of Taejon 17 months ago, was reported on the list. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's Headquarters in Tokyo said it understood Dean was among the prisoners.

Word that only 3,198 Americans out of almost 12,000 who are missing were listed as Red prisoners was no

Red Newsmen Claim Allied List 'Useless'

Munsan, Korea—(AP)—Communist newsmen at the Panmunjom truce talks today asserted that the Allied list of Red prisoners was completely useless.

The Red newsmen said the list was in phonetic English spelling which have innumerable variations in Chinese and Korean.

The UN Command, however, said its list was simply a confirmation of information the Communist already had received through the International Red Cross.

Exchange of POW Lists Seen Aid to Truce Talks

Munsan, Korea — (AP) — The exchange of prisoner lists was regarded here as a step forward—if not a long step—in unknotting the deadlock on the Truce Agenda Item Four—exchange of prisoners.

The subcommittees handling this phase of the negotiations recessed for an indefinite period yesterday after the lists were exchanged. The second subcommittee, studying supervision of the truce, was scheduled to meet again today in Panmumjom.

Only eight days remain before expiration on Dec. 27 of a 30-day provisional cease-fire agreement on a buffer line across Korea. A new buffer line based on the fighting front must be redrawn after that date.

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2 Listed as Missing

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Write from PW Camps

Two more Rochester servicemen, reported missing in action in Korea, are alive in Chinese Red prisoner-of-war camps. They are:

Maj. Robert N. Abbott, husband of Mrs. Winona Abbott, 6 Aldern Pl., and son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Abbott, 194 Ave. A, Point Pleasant. He has a 5-year-old daughter, Roberta Lee.

Pfc. Thomas M. Spackman, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spackman, 196 Goodman St. N.

Abbott's wife received a letter in his handwriting that said "The People's Volunteer Army of China have afforded me the welcome opportunity to write to you."

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IT WAS THE FIRST WORD she had received since her husband was reported missing in action last December. He arrived in Korea Oct. 1, 1950, and was serving as adviser to a division of South Korean troops.

The letter, dated Aug. 26, continued:

"The news of the peace talks being held at Kaesong is very encouraging. We are all living in high hopes of an early settlement. I am in good health and hope to be able to return home in the near future.

To which Mrs. Abbott added, "I just hope we get this thing over with."

Her husband served seven years before and during World War 2, and reenlisted in 1947. In World War 2, he was decorated with two Bronze Stars, three Purple Hearts, the French Croix de Guerre and the Silver Star for heroism in action during the invasion of Sicily and other European and North African campaigns.

Two letters received from young Spackman this week were sent through the "Chinese People's Committee for World Peace and Against American Aggression."

He wrote that he was being treated well and that he was in "pretty good health."

Spackman was reported missing Apr. 23. He had been hospitalized four months after being wounded by rifle fire Aug. 27, 1950. He went to Korea from Hawaii at the start of the fighting.

A graduate of Edison Tech, he enlisted in the Army in 1949.



MAJ. ROBERT N. ABBOTT



PFC. THOMAS M. SPACKMAN

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Ex-POW Assigned To Reserve Unit

Lt. Col. Robert N. Abbott of 6 Aldern Pl., who for three years was a prisoner of the Communists in Korea, has been assigned as an adviser to Army Reserve units here.

Col. ST. E. P. Tyner, instructor for the local Reserve organization, said Col. Abbott will serve as unit adviser at the 1047th U.S. Army Reserve School, 20 Symington Pl., and at the 817th evacuation Hospital Unit.

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HAPPY FOR DADDY—Mrs. Robert Abbott and Roberta Lee had new assurance last night (in picture at top) that Daddy was safe and healthy, even though a prisoner of Chinese Reds.

Rochester Major Shown in Picture Of Red Captives

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"That's him there. That's my daddy."

Four-year-old Roberta Lee Abbott pointed to the balding man—third from the left — in the quilted Chinese Red Army uniform. In the picture he was flicking a card on the pile. It looked like a rummy game.

It was a picture of Maj. Robert N. Abbott, 35, of Rochester, taken somewhere in North Korea by a Communist photographer and turned over to an Associated Press correspondent at the Panmunjom truce talks on Apr. 2.

The major, a much decorated veteran of World War 2, was captured in December, 1950 when the 7th ROK (Republic of Korea) Division was overrun by the Chinese Reds in the "Home by Christmas" offensive.

Attached to Korea Division

He had been attached to the division since he landed in Korea in October, 1950, as a United Nations military adviser. In a letter written to his wife before his capture, he had said he was lounging in a foxhole watching the ROKs and Chinese Reds fire hand grenades at each other.

Since that time she has received five other letters — two of them, in October 1951, and January, 1952, apparently form letters with fill-in blanks drafted by the Communist propagandists.

But about five weeks ago, she received three more, dated Jan. 14, 15, and 16 — two for her and one for Roberta Lee. They were addressed to her mother's home at 6 Aldern Pl.

"Those were real letters," Mrs. Abbott said yesterday. "They were written by him — he wasn't able to say anything about what had happened but they made us feel a lot better."

In Hospital For Treatment

The major had written that he was in the hospital, but had not indicated whether it was for treatment of wounds or illness. Mrs. Abbott thinks the picture of the four men may have been taken outside a field hospital, although the Army's caption stated that the scene was the compound of a prisoner of war camp in North Korea.

In one of his letters, the major mentioned a Lt. Ralph Dixon of Cincinnati, Ohio, who also appeared in the Communist picture as one of the card players.

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"That's fine," Mrs. Walters said, with the tone of one who knew all along. Although advised by the Defense Department that the Chinese broadcast did not change her son's official classification as "missing," she apparently had taken the Reds' word for it.

Buck was reported missing only after the enemy identified him as a prisoner early this year.

The enemy broadcast quoted Buck surprise due to recent atrocity reports. Allied officers had reported 6,000 to 8,000 American soldiers were murdered. They expected less than 4,000 when a final Communist accounting was made.

The prisoner exchange question seemed to hinge partly on conflicting figures on the number of South Koreans the Communists said they held.

It was believed that many South Korean captives were pressed into service in the North Korean Army.

The South Korean Government reacted unfavorably to the news from Munsan.

"We refuse to believe the honesty of the Communists," said an official South Korean statement released in Pusan. The Government of President Syngman Rhee said it was "shocked beyond words at the appalling discrepancy."

The Communist report also contained the names of 919 British, 234 Turks, 40 Filipinos, 10 French, six Australians, four South Africans, three Japanese who may be Americans of Japanese ancestry, one Canadian, one Greek and one Netherlander.



—AP Wirephoto

CITY MAN IN POW CAMP—Maj. Robert N. Abbott, 6 Aldern Pl. (second from right), who was the first Rochester man listed when the Chinese Communists issued their lists of prisoners of war, is pictured here in a card game with three other prisoners. From left are Lt. Ralph E. Culbertson, Idaho; Charles E. Rundgren, Glen Cove, N. Y., and Lt. Ralph P. Dixon Jr., Ohio. Picture was taken by a Red photographer and turned over at Panmunjom.

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Lt. Col. Abbott Back; Most Decorated Hero Of City in 2 Wars

The last three Rochester soldiers known to have been prisoners of the Communists walked through Freedom Gate at Panmunjom today (last night, Rochester time).

First of the remaining local POWs to be liberated was Rochester's most decorated prisoner of war, Lt. Col. Robert N. Abbott. The 38-year-old officer was the highest ranking soldier among the first group of the 275 Americans released.

Following him to freedom were Capt. Arthur H. Lozano, 32-year-old comrade POW of Colonel Abbott, and Master Sgt. Raymond H. Buck.

Colonel Abbott is the husband of Mrs. Winona Abbott of 6 Aldern Pl. and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Abbott of 48½ Rowley St.

Captain Lozano, a West Point graduate, is the husband of Mrs. Elizabeth VandeVisse Lozano of 535 Highland Ave. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Lozano, live in San Antonio, Tex.

Sergeant Buck is the son of Mrs. Noal D. Walters of 1946 Main St. E.

These final three were the seventh, eighth and ninth known war prisoners from Rochester to be released.

When Abbott stepped under Freedom Gate, he heard for the first time that he had been promoted from major to lieutenant colonel while a Chinese captive. Awaiting him also was a Bronze Star, his eighth decoration in two wars.

Abbott was captured on Nov. 27, 1950, in North Korea when part of the Seventh ROK Division was surrounded by Chinese in the futile "home by Christmas" offensive. He was among a group of officers awaiting air rescue. The non-commissioned officers had been flown to safety earlier.

Attached to ROK Division

Abbott had been attached to the ROK division as a United Nations military adviser on his arrival in Korea in October, 1950.

His wife first learned that her husband was a prisoner when his picture appeared in a Communist magazine. That was in the fall of 1951 and in October the first letter from him arrived. In December, 1951, his name appeared on a prisoner of war list handed Allied truce negotiators at Panmunjom.

Abbott enlisted in the Army first in 1936, three years after he was graduated from Madison High School.

In World War II, he won three Purple Hearts, the French Croix de Guerre, two Bronze Stars and the Silver Star, the latter for heroism during the invasion of Sicily and in the European and North African campaigns.

After his discharge at the end of World War II, Abbott was director of the Rochester office of the Monroe County Veterans Information Bureau. He later was senior instructor of the Organized Reserve Corps at Ithaca. He left that post in 1946 to reenlist as a sergeant.

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Shackles Removed

Families Hear from Ex-Prisoners

Six city and three vicinity released prisoners of war were strung across half the globe on their way home from Korea last night.

For one, Lt. Col. Robert N. Abbott, 38, distance was no barrier to contacting the family he has not seen for three years. Abbott, Rochester's most decorated exchanged prisoner, telephoned twice from a Tokyo hospital yesterday.

"He said he's fine," his wife, Winona, of 6 Aldern Pl., reported. "He said it was a routine checkup. He expects to fly home, but he didn't know when." Abbott also spoke with the couple's 7-year-old daughter, Roberta Lee.

Then he called his mother, Mrs. Harry C. Abbott of 48½ Riley St. He told Mrs. Abbott that he would be here in a week or 10 days.

"He was very brief," Abbott's father said later. "At $17 a minute, you can't monkey around."

Two other released prisoners will arrive by ship at San Francisco Sunday. They are Cpl. James P. Scahill, 21, of 177 Herald St. and S/Sgt. Berger L. Johnson, 21, of 839 Thurston Rd.

A cable received by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Goodburlet of 6 Genesee St., Scottsville, gave no indication when their son would be home. Cpl. Raymond F. Goodburlet, 22, a prisoner for 2½ years, said:

"Free from Reds at last. Never so happy to be an American as today. Am in a good American hospital receiving excellent care. Don't worry about me.

"Coming home at last. Tell the folks I've missed you terribly. Long to see you again." It was unknown if the hospital was in Korea or Japan.

Capt. Arthur H. Lozano, 30, who was freed with Lt. Col. Abbott, cabled his wife as he left Korea. Mrs. Elizabeth Lozano of 535 Highland Ave., estimated from the wire that her husband had left the peninsula by ship on Wednesday. She expects to meet him at San Francisco.

Mrs. Mary M. Preston of 26 Bank St., Batavia, arranged yesterday to fly to California on Sept. 17 and meet her husband when he arrives. Capt. William N. Preston, 33, an Air Force pilot, sailed from Korea on Sept. 5.

A letter from Cpl. William E. Todd indicated he would first go to Milledgeville, Ga., to see his wife. But Nathaniel Todd of 16 Evangeline St., the corporal's brother, expected he would then come here.

Since a cablegram arrived Tuesday, there has been no word from M/Sgt. Raymond H. Buck, 30, of 1946 East Ave. Parents of Pfc. Nicholas J. Aramino, 23, of 72 Main St., Le Roy, could not be reached.

The arrival yesterday of Cpl. Thomas N. Spackman, 21, of 196 Goodman St. N., brought to four the number of city and vicinity prisoners who have returned.



—AP Wirephoto

FREEDOM—Lt. Col. Robert N. Abbott, 38, grins happily at Freedom Village in Korea minutes after his release from a Communist prisoner of war camp on Sept. 5 Abbott phoned his wife and parents from Tokyo yesterday.

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DADDY—Roberta Abbott, 7, looks at photograph of her father, Lt. Col. Robert N. Abbott, freed by the Reds last night after being held 33 months as a POW. Roberta, who lives at 6 Aldern Pl., has not seen her father in three years.

Happy News for Families

'Almost at End of Rope,' Says Father of Abbott

It was hot last night, but not too warm for two Rochester families that had "almost reached the end of our rope" to celebrate the release of Lt. Col. Robert N. Abbott.

In the small, second floor rear apartment at 48½ Rowley St., Harry C. Abbott, the officer's father, was sitting in a yellow easy chair when the phone rang at 9:22 p. m.

"That's grand, thank you very, very much," he said in delight when he heard that his son had been released after two years and nine months.

"I can't talk now," Abbott continued, and his voice broke slightly.

When the news was flashed from Korea, the officer's wife, Winona, was not at her home at 6 Aldern Pl. She and Roberta Lee, the couple's 7-year-old daughter, had gone out to buy frozen custard cones.

"I was getting worried," Mrs. Abbott admitted later, after she heard of her husband's release. "I was about shot today."

Abbott's last letter had arrived here in June.

"He sounded very, very hopeful in it," his happy wife revealed.

Roberta said she could remember her father well, though she was 4 years old when she last saw him. She has pasted newspaper clippings about her father on the dining room door of the pleasant house where Roberta and Mrs. Abbott live with her parents.

When neighbors poured into the living room, Roberta put on a clean red and white dress and sipped one soft drink after another.

"He's got a Bronze Star coming and he doesn't even know it," exclaimed Mrs. Abbott. The decoration, her husband's eighth, was given to Mrs. Abbott while her husband was a prisoner.

She said she expected to go to San Francisco, meet her husband when he arrives and give him the medal.

Abbott's uncle, Herbert Kester of Marion, died Thursday and the officer's mother was out arranging for his funeral when the news came. She heard it from a neighbor as she walked up her Rowley Street driveway.



RELIEVED—Harry C. Abbott, father of Lt. Col. Robert N. Abbott, received congratulations from friends after his son was released by Communists.

"Your son's home," the neighbor screamed.

"Here?" Mrs. Abbott said, startled.

The officer's parents last heard from him early in June. What did he say?

"What could he say with a gun at his head?" Abbott's father replied. "For 33 months we've waited. Last night we almost got to the end of our rope.

"We knew it couldn't be much longer."

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City Major Missing, GI Wounded in Korea

D. & C. DEC 8 - 1950

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D. & C. DEC 21 1950

2 Local Soldiers Reported Wounded In Korean Conflict

Field Artillery Captain Missing in Action

Two more Monroe County service men have been wounded in the Korean War and a Field Artillery captain is missing in action, it was learned yesterday.

Cpl. Michael S. Arengi, 20, 11th Airborne Division

Cpl. Michael S. Arengi, 20, of 197 Lux St., was wounded in action in Korea Dec. 4, a Defense Department telegram disclosed yesterday.



CPL. M. S. ARENGI

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Arengi. Corporal Arengi's sister, Theresa, said the telegram gave no other details.

Corporal Arengi was serving with the 11th Airborne Division. In a letter which his parents received Nov. 26, Arengi told of making a jump over the 38th Parallel with his unit. He enlisted in the Army two and a half years ago and has been in Korea since September. He also told of meeting his brother, Sgt. Philip Arengi of 132 Campbell Pk., a soldier with the First Cavalry Division. Philip joined the Army 15 months ago.

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Polish DP, Veteran of Korea, Proud of Corporal's Stripes

If there is any one particular thing that impresses upon Marian Antczak the meaning of "democracy," it is the two-stripe patch on his left arm.

Those stripes, announcing to the world at large that Marian Antczak, 23, a Polish DP turned American soldier, is a corporal in the U. S. Army, are proof enough.

Antczak isn't a U. S. citizen yet. He has filed his first papers, but it will be a couple more years before he is sworn in. Yet he has been promoted from private to corporal — "and where else in the world could that happen?" he asked last night as he prepared to shove off to rejoin his outfit in Korea.

He has been home on leave for the last two weeks, a leave spent with his parents and his brother here at 107 Merrimac St. It was the first time he had seen them since 1949 when he came to this country from Europe. During World War 2 he had been in forced labor.

Antczak went first to Montana, where he worked for a farmer, and then, in 1950, came to Rochester. In July, 1950, he volunteered for U. S. Army service, but before he left he asked the Rochester Polish Displaced Persons Committee if it would try to have his parents and brother brought here from Germany. The mission was accomplished; they came here in June, 1951.

The Committee, through the Red Cross, managed to wangle a leave for Antczak who, by the time his parents arrived here, was in Korea with the Signal Corps. Of the fighting in Korea he would say little or nothing: of the two stripes on his arm — "wonderful!"

D. & C. SEP 6 - 1951

Shell Splinters Wound City GI Storming Hill

D. & C. SEP 3 - 1951

Cpl. Joseph C. Akel, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ferris A. Akel, 158 Michigan St., is recovering from shrapnel wounds suffered July 30 in Korea, the Department of Defense reported last night.



JOSEPH C. AKEL

Corporal Akel, in a letter to his parents, said he had been struck in the face and shoulder with the shell splinters. The injury occurred during an action in which the 38th Infantry Regiment of the 2nd Division was taking a hill.

In the Army since last September, Akel left with his unit for Korea Mar. 5. He is a native of Rochester, attended Paul Revere Trade School and worked for Bausch & Lomb Optical Company.

One Korea GI 'Missing,' Shell Injures Another

TIMES UNION SEP 4 - 1951

The brother of a Rochester man is missing in action and another local boy has been reported wounded in Korea. They are: **Cpl. Dominc Eritano,** 25, brother of Anthony Eritano, 184 Whitney St., missing about three weeks, and **Cpl. Joseph C. Akel,** 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ferris A. Akel, 158 Michigan St., wounded July 30.

Anthony Eritano, World War 1 veteran and a guard at the Federal Building here, said Cpl. Eritano, whose home is in Akron, Ohio, had been in Korea nine months and was serving with a 3d Division regimental combat team.



CPL. ERITANO

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YOUNG AKEL is recovering from shell fragment wounds suffered while his 2d Division unit was taking a hill.

In a letter to his parents, he said he was injured in the face and shoulders.

Akel entered military service a year ago and was shipped to Korea last March. A native Rochesterian, he attended Paul Revere Trade School and was employed at Bausch & Lomb Optical Co.



CPL. JOSEPH C. AKEL

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Rochester Soldier Wounded in Korea

Pvt. Raymond L. Anselm, 21, was reported yesterday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick L. Anselm of 63 Dale St., as wounded in the Korean fighting on Oct. 15.



PVT. RAYMOND L. ANSELM

The soldier told his parents, in a letter received by them last Thursday, that he had been shot in the leg, the bullet penetrating upward into his hip. "But I feel fine, so don't worry about me." The Defense Department telegraphed the family yesterday morning that Anselm was "slightly wounded" and is under treatment at an Army hospital.

Private Anselm was sent overseas on July 8. He took basic training at Fort Dix, N. J., and attended the advanced technical training school at Fort Bliss, Tex. He was graduated from the Paul Revere Trade School and worked at Eastman Kodak, prior to entering service last Feb. 12.

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SOMETHING TO BE THANKFUL FOR—Pfc. Angelo Agresti marks Thanksgiving, 1951, by getting a kiss from "Mom," Mrs. Rose Agresti. Angelo "celebrated" Thanksgiving, '50, in Korea.

Police Action? 'Baloney,' Says Veteran of Korea

On that fateful day of July 29, 1950, Pfc. Angelo Agresti was with occupational troops in Japan when the Korean "police action" was announced.

Agresti, back home yesterday on a 15-day leave, was among the first of the U. S. soldiers to take part in the Korea action.

"We thought when we left Japan that we were just going to Korea for a few days, but I was there for 11 months," observed Agresti last night. "Police action? Hah, that's a lot of baloney; this is strictly a war."

Agresti isn't going back to Korea, and he's glad of it. Now stationed at Camp Kilmer, N. J., he expects to get his discharge from the Army in eight months. Then, he says, he'll get a job and get married. The 20-year-old veteran has someone in mind, he admitted.

He didn't talk much about his fighting experiences, observing that others who have been through it "have told the story already." Of that first Winter in Korea Agresti still shuddered as he observed he was "the coldest I've ever been." He added that the boys who go through the Korean Winter this year will be somewhat better off because they'll have better equipment.

A former Benjamin Franklin High School pupil, Agresti entered the Army in July, 1948. While reluctant to discuss his fighting experiences, Agresti's jacket displayed the Bronze Star, the Presidential Citation, Korean Unit Citation, citations for three major battles in the Korean campaign, the Japanese occupation ribbon and a good conduct ribbon.

Agresti, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vittorio Agresti, of 628 North St., has a brother, Frank, 21, still in Korea. He has been there with the Air Force for six months. Another brother, Joseph, is a veteran of World War 2. Yesterday the family, including a married sister, Mrs. Sarah Maccano, spent Thanksgiving Day at the home of friends, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Marotta, at 627 Scio St.

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Local Man Thwarts 5 Kidnapers After Chase on Burmese Roads

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Where William H. Andrews is, there usually is adventure and excitement.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Andrews of 383 Elmgrove Rd., Greece, said so last night as they sat in their living room and talked of their son's latest exploit, the thwarting of a kidnaping attempt in Rangoon, Burma.

According to the Associated Press, "Bill" was driving to his work at the U. S. Consulate yesterday morning with a Burmese clerk when he spotted five men dragging another man, U Po Sa, managing director of the Burmese National Bank, and another man into a jeep.



ROY R. ANDREWS

Leaving the clerk out of his car to notify police, Andrews, who is 31 and unmarried, raced after the jeep containing the two captives and five kidnapers. Several miles out in the country the five men abandoned the jeep and their hostages. A few hours later, Rangoon police nabbed four suspects, one of whom carried a note mentioning the $100,000 ransome plot.

Bill's father was itching to get outside to harness his two pacers and take them for a jog, but he consented to forgo a few minutes of daylight to help his wife recount a few more of their son's adventures.

Six months ago, they said, Bill was involved in a jeep accident on a dangerous Burmese road. His vehicle roled over and Bill suffered a serious head injury, which he described in a letter a few months after it happened.

About 1946, Bill's jeep rolled over into the Yangtzse River near Canton, China. That in itself wasn't a calamity but the actions of a group of Chinese after the accident was, his parents related. Each time Bill tried to get out of the overturned jeep the Chinese pushed it and him back into the muddy waters of the river. He wasn't able to free himself until a group of armed Chinese police arrived on the scene. At the time Bill was employed by the American embassy.



WILLIAM H. ANDREWS

It's no wonder Mr. and Mrs. Andrews don't get too excited when they learn of Bill's exploits either from him or from a news service dispatch. Bill enlisted in the Army prior to World War 2 and reenlisted for a second hitch in the Far East. When that expired, the former pupil of Madison and Benjamin Franklin High Schools, obtained a job with the U. S. Embassy in Canton.

His parents weren't sure exactly what Bill does in Burma but they believe he is engaged in intelligence work. When the Communists overran Canton, Bill and his fellow embassy staff members narrowly escaped. As his parents put it, Bill got out "on a slow boat to Burma."

The plucky foreign service official has been in Burma since 1947 except for a short visit home during the Christmas season in 1950. During World War 2, Bill was a medical technician and spent about 18 months on a small island in the South Pacific. His brother, who now lives in Canandaigua, spent three years in Panama in the Army and later served in Europe and Africa. A sister, Mrs. Lois H. Rive, lives on Long Island.

His father said Bill's adventurous nature dates back to when he was a youth and told his father he intended to travel to all corners of the earth someday. He started on the goal in high school when he bicycled all over the state.

In addition to working as a machinist at the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company, Bill's father and mother operate the Andrews Boarding and Training Stables in back of their home. In addition to the two horses which he co-owns with a friend, the older Andrews trains seven other harness horses which race at Batavia and Hamburg.

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War 2 Vet Missing On Korea Flight



LT. JAMES ALBRIGHT

A former Brighton policeman, one of four brothers who served their country during World War 2 and the Korean conflict, is the latest Rochester serviceman to be reported missing in action.

First Lt. James Robert Albright, an Air Force jet fighter pilot, disappeared last Saturday while returning from a mission over North Korea, according to Defense Department telegrams to his father, Leslie S. Albright of 118 Bobrich Dr.

Lt. Albright is a veteran of World War 2 and father of a 2-year-old girl. His wife, Elizabeth and daughter, Ellen are living in Japan near the airfield from which his outfit's planes operated.

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WORD OF HIS SON'S disappearance was received by Mr. Albright in two messages from the Defense Department. On Sunday the father was informed Lt. Albright was missing. Another telegram yesterday morning stated that a search for Lt. Albright's plane in the Sea of Japan had been discontinued.

Two of Lt. Albright's brothers are in military service now. Cpl. Roger Albright, 25, will be discharged soon after more than four years' service, including two years' duty in Japan. Pfc. Gerald Albright, 22, now is stationed in Germany.

Another brother, Richard, now is on inactive duty as an Army lieutenant after serving in the Pacific area in World War 2.

Lt. James Robert Albright, now listed as missing, entered the Army in 1942 and was graduated from an Air Forces flying school in 1944. After serving on Okinawa, he was placed on inactive duty in 1946.

He was a member of the Brighton police force later in 1946 and in 1947 before being recalled to active duty. Shortly after Thanksgiving Day, 1951, he was sent to Japan.

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SINCE THE WAR in Korea began June 25, 1950, a total of 73 Rochester and Monroe County servicemen have been killed in Korea, nine have been listed by the Communists as prisoners of war and 20, including Lt. Albright, have been reported missing in action.

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HAPPY TEARS—Tears in her eyes, Mrs. Floyd Aramino of Le Roy looks up into the happy face of her son, Pfc. Nicholas J. Aramino, repatriated POW, as they meet on the Fort Mason Dock in San Francisco. Aramino was one of 377 former prisoners to return. His parents met him there. (AP Wirephoto)

Le Roy's Freed Prisoner Arrives on Coast

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A civic welcome in Le Roy awaits Pfc. Nicholas J. Aramino, 22, who arrived in San Francisco yesterday after some 33 months as a prisoner of the Communists in Korea.

Aramino expects to go into business with his father, Floyd, a restaurateur, of 70 Main St., Le Roy.

The father and mother were at the dock yesterday when the transport Marine Phoenix, carrying Aramino and other freed PWs, arrived.

"He looked good," the older Aramino, "except for losing about 13 pounds."

Mrs. Aramino broke down as she embraced her eldest son. She and her husband had flown to San Francisco.

Pfc. Aramino, processed through Letterman General Hospital, expected to be home with his family shortly. He had little to say about his treatment at the hands of he Reds, but did say that "it was kind of rough."

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TIMES UNION SEP 11 1953

Welcome Planned for Le Roy PW

LE ROY — Pfc. Nicholas Ara mino, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs Floyd L. Aramino Sr. of 70 Mai St., Le Roy, the first Genese County prisoner of war to be re leased by the Communists i Korea following the armistic ending hostilities, was amon American PWs who arrived b ship in San Francisco, Calif. Thursday.

The Le Royan was greeted at the pier by his parents and brother, Floyd L. Aramino Jr. who made the trip to the West Coast by airplane. They left Le Roy Tuesday evening, arriving in San Francisco Wednesday morning.

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PFC. ARAMINO with his parents and brother are due to arrive in Batavia at 5 p. m. Tuesday. There they will be met by Le Roy village officials, and a delegation from Botts-Fiorito Post, American Legion, which is in charge of the home-coming celebration. From Batavia they will proceed with a police escort to Le Roy.

At the outskirts of the village the Araminos and the welcoming delegation will be met by the Brockport Drum and Bugle Corps and escorted to the Marlau Restaurant at 10 Main St., conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Aramino, where a large number of friends will be awaiting their arrival.

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AT 6 P. M. on Wednesday Pfc. Aramino will be guest of honor at a dinner to be given at the Legion Home on West Main St. with members of the returned PW's family and representatives of various local groups among the guests.

Open House at the Legion Home will follow with opportunity to all community residents to join in the welcome-home. Dancing from 9 on will complete the ceremonies.

Happy Tears in Frisco

D. & C. SEP 14 1953

Le Roy Family Greets PW at Pier

By FRANK DOSTAL

Tears of joy streaming down their faces, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L. Aramino Sr. of 70 Main St., Le Roy, yesterday welcomed their eldest son, Pfc. Nicholas J. Aramino, 22, home from more than 33 months of captivity in Korea.

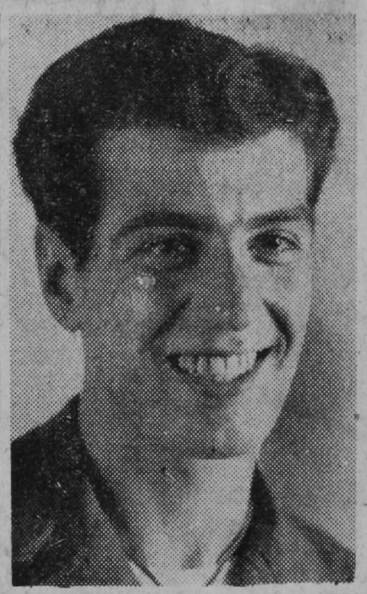
He walked down the gangplank of the transport Marine Phoenix into the arms of his parents and younger brother, Floyd L. Jr., who had flown to San Francisco to meet him. The whole family wept unashamedly at the long-awaited reunion.

"It was great," Pfc. Aramino said in a telephone interview with The Democrat and Chronicle last night. His voice broke slightly as he added: "I sure was surprised to see them."

Pfc. Aramino was the fifth Rochester area serviceman to be returned by the Communists during the prisoner-of-war exchange following the Korean armistice. He was the first of 150 U. S. prisoners to cross the demarcation line to Freedom Village on Aug. 27, the 23rd day of Operation Big Switch.

His arrival with 377 repatriated Americans aboard the Marine Phoenix at 9 a. m. ended an anxiety-filled, four-day wait for his family. They left by plane for San Francisco Tuesday night, arriving Wednesday morning, in the expectation of meeting him Thursday.

The arrival of the ship was delayed, however, and they spent the intervening time in tense anticipation. The wait was forgotten when tugs nosed the transport into the dock at Fort Mason at San Francisco's famed Embarcadero.



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"We spotted him at the rail before he even got off the ship," his father said elatedly. "He looks good, although he lost about 13 pounds."

Mrs. Aramino just broke down as she clutched her son to her. "Sure she cried," her husband remarked. "You don't blame her, do you? It's been a long time."

Accompanied by his family, Pfc. Aramino was going through processing at Letterman General Hospital when he was reached by telephone. He was reluctant to speak of his treatment at the hands of the Reds with his family close by, but admitted "It was kind of rough."

He said he had been with Cpl. James P. Scahill, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Scahill, 177 Herald St., and Cpl. William E. Todd, brother of Nathaniel Todd and Mrs. Bernard F. Bryant, 16 Evangeline St. He believed both were to arrive in the United States shortly.

The returning serviceman will go into business with his father.

Two Rochester servicemen, among the 1,308 passengers from the Far East aboard the Gen. M. Patrick scheduled to dock today at Seattle, were listed by the Associated Press as S/Sgt. Walter T. Kucy of 207 Burwell Rd., and Airman 2.C. Robert E. Leiske of 59 Townsend St.

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Rochester GI Listed as PW

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A Chinese Communist propaganda broadcast early today carried the name of a Rochester soldier among American and British prisoners who, the Peiping radio said, signed a statement of appreciation for "courteous and kind treatment," according to an Associated Press dispatch from Tokyo.

The name of the Rochester "signer" was given as Raymond Buck, 28, Sgt. 1/c, 3rd Division, of 1647 North St. It was the first time a list of prisoners of war taken in Korea has been released by the Peiping radio.

Mother, Wife Deny City GI Would Sign Red Statement

A Rochester veteran of World War 2, who two months after he reenlisted last July figured he wouldn't be sent overseas, was listed yesterday by the Red China radio as a prisoner of war.

Sgt. 1/c Raymond Buck, 28, was listed by the Peiping Radio as a prisoner who was satisfied with the Chinese's treatment of him.



SGT. RAYMOND BUCK

The Red China Radio at Peiping yesterday broadcast a list of 27 American and 2 British war prisoners and said they had signed a statement saying they are getting "courteous and kind treatment," according to an Associated Press dispatch from Tokyo. General MacArthurs' headquarters said it could not verify the list of prisoners. This marked the first time a list of prisoners of war taken in Korea has been released by the Peiping radio.

Both his wife, Mrs. Raymond Buck of 1647 North St., and his mother, Mrs. Harriet Walters of 26 Locust St., agreed that Sergeant Buck "would not have signed" any such statement.

A veteran of three years' Army service during World War 2, Sergeant Buck was wounded in 1943 at Luzon in the Philippines. He was discharged in 1945 and reenlisted last July. While at home on leave in August, he said he didn't think he would be sent overseas.

He was a pupil at East High School and during the time between enlistments, he worked at the Merchants Despatch Transportation Corporation in East Rochester.

His last letters to his wife and to his mother were dated Nov. 29. His mother said he was in the 3rd Division and was being sent to help out "in the reservoir area." He has a 14-months-old son, Gary, a brother, William, 30, who was with the Army in India in the last war, a brother, Howard, 21, and a brother, Robert, 16. None of the three is in service now. He also has a sister, Mrs. Ellen Sackett.

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GI Said POW by China, Reported Missing by U.S.

D. & C. JAN 10 1951

Sgt. Raymond Buck, 28, of 1647 North St., who on Jan. 5 was reported by the Chinese Reds as being a prisoner of war and a signer of a statement that he was being given "courteous and kind treatment," was reported yesterday by the U. S. Army as "missing in action."



SGT. RAYMOND BUCK

Sergeant Buck's mother, Mrs. Harriet Walters, 26 Locust St., last night said that a telegram had been received to that effect, by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Raymond Buck.

The Rochester sergeant's mother last night declared that Raymond would have signed the Red Chinese statement "only if he was between life and death," but never voluntarily. This was an amendment to an earlier statement that "he would never have signed it."

According to Mrs. Walters, the Army's telegram yesterday said that a letter would follow, explaining the delay in reporting the soldier as missing.

Sergeant Buck is a veteran of three years' World War 2 service in the Army. He was wounded on Luzon, Philippine Islands. Discharged in 1945, he reenlisted last July. A former East High School pupil, he worked at the Merchants Despatch Transportation Corporation in East Rochester between enlistments.

Chinese Mail PW's Plaudits

D & C Jan. 31 1951

A photostatic copy of the Chinese Communist propaganda statement allegedly signed by Sgt. Raymond Buck, 28, of 1647 North St. and 29 other men captured in the Korean fighting, was received in the mail yesterday by two American newspapers.

The photostat, received, along with pictures of Sgt. Buck and others, turned up at the New York Daily News and the Dallas (Texas) Daily Times. The propaganda statement to the effect that the men were being treated well and desired a seat at the United Nations for the Chinese Communists, was first publicized in a broadcast on Jan. 5 over the Communist Peiping Radio.

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Veteran Returning To Army Hospital

D. & C. JAN 30 1953

A veteran of Korean fighting is on his way back to Letterman Army Hospital in San Francisco for further treatment of the leg wound he suffered when ambushed by North Koreans in November.

A slug from a burp gun tore through the ankle and took six inches of bone from the right leg of Pfc. David Achzet, son of Mr. and Mrs. David C. Achzet, 131 Clearview Rd., Greece. He and a squad from the 15th Regiment, 3d Infantry Division, were on a battle reconnaissance patrol in the Chowon Valley at 3 a. m. Nov. 15 when the ambush occurred.

He was evacuated to a hospital in Korea, was flown to Japan, and 10 days later returned to the United States, where he was hospitalized at Letterman. He arrived at home Jan. 18, and he left for San Francisco again at 1:30 a. m. today.

Achzet is a 1948 graduate of Paul Revere Trade School. He worked for several months in the National Clothing Store before enlisting in January, 1949.

Red Cross Aids Airman

D. & C. MAY 21 1953

Airman 1/c Joseph Alletto, 23, of 202 Allen St., may soon be a civilian if the Rochester Chapter of the American Red Cross proves as effective as it has in the past.



JOSEPH ALLETTO

Alletto, who is stationed in Florence, Italy, with the Allied Air Forces in Southern Europe, is seeking a hardship discharge from the Air Force because of the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Carmella Alletto. And running interference and carrying the ball for him is the Home Service Bureau of the Red Cross.

The youthful airman serves with the Office of Special Investigations, a sort of military FBI. The post requires a minimum of worries from home.

:When Alletto's mother became ill, the Red Cross helped secure an emergency 30-day leave for him in January by providing the Air Force with evidence of need. Through its field representative in Livorno, James Fennell, son of Mrs. Simon J. Fennell, 138 Wellington Ave., it was ready to obtain a morale leave for Alletto when Air Force Headquarters unexpectedly granted one.

Although Mrs. Alletto's condition no longer is critical, she is expected to be hospitalized indefinitely. Meanwhile, the Red Cross is attempting to obtain her son's discharge on a hardship basis. It hopes to have all the necessary information before he flies back to his post in Florence Monday or Tuesday.

A graduate of Aquinas Institute, Alletto was employed by McFarlin Clothing Company and the Parmelee Shoe Shop before he enlisted in December, 1950. He still has another 1½ years to serve.

Brighton Sergeant Home from Korea

Marine Sgt. Thomas G. Ashmead, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. Ashmead of 767 Highland Ave., Brighton, is home on a month's leave after a year's service in Korea. Ashmead, who wears three Battle Stars, enlisted Jan. 4, 1951, after graduation from Brighton High School. He took his basic training at Parris Island, S. C., and served with an ordnance outfit in Korea.

D. & C. AUG 16 1953

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East Rochester Man Wounded In Korea Battle

TIMES UNION AUG 9 1950

A former Marine who fought in Pacific jungles in the last war has been wounded in Korea, his family in East Rochester disclosed today.



BRUSSO

He is 2d Lt. Wilfred E. Brusso, 26, who changed branch of service and earned an Army commission after serving with the 1st Marine Division of Guadalcanal fame.

Brusso's wife, Margaret, is living with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred J. Brusso, of 701 S. Garfield St., East Rochester.

Brusso was hit in Korea while he fought with the 1st Cavalry (now mechanized) Division.

His family reported that, in a letter received from him but written by a Red Cross girl, his right arm is in a cast. Brusso is in a Tokyo hospital.

3 Rochester Region Soldiers Wounded In Korea Fighting

D. & C. AUG 10 1950

Three soldiers from the Rochester region yesterday were reported wounded in fighting in Korea.

Pvt. Kenneth R. Brent, 5th Cavalry Regiment

Pvt. Kenneth R. Brent, 19, of 633 Lake Ave., was slightly wounded in action in Korea, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brent, disclosed yesterday. The nature of the wound and the date on which is was inflicted were not reported in the official telegram received by the Brents.



KENNETH R. BRENT

Private Brent enlisted in the Army Dec. 6, 1947, at Indiana, Pa. Prior to enlisting, he attended Homer City, Pa., High School. He is attached now to Headquarters Company of the 5th Cavalry Regiment. Mrs. Brent said her son was in Rochester on furlough in June, 1949.

David Bergesen Korea Casualty, Parents Learn

D. & C. AUG 18 1950

Army Officer Wounded July 28, Returned To Front

Second Lt. David E. Bergesen, son of Capt. and Mrs. Alf O. R. Bergesen, 113 Commonwealth Rd., was wounded in Korean action July 28, according to word received by his parents.



DAVID E. BERGESEN

Lieutenant Bergesen was struck in the left thigh by a mortar fragment causing superficial wounds, but in a recent letter to his family wrote that he was returned to the front Aug. 4.

The 22-year-old soldier was a student at Dartmouth College when he enlisted in the Army in 1948. He was commissioned in July 1949, trained as a paratrooper and sent to Japan last March. Lieutenant Bergesen has been serving with the 1st Cavalry in Korea.

His brother, Alf, a graduate of Annapolis Naval Academy, who served for three years with the Navy during World War 2 and after, lives in Paris. His father, who retired this Summer after 30 years in the Navy, was professor of naval science at the University of Rochester for the past two years.

Lt. Wilfred E. Brusso, 8th Engineer Corps

D & C Aug. 10, 1950

Lt. Wilfred E. Brusso, 26, of East Rochester, yesterday was reported to have been wounded in action while serving in Korea with the First Armored Cavalry Division.



WILFRED E. BRUSSO

A Red Cross girl who wrote to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred J. Brusso of 701 S. Garfield St., said the lieutenant's arm was in a cast.

Lieutenant Brusso was reconnaissance and communications officer with the 8th Engineer Corps of the division. His parents said he had been stationed in Japan about a year before fighting broke out in Korea. During World War 2, Lieutenant Brusso was an enlisted man in the Marine Corps. He served four years with the corps, more than two of which were on Guadalcanal and other Pacific Islands. He was with the First Marine Division.

Lieutenant Brusso's wife, Margaret, is living with his parents at the E. Rochester address.

Lt. Bergesen Wounded in Korea Battle

TIMES UNION AUG 18 1950

A Rochester Army lieutenant has been slightly wounded in Korea, according to word received by his parents.



BERGESEN

He is 2d Lt. David E. Bergesen, son of Capt. and Mrs. Alf O. R. Bergesen, 113 Commonweal th Rd.

Lt. Bergesen was struck in the left thigh by a mortar fragment on July 28. He wrote his parents later that he returned to the front Aug. 4. He has been serving with the 1st Cavalry in Korea.

A student at Dartmouth College when he enlisted in 1948, he was commissioned in 1949, trained as a paratrooper and sent to Japan. His father, who retired this Summer after 30 years in the Navy, was professor of naval science at the University of Rochester for two years.

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Local GI Gets A 2nd Wound

D.& C. SEP 10 1950

A Rochesterian has been wounded for the second time in the Korean fighting, his mother, Mrs. Frank Bartola, reported yesterday.



PFC. MICHAEL BARTOLA

Pfc. Michael Bartola, 20, of 10 Orleans St., in a letter written to his sister on Aug. 31, from a hospital in Korea, explained he had shrapnel wounds in his neck. His parents received a letter dated Sept. 1, describing the same injury.

According to previous letters to his family, Private Bartola was also wounded in July with shrapnel in his leg. This occurred while he was evacuating wounded buddies, his letter said.

The latest injury happened when North Koreans raised a white flag and Americans went forth to capture them. Private Bartola wrote, "when we were within 50 yards of them, they threw everything they had at us."

A veteran of two years' Army service, young Bartola attended Caledonia and Madison High Schools. Besides his parents, the soldier has two brothers and two sisters.

Edward Beckman Wounded in Korea

D.& C. SEP 16 1950

Cpl. Edward J. Beckman, 20, son of Thomas E. Beckman of 33 Sherman St. is the latest Rochesterian to be reported a causalty in the Korean War.



CPL. EDWARD J. BECKMAN

According to a telegram his father received last night from the Defense Department, Corporal Beckman was slightly wounded in fighting Sept. 3 while serving with the First Cavalry Division.

In a letter written last month, Bechman expressed his admiration of the fighting ability of the South Korean forces. Explained the young Rochester soldier, "the South Koreans stayed and protected our withdrawal. When we were in a safe poistion, they moved back."

On July 11, Corporal Beckman wrote he had been on the line for 30 days before being relieved.

Enlisting in February, 1948, he was stationed in Fort Sill, Okla., in the armored forces, and trained with the paratroops before he was shipped to Japan in May of this year.

Corporal Beckman's father and his brother, William, 21, are both members of Rochester's 127th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battery. The elder Beckman, who served for 27 months during World War 2, is mess steward of C Battery. In 1947, all three Beckmans trained together at a National Guard camp.

Corporal Beckman, who plans to make the Army a career, attended Jefferson High School prior to his Army service.

According to one of the letters Beckman wrote while in combat, he tried to transfer to a reconnaisance outfit so he would come in closer contact with the enemy.

East Rochesterian Wounded in Korea

D.& C. SEP 17 1950

Private Thomas Bottazzo, 18, has been wounded in the Korean fighting according to a Defense Department telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bottazzo, 208 E. Maple St., East Rochester.



PVT. THOMAS BOTTAZZO

The telegram said Private Bottazzo, a medical corpsman attached to the 19th Infantry, 24th Infantry Division, was "slightly wounded" July 21.

Mrs. Bottazzo said yesterday she received a letter from the young GI Friday, but he said nothing about being wounded. He said it was "rough going" in Korea.

Private Bottazzo enlisted in July, 1949, and served a short time with the 19th Infantry in Japan before the organization was sent to Korea. A native of Webster, he attended East Rochester High School.

A brother, Floyd J. Bottazzo, 21, is fighting with an armored division in Korea. Private Bottazzo also has two other brothers, William and Joseph, and a sister, Elena.

City Youth, 19, Gets Wound In Korea Fight

Eugene Begue Hit at Inchon Serving as Hospitalman

Eugene R. Begue, 19, Navy hospitalman attached to the 1st Marine Division, was wounded Sept. 24 at Inchon, Korea, it was learned yesterday.



EUGENE R. BEGUE

He is the son of Mrs. Margaret N. Begue, 106 Delevan St., and Reynold J. Begue of Joseph Ave. Mrs. Begue said yesterday the extent of her son's wounds was not disclosed in the Defense Department telegram which she received.

Begue enlisted in Jan., 1948, and was trained as a hospitalman at the Marine Base, Quantico, Va. Prior to entering the service he attended Paul Revere Trade School.

In the Summer of 1948, Begue and two other Marines made the headlines when they were rescued from the Potomac River by the Presidential yacht, Williamsburg, after choppy waters had upset their small sailboat. President Truman watched the rescue from the fantail of the yacht.

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Monroe Toll In Korea Reaches 16

TIMES UNION OCT 30 1950

Monroe County's death toll in the Korean fighting stood at 16 today.

The latest local man to give his life was Pfc. Grover Becker, 20, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Becker of 95 Lake Bluff Rd., Sea Breeze.



PFC. BECKER

Young Becker's loss was even harder for his parents to bear because, last July when he came home for a scheduled 30-day furlough, his visit was halted abruptly after five days. The Army cancelled the remainder and ordered him to report to Ft. Lewis, Wash., prior to being sent to Korea.

Pfc. Becker, who enlisted Jan. 14, 1049, was killed in action last Sept. 23 while serving with the 2nd Infantry Division.

His parents said they received a letter from him last month, in which the infantryman said he had be fighting on the front lines for days until his outfit was relieved by British Commonwealth troops.

Young Becker was a graduate of Paul Revere Trade School. He was born in Angelica.

Soldier Killed In Korea, 16th From Monroe

D. & C. OCT 30 1950

Pfc. Grover Becker of Sea Breeze Dead In Action

A 20-year-old Sea Breeze enlisted man is the 16th Monroe County GI to lose his life in the Korean war.

Pfc. Grover Becker was killed in action Sept. 23, according to a Defense Department telegram received early yesterday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Becker, 95 Lake Bluff Rd., Sea Breeze.



PFC. GROVER BECKER

Private Becker, an only child, was killed while fighting with the 2nd Infantry Division. In his last letter, received in September, Private Becker said he had been fighting in the front lines for about 12 days without relief. He said his outfit was relieved by British Commonwealth troops.

A native of Angelica, Private Becker was graduated from Paul Revere Trade School. He last saw his parents early in July, when he was home on a 30-day furlough. His leave was cancelled after he had been home about five days, and he was ordered to report to Second Division Headquarters at Fort Lewis, Wash., prior to being sent to Korea. He had enlisted Jan. 14, 1949.

Private Becker, a bowling enthusiast, bowled two perfect games in Seattle before he was sent overseas, his parents said.

Rochester GI Killed in Action

D & C NOV 23 1950

Notice of the death of Pfc. Ernest Busico, 21, of 346 Glenwood Ave., previously reported missing in action in Korea, was received yesterday by his parents. He was reported killed in action.



ERNEST BUSICO

Private Busico, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Busico, had been missing since last July 20. He was one of three children. Before enlisting Jan. 3, 1948, Busico attended Jefferson High School. He was a cook for the 19th Infantry Regiment, and spent 15 months in Japan before being sent to Korea.

Cpl. E. A. Brown Served As Medical Corpsman

Cpl. Edward A. Brown Jr., 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Brown Sr., 206 Genesee Pk. Blvd., has been wounded in action, a Defense Department telegram received by his parents said.



EDWARD A. BROWN, JR.

A medical corpsman, Corporal Brown has been overseas for two years. Before the Korean war, he served with the station hospital in Osaka, Japan. The last time he was in Rochester was in the Summer of 1948. D&C Dec. 14, 1950

After attending Edison Technical High School, Brown enlisted in the Army in April, 1946. He served a little more than one year on an 18-month enlistment and then reenlisted for three years. His mother received a letter from him written just before Thanksgiving. In his letter, he said things in Korea were "pretty rugged" and indicated he was then 12 miles from Wonsan on the east coast of Korea. The Defense Department said Corporal Brown was wounded on an "unrecorded date."

The Browns have two other sons of draft age, William, who will be 19 on Jan. 2, and Tom, 21.

Medina, Batavia Men Missing in Korean War

TIMES UNION NOV 29 1950

Cpl. Frank Bunchuk, 19, son of Mrs. Helen Chandler of Medina, and Cpl. James D. Dewey, 23, a former Batavian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Dewey of Buffalo, have been reported missing in action in Korea.

Medina Corporal Missing Since Nov. 3

Medina—Word has been received by a Medina mother, Mrs. Helen Chandler, that her son, Cpl. Frank Bunchuk, 19, has been missing in action in the Korean war theater since Nov. 3.

Her last letter from her son was dated Oct. 28, Mrs. Chandler said yesterday.

Corporal Bunchuk enlisted in the Army in April, and is with the Eighth Infantry of the First Cavalry Division.

He left the United States for Korea in July.

Greece Soldier Wounded

TIMES UNION DEC 19 1950

Cpl. Leo J. Benn, 20, wounded Nov. 29 in the Korean fighting, today was reported recovering in a base hospital in Japan.



BENN

Benn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Benn of 390 Manitou Rd., Greece, who said he wrote that he was coming along satisfactorily.

A graduate of Hilton High School, he enlisted Jan. 13, 1949, received basic training at Camp Pickett, Va., and was sent to Korea last August with the 2nd Army Division.

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Rochester Aviator Wins Korea Medal

D. & C. DEC 26 1950

For completing 10 missions over North Korea, Lt. James R. Bergevin of Rochester has been awarded the Air Medal, it was announced yesterday.



JAMES R. BERGEVIN

He is a brother of Daniel F. Bergevin, 806 Brown St., and the husband of the former Barbara Grastorf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Grastorf, 4331 Ridge Rd. W., Greece.

Lieutenant Bergevin, who has been in the Army Air Force since 1942, is a B-29 navigator with the 307th Bomb Group which is stationed at a 20th Air Force base on Okinawa. He has been participating in the Korean war since Aug. 5.

A graduate of John Marshall High School, Lieutenant Bergevin served in the Burma-India area during World War 2. His wife and 2-year-old son, Michael, are presently residing in Tampa, Fla.

Did Sergeant Praise Reds? 2 Big NOs!

UNION JAN 5 1951

By RAY SMALL

There were tears in her sleepy eyes this morning and she was having a little difficulty holding Gary, a mighty husky 14-month-old son.

But **Mrs. Raymond Buck** of 1647 North St. was sure of one thing,



SGT. 1/c RAYMOND BUCK

when asked if her husband, who has been reported a war prisoner of the Chinese Communists, could have signed a statement that he was being given "courteous and kind treatment."

"No, definitely not," she replied.

Sgt. 1/c Buck's mother, **Mrs. Harriet Walters,** 26 Locust St., said, "If I know Ray as well as I think I do, he wouldn't have signed it."

A United Press dispatch today said that the Communist Peiping Radio broadcast the names of 23 American officers and enlisted men and several British soldiers and said they had signed such a statement. Gen. MacArthur's headquarters said it could not verify the list of prisoners which included Buck's name.

The sergeant's wideawake son who was squirming energetically in his mother's arms is not quite 14 months old. He will pass that mark Monday.

Gary's father, a veteran of three years' Army service during World War 2, was wounded in 1943 at Luzon in the Philippines. He was discharged in 1945.

A former student at East High School, the 28-year-old infantryman reenlisted last July. He worked at the Merchants Despatch Transportation Corporation in East Rochester.

Buck was last home in August. He didn't think he would be sent overseas. The Peiping radio reported Buck was attached to the 3d Division.

His brother, William, 30, was with the Army in India in the last war. He also has a brother, Howard, 21, and Robert, 16. None of the three is now in the service.

Wounds OK, Cpl. Billoti Back on Duty

T. Un. Jan 31 1951

Cpl. James F. Billoti, 20, of 67 Sidney St., got off to a rugged start on New Years Day.

A medical corpsman, he was wounded in Korea.



CPL. BILLOTI

Today young Billoti, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Billoti, was back on duty with the 19th Infantry Regiment.

He had written his parents that he was "slightly" wounded while helping other soldiers who were hit.

The East High School graduate also mentioned that "it's 20 degrees below zero here. One night I used six blankets to keep warm, but couldn't."

Billoti enlisted in January, 1949, received his training at Camp Pickett, Va., and was in Japan on maneuvers when ordered to Korea.

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Gunner Tells Of Subbing For Dead Pilot

TIMES UNION FEB 1.3 1951

There were only three men aboard the B-26 attack bomber on which Sgt. George L. Butterfield, 28, was the gunner.



SGT. BUTTERFIELD

They included the pilot and navigator.

Their objective: A strafing run over Korea.

Then it happened.

A burst of 20-millimeter AA fire came through the ship's canopy. One slug penetrated the pilot's chest and he slumped over, dying. In two minutes he was dead.

What do you do in a case like that? This is how Sgt. Butterfield, a Rochesterian whose mother lives at 1710 Lake Ave., explained it today:

"The navigator and I crawled into the cockpit and managed to pull the pilot from behind the controls.

"Then the navigator went about his work and I took over the controls.

"It was a long way back to our airstrip in Japan—three hours flying time.

"I knew enough about a B-26 to fly her. But the thing was to land. I knew that would be tough. Brother, I sweated.

"Finally we approached the airstrip. I knew the ship's landing speed, and we came down. Hit the strip OK. My only trouble then was to halt the aircraft. But we made it."

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FOR THIS UNIQUE FEAT—there have been very few to parallel it in any war—Sgt. Butterfield, a husky young fellow with a slight mustache, was awarded the Silver Star.

How did Butterfield know how to take over control of the attack bomber and fly her?

"Well, I've been in the Air Force eight years. I was a Link trainer instructor, for one thing. Been around planes so much I know something about them."

Butterfield, who was returned to the States to become an aerial gunnery instructor at Langley Air Force Base, Va., is the son of Mr and Mrs. George E. Butterfield.

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ON HIS AIR MEDAL he wears 11 clusters, acquired in the last war and in Korea.

He completed 55 missions in Korea with the 3d Bomb Group. In World War 2, he made 35 missions n a B-17 squadron over Germany.

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Local GI Suffers 3rd Korea Injury

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ROBERT A. BAUER JR.

Every time Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Bauer of 1244 Stone Rd. see a Western Union delivery boy approaching, they get the jitters.

And no wonder!

Yesterday, for the third time in the last 8 months, the Bauers received a telegram from the Defense Department. The wording was just about like that in the two previous telegrams:

"Your son . . . Bauer, Robert A, Jr. . . . wounded in action . . . Korea."

"He'll be all right," said Mr. Bauer with a sigh as he looked at the telegram yesterday. "I talked with him on the telephone from Yokohama Station Hospital in Japan last Wednesday night. And we just received a letter from him today, telling about his wound. But three of them—that's pretty rough!"

The 20-year-old John Marshall High School graduate, a strapping youth 6 feet, 4 inches tall who weighs better than 200 pounds, enlisted in the Army in September, 1949. and went to Korea last July. He was injured that month when Chinese Communists forced the truck in which he was riding off the road and it overturned.

The going was rugged in Bauer's outfit, the 72nd Combat Engineers with General Ridgway's 8th Army, and in August, only a short time after he returned to duty, he got it again. This time it was shrapnel in the shoulder.

Young Bauer says in his letter to his parents that he'd like to have a little less active duty in the future.

"I'm going to hate to go back to Korea," he writes from the hospital. "I'm going to try to get changed, and I think I have a good chance, being hurt three times. They will let you transfer into a noncombat organization after you get two Purple Hearts, so I'm going to apply. However, I'll go back quick enough if I have to."

After the battlefields of Korea, even the hospital looked good to the young Rochesterian.

"It's a real nice modern hospital and nice and clean. The nurses are American and some Japanese, and all of them are mighty pretty and really wonderful. It's just like a stateside hospital. I guess maybe it was worth getting hurt just to come over here for a week or two."

Mr. and Mrs. Bauer aren't so sure of that.

"Three times is enough," said Mr. Bauer.

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Rochester GI Wounded Second Time

TIMES UNION SEP 9 - 1950

Among newly disclosed casualties in the Korean fighting is Pfc. Michael Bartola, 20, of 10 Orleans St.



PFC. BARTOLA

The soldier's mother said he had been wounded twice, the last time Aug. 30.

A veteran of two years' Army service, young Bartola attended Caledonia and Madison High Schools. He has two brothers and two sisters.

Cpl. Beckman, 20, Wounded; Jefferson High Alumnus

Cpl. Edward J. Beckman, 20, has been added to the list of Rochester casualties in Korea.

His father, Thomas E. Beckman, 33 Sherman St., received a telegram last night from the Defense Department, informing him that his son was wounded slightly in battle Sept. 3. Cpl. Beckman served with the First Cavalry Division.



CPL. BECKMAN

An alumnus of Jefferson High School, the Rochester soldier enlisted in February, 1948. He was stationed in Fort Sill, Okla., and trained with paratroopers. He was sent to Japan in May.

His father, who served for 27 months in World War 2, is mess steward of Battery C of Rochester's 127th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battery. Cpl. Beckman's brother, William, 21, also is a member of the battery. In 1947, the three Beckmans trained together at a National Guard camp.

Referring to the fighting ability of the South Koreans, Cpl. Beckman in a recent letter wrote that the "South Koreans stayed and protected our withdrawal," and that when we were in a safe position, they moved back."

Previously, he wrote that he had been on the line for 30 days before being relieved. In another letter he told of attempting to gain transfer to a reconnaissance outfit so he would come in closer contact with the enemy.

TIMES UNION SEP 16 1950

BACK ON KOREA, Pfc. Harry Benedetto, 449 Child St.; Pfc. David Crewe, 21 Centennial St., and Pvt. Vincent Samuel Ilardo, 345 Sneck Ave., have been assigned to front line units of the First Cavalry Division.

On hand for the celebration of the fourth anniversary celebration of the Camp Sendai Theater in Japan was Cpl. William J. Jermyn, 709 Post Ave., who has been manager of the house since its opening . . . Pvt. Raymond Auselm, 63 Dale St., has arrived at the specialists school in Camp Eta Jima.

At the 6161st Air Base Wing, Japan, Pfc. Thomas Burns, 202 Longridge Ave., is on duty as an air policeman, and Cpl. Robert Parina, 24 Hobart St., is repairing B-29 superfort engines.

Irondequoit Corporal Hurt Second Time in Korean War

For the second time in little more than a month **Cpl. Laurence A. Bishop** of the 1st Marine Division, son of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence F. Bishop of 135 Point Pleasant Ave., Irondequoit, has been wounded in action in Korea, his parents learned yesterday.

The telegram which brought that information also gave them the first news of his promotion, in referring to him as "corporal." He was wounded Apr. 24, the telegram said, but further details were not immediately available.



CPL. LAURENCE A. BISHOP

Corporal Bishop had suffered a minor finger wound Mar. 15, near Chunchon. Following that he was hospitalized for some time with a stomach illness, he subsequently wrote his parents. The last letter came from him, which arrived here on Wednesday, was dated Apr. 18, and came from a rest camp at Chunchon.

A member of a bazooka team, he has been in action almost constantly since September. He participated in the landing at Inchon, took part in the fighting around Seoul and Wasan, and was in the retreat from the Chosin Reservoir trap at Christmas time.

He was graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School in 1949, and went into active duty with the Marine Reserves two months later. He celebrated his 20th birthday Apr. 1.

D. & C. APR 28 1951

GI Reported as 'Missing' Just Prior to Rest Leave

Rest leave from the front lines in Korea was due to begin Mar. 25 for Pfc. Frederick T. Bradley, son of Alfred Bradley of 92 Bond St.

The 18-year-old infantryman wrote his dad that he'd come off the lines and be held in reserve until Apr. 1. But on Mar. 27 the youth was listed by the Army as "missing in action." In a letter written Mar. 24, the youth said, "There is nothing to be afraid of except the Chinese and they are dug in 20 feet deep."

Private Bradley, who had planned to make a career of the service, was born in Rochester Apr. 26, 1934. He lived with his family in Ringle St. and attended School 16 in Post Ave. Later he lived with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pearl, friends of his family, in Lima in 1947 and Canisteo in 1949. He was in his junior year in Canisteo High School when he enlisted in April of 1951. Before he was sent to Korea in early January, he served 14 months with the occupation forces in Germany.

Besides his father, he has a brother and sister, Kenneth and June Bradley, both of 480 Landing Rd. N.; two other sisters, Helen Bradley of 21 Forgham Rd., Greece, and Mrs. Frank Keck of Victor.



FREDERICK T. BRADLEY

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READY—Carole Sackett, 12, had this greeting prepared when news came from Korea early yesterday that her uncle, M/Sgt. Raymond H. Buck, had been released by the Reds. Carole, second from left, had sign made on Friday when a premonition told her Buck would be released that night. Here, she shows it to another uncle, Howard Buck of 1946 Main St. E.; Mrs. Harriett Walters, also of 1946 Main St. E., the sergeant's mother, and her own mother, Mrs. Ellen Sackett of 1 Riley Pl. Sgt. Buck was one of three city men released yesterday (Korean time).

Sgt. Buck Now Listed Missing In Action

TIMES UNION JAN 10 1951

It was official today that **Sgt. Raymond Buck,** 28, of 1647 North St., is missing in action.

Sgt. Buck is the soldier who, on Jan. 5, was reported by the Chinese Reds as a signer of a statement that he was being given "courteous and kind treatment" as a prisoner of war.

His mother, Mrs. Harriet Walters, of 26 Locust St., said her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Raymond Buck, had received a telegram from the Defense Department saying that the sergeant now is listed as missing.

Mrs. Walters said that if her son did sign any statement for the Chinese Reds, he might have done so "only if he was between life and death" but never voluntarily.

Buck was wounded while fighting in the Philippines during World War 2.

Welcoming Sign Ready

Premonition Foretells Freeing

Carole Sackett had a premonition Friday that her uncle, M. Sgt. Raymond H. Buck, 30, would be released that night after two years and eight months as a Communist captive.

"So I went to a sign place around the corner to get a piece of cardboard," 12-year-old Carole of 1 Riley Pl. said yesterday.

"When I told the man what the cardboard was for, he painted the sign for me."

On schedule with Carole's forewarning, Buck's name was flashed from Panmunjom at 12:05 a. m. yesterday. He was one of three city men released in the group of 275 and the last of nine Rochesterians known to have been prisoners.

Carole appeared with the placard greeting yesterday when a dozen relatives gathered in the basement apartment of Mrs. Harriet Walters, the sergeant's mother, at 1946 Main St. E.

The sergeant's father, Leighvere Buck, lives at 1 Riley Pl. Carole is the daughter of Mrs. Ellen Sackett, the sergeant's sister.

Meanwhile, Lt. Col. Robert N. Abbott, 38, said at Munsan, Korea, that he was inclined to be lenient with prisoners who signed petitions for the Communists.

Abbott, who has won eight decorations in two wars, is the husband of Mrs. Winona Abbott of 6 Aldern Pl. and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Abbott of 48½ Riley St.

"This is on a personal level, but I am inclined to be lenient with these men," Abbott said of prisoners who had endorsed petitions, according to the United Press. "In 99 out of 100 cases, it was a matter of necessity. Those men were worth more to their government alive than dead."

"After all," Abbott continued, "we are in no position to judge them. The Chinese can break any man if they have to. You must remember, their weapon was starvation, and an empty stomach has no conscience."

The short, grey-haired officer said that he had signed no petitions or made any radio broadcasts for the Communists. He was a military advisor with the ROK Seventh Division when he was captured on Nov. 27, 1950.

Abbott's wife and Mrs. Arthur H. Lozano, of 535 Highland Ave., wife of the third Rochester man released yesterday, both hope to meet their husbands in San Francisco when they arrive by ship from Korea.

Capt. Arthur H. Lozano, 30, a West Point graduate, was captured three days after Abbott. They were in the same North Korean prison camp. Their wives have had telephone conversations for three years, but have only met once.

Neither Abbott nor Lozano have seen their daughters since they left for Korea in 1950. Roberta Lee Abbott is now 7 years old. Dianne Lozano is 3½ years old.

Release of the three Rochester men brought to 14 the number of the area prisoners exchanged as Operation Big Switch concluded last night. Other city soldiers exchanged were: Sgt. Gerald R. Wolter, 22, of 609 Lake Ave., who arrived here a week ago; Pfc. Stefano Salerno, 21, of 329 Avery St., who disembarked at San Francisco last night; Pfc. Thomas N. Spackman, 21, of 196 Goodman St. N.; Cpl. William E. Todd, of 645 Norris Dr.; Cpl. James P. Scahill, 21, of 177 Herald St., and S/Sgt. Berger J. Johnson, 21, of 839 Thurston Rd.

The five area men released were: Sgt. Ralph G. Eveland Jr., 26, who arrived last night at San Francisco; Pvt. David W. Mills, 17, of Houghton, Allegany County; Pfc. Nicholas J. Aramino, 23, of 72 Main St., Le Roy; Capt. William N. Preston, 33, 'of 26 Bank St., Batavia, and Cpl. Raymond F. Goodburlet, 22, of 6 Genesee St., Scottsville.

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KOREA BEHIND HIM—Marine Sgt. Archie M. Boylan of Hilton and wife, Shirley, look over orders yesterday which give him stateside duty near home. He was brought home from Korea through efforts of Red Cross and doctor due to illness of father, Archie H. Boylan.

Hilton Marine Shifted To Duty Nearer Ill Dad

D. & C. MAR 12 1951

Combined efforts by the Red Cross, Marine officers and a doctor have resulted in stateside duty for Marine Sgt. Archie M. Boylan of Hilton, who fought for three months in Korea.

The Marine arrived home Saturday with orders to report for duty Mar. 23 at the Marine Depot in Scotia, near Schenectady.

The "why" behind the story goes back to last December.

At that time Sergeant Boylan was attached to the 3rd Battalion of the 1st Marine Division. He then was trapped in the reservoir area in North Korea by Chinese Reds.

But at home, all was not well either. His father, Archie H. Boylan of Hilton, was seriously ill in St. Mary's Hospital with a heart condition. The illness was so serious that his physician, Dr. Robert Blodgett of Hilton called local Red Cross headquarters to see if they could contact Marine officials who might arrange an emergency leave for Sergeant Boylan.

The Red Cross immediately went to work and sent dispatches to Marine Headquarters in Korea. By the time these dispatches caught up with Sergeant Boyland's outfit, he and his unit had fought out of the Chinese trap and were evacuated from Hungnam to Pusan.

turned to the Treasure Island Marine Base in California where he was awaiting shipment back to Korea. But his father's heart condition again grew worse through constant worry.

So again Doctor Blodgett and the family, through the Red Cross, got busy and requested that Sergeant Boylan be given temporary stateside duty near his home town. The request was granted by Marine Head-

The request of the family for an emergency leave went through the Marine chain-of-command and finally was granted by the commanding general of the 1st Marine Division.

Shortly after the 22-year-old Marine arrived home on Jan. 3, his father's condition improved so much that he was released from the hospital. Everyone was happy and well again in Boyland family, and they became happier when Sergeant Boylan was married later in the month to Shirley Waldon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Waldon of 712 Flower City Pk.

Then on Feb. 9, the Marine re-

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No Surplus in Korea

Korea Vet Wonders About Warm Clothes

TIMES UNION MAR 20 1951

It was October in Korea and Cpl. Ed Beckman was beginning to get pretty cold. He thought of the jacket he had bought at an Army Surplus store in Rochester, and the scarves, woolen socks and gloves. And he decided that a man could freeze while waiting for the government to swing into action. It was time for a little private initiative.

So he took his pen in hand and wrote his father, Thomas E. Beckman of 33 Sherman St., to send him that stuff. Ed was back in Rochester today, winding up a convalescent leave. He still hasn't seen his Winter wardrobe, although his father sent it—but he didn't freeze. The Army gave him warm clothes not long after he wrote the letter.



CPL. BECKMAN

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IT'S RUGGED OVER THERE, Ed says: "There was no shelter except maybe some beat-up old houses where you couldn't get a stove to work."

Ed would like to find a war that's run along civilized lines, with eight-hour shifts for fighting and time set aside for sleeping under clean, warm covers.

The situation in Korea looks good now, he says, "but you can't tell—it looked good last time."

He doesn't think the Chinese soldier rates with the UN troops because they're not intelligent fighters.

"They come at you in masses," he remarked. "Anybody with brains wouldn't come running at you like that."

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TWENTY YEARS OLD, he is an alumnus of Jefferson High and enlisted in February 1948. He was with the First Cavalry Division in Korea. He was wounded slightly, but came home for an operation that wasn't connected with that.

He was flown from Japan to an Army hospital in Waltham, Mass., in six days. He's due back at the hospital this week.

His father was a regular Army man, but Ed isn't so sure about following in his footsteps.

"I'm moody about that," he says. "Right now I don't think so."

TIMES UNION MAR 24 1951

AMONG NEW CASUALTIES reported from Korea is an Irondequoit boy, Marine Pfc. Laurence A. Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence F. Bishop, 135 Pt. Pleasant Ave.

He was wounded Mar. 15 near Chunchon. He will be 20 on Apr. 1.

Worn out by nine months in combat, the Marine said in a Mar. 12 letter, "After bitter fighting all day yesterday we finally took the hill I'm on now."

A graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, Bishop landed with the 1st Marine Division at Inchon, fought in Wasan and Seoul, and was in the retreat from the Changjin (Chosin) Reservoir trap.



PFC. LAURENCE A. BISHOP

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Jim Joined Army To See U. S.

Wounded in Korea, He's Home Again

TIMES UNION MAR 29 1951

By RAY SMALL

Home for the first time in two years, Cpl. James F. Billotti, 20, of 67 Sidney St., doesn't know exactly why he ever joined the Army.

"Guess I just wanted to see the country. I never did figure we would have any trouble," Jimmy explained.

He still hasn't seen much of the country, but he has been to Japan and seen even more of Korea where he has been wounded twice. He's at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Billotti, for a 30-day convalescent leave and being a quiet kid who speaks only when spoken to, we went out to speak to him.

With one more year to go, in 1948, he quit East High School and tried three or four jobs. When asked what the last one was, he seemed a little embarrassed to say it was operating a machine in a bottling plant. Maybe that was why he quit. Perhaps the Army was not IT for Jimmy but he knew the machine definitely wasn't.



CPL. JAMES F. BILLOTTI

"They never told us what we were going there for," Jim said. "We thought Korea was just having those riots like Germany. A couple of days later when we were moved up to the front, we found out what it was."

Jim was with the first outfit to be sent over to the peninsula from Japan, where he had been a medical technician in a dispensary for a year.

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HE STOPPED TALKING, turned his head and stared out of the window. Although a modest kid, you could see he was proud of himself—a pride he hadn't found at the bottling machine. He wore his uniform neatly — buttons polished, shoes shined.

"We're there to stop Communism," he said. "I guess that's the best place to start, although we do have a few Communists over here."

With Jim as with most other young GIs, the war is more a personal thing than a "national effort," or "patriotism."

"Being home is OK but there are a lot of guys I've been with for 2½ years who are still over there. I'd be willing to give it another try. The family wouldn't like it though; you know how mothers are." Jim figures he'll be assigned stateside to instruct draftees so they'll know what they're going over for.

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JIM WAS INJURED in October when he was patching up his buddies with bandages, plasma and morphine about 300 yards in back of the front line. He suffered concussion from a shellburst, was sent out to a hospital ship for two weeks and then went back to his first aid station.

"Then on New Years Day we were sitting on the 38th waiting to get hit. Our regiment had been ordered to stay behind while the others pulled South and set up a defense line," the corporal said in a matter of fact tone.

By the time they were ordered to move out, they had been surrounded. Even a hill they tried to reach was full of Chinese. A machine gunner got Jim in the leg. "When I realized I could still move it, I got up and ran. I was kind of scared," Jim said quietly.

A kidney disorder caused by the concussion got Jim his plane trip home. "Then a big boy gave me a convalescent leave from Ft. Devens, Mass., where I was sent."

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CPL. BILLOTTI is still thinking in terms of being sent — not sending himself. His enlistment is up the end of the year but he figures he might just as well re-enlist or they'll draft him, anyway. "Not much to do home here," he said.

When it's all over, Jim would like to go to medical school but he can't get too excited about it now.

War 2 Air Veteran Wounded in Korea

D+C Ap. 8, 1951

T/Sgt. Robert H. Bentley, veteran Marine flyer of World War 2, was wounded in action in Korea, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Raymond Bentley, 1982 Clover St., Brighton.

Sergeant Bentley is pilot of a Marine Corsair, his mother said, and has been engaged in flying along battle lines in support of ground troops. He has been in Korea since January.

He first enlisted in the Marines in 1942 and after attending flight school was commissioned first lieutenant. He served as a fighter pilot in the Far East for six months. In 1947 he re-enlisted with a special group of non-commissioned Marine pilots.

Sergeant Bentley attended Tabor Academy in Marion, Mass., and Colgate University. His wife, Patricia Leahy Bentley, lives in Santa Ana, Calif.

TIMES UNION APR 9 - 1951



You don't have to be an officer to fly a Marine Corsair. T/Sgt. Robert H. Bentley, 28 (above) son of Mrs. Raymond Bentley, 1982 Clover St., Brighton, has been supporting ground troops in Korea. A fighter pilot in the last war, he's recently been reported wounded. Sgt. Bentley is a former Allendale School boy.

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D. & C. APR 18 1951

Jet Pilot Describes Toughest Mission

His final mission over Korea was one of the toughest for a local 24-year-old jet pilot.

Lt. William B. Bassett Jr., husband of Mrs. Genevieve Bassett, 113 Hillcrest St., took off from a 5th Air Force fighter base on Mar. 29 in a flight of seven F-80 Shooting Stars.

"We were making a mission in close support of B-29s on a bombing strike near Sinuiju," he was quoted in a dispatch received yesterday by The Democrat and Chronicle from Far East Air Force Headquarters.

As the flight was over the target, a pack of six enemy jets—Russian MIG-15s—swept in on them. "There was a lot of firing and a few close calls," Lieutenant Bassett said, "but no damage was done to either side. That was my toughest and final mission—now I'm all through with combat flying."

The mission was his 100th over Korea. Now he will be reassigned to duty in this country. According to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Bassett Sr., 11 Hilton St.



TWO-HOUR REUNION — Cpl. Nicholas Borrelli, left, pictured with his stepbrother, Pfc. Peter Bonacci, in Korea, shortly after Borrelli hitchhiked to see him to break the news he was going into front line duty as a 2nd Infantry volunteer.

D. & C. APR 21 1951

Stepbrothers Celebrate Prospect of War Action

The prospect of finally getting front line duty after spending six months overseas sent a GI on a 24-hour hitchhiking trip in Korea to tell his soldier stepbrother the news.

Cpl. Nicholas Borrelli, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Borrelli, 16 Backus St., served as clerk for headquarters of the 10th AAA since he was sent to Korea last August.

"I got sick of it," he said in a letter home. "I wanted to get into some combat action and excitement, so I volunteered for a unit in the 2nd Infantry."

When he found out he was going to be accepted at last for frontline fighting, he applied for a leave and hitchhiked to Taegu to tell his stepbrother, Pfc. Peter V. Bonacci, 19, who was on duty with a gun battalion.

"I hitchhiked down in the rain and cold," his letter told. "It took me 24 hours just to reach him. I just had a couple of hours to spend with him. But it was worth it—especially since he (took) me to dinner and loaded me up with cigarets.

"Two days later he headed south while I took to the north."

But before they were separated, the two boys had their pictures taken by a Korean photographer. The picture was sent home to their mother.

Bonacci and Borrelli enlisted together Jan. 6, 1949, at the Federal Building here, their mother said. They also spent their training days together at Camp Pickett, Va., and were sent to Korea on the same boat last August. Their meeting last month after Corporal Borrelli's hitchhiking trip was the first since they had been overseas.

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Oh Brother!! What a Welcome

TIMES UNION MAY 3 - 1951



—Photo by Leonard Maxwell

ACTING MARINE SGT. JOHNNY BEERS and sister, Mary, are set for clinch, bringing happy ending to Korean assignment.

Johnny Comes Back from War To 'Best Girl'

Acting Marine Sgt. Johnny Beers came home from the Korean wars yesterday afternoon and ran into a wonderful beachhead.

The beachhead was "my best girl" —cute little Mary Beers, 6, his sister, who made a frenzied dash toward the strapping Leatherneck as he emerged from an American Airlines plane at Rochester Airport.

As Johnny's mother, widowed Mrs. Christine Beers, watched the reunion and tried to hold back happy tears, Mary planted kisses all over her big brother's face.

Mrs. Beers threw her arms around the Marine and held him tight. She had waited many months for the day when "my Johnny comes marching home."

The corporal-striped Beers, 21 was an acting sergeant in Korea. He was shipped there last Summer, participated in Inchon landing and wound up in a bitter shooting war. He was returned to the States under the Marine rotation plan.

The Beers' home is at 166 Wendhurst Dr., Greece. The young noncom has two brothers, Ed, World War 2 veteran, and Phil, who is studying to be a priest at the Basilian Novitate here.

Beers reports to Washington D. C. at the end of a 30-day furlough.

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PERFECT TIMING—The Marine Corps, always expert at logistics, pulled off a masterpiece of timing yesterday when they delivered Cpl. Alverne Brown to 53 Scottsville Rd. in time for Mothers Day dinner with his parents at home.

D. & C. MAY 12 1952

War Vet Remembers 2 Noted Mother's Days

Big things happen to Al Brown on Mothers Day.

On the one before this, he and a bunch of his buddies from the 7th Marines were staked-out as "live bait" for the Chinese Reds in Korea. This was in 1951.

This year — yesterday — he came home and started being a civilian, after an 18-month layoff.

Al is Alverne L. Brown, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin L. Brown, 53 Scottsville Rd., and, until yesterday, a corporal, a 3.5 rocket gunner of the 1st Marine Division's 7th Regiment.

Different in 1951

Home yesterday to help his mother celebrate the 1952 holiday, the young Leatherneck took time out to tell how it was a year ago.

His regiment, launching one of the first big offensives in General Ridgway's Operation Killer, was chosen to be the mouse in the subsidiary Operation Mousetrap on the Central Front.

"We jumped off and moved out to make contact with the Chinese," Brown related. "The idea was for us to just sit there, leaving ourselves open for them to envelope us.

"Then the 1st Cavalry was placed in position to cut them off when they got the enveloping action going. It worked like a charm. Between us we killed over 500 Reds and took a lot of prisoners."

Observance Not Appropriate

He says the Marines never gave much thought to the fact that the mopup occurred on Mothers Day; it wasn't a very appropriate observance.

Yesterday was more like it. The family sat around after a big Sunday dinner and listened to Al tell them about the war. Mrs. Brown said she thinks it was an abridged version.

"It's so wonderful to have him back. We had so many doubts all that time. And to think he came back on Mothers Day. What do you think of that?"

The ex-corporal thought it was fine.

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D.& C. MAY 21 1951

Wounded Navy Medic Back Home from Korea

Hospitalman (3/c) Eugene R. Begue, 20, of 416 Flower City Park, is back from Korea with frostbite, shrapnel, and a feeling "the boys in Korea are just fighting. They don't think much about what they're fighting for."

Begue suffered frostbite of both hands and feet and shrapnel in his back in the Marine pullback from the Chosin Reservoir. The weather then varied between 20 and 30 degrees below zero. He was a Navy medic with the 1st Division and was bending over a twice-wounded Marine when a mortar shell dropped in.

"Morale seemed pretty low when I was evacuated," Begue reported. The Marines, he said, had to trudge 35 miles in two weeks in retreat after battling desperately to get to the Manchurian border. At times during the pullback, Chinese Reds lined the heights overlooking the Marine convoy and got within 100 yards. Begue began feeling the frostbite during the slow pullback, but there were so many others who were wounded or had frostbite that "I didn't report it." Then the shell fell in and evacuation came swiftly.

The Navy medic now walks and moves his fingers without much pain or difficulty, thanks to whirlpool treatments on the hospital ship which evacuated him through Pohang. A definiteness has returned to his stride now and only a trace of the ordeal he went through for eight months has left its mark.

"I want to put in a plug for that Rochester Star," Begue put in thoughtfully. "It's a good little paper and came in handy. All the fellows from Rochester like it. Lots of guys from other cities read it, too." The Star is a serviceman's newspaper published by the Convention and Publicity Bureau.

With the "worst" behind him, Begue figures on staying in the Navy. He's eyeing retirement at 37. His orders now direct him to report to the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia, where he'll go back into Navy blues. "Can't go back into combat now," Begue said. "I can wear shoes OK, but when I put on combat boots, I raise blisters." There was unmistakable relief in his voice as he said this.



EUGENE R. BEGUE
. . . home from Korea



PFC. ARTHUR F. BELL

Pfc. Arthur F. Bell, 18, has been wounded but in a recent letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bell, 1605 Ridge Rd. E., he assured them it was not serious.

He suffered face and leg wounds when struck by shell fragments, according to the letter. He enlisted a year ago and went to Korea in January.

A GI spending his 23d birthday in a hospital in Korea is Cpl. Robert E. Sickles of Mumford.

In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Sickles, he told them he would be laid up for five weeks recovering from a bullet wound suffered May 25. He has been in Korea since January. His wife, Marie, and a daughter, Sharon, live in Scotts-

TIMES UNION JUN 18 1951

Local Marine, Soldier Injured In Korean War

D.& C. JUN 21 1951

Names of two more Rochester service men, a Marine and a soldier, yesterday were added to the growing list of casualties of the Korean war.

Cool Head Saves Marine From Worse Injury

Because he "didn't get excited," **Pfc. Alverne L. Brown,** 19, escaped with what he describes as "slight wounds" in an attack staged by the Communist army in Korea June 9.

Word of the wounding of the Rochester Marine on that date came yesterday to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin L. Brown of 53 Scottsville Rd.



ALVERNE L. BROWN

Mrs. Brown said that she had received no word from the Defense Department, but that her son's letter tells of his recovering in a medical center in Hongkong. "I suffered concussion and was hit by shrapnel in the head, arms, legs, side and foot," wrote Private Brown, who is attached to the First Marine Division.

At the time he was wounded he was a member of a reconnaissance squad, in advance of the main units of the United Nations. He said the enemy suddenly let loose a mortar barrage and "some of the fellows got excited," but that "he hit the dirt" as the shell landed. He was "knocked out," he said, but when he came to he was able to help take care of some of his more seriously wounded buddies.

Private Brown was to have been graduated from West High School this month. However, he was a member of the inactive Marine Reserve and was called from school to active duty last October. On Apr. 13 he was shipped overseas.

Mother Gets Korean Film

The mother of a GI in Korea has a personal newsreel to run off whenever she wants to see her son in action.

She is Mrs. John McFarlane, 204 Wetmore Pk. Her son is Cpl. Gerald Brady of the 21st Regiment. She was watching television in her home when she saw him climbing a slope on a battlefield.



CPL. BRADY

She wrote Telenews Productions in New York and they sent her, free, an eight mm film of the action. The part in which her son appears was specially produced in slow motion by the company.

Brady, 27, is a World War 2 veteran. He was in the Battle of the Bulge. He went back into the Army in 1948 and has been in Korea since last July 3. He recently participated in a bayonet charge that sent the Chinese scuttling off from their camp a[illegible] rice still cooking.

TIMES UNION JUN 25 1951

Brighton Jet Pilot Leads Korea Flight

D.& C. JUL 2 1951

Two F-80 jet flights, one under the command of 1st Lt. Jacksel M. Broughton, 90 Rhinecliff Dr., Brighton, were credited yesterday with having caused heavy destruction to North Korean and Chinese Communist forces.

During the first two weeks of May, according to a Far Eastern Air Forces dispatch, the two flights, both in the 5th AF's 49th Fighter-Bomber Group, killed 750 enemy troops and destroyed 10 locomotives, 8 tanks, 18 field pieces and 95 buildings, in addition to 35 motor vehicles, 110 boxcars, 105 pack animals and 2 bridges.

They also damaged 125 buildings, 130 boxcars, 5 locomotives, 6 field pieces, two bridges and 26 motor vehicles.

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Brighton Flyer Directs Coup

2 Red Engines Chased into Wreck

D. & C. MAY 14 1951

There's more than one way to wreck enemy locomotives in Korea.

But Lt. Jack M. Broughton of Brighton found a way that the Pacific Stars and Stripes has called "the greatest stunt shooting of the Korean war."

Two weeks ago the 26-year-old pilot was leading a flight of F-80 Shooting Stars on a mission aimed at destroying the switchhouse at the Kowon railroad yard.

"We got the switchhouse with two 500-pound bombs on the first pass," Broughton said in the article appearing in the Army newspaper.

"Then we split up with two of us working each end of the yard," he said. "At the east end we knocked out one locomotive and caught one trying to run through the yard on the main line."

Lieutenant Broughton and another jet pilot blasted away at the engine trying to escape but failed to stop it. Meanwhile another locomotive was spotted at the west end of the yard and the Brighton pilot ordered the other two jets to chase it towards the east end.



LT. JACK M. BROUGHTON

Then the four jets chased the two locomotives from opposite ends of the yard into a headon collision that blew them sky-high.

"They evidently didn't know the switch system was out," Lieutenant Broughton said, "because we chased them until they rammed headon at 60 miles an hour. They both exploded and the air was full of busted locomotives and torn-up track."

The local pilot, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacksel M. N. Broughton, 91 Rhinecliff Dr., Brighton, has been participating in the Korean fighting since February. He is attached to the 49th Fighter Bomber Wing of the Fifth Air Force.

After graduation from Bright[on] High School in 1942, Lieuten[ant] Broughton entered West Point, whe[re] he was graduated in 1945 with [his] pilot wings. From 1945 to 1948, h[e] served with the Air Force in Germany. Later, he served as an instructor in fighter gunnery with the 3595th Training Wing at Las Vegas, Nev.

According to an Associated Press dispatch last night, Lieutenant Broughton led a flight of F-80's on a raid against enemy railways north of Pyongyang yesterday. The local pilot said the strike was effective.

Corporal, 20, Wounded Second Time in Korea

TIMES UNION APR 28 1951

In action in Korea almost constantly since last September, Cpl. Laurence A. Bishop, 20, has been wounded a second time.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence F. Bishop, 135 Point Pleasant Rd., Irondequoit, he was serving with the 1st Marine Division.

Young Bishop was wounded Apr. 24. He first was hit Mar. 15, suffering a minor finger wound. Following that he was hospitalized for some time with a stomach ailment, but later returned to action.

The Marine is a member of a bazooka team and participated in the Inchon landing, fought in Seoul and Masun actions. Bishop was in the retreat from Chosin Reservoir last Christmas.

Bishop went on active duty with the Marines two months after graduation from Benjamin Franklin High School.



CPL. LAURENCE A. BISHOP

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Air Vet Chooses U.S. over Korea

Home for a month's leave, Lt. Thomas D. Bell, 23, of 40 Fieldston Ter., Brighton, says he'll be just as happy to remain in the States after 69 missions over Korea.

Bell, former East High football player, holds the distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart, the Air Medal with three clusters and the Silver Star. That last decoration was won in an incident when Bell, wounded in both arms, stayed on the job and aided in bringing his crew's shot-up B-26 back to an American field. The Fieldston Ter. man enlisted in the Air Force in 1948.

D. & C. OCT 2 - 1951

Wounded GI Back at Home

TIMES UNION OCT 3 - 1951

Hit by enemy grenade fragments that immobilized his left arm and injured his right knee, Army **Pfc. Daniel J. Berg,** 224 Barrington St., is home on leave this week from Fort Devans, Mass., where he has been recuperating since early last month.

Berg, an automatic rifleman, was wounded less than three weeks after his 18th birthday.

A graduate of Immaculate Conception School, he worked at the Palace Theater before enlisting in September, 1950. He was sent to Korea last January and was wounded in August.

Berg is the son of Mrs. Rita Berg. A brother, Richard, served in the Far East with the Navy in World War 2.

Korean Veteran Reassigned in U.S.

D. & C. OCT 8 1951

Sgt. David W. Burke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester C. Burke of 1304 Clinton Ave. N., has been reassigned to duty in this country after fighting for more than a year in Korea.

Prior to his departure from Korea last month, Sergeant Burke was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in line of duty. He served with the 10th Corps as an ammunition supply sergeant. His new assignment will be at Fort Banning, Ga., where he will attend a leadership course preparatory to entering officer candidate school. Before entering the Army in 1949, he was employed at Eastman Kodak Company.

After Many Close Calls, City Soldier Wounded

TIMES UNION OCT 20 1951

One close call too many has landed Pfc. Robert Bement, 21, son of Mrs. Ethel Bement of 5 Beechwood St., in a Pusan hospital with a leg wound.

He wrote home that since he landed in Korea in July mortar fragments have ripped through his shirt, bullets have torn a pocket from his jacket, and a shell has "creased" the rubber heels on his boots.

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BUT HE WASN'T HIT until his squad was sent to one part of Heartbreak Ridge recently to flush out a number of the entrenched enemy with hand grenades.

In his last letter home, he said, "We crawled up a few yards and I made the mistake of getting up on my knees to throw. Just as I flung the last grenade, I felt a terrible sting. I was spun around and sat down.

"Luckily, the bullet ripped through my wallet before entering my leg. The doctors said that wallet saved my having a broken bone."

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AFTER MEDICS had stopped the bleeding, wrote Bement, he had to walk 11 hours through persistent Chinese fire before reaching a jeep-litter station.

Bement was graduated from Edison Technical High School in 1948. He was drafted in February of 1951.



PFC. ROBERT BEMENT

Local GI Wounded On Heartbreak Hill

Pfc. Robert Bement, 21, had a lot of close calls on Heartbreak Ridge in Korea and one was just too close, so he suffered a wound in the leg.

Once, heavy mortar fragments ripped through his shirt sleeve "but didn't even draw blood," he wrote to his mother, Mrs. Ethel Bement of 5 Beechwood St. Another time, the pocket on his jacket was shot off. And again, the rubber heels on his boots were "creased with a shell."



PFC. ROBERT BEMENT

But he still considers himself "the luckiest guy in the world," although he's recuperating in a Pusan hospital.

A squad was formed to move up front and try to rout the "gooks" with hand grenades. "We crawled up a few yards and I made the mistake of getting up on my knees to throw. Just as I flung the last grenade, I felt a terrible sting. I was spun around and sat down," he wrote.

"Luckily, the bullet ripped through my wallet before entering my leg. The doctors said that wallet saved my having a broken bone." He said he slid down the hill to a medic who stopped the bleeding and bandaged him. Then he walked for 11 hours back to a jeep-litter station. "It felt good to put weight on my wounded leg," he stated. But he and the rifleman who accompanied him back were under constant fire from the Chinese.

After he was graduated from Edison Technical High School in 1948, Private Bement worked for Rochester Sheet Metal Company. He was drafted in February of 1951, home on leave in July and then shipped to Korea.

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Marine from Rochester Takes State's Flag Across Parallel

On Parallel 38 in Korea the standard of New York State is flying with those of other states today, thanks to the efforts of a city Marine, Pfc. Alverne L. Brown, 19, of 53 Scottsville Rd.



PFC. ALVERNE L. BROWN

Whenever he crossed the parallel with his reconnaissance unit, Private Brown had noticed the flags of a number of states flying, placed there by proud GIs of those states. But the New York State flag was missing.

Brown wrote his mother, active in 19th Ward Republican politics, and asked her to see what she could do to get a state flag. Mrs. Brown turned to Chester Taillie, committeeman of the 31st District of the ward.

Taillie wrote a letter to the state adjutant general asking that a flag be sent to Brown, who had been in Korea since April, and had been wounded. The adjutant general replied that, although it would be "a pleasure" to send a flag to Brown to represent the state, the stock of flags was temporarily exhausted.

But as soon as the new banners arrived the adjutant general did not lose any time in sending one on to Korea. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin J. Brown, wrote home in his last letter: "I've received your letter and also the flag. It's flying on the 38th Parallel now."

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Bomber's Last Flight

Ground Fire 'Dropped' On B-26, Hero Relates

TIMES UNION SEP 29 1951

Tom Bell was used to being shot at as a lieutenant-navigator in the Air Force. His B-26 had been rocked on several occasions by enemy ground fire.



LT. THOMAS D. BELL

But when the Commies—still on the ground—started pouring it on from above, that was another story.

The veteran flier, whose ID card reads: Lt. Thomas D. Bell, 23, 13th Bombardment Squadron, 3rd Bombing Group, Japan, explained that the Reds in Korea were entrenched high in mountains.

"We would come in low for strafing attacks and they would shoot down on us with everything they had," he said.

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LT. BELL, who's home is at 40 Feldston Ter., has completed 69 combat missions over Korea. He hopes there won't be any more. Home now for a month's leave, he'd like to stay here.

The former football player at East High School holds the Purple Heart, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters. The Purple Heart was the result of flak wounds.

"We were strafing trucks one night," he related. "We made one pass at them and came back around. We knew we'd get it when we made the next swing. And we did.

"Just as we got back over them we got caught in a concentration of flak. They shot up the ship and we made an emergency landing at another air field.

"The ship was so shot up it was scrapped."

The pilot and gunner escaped injury. Lt. Bell, hit in the arms and hands, was recommended for the Silver Star for continuing to navigate and bringing the ship in safely.

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THE ROCHESTER airman's squadron, known as the Grim Reaper Squadron, specializes in night attacks. And their bomb bays might contain a variety of bad news for the enemy.

"We used to carry napalm (jelly fire bombs) and rockets," he said. "Now we carry six 500-pound bombs in the bomb bays and two under the wings."

Specialists at giving flat tires to enemy vehicles, his squadron used to drop "jacks-like objects" on roads behind the Red front lines, Bell related. Similar to toy jacks, the "jacks" had several sharp points.

"We'd spray the road with 'em. The Red trucks would come along and get flat tires. Then the next morning the jets would come in and shoot up the trucks as they sat there," he explained.

His "most enjoyable" mission, he said, was at the landing at Monson where he said he was "impressed" with the teamwork between the three branches of the service—Air Force, Army and Navy.

Asked how he felt on his combat missions, he replied, "I was plenty scared."

Lt. Ball attended School 33, Edison Technical and East High Schools. He enlisted in the Air Force Dec. 2, 1948, and was sent to Japan Dec. 7, 1950. He now expects to be based at Birmingham, Ala.

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Officer Back from Korea to Marry



SUNNIER PROSPECTS—Between Christmases Marine Lt. James A. Bergin served on the Korean front. Tomorrow he will wed his childhood sweetheart, Connie Messmer, also shown.

A year ago Marine Corps Lt. James A. Bergin was home for Christmas, but faced with the immediate prospect of Korean duty.

This year, Bergin is back home, in time for Christmas, but facing only the pleasant prospect of getting married tomorrow and being released from active duty Jan. 3.

Between the two Christmases was seven months of combat in Korea as a platoon leader. He was at the front for nearly two months last Summer without relief and fought in the Hook and Bunker Hill engagements.

But that is all memory. Tomorrow morning—11 a. m. to be exact—he will marry his high school school sweetheart, Connie Messmer of 1292 Edgemere Dr., Greece. The ceremony will take place at Our Mother of Sorrows Church.

Bergin, 24, is the son of Mrs. James A. Bergin and the late James A. Bergin of 216 Danforth St. He returned home Tuesday night, flying across the country from San Francisco. A graduate of Aquinas Institute and St. Bonaventure University, Bergin enlisted in the Marine Corps in April, 1951, to attend officer candidates school at Parris Island, N. C.

Commenting on the shortage of ammunition in Korea, a situation disclosed following President-elect Eisenhower's trip to Korea, Bergin said they had plenty of small arm (individual weapons such as the rifle and machinegun) ammunition, but were short of mortar and artillery shells.

However, he said, "when we needed supporting artillery or mortar fire, we got it." He added that the shortage began to develop in the middle of September, so far as he could determine.

Most of his time in combat was spent fighting Communist Chinese forces. He said they were good at camouflaging their positions, but attributed some of that to UN air strength over the front which forced the Chinese to hide their positions or be bombed.

In one engagement, he said, his platoon fought its way into a Chinese trench. As he was moving along the trench, he saw a hole about three feet in diameter in the dirt wall of the trench. Entering the hole, he found a room dug out of the earth large enough to hold about 15 men.

Radio Message Reassuring To Wounded Officer's Parents

D. & C. FEB. 4 1953

Because of a radio message picked up by a "ham" operator here, a Driving Park Ave. couple has been spared some of the anxiety springing from word their son was wounded in Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Bird of 173 Driving Park, said yesterday their son, **2nd Lt. Charles A. Bird,** 23, was hit Jan. 18 while acting as forward observer for a field artillery battalion.



LT. CHARLES A. BIRD

First report came in a U. S. Government telegram, sparse in detail. But the next day Henry A. Blodgett of 38 Duffern Dr., Greece, told the Birds he had received by radio a message apparently dictated by Lieutenant Bird from an Army hospital in Tokyo.

In the message, relayed to Blodgett from an amateur operator at Syracuse, Bird said he had been wounded in the right side by hand grenade fragments. A letter from Bird reached his parents later.

The lieutenant is a John Marshall High School graduate. Prior to his induction about 15 months ago, he attended Rochester Institute of Technology. His brother, George L. Jr., is an electronics technician in the Navy.

Looking back on that timely call from Blodgett about Charles' message, the father said: "Boy, it sure made a terrific uplift at our house!"

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Radio 'Hams' Bring News From Wounded GI

Thanks to GI and amateur radio "hams" in Tokyo and across the United States, Lt. Charles A. Bird, son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Bird, 173 Driving Park Ave., has given his parents a "terrific lift."

Lt. Bird, 23, was wounded in Korea Jan. 18 while acting as a forward observer for a Field Artillery battalion. The Defense Department telegram received several days later by the family stated only that Bird had been wounded.

Then Henry A. Blodgett, 38 Duffern Dr., telephoned the Birds and told them their son had been wounded in the right side by hand grenade fragments and was recuperating in a Tokyo Army hospital.

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BLODGETT, an amateur radio operator, had picked up the message from another "ham" in Syracuse. According to Blodgett, the Army hospital apparently arranged for Bird to send a message out of Tokyo, probaby via the Military Amateur Radio Service.

"There is such a service and this, if I recall correctly, was one of their messages," Blodgett said from his Camera Works office today. "Then it was relayed, perhaps several times, across the Pacific and then across the country. That 'ham' in Syracuse might have picked it up from a 'ham' in Texas," Blodgett explained.

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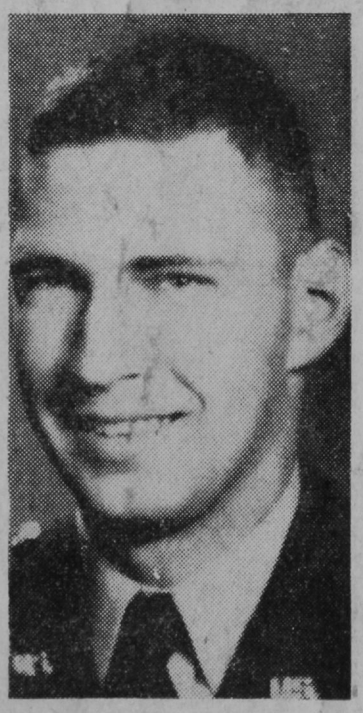
"WE PICK UP those messages every once in a while and do our best to forward them along. Most of the messages are about soldiers arriving safely overseas or returning safe and sound to Japan after a hitch in Korea.

"Like Bird's father said, it usually gives the parents a 'terrific lift.' It makes us feel good, too," Blodgett concluded.



LT. CHARLES A. BIRD

East Rochesterian Busy On Korea Ammo Ship

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An East Rochester seaman is aboard the ammunition ship USS Mount Baker which has returned to the Far East combat zone after a short layover on the West Coast for repairs. He is Donald K. Brown, son of Donald F. Brown, 225 E. Elm St. During its first tour of Korean duty, the Mount Baker spent about nine months in Korean and Japanese waters carrying thousands of tons of ammunition for Task Force 77, which has been harassing Communist installations behind the lines.

Sergeant Back From Korea War

TIMES UNION APR 3 - 1953

A Rochester Air Force veteran, who was at Pearl Harbor in 1941 when the Japanese launched their attack, today returned home after nearly a year in Korea.

He is M/Sgt. Paul E. Bergevin of 4061 Dewey Ave. Bergevin has been reassigned to Mitchel Field and will report there Apr. 28. He has been in service 12 years and has seen action in both Korea and the Philippines. Born in Rochester, Bergevin attended John Marshall High School.

Gates Corporal Hurt in Arm

D. & C. JUN 17 1953

Cpl. Ronald L. Bisnett, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Bisnett of 230 Howard Rd., Gates, suffered shrapnel wounds in the left arm in Korean fighting June 2.

Corporal Bisnett, who attended Madison High School before enlisting in the army on April 12, 1951, is now back in action, his mother said yesterday.

Bisnett is with the 14th Infantry Regiment of the 25th Division. He left for Korea on Nov. 23, 1952.

Before Korea, Bisnett served in France from Sept. 8, 1951 to Nov. 6, 1952.



CPL. RONALD L. BISNETT

Cpl. Bisnett Wounded in Korea Action

Fragment wounds in the arm were suffered June 2 in Korea by **Cpl. Ronald L. Bisnett,** 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Bisnett of 230 Howard Rd., Gates, it was learned yesterday.

A former student at Madison High School, Cpl. Bisnett enlisted Apr. 12, 1951, in the Army. He now is back in action, according to his mother.

Bisnett served in France for more than a year before being sent to Korea.

He is with the 25th Division's 14th Infantry Regiment.

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Spencerport Infantryman Wounded in Ridge Battle

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A Spencerport infantryman has been wounded in Korea fighting around Heartbreak Ridge, his parents learned recently.

Cpl. Robert E. Bommele, 22, of 5087 Ridge Rd. W., wrote his parents from an Army hospital in Japan that he was hit in the ankle by shrapnel on Oct. 10. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bommele live at 298 Wendhurst Dr.

In the letter, Cpl. Bommele said he expected to be back in action in about six weeks. He served with the 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Division.

A graduate of Aquinas Institute, he was an employe of the Rochester Gas & Electric Corp. before being drafted last January. He was shipped to Korea in August. His wife, Mrs. Betsy Fey Bommele, lives at the Spencerport address.

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PERFECT CHRISTMAS—Temporarily out of action is Capt. Jacksel Broughton, 27-year-old career flyer who spent Christmas with his family at 90 Rhinecliff Dr., yesterday, and will marry Alice Briggs, left, of Spokane today. Above he gives his mother, Mrs. J. M. N. Broughton, Japan-made portrait for Christmas, while brother, Robert, and father admire it.

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Christmas Just a Day In Korea, Says Airman

"Christmas in Korea? Christmas there is just another day," said Capt. Jacksel M. Broughton, career airman, yesterday.

"You can't tell the days apart there. Things go on as usual regardless of holidays. You wouldn't even know when it was Sunday if it weren't for the little white malaria pills we always got with Sunday breakfast.

"No—I doubt if it was much of a Christmas in Korea. Some won't even know. There wouldn't be much to remember it by."

Everything about Capt. Broughton's Christmas, 1951, though, is calculated to make it memorable.

After 10 months bombing North Korean rail installations and trucks far north of the front lines, the 27-year-old jet pilot celebrated a jolly Christmas in the peaceful home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. N. Broughton, 90 Rhinecliff Dr., Brighton. With the flyer was pretty "A. J." —Alice Briggs of Spokane, Wash., the girl he'll marry at noon today in St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

There was just one thing to remind him of Christmas in Korea.

"This weather—it's like the snow in Korea," he said. "It's wet and cold. It would make Christmas in Korea miserable."

Otherwise the occasion was as perfect as possible for a young American who must make his living from danger.

Capt. Broughton possesses a hero's collection of medals and citations—four Air Medals, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, a personal commendation from the President, and a hoard of minor decorations.

He earned them as leader of a jet fighter-bomber flight which performed such air warfare exploits as maneuvering two Communist locomotives into a head-on collision. During the first two weeks of May, his flight of F-80s and one other flight were credited with disposing of 750 enemy troops, 10 locomotives, 8 tanks, 18 field pieces, 95 buildings, 35 motor vehicles, 110 box cars, 105 pack animals and 2 bridges.

He has been withdrawn temporarily from action and is now stationed at Luke Air Force Base in Phoenix, Ariz., awaiting reassignment. He and his bride will go there after their wedding today.

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Pvt. Joseph F. Blaszkow

TIMES UNION APR 16 1952

Wounded in Korea War

Pvt. Joseph F. Blaszkow, son of Anthony Blaszkow, 641 Hudson Ave., was wounded in action in Korea Mar. 30, it was reported by the Defense Department today.

The 21-year-old infantryman received sharpnel wounds in the left leg and arm and is recuperating in a hospital in Japan. He was drafted last August and sent to the Far East in December.

A graduate of St. Francis High School in Athol Springs near Buffalo, Pvt. Blaszkow had studied at St. Bonaventure College for a year. Before entering the Army, he was employed at Kodak Color Print Service plant in Ridge Rd. W. He had taken a photography course at Rochester Institute of Technology.

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Son's Arrival From Korea Her Best 'Gift'

At 2 a. m. yesterday, Cpl. Donald L. Boehm ran up the front steps of his home at 1131 Plymouth Ave. S., barely noticed a "Welcome Home" sign his mother had placed on the porch for her son, and knocked on the door.

He was home for Christmas after 10 months as a military policeman (MP) in Korea. It ended a journey that started Nov. 23 at Inchon where he was stationed.

He had spent Thanksgiving in Pusan, then followed a trip on a military transport ship across the Pacific to Fort Lawton in Seattle, Wash. He landed in this country Dec. 19, was flown to Camp Kilmer, N. J., the next day and was finally discharged Wednesday afternoon.

As the time for her son's arrival home drew closer, Mrs. George Boehm put up a sign reading "Welcome Home" on the front porch. She didn't know her son would be home, but she wanted to be ready.

After enlisting for two years, Boehm left for Army duty Jan. 3, 1950. He was home for Christmas last year, leaving Dec. 26 for Fort Lawton and Korea. He arrived in Pusan Jan. 31.

For the next 10 months, Corporal Boehm was on MP road patrol duty, mainly concerned with traffic control but also assigned at times to confiscating black market material. The 23-year-old GI said there was "quite a bit" of black market activity going on in Korea.

Corporal Boehm was graduated from West High School in 1947 and worked as a bank teller for the Central Trust Company until he entered the Army. Last night he thought that after several weeks vacation he would return to his old job.



GIFT FROM THE ORIENT—No other gift she received yesterday compared in Mrs. George Boehm's estimation with the Christmas morning return of her son, Cpl. Donald L., after nearly a year in Korea as an MP. Sign above them, expressing the mother's feelings, was hung days ahead in anticipation.

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GI Officially Listed Prisoner of Reds

D. & C. MAR 15 1953

More than two years after the Chinese Communist radio first announced the capture of Sgt. Raymond H. Buck of Rochester, Department yesterday disclosed it was satisfied that the sergeant actually is a prisoner.



SGT. RAYMOND H. BUCK

The sergeant, son of Mrs. Noal D. Walters of 1946 Main St. E., was officially listed as missing in action Jan. 9, 1951, after the Peiping radio identified him as one of 23 American prisoners reported by the Reds to have acknowledged "kind and courteous treatment" at the hands of their captors.

Since then, Mrs. Walters said, she has been getting occasional letters from her son—the last one in July—telling her he was all right and hoped to be home soon, but nothing else.

At the Defense Department's request, she said yesterday, she sent the last letter to Washington, along with one written before the sergeant disappeared from his unit in Korea. She said the letters went to the Pentagon in January to allow comparison of the handwriting. The change in classification to prisoner of war, she conjectured, was the result of the study.

The sergeant's new status, of which she was notified about 10 days ago, did little to ease her mind, she said. It just confirmed what she knew since the Peiping announcement, she said, and she continues to worry about Buck's welfare and future.

Buck, who is 30, is a former East High pupil and a veteran of three years' service in World War 2 during which he was wounded on Luzon. Discharged in 1945, he remained in private life for five years and then reenlisted. Less than six months later he disappeared in the Korean fighting.

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2 City Sergeants On Smuggled List

Two Rochester men are named in a list of 74 American prisoners of war which was smuggled past the Reds by an Army sergeant in the recent exchange of sick and wounded prisoners in Korea, it was disclosed yesterday.

The two, Sgts. Gerald R. Wolter and Raymond H. Buck, were reported to be in "good shape." The location of the camps in which they are being held prisoner was not disclosed.

Sergeants Wolter and Buck were named on a list smuggled from Korea by Sgt. Harry A. Cutting of Belle Plaine, Iowa, the Associated Press reported from Tokyo yesterday. The list was contained in a small Chinese notebook.

Both men were captured by the Reds within a day of each other. Sergeant Wolter, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Wolter, 609 Lake Ave., was taken Dec. 2, 1950, and Sergeant Buck, 29, son of Mrs. Noal D. Walters, 1946 Main St. E., was reported missing in action Dec. 3, 1950. It was not until last Mar. 15 that Sergeant Buck was listed officially as a prisoner.

'Thrilled' to Be Free, Ex-PW Cables Mother

"I send you love to the best mother in the world."

That message was received today by Mrs. Harriet Walters of 1946 Main St. E., from her son, M/Sgt. Raymond Buck (Mrs. Walters is remarried).



Sgt. Buck

The cablegram from Sgt. Buck, released by the Communists at Panmunjom in Korea after he spent two years and seven months as a prisoner of war, filled Mrs. Walters' cup of happiness to overflowing.

Here is the text of Sgt. Buck's message:

"Dearest Mom: I send you love to the best mother in the world. I have arrived safe in UN territory, and I am thrilled beyond words to be released. There is nothing wrong with me that your cooking won't cure. I look forward with all the love in my heart to seeing you again."

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SGT. BUCK'S father is Leightvere Buck of 1 Riley Pl., a painter. His stepfather is Noal Walters of the Main St. E. address.

(A Palmyra GI returns home, Page 16.)

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Greece Corporal Listed Dead, Missing 3 Years in Korea

A Town of Greece serviceman who had been missing in action in Korea more than three years was reported yesterday to have been declared officially dead by the Army.

Cpl. James W. Buckley is believed to have died in a North Korean prison camp in January, Army Adjutant General's Department notified his father, George J. Buckley of 18 Willmae Rd.



CPL. JAMES W. BUCKLEY

Ex-prisoners of war have testified that Buckley, who served with the 38th Artillery Battalion, was captured Nov. 30, 1950, as his unit was marching north toward the Manchurian border. While in prison Buckley died, the witnesses told the Army.

Cpl. Buckley, who was 19 at the time he was captured, attended Edison Technical and Industrial High School before enlisting in September, 1949. He was sent to Korea in July, 1950.

Army Abandons Hope for GI Missing 3 Years in Korea

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After being listed as missing in action for almost 3½ years, Cpl. Herman R. Caruso is now officially presumed dead.



CPL. HERMAN R. CARUSO

The Army corporal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Caruso of 293 Adams St. said yesterday they received word from the Department of the Army Saturday that "in view of the lapse of time," it must presume that their son is dead. The adjutant general's office established Dec. 31, 1953, as an arbitrary "date of death."

Cpl. Caruso was reported missing in action July 20, 1950, with Pfc. Ernest Busico, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Busico of 346 Glenwood Ave. Corporal Caruso was with a medical unit of the 19th Infantry Regiment. He and Private Busico had been buddies since enlisting together on Jan. 3, 1948—exactly six years ago yesterday. Pvt. Busico's status was changed to "killed in action" in November, 1950.

Cpl. Caruso was born Aug. 31, 1931. He was a student at Madison High School when he enlisted in the Army at the age of 17. For the 15 months preceding the outbreak of the Korean War, Cpl. Caruso was stationed in Japan. He was sent to Korea immediately after the start of hostilities in June, 1950.

Besides his parents, Cpl. Caruso is survived by two brothers, Anthony and Michael, both of Rochester; a sister, Mrs. Ann Canbisi, also of this city and several nephews. A memorial requiem Mass will be celebrated at 9:15 a. m. tomorrow at SS. Peter and Paul Church.

GI's Death In PW Camp Revealed

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Cpl. Donald Cornwall, who once lived at 4100 Dewey Ave., Greece, died in a Communist prison camp in Korea some time in October, 1950, his relatives here were told by the Army yesterday.

Cpl. Cornwall, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cornwall, who moved to Miami from Greece shortly after he entered the Army in January, 1949, was listed as missing in action July 20, 1950, after 19 days in Korea as an infantryman with the 24th Division.



Cpl. Cornwall

Cpl. Cornwall left John Marshall High School at 17 to join the armed forces and took his basic training at Camp Pickett, Va. He received communications training in Japan in 1949 and 1950 before being sent to Korea.

Survivors in this area include four aunts, Mrs. Frank W. Roycraft, 146 Hartley St., Greece; Mrs. Harrison I. Grotzinger, 88 Biltmore Dr., Greece; Mrs. Howard E. Kaufman, 159 Hager Rd., Greece, and Mrs. Edna Rose, 44 Barnard St., Greece.

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GI Died in PW Camp, Army Informs Parents

Cpl. Donald Cornwall, who left John Marshall High School at the age of 17 to join the Army, died in a Communist prison camp in Korea, his relatives have learned.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cornwall, moved to Miami, Fla., from 4100 Dewey Ave., Greece, shortly after Cpl. Cornwall entered the Army in January, 1949. They were informed by the Army this week,



DONALD CORNWALL

relatives here said, that their son was a prisoner three months before he died in prison some time in October, 1950.

Cpl. Cornwall was listed as missing in action July 20, 1950. He was an infantryman in the 24th Infantry Division who had been in Korea 19 days before his capture.

After training at Camp Pickett, Va., he left for Japan April 13, 1949. Cpl. Cornwall trained there in communications. At the time he was taken prisoner he was attached to the headquarters of Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, highest-ranking American officer captured by the Chinese.

His survivors include four aunts in the Rochester area: Mrs. Frank W. Roycraft, 146 Hartley St., Greece; Mrs. Harrison I. Grotzinger, 88 Biltmore Dr., Greece; Mrs. Howard E. Kaufman, 159 Hager Rd., Greece; Mrs. Edna Rose, 44 Barnard St., Greece.

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HI SIS — M/Sgt. Raymond H. Buck kisses half-sister, Margaret Walter, 11, as his family welcomes him home from 32 months of Red captivity. The 30-year-old ex-prisoner of war was greeted by his grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Smith, left; his mother. Mrs. Noal Walters, and his stepfather, Noal Walters, at the Rochester Airport.

100 Relatives, Friends Gather at Hall To Greet Sergeant, PW 32 Months

They hired a hall last night because M/Sgt. Raymond H. Buck was home after 32 months in a Communist prison camp.

A gay welcome home party for the returned POW at Realmonte Hall, 59 Whitney St., capped Buck's first day back with his family in Rochester. He flew into the city yesterday afternoon from San Francisco.

More than 100 relatives and friends got their first look at the veteran of World War II and Korea since he left for the Far East in 1950. The gay reception even had a three-piece band to serenade Buck's first night home.

The 30-year-old sergeant was mobbed by relatives when his commercial airplane landed at 3:45 p. m. at Rochester Airport. His stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Noal D. Walters, 1946 Main St. E., and his father, Leighvere Buck, 1 Riley Pl., rushed through the gate to the landing field when they saw the sergeant wave from the plane's window.

They were followed by a raft of Buck's other relatives ranging from his grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Smith, 1 Riley Pl., to young cousins, nieces and nephews.

Among members of the infantryman's family at the airport were a brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sackett, who live at the Riley Place address; a brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Buck; a brother, Robert Buck, and a half-sister, Margaret Walters, 11, all of whom live with the Walters in Main Street East. A brother, William, and his wife were unable to get to the airport.

Walters said Buck's mother and he had met planes until about 11 p. m. Thursday.

"We thought he might try to put one over on us and sneak in without telling us. So we thought we could put one over on him," the stepfather said. Buck telephoned his mother yesterday morning to tell he would be on the afternoon plane.

As the sergeant's family rushed to greet him, Margaret forgot to wave a red-white-and-blue "Welcome Home Ray" sign her brother Robert had made.

"I guess I've said hello to everybody," Buck remarked jauntily after he had kissed or shaken hands with the 16 relatives who met him.

When asked how it felt to be home, he shrugged and declared, "You know I can't say anything, it's so wonderful." His facial expression showed he was dazed by the welcome.

He told his parents that he is supposed to report at the hospital at Sampson Air Force Base, Geneva, to get fitted for a new upper plate of dentures. His Red captors stole his before releasing him on Sept. 5 (Rochester time).

"But I'm going to ask them at Sampson if I can't put it off for a while and stay home," Buck said. His arm was around his gray-haired mother, and both were smiling happily.

The returned sergeant wore three rows of ribbons on his summer khaki shirt. Among them was the Purple Heart which he earned when he was wounded on Luzon in the Philippines during World War II. He served three years in that war and was discharged in 1945.

After working several years for the Merchants Despatch Transportation Corp. in East Rochester, he re-enlisted in 1950. Less than six months later he was captured in Korea.

Buck also was met by a representative of Rochester Dairy Council who gave him four quarts of milk. When the sergeant arrived in San Francisco Wednesday, he expressed disappointment at not being able to get milk at the pier.

"On the ship," he said as he gulped down a glass of milk, "they gave us that new powdered milk. It isn't the same." He said he had lost about 15 pounds while in captivity.

"I don't know what I'm going to do now," Buck answers when asked about his future plans.

His family took the sergeant home for a joyous reunion. Yesterday, Howard Buck said, was the first time in 14 years that the entire family has been together. Buck and two of his brothers were separated by years of service during and after World War II and the Korean War.

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Sgt. Buck a PW, U. S. Reports

TIMES UNION MAR 16 1953

Sgt. Raymond H. Buck, son of Mrs. Noal D. Walters, 1946 Main St. E., has been listed officially as a prisoner of war in Korea.

On Jan. 9, 1951, the Chinese Communist Radio announced the capture of Sgt. Buck, a World War 2 veteran who reenlisted in 1950 and was sent to Korea.



Sgt. Buck

Yesterday, after examination of letters written home by the 30-year-old GI, the Defense Department officially changed his classification from "missing" to "captured." Mrs. Walters had forwarded her son's letters to Washington. He is a former East High student.

Sgt. Buck Cables Joy at Release

First direct word from one of the last prisoners to be freed by the Communists in Korea yesterday came to the family of Sgt. Raymond H. Buck.

In a cable to his mother, Mrs. Harriet Walters of 1946 Main St. E., the sergeant indicated that his uppermost thought in 31 months of captivity was his family.

"Dear Mom," he cabled. "I'm sending you love to the best mother in the world. I have arrived safe in UN territory and I am thrilled beyond words to be released. There is nothing wrong with me that your cooking won't cure. I look forward with all the love in my heart to seeing you again."

Buck was released Friday, next to the final day of the prisoner exchange, together with two other local men, Lt. Col. Robert N. Abbott of 6 Aldern Pl. and Capt. Arthur H. Lozano of 535 Highland Ave.

Mother Hears Report Early

Tears of happiness streamed down from Mrs. Noal D. Walters' eyes when she heard the news that her son, M/Sgt. Raymond H. Buck, 30, was released last night as a Red prisoner of war.

"Thank God, oh thank God," she uttered in emotion-packed, almost inaudible sounds when she was informed by The Democrat and Chronicle that her son's name had been flashed half way around the world shortly after midnight.

But Mrs. Walters already knew that her son was well. She learned that from the first Rochester soldier to be freed as a POW.

"Sgt. Gerald Wolter of (609) Lake Avenue was captured at the same time as my son. And they were in the same prison camp together. That was Camp 1. When the Wolter boy came home, he told me my son, Ray, was in good condition. But Ray had been removed to another camp along with other non-commissioned and commissioned officers some time ago. So he and Wolter weren't together through the last few months."

Mrs. Walters said she had sat up each night during the entire release of prisoners waiting for word. And each night, she went to bed with the prayer, "Maybe tomorrow."

Her last letter from Sergeant Buck was dated July 5. "He was a sergeant first class then. He must have been promoted since then," she explained. "All he wrote was that he guessed we heard the good news about the release of sick and wounded prisoners. And that he hoped to be coming home soon, too. He always added that we shouldn't worry."

Sergeant Buck has three brothers; William, an Air Corps veteran of World War II who saw service in India; Robert, who last March was discharged from the Navy, and Howard Buck. He also has two sisters, Margaret Walters and Ellen Buck.

TIMES UNION MAR 16 1954

Malnutrition Blamed in PW's Death

Greece Soldier Died Soon After Capture

Malnutrition took the life of a Town of Greece soldier less than two months after he was captured in the Korean War, his parents were notified yesterday.

Cpl. James W. Buckley, 19, died in a North Korean prison camp in January, 1951, the Army notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Buckley of 18 Willmae Rd., Greece. He was their only child.



Cpl. Buckley

Cpl. Buckley had been captured Nov. 30, 1950, as his artillery unit was advancing toward the Manchurian border, according to ex-prisoners of war.

The Army's message yesterday stated that repatriated prisoners of war have reported that Cpl. Buckley died of malnutrition, Mrs. Buckley said.

A former student at Edison Technical and Industrial High School, Cpl. Buckley enlisted in the Army in September, 1949.

City GI Killed In Korea Action

Pfc. Ernest Busico, 21, listed as missing in action in Korea, was killed in battle, it was learned officially by his family.

Young Buscio was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Buscio, of 346 Glenwood Ave. One of three children, he attended Jefferson High School before enlisting two years ago.

TIMES UNION NOV 22 1950

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TIMES UNION APR 13 1953

'Nothing to Fear,' Missing GI Said

An 18-year-old infantryman who told his father "there is nothing to be afraid of" in the front lines, has been reported missing in action in Korea.

In a letter written Mar. 24, three days before the Army listed him "missing during an enemy charge," Pfc. Frederick T. Bradley told his father, Alfred Bradley, 92 Bond St., that his outfit had "dug in" the mud.

"There's nothing to be afraid of except the Chinese, and they're dug in 20 feet deep," he said. The elder Bradley said the youth, who wrote while sitting in a bunker, indicated he was involved in the battle for "Little Gibraltar."

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BORN HERE Apr. 26, 1934, Pfc. Bradley lived with his family at 76 Ringle St. and attended School 16 in Post Ave.

Later, he went to live with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pearl, friends of the family, and moved with them to Lima in 1947 and to Canisteo in 1949. He was in his third year in Canisteo High School when he enlisted Apr. 29, 1951.

Before he was sent to Korea in late December or early January, he served 14 months with occupation forces in Germany.

Besides his father, he has a brother and sister, Kenneth and June Bradley, both of 480 Landing Rd.; and two other sisters, Helen Bradley, of 21 Forgham Rd., and Mrs. Frank Keck of Victor.



PFC. FREDERICK T. BRADLEY

"He was crazy about the Army," his father recalled. "There was nothing else for him. He said when his three-year enlistment was up, he was going to enlist again.

Cpl. Bradley Given Up as Dead in War

TIMES UNION APR 15 1954

Cpl. Frederick T. Bradley, the 18-year-old Rochester GI who wrote to his father from a Korean bunker that "there is nothing to be afraid of," today officially was declared dead.

The Defense Department announced that Cpl. Bradley is presumed dead after being missing for more than a year. On March 27 a Chinese attack engulfed his position on a barren hillside known as "Little Gibraltar." He was reported missing in action.

Three days earlier, the young infantryman had written to his father, Alfred Bradley of 92 Bond St. "There is nothing to be afraid of except the Chinese," he wrote laconically, "and they're dug in 20 feet deep."

Cpl. Bradley enlisted for three years when in his junior year in Canisteo High School. He is survived by his father, a brother and a sister, Kenneth and June Bradley, 480 Landing Rd.; and two other sisters, Helen Bradley, 21 Forgham Rd., and Mrs. Frank Keck of Victor.

Korea Veteran Heads Recruiting For Air Force

TIMES UNION APR 30 1956

A twice-downed F51 fighter-bomber pilot with a chestful of decorations is the new officer-in-charge of the Air Force Recruiting Station here.

He is Capt. Owen T. Brewer, a 13-year Air Force veteran, who was once wounded by small arms fire while flying in support of ground troops in Korea. On that occasion, in late 1950, he grounded his plane in "no man's land" between the front lines north of Seoul. His ship was tagged by enemy fire again in May, 1951, but this time he managed to land in U.N. territory.

Capt. Brewer lives in Tonawanda but will commute to Rochester to coordinate recruitment activities in the Federal Building headquarters.

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Rochester Twins In 24th Division Tell of Korea War

D. & C. JUL 26 1950

"In the thick of it," are the twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Collins, 132 California Dr., who yesterday received a letter from the two soldiers in Korea.

Pfc. Myron and Pfc. Marvin Collins, 19, who last wrote their parents from Japan on July 1, saying they were being sent on a "special mission," are aid men for a medical company with the 24th Division, now fighting in Korea.

"You probably know we're in Korea fighting the Commies," said the message, signed by both boys.



MARVIN COLLINS MYRON COLLINS

"It's a pretty nasty business, of course, but as soon as all the forces organize we'll commence to push the North Koreans back to the 38th Parallel, which is as far as we can go."

The letter, which said the two had been in combat four days and nights, went on to say that "We need the unified support of air power, artillery and armored tank forces." Date of the message was July 11, before the battle of Taejon.

The twins, who attended Edison Technical High School and Charlotte High School, enlisted together for a three-year hitch. They were scheduled for discharge in November, 1951. With them in Korea is Richard Guck, 21, of 123 Worcester Rd., who enlisted at the same time.

Twin Reports GI Brother Lost in Korea

TIMES UNION AUG 19 1950

Pfc. Myron Collins, 19, has reported home to his mother, Mrs. Leslie Collins, 132 California Dr., that his twin brother,, Pfc. Marvin Collins, is wounded and missing in Korea.

Both joined the service together in December, 1948, worked together in



PFC. MYRON COLLINS PFC. MARVIN COLLINS

a hospital in Japan and were helping the wounded together in Korea when separated.

Myron said in a letter dated Aug. 5 that he had heard Marvin was wounded in the battle of Taejon. No official word has been received from the War Department.

The two men had been assigned to the 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division.

The mother of the twins has received no letter from Marvin. Both boys attended Edison Technical High School.

Twin Missing In Korea War

D. & C. AUG 20 1950

A young Rochesterian has been reported wounded and missing in the Korean war by his twin brother.

In a letter to his mother, Mrs. Leslie Collins, 132 California Dr., Pfc. Myron Collins, 19, wrote that twin brother, Pfc. Marvin Collins, had been wounded and was missing after battle for Taejon. The letter was dated Aug. 5. No word has been received from the War Department.



PFC. MARVIN COLLINS

The Collins brothers joined the Army together in December, 1948, and were assigned to a hospital in Japan, with the 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. They were together helping the wounded in Korea when Marvin was wounded and disappeared.

No letter has been received from Marvin. The twins attended Edison Technical High School.

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Wounded Summerville Marine Returns to Korean Hill Battle

D. & C. AUG 25 1952

Near the quiet of the truce talks in Korea, a Summerville Marine who took part in a series of raging fights to wrest an outpost hill from the Chinese Communists has been wounded slightly in the arm.

The hill has changed hands five times, but "it has to be taken at all costs," Marine S/Sgt. James J. Carlson in a letter quotes his commanding officer as saying.



S/SGT. JAMES J. CARLSON

Wounded but back in action after only a few days' treatment, Carlson, 21, says of the injury: "All I will have soon is a scar for the memory." His arm was hit by shrapnel Aug. 8. Writing his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Carlson of 9 Second St., the young Marine related after returning to action:

"Our company tried twice yesterday to get the hill, our platoon tried once and another platoon tried in the evening. Each time we got on top, the Reds sealed off the rear with mortars and started blasting us off with artillery and by rolling grenades down on us.

"We get some sleep during the day when we can. We will be going it again tonight." And he added, "We'll make it yet," observing bitterly, "This would almost make some people in the States believe there's a war on."

Carlson joined the Marine Reserves in 1948 and was called up the month he was graduated from Charlotte High School, June, 1949. He trained at Parris Island, S. C., and Camp Lejeune, N. C., and was sent overseas last February. He is serving with Company D, 2d Battalion, 1st Marine Division.



THEIR HERO—Korean mother and child try to express gratitude to ex-GI Al Cavallaro, now employed at Camera Works, for saving their lives from flame-swept hut. Al's getting Soldier's Medal tomorrow.

TIMES UNION NOV 7 1952

Air Force Rejected Him Once--but He's a Hero

By TOM CONNOLLY

They didn't want to take Al Cavallaro into the Air Force in the first place. "Physically unfit for military duty," was the report.

But Al knew better. Just because he had polio as a youngster was no reason why he couldn't get to be a soldier, he figured. He "just knew" that his leg would hold up okay.

So, Al hammered away until he convinced the military brass that he could do as good a job as anyone else. Now it turns out that Al did just a little bit better.

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TOMORROW, before a full scale military review at Sampson Air Force Base, they're going to pin the Soldier's Medal for heroism on Al.

It's the seventh highest military decoration a man can earn in this country.

Al's mother and dad and his brother, Dick, will be right up front watching, too proud to do anything but stand erect and listen.

Al got his medal the hard way. And because of him a Korean mother is alive today.

One Sunday last February, Al was driving a jeep down a frozen Korean road. He was an airman first class with the 8th Fighter Bomber Wing on his way back to the Wing's photo lab.

Suddenly up ahead Al saw a raging fire eating its way through a tiny Korean hut. Outside a tiny youngster stood screaming. Al didn't stop to think.

He leaped from his still-moving vehicle and raced into the hut. Inside, the lad's mother was on her knees, almost overcome, groping for freedom. Al carried the woman to safety. She was badly burned and is now blind.

He went into the inferno a second time to salvage as many of the pitiful belongings as he could and to pull out the little boy who had gone in looking for his mother.

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ACCORDING TO THE CITATION they'll give Al tomorrow, he "distinguished himself by an act of heroism, displaying outstanding courage and complete disregard for his own personal safety."

"Despite overpowering heat of flames and suffocating smoke which engulfed him he carried the Korean woman to safety . . . such heroism reflected great credit upon the United States in the eyes of the Korean people," the citation continues.

The hut was destroyed and surrounding grounds were burned. Al escaped without injury.

His medal will be presented tomorrow by Maj. Gen. Richard C. Lindsay, U. S. Air Force.

Al, who is 25, is an East High School graduate. He enlisted in November, 1948, and was discharged as a sergeant in September. He saw service in the Far East from 1950 until last May.

Al wears the Korean service ribbon with there battle stars, the Korean presidential unit citation, the Japanese Occupation Medal, the United Nations Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

His full name is Alfred A. Cavallaro Jr. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cavallaro of 123 Weld St., Al works as a inspector for Eastman Kodak Company.



ON THE JOB—Al wears big grin today as cameraman snapped him at work.

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We Congratulate

CPL. CHARLES CAMELIO on His 21st Birthday Today.



D. & C. NOV 22 1952

SOMEWHERE in far-off Korea where his unit of the 1st Marine Division presumably is close to the action on the battlefronts, Cpl. Charles Camelio will observe his 21st birthday today.

There probably won't be an opportunity for the young Marine to make much of a celebration of his majority-reaching birthday. But he'll be looking ahead and hoping that the delayed observance can be given double emphasis when he gets home on a promised rotation furlough sometime before Christmas.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Camelio of 478 Driving Park Ave. is pictured herewith with a little Korean war orphan who has been unofficially adopted by members of his platoon and who bears the affectionate nickname of "The China Doll."

Corporal Camelio attended Aquinas Institute before he enlisted in the Marine Corps in May, 1951. He was sent overseas in December of the same year.



LATE CHRISTMAS—Cpl. Charles Camelio enjoyed his gifts just as much at the end of January as he would have earlier, for with late celebration he could enjoy them at home instead of in Korea. Joining in the exchange at the 478 Driving Park Ave. home are his sister, Donna, 8, at left; father, Anthony; sister, Marie, 23, and mother, Mrs. Genevieve Camelio, right.

For Local Marine . . .

Christmas Never Comes Late, If It's Been 3 Years Coming

The end of January isn't too late to celebrate Christmas—not when you've been in Korea for 13 months and haven't been home in three years.

And it wasn't until last week that Cpl. Charles R. Camelio, a Marine who has spent the last five months as a forward observer spotting enemy positions on the front lines had his Christmas. He had spent eight other months in a 1st Marine Division headquarters battalion.

His presents were intact under the family Christmas tree which has been up awaiting his return. Friday night 50 of his relatives and friends met at the home of his father, Anthony Camelio, 478 Driving Park Ave., to help him celebrate.

Corporal Camelio arrived in Rochester yesterday afternoon, soon after his return to this country on rotation. He has a month at home, and then will be stationed at a Marine base in Florida.

TIMES UNION MAR 18 1953

Pfc. Joseph Carbone, 21, Wounded in Korea

Mrs. Antoinette Carbone of 82 Clayton St., has been notified that her son, Pfc. Joseph Carbone, 21, has been wounded in action in Korea.

The young soldier was wounded in the right shoulder by a sniper's bullet on Mar. 13, the anniversary of the day he entered service in 1952. Members of his family say he had been in action about a week, serving with the 180th Infantry Regiment.

Joseph was born in Rochester and was graduated from Charlotte High School two years ago. He had started learning the carpenter's trade. At training camp, Carbone won honors as an expert rifleman.



PFC. JOSEPH CARBONE

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Local Corporal of Artillery Seriously Wounded in Korea

D. & C. JUL 29 1950

A Rochester artilleryman was "seriously wounded in action in Korea, July 19," according to a telegram received yesterday by his mother from the adjutant general of the Army.

Cpl. Samuel Cirincione, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rosario Cirincione of 59 Morrill St., was seriously wounded and sent to a hospital, reported the telegram. He is a truck driver in the artillery.



CPL. SAMUEL CIRINCIONE

Cirincione joined the Army in July, 1948. He attended St. Bridget's School and Paul Revere High School, where he studied shoe repairing. After basic training, he was sent to Japan in November, 1948, and arrived in Korea July 4.

Two other Rochester soldiers stationed in Korea previously listed as missing are Pvt. Robert C. Russ, son of Mrs. Helen Russ, 148 Fitzhugh St. S., and Pvt. Charles E. Greenwood, son of Mrs. Jeanette Thorpe, 6 Catherine St.

Greece Soldier Suffers Wound In Korea Fight

D. & C. AUG 9 1950

It wasn't until they received their last letter from their son, Pfc. Donald Crombach, 21, that Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crombach, of 152 Desmond Rd., Greece, learned that he had been wounded in the Korean campaign.



DONALD CROMBACH

The letter stated that young Crombach had been wounded around the eyes, but added, that he was recovering in a Japanese hospital. A veteran of two years in the service, 14 months of which have been spent in Japan, Crombach indicated that he probably "wouldn't be able to come home after being released from the hospital."

He did say, however, that he might be home for Christmas. His letter indicated that he would be assigned to Army Special Services for work in a Post Exchange somewhere in Japan after his discharge from the hospital.

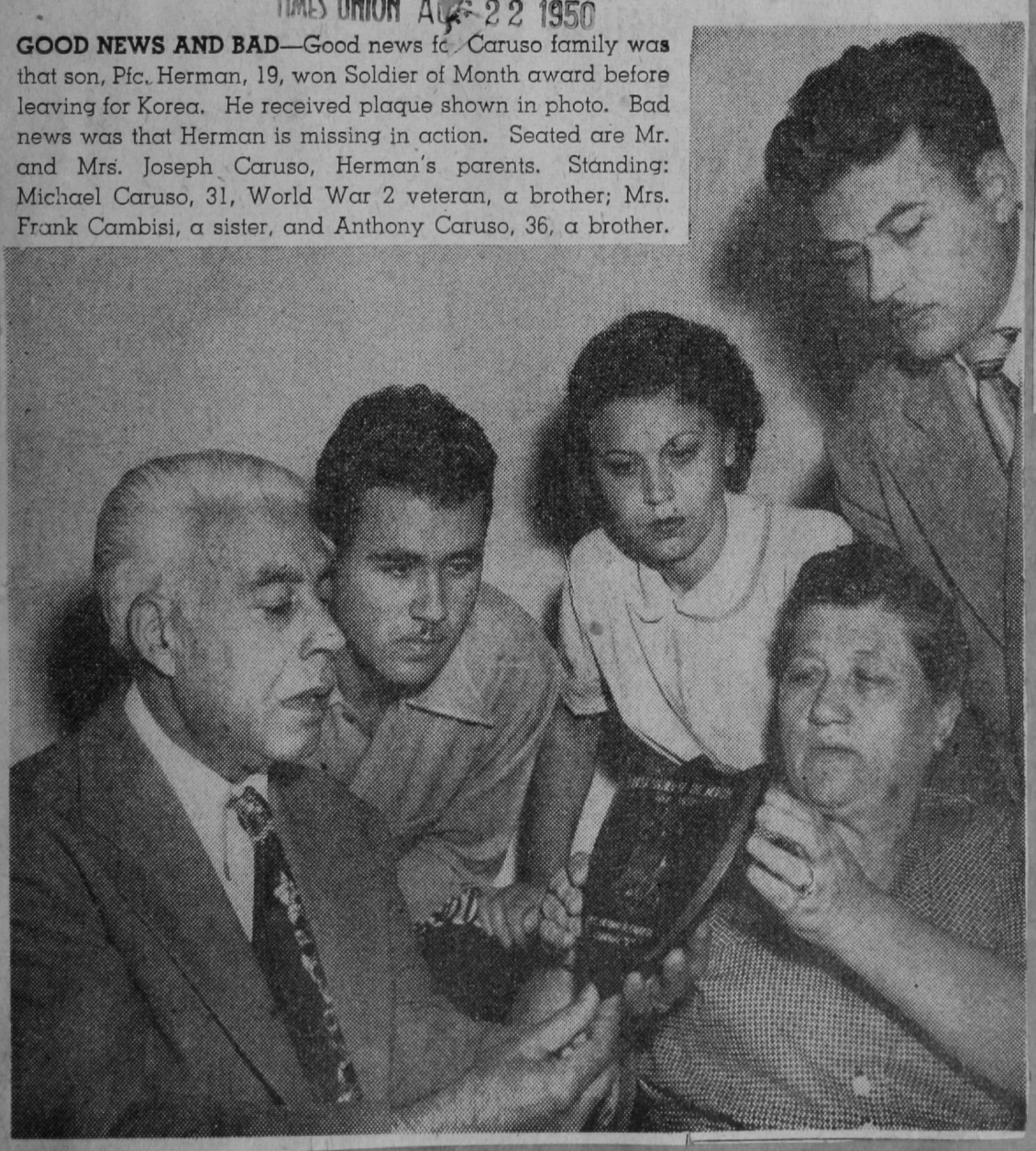
He was assigned to the 34th Infantry Regiment of the 24th Division. An earlier letter told of how he had shaken hands with Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, former commander of the 24th who was reported missing in action the middle of July.

Donald has two brothers, one of whom is now in the Marines. Charles, 28, is stationed at Quantico Marine Base, Va. In the last war, Charles was in the Marines in the Pacific theater. He was wounded twice. Another brother, Robert, 23, served with a military railroad service in Japan before his discharge.

Donald attended Aquinas Institute where he was active in baseball and football.

TIMES UNION AUG 22 1950

GOOD NEWS AND BAD—Good news for Caruso family was that son, Pfc. Herman, 19, won Soldier of Month award before leaving for Korea. He received plaque shown in photo. Bad news was that Herman is missing in action. Seated are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Caruso, Herman's parents. Standing: Michael Caruso, 31, World War 2 veteran, a brother; Mrs. Frank Cambisi, a sister, and Anthony Caruso, 36, a brother.



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Quiet In Greece

Greece GI, a Week Away from Battlefield, Finds Home 'Great' -- But It's Hard to Sleep

TIMES UNION SEP 18 1950

By RAY SMALL

The nights are quiet and peaceful. The silence is so great that 19-year-old Pfc. Myron Collins, 132 California Dr., Greece, couldn't sleep last night—even with his dog curled up at the foot of his soft clean bed.

One week ago, Myron left the ear-shattering battlefields of Korea, where he spent the Summer bandaging wounded GIs and giving them emergency innoculation. He arrived home last night. About 24 hours sleep a week while sitting in a fox-hole is all this young soldier is used to.

A little shy and stunned to suddenly find himself home, Myron said it seemed "great" and flashed a smile. His twin brother Marvin joined the Army with him two years ago and they were together in Korea until about a month ago. A day later Myron heard his brother had been wounded. Mrs. Leslie Collins was notified Aug. 30 that Marvin was missing.

"We were all in the same situation," the surgical technician reported modestly. This was the situation:

Forty days of C ration—when they were lucky. When they got separated from their regiment for two or three days, which happened several times, they had to scrounge raw potatoes, unripe corn and, of all things, watermelons from the fields. Sometimes the Korean soldiers gave them rice bowls and crackers.

"He had two eggs before he went to bed last night and four more for breakfast this morning," his mother said.

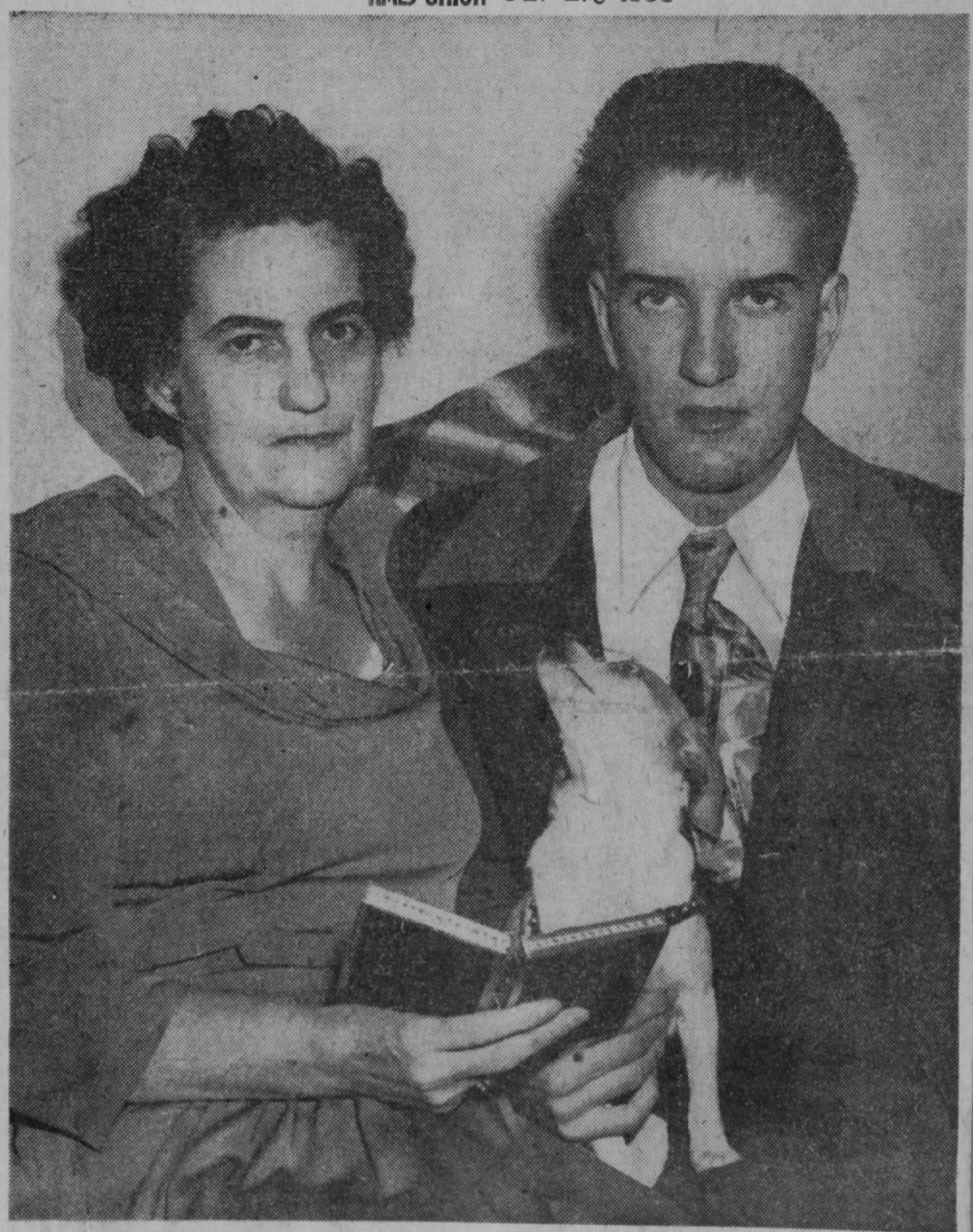
When asked if he'd had any narrow escapes since he arrived on Korea from Japan where he had been for a year, Myron shook his head thoughtfully, smiled faintly but would say nothing.

"Too many as far as I'm concerned," his mother said.

"Very lucky to be back," the soldier said.

Myron's furlough was arranged by the Home Service Department, Rochester Chapter, American Red Cross. He will be home indefinitely; thinks he will be sent back to his outfit in Korea, but is awaiting orders.

In the meantime, his only uniform is at the cleaners, his sport coat hangs a little loosely on him from lost weight but still looks good and his girl who lives across the street is mighty happy.



BOTH HAPPY AND SAD—Mrs. Leslie Collins and son, Myron, enjoy reunion; but sad that Myron's twin brother, Marvin, at whose picture they are looking, is missing in Korea.

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Rochester GI Gets Wound In Korea Fight

D.& C. SEP 18 1950

Pfc. Egidio Cologgi, 22, With 2nd Infantry Division

Pfc. Egidio D. Cologgi, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Egidio Cologgi, 308 Reynolds St., has been wounded in the fighting in Korea, it was learned last night.



PFC. EGIDIO COLOGGI

According to a Defense Department telegram received by his parents, Private Cologgi was "slightly wounded" Sept. 2.

He enlisted in April, 1949, and went overseas with the 2nd Infantry Division. His family hasn't heard from him since he was wounded, Mrs. Cologgi said last night. He attended Madison High School.

A brother, Julio, a member of the Military Police, is believed on his way to Korea. Another brother, Joseph Cologgi, served with the Army in Germany after World War 2.

City Soldier Hurt in Korea

D.& C. SEP 26 1950

Pfc. Louis (Ted) Capuano, 19, has been wounded in the fighting in Korea, according to a telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Capuano, 50 Romeyn St.



PFC. LOUIS CAPUANO

The Defense Department report said Private Capuano, a member of Company B, Fifth Cavalry Regiment, First Cavalry Division, was "slightly wounded."

Private Capuano, who enlisted in 1947, was stationed in Korea until U. S. occupation troops were withdrawn before the present conflict began. A native of Rochester, Private Capuano attended Madison High School. Two brothers, Frank and Lawrence, served in the Army and Navy, respectively, during World War 2.

Rochesterian Wounded Second Time

TIMES UNION OCT 16 1950

A Rochester man has been reported wounded for the second time in Korea.

He is Cpl. Louis (Ted) Capuano, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Capuano of 50 Romeyn St.

While a private first class, his parents said, Cpl. Capuano was wounded in the foot, leg and arm on Sept. 13.



PALMER CAPUANO

On Sept. 16, he received shrapnel wounds in the back and was sent to a hospital in Japan. There he was awarded a purple heart medal which was mailed to his parents last week. He was with the First Cavalry Division. A letter he wrote to his parents indicated he will be returned to active duty.

Letters ★ ★ ★ ★ from Our Readers

D.& C. NOV 10 1950

What a Fighter Pilot Thinks in Korea

This is a copy of a letter written by my brother (Lt. Paul Carlsen, 22 years old), a fighter pilot over Korea. It seemed too poignant to keep to ourselves. Lt. Carlsen has more than 100 missions and was shot down in August, bailing out at 8,000 feet. He is back flying again. He has the Purple Heart and the Air Medal with 10 Oak Leaf clusters. The Bob Wayne mentioned in the letter was the first pilot to shoot down an enemy plane. He was later shot down and rescued and that is the incident referred to.

MRS. ALBERT J. MARTIN.
74 Fieldstone Ter.

"Several of us have been shooting the breeze about the war—mainly hairy flights and things said over the radio during actual combat. The day we hit Wonsan and got those oil storage tanks and the time we covered Bob Wayne. It seems like years ago that we almost lost Taegu—the bloody battle at Waegwan, the Bowling Alley and Flak Alley. Our reccy flights up to the border and the two lousy flak bursts at Chinnampo that like to scared us to death. It's not over yet, we're losing men—heroic deeds are done and pitiful sights seen.

"No, I'll never forget—if only I'll have the words to be able to pass on and yet I know words will never be enough.

alry Division—they praised the fight and asked a million questions and so did I. Watched POW's being brought in—some wounded, some quiet and some quite arrogant. The wise ones were shortly shut up. A GI who has seen buddies killed doesn't appreciate these Koreans.

"We had a "51" with cargo tanks loaded with beer. The pilot (Scouch Small) landed at Kimpo as K13 was socked in. The para troops swiped every can. If it had been anyone else we would have raised hell, but instead Scouch flew back and got them some more knowing many of them were within hours of death.

"Yes, it's like a strange dream—such fine good companionship. I want to come home. I don't want to leave these guys. I'm filthy dirty. Missions, I honestly don't know how many I have—what's the difference! Ten air medals or a million won't save your neck in a pinch.

"It's so stupid, I just don't know. We got a Life magazine—in it was an article about a college convention of some sort with a picture of a Commie speaking of the war and how the Commies are so good and it's not their fault. No kiddin, those are the guys—oh, what good are words. If I had a million I'd write a book except I get mad when I think of it. Hey! We're gonna get mail tonight—being sorted now."

"The trouble is, something happens each and every day. An emergency landing means nothing—a bail-out is forgotten in a day—a crash hardly mentioned. When a guy has a close one and makes out alright it's joked about. And then the usual hangar flying each night—dreaming of the Top of the Mark (hotel in Frisco) or Jones Beach. Yesterday I lost my coolant over Pyongyang and had to land on a dirt strip which would be unheard of in the states. I talked with guys from the 1st Cav-

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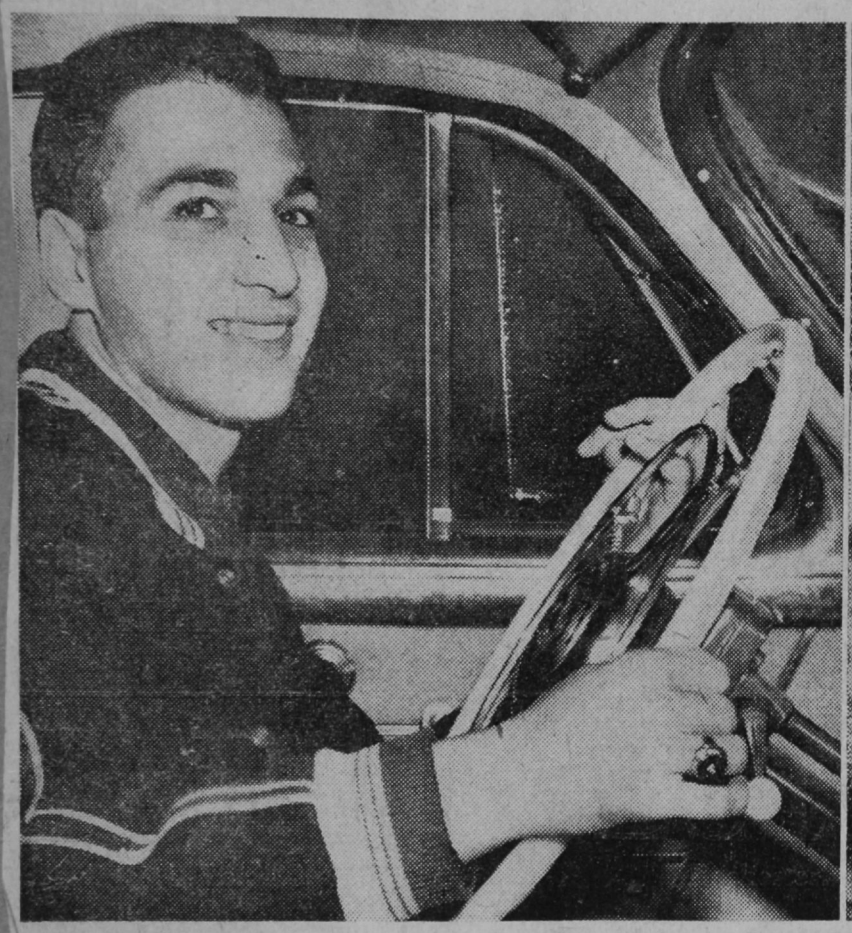



CPL. JOSEPH COLOSI (left) was put out of combat duty for good by a blast in Korea. He's thrilled to be seeing Main St. again. Gene "Doc" Begue (center in photo at right), still on the job in Korea, is shown helping to load a 4.2-mm. mortar. His buddies are Pfc. Vernon Lee (left) of Longview, Wash., and Pfc. Keith Fisher of Erie, Pa. (Acme Photo)

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TIMES UNION NOV 20 1950

Can't Believe He's Back Home, Wounded Korean Veteran Says

Blasted out of his foxhole on the bank of the Naktong River by a mortar shell less than two months ago, Cpl. Joseph Colosi just couldn't believe he was driving along Rochester's Main St. today.

"It still doesn't seem real," exclaimed the 19-year-old infantryman.

Almost completely recovered from a severe concussion that ended 33 days of continuous combat, the former East High School football player had come back to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Colosi, 857 Bay St.

ONLY 60 STILL FIGHTING

Joe's thoughts and remarks were divided between the busy traffic and the remnants of his company in Korea. Only 60 of his original company of 205 men were still in action when Joe was knocked out.

The company, Company I of the 38th Infantry, Second Division, went directly from Ft. Lewis, Wash., to Puson, landing Aug. 15 "for police duty."

Two days later they were trudging through rice paddies under a protecting hail of artillery and breaking a path through heavy woods to the top of a hill. Snipers' bullets sounded from unseen Reds.

A company clerk since his enlistment in January, 1949, Joe and his buddies dug fox holes a few minutes after reaching the hilltop.

Constantly booming artillery and nightly infiltration of Korean Reds who held their own lives cheaply kept the newly-arrived troops awake as they rested.

A week of relative quiet followed. The men lived on cold "C" rations of canned soups and meat. Water couldn't be "wasted" for washing. They couldn't smoke at night for fear of inviting a sniper's bullet.

Joe continued his story at his home, telling it haltingly, and repeatedly saying "I was scared stiff."

CALLED BACK

After a week of idle defense of the hill," Company I was relieved for a rest 15 miles away.

At 3 o'clock the next morning he was called back. The Reds had begun a big push. They drove the replacements from the hill, inflicting heavy casualties.

Trucked back within a few miles of the hill, Joe and his fellow GIs experienced their first real fighting. They were met by the fire of machine guns and rifles from the enemy line 300 yards in front of them.

American jet fighters flew low over the Yank infantry, strafing the enemy and blasting them with rockets. Company I captured the hill with few casualties.

Joined by about 20 South Korean soldiers, Company I took up defensive positions on the river bank. Sporadic attacks and counter attacks went on for a month.

THEN SHELL CAME

Then came the mortar shell that struck four feet from Joe's fox hole.

"What the hell hit me?" Joe asked his buddies as they picked him up.

"I looked myself over to see if I was all there," Joe recalled. "When I found there weren't any parts missing the only thing I could think of was that the Lord was good to me. He answered my prayers, and I had prayed plenty."

Joe was discharged Wednesday from St. Albans Naval Hospital on Long Island. He goes back to duty at Ft. Dix, N. J., Dec. 15.

"But the docs say I'll have to go back as a company clerk," Joe said without regrets. "They say my combat time is up."

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Wounded Corporal Returns Home, Says 'Doesn't Seem Real'

Two months ago, Cpl. Joseph Colosi was blasted out of his foxhole near the Naktong River in Korea when a mortar shell dropped nearby.

Yesterday he was back home in Rochester, almost completely recovered from a severe concussion that ended 33 days of continuous combat. The former East High School football player was so glad to be back with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Colosi, at 857 Bay St., he kept exclaiming yesterday "It still doesn't seem real."

Corporal Colosi, a member of Company I of the 38th Infantry, 2nd Division, landed at Pusan, Korea, on Aug. 15. At the time he was injured, only 60 of his original company of 205 were still in action. Colosi was discharged last Wednesday from St. Albans Naval Hospital on Long Island. On Dec. 15, he will return to duty at Fort Dix, N.J.

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City GI Killed In Korea War, Parents Learn

D.& C. NOV 24 1950

Ex-Edison Tech Pupil First Listed Missing, July 20 Casualty

Pfc. Joseph Chiavetta, 20, was killed in action in Korea on July 20, according to a Defense Department telegram received yesterday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Chiavetta of 116 Winterroth St. Previously he had been reported missing in action.



JOSEPH CHIAVETTA

Word of their son's death came to Mr. and Mrs. Chiavetta almost three months after they had been notified on Aug. 22 that he was missing in action.

Private Chiavetta attended School 25 and Edison Technical High School. He worked for a short time at the Wollensak Optical Company plant before enlisting in the Army in January, 1949. He was sent overseas the following April and did combat duty in Korea with the 24th Infantry Division.

Besides his parents, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Joseph Mesh, and by one niece.

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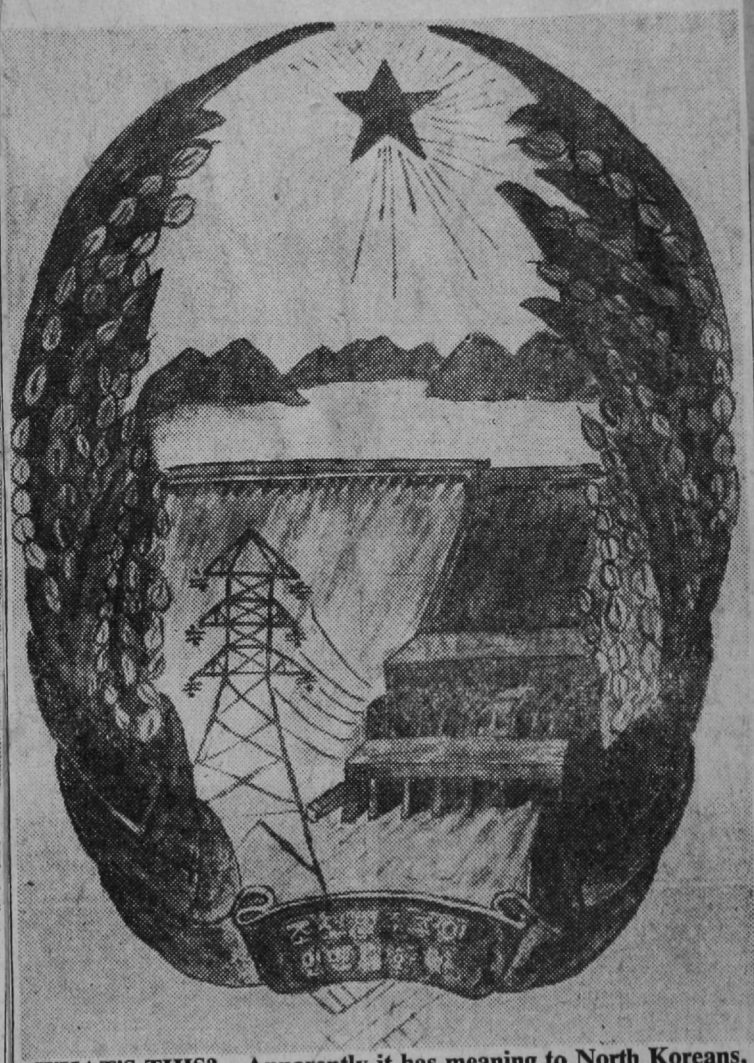

WHAT'S THIS?—Apparently it has meaning to North Koreans, but to Pvt. Bob Castellot of the First Cavalry Division it is a mystery. He said these posters have been found on walls in North Korea and he sent it home in a letter to his family that has reached his uncle, Stephen J. Leathem, 55 Lattimore Rd.

GI Tells War Experiences In Letter on Red Posters

Communist posters in Korea were put to good use by Bob Castellot.

Bob, a 22-year-old former University of Rochester student, is now Pvt. James R. Castellot, serving as spotter for mortars of F Company, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Calvary Division. In a letter to his family, which has just reached his uncle, Stephen J. Leathem, 55 Lattimore Rd., he told of conditions in North Korea ,as of about a month and a half ago.

The letter, or rather letters, since, although writing on one sheet of paper, he addressed separate parts to different family members, are on the backs of posters showing Joseph Stalin and Red Korean Premier Kim Il Sung.

Bob is a member of the first company to enter Pyongyang, the North Korean capital when it was taken after the landing at Inchon.

In addition to a detailed description of the fighting at the outskirts of that city, Bob commented on the customs of the country, of which he expressed a very poor opinion. . . . "Nobody in Korea has a future," and said he had learned something from the war.

"Hates War, Force"

"I have learned to hate force and war. I have seen the atrocities committed by the Commie troops and I shall never forget them. I believe that Communism is a disease and should be completely stamped out. This should be done by teaching and not by machine guns or bloody bayonets. Nothing is ever taught by war except possibly how miserable and rotten it can be."

Just after writing his letters, Private Bob wrote, he expected to be able to wash his hands and face for the first time in nine days.

Castellot, whose family has lived in Canandaigua for more than 100 years, since his great-grandfather won American citizenship by fighting in the Mexican War, is on his second enlistment in the Army. Just after World War 2, as soon as he became old enough, he enlisted in the paratroopers.

Studied at University

When the first enlistment ended he began his studies at the U of R, but when the Korean fighting broke out, he stood it for two months before deciding he had to enlist again, this time in the infantry to insure some action.

He's been getting it.

As a minor note in his letter, Bob noted casually that he had been hit in the leg by "a very small piece of shrapnel. It wasn't serious enough to stop for," he said. "I just picked it out and went on my merry way. There's a scab over it now, so it's okay."

Bob's family hasn't heard from him since the letters quoted from above; but they've been keeping a close eye on movements of the First Cavalry Division which has been in the thick of nearly every battle of the Korean War.

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GI Wounded by Shrapnel

Knocked unconcious in Korea by a piece of shrapnel the size of a half dollar, a Rochester soldier awoke two days later and found himself buried in a pile of bodies.



LOUIS T. CAPUANO

But today Cpl. Louis T. Capuano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Capuano, 50 Romeyn St., is back in action with the 1st Cavalry Division — the chunk of metal still embedded in his back.

"I got hit in the back by a shell fragment," he wrote his parents, "and it put me to sleep for a couple of days. Imagine my surprise when I woke up to find myself in a pile of dead soldiers. No fooling—they thought I was dead. I won't ever forget that."

The 20-year-old soldier, who enlisted in the Army in January, 1947, was in Japan when the Korean War began. He was sent to Korea immediately, was wounded in September, and in a letter which his parents received on Christmas Eve, he said "I'm back in Seoul and we're waiting for the Chinese gooks to try to push us out."

Yesterday Mrs. Capuano said that "we all are thanking God that Louis is still alive." She received the first letter which he wrote after being wounded the same day as the Defense Department telegram. She said "it seemed as if he returned from the grave." He did.

After being wounded, Corporal Capuano, who attended Madison High School before enlisting, was sent by plane to a hospital in Japan, where he recuperated and received the Purple Heart Medal. Doctors never removed the shrapnel from his back, he wrote, as they hope it will work its way out.

"It doesn't hurt too much," he told his parents in the last letter, "but once in awhile I get sharp pains when I breath hard . . . the main thing is to get this war over with—but it will probably take some time now that the Chinese are in it."

In an earlier letter, the young soldier told how he and a buddy left their unit to search a barn on the banks of the Naktong River for

Rochester Marine, 25, Hurt in Korea Fighting

D. & C. JAN 14 1951

A 25-year-old Marine, who saw service with the U. S. Navy during World War 2, is reported hurt "in the line of action" in Korea, according to word received by his family.

He is **Cpl. Joseph M. Crawford,** son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Crawford of 617 Broadway, listed as wounded on Dec. 24.

Corporal Crawford enlisted in the Navy when he was 17 and served aboard a destroyer in the North Atlantic. When he was discharged after 2½ years of service, he enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve and has been on active duty for about 18 months. In a letter to his parents, dated Nov. 29, he reported he was near Hamhung where Winter supplies for the Army were being unloaded. He said he and his group were expecting to leave the area "when the job is done and the Army takes over."

Corporal Crawford attended Monroe High. His brother, James C., is a captain in the Army Reserve, and his sister, Mrs. Ann Wylie is a WAVE veteran of World War 2.

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Local Soldier, Week in Korea, Back Wounded

Fast Action, Journey to Bay State Hospital Related by GI

Less than three months after he was recalled to active duty—and one month to the day after he landed in Korea—Pfc. Mark Conover, 1050 Lake Ave., wound up at Murphy Army Hospital in Waltham, Mass.



MARK CONOVER

According to his mother, Mrs. Lynn C. Conover, of the same address, the young soldier has undergone three operations on his bone-shattered right knee. The shrapnel which hit him, she said, came from an American hand grenade which the Chinese snatched up and hurled back. She said her son reported he still feels quite a bit of pain. His father is at the hospital by his side, and his mother and wife have just returned from there.

Private Conover, 26, veteran of two years in the European Theater during World War 2, told his parents and wife that the Army certainly worked fast in his case. Eleven days after he was recalled, he was on his way to Korea. Seven weeks after he left Rochester, he was covering the retreat as a 3rd Infantry Division replacement at Hamhung. A month after he arrived in Korea, he was in Murphy Hospital with a shattered knee.

He explained the action this way. "We went up in the mountains back of Hamhung as a rear guard for the withdrawing troops, early in December. By Dec. 17, when the airport at Hamhung had been closed and all the hospitals had pulled out of the area we were guarding, the last withdrawals took place." It was then he was hit, he said.

In a letter to his wife, Bernice, from a Korean hospital, Private Conover said: "I am getting a Red Cross worker to write this for me because I am not comfortable when sitting up. I was hit two days ago, I could not write to you before because I was up in the mountains and we had no way of getting our mail out."

From a hospital in Japan he wrote: "I really had a long stay in Korea. I got there on Sunday and left the next Sunday. It's a cinch their Chamber of Commerce can't use that for an advertisement to get visitors."



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THE METAL THAT DID IT—Here's bit of shrapnel from an American hand grenade which Pfc. Mark Conover said was hurled back at US troops. Shrapnel shattered his right knee.

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KOREAN COMFORT—Resourceful Pfc. Ronald Coleman (right), 23, of 51 Petrossi St. hangs out his wash atop the glassed-in foxhole he and his sidekick, Pfc. James Baker of Dallas, Tex., built somewhere in Korea. Pfc. Coleman has been in Korea since the invasion of Inchon. He has been in the Army three years and was stationed in Japan for two years. (IN Photo)

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Brighton GI Wounded in Korean War

D. & C. APR 2 - 1951

Bullets from a Chinese burp gun caught him as he was firing his machinegun in an attack on a hill and he is hospitalized in Japan, **Pfc. Richard A. Copeland** of Brighton has written his parents.

"Well folks, I caught one," was the soldier's minimizing announcement to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Copeland, 289 Cobb Ter. The letter was written from the hospital ship USS Consolation which took him to Japan.



RICHARD A. COPELAND

Copeland is a heavy machine-gunner of Company D, 17th Infantry Regiment of the 7th Division, the outfit which made the retreat with the Marines from the Manchurian border to Hungnam in sub-zero cold.

Copeland's company was pressing forward toward high ground near the town of Longchon-Ni, according to the soldier. "We couldn't see them," the letter relates, "but a joker saw me." In the closeup action the burp gun, a rapid-fire weapon, raked the Brighton soldier in the right thigh.

Copeland left Brighton High School to enlist at the age of 17. After basic training in Fort Knox, Ky., and Fort Benning, Ga., he was sent to Korea in August, 1950. Wounded Feb. 19, he was evacuated through Pusan, which made the fifth time he has been through the port, the Brighton soldier wrote.



MM2c ALBERT CAPPIZZIO

Enemy Fire Hits Cruiser Rochester

TIMES UNION APR 19 1951

The heavy cruiser USS Rochester is among the few large U. S. warships to be damaged by the enemy in the Korean War, one of its crew members reported today.

The incident, as Albert Cappizzio, MM2c, of 1733 Norton St. remembers it, happened last Fall during the Inchon invasion, which paved the way for the first United Nations liberation of Seoul.

"Enemy planes, I think they were Russian-built, dropped two 500 lb. bombs on us one morning at about 5 a. m.," said Cappizzio, a veteran of more than eight years in the Navy. One, a near miss at the stern, damaged the ship's huge aircraft crane. The other fell alongside amidships and did no damage to speak of, he reported.

"The first bomb shook the whole ship. We thought it was a real hit," the Rochester sailor remembers.

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THE BIG WARSHIP had a second close call during the Inchon landings.

"We came close to being trapped close inshore by the tide," Cappizzio said. Had the big ship failed to get through the inshore channel before the dropping tide made it impassable, the cruiser would have had to stay close inshore nearly 12 hours, at the mercy of North Korean shore batteries.

"The Reds had the whole coast fortified," Cappizzio said.

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IN SPITE OF THOSE incidents and a mine-sweeping cruise that took the Rochester to within 300 miles of the huge Russian naval base at Vladivostok, the Korean campaign was mostly target practice for USS Rochester, according to Cappizzio.

During World War 2 he served on a destroyer at the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. The 24-year-old sailor is home on a 30-day leave and will rejoin his ship next month at Vallejo, Calif.

The ship, which has four other Rochester men in its crew of 1,500, returned recently from nine months of action off Korea. It supported every invasion and evacuation made by UN forces, including the two most famous enterprises at Inchon and Hungnam.

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"OUR GUNNERY DEPARTMENT deserves a lot of credit," Cappizzio said. "All the spotters said that what they did with those big 8-inch guns was just about unbelievable."

The Rochester played a particularly big part in the Hungnam evacuation. Its guns helped maintain a "ring of fire" around the smouldering North Korean city and made it possible for UN forces to evacuate while overwhelming Communist forces were held at bay, unable to penetrate the barrage.

Communist submarines were active along the Korean coast, according to Cappizzio, but were never able to attack the Rochester. "Our destroyers took care of them," he said.

Except for the incident at Inchon, the Rochester sailor reports that the Communists made little use of air power against UN fleet units.

"We saw our Air Force in action a lot," he said.

As Readers See It

Quick End of War Termed Unlikely by GI in Korea

Editor, The Times-Union:

Enclosed is a letter from our nephew in Korea. It was written Apr. 17. It says:

"I finally arrived after about two weeks of traveling on the sea and a couple of days by train. The weather was good for most of the trip and we had good food. On the boat we had movies on the deck at night.

"This sure is a miserable country and it is unbelievable how dirty and filthy the people live. I can't understand how so many of them make a living in such a barren country.

"I am in the artillery here which isn't quite so dangerous as the infantry. I can't write much about what we are doing for such things must be kept secret from the enemy. I hope this war gets over quickly but I don't see how it can be done the way Truman wants to do it.

"Say a prayer for me. I need it here."

J. J. CLARK.
196 Genesee St.

TIMES UNION MAY 9 1951

Reds' 2-Wave Fanatic Attack Described by Medic Captain

How Chinese Communists employ suicide troops in Korea has been described by an American Army captain, writing to his wife in Rochester.

"They penetrate any position they want through sheer numbers and fanatical attacks," Capt. S. Burton Covert says of the Reds.



COVERT

"The first wave is composed of a suicidal bunch. They have only a few guns and are mostly unarmed except for grenades.

"This group attacks and causes some damage, and a lot of our ammunition is expended. Then their better troops form the second wave and pour through."

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CAPT. COVERT'S last letter, written Apr. 27, reported he was "in Seoul in reserve, taking it easy." But before that he had been in the thick of the fighting, serving as platoon leader with a medical detachment. In one 24-hour period his outfit received 282 patients in the midst of the Communists' latest offensive, he wrote to his wife.

Mrs. Covert, the former Carolyn Lambright Smith of Rochester, and the couple's 13-month-old son, Johnny, are making their home at 76 Gold St. while Capt. Covert is overseas. Johnny was only three months old when his daddy left for the Far East.

A graduate of New York Medical College, Capt. Covert went to Japan last July and has been in Korea since October.

TIMES UNION MAY 14 1951

GI Requests Letters

Editor, The Times-Union:

I am a 20-year-old, 5-foot--10, blond GI. I seldom receive any mail from the States and I am a guy who likes to hear from the States once in awhile. I am laid up in the hospital from wounds I received in combat and it gets mighty dull lying here in the hospital. But some mail from your friendly city would make my stay in the hospital a lot more pleasant.

PFC. LEONARD J. CANTERBURY, RA 15267935, Hq. and Hq. Det. 8069 Repl. Bn., APO 301 c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

TIMES UNION MAY 16 1951

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Boosts Morale

Barn Tenor, Now GI, Entertains in Korea

TIMES UNION MAY 18 1951

What was feared to be a "curtain drop" in the singing career of 23-year-old Tommy Coleman now appears to have been only one of show business' short intermissions.



MISS DEAN

For the Irish tenor — touted by many as "the best in town" when he entertained at The Barn, Gannett Youth Club—is assigned to the Special Service Platoon of the Eighth Army now making a 40-day vaudeville tour of Korea.

In a letter mailed to his mother, Mrs. A. Doyle Coleman at 225 Shelter St., Tommy says that he takes over his new duties today. Duty, of course, is singing. Since arrival in Korea last March, he has been a clerk-typist.

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A WEST HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, Tommy was drafted last September after working a short time at Bausch & Lomb as a lens grinder. But a singing career is what he's always had in mind and at least one local admirer thinks he has the stuff to make good in the entertainment field.

Ed Meath, The Barn's radio announcer, planned to sponsor Tommy on Arthur Godfrey's national broadcast and televised Talent Hunt Show. But the Army interfered. Ed, who has emceed most of Tommy's weekly sessions at The Barn, has this to say about his protege:

"I can honestly say that Tommy is the most outstanding entertainer we have ever had out there. The kids as well as the adults were crazy about him."

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LATEST FEATHER-IN-HIS-CAP comes by way of the girl he left behind, Miss Carol Dean of 116 Bartlett St., who seems to have quite a military bearing herself. The Rochester Chiropractic Society this week named her "Miss Good Posture of 1951."



TOMMY COLEMAN

City GI Wounded In Seoul Fighting

D. & C. MAY 26 1951

From his foxhole, 5 miles from Seoul, Pvt. Ralph Camelio wrote on May 14 that he wasn't "enjoying his C-ration very much." He also wrote that he was expecting rain and would have to erect some sort of roof for shelter. He said he couldn't write much because it "got dark early." But he mentioned that he hoped to be home under the rotation plan in about six months.



PVT. RALPH CAMELIO

On May 15, Private Camelio was wounded in action.

The 21-year-old GI is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Camelio of 89 Delmar St. and the husband of Rose Camelio, 94 Ambrose St. They received the Defense Department telegram and his latest letter Tuesday.

In a telegram to his wife last night, Private Camelio said he was in a hospital in Tokyo and that his wound was slight. However, his family still doesn't know what type of wound he received or the circumstances under which he was hurt.

Private Camelio attended Jefferson High School and worked as a shaper at Michaels, Stern & Co. In the Army since last December, young Camelio left here for Tokyo on Apr. 15.

His brother, Benedict, was a World War 2 sergeant serving as a turret gunner with the Air Force in the European Theater. He was shot down and captured by the Germans. He was listed for 75 days as missing in action. But he escaped from the Germans. With the aid of the Yugoslavian underground, he was flown to Italy and then to the United States.

Two Area Soldiers Injured in Korea

A Geneva soldier, Pvt. John F. Campbell, suffered shrapnel wounds on his fingers, arms and back June 3 in Korea. T.U. 6-26-51

A month after he arrived in Korea, Pvt. Nicholas A. Forgione, 23, of Lyons was hit by machinegun fire on June 3 and suffered a flesh wound in the right side. Forgione is hospitalized in Japan.

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SPORTSWRITER SAYS:



"Boys in small boats are having a good day with fish just off a rock-ribbed Coast of Maine." **Page 7D**

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World War 2 Vet Seriously Injured In Korean Fighting

Sgt. Clare Conrad, 25, a World War 2 rifleman who was recalled from college to active duty in the Army, is officially listed as "seriously wounded" in Korea July 5.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Conrad of 303 Pearl St., said yesterday a Defense Department telegram informed them the sergeant was in a hospital in Japan.



SGT. CLARE CONRAD

Conrad, an infantryman in Germany in World War 2 for 17 months, was recalled from the enlisted reserve in September, 1950 at Tiffin, Ohio where he had begun his fourth year as an industrial chemistry student at Heidelberg College.

His parents said Conrad was to have been graduated this June. His wife, daughter of a Heidelberg professor, is at Tiffin.

His father said a letter he wrote Conrad was returned by the Army Post Office in May with a notation that Conrad was scheduled for rotation furlough. Later, Conrad wrote him that he was termed "essential" and couldn't be furloughed, the father said.

In January, a month after his arrival in Korea, Conrad was hospitalized with frostbite of hands and feet, his parents said. The sergeant was a rifle squad leader with the 32nd Infantry Division. In 1944, Conrad enlisted just after his graduation from Madison High School and served two years.

Irondequoit Man Serves At Kaesong

TIMES UNION SEP 27 1951

If the truce talks turn successful, Sgt. William Crecely 4625 St. Paul Blvd., may be one of the first to know. He is a member of the honor guard at the UN advance peace camp at Kaesong.



SOMETHING FOR THE GIRLS—Cpl. Ted Capuano, [illegible] meyn St., was busy enough trying to stay alive during his three years in Korea, but still he found time to buy oriental pajamas for his little sisters, Margaret, center, and Betty.

D.& C. SEP 30 1951

Saved as from Dead, Korea Veteran Returns

They say Ted Capuano of 50 Romeyn St. leads a charmed life. And maybe they're right. He's home from Korea with one of the most amazing stories of the peninsula battle.

Ted, a husky young man of 20 who wears corporal's stripes, was hit three times within four days in the bloody hand-to-hand fighting around Taegu a year ago. The third time he fell unconscious among the bodies of comrades who had been killed in the struggle for Hill 223.

He lay there two full days. Soldiers from the Army's Graves Registration Section were preparing the bodies for evacuation and ultimate burial when one of them noticed Ted's hand twitch in the involuntary motion of a comatose person.

"Only for that . . . ," he says, meditatively. And his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Capuano Sr., six brothers and three sisters can't help nodding their heads in solemn agreement.

Joins Army at 16

Ted enlisted in the Army when he was 16, was overseas and in the Korean occupation force in 1949, then was shifted to Japan in 1950. When the Korean war broke out he was with the 2nd Cavalry Division as a rifleman in B Company, 5th Cavalry Regiment. They were among the first units committed to the Korean battles.

On Sept. 13, 1950, B Company and other 1st Battalion units of the 5th, were detailed to take Hill 223, held by a fanatical band of North Koreans. They fought for every inch of ground and in one rush, Capuano was felled with grenade shrapnel in his thigh. He was evacuated to a hospital, the metal was removed and he was getting around fine when an order came down to return all walking patients capable of holding up in the lined Ted was among them.

On the 15th, he got nicked again, though not badly. The battalion took Hill 223, but a wild counterattack was launched by the North Koreans and it dislodged the UN forces from their shallow positions. The withdrawal attracted a heavy shower of enemy artillery and at the base of the hill, to which the dead had been moved, Capuano was hit the third time—a piece of shrapnel the size of a quarter lodged in his back close to his right lung.

Recovers in Hospital

That knocked him out and he remained unconscious until he was treated in a rear echelon base hospital. The doctors said they could not remove the shrapnel and he was released after 42 days. This, time however, he received a transfer to a signal corps outfit.

"That was lucky, too," Ted says, smiling. "They taught me quite a bit about communications."

Determined he'll return to civilian life, Ted hopes to go to television-radio school and plans a career in communications.

"I had thought I might stay in the service—after all, I've got four years to my credit," he said. "But when I got back home and found out what I've been missing all these years I changed my mind."

He holds the Bronze Star Award, the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

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TIMES UNION OCT 2 1951

Mystery : How Did We Lose That Hill?

How the Americans were pushed off the steep, rocky ridge that approaches Hill 1179 is a mystery to former Army S/Sgt. Gerald E. Colson, whose last Korean address was "Heartbreak Ridge."

"When I left we were on top and the North Koreans were down below," Colson said today. "It was even kind of peaceful." That was the end of August.

Colson, who lives at 759 East Ave. while attending the University of Rochester, was NCO operations chief for the 38th Regiment, which originally took the ridge and Hill 1179.

"From the hill you can see both the Koreans' and our main supply lines," Colson says. "So with them on top our lines are probably getting blasted plenty."

Last Friday, an International News Service correspondent reported the seemingly futile attempts of the 23d Division to retake the ridge. Parts of three battalions were wiped out.

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ACCORDING to Colson, the ridge and the hills adjacent to it are almost impregnable.

"It took our regiment four days before we got to the top," he says. "There was supposed to be a regiment of North Koreans up there but we found only a platoon that was still alive.

"Most of the ridge is just solid sandstone so it's hard to keep your footing. They sat in bunkers with 6-foot head clearance and tossed grenades and mortars. Up on top they had artillery that they kept pounding at us."

The 21-year-old veteran of nine months of Korean fighting is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frederick Colson of Genesco. A graduate of Harley School, he served from August 1948 to August 1949. He was recalled to active duty last October and discharged three weeks ago.



ALL ASHORE THAT'S GOING ASHORE—Lt. Cmdr. Frank X. Connelly of 141 Albemarle St., father of five youngsters, today departed for active duty in the U. S. Naval Reserve at Monterey Bay, Calif. Photo shows Cmdr. Connelly with his family. From left: Tom, 5; Frank, 9; Mrs. Connelly, holding 6-week-old Danny, and Steve, 3. Seated in front is Diane, 8. Connelly is a veteran of World War 2. He was commissioned in 1943 and commanded Seabee units in the South Pacific. He operates the Frank X. Connelly Soundproofing Company at 16 State St. He plans to move his family to the West Coast.

TIMES UNION OCT 9 - 1951

GI, Unhurt, Welcomes KP

TIMES UNION OCT 12 1951

Normally, no GI in his right mind wants to be placed on KP (kitchen police).

But Pvt. Walter Czebatul, 22, who lived here at 145 Weeger St., was very happy with pots and pans today in Korea.

Seems that Czebatul, former employe of E. J. Horton Inc., 626 Culver Rd., gratefully accepted a five-day KP assignment at a rear command post b hind the east central front, according to the United Press, which reported:

"His outfit took part in last night's successful final assault on Heartbreak Ridge.

"A mortar shell exploded just in front of Czebatul as he dropped to take cover from an enemy bombardment. The shell fragments ruined his helmet and wrecked his rifle. But Czebatul wasn't injured."

Navy Trainee Wins 'Honor Man' Award

Navy trainee Irving Cohen, son of Mrs. Jennie Cohen of 54 Hooker St., has been named "honor man" of his training company at Great Lakes, Ill., Naval Training Station. According to a letter his mother received from the training commander, Seaman Cohen will receive a certificate of honor and an engraved identification bracelet at the brigade review tomorrow. Mrs. Cohen left Rochester last night to accept the Navy's invitation to attend the ceremony. Cohen will complete his boot training next week.

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Battlefront Tenor

Enemy Guns Pound Ridge But His Show Goes On

Tu NOV 1 1951

Our artillery was pounding away around famed Heartbreak Ridge.

Enemy mortars exploded not far away.

Overhead a jet battle raged. Helicopters buzzed off with wounded.

But the show went on—under bizarre, dangerous conditions—right smack on the battle-scarred ridge.



PFC. JEAN COTTER

And heading the Special Services cast in this unhealthy setting was a Rochester boy, Pfc. Jean Cotter, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cotter of Victor.

A brilliant tenor, young Cotter and his "Too Far East Too Long" show have been entertaining United Nations troops in Korea since last May. He and his "hot 5-piece combo" go over big also with GIs. Cotter arranges all the music and even stars on the piano—although when he arrived in Korea he never had studied piano.

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PFC. COTTER is well-known in the Rochester area as a ballad singer. He has performed at the Cresent Beach Hotel and other night spots.

But his civilian career was interrupted abruptly when he had to leave singing engagements in New York City. Mister Whiskers sent him Greetings last November.

Cotter's co-managers are his pretty mother, Mrs. Hilma Cotter, mother of five children, and local band leader Eddie Werp, with whom he made his home at 586 Melville St. at one time.

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YOUNG COTTER got started early as a singer. When he was a soprano and only 11 years old, he won a national music association contest. And when he was 16, and a Victor Central School junior, he was selected as soloist for a Fred Waring Glee Club performance in Syracuse.

Following the Cotter-directed show on Heartbreak Ridge for the First Marines, who originally were to have seen the show behind the lines but were ordered up front, the young soldier's entertainment unit ran into a typhoon en route back to Taegu. It had to ford a river and lost most of its equipment and routines.

Currently, Cotter is singing on a GI radio network in Korea as well as staging Special Services shows all over Allied-held territory.

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3-IN-ONE HOLIDAY — Eight-year-old Jean Cotroneo, 314 Aberdeen St., tells her brother, Lt. Tony Cotroneo, who leaves for Korea next month, to ignore the "Do Not Open Until Christmas" warning. The family moved up Thanksgiving and Christmas to Halloween so Tony could help celebrate all three holidays at home last night.

3 Holidays Celebrated at Fete For Korea-Bound Army Man

D. & C. NOV 1 1951

Christmas, Halloween and Thanksgiving came on one day for Korea-bound 2nd Lt. Tony Cotroneo Jr. yesterday.

The 23-year-old artilleryman, home on a 37-day leave, was given Christmas presents by his family at a Halloween party which also marked sister Jean's eighth birthday. Tony's mother also bought a Thanksgiving turkey which the family will share before Tony reports to Camp Stoneman, Calif., to be shipped to Japan.

Tony, a graduate of St. Bonaventure University started off the gift-giving by giving a birthday party for Jean and eight of her friends at his home, 314 Aberdeen St. He shopped for gifts himself and decorated the cellar in Halloween atmosphere.

In turn, Tony's mother went out and bought Christmas gifts, a turkey and Halloween cake, and added Christmas and Thanksgiving props to the decorations. Tony helped dish up ice cream that was served with Jean's birthday cake to her friends yesterday.

The young officer was commissioned last Easter after graduating from St. Bonaventure and attending Syracuse University Law School, just as his father did in World War 1. Both went overseas, but the younger Cotroneo edges his dad in that he's got a commission. He was trained at Fort Sill, Okla., where he says "the rule book's been rewritten in light of the experience in Korea. Even our whale-mouth 8-inch howitzers now think in terms of direct fire on the enemy."

Young Cotroneo's father, Anthony V. Cotroneo, is president of the Rochester Bar Association, attorney for the State Tax Commission and past commander of the Monroe County American Legion.

Soldier Injured By Hand Grenade

D. & C. NOV 10 1951

Fragments from a hand grenade tossed into his foxhole resulted in a back injury and head concussion for Pfc. David Crewe, 21 of 21 Centennial St.



PFC. DAVID CREWE

Crewe, son of John Crewe of the Centennial St. address, wrote that he was hit Oct. 7 while he was serving with the 1st Cavalry Division, according to Genevieve Nowak, of 891 Hudson Ave. In a letter dated Oct. 29, Crewe said he expected to get out of the Army hospital soon, Miss Nowak said.

After graduating from Edison Technical and Industrial High School, Crewe went to work for Metzger and Brayer Plumbing Company. Crewe enlisted Feb. 5, 1951, and was sent to Korea early in August.

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GI Cheats Red Captors, Describes Mass Killings

D. & C. NOV 21 1951

Auburn—North Korean Communists not only shoot down their American prisoners—they check the fallen GIs, one by one, to make sure they are dead, according to Pfc. Frank Catania who escaped one of the extermination squads.

After six months in Army hospitals, Catania returned to his Auburn home to tell how he cheated death by rolling off a 50-foot cliff. He said he was the only one of a group of GI prisoners to survive after the Reds emptied their "burp guns" at them in a field outside Taegu on the cold dawn of Aug. 24, 1950.

This is Catania's story, told yesterday after he returned home on furlough:

He and other GIs from his outfit—the 2nd Infantry Division—were captured the night of Aug. 21. For two days the Reds herded the American war prisoners northward as they retreated before the advancing UN forces.

Open Fire on Prisoners

Then early on the morning of Aug. 24, the Communists guards aroused the Americans and took them to a nearby field. Once there, the [illegible] opened fire on the prisoners. Americans immediately fell to the ground and those who had not been killed pretended to be dead, hoping that their captors would leave.

6,000 SLAIN

"Considerable evidence" that many were victims of Red atrocity, General Ridgway's headquarters says. Page 2.

But the North Koreans were making sure the American GIs were all dead. They went from man to man firing bursts from the "burp guns" at each prisoner on the ground.

"As the North Koreans approached, I rolled myself over a cliff behind me, down a 50-foot slope and into a stream," Catania recalled. He had been shot four times—once in the tissues of his neck just behind his Adam's apple and three times in the right leg—when the Reds first opened fire.

"I was dazed, but took a chance and rolled over the cliff," he said. "I was sure glad there was water at the bottom. As far as I know, I was the only man to escape."

Swims Across River

He swam across the stream at the bottom of the cliff and managed to climb onto the bank before he was totally exhausted. "All the time I kept hoping that the Reds had not seen me and would not follow me," he said.

Catania was found "a couple of hours later" by a patrol from his own regiment. The regiment was then about five miles from Taegu.

As the result of his wounds, the Auburn GI has lost the hearing in his left ear and can't raise his voice above a normal conversational tone.

Honeoye Falls Soldier Wounded in Korea

TIMES UNION APR 24 1952

Pfc. Michael F. Coates, son of Mrs. Samuel Fraser of Geneseo and husband of Mrs. Katherine Coates of Honeoye Falls, has been wounded in action in Korea, it was learned today.

The 22-year-old "medic" was injured seriously Apr. 5 when he stepped on an enemy land mine while on special patrol duty. His regular assignment was first aid station work. He arrived in San Francisco last week and now is "coming along fine" at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, according to his wife.

Born in Michigan, educated in Connecticut, Private Coates had been living in Honeoye Falls since 1949. He was employed at the Honeoye Falls Creamery until last March when he was drafted. He was sent to Korea in September.

Lt. A. V. Cotroneo Wins Promotion

Anthony V. Cotroneo Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony V. Cotroneo, 314 Aberdeen St., has been promoted from second to first lieutenant as a member of 158th Battalion, Field Artillery, 45th Division, in Korea.

He was a student at Syracuse Law School when he entered the service. He is a graduate of St. Augustine's School, West High School and St. Bonaventure University.

His father is president of the Rochester Bar Association and former county commander of the American Legion.

TIMES UNION MAY 15 1952

Former Rochesterian Missing In 2-Plane Crash over Ocean

A former Rochesterian, **Capt. James E. Caples,** yesterday was listed officially as one of seven crewmen missing after their B-29 bomber and a Marine fighter airplane collided over the ocean off Southern California Tuesday.

Captain Caples, 29, is the son of Mrs. Julia Caples of 323 E. Henrietta Rd., and Archie Caples of 35 Rutledge Dr.

The captain was born in Rochester and attended St. Boniface School and Monroe High School before entering the Air Corps in 1943. He served overseas in the Pacific theater after World War 2 and has been in service almost continuously since that time as a pilot, navigator and bombardier.

Captain Caples' home is in Riverside, Calif. His wife, Eleanor Cornelius Caples, also is a former Rochesterian. They have two sons, David, 6, and Thomas, 3. The captain also has a brother, Arthur T. Caples of 311 Frost Ave., and a sister, Mrs. Howard Ashley of 323 E. Henrietta Rd.

The Associated Press reported last night from Los Angeles that five surviving crewmen of the B-29 told of the terrific impact which knocked four of them unconscious when the big ship crashed with the Marine airplane almost three miles above the Pacific Ocean. Altogether, six members of the B-29 crew parachuted to safety. One Marine, presumably the pilot of the Corsair airplane, was killed.



CAPT. JAMES E. CAPLES

Navy and Coast Guard vessels continued searching throughout last night southwest of Santa Catalina Island for additional survivors.

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Sniper Bullet Hits Charlotte High Graduate

A sniper's bullet found its mark in the right shoulder of Pfc. Joseph Carbone while in action in Korea Mar. 13, the first anniversary of his entering the service. His mother, Mrs. Antoinette Carbone of 82 Clayton St., was notified of the incident yesterday by the Department of Defense.



PFC. JOSEPH CARBONE

He entered the service Mar. 13, 1952, and had been at the front about a week with the 180th Infantry. A native of Rochester, he was graduated from Charlotte High School two years ago and was a carpenter's apprentice at the time he joined the Army.

D. & C. APR 9 1953

Mother of GI Lost in Korea Made Ill Because of Worry

Worrying about her son, Mrs. John D. Culhane is anxiously following developments of the Korean peace talks from a hospital bed.

Two weeks ago, doctors sent Mrs. Culhane to St. Mary's Hospital and so far have been able to diagnose her illness as worry over her son, Cpl. William D. Culhane, 25, who was reported missing in action in Korea last Sept. 29.

Mrs. Culhane last heard from her son in a letter dated Sept. 21 in which he said he was due for rotation back to this country Oct. 1. Later, she heard from the commanding officer of the artillery battalion her son was in.

This letter said Corporal Culhane's replacement had reported to the battalion in the front lines. But because of his experience, it was decided to send the young artilleryman, who was assigned to a tank, out on just one more mission. He never came back.

The battalion chaplain wrote Mrs. Culhane her son was last seen running back toward the enemy lines, possibly to aid a wounded buddy. The Defense Department still reports him as "missing in action."

In the waning months of World War 2, Corporal Culhane joined the Navy but was discharged after 10 months service because of a heart condition. He tried to enlist in the Army in April, 1951, but was rejected. Two months later he was drafted.

Following his Navy discharge, he became a mail carrier working out of the Main Postoffice here. Mrs. Culhane lives at 116 Cottage St. and the serviceman's father, John D. Culhane, lives at 1046 Plymouth Ave. S.

Marine Pfc. Joseph Conte Wounded

TIMES-UNION APR 10 1953

Marine Pfc. Joseph Conte, 21, son of Louis T. Conte, 38½ George St., has been wounded in action in Korea, according to a Defense Department telegram received by the family.

He was wounded on Easter Sunday.

Pfc. Conte was drafted into the Corps in March, 1952, trained at Parris Island, S. C., and was sent to Korea last August. After attending Madison High School, he was employed by the New York Central Railroad.

He has a brother, William, with the Army in Japan and another brother, John, with the occupation troops in Germany. His wife is the former Shirley Cahill of Rochester.

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One Brother Wounded Of Trio in U.S. Forces

With two other sons in service overseas, a Rochester father yesterday learned that a third son was wounded in Korea on Easter Sunday.

A telegram from the Department of Defense notified Louis T. Conte, 38½ George St., that his son, Marine Pfc. Joseph Conte, 21, was wounded in action in Korea. The extent of his injuries was not given.

Private Conte was drafted into the Marine Corps in March, 1952. Following training at Parris Island, S. C., he was sent to Korea in August. In July, he had married the former Shirley Cahill of Rochester, who now lives in Salt Lake City, Utah. Conte attended Madison High School and was working for the New York Central Railroad before he was inducted.

One of his brothers, Sgt. John Ronald Conte, 20, is in Germany with the Army. The other brother, William Conte, 31, is in the Army in Japan. The mother of the Conte brothers is dead.

D. & C. MAY 10 1953

We have a soldier in our outfit who is quite lonely and would like letters from young women. Would you please publish his address and see if we can't help him out. We're in the front lines and all a guy has to look forward to every day is mail from home. It hurts to see him walk away from mail call day after day, hanging his head.

I hope that you will publish this address and arouse a few people back home. I know that it will lift his eyes when he hears his name at mail call and raise his morale.

Pvt. RONALD COULTIS,
RA 16417152,
Co. M, 7th Inf. Regt.,
3rd Div., APO 468,
c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, Calif.

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MODEL—S/Sgt. John F. Caliendo, new recruiter at the Marine Corps station in the Federal Building here, tries on the same type of battle vest which saved his life in Korea. The vest is on public display in the station.

New Recruiter Alive Thanks to Nylon Vest

The best garment a guy can wear in the battle zone is his vest, says S/Sgt. John F. Caliendo.

And but for the shrapnel-resistant vest he wore, the sergeant would have received his Purple Heart posthumously.

"They're still picking shrapnel out of that vest," smiled the 6-foot 3-inch new addition to the local Marine Corps Recruiting Station staff yesterday.

Sergeant Caliendo still carries three bits of shrapnel in his eyes and head, from the Chinese hand grenade which landed practically at his feet. What did he do when the grenade rolled toward hi[m]?

"I was paralyzed. Didn't k[now] whether to pick it up and t[hrow] it back or what. Finally, I [de]cided to hit the ground. But I was hardly down on one knee when the thing let go."

He said the medics picked at least a dozen pieces of metal out of his nylon vest, and a couple more out of his head.

"My body was black and blue, but I was still alive, thanks to that vest," he grinned.

The East Hampton, Conn., Marine has become the third member of the local USMC staff in the Federal Building. He joined the service in 1943, returned to mufti for three years after the war, reenlisted in 1948, and was shipped to Korea in February, 1952.

He was wounded Aug. 9, 1952 and spent five months in a hospital.

During World War II, the sergeant, who is now 27, fought at Guam with the Third Marine Division's 21st Regiment. He wears three battle stars. Since his return from Korea, he has served at Quantico, Va., and Parris Island, S. C.

TIMES UNION AUG 5 1953

Post-Truce Notice: Lt. R. G. Cox Missing



LT. RICHARD G. COX

Probably the last Rochester name to appear on a Korean War casualty list was that of Lt. Richard G. Cox of 1 Sumner Pl.

Two days after the armistice signing last week his wife learned he had been missing in action since July 13. The news came in a Defense Department telegram.

The 25-year-old Army officer was sent to Korea last February and was assigned to the 461st Infantry Battalion, an experimental heavy mortar outfit that was apparently used as a close support unit on the central front.

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LT. COX WROTE his wife that he saw action on Bloody Ridge, Dagmar Hill and White Horse Hill among other places. In his letter, Lt. Cox wrote of a battle in which his unit had been overrun by Chinese Communists. Although most of its equipment was lost, many of the men escaped. The letter was dated July 8. It arrived at almost the same time as the Defense Department telegram.

A 1945 graduate of Edison Technical and Industrial High School, Lt. Cox served in the Navy during the closing months of World War 2. He was discharged less than a year later and therefore remained eligible for the Korean draft.

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CALLED UP by the Army five days after his marriage in 1951 he trained at Fort Dix and the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. He served with the 101st Airborne Division at Camp Breckenridge, Ky. before going overseas.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reulbach, 26 Kohlman St., Lt. Cox was a well-known stock car racer. He worked for several construction companies and the American Can Company.

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PVT. RALPH G. CAMELIO

City Soldier Wounded in Korean War

TIMES UNION MAY 25 1951

Pvt. Ralph G. Camelio, 21, whose brother, Benedict, was missing for 75 days during World War 2, has been wounded in the Korean fighting.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Camelio, 89 Delmar St., he was hit May 15, according to a Defense Department telegram.

Pvt. Camelio, who attended Jefferson High School and worked at Michaels, Stern & Co., is the husband of Mrs. Rose Camelio, 94 Ambrose St.

In service since last November, he arrived in Tokyo on Apr. 15 and, in a recent letter, said he was digging in five miles from the front.

Benedict Camelio, World War 2 sergeant serving as a turret gunner with the Air Force, was shot down in the ETO and captured by the Germans. But he got away, and lived with underground forces in Yugoslavia, then was flown by his protectors to Italy, thence to the States.

In a note written from a hospital in Japan to his parents Dec. 14, **Cpl. John A. Cardot,** 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer L. Cardot, 51 Sycamore St., told of being wounded in action.

He said he had been shot in the left arm. The bullet broke his arm. He is a teletype operator with the 13th Signal Corps, 1st Cavalry.

A former Monroe High School student, Cardot enlisted in June, 1948, hasn't been home since June, 1949, and arrived in Korea in July.

Soldier, 20, Dies in Action

Thanksgiving was filled with sorrow for the parents of Pfc. Joseph Chiavetta, 20.



PFC. CHIAVETTA

Mr. and Mrs. George Chiavetta, of 116 Winterroth St., reported receipt of a telegram from the Defense Department, notifying them that the young soldier was killed in action July 20 in Korea.

Chiavotta, who attended Edison Technical High School, had been listed for some time as missing. He was serving with the 24th Infantry Division.

TIMES UNION NOV 24 1950

Rochesterian Wounded at Korean Front

TIMES UNION JUL 28 1950

A Rochester artilleryman today was reported "seriously wounded" in action on the Korean front.

Two other Rochester soldiers stationed in Korea already have been reported missing.



CPL. CIRINCIONE

The latest casualty is Cpl. Samuel Cirincione, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rosario Cirincione of 59 Morrill St. A telegram received by his mother from the adjutant general of the Army stated the corporal, a truck driver in the artillery, was "seriously wounded in action in Korea July 19" and has been sent to a hospital.

Cirincione joined the Army in July, 1948, along with five of his buddies. He attended St. Bridget's School and Paul Revere High School, where he studied shoe repairing.

Upon completion of basic training, he was sent to Japan Nov. 1948. He arrived in Korea July 4.

The two who have been reported missing are Pvt. Robert C. Russ, son of Mrs. Helen Russ, 148 South Fitzhugh St., and Pvt. Charles E. Greenwood, son of Mrs. Jeanette Thorpe, 6 Catherine St.

Week in War, GI Suffers Knee Wound

"I got there on Sunday and left the next Sunday."

But during that brief stay in Korea, **Pfc. Mark Conover,** 26, World War 2 veteran, got wounded.



PFC. CONOVER

Today Conover was recuperating in Murphy Army Hospital, Waltham, Mass., after three operations on his shattered right knee.

Conover, whose home is at 1050 Lake Ave., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn M. Conover. His parents and his wife, Bernice, have visited him at the hospital.

Speaking of his short stay in Korea, the soldier wrote his wife earlier:

"It's a cinch their Chamber of Commerce can't use Korea for an advertisement to get visitors."

Conover said he was wounded by fragments from a U. S. grenade which a Chinese Red picked up and hurled back at his position. He had been covering a retreat as an in-

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Brighton GI Wounded In Korea

TIMES UNION APR 2 - 1951

Pfc. Richard A. Copeland, who left Brighton High School at the age of 17 to enlist in the Army, today was reported recovering from his second wound in Korea.



PFC. COPELAND

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Copeland, 289 Cobb Ter., Brighton.

Young Copeland wrote his parents: "Well, folks, I caught one . . . we couldn't see them (the Reds) but a joker saw me."

The soldier was hit in the thigh by a Chinese burp gun as he was firing a heavy machine gun on a hill near the town of Longchon-Ni.

He was removed to the hospital ship Consolation and taken to a hospital in Japan. He first was wounded Feb. 19 and evacuated to Pusan.

He received his basic training at Ft. Knox, Ky., and at Ft. Benning, Ga., and was sent to Korea last August.

Greece Youth Wounded In Korea

TIMES UNION AUG 8 1950

In Korean combat 21 days, a former Aquinas Institute boy today was reported recovering in a Japanese hospital from wounds about the eyes.



CROMBACH

He is Pfc. Donald Crombach, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crombach, of 152 Desmond Rd., Greece.

Young Crombach, attached to the hard-pressed 24th Division, presumably did not have his eyesight affected seriously, as he was able to write his parents that he had been wounded.

He has been in service two years and overseas eight months.

Crombach is one of three brothers who have seen action. Charles, 28, was wounded twice in the last war while fighting with the Marines on Pacific islands. Robert, 23, served in Japan with a military railroad service. Both are civilians now.

At Aquinas, the younger Crombach was active in baseball and football.

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D. & C. AUG 5 1953

Families Keep Vigil For Names of PWs

Many Rochester parents, wives and sweethearts kept a prayerful vigil before their radio and television sets last night in breathless anticipation that a briefly flashed name might signal the return of a loved one from the prison camps of North Korea.

Among them was Mrs. Richard G. Cox of 1 Sumner Pk., who learned her husband, a 25-year-old Army lieutenant, was missing in action—two days after the Korean truce was signed. A terse Defense Department telegram told her he had been unaccounted for since July 13.

But Mrs. Cox has not given up hope. "I have a hunch he's going to be on the list," she declared last night. "Only the names come so fast I'm afraid I might miss him. Everyone at the plant —Stromberg-Carlson—is watching and listening for me."

The youthful lieutenant was sent to Korea last February and was assigned to the 461st Infantry Battalion, a heavy mortar unit. An experimental outfit, the battalion was apparently used as a close support unit throughout the Central Front.

Lt. Cox wrote his wife that among the places he saw action was Bloody Ridge, Dagmar Hill and White Horse Hill. A dispatch to the New York Times said his unit "was the only one of its kind in the world."

It was over-run by Chinese Communists during an attack June 17, but although all of its equipment was lost, many of the men managed to escape. Lt. Cox wrote of the battle in a letter dated July 8.

That was the last word Mrs. Cox had from her husband. It arrived almost at the same time as the Defense Department telegram. Sometime during the five-day period her husband was found to be missing.

A graduate of Edison Technical and Industrial High School with the class of 1945, Lt. Cox enlisted in the Navy during the closing days of World War 2. Less than a year later he accepted a discharge at the convenience of the service.

Because he had served less than a year, he became eligible for the Korean war draft and was taken in the Army in 1951—five days after his marriage. He trained at Ft. Dix, N. J., where he succesfully completed the Army leadership course, and was accepted for Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Upon graduation he applied for paratroop training. He served with the 101st Airborne Division at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., before his overseas assignment.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reulbach, 26 Kohlman St., Lt. Cox was well-known in stock car racing circles before he was drafted. During the years between the wars, he worked for several construction companies in the Rochester area and the American Can Company. He was working as a sheet metal worker before his induction.



LT. RICHARD G. COX
. . . missing in action

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TIMES UNION NOV 21 1953



SOBS, SMILES, PRIDE—Cpl. Edward Dickenson, who once rejected repatriation in Korea, was greeted at a Washington airport early today by a sobbing sister, a happy mother and a proud dad. (AP Wirephoto)

POW Comes Home from Reds; 'Bless the Lord!' Shouts Mom

WASHINGTON (AP) — "My son! M son! Bless the Lord!"

Shouting these words and waving her arms in the air, Bessie Dickenson early today rushed into the arms of her son, the prisoner of war who rejected and then chose repatriation in Korea.

It was the first time Cpl. Edward Dickenson had seen his mother in more than three years.

For a breathless moment a score of reporters and photographers stood mutely by.

Then pandemonium broke loose. Photo bulbs snapped and questions came from everywhere. In the midst of all this, the Dickensons—mother, father, son and sister—kept on embracing and weeping.

"I thought he was dead," cried Mrs. Dickenson. "But the Lord has given me back my son."

Ed's father, 73-year-old Van Burean Dickenson, kissed the 23-year-old soldier on the cheek.

"God bless you." said the elderly farmer from Cracker's Neck, Va.

The family had about 10 minutes together at Andrews Air Force Base. Then Ed was placed in a bus and sent off to the Army's Walter Reed Medical Center for a physical checkup—"just like any other POW," said an Army officer.

"It feels wonderful to be home," Ed said.

Then, in response to a question, he said: "Yes, I'm definitely going to reenlist. I haven't spent any time in the Army. I've been in prison practically the whole time."

"Oh, I hope he doesn't go back in." said his mother. "All we want is to have him back with us on the farm."

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IT'S THE FIRST trip to Washington for the Dickenson family, who hadn't been away from their home in the southwestern Virginia mountains in 25 years. They made the 450-mile trip to Washington by auto yesterday.

They'll stay in Washington a few days sightseeing and they hope to take their son home with them. He's due for a 30-day furlough.

Dickenson has said the Reds forced him to reject repatriation after the truce was signed. But later he asked neutral Indian guards to take him back to the U.N. side.

He was asked today whether he thinks any of the 22 other American servicemen who have rejected repatriation will come home. He replied:

"If they ever can get to them and give them explanations, I'm sure some of them will come back."

Down at Cracker's Neck. the folks were ready to give Ed an open-hearted welcome, but they didn't want any celebration for a "returning hero."

"Ed's no hero," a neighbor said. "We don't want to see him treated like one. We'd rather see him just settle down and forget what's happened."

There'll be one celebration though. That'll be at the Dickenson farm, and the big treat will be some southern fried chicken. It's a special request from Ed himself.

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We Congratulate

PVT. PETER J. CISTERNA
On His 21st Birthday Today



THE family and friends of Pvt. Peter J. Cisterna will have a birthday party for him tomorow night—only he won't be present.

Cisterna, who will be 21, now is serving in Korea as a member of Company C, 54th Field Artillery Batalion. The party will be held at his parent's home, 243 Orchard St. There will be a birthday cake to be shared among his friends and family. And at the head of the table there will be an empty chair, symbolizing that the family has dedicated the day to the soldier.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Cisterna, Private Cisterna entered the Army on Nov. 20, 1952. He took his basic training at Ft. Jackson, S. C., and was shipped last June 9 to Korea, where he was assigned to a car pool as a truck repairman.

Folowing his graduation from Madison High School in 1951, Cisterna worked, until entering the service, for the Consolidated Machine Tool Corporation. His hobbies are hunting and collecting popular records.



EARLY BIRDS . . . get the bargain, in this case, used cars, so Charles Murphy, left, and Korean veteran Thomas Coalts pitched camp outside Cadillac-Pontiac used car building to be first in line when sale begins today. Coalts began vigil last Saturday morning and Murphy joined him in line Sunday afternoon.

Korean Vet Camps at Door, Hoping to Buy 99-Cent Auto

D. & C. OCT 27 1953

"There's nothing to this, I keep comfortable."

Thomas Coalts, 25, Army veteran with 18 months of service in Korea, looked up from the folding camp chair in which he was ensconsed outside the door to the Cadillac-Pontiac used car division building at 1701 East Ave. He'd been encamped there since 11 p. m. on Saturday, intent to be the first customer this morning at 8 when Cadillac-Pontiac opens its annual used car sale.

Coalts, who lives with his wife at 415 Gregory St., is intent on getting the six-year old sedan offered in the sale for 99 cents.

"I'll get it, too," the veteran observed. "I've looked it over and I want it. This camping out for a few days and nights isn't too bad."

Coalts was joined Sunday afternoon by Charles Murphy Jr., of 22 Fairview Ave., who thus became the second in line for the opening this morning. He's scheduled to get the second low-priced car for $9.99. Three other cars under the $100 mark are priced at $19.99, $59.00 and $99. Murphy is the son of a city policeman.

Murphy was a bit apprehensive about having his picture taken. A pupil at West High School, he observed that "you know they'll find out about this. I'm supposed to be in school today and I'm afraid they won't like it."

The two waiting for the doors to open are equipped with warm clothing and plenty of bedding consisting of blankets, comforters and pillows. Coalts was wearing his Army overcoat. Both said they were keeping warm and apparently becoming fast friends. Neither had known the other until Murphy appeared on the scene Sunday afternoon to find Coalts already in possession of first place.

Food is no problem. Coalts' wife, Patricia, brings him his meals regularly. Murphy's parents bring him his food. Between times they munch on cookies and drink pop.

Korea War Vet Buys Used Car For Just 99c

D. & C. OCT 28 1953

They opened the doors at 8 a. m. yesterday and none too soon for the Korean veteran who had been waiting there for 56 hours and 50 minutes.

Thomas Coalts, 25, of 415 Gregory St., who did the waiting, got the car he wanted for 99 cents at the opening of the annual sale of the Cadillac-Pontiac used car division at 1701 East Ave. Coalts had set up camp at the entrance to the building at 11:10 p. m. Saturday.

Charles E. Murphy Jr., 18, of 22 Fairview Ave., who waited for around 40 hours to be the second in line, also got the car he desired for $9.99, according to Daniel L. Davis, manager of the division. Davis reported about 35 persons in line when the doors were opened yesterday morning. He added that more cars were sold during the day than at the sale last year.

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KOREA BULLETIN

D & C AUG 11 1950

Daily letter from her husband, Maj. John Davis, who is fighting with U. S. troops in Korea, comes to Mrs. Davis to encourage her in her work as typist for Army Recruiting Center. Mrs. Davis, above, took job as way of helping husband serve country.

Wife of Major in Korea Aids in Recruiting Here

From her cubicle office in the Army Recruiting Station she watches them come in, sign up and go off again to wait to be called.

As a clerk typist for the recruiting headquarters, Mrs. John Davis figures she's helping to "get the boys over there so we can get this thing over with."

Living with Parents

And Mrs. Davis has good reason for wanting to speed things up. While her efficient fingers fly over the typewriter keys as she prepares pre-induction physical records in the Rochester office, her husband, Maj. John Davis, is fighting in the war in Korea. They won't be together again until the UN's "police detail" in the Far East is finished.

Mrs. Davis returned to Rochester last month to live with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schnabel, 1975 Titus Ave., after her husband, a career Army man, was ordered to Japan. Plan of the couple was that she should join him in the Far East.

"The attack on South Korea ended our plans," she tells. "When he was sent to South Korea to fight with the 25th Division I felt I ought to do my best to help him."

Her decision led her to the Recruiting office where she has been at work since Aug. 1 at the job of processing Rochester's young Army volunteers, some of whom may be sent to the area where Major Davis is serving.

Active in Last War

Helping her husband indirectly is a policy Mrs. Davis began during World War 2. She served as a Red Cross volunteer at Camp Shanks while her husband was stationed there. Later when Major Davis was a transport commander traveling with troops back and forth across the Atlantic Ocean, his pretty wife served as a "Gray Lady."

Major Davis served in the Army before World War 2, but signed up as a private immediately after Pearl Harbor. He later was commissioned.

Though she enjoys her work at the Army headquarters here, the best part of Mrs. Davis' day is when she opens the daily letter from her husband who is thousands of miles away.

"Every one that I open means another day that he is safe," she says.

D & C SEP 23 1950

Wounded Son, 19, Gets Tokyo Leave

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Doolin of 142 Magnolia St., parents of Pfc. Robert L. Doolin, 19, who previously had been reported wounded while fighting in Korea, have learned from their son he is all right now.

Doolin, who was wounded Aug. 20, telephoned his parents that he is out of the hospital and is spending a 7-day leave in Tokyo. He is a member of the 27th Infantry Regiment of the 25th Infantry Division, which was fighting in the vicinity of Taegu at the time he was wounded.

T. U. Nov 29 1950

Former Batavian Missing in Korea

Batavia—Cpl. James D. Dewey, 23, a former Batavia resident, has been missing in action in Korea since Nov. 2, the Defense Department informed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Dewey of Buffalo.

Young Dewey was a member of the 1st Cavalry Division which was trapped by Chinese Communist troops while fighting near the Manchuria border. Since that time remnants of the unit have escaped.

The former Batavia youth had served in Korea since the outbreak of hostilities, being a member of the 24th Division before transferring to the Cavalry unit. His last letter to his parents was written on Oct. 28.

A veteran of Navy service during World War 2, Cpl. Dewey had enlisted in the Army little over a year ago. During the interim time in civilian life, he was employed at the P. W. Minor & Son shoe factory in Batavia and resided at the YMCA here. His parents lived at W. Batavia before moving away three years ago.

D. & C. DEC 4 - 1950

Marlow St. GI Wounded, Army Notifies Parents

Latest Rochesterian to be reported wounded in the Korean War is Cpl. Joseph DiGiacco, 21, son of Mrs. Nancy DiGiacco, 35 Marlow St.



CPL. JOSEPH DI GIACCO

Corporal DiGiacco, a member of the 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, was reported "seriously wounded" in action Nov. 2. But in a letter to his family postmarked Nov. 8, the Rochester GI wrote his organization was in Japan preparing to leave for the battlefront.

A native of Rochester, Corporal DiGiacco attended Holy Family School and Madison High School. He enlisted in the Army two years ago and left last August for Japan with the 3rd Division. A brother, Dominic, served in the Army Quartermaster Corps in Germany during World War 2. His father, Joseph, is a veteran of World War 1.

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Korea Flier Home For Holidays

TIMES UNION DEC 20 1950

Lt. Cmdr. Silvio DeChristofaro of 4073 Culver Rd. is spending one of his happiest Christmas seasons with his wife, Josephine, and their two children, James, 3, and Jean, 2.

Just two weeks ago he was flying over Korea with his naval squadron of PBMs. Since the war in Korea started DeChristofaro has been flying missions night and day and has seen heavy fighting. He joined the Navy in 1936 and won an appointment to the Naval Academy from the ranks. His leave will be up Jan. 4.

War Flyer Back Home For Yuletide

D. & C. DEC 20 1950

Two weeks ago Lt. Comdr. Silvio DeChristofaro was ordered to fly his Naval squadron of PBM's on to the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea to evacuate wounded fighters of the 1st Marine Division.

Yesterday he was back in his Irondequoit home at 4073 Culver Rd. with his wife and children preparing to celebrate Christmas. Though Korea was far behind him, his memories of that wartorn little country were sharply with him.

"The Chosin mission never came off," he said, "as the reservoir froze over making it impossible for seaplanes to land on it. So the job of taking out the wounded Marines went to Army Air Force C-46 pilots, who flew in alongside the reservoir."

Wife Listens Intently

While DeChristofaro told of his experiences, his wife, Josephine, sat beside him and listened intently. Their two children, James, 3, and Jean, 2, were upstairs sleeping.

"I had been in Japan for six months," he said, "when the Korean War first started. My Patrol Squadron 47 had just been relieved of duty when the news of the war came over the radio. For two weeks straight after that, we were flying missions day and night for 19 hours a day."

His first mission, he continued, was to find a base in Japan which would be nearer the Korean peninsula. Where the base is, he couldn't tell—it's still a military secret.

Anti-Mine Work

"Our missions," the graduate of the Naval Academy at Annapolis pointed out, "were devoted to reconnaissance, to rescue work, and to knocking out mines by machine-gunning them. This anti-mine work is something new in this war, and very necessary as the Korean waters were loaded with them."

DeChristofaro praised the work of the USS Rochester. He said the ship has been in the "thick of every invasion in Korea" and has done a great job in blasting the enemy with ship-to-shore fire.

He entered the Navy in 1936 and won an appointment to the Naval Academy from the ranks. One of his proudest souvenirs is a Chinese ivory hand-carved chess set which he purchased for 600 Hongkong dollars. When his leave is up Jan. 4, he will report to Washington, D. C., "and then probably back to Japan and Korea."



HOME FOR CHRISTMAS—Lt. Comdr. Silvio De Christofaro, Navy flyer who saw Korean action, brought his wife, Josephine, a Chinese hand-carved ivory chess set for a Yuletide gift.

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TIMES UNION JAN 25 1951

2 Magnolia St. Brothers In Thick of Korea Action

Korea seems far away to most of us, but it's a frequent topic n a home at 142 Magnolia St.

Two of the boys of the William L. Doolins of that address are in the thick of the fighting in Korea. A third leaves for the Navy Feb. 1. And the oldest of the three is 20.

Robert, 19, has been in Korea since the beginning of U. S. action there. He was wounded once, spent a month in a hospital in Japan, and is now at the front again. He joined the Army two years ago and was sent to Japan. He's in the 25th Division.

Richard, 18, enlisted last April and is with the 3d Division. Both boys are in the infantry.

William, 20, has been in the Naval Reserve since he was 17. He heads for Great Lakes Training Center next week. He is a Kodak employe.

The Doolins also have a daughter, Mary Ann, 17, a West High student. She's had ideas about going into service, too, her mother says, but the boys have tried to dissuade her.

"I was heartbroken when the boys went in," Mrs. Doolin said, "but now I'm glad they enlisted early enough to have had training. That's better than being shipped right over."

Sailor 'Hears Out' Korea Fighting Below Decks on Cruiser Rochester

TIMES UNION FEB 9 1951

By BOB BECK

"I 'heard out' the war," said Bill Davis, 21, today as he described his part in the USS Rochester's Korean war duty.

Davis, an electronics technician 3/c, explained that he was stationed below decks during the three-day softening-up bombardment of Inchon and most of the other shelling operations in which the heavy cruiser was engaged.

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"IT WAS PART OF MY JOB," he said, "to help maintain radio communication with the spotter planes that directed our fire to enemy objectives. So, most of the shooting that came my way came by sound."

Davis is in the middle of a 30-day leave while the Rochester undergoes overhauling at San Francisco. He is spending most of his time "just taking it easy" at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Davis, of 27 Meadowdale Dr., Chili.

Besides supporting the Inchon landing, the Rochester and her 1,700-man complement played a heavy battle role in places like Hangnum, the December evacuation port for UN troops withdrawing from North Korea.

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FOR SEVERAL DAYS, Davis related, the Rochester maintained a steady barrage over the heads of the evacuating forces, firing her 8-inchers to distances of 16 miles or more to hold back the Reds.



GOBS OF FUN — Sailor Bill Davis tries out his cap on his father, Louis Davis, a naval veteran of World War 1.

The Rochester also served as a "rest center" for details of infantry and Marines taken aboard for a hot shower and one good night's rest in a warm bunk.

"Those guys really got to think a lot of the Rochester," he said.

A graduate of West High School, Davis has been in the Navy three years and is celebrating the anniversary of his enlistment today. It's all right, he says, but as soon as he can he's going to return to civilian life.

He will rejoin his ship Feb. 25. What's going to happen then, he doesn't know.

$225 in Whisky Stolen

Second-story operatives took to the roof early today to force a window and steal whiskey valued at $225 from House O'Kelly, 63 Spring St., Robert Kelly, proprietor, told police.

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Keep Your Head in Tight Spot, Warns Youth, Veteran of Capture, Escape from Chinese

TIMES UNION FEB 13 1951

"Keep your heads; that's the most important thing."

And if you ask Cpl. Anton "Bucky" DiGardi, 17, of 1148 Dewey Ave., why he says this, he will shift in his chair a little nervously, rub his hands together and look down at his "L'il Abners" (GI boots).

He is spending a furlough with his aunt, Mrs. Mildred O'Keefe, of the Dewey Ave. address.

Bucky was captured by the Chinese Dec. 12 and spent the next four days pretty scared as a five and a half foot tall buck-toothed major played cat while Bucky and seven in his squad were the mice.

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"WE WERE FIGHTING a rear guard action during the Hungnam evacuation. I took my squad on top of a hill and was told to stay there until morning. There was a fire fight and we were overrun by Chinese—us and about 15 ROKs (Korean republic troops).

"They took us about three miles into the hills to the major. With two guards, he took me off by myself.

" 'What do you think I'm going to do to you?'

"I said I didn't know; then he said he was going to shoot me; then he said he never shot American soldiers.

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"HE ASKED for name rank and serial number. I told him. Then he asked how many in our regiment. I said 200. He slapped me, so I told him 2,000.

" 'What is your next move?' I said I didn't know so he slapped me a few more times and I said South Korea.

" 'Now, tell me how the war started.'

" 'The North Koreans passed the 38th Parallel, that's how,' I said.

"Then he asked me how big the Peoples Army was. I said if he meant Communists, about 20,000. He said there were two billion mobilized people in Korea. I told him I was fighting to stop Communist aggression when he asked me. Then he laughed and told me to go outside.

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"ON THE THIRD DAY they brought up 15 South Korean prisoners, tied their hands over their head, made them bow down, and shot them with burp guns. We were scared; thought we were next. They'd been feeding us OK; rice and Korean taffy; it was good.

"On the fourth day, the major told us we were going to be shot. That night they made us dig big round holes—for us, I guess. One of our guys had a bad ankle, so we told him to start moaning about it. A guard came over and bent down to have a look.

"All we wanted to do was knock him out with a pick ax, but he turned his head and got it in the temple.

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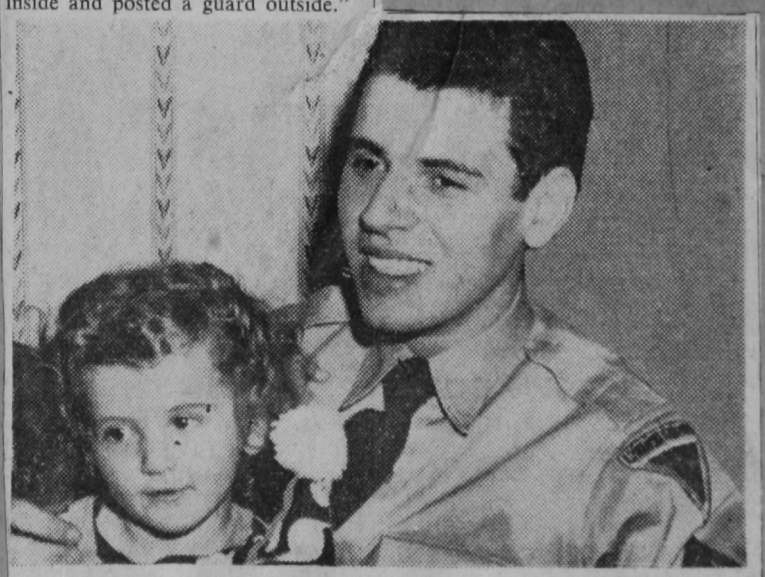
"SO, WE TOOK OFF; the guy with the ankle told us not to wait for him. We had been put on civilian clothes so we traveled by day so the Americans wouldn't shoot us in the dark. We stayed in Gook houses; kept them inside and posted a guard outside."



UNCLE BUCKY—Deborah Kaufman, 2, is happy on the knee of her uncle, Cpl. Anton DiGardi.

City GI Wounded For Second Time In Korea War

D. & C. MAR 29 1951

Robert DeBrine Earned Purple Heart Medal In September

Sgt. 1/c Robert F. DeBrine, 21, of Rochester is being treated for wounds suffered six months apart while fighting with the 1st Cavalry Division in Korea.



ROBERT DE BRINE

Wounded the first time last September when hit in the back by shell fragments, Sergeant DeBrine is back in the hospital, this time for wounds suffered Mar. 7 when mortar fragments hit him in the eye. He was awarded a Purple Heart for the earlier wound.

His mother, Mrs. Marion R. DeBrine of 29 Averill Ave., said the GI also is receiving further treatments for his back which continues to give him trouble. She said her son, who was taken aboard a hospital ship in Pusan Harbor, wrote that his eye wounds were not serious.

Writing that it "seemed good to be where there were clean sheets," the non-com added, "I hope I never have to go back."

DeBrine, who attended Monroe High School, served 2½ years in Japan before going to Korea. During part of that time he was a member of General MacArthur's Honor Guard in Tokyo. His wife is Mrs. Delores DeBrine of 20 Averill Ave.

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Stays 'Round Home

30-Day Loaf Planned By Korea War Veteran

TIMES UNION MAY 11 1951

Army machine gun Corporal Charles J. Diminuco, figures he's ready for a 30-day "loaf"—and that's just what he's going to do.

The 21-year-old Korean veteran who lives with his mother, Mrs. Anna Diminuco, at 423 Arnett Blvd., arrived home by bus this morning, all the way from Seattle, Wash.

"I haven't seen my mother for three years so I think I'll just stay around home and loaf," he said today.

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CPL. DIMINUCO enlisted in the Army in August, 1948, and was sent to Korea with the occupation forces after he finished basic training. A few months later he went to Japan where he stayed until the Korean War broke out. Back he went with the 24th Division.

"We were the first division sent to Korea," he says. "When we got there things were pretty rough. First we'd advance and then we'd pull back—it was really a mess."

Diminuco admits the situation was much better when he left last Apr. 24. Although he manned a machine gun at the front, except for brief "rests," Cpl. Diminuco claims he hasn't had much chance to use his shootin' finger—says he's managed to stay out of too much trouble. Mortar fire is the worst thing his gun crew had to contend with, he says.

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HE ATTENDED Paul Revere Trade School and worked at Bond Clothes Inc. before enlisting. He has a brother, Richard, who works with the Eastern Ambulance Service.

He is among the first Korean veterans to arrive in Rochester on rotational furlough. Sgt. Edward R. Free, 19, of 751 Main St. W. is also home. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack T. Free. Like Diminuco, Sgt. Free was reluctant to talk too freely about his war experiences or the Bronz Star, which he will receive.

Veteran of Korea Visits Home Here On 30-Day Leave

A third Rochester soldier, Cpl. Charles J. Diminuco, arrived home from Korea yesterday on a 30-day rotation furlough.

The 21-year-old machinegun corporal is the son of Mrs. Anna Diminuco of 423 Arnett Blvd. He hadn't seen her since March, 1948, when he enlisted in the Army and was sent to Korea with the occupation forces shortly after finishing basic training. When the occupation troops were withdrawn from the peninsula, he was sent to Japan where he remained until the outbreak of the Korean war.

His division, the 24th, was the first to be sent into action. Now attached to the 11th Field Artillery, Corporal Diminuco left Korea only 18 days ago.

The other two local GIs who returned home this week are Cpl. Robert L. Schoeneman of 19 Hart St. and Sgt. Edward R. Free of 751 Main St. W.

D.&C. MAY 12 1951

T.U. • 6-20-51

PFC. DHALLE, a former Madison High School boy serving with the 2d Division, suffered a chest wound and was sent to Tokyo for hospitalization. He wrote his parents, before a Defense Department telegram was received a week ago, that he was not hurt seriously.

An only son, Dhalle has been in service since September, 1949, and has been in Korea since last August.

Cpl. Glanton, airborne infantryman, was wounded slightly in both legs. He is hospitalized in Japan and is expected to be rotated to the States. He was first wounded Feb. 12 and returned to duty Apr. 16.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Glanton, he entered service in January, 1949, and was sent to the Far East last September. He attended Edison Tech and Madison High schools.

Pfc. Samuel E. Drumm Wounded by Mine

While Pfc. Samuel E. Drumm was clearing a mine field for the advancing 2nd Division in Korea, a Chinese soldier stepped out from behind some bushes, and as he did so, stepped on a concealed land mine.



PFC. SAMUEL E. DRUMM

The exploding mine killed the Chinese and wounded Private Drumm, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel V. Drumm of 2 Meyer Pl. In a letter to his mother, Private Drumm said he was wounded in the left shoulder by fragments from the exploding mine.

He did not give any further details in the letter, written while he was being evacuated by air to a hospital in Japan. His mother believes he was wounded on May 18. Other letters received earlier from her son told of his being sent back into the front lines when the Chinese Communists began their latest offensive. He had been in combat for several weeks and had just returned to a rest area before the offensive began.

A graduate of Paul Revere Trade School, Private Drumm enlisted in the Army in May, 1949. Until last March, he trained in this country. He arrived in Korea on Easter morning. He has three brothers, Paul, Joseph and Harry, who served in the Army during World War 2.

5-29-51

Pfc. Franklin R. Dhalle Wounded in Chest

D+C Jun 21 1951

Pfc. Franklin R. Dhalle, a former Madison High School pupil serving with the 2nd Division in Korea, is the latest Rochester soldier to be reported wounded in action.



PFC. FRANKLIN R. DHALLE

Private Dhalle wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dhalle, 370 Durnan st., that he had suffered a chest wound but was not hurt seriously. Later, his parents received the Defense Department telegram. Dhalle, 19, and an only son, has been in service since Sept., 1949, and in Korea since last Aug.

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TIMES UNION JUL 21 1951

City Air Trainee Injured Seriously in Road Crash

A Rochester trainee at Sampson Air Force Base was in serious condition in Thompson Hospital, Canandaigua, today after a serious smashup about 6 a. m. a mile west of Canandaigua on Routes 5 and 20.

The injured airman is Robert B. Dale, 21 of 4 Portsmouth Ter., who suffered a possible crushed chest when the car in which he was riding skidded, struck guard rails and flung him out as it turned over.

Dale was riding with two other Air Force trainees—David B. Muller of Mt. Vernon, Mich., driver of the vehicle, who suffered a lacerated left leg and body bruises, and Donald L. Howell of Mt. Vernon, Ill., who escaped injury. Both are 21.

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DEPUTY SHERIFF LEONARD RICHMOND, who investigated, said the car was traveling east toward Canandaigua; that it sped 125 feet along the south shoulder of the road, hitting and knocking down six guard poles, went along another 150 feet and turned over on its side.

Richmond said Muller reported he was "crowded off the road" by another vehicle.

Dale was thrown clear of the wrecked auto when it rolled over.

Investigating with Richmond were Sgt. Lee Pierce and Patrolman Oren Sangster. Richmond was summoned from a spot four miles west of the crash scene, also on Routes 5 and 20. He reported that an unidentified truck two hours earlier had struck an electric light pole causing high-voltage wires to be strewn across the road and halting traffic.

TIMES UNION SEP 19 1951

Denise Wins Silver Leaf

News of the promotion of Maj. Frank L. Denise, veteran of 18 years of Army service, to the rank of lieutenant colonel has reached his mother, Mrs. Albert Denise of 486 Denise Rd., Greece.



LT. COL. DENISE

Col. Denise took over duties as comptroller of the Seventh Armored Division at Camp Roberts, Calif., following his promotion.

A graduate of Manlius Academy, where he was cadet captain of his class, Colonel Denise served in ordnance during World War 2. After the war he went to Germany where he participated in ground operations of the Berlin airlift. He has been in California for the last two years.



ACTION IN KOREA—S/Sgt. Grady L. Dunn of 604 Drumm Rd., Webster, refuels an H-5 helicopter at a forward U. S. Air Force base in Korea in preparation for a rescue mission near the front lines. Dunn is helicopter crew chief with the 3d Air Rescue Squadron. (U. S. Air Force Photo)

TIMES UNION OCT 3 - 1951

GI Passes Up Trip Home to Get Promotion

TIMES UNION AUG 22 1951

Charles J. Da Prix, 20, of 385, Broadway, has been promoted to master sergeant in Korea, highest enlisted man grade, it was learned yesterday. **(Please turn to Jack Tucker's column, Page 27, for a similar case.)**



SGT. DA PRIX

Young Da Prix was a private first class when sent into Korea last September and he went up rapidly, serving with a field artillery battalion.

Son of Mrs. Fanny Da Prix, he passed up a chance to go home on rotation to get the master sergeantcy.

Sgt. Da Prix, a graduate of Edison Technical High School, enlisted in June, 1949, and received basic training at Fort Dix, N. J.

He wrote his mother: "I came here as the driver for the detail head, and now I'm head of the detail."

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FIRST LT. DONALD R. D'AMICO of 1364 Clifford Ave., jet fighter pilot in Korea, steps down from his F-80 Shooting Star after he and his flight destroyed a Communist command post. Note attire for frigid temperatures. Lt. D'Amico is attached to the Fifth Air Force's 51st Fighter-Interceptor Group. (U. S. Air Force Photo)

TIMES UNION OCT 9 - 1951

Jet Fighter Blasts Enemy Command Post

A jet fighter pilot from Rochester was recently credited with destruction of an enemy command post while flying a strafing mission over North Korea.

First Lt. Donald R. D'Amico, son of Mr. and Mrs. Santo D'Amico, 1364 Clifford Ave., hit the command post with rockets and napalm while flying a mission with the Fifth Air Force's 51st Fighter-Interceptor Group.

The command post consisted of three houses protected by about 1,500 enemy troops, according to Lt. D'Amico. His flight of four F-80 Shooting Stars spotted it after letting down from high altitude through murky weather.

"I dropped my napalm and banked," Lt. D'Amico reported. "As I did so, I could see my flight leader's napalm explode directly in the side of one building. In a matter of seconds it was burning.

"Finishing my turn, I let go with a rocket. It scored a direct hit on the center building. When it exploded the whole structure seemed to collapse and then was covered with flames. We estimated that our attack finished off at least 100 enemy troops."

A graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, Lt. D'Amico attended Sampson College in Geneva and later joined the Air Force. He received his commission and pilot's wings in September, 1949, at Las Vegas Air Force Base, Nev.

Shell Burst Wounds Cpl. Dunn in Korea

TIMES UNION OCT 9 - 1951

Another Rochester fighting man has been wounded in Korea, according to word received by his parents.

Cpl. Morgan F. Dunn, 20, wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald E. Dunn, 506 Chili Ave., on Sept. 17 that he had been wounded in the arm by shell fragments. He did not give any other details.

Cpl. Dunn is a member of the 27th Reconnaissance Combat Team. He was graduated from Aquinas Institute in 1949 and enlisted in the Army last January. After basic training at Fort Dix, he attended Army leadership school and was sent to Korea in July. Before leaving he was home for seven days.

An older brother, William, served in the Pacific Theater during World War 2.



CPL. MORGAN F. DUNN

Rochester Flyer Bombs Korea Foe With Crippled Jet

T.U. Oct. 29, 1951

"It never rains, it pours" has a new application for 1st Lt. Donald R. D'Amico, Rochesterian piloting a Shooting Star jet in Korea.



DONALD R. D'AMICO

Lt. D'Amico was 100 miles behind enemy lines, flying an armed reconnaissance mission, when he discovered his wing tanks weren't feeding fuel, according to a release from the 51st Fighter Intercepter Wing in Korea.

He knew he had two choices: to turn back or take a chance on making his bombing run, hoping this would make the tanks work.

"I was so far out I decided to make the run," D'Amico said. "I made my bomb run over the day's target, a railroad in the Sunchon area, and pulled off. Then I called my flight leader, told him I was going to drop my dead tanks and head for home."

But there were MIGs all over the place and it took six jets from D'Amico's squadron to keep them away.

D'Amico was 90 miles from home when he glanced at the fuel gauge and noticed he had 20 gallons left. In jet terms, that is enough for 3 minutes' flying time.

The next 20 minutes were the longest in his life, D'Amico said. "I cut my engine and began gliding—and praying. I had no radio, nothing." He was at 31,000 feet.

Finally sighting an air strip, he came in for his initial approach with just enough fuel to start his engine, which is needed to let the wheels down. Just as he got the wheels down and touched the field, both tires blew out.

"It never rains, it pours," D'Amico said wearily. "I got them to get me a couple of new tires at the field, gassed up and headed for home," a major field some distance from the air strip he set down on. "I arrived 5½ hours late, but that was one time I didn't mind being late," he said. Lieutenant D'Amico is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Santo D'Amico of 1364 Clifford Ave.

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GI, 19, Finds Home Life Dull After Battling in Korea

T-U DEC 13 1951

A 19-year-old Rochester infantryman, who saw two-thirds of his company become Korea battle casualties, says he "feels awful old."

"Before I left I used to raise the devil," he said. "Now that I'm home none of the things I did before seem important. I just feel awful old, I guess."



DAVIS

The speaker, Pfc. Robert Davis, is home with his mother, Mrs. Santa Davis of 27 Edward St., on 27-day furlough. He has been with the 24th Division since November.

Of UN allies the Turks impressed him the most.

"They'd rather use bayonets than their rifles," he said. "Whenever it was quiet they'd sit around sharpening their knives and complain that the artillery was ruining their bayonet practice."

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DAVIS SAYS JAPANESE-GI marriages would be better understood by the folks back home if they knew the Japanese people.

"The girls worship a man over there," he said, "and the families treat you perfectly."

A graduate of Paul Revere Trade School, Davis enlisted in April 1950. In Korea his company got within 15 miles of the Yalu River before being driven back.



TWO KINDS OF HEART—1st Lt. Donald D'Amico has the heart necessary to pilot this Saber Jet in Korea—and the kind which responds to the sight of children in dire need.

Korean Flyers Help 350 Orphans of War

D. & C. FEB 19 1952

"You can never realize the true picture unless you see it yourself. Stop praying for me and start praying for those kids—they need it; God, they do."

The quotation is from a letter home by 1st Lt. Donald R. D'Amico, son of Mr. and Mrs. Santo D'Amico of 1364 Clifford Ave. His job for our Air Force in Korea is to fly the F-86 Saber jet, one of our speediest aircraft. But the lieutenant has another job in Korea, a task he and some of his fellow flyers in the 51st Fighter Wing took on when they discovered 350 children shivering in an unheated orphanage near their base.

When he first walked into the orphanage, he found scenes of unbelievable squalor. Seven children were off in a room by themselves, their bodies shrunken by malnutrition. All of the children slept on the floor, with a single blanket each their only protection against the chill damp of the institution, which was without fuel.

Unit Surgeon Helps

In a letter mailed the middle of January, D'Amico told his family of bringing wood, canned milk and blankets. His outfit's surgeon came up with some vitamin pills. At that time, he said:

"You have to hold the cup of milk to their lips, some are so weak. They show no expressions of joy when you give them things, there is no expression on their faces."

D'Amico and his friends made daily trips, sandwiched in between their missions. On Jan. 31, he reported that the children "look lots better." The operations of the airmen now took in washing and spraying the youngsters with DDT powder. The Air Force surgeon was a frequent visitor.

A letter a few days ago reported much better conditions at the orphanage, but the lieutenant ended it with a touching comment: "God only knows how many of those kids are suffering" throughout Korea.

Use the letters, perhaps they will help people to understand why they should give clothes to Korea and help in whatever other way they can."

Her son, who attended Benjamin Franklin High School and Sampson College, is 24 and has been in Korea since last August.

Concerned for His Safety

The D'Amico family, concerned for their son's safety in his war missions (of which he never writes) were reluctant to allow a reporter to use the comments.

"I don't know how Don would feel about it—and I don't want him to feel badly because his personal letters home are made public," explained his mother, Mrs. Angelina D'Amico, a slight, graying woman.

"But," she added, "how else will people know the suffering of little children, except from the honest writings of our boys who are over there?

Jet Pilot D'Amico Damages MIG in Korea Air Battle

TIMES UNION MAY 2 - 1952

Veteran jet pilot, Donald R. D'Amico of 1364 Clifford Ave., damaged one of the two Communist MIGs hit in today's air battle between 23 Sabres and about 40 MIGs, the Associated Press reports.

The battle took place about 50 miles east of Sinuiju, Korea.

The 24-year-old lieutenant has participated in more than 83 missions, according to his mother, Mrs. Santo D'Amico, who recently received a letter from her son.



D'AMICO

He never says anything about the war," she said on hearing of her son's feat. "But I know he expects to come home after 100 missions."

Last September Lt. D'Amico was credited with destroying an enemy command post while flying a strafing mission over Korea. An Army report stated that napalm and rockets fired by D'Amico "finished off at least 100 enemy troops."

Lt. D'Amico, a Benjamin Franklin High School graduate, won his commission and pilot's wings in September, 1949 at Las Vegas Air Force Base, Nev. He has been in Korea eight months.

(Other war details on Page 14.)

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Had 100 Missions

Air Hero Returns from Korea Fight

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TIMES UNION MAY 12 1951

After brushing death on 100 jet missions against the enemy in Korea and shooting down at least one Russion MIG, 1st Lt. Donald R. D'Amico has come home to Rochester and caught a cold.

"It was a lot of fun over there—especially flying the 86s (Interceptors) against their MIGs. I wanted to extend my combat tour but they wouldn't let me because of the policy of sending the boys home after 100 missions," the husky-voiced 24-year-old pilot told The Times-Union today.



D'Amico

"The MIG's a good plane but we have a darn good one too. They never gave us a hard time. We had no sweat," he added.

D'Amico is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Santo D'Amico of 1364 Clifford Ave. He arrived in the Far East last August and returned last week.

"Those air battles (he flew 64) lasted anywhere from 2 to 20 minutes. I made three passes on that MIG then I saw him burn, go down, and hit the ground. It all happened so fast I didn't think much about it."

"The rough part of the war was the air-ground missions in the F-80s. I (his plane) got hit four times in 36 runs. In those flights it was all luck whether you came out of it. In the air-to-air fights, it had a lot to do with your skill," the pilot continued.

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D'AMICO WAS NOT HIT once in his MIG Alley encounters. In his air-ground flights he explained that they went after "rail, supply centers, bridges, troops, gun emplacements—anything that moved and some stuff that didn't."

He will be home on leave about June 1, and he plans to keep working for an orphanage of 400 Korean children which his outfit adopted in Korea. His parents, friends and neighbors are all helping keep up the flow of food, clothing and medicine to the youngsters.

Next stop will be McGuire Air Force Base near Trenton, N. J., where he will do tactical flying in an air defense command.

"At least I hope I'll be flying," he concluded hastily.

D. & C. JUL 22 1952

Veteran of Korea at 18, Kodak Youth Reenlists



ANTON DI GARDI
Back In Armed Forces

An Army veteran who fought in Korea, was captured by Communist troops, escaped and suffered frozen feet—all before he was 18 years old—reenlisted yesterday.

He is Anton DiGardi, 18-year-old son of Mrs. Louise DiGardi, 11 Locust St. On reenlisting, he chose the Marine Corps.

"I decided to go back in service in spite of my experience in Korea because I think the life will be interesting," the youthful veteran said. "I'll learn a lot too."

He plans to make a career of the Marines and hopes for assignment to an engineering division.

He left for Parris Island, S. C., where he will take basic training. He holds the rank of private, first class, his rating when he was discharged in April, 1951.

DiGardi first enlisted April 4, 1950. After basic training at Fort Dix, N. J., and Fort Devens, Mass., he was shipped to Korea, where he fought in the north sector with the Third Infantry Division. Here he was captured along with 200 other soldiers.

Four days later the prisoners stampeded their guards. Four of them, including DiGardi, escaped and made their way to the American lines 15 miles away. DiGardi's feet were frozen on this trek and he was sent to Japan for hospitalization and interrogation. This was in December, 1950. In January he was shipped back to the States and finished his first hitch at Camp Roberts, Calif., and Ft. Laughton, Wash. Since discharge he has been working at Kodak.

Enlisting with DiGardi was Frank Clausen, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Clausen, 30 Ohio St.

Son from Korea Her Birthday Gift

TIMES UNION AUG 15 1952

The sudden appearance of her son home from Korea Wednesday at midnight made the birthday party of Mrs. Catherine DeBellis, 63 Bronson Ave., "one of the happiest of my life. No mother could ask for a better present than her son."

Cpl. Joseph N. DeBellis, 22, who spent 15 months overseas and served in Korea as communications chief for a field artillery battalion battery, was as thrilled as his mother. "I didn't think I could make it in time. What a lucky break." The Madison High School graduate hopes for a discharge this Fall.

GI's Korea

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There's a Lot of Work Behind the Lines

By Ex-Pfc. Angelo M. Dortona
245 Davis St.
(One of a series)

It takes a lot of work behind the front lines to keep an army in shape. There are plenty of jobs that are tough and important, even though they may not be glamorous.



Dortona

Take the GI mechanics, for example. You don't hear about them getting all sorts of medals or leading heroic charges against the enemy, but they're a bunch of fellows you can't beat.

I know, because I was a truck driver behind the front lines in Korea for 10 months. And what those bumpy, dusty Korean roads do to a truck shouldn't happen to a Commie tank!

I've seen GI mechanics work all night in bitter weather to keep the wheels rolling so we could haul food, clothing and other supplies up to the fellows who were doing the fighting.

The mechanics didn't waste any time, either. One day a front spring on my truck snapped as I was hauling heavy logs for bunkers. Those GI mechanics had me on my way again in 15 minutes.

TIMES UNION SEP 4 1952

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Vest Protects City GI from Battle Death

D. & C. OCT 18 1952

One of the new protective vests issued to troops fighting in Korea has saved the life of a 21-year-old Rochesterian. Word that Pvt. Kenneth A. Dys, of 345 Alexander St. had been wounded in action was received yesterday from the Department of Defense.



PVT. KENNETH A. DYS

In a recent letter to his sister, Miss Thelma T. Dys of 345 Alexander St., told how he was wounded on Sept. 28, just one week after being sent to the front lines.

He said he was on patrol duty in enemy territory when a land mine exploded causing wounds to his legs, arms and fingers. Since he was so close to the mine, he said, he would have lost his life had it not been for the new vest, made of strong fabric. Dys is now recuperating at an Army hospital in Japan.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Dys of Main St. E., Dys attended East High School and worked on construction jobs until he was drafted last Mar. 14. He received his training at Fort Dix, N. J. and was sent overseas four months later to Headquarters Company in the 3d Battalion of the 279 Infantry Regiment, 45th Division.

Brockport Vet Hurt in Korea

TIMES UNION JAN 5 1953

Recovering in St. Albans Hospital, Long Island, from injuries suffered when he was struck by a helicopter's propellor blades, is Airman 1/c James Dillon Jr., 22, of Brockport.

The accident on the aircraft carrier Kearsarge occurred Oct. 11 off Korea. Four men were killed when a helicopter was brown out of control in a gale. Dillon, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Dillon, suffered a broken pelvis and several broken robs. He had been in the Far East a month.



Dillon

He was flown to the hospital immediately. In a telephone conversation with his parents on New Years Day, he told them he was feeling fine and hopeful of being discharged from the hospital soon. He enlisted in the Navy four years ago.

City Infantryman Burned In Korean Patrol Action

D. & C. MAR 9 1953

A Rochester infantryman, formerly of Watkins Glen, suffered burns of the right foot during a combat patrol action in Korea, the Defense Department announced yesterday.



RICHARD W. DENNISON

He is Pfc. Richard W. Dennison, 21, a member of Company C of the 45th Division's 180th Regiment. His listed next of kin is a brother, James H. Dennison, 304 Winton Rd. N.

The Defense Department's official casualty list carried his name under the "injured" classification. Neither the list nor the department's telegram, received last week by the brother, gave any indication of the reason for the classification or the seriousness of the injury.

The soldier was inducted here in November, 1951, and was sent to Korea in October, 1952. He served with the 37th Infantry Division before being transferred to the 45th.

Before entering service, he worked as an apprentice engraver in the Rochester Electrotype & Engraving Company, 179 Water St. N. Originally from Watkins Glen, he attended the Watkins Glen Central School before coming to Rochester in 1950.

TIMES UNION MAR 11 1953

Heroism Marks Rescue Of City Flier in Blast

The Navy has released a tale of heroism in the rescue of a Rochester pilot from his flaming plane aboard the carrier Oriskany off Korea last Friday.

Airman Richard D. Donovan, 21, of Emmetsburg, Iowa, clad in asbestos clothing, plunged through flames and exploding ammunition to rescue Lt. Edwin Kummer, 28, of 31 Cliffmor St. Lt. Kummer was knocked out after a bomb, which failed to release over his North Korean target, jarred loose and exploded on the flight deck as he landed.

Donovan cut Kummer loose from his parachute harness, the Navy said, and carired him to safety with the help of Airman Michael J. Yok, 19, of Baltimore. Lt. Kummer suffered only burns and minor injuries. Two men were killed and 15 other wounded in the resulting explosion and fire, with six of the wounded listed in serious condition.

Neither Lt. Kummer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Kummer, 665 Seward St., nor his wife, Mrs. Faye Kummer, had been officially notified of the accident by the Navy early today. The pilot's mother said she was attempting to learn the home address of Airman Donovan so she could write and thank him and his family for his heroism in rescuing her son. "It's the least we can do," she said today.

One of those killed was a Navy cameraman, Thomas Leo McGraw, 22, of Theresa, N. Y. He was taking pictures of the carrier landing when the explosion occurred and he died instantly. His film, which captured the bomb as it skidded toward him along the flight deck, escaped destruction and will be released tonight, the Navy said.

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GI Lauds Red Cross for Aid In Getting Him to Dad's Rites

D. & C. JUL 31 1953

Gratitude to the Red Cross for speeding him home from a Korean battlefield in time for his father's funeral was expressed yesterday by 21-year-old Pfc. Norman Drake of 386 Genesee St.

Drake, who is scheduled to return to duty in Korea next month, was flown home to Rochester last weekend after his mother, Mrs. Margaret Drake, appealed to the Red Cross for help in bringing him home to his ill father's bedside.

Drake's father, Lester Drake, a superintendent at Rochester Ice Corporation, died Saturday (July 25, 1953) in Strong Memorial Hospital. That was the same day that Pvt. Drake, resting five miles behind the front lines during his first relief from battle after three months, was notified that the Red Cross had arranged an emergency furlough and transportation to Rochester.

Although Pvt. Drake's father died before he arrived home, the young soldier was able to attend the funeral Wednesday. For that he was "deeply appreciative" to the Red Cross, he said yesterday.

"I never thought much about the Red Cross before," he said. "All the way through to Rochester—it took three days—the Red Cross was very considerate and very helpful. They even arranged a priority ticket for me on the commercial plane from San Francisco to New York. I have a new appreciation for the Red Cross; I think much more of it than I ever did before."



Jack Tucker Writes:

TIMES UNION MAR 24 1953

About a Youngster –Home from Korea

In the Revolutionary War, it was common practice for otherwise hardy males to avoid conscription by getting up cash, and sticking some other incipient yardbird into taking his place.

We give you today the case of Airman **Norman Peter DeVeny,** of 178 Martin St., an apple-cheeked kid of 19 who talked his folks into letting him enlist at 17.

Young Norman scarcely had his training-camp lumps when **Uncle Samuel** shipped him to Korea. Today the kid is back home on furlough, after sweating out 21 months overseas, including 13 months in Korea.

How does he feel about this bold venture?

"I think if I had to do over again, I would have done the same thing," he says. "I learned a lot in service—like how to get along with older guys, for instance. I sort of grew up in a hurry.

"They used to call me the 'Kid' and 'Youngblood.' But it was all kidding. I was with an Air Force supply squadron called the 'Screaming Demons.' That title sounded pretty good, for a while, until some joker re-christened us the 'Whispering WAAFS.' What a comedown!"

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WE HAD A TALK the other day with young Norman and his dad, **Warren,** who served five years in World War 2, was given a battlefield commission by armored forces in the ETO, and wound up a captain. DeVeny Sr. is employed at Bausch & Lomb's.

Q. Norm, what was it like in Korea?

A. A good place to stay away from.

Q. How's the chow?

A. Too much stew.

Q. Is the mail service OK?

A. Not bad. Took about a week to get mail from home.

Q. Did you see any action?

A. No—except one time when an ammo dump blew up. It looked like the 4th of July.

Q. You're only 19. What do you plan to do when your enlistment is up?

A. I'd like to go to college under the GI Bill; and study engineering.

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NORM DE VENY is a clean-cut, goodlooking boy of whom his dad and his mother, the former **Irene Leavens,** think the world.

"He gets his looks," the father says, "from his mother. Best-looking woman I ever saw."

There is one daughter in the family, pretty **Alice Katherine,** 9.

Outside of his sudden decision to enlist in the Air Force at 17,



NORM DE VENY

young Norm has distinguished himself only by leading the ordinary youngster's life.

He played on the baseball team at East Rochester High School, then transferred to Ben Franklin High. He got into service before he could graduate, but earned his diploma through an Air Force course.

That's one of the things that Norm thinks is good about being in service, when he says that "I learned things."

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WHILE CHEWING THE FAT with such nice people as Norm DeVeny and his dad, you get a warmish feeling—a feeling that all must be right with America when a kid is determined to serve his country, and run the risks of combat, when he is only 17.

Q. How religious are GIs in Korea?

A. Very much so. They pray a lot, even though they might kid about that kind of thing.

Q. What kind of religion do you have, Norm?

A. I'm a Lutheran. But it never made any difference in Korea what you were. I remember that, when my outfit was up in the hills 50 miles from Pusan, it was hard for any chaplains to get up there.

Still, some Korean priests somehow would come up and say Mass for Catholic boys.

It just really didn't make any difference what kind of a church a guy belonged to. I guess, in a place like Korea, guys think in terms of prayer and God and hoping the next bullet doesn't have their name on it.

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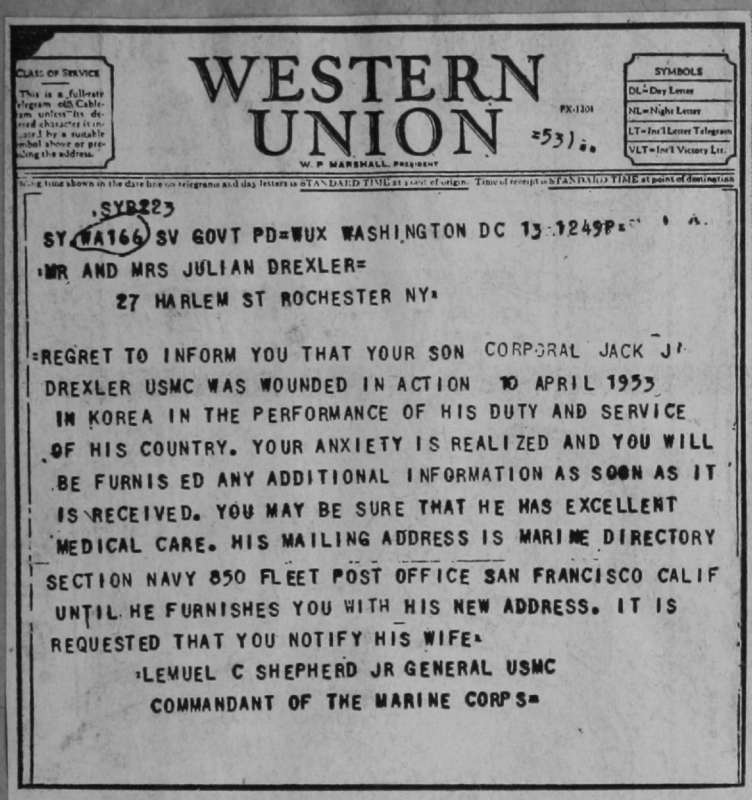

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27 HARLEM ST ROCHESTER NY=

=REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR SON CORPORAL JACK J DREXLER USMC WAS WOUNDED IN ACTION 10 APRIL 1953 IN KOREA IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTY AND SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY. YOUR ANXIETY IS REALIZED AND YOU WILL BE FURNIS ED ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS SOON AS IT IS RECEIVED. YOU MAY BE SURE THAT HE HAS EXCELLENT MEDICAL CARE. HIS MAILING ADDRESS IS MARINE DIRECTORY SECTION NAVY 850 FLEET POST OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALIF UNTIL HE FURNISHES YOU WITH HIS NEW ADDRESS. IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU NOTIFY HIS WIFE=
=LEMUEL C SHEPHERD JR GENERAL USMC
COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS=

MISLEADING MESSAGE—This telegram is cause of Mrs. Julian Drexler's complaint to Defense Department. Her son's "wound" turned out to be a sprained ankle.



ANXIOUS DAYS OVER—Mrs. Jack J. Drexler holds daughter, Jacqueline, 7 months, and husband's picture after learning husband's "wound" was sprained ankle.

Mother Says Inadequate War Casualty News Caused 'Needless Agony' to Marine's Family

UNION APR 22 1953

The Defense Department telegram said her son was "wounded in action" in Korea.

But the "wound" turned out to be a sprained ankle.

As a result of what she called "needless agony" suffered by the family of Marine Cpl. Jack J. Drexler, 22, his mother, Mrs. Julian Drexler of 27 Harlem St., is drafting a formal complaint on the handling of casualty messages.

Mrs. Drexler said the complaint, to be sent to the Defense Department and to other officials of the armed services, will ask that casualty messages contain more explanatory information.

Cpl. Drexeler's wife, Shirley, and their 8-month-old daughter, Jacqueline, live with his parents at the Harlem St. address.

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THE MOTHER POINTED OUT that "we had no way of knowing how seriously he was hurt," after receiving the telegram Apr. 13.

Three days later, she said, Cpl. Drexler wrote to say he was in an aid station, being treated for the ankle sprain.

The mother said she and the Marine's wife were "frightened" every time the telephone rang, after the Defense Department telegram arrived, in fear of bad news about Cpl. Drexler's condition.

"At least the families should know whether a boy's wounds are slight or serious," the mother said. "I don't want other mothers to go through the same agony of not knowing, like I went through. And plenty of mothers have gone through it already. It's so unnecessary."

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AFTER RECEIVING the wire, Mrs. Drexler wired Rep. Kenneth B. Keating in an attempt to get more information. Although Keating was not able to do this immediately, he replied with an acknowledging telegram within three hours, she said.

Cpl. Drexler, in Korea since February, enlisted three years ago in the Marine Corps. He attended Monroe High School.

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Marine's Mother Angry At Casualty Message

D. & C. APR 22 1953

Because she was "unnecessarily" upset by a Defense Department notice that her son was wounded in Korea, a Rochester woman is planning a formal protest to the government.

Mrs. Julian Drexler of 27 Harlem St. said yesterday that she was caused "needless agony" by a cryptic routine telegram saying Marine Cpl. Jack J. Drexler, 22, had been wounded in action.

She received the telegram Apr. 13, Mrs. Drexler said. Until a letter arrived Apr. 16 from Cpl. Drexler, "we had no way of knowing how seriously he was hurt," she said.

Cpl. Drexler explained in his letter that his wounds amounted to a sprained ankle. "But for days he might have had his leg amputated for all we knew," Mrs. Drexler declared. "Every telephone call frightened us more."



CPL. JACK J. DREXLER

In an attempt to find out how seriously her son was hurt, Mrs. Drexler wired Rep. Kenneth B. Keating, Rochester Republican, in Washington, D. C. Although he was unable to obtain more information, he replied with a telegram three hours after receiving her request, she said.

Mrs. Drexler said she is drafting a formal complaint on the handling of casualty messages. Copies will be sent today to Keating and to officials of all branches of the armed forces, she said. She explained she is particularly requesting that casualty messages contain more explanatory information.

"At least the families should know whether a boy's wounds are slight or serious. I don't want other mothers to go through the same agony of not knowing like I went through. And plenty of mothers have gone through it already. It's so unnecessary."

Cpl. Drexler has been in Korea since February. He enlisted in the Marine Corps three years ago. Previously he attended Monroe High School and Billard Academy in New London, Conn. His wife, Shirley, and 8-month-old daughter, Jacqueline, live with his parents at the Harlem St. address.

D. & C. MAY 3 1953

Year in Korea Enough For GI Enlisted at 15

A local GI who saw Army service as a youth of 15—until his age was discovered—has decided that he's had enough.

Cpl. Donald R. Douglas, now 22 and a veteran of 9 years' service in Korea, wrote his parents from Fort Custer, Mich., last week that he "want out."

The 45th Division field artilleryman arrived in the United States Thursday aboard the transport Marine Lynx.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Douglass, 572 Portland Ave., said they weren't sure whether their son was eligible for a discharge from the Army or just a rotation leave.

"He just said, "I'll be home soon," Mrs. Douglas said. "He never did tell us much in his letters."

Corporal Douglas first enlisted in California in 1946 when the family lived there briefly. His age was discovered several months later while he was in basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., and he was sent home.

He reenlisted in July, 1951, while employed at the Stromberg-Carlson Company plant here. After basic training as an infantryman at Fort Benning, he went overseas in February, 1952 and arrived in Korea in April.

His parents said he first served as an infantryman and fought in several major Korean engagements, then was reassigned to the 75th Field Artillery Battalion as a service battery ammunition truck driver.

His father is manager of the delicatessen division of the 90 Clinton Ave. S. branch of Wegman's Food Markets Inc.



DONALD R. DOUGLAS

Navy Flier Returns From Duty in Korea

Navy Lt. Cmdr. L. G. Graning, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Graning of 790 Laurelton Rd., has returned home after a seven-month tour of duty in the Far East with Fighter Squadron 191. Lt. Cmdr. Graning piloted the Navy's supersonic F9F-6 Cougar jet off the attack carrier USS Oriskany while operating as a unit of Carrier Air Group 19.

D. & C. JUN 2 1954

Corporal in Marines Returns from Korea

Recently returned from service with the Marines in Korea, Cpl. John Della Villa is spending a brief furlough with his wife, the former Elaine Livadas, at their home at 67 Parkway. Della Villa, a graduate of Aquinas Institute, leaves soon for Hawaii where he will be stationed.

D. & C. JUN 23 1953

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Accidental Shot Kills City Soldier in Korea

D. & C. MAY 4 1954

A tragic telegram interrupted the dinner hour last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernardino Damelio, 7 La Salle St. It informed them that their son, Cpl. Salvatore Damelio, was accidentally killed Saturday (May 1, 1954) while stationed in Korea with the U. S. Army.



SALVATORE DAMELIO

Earlier in the day the family had received a letter from the serviceman in which he expressed pleasure at having recently received a corporal's rating. He expected to be discharged this fall.

The telegram, signed by Maj. Gen. John A. Klein, said only that the 21-year-old serviceman was killed when accidentally shot in the head. It gave no details as to how the accident occurred, saying a letter would follow shortly.

Mrs. Damelio suffered shock and was treated by a physician.

Cpl. Damelio was drafted in November, 1952. He left for Korea the following June. He had attended Madison High School and worked for the New York Central Railroad, living with his parents.

In addition to his parents, Cpl. Damelio is survived by four brothers and two sisters. One of his brothers, Joseph, is a semi-professional basketball player.

Cpl. Damelio Service Arranged for Tuesday

Last rites for Cpl. Salvatore P. Damelio, 21, who died in Korea May 1 in an accidental shooting, will be held at 8:30 a. m. Tuesday at the Bartolomeo Funeral Home, 506 Jay St., and at 9 a. m. in St. Francis of Assisi Church. Burial will be in the veterans plot of Holy Sepulcher Cemetery.

The body will arrive here early tomorrow under military escort. Friends may call at the Bartolomeo Funeral Home after 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Cpl. Damelio, who was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernardino Damelio of 7 LaSalle St., had been serving with the U.S. Army in Korea for about a year. In informing his parents of his death, the Army said only that the Rochester serviceman was killed when accidentally shot in the head.

Before entering the Army in November, 1952, Cpl. Damelio had been employed by the New York Central Railroad. He was a graduate of Madison High School.

Besides his parents, he is survived by four brothers, Anthony, Mauro, Joseph and George Damelio; two sisters, Mrs. Peter Muratore and Mrs. Carmen Russo, and several nieces and nephews.

Sergeant in Air Force Gets Korea Assignment

D. & C. AUG 23 1954

S. Sgt. Peter E. Gibson recently was asigned as non-commissioned officer in charge of the command records section of Headquarters, 5th Air Force in Korea. He arrived in Korea from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

Sgt. Gibson has been in the service more than five years. He was graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin J. Gibson, reside at 22 Kelly St.

Sergeant Returning After Korea Duty

After 15 months in Korea with an Army military police unit, Sgt. Ralph J. Valle of 74 Hurstbourne Rd., Irondequoit, is reported on his way back to the United States. Valle was a classification and assignment clerk and was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant "for meritorious service" in his duty. He attended the University of Rochester before entering service.

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Thrice Wounded GI Treks 6 Miles for Aid

TIMES UNION JAN 26 1951

Pfc. John M. Eastman, 21, walked six miles to a first aid station after being wounded in the shoulder, thigh and foot in a Red Korean ambush on Jan. 14, his father, Paul L. Eastman, 1359 Main St. E. learned yesterday.



EASTMAN

Writing from a Navy hospital ship at Pusan, Pvt. Eastman said he didn't think his wounds were serious.

His company, a unit of the 32d Infantry Regiment, was moving up, Pvt. Eastman recounted, when suddenly "the gooks opened up on us."

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"THERE WAS PLENTY of lead flying from the left, right and in front of us. I hit the dirt. It was then I felt a bullet crease the back of my right shoulder and gouge my hip. After 10 minutes our company commander told us to retreat.

"Crawling, rolling, leaping down the draw, I felt my foot freeze up on me. When I finally got out I walked six miles to an aid station where I learned a bullet had gone through my foot."

Pvt. Eastman served with the Army for a year, was discharged in December, 1949, and recalled to active duty from the reserve last October. He went to Korea in mid-December.

His brother, Robert, was reported missing in action in Europe in World War 2 and later turned up as a prisoner of war in Germany. Another brother, Paul, fought in the Pacific theater in World War 2.

City GI Hit By Bullet in Red Ambush

Pfc. John M. Eastman Writes Father from Hospital Ship

D. & C. JAN 26 1951

Pfc. John M. Eastman, 21, was wounded in a Red ambush in Korea on Jan. 14, his father, Paul L. Eastman, 1359 Main St. E., learned yesterday.



JOHN M. EASTMAN

Pvt. Eastman wrote his father from a Navy hospital ship in Pusan that he had been wounded in the shoulder, thigh and foot, but didn't think his wounds were too serious. A member of the 32d Infantry Regiment, Pvt. Eastman wrote his father that his company was moving up when suddenly "the Gooks opened up on us."

Told to Retreat

"There was plenty of lead flying from the left, right and in front of us. I hit the dirt. It was then I felt a bullet crease the back of my right shoulder and gouge my hip. After 10 minutes, our company commander told us to retreat.

"Crawling, rolling, leaping down the draw. I felt my foot freeze up on me. When I finally got out, I walked 6 miles to an aid station where I learned a bullet had gone through my foot."

Recalled Reservist

Eastman served with the Army for a year, being discharged in December, 1949. Last October, he was called back to active duty from the Reserve. Sent first to Camp Hood, Tex., he went to Korea in the middle of December.

One of his brothers, Robert, was reported missing in action in Europe in World War 2 and later turned up as a prisoner of war in Germany. Another brother, Paul, fought in the Pacific Theater in World War 2.



CPL. A. J. EWIN

Marine Brings Wounded Buddy In

TIMES UNION MAR 16 1951

Here's how medals are won the hard way.

Marine Cpl. A. J. (Blackie) Ewin, in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ewin of 700 Washington Ave., writes:

"On Feb. 27 I was in charge of a forward listening post at about 8:50 p. m. We were hit by a Chinese patrol, had a little fight and we gave them a few lumps—but we also had a casualty. It was my assistant, a BAR man—got hit in the leg. We got an order from CO to move out as best we could, but they couldn't send us any help as they expected to be hit by a larger force. So he said, 'Take charge, Ewin, and God help you.'

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"THE LINE was alerted for us to come in any place, so I got two men to carry all the equipment and I carried mine and the wounded man and off we went. It took us three hours to get back in. I carried him when I could and we dragged him when we couldn't stand up. When we got near our lines I crawled in alone and got help to get the wounded man to an aid station and then reported. Capt. was very pleased with what I did and next morning the Col. told him to write me up for the Bronze Star and he would okay it.

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"I WANTED TO WAIT and surprise you when they really pinned it on me. But I just couldn't wait. I had to tell somebody who would appreciate it as much as I do.

"I am going to send it home for Rickie's one-year birthday."

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FOOT-SLOGGING around the perimeter of Asia is nothing new to Ewin. He pulled a hitch in the Army in New Guinea and the Philippines in the last war.

After the war he worked at Kodak Park, but, as he told his parents, "I was cut out to be a soldier," and last Summer he went back, into the Marines this time.

He is 25 and a graduate of Charlotte High School. His wife is the former Rosemary Batson. They have a small son, Rickie.

Honeoye Falls GI Wounded Fighting In Korea Conflict

D. & C. JUL 8 1951

A Honeoye Falls GI, who sailed to Korea in April, was wounded in June and was returned to a state side hospital by July.



WALTER ECKHARDT

Cpl. Walter Eckhardt, 22, of the Rush-Honeoye Falls Rd. was attending Genesee Junior College in Lima when he enlisted in the Army, March 4, 1949. He was sent to Korea April, 1951, and he fought with the 5th Ranger Infantry Company, of the 82d Airborne. On June 4, he was hit in the right arm.

By July, the youth, who was graduated from Honeoye Falls High School in 1948, was in Murphy Army Hospital, Waltham, Mass., where he now is recuperating.

His mother, Mrs. Flora Eckhardt of 56 Chestnut St., said she talked to her son by phone Saturday night. He told her he was shot through the upper right arm. "The shell tore ligaments and muscle," he explained and the doctors are changing a cast on his arm daily.

Corporal Eckhardt and his mother formerly lived with the boy's grandmother, Mrs. Samuel Moran on the Rush-Honeoye Falls Rd.

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PFC. MARVIN C. ENRIGHT

TIMES UNION AUG 29 1951

Pfc. Enright Wounded in Korea Action

The latest Rochester boy to be wounded in Korea is **Pfc. Marvin C. Enright,** 18, reported slightly hurt Aug. 2 while peace talks were in progress at Kaesong.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Enright, 706 Linden St., the young soldier was taken to a hospital in Pusan. In a letter written from there, he said nothing about his wound.

Pfc. Enright enlisted last January and was sent to Korea in May. His outfit is the 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Division.

Prior to military service, he attended Monroe High School. He worked for a time at a Star Market in Dewey Ave. and later for a roofing contractor.

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Corporal Dies in Korea Accident

TIMES UNION MAY 4 1954

Cpl. Salvatore Damelio, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernardino Damelio of 7 LaSalle St., died in an accidental shooting in Korea Saturday, his parents were informed last night.

The family was notified of his death in a telegram from Maj. Gen. John A. Klein. No details were given, but the telegram said a letter would follow shortly.



Cpl. Damelio

Cpl. Damelio was drafted into the Army in November, 1952, and had been serving in Korea since last June. He had been a student at Madison High School and a New York Central Railroad employe before entering service.

Survivors are his parents, four brothers and two sisters.

Soldier Gains Top EM Rank

D. & C. AUG 22 1951

A Rochester soldier in Korea in less than a year has done what it has taken many an Army man many years of service to accomplish.



CHARLES J. DA PRIX

He is M/Sgt. Charles J. Da Prix, son of Mrs. Fanny Da Prix, 385 Broadway. Da Prix, who is with the 48th Field Artillery Battalion in Korea, was sent to the combat zone last September as a private first class. Yesterday his mother received word that he had been promoted to Master Sergeant, the highest rank an enlisted man can hold. To receive the promotion he had to pass up a chance to return home on rotation last month. His mother expects that he will be sent home on leave in October.

A graduate of Edison Technical High School, the 20-year-old Da Prix enlisted in the Army in June, 1949. He received his basic training at Fort Dix, N. J. In a letter to his mother, he jokingly wrote: "I came here as the driver for the detail head and now I am head of the detail."

City Officer Gets Silver Leaf Rank

D. & C. SEP 19 1951

A Rochester career soldier, Lt. Col. Frank L. Denise, has taken over new duties as comptroller of the Seventh Armored Division at Camp Roberts, Calif., following his promotion from major to his present rank.



LT. COL. FRANK L. DENISE

Colonel Denise, son of Mrs. Adeline Denise and the late Albert Denise of 486 Denise Rd., Greece, has been in active Army service since 1933 when he was assigned as a lieutenant to the command of a Civilian Conservation Corps unit. During World War 2, Colonel Denise was assigned to the Schenectady Ordnance Depot and to ordnance procurement duties in Detroit.

In the immediate postwar period he was sent to Germany as a member of the Logistics Division of the European Headquarters Command. During the days of the Berlin Airlift he was named to a 10-man board which conducted studies and experiments seeking to attain the best use of manpower and equipment on the part of Army ground forces supporting the air operations. He has been in California for the last two years. Colonel Denise, a graduate of Manlius Academy, where he was cadet captain of his class, is a brother of William D. Denise, member of the Monroe County Water Authority.

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ANOTHER CASUALTY in Korea is **Pfc. Samuel E. Drumm,** 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel V. Drumm, 2 Meyer Pl.

Drumm was hit by fragments from a mine, which exploded and killed a Chinese Red as the latter emerged from some bushes and stepped on it.

Drumm was evacuated to a hospital in Japan. He wrote that he was wounded in the left shoulder. He had been in combat several weeks with the 2d Division.

A Paul Revere Trade School graduate, the soldier enlisted in the Army two years ago. Three brothers, Paul, Joseph and Harry, are World War 2 veterans.

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PFC. SAMUEL DRUMM

Local Corporal Injured in Korea

D. & C. OCT 9 - 1951

Cpl. Morgan F. Dunn, 20, has been wounded by shell fragments in the Korean fighting, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald E. Dunn of 506 Chili Ave., disclosed yesterday.



MORGAN F. DUNN

According to Mrs. Dunn, her son wrote his parents Sept. 17 that he had been hit in the arm, but did not give any other details. He is a member of the 27th Reconnaissance Combat Team. Graduated from Aquinas Institute in 1949, Corporal Dunn enlisted in the Army last January. After taking basic training at Fort Dix, he attended the Army leadership school there before being sent to Korea in July. He was home the first part of July for 7 days before going overseas. An older brother, William, served in the Pacific Theater during World War 2.

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Area GI, Wounded in Korea, Recovering in U. S. Hospital

TIMES UNION JUL 9 1951

Cpl. Walter Eckhardt, 22, of Rush-Honeoye Falls Rd. was recuperating today in the Army's Murphy Hospital at Waltham, Mass., from an arm wound suffered in Korea.

Eckhardt was fighting with a Ranger company attached to airborne troops when he was hit June 4.

His mother, Mrs. Flora Eckhardt of 50 Chestnut St., said her son told her the shot "tore ligaments and muscle," and that doctors have to change a cast on his arm daily.

The young soldier arrived in Korea in April and was back in a stateside hospital early this month.



CPL. ECKHARDT

TIMES UNION JUL 11 1951

Korea 'Like Playing Cops and Robbers,' Says Marine Sergeant Back from Wars

"It was like playing cops and robbers over there," Marine Sgt. William H. (Billy) Epple said today.

The sunburned, good-looking young Leatherneck, 21, implied that he could see little sense to the Korea fighting because it was "like a case of you chasing the other guy, then he chasing you, and so on."

Epple is the local boy who figured prominently in an Apr. 7 Saturday Evening Post article about dramatic action by a 1st Marine 105-mm. howitzer unit in Korea.

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ASKED HOW HE FELT about cease-fire-and-truce talks today, Epple said:

"To have peace is the thing. I think all our guys over there feel that way."

Epple, who reports to Quantico Marine Base for reassignment after his 30-day furlough is up Aug. 11, is the son of Mrs. Edward Zonneyville, 31 Paul Pl., Chili, and the nephew of Mrs. Richard W. Heberling, 116 Linden St.

Epple earned the Purple Heart near Hagaru after volunteering with three other Marines to remove two wounded buddies by truck. They made it, despite intense Red fire.

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THE LOCAL MARINE bore out reports that the Chinese Commies show little regard for their own lives, but keep coming in droves despite annihilating UN fire.



M/SGT. WILLIAM H. EPPLE

"But the Commies have some good weapons, especially their 120mm. mortar," he said.

Epple and other rotated buddies left a pal back in Korea and hope he gets along all right. The pal is 12-year-old Kim Lee, a South Korean boy whom they adopted, clothed, fed and took along in combat.

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"KIM'S A SMART KID. Wants to get in the Marines. But he needs more schooling. Kim can afford that. He probably has more dough by now than any of the Marines had. We took good care of that kid," Epple said.

The sergeant, who attended Monroe High School and Edison Tech and worked at Kee Lox Manufacturing Company here for a while, may stay in the Marines.

Local Soldier Suffers Wounds In Korean War

D. & C. AUG 9 1951

Notice that their son, Pfc. Marvin C. Enright, 18, was slightly wounded in Korea on Aug. 2, while the Kaesong peace talks were in progress, has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Enright of 706 Linden St.



PFC. MARVIN C. ENRIGHT

Mrs. Enright said yesterday the Defense Department telegram received Aug. 17 gave no further explanation as to how the youthful infantryman was wounded, nor did a letter from her son received the same day. It was written from an Army hospital in Pusan.

Private First Class Enright enlisted in the Army for three years in January of this year, trained in Fort Dix, N. J., came home and then was shipped to Korea in May. He was fighting with the 9th Infantry Regiment of the 2nd Division when wounded.

Prior to enlisting in the Army, Enright attended Monroe High School, and was employed at a Star Market in Dewey Ave. and then by a roofing contractor.

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TIME OUT FOR ROMANCE—Gordon Emerson, Korean veteran must return to the Orient in 30 days. The 19-year-old Churchville serviceman plans to marry his 19-year-old sweetheart, Miss Joan Jeffrey, 186 Magee Ave., during his furlough.

Marine Home from War, To Wed, then Return

D. & C. NOV 29 1950

War or no war, love is the important thing in the lives of a 19-year-old Churchville Marine and his young fiancee.

Gordon Emerson has only 30 days at home. He already has withstood a couple of months of war and the bitter Korean Winter, and he assumes he must return to it. He is home on an emergency furlough because of his mother's illness.

Sometime during the 30 days, Emerson will marry Miss Joan Jeffrey, 19, of 186 Magee Ave. Miss Jeffrey says they will be married "as soon as possible."

Lives in Palmer Rd.

Emerson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Emerson of Palmer Rd. He enlisted July 28, 1948, and was sent to Korea in late August with the First Marine Division. He was a cannoneer with a battery of 155 mm. howitzers when he was replaced Nov. 21 and sent home.

Two weeks before his battery was sent north from Wansan, Emerson said, all of the men were issued Winter parkas, mittens, vests and shoepacks. He said there were three divisions of Chinese Communists in the line near his unit. When captured, he said, the Chinese claimed they were "only on maneuvers up there."

Brother Killed

War has produced some unusual hardships for Emerson. In early September, he received notice of the accidental death of his brother, Louis F., 18, who was killed by a blast of rock at a Buffalo Rd. quarry Aug. 28. He asked his battery commander for leave, Emerson said, but it was refused him.

Stricken with appendicitis a few weeks later, Emerson had to undergo an operation on a ship that was sailing through a minefield along the Korean coast. He was back in action in 10 days, he said.

Another brother, Richard, 20, is serving with an anti-aircraft artillery battalion of the 25th Infantry Division. Although the two units have been near each other, the brothers haven't met yet.

Furlough Aids Romance

TIMES UNION NOV 29 1950

A 30-day emergency leave was long enough to bring a 19-year-old Churchville Marine back from Korea to marry his sweetheart.

Gordon Emerson of Churchville plans to marry Miss Joan Jeffry, 19, of 186 Magee St., during a month's leave granted for his mother's illness. He recently returned from fighting on the wintry Wansan front. Last September he underwent an appendicitis operation aboard a ship that was sailing through a minefield off the Korean coast.

Soldier Wounded As Mine Explodes

D & C OCT 27 1951

Pvt. Robert Engel, 21, suffered multiple wounds in action on Heartbreak Ridge, his mother, Mrs. Ida Engel of 10 Utica Pl., learned yesterday from the young serviceman.

Engel wrote that he was hit by shrapnel on Oct. 7 while fighting with an Army division. He said that he and five buddies were sent out on a scouting mission. Engel and another soldier were trying to get two prisoners, whom they had captured, back off a hill when a mine exploded, wounding the Rochester soldier. He was evacuated by helicopter to a Tokyo hospital.



PVT. ROBERT ENGEL

A graduate of Madison High School and the Rochester Institute of Technology, Engel was employed at Delco Appliance Division, General Motors Corporation, prior to entering service last Jan. 4. He arrived in Korea eight weeks ago today. His father, Carl Engel was a World War 1 veteran and died in 1949.

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BACK—Faces reflecting joy of long-awaited reunion, wife and mother of Sgt. Ralph Eveland Jr. flank the repatriated Palmyra POW. Others who shared the joy of the sergeant's homecoming at Rochester Airport yesterday were, from left, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dickens, parents of Eveland's wife, Maryon, and, extreme right, soldier's father, Dr. Ralph G. Eveland. Sergeant's wife flew to West Coats to meet him Friday; then returned with him.

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Jubilant Family at Airport

Palmyra Ex-PW Returns Home

Sgt. Ralph G. Eveland Jr. of Palmyra yesterday afternoon stepped off an airplane at Rochester Airport into the arms of his happy family. He had spent 27 months in a Communist prisoner of war camp.

With the returning sergeant was his slim, blonde wife, Maryon, whom he married two days before he was sent to Korea in November, 1950. She met him when the transport Marine Adder docked in San Francisco Saturday.

As the 4-engine commercial airliner bearing the sergeant and his wife circled the airport, his mother and father, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Eveland, 406 Canandaigua St., Palmyra, watched excitedly behind the arrival gate. While the plane taxied down the runway, Dr. Eveland said:

"I wish I could crash through that gate. But I guess a couple of minutes won't make any difference now."

"You've got to wait until he gets off the plane, dear," his wife said, her excitement partly concealed under a wide grin.

With Dr. Eveland, a dentist, and his wife were their other sons, John of Lyons and George of Southwick, Mass., who arrived for the homecoming with their wives. Also crushing close to the gate through which the ex-POW would come where his grandmother, Mrs. J. D. Henry, North Tonowanda; an aunt, Marjorie Henry, North Tonawanda; an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Henry, Geneva and Sergt. Eveland's parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dickens of Detroit.

The Palmyra soldier and his wife walked down the plane's steps and their relatives cheered and waved wildly. Sergt. Eveland wore a happy grin. His wife clung tightly to his arm as they walked side by side to their relatives.

As he came through the gate, his parents threw their arms around his neck and kissed him. The rest of his relatives followed them.

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He said he felt well. A medical examination yesterday at Letterman Hospital in San Francisco showed there was little wrong with him, he declared.

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Obviously in a rush to get to his parents' home, the returning GI spoke in clipped sentences and a low-pitched voice. As he was led to a waiting automobile, he said the trip across the Pacific was "fine."

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The tall, 26-year-old infantryman told his parents, "I'm going to finish up at Michigan State." He left college in October, 1950, when the Army recalled him to active duty as a reservist.

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They said they had notheard from the 21-year-old Purple Heart holder since Saturday when he telephoned he'd be home "in a couple of days." He was released from Letterman Hospital after a checkup yesterday and was believed to be coming back to Rochester by plane. Commercial airlines and Air Force authorities at Travis Air Force Base, near San Francisco, and at Sampson Air Force Base said yesterday they had no record of him boarding a plane.

Mrs. Scialdone said the family was planning a big celebration for the soldier who was a prisoner for 27 months.

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After 27 Months

Palmyra GI Back from PW Camp

Sgt. Ralph G. Eveland Jr., 26, was home from the wars today, after 27 months as a prisoner of the Communists in North Korea.

Sgt. Eveland, whose home is at 406 Canandaigua St., Palmyra, arrived at the Rochester and Monroe County Airport yesterday afternoon, accompanied by his pretty blond wife, Maryon, who met him Saturday when the transport Marine Adder docked in San Francisco.

The sergeant was greeted at the airport by a big turnout of relatives including his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Eveland.

Last evening was open house at the family's Palmyra home. Sgt. Eveland's mother served a turkey dinner, which her son had no difficulty in disposing of.

The ex-PW will report Sept. 18 to Sampson Air Force Base for a checkup. Following his discharge from service, he may return to Michigan State College and resume his studies leading to a liberal arts degree.

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SGT. EVELAND'S homecoming was in the nature of a second honeymoon. He and his wife had been married only two days when he was drafted. She was a fel[illegible]nt at Michigan State.



HOME AGAIN—Sgt. Ralph G. Eveland Jr. and his wife had big smiles as they landed at Rochester Monroe County Airport.

A post-World War 2 veteran who served with occupation troops in Germany, Sgt. Eveland was a reservist. He was recalled into service from college in 1950, and was captured in the Spring of 1951.

Sgt. Eveland had no comment about the widely-publicized "progressive" prisoners in Korea. He merely said that "we were told not to say anything about it."

In common with most PW's returned, the Palmyra non-com summed up his reaction on arriving back in the States by saying:

"It's wonderful to be back. Just wonderful."

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MEANWHILE, the families of two other PW's from Rochester waited anxiously for their arrival.

They are Cpl. Stefano Salerno, 21, of 329 Avery St., and Cpl. James P. Scahill, also 21, of 177 Herald St. Salerno arrived in San Francisco on Saturday, and Cpl. Scahill is due home shortly.

Cpl. Salerno's family made three trips to the airport here yesterday, but the young infantryman did not arrive.

Cpl. Salerno's family said today that the ex-prisoner does not have beri-beri, as previously reported, but that he suffers from malnutrition and has lost considerable weight.

The soldier arrived in Washington, D. C., yesterday for a medical checkup, then went to New York City for another checkup, according to the family. He told his folks by telephone that he would arrive in Rochester within a couple of days.

All told, 14 Rochester and area servicemen have been exchanged by the Reds at Panmunjom. The first one home was Sgt, Gerald R. Wolter, 22, of 609 Lake Ave.

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JOY—Beaming broad smiles, Sgt. Ralph Eveland Jr. and wife, stride to parents at airport after alighting from plane. The couple was married only two days before Eveland left for Korean fighting where he was captured by the Communist army.

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FIRST-HAND REPORT—Pfc. Norman Eggleston, just home from Korea (left) enlarges on report in Marine publication of citation of his unit for benefit of brother, Pfc. Robert Eggleston, who's headed for combat zone.

Korea Vet to Brother: 'Duck Those Shells'

"Keep your nose clean and duck when you hear the incoming shells."

That was the tip given a kid brother today by Pfc. Norman J. Eggleston, 20, a veteran of 13 months in Korea as a mortar-man with the First Marine Division.

He was talking to Pfc. Robert J. Eggleston, 18, also a Marine, who is on his way to duty in Korea.

The brothers got together at the Marine Recruiting Office here in the Federal Building and compared experiences. They live at 406 Lake Ave.

Norm returned home last week for a 30-day rotation leave from Korea.

Bob, who has been training as a machine-gunner in this country, reports May 21 to Camp Pendleton, Calif., for overseas assignment.

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BACK IN OCTOBER, 1951, they first showed up in the recruiting office to sign up for a hitch with the Marines. Norm made it okay, but Bob was turned down because he was only 16.

Six months later, he was back again, old enough to don a uniform.

"We always wanted to be Marines," the boys agreed. "In fact, I plan to stay in for at least 20 years," Norm added.

Bob just wants "to get this Korea business over with first before I make any plans."

Sons of Mrs. Catherine Eggleston, the boys both attended Paul Revere Trade School. The last time they were together was Christmas, 1951, when Norm was home on leave.

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NORM WEARS the Korean Campaign ribbon with three battle stars, the United Nations ribbon and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, awarded the First Marine Division by Korean President Syngman Rhee.

According to M/Sgt. Henry A. Shipp, in charge of the Marine recruiting office here, Norm is the first Marine to return here wearing the citation. Sgt. Shipp signed up both boys.

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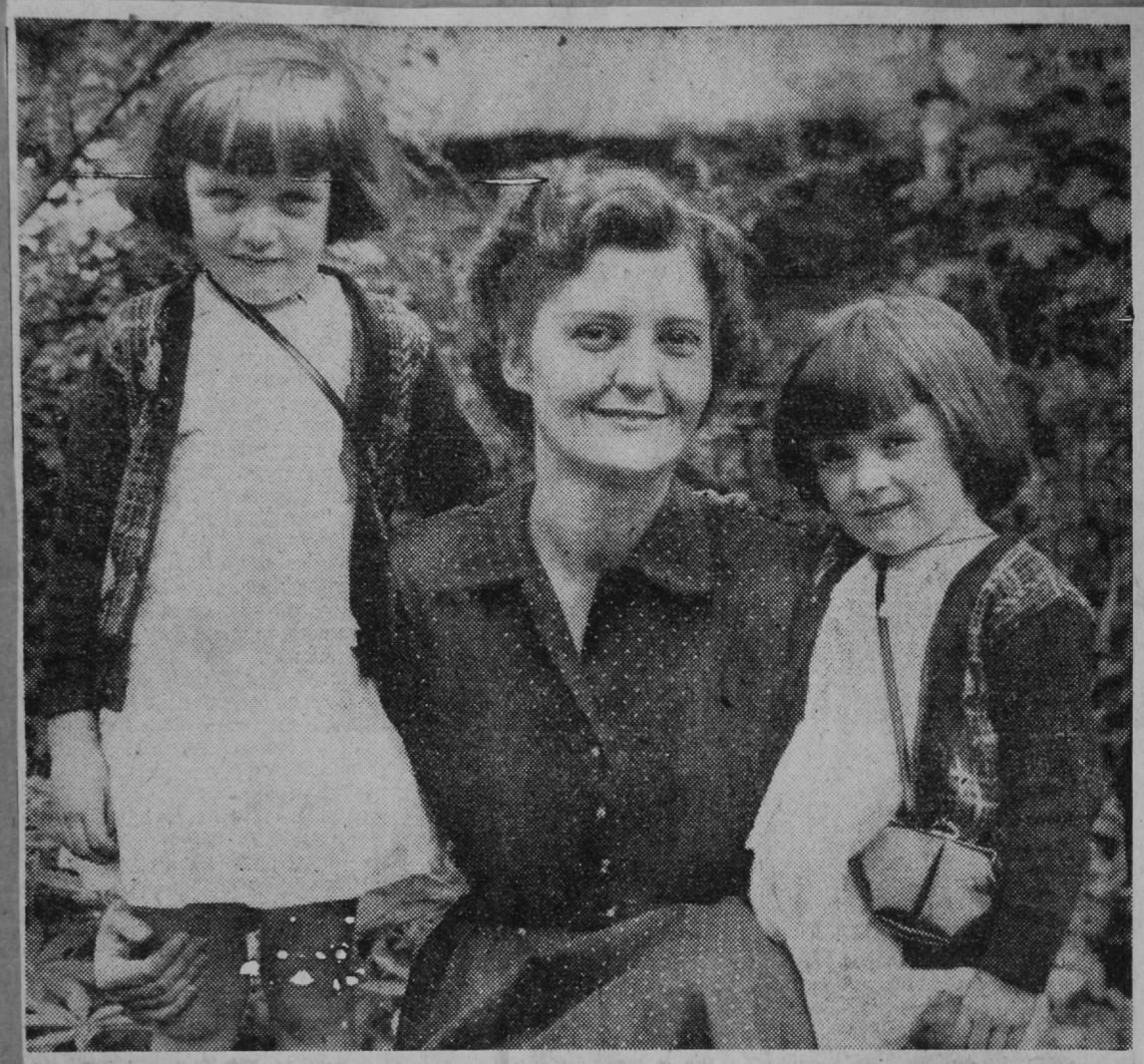

FLED KOREA—Mrs. James F. Fennell and her two children, Bette (left) and Sally, pose while on recent visit to Rochester. Youngsters are wearing sweaters bought in Japan, one of the few possessions they were able to bring home.



CAPT. JAMES F. FENNELL

TIMES UNION AUG 7 1950

90 Minutes to Pack and Flee -- Army Wife Tells of Korea

"There was no warning.

"At 11:30 the evening of Sunday, June 25, we were told to pack one suitcase. An hour and a half later we were on buses going out of Seoul."

Those 90 minutes and the hectic days that followed mark an experience that a Savannah woman will never forget — the evacuation of Korea.

Mrs. James F. Fennell, wife of an Army captain now in Korea, told of her evacuation on a visit to her husband's aunt, Marie K. Fennell of 117 Hamilton St.

Mrs. Fennell and her two daughters, Bette, 6, and Sally, 4, were among 700 women and children ordered out of Korea when war broke out.

"The attack was 35 miles away at the 38th Parallel," she said. "At about 11 a. m. they came over and strafed us, but not heavily.

"The chief of staff in Seoul that morning said there would be no evacuation; that it was just guerilla fighting. We waited. At 8 p. m. there was a secret meeting of Army officers. My husband went.

"The Army wanted to evacuate the women and children. At 11:30 they told us to be ready by 1 a. m.

"I cried when I heard the news. The children were sleeping so I woke and dressed them. Then I packed a suitcase, using a flashlight because there was a blackout. I went from room to room looking everything over for the last time because I couldn't take it.

"We boarded buses at 1 a. m. and were taken to the Port of Inchon, 30 miles away. It rained all the way. There we took a Norwegian fertilizer boat to Fukuoka, Japan. We were in Japan about six days and then flown to Frisco from Haneda, Japan.

"They resented our presence there," she said. "They'd stone us when we drove by in jeeps and looted at least one home a month."

Her husband is a finance officer attached to the Korean Military Advisory Group. He has been in the Army since 1939.

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Sgt. Edward R. Free Wounded; Former T-U Newspaper Boy

TIMES UNION SEP 30 1950

A former Times-Union newspaper boy, now serving with a field artillery unit in Korea, was wounded on Sept. 14—the day the big push from the Pusan perimeter began.

The soldier, Sgt. Edward R. (Mickey) Free, 18, of 751 Main St., W., said in a letter written from an Army hospital, that he was an artillery observer with an outfit backing up the 1st Cavalry Division as it crossed the Naktong River on its way to link up with units coming from Seoul.



FREE

In the letter, Sgt. Free said he was spotting Red positions from a hillside under heavy shelling when one landed too close.

He suffered shrapnel wounds on the legs, but told his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Free, "not to worry because it isn't serious, at all."

The 18-year-old sergeant has been in the Army about a year and a half. His outfit, his father said, had only been in Korea about a month when Sgt. Free was wounded.

Sgt. Free attended Aquinas Institute and Edison Technical High School.

Marine, Buddy Hurt Same Day In Korean War

D. & C. OCT 2 1950

Cpl. Robert Franklin Wounded Sept. 21 In Fighting

A Rochester Marine yesterday was reported wounded in action in Korea on the same day as his buddy.

Cpl. Robert Donald Franklin, 21, of 5 Norran Dr., was wounded on Sept. 21, 1950, the same day Pfc. Donald Pettit of 256 Meigs St., a buddy whom he met while in training at Parris Island, S. C., who was hurt. After a year's training, the two Marines traveled to Japan together, returned home on leave after two years and went back to the Orient together last August.



ROBERT D. FRANKLIN

Both young men were in the same outfit according to Corporal Franklin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John V. Franklin. The Defense Department telegram gave no details of Corporal Franklin's injury.

Corporal Franklin attended Aquinas Institute and later was employed by the Rochester Transit Corporation. He obtained a high school diploma through an extension course while in the Marine Corps. He has two brothers, William, a veteran of three years Army service and Richard D., and two sisters, Joan and Anna May.

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GOOD NEWS FROM KOREA — Patricia Flynn hangs on the Christmas tree a letter from Korea informing the family that her brother probably is safe. Other brothers and sisters are (front from left) Kathleen and James. Rear: Margaret, Michael, Richard, Jean and Carol Ann.

Torn Letter from Korea Proves Best Present On Flynns' Tree---It Says Bill Jr. Is Safe

TIMES UNION DEC 22 1950

By HERB JACKSON

A battered and torn letter hangs on the Christmas tree at 1150 Park Ave.

Conspicuous among the colorful ornaments by its ragged appearance, it has brought a real joy for Christmas to Mr. and Mrs. William Flynn and nine of their 10 children.

The much-read letter is from 20-year-old son, William Jr., a Marine private first class who has been fighting in Korea and the oldest child in the family.

WORRIED

Before sending what Mrs. Flynn termed "this good news for Christmas," young Flynn informed his parents early last month that he was "laying wire" at Chosin Reservoir. Pfc Flynn is with the communications wire section of the First Marine Division.

"That was when the going was good," Mrs. Flynn said. "Since then the news has been pretty bad and we have been worried. But now—well, it's just the best Christmas present we could have had."

The letter informed Mr. and Mrs. Flynn that their son was alive and safe and "getting ready to go aboard ship" at Hamhung. It was dated Dec. 11.

"Where we are going," he wrote, "no one knows—but it isn't home, that's for sure."

Pfc. Flynn, who enlisted in the Marines in February, 1948, after attending Aquinas Institute and Monroe High School, was sent to Korea last August. His letter describes the flight of his Marine division to the point of evacuation at Hamhung. He wrote:

"I just came here to Hamhung from up North. I have just been through something I never want to have a part of again as long as I live.

"For the past three weeks, The Lord Himself has been riding on my shoulder. I prayed more in that period than in any time in my life."

FOOD FROZEN

Pfc. Flynn told of temperatures which dipped "down to 30 degrees below zero" and which were "always at least 10 below." He related that "men with frozen feet and hands were all around" and that he had to eat "dried crackers and cookies because the rest of the food was all frozen."

He said he was at "Communicator's Ridge" and took part in "the longest fire fight in Marine Corps history." He told of fighting his way back "from Hagaru-ri to Koto-ri to the rail head to Hamhung," and said that going into Hamhung there were "more cameras and reporters than I ever saw."

All of which is "good news" to Mr. and Mrs. Flynn and Dorothy, 18; Patricia, 17; Jean, 15; Richard, 14; Michael, 11; Margaret, 10; Kathleen, 5; James, 3, and Carol Ann, 2.

TIMES UNION FEB 21 1951

Korean War Different, Marine Says

Two Purple Hearts—vintage of World War 2, earned under Japanese fire at New Britain and Peleliu — that's what his ticket back home from Korea cost Marine Tech. Sgt. James A. Final, Rochester's newest recruiter.



SGT. FINAL

He landed with the First Marine Division at Wonson, fought the Communists in Inchon, Seoul and Uijongbu.

Then they told him he could go home—under a new Marine Corps ruling that exempted from service in Korea any veteran with two or more Purple Hearts (for wounds received in action).

The 29-year-old Leatherneck arrived here yesterday—just in time to aid in processing men for the corps' all-Rochester Recruit Platoon, which leaves Sunday for Buffalo.

"It's a different war altogether out there — with all the new weapons we're using," he says of Korea.

Morale is high among the Marines, he said, despite their belief that "we're outnumbered, beating our heads against the wall —and there don't seem to be any reserve troops or replacements."

"The fellows know what they're fighting for," he declared. "They really feel that this is a United Nations war—not just a United States war."

Lack of support from other UN nations disheartens the Americans he pointed out. "There were supposed to be something like 56 nations over there—but actually only about 10 other countries were represented."

But he was wholly complimentary about the other UN fighters on the job. "We had a company of British commandos who were really a 'hot-rock' outfit," he said.

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Dad in Korea, Youth Enlists

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An 18-year-old youth who hopes to join his soldier father in Korea enlisted in the Army here yesterday.

Robert J. Fitch of Erie, Pa., said his father, Harold R. Fitch, was recalled to active duty last June and now is serving with the 24th Infantry Division. "I want to get over there," the son said.

Yesterday was a birthday for Fitch and for another Army enlistee, John J. Reale, 17, of 41 Pierponut St. Other Army enlistees yesterday were: Robert W. Kleinen, 17, of 158 Joseph Ave.; Frederick G. Chadsey, 19, of 51 N. Union St.; and Joseph R. LaPiana, 19, of 4 Manhattan St.

The Air Force signed: Walter E. Pestorius, 20, of 22 Jasmine Rd.; Frederick S. Tytler, 17, of 1531 Chili Ave.; Donald F. Crane 19, of 365 Linden Ave.; and Kenneth A. Foster, 19, of 116 Merwin Ave.

The Navy enlisted Bernard L. Kost, 18, of 312 Melville St.; and Robert J. McMahon, 18, of Dresden.

Christmas Comes To Korea Veteran

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After traveling from the United States to Korea and back, a Christmas gift arrived in Rochester for Marine Sgt. James A. Final.

A pound of tobacco and a pipe, mailed from Erie, Pa., four months age, caught up with Final Thursday at the Marine recruiting office, where he now is on duty. Final was fighting in Korea with the 1st Marine Division when a former Marine comrade at Erie sent the gift Dec. 4. But a day or two later, Final was ordered back to the United States and then to the Rochester station. His Christmas present, meanwhile, followed him by way of Treasure Island, Calif., Philadelphia and Buffalo.



AND IT'S NO MERE DREAM—With his mother beside him, as he munches the first banana he has seen in eight months, Sgt. Edward Free, home on leave from Korea, registers bliss. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack T. Free, 751 Main St. W.

GI on Rotation Tells What It's Like in War

D. & C., MAY 11 1951

By JIM YOCKEL

You fight the Reds, but you don't think too often about them—or about their attacks, heralded by whistles and bugles. You don't think too often about death.

"What did you think about then, Ed?" Mrs. Jack T. Free asked her soldier son, who arrived home from Korea Thursday night for a 30-day rotation leave. The two were sitting at the kitchen table in the Free's apartment at 751 Main St. W., while Ed ate a small lunch.

It was like pulling teeth to get her son to talk about the war. He wouldn't even tell her why the Army was going to give him the Bronze Star: "They're just giving it to me."

"—Those whistles and bugles, sure they are meant to scare you. I guess I heard them twice, but I don't remember what I thought about them." Then 19-year-old Sgt. Edward R. Free picked up his mother's question.

Thought Mostly of Home

"Mostly I thought about home and about what I want to do when I get out." He lapsed back into silence, absent-mindedly took another bite of the first banana he had seen since he went overseas last August.

An artillery observer attached to the 8th Army, the freckled-faced GI left Edison Technical High School at the end of his junior year and enlisted in the Army.

He took basic training at Fort Dix, N. J., and at Fort Sill, Okla., where he completed his high school education through the Army extension program. Sergeant Free was sent to Korea last August and on Sept. 14 he was wounded in the leg by enemy mortar shrapnal.

"I'll tell you what I want to be," Free emerged from the short silence, determined to tell his mother, "although I think you will laugh—I want to go on to school and take up dramatics."

His mother didn't laugh and he hurried on: "It's been my life ambition, only I didn't give much serious thought to it until lately."

Decorations on Blouse

Mrs. Free's eyes strayed to the O.D. blouse hanging on the back of a chair. There was the Purple Heart ribbon. There was the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon he had told her about in a letter.

"What are those other two ribbons, Ed?" Mrs. Free asked.

"This one, with the three stars, is my Korean ribbon. Each of the stars stands for a battle I was in—this is for the United Nations defensive from July 2 to Sept. 18. This is for the UN offensive from September to mid-November. And this one is for the battle with the Chinese Communists."

"The other ribbon is where the Bonze Star is supposed to hang."

"Won't you tell me about the Bronze Star is supposed to hang."

With eyes down, the sergeant finally blurted out: "It was at Taegu. I was on Hill 246. Mortar fire was coming in pretty heavy. The other observation post could see it, but I was held undercover by the heavy fire.

"I decided I had to take a look so our guns could have a bearing on the mortar placements. I crawled out on the hill so I could see. After I reported their position our guns knocked them out. That's it."

Free has a sister, Janet, 17. His father is employed at the Navy Ordnance Building of Eastman Kodak Company.

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RIGHT OUT OF THE REEL—That's Ernest P. Folino Jr. of 1212 Norton St. shaking hands with Governor Dewey on cruiser at Yokosuk, Japan. Taken from a movie film, this picture was seen by Folino's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Folino Sr., when it was flashed on the screen of a city theater.

Parents See Movie of Dewey Shaking Hand of Sailor Son

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest P. Folino, 1212 Norton St., got the thrill of their lives yesterday when they went to a local theater and saw a newsreel picture of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey shaking hands with their son during the Governor's recent tour of the Korean battle area.

The picture was taken July 7 aboard the heavy cruiser USS Helene at Yokosuk, Japan, when the state executive was inspecting the famous "Hell Ship," on which the Folinos' son, Boatswain's Mate 2/c Ernest P. Folino Jr., is serving as a gunnery crewman. The Helene was the first American ship to shell the Korean coast.

Boatswain Folino, 28, has been in the Korean area for the last 10 months. He first entered the Navy in 1942 and during World War 2 served on a submarine chaser in the European Theater of Operations. Following his discharge in 1946, he worked as a brakeman on the New York Central Railroad until he was recalled to active duty last August. He was graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School.

GI's Helmet Serves as Home For Mascot of Korean War

D. & C. AUG 3 1951

A Rochester airman has found a new use for the world's most useful utensil, the GI helmet.

S/Sgt. Charles R. Ferris, son of Mrs. Frank E. Hoyt, 16 Henion St., not only protects himself from head injuries with his tin lid, but he also uses it as a cradle for "Chisai"—a sick puppy he found in Korea during a move to a forward combat air base.

Chisai responded wonderfully to treatment, Ferris reported, and is now lapping up soft drinks and chewing shoes with real zest. Although he's growing fast, the puppy became so attached to his helmet cradle that he refuses to sleep anywhere else.

Ferris is assigned to the supply section of the 8th Fighter-Bomber Wing, the pioneer jet combat group of the Korean War.



CANINE CRADLE — S/Sgt. Charles R. Ferris of Rochester loans his GI helmet to Chisai, sick puppy he found in Korea.

Marine Suffers Grenade Injury In Korean War

D. & C. OCT 14 1951

Splinters from an enemy hand grenade showered all around him Sept. 25, but **Pfc. Francis X. Frey,** son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frey, 1230 Lake Shore Blvd., Irondequoit, escaped with a wound in the left wrist.



PFC. FRANCIS X. FREY

Frey, 21-year-old Marine and a graduate of Aquinas Institute, described the wound as minor in a letter to his parents and said he stayed on the line after he received aid from a Medical Corpsman. The Frey family believes he was involved in the Heartbreak Ridge fight.

He joined the Marines Jan. 3 and has been in Korea with the 2nd Marine Division since July. After graduating from Aquinas, he completed the first year at the University of Illinois.

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HAPPY PRISONER—Cpl. John Forest, who was captured by Chinese Reds in Korea month ago, seems happy being captive of two nephews, Henry Forest, 3, left; Jerry Waters, 4. Forest, who lives at 329 Windsor Rd., Greece, spent the weekend at home from the hospital.

Hero to Two Nephews

Nightmare of Capture by China Reds Described by Wounded Rochesterian

By JACK VAN BUREN

Being a prisoner sometimes can be a happy experience—other times it can be a nightmarish memory.

For Cpl. John Forest, 22, yesterday afternoon was one time when the Rochester soldier was a happy captive. His little nephews huddled close to his side and kept asking: "What's that on your arm, Uncle John?"

About a month ago Corporal Forest was a prisoner of the Chinese Communists in North Korea. He and seven of his buddies of the 32nd Regiment of the 7th Infantry Division were captured by the Reds near the Chosin Reservoir shortly after they broke up an enemy road block.

When we came to a heavily-bushed spot where the path joined two other lanes, the guard took one path, and we dashed off along the other."

The local soldier, who enlisted in the Army 2 years ago, told how they proceeded along a frozen river after they escaped and then joined a group of Marines. It was then, he said, that he finally received medical treatment for his arm, which had bled and severely pained him while he was a prisoner. Two days later, he was evacuated to Japan in a C-54 Army transport plane.

BATTLING RED WAVES

Rochester major, seven days from fighting in Korea, tells of firing into massed Reds until hot guns jammed. Story on Page 15.

not well trained. "There are just so many of them," he continued, "that sometimes it seems futile in fighting them. They blow weird calls on bugles and attack in mobs. When one wave of their troops is mowed down, another wave moves up to replace them."

Arm Shattered by 'Little' Slug

"It wasn't anything much," the soldier said, "we just knocked out the road block and after doing so moved right into a Chinese trap and were captured. In the process, I caught a little slug in my arm."

That "little" slug shattered the lower part of his left arm, which is now in a cast and which he carries in a sling. Last night, after spending the weekend here, the soldier returned to Murphy General Hospital in Waltham, Mass., where he is being treated for the wound.

"After the Chinese captured us," he said, "they marched us off and locked us up in an old house where we remained for three days. Then on the third night, a Chinese guard took us out of the house. He led the way along a path and we followed.

Resides in Greece with Sister

Corporal Forest, who lives with his sister, Mrs. Chester J. Nowack, 329 Windsor Rd., Greece, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Forest, formerly of this city, but who now live in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Yesterday afternoon, he was the center of attraction at a family gathering at 50 Romeyn St., where his nephews, Henry Forest, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Forest Jr., 113 Bowman St., and Jerry Waters, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Waters, 50 Romeyn St., took him captive.

The local soldier said the Chinese were well equipped with both clothes and guns, but he thought they were

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'Missing' Soldier Now Listed Dead

Missing in Korean action since Nov. 1, 1950, Cpl. Patrick Robert Glennon of 638 Brown St. was listed by the Defense Department yesterday as "presumed dead."



CPL. PATRICK R. GLENNON

A week before he was reported missing, Glennon's parents heard from him that his unit was under heavy fire, and that he wondered about chances of "getting out."

The infantryman had planned a career in the Army. He enlisted for three years in November, 1949, served almost six months, then was given an honorable discharge. He reenlisted for six years. He was 17 when reported missing.

Clannon attended St. Augustine's School and Paul Revere Trade School, and worked at the Moose Club before enlisting. He was the son of John Glennon.

Scottsville Family Readies

TIMES UNION SEP 3 1953

Royal Welcome for Freed PW

A Scottsville family, who last saw their "baby" boy nearly five years ago, today began making happy plans for his homecoming from a Communist prisoner-of-war camp in North Korea.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Goodburlet, who moved recently from West Sweden Rd., Bergen, to 6 Genesee St., Scottsville.

Their son, Cpl. Raymond F. Goodburlet, now 22, was released by the Reds at Panmunjom early today (last night, Rochester time), after 29 months in enemy hands.

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CPL. GOODBURLET, who was raised in Bergen, won't recognize his new address in Scottsville. But he'll be only too glad to settle for it. His last return address, according to mail received by the family, was "Chinese People's Committee for World Peace, Peking, China."

Young Goodburlet's father is employed by the American Laundry Machinery Company in Glide St., and expects to do maintenance work also at the Masonic Temple in Scottsville.

The family had gone to bed last night after failing to hear their boy's name on late news broadcasts.

Awakened this morning with word that Cpl. Goodburlet was freed, the mother exclaimed:

"Oh, heavenly day! How wonderful!" She then awakened her husband with the glad news.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodburlet knew that their son was a prisoner-of-war. A sick American prisoner, released last April, sent word to that effect when he reached the States. Later the Army confirmed it. The corporal also had written two letters home from a prison camp.

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CPL. GOODBURLET, a graduate of Caledonia High School, had been listed originally as missing in action in February, 1951. He served with the 24th Infantry Division.

Young Goodburlet was one of 89 American PWs released in the latest batch arriving at Freedom Village.

Besides his parents, he has a brother, William, of Caledonia, and two sisters, Dorothy, of Brockport, and Virginia, of Mumford.

Cpl. Goodburlet's first letter after he was captured was received in March, 1952, and it was one of the first bearing the mail address of "Chinese People's Committee for World Peace, Peking, China."

The letter apparently had been read carefully by Communist censors. Mrs. Goodburlet said it appeared to have been ripped open, then was sealed again with cellulose tape.

Cpl. Goodburlet was one of two New Yorkers freed early today. The other, Sgt. 1/c Matthew J. Murphy, 27, of Binghamton, is a paratrooper and former Navy man in World War 2, when he was wounded off Okinawa.



CPL. RAYMOND F. GOODBURLET

Meanwhile, two other Rochester and area soldiers—exchanged recently by the Reds—were due Saturday at San Francisco aboard the transport Marine Adder. They are Cpl. Stefano Salerno of 329 Avery St., and Sgt. Ralph G. Eveland of 406 Canandaigua St., Palmyra.

Engineering Prof Dies

BEVERLY, Mass. (AP)—Roland G. Porter, 59, professor of electrical engineering at Northeastern University, died yesterday.

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Area PW Tells of 2 Vain Escapes

Sgt. Raymond F. Goodburlet twice escaped from Chinese prison camps in the 28 months he was a Communist captive, the second time only two weeks before his repatriation on Sept. 3.

It was also learned yesterday that the 22-year-old Scottsville soldier had set fire to a prison camp administration building because it "was a source of Commie propaganda" and slugged a North Korean guard.

For his courage, which nearly cost the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Goodburlet of 6 Genesee St., Scottsville, his life, the infantryman has won the admiration and esteem of Allied officers in Korea.

Goodburlet was sent to a hospital. Whether it was in Korea or Japan was uncertain last night and it was not known here when he will return to Rochester.

The penalty for his boldness was about a year in solitary confinement, much of it in a cage four feet high, two feet wide and five feet long. He was confined for a week in a slave labor camp and his arms were bound for another week.

"Raymond raise cain like that?" his grandmother, Mrs. Charlotte Goodburlet, said in pretended surprise yesterday. "Well, he was always a live wire." The Goodburlets have not seen their son, their "baby" boy, in nearly four years.

"Two buddies and I planned to escape on July 30, 1952," Goodburlet told a Buffalo Evening News correspondent in Korea. "Two of us took off, but they recaptured us several days later. Escaping was just too hard. We were white men among Chinese, and we had only our prison uniforms."

That attempt came more than a year after Goodburlet was captured at Tesong, north of the 38th Parallel, on April 23, 1951. He was assigned to Company I, 5th Regimental Combat Team, with the 24th Division.

After his capture, Goodburlet said he was sentenced to solitary and made to sit at attention 18 hours a day. Then he was sent to a slave labor camp notorious for cracking "reactionaries."

"I was there for only little over a week when I got in a fight with a guard. He got in my way purposely and I didn't like it, and I slugged him. They put me in solitary and handcuffed me. I was there 40 days.

"My arms swelled up like balloons and the handcuffs cut my wrists. They also kicked me around a bit there."

He was then moved to a Chinese camp. Goodburlet and some other prisoners set the administration building afire.

"It was a source of Communist propaganda and some fellows were falling for that stuff. So we decided to get rid of it. At the time we were trying to impress these progressives that they shouldn't swallow the Communist line.

"Last Dec. 8, we set it on fire. They called it sabotage and that meant the death sentence. They tried to make me confess, but I knew what the sentence was. They sent me back to a Korean prison and solitary for six months. They released me from solitary last July 23, but still kept me in a confined area. I was put to cooking for other prisoners.

"Then in early August they said we had to go back to jail, no reason, just go back to jail. Several days later they came to the jail to say we were to be repatriated. They moved us to Camp 1."

Goodburlet was at Kaesing, two weeks from freedom, but he and three others thought the movement was a Chinese trick.

"We decided we were close enough to the lines for it to be worth a good try. So we took off, but we didn't get far. We didn't plan it too good. We were only free about 30 minutes before we were caught. They took us back to camp and bound my upper arms behind me for about a week.

"I still have rope burns from my arms being tied tight. They finally gave me a shot of penicillin to help get the arms back in shape before they repatriated me, and they are in pretty good shape now."

Why was he so courageous?

"I just decided I wouldn't let them tell me what to do, or let them keep me, and it was my job as a soldier to cause them trouble."

Two other repatriated city prisoners will arrive by ship at San Francisco tomorrow. They are Cpl. James P. Scahill, 21, of 177 Herald St., and S/Sgt. Berger L. Johnson, 21, of 839 Thurston Rd.

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HAPPY—Sgt. Raymond F. Goodburlet, for 28 months a prisoner in Korea, greets his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Goodburlet, after his arrival at Rochester Airport.

Scottsville Ex-POW Flies Home

D&C Sept. 25, 1953

Sgt. Raymond F. Goodburlet, who harrassed his Communist captors with two escape attempts, arson and assault during 28 months in a prison camp, returned last night to his quiet home in Scottsville.

The 22-year-old soldier, who landed Wednesday in San Francisco aboard the transport Gen. R. L. Howze, flew into Rochester Airport at 9:20 p. m. on a commercial plane.

As the wiry soldier stepped from the plane, his parents and other relatives broke through the gateway to the landing field and rushed to embrace him at the plane's steps.

The tough GI, who spent 18 months in solitary confinement as punishment for his lack of cooperation with Red North Koreans and Chinese, warmly kissed his mother, Mrs. Eugene H. Goodburlet. He threw his arms around the shoulders of his father and his brother, William Goodburlet of Caledonia.

Goodburlet was accompanied from California by his sister, Mrs. Virginia Pimm of Mumford. With the soldier's aunt, Mrs. Ruby Holliday of Monrovia, Calif., Mrs. Pimm met her brother when his transport docked.

"There they come, there they come!" shouted Goodburlet's mother as her son's plane circled the field for a landing. She refused a cigarette, saying she had been nervously smoking all day.

"Looks like he's going to make it," the sergeant's father said, his eyes following the plane on its descent on to the moonlit runway. Goodburlet's brother-in-law, Lester Pimm, leaned anxiously on the low fence, watching the plane approach.

As the plane's ladder unfolded noiselessly from its belly, the relatives pushed toward the gate.

Goodburlet's 160 pounds belied his reputation as a fighting prisoner. He looked tired. His young face was lined, but healthfully sunburned. His normal weight, he said was 180.

How did he feel about getting home? The sergeant, clinging to his mother's arm, answered with a dazed, happy smile. He didn't have to say the words he couldn't say.

"The odds were pretty high," he admitted frankly when asked about his attempts to escape from captivity. He said a lot of other men had tried and failed to make safety.

Goodburlet tried to escape twice since he was captured in July, 1952. Each time he was recaptured and placed in solitary confinement. He also set fire to a prison camp administration building and slugged a guard through the bars of his cell.

The returned POW said he is uncertain what he'll do after his 30-day leave is up. He declared he might re-enlist, but wasn't sure. He joined the Army in October, 1948, after being graduated from Caledonia High School.

His happy family bundled the sergeant into a car to go back to their new home in Scottsville. The Goodburlets moved from West Sweden Road, Bergen, to Scottsville in their son's absence overseas.

Among bystanders at the airport who watched the happy reunion of Goodburlet with his family were the stepfather and mother of another returning POW.

Mr. and Mrs. Noal Walters, 1946 Main St. E., asked Goodburlet for word of M/Sgt. Raymond H. Buck, who was expected yesterday or today. Goodburlet told them Buck was not far behind him on the trip east, but could not give them any definite information on his whereabouts.

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Youthful Veteran Recalls Year of Korean Battles

D. & C. DEC 14 1951

A boy who was too young to find the kind of a job he liked, found that he wasn't too young to fight a man-sized war.

Patrick Fitzsimons is only 18, but already he has taken the Army's special 1950-1951 tour of Korea. And although there is no sector of the Oriental peninsula he hasn't fought in, he is glad that he was there.

"At least I've got it all behind me. Otherwise, I'd still have the war facing me," he said yesterday as he relaxed in the home of his mother, Mrs. William Fitzsimons of 162 Kislingbury St. The young GI is on 30 days' leave, and he reports to Fort Devens, Mass., on Jan. 3 to begin the final year of his enlistment.

No Time to Unpack

Pat was only 16 when he decided to leave Aquinas Institute, where he was in his junior year, and get a job. That was just before his 17th birthday, Feb. 15, 1950. By Mar. 23, he found few jobs were open for 17 year olds, and he was "kinda disgusted." So he headed for the Federal Building and the recruiting station.

Little did he realize when he took that famed "one step forward" and raised his right hand that he'd soon be involved in a first-rate war. In fact, even as the "police action" was first announced on his company's bulletin board in Fort Dix, he didn't realize that it would involve him.

"I just reached over and dialed to get a little music." That was in June of 1950. By September, he was in Japan. But he didn't even have time to unpack. Two days later, he was part of the rugged 7th Division as it made the Inchon landing on the west coast of the peninsula.

From there on in, the route of his excursion reads like a historian's account of the war. "We walked to Seoul and recaptured the capital. Down to Pusan by trucks and back on ships to the Ewon landing." From there, he went up to the Manchurian border.

Japanese Sword

"We figured that we had won. You won't believe this—but I had a hot turkey dinner on Thanksgiving day, right at the border. Mince pie, cranberry sauce and, in fact, the works." Then the Chinese came. "They were right on our heels. We'd be on top of one hill, and they'd be on top of the hill right behind us." He was among those who were evacuated from Hungnam, landed at Pusan "and started walking north again." But not for long because the Chinese Spring offensive drove them back again.

As he told his story, he casually pushed a Japanese sword toward the reporter. "Found that on top of Hill 1073. Only reason I could get it home is that it is Japanese. I don't know how it happened to be on top of the Korean hill."



SOUVENIRS—Home from Korea, Pfc. Patrick Fitzsimons holds emblem of "Golden Dragon," given all who have crossed 180th meridian and a Japanese sword he found in Korea.

Among the souvenirs he found but wasn't allowed to bring back were two "Russian burp guns and an American-made Thompson submachine gun. That Thompson was probably given to the Chinese Nationalists, captured by the Commies and finally used against our own men."

He said it wasn't unusual to find American equipment being used by the Chinese Communists after they took it from Nationalists. "One guy I know I had an M-1 (rifle) and a BAR (Browning automatic rifle)."

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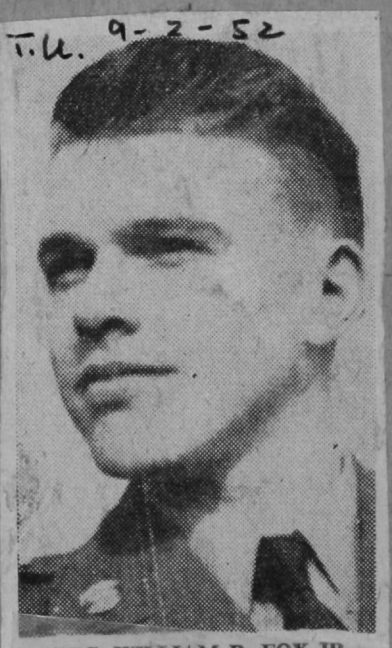

PFC. WILLIAM R. FOX JR.

The wounded soldier is **Pfc. William R. Fox**, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Fox of 1861 Penfield Rd., Penfield. He suffered an arm wound in July and is recuperating in an Army hospital in Japan.

Back from Korea, GI Celebrates Belated Yule

D. & C. FEB 21 1954

A frosty blue and white Christmas tree, laden with gifts and bright baubles, formed the centerpiece of an exuberant family party last night at which Sgt. 1/C Frank Frocchi was guest of honor.

He arrived home last Tuesday after 27 months in Japan and 14 months in Korea to find that his folks had held to their promise of saving their Christmas celebration until he could be with them.

Since early this week, the home at 29 Miller St. has been vibrating with activity and anticipation as Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frocchi busily wrapped packages for their son and decorated the rooms with traditional holly and pine branches.

Nearly 50 persons attended the party and sang Christmas carols and Italian songs of welcome before slicing into a huge cake.

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City Soldier Listed Missing in Korea; 1st Casualty Here

D. & C. JUL 19 1950

The first Rochester casualty of the Korean war was announced last night.

He is a 17-year-old soldier whose stepfather and brother also are in the Army.



CHARLES E. GREENWOOD
First Rochester Casualty

Pvt. Charles E. Greenwood of 6 Catherine St. was reported missing in action at the front.

His mother, Mrs. Jeanette Thorpe, said the Department of the Army informed her by telegram that Charles had been missing in action since July 5.

38 Others Listed

Greenwood's name was among the 39 Americans reported missing in action in two casualty lists made public yesterday by the Defense Department in Washington. The lists, according to the Associated Press, also included 6 dead.

Greenwood's name was not included in the list of 114 names which the North Korean Government said were those of American War prisoners, all members of the 24th U. S. Army Division.

The former Paul Revere Trade School pupil enlisted in the Army Nev. 17, 1949. He trained at Ft. Knox, Ky., and returned to Rochester on furlough in the first two weeks in May. He was transferred to Ft. Lawton, Wash., and sent to Japan in the latter part of May.

No Word Since Leaving

His mother has had no word from him since he left the States. He was assigned to Company C., 21st Infantry Regiment, APO 24.

Greenwood's stepfather, Cpl. Charles Thorpe, is stationed at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Va. He is a member of the Army Medical Corps. Pvt. Ivan Greenwood, 18, the missing soldier's brother, is stationed with the Infantry at Fort Lewis, Wash. Ivan enlisted in the Army in January, 1949.

Ivan recently wrote his mother, Mrs. Thorpe, "Things don't look very good. Don't count on me coming home when my enlistment is up." His enlistment would end in January, 1951.

Wife Learns How Mate Eluded Reds

ES UNION SEP 5 - 1950

"Don't fight your way out—drift through the enemy lines."

This bit of survival advice comes from the husband of an Irondequoit woman. He made his way back to United Nations lines in Korea after being cut off for 56 hours by the enemy.



LT. GIBBENS

Lt. William Gibbens, husband of the former Betty Rumpff of 174 Walzer Rd., Irondequoit, said:

"You never have to wonder where the gooks are. They always make a lot of noise when they move and it's easy to stay clear of them."

Gibbens and six men made their way back to the lines together. They were cut off last Thursday.

His wife and their two children, Susan, 4, and Billie, 3½ months, are staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Rumpff at the Irondequoit address. He is a native of Arizona.

Both Lieut. Gibbens and Mrs. Gibbens are veterans of World War 2. She was a nurse. They met a Camp Livingston, La., and were married in July, 1943, in Washington. Both served overseas. He was in the Battle of the Bulge. This was the first word from him Mrs. Gibbens had received since he left Fort Lewis, Wash., six weeks ago. He is in the Regular Army.

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TIMES UNION JUL 19 1950

Rochester GI Missing In Korean War Area

A 17-year-old Rochester GI whose stepfather and brother also are in the Army, has been reported missing in action at the Korean war fro Korean war front.



PVT. GREENWOOD

The No. 1 area casualty, Pvt. Charles Greenwood, 6 Catherine St., was reported missing at the front since July 5 in a telegram from the War Department sent to his mother, Mrs. Jeanette Thorpe.

In two casualty lists released by the Defense Department in Washington yesterday, Greenwood's name was among 39 men listed as missing. The private's name was not included in a list of 114 prisoners of war issued by the North Korean Government.

A former student at Paul Revere Trade School, Greenwood signed with the Army last November, went through basic training at Ft. Knox, Ky., came home for a furlough in May and was shipped to Japan from Ft. Lawton, Wash., the end of that month.

His mother has had no word from him since he left the United States. Greenwood was assigned to Company C., 21st Infantry Regiment, APO 24.

Pvt. Ivan Greenwood, 18, his brother, is with the Infantry at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and in a recent letter to his mother said, "Things don't look very good; don't count on me coming home when my enlistment is up." He is scheduled for discharge in January, 1951.

Greenwood's stepfather, Cpl. Charles Thorpe is at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va., with the Army Medical Corps.

Marine Pfc. Gunkel Wounded Twice in 2 Months in Korea

TIMES UNION MAR 19 1951

The parents of Marine Pfc. Donald Charles Gunkel, 20, today were hopeful that he would be relieved of combat duty by the end of the month.

Young Gunkel, who has been wounded for the second time in two months in Korea, wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gunkel, of 11 Dover St., that he expected to be taken out of combat.

He first was wounded in January and was hit again Mar. 11, according to a Defense Department telegram.

Gunkel is a graduate of Edison Technical High School and has been in the Marines since July, 1949.

His brother John, 18, enlisted in the Army last Friday. Another brother, George, 22, was discharged from the Navy two years ago.

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Man from Home Greets PW on Korea Ambulance

TIMES UNION SEP 25 1953

It's a mighty small world, Sgt. Raymond F. Goodburlet, 22, conceded today after his long-waited arrival home. He had spent 28 months as a prisoner of the Reds in Korea.

"I was taken by ambulance from Seoul to Inchon," explained Goodburlet, who lives in Scottsville. "I heard the ambulance driver say something about Scottsville, so I said to him:

"'Hey, are you from there, too?'"

Turned out that the driver was indeed. He was Cpl. George Garrett, who still has quite a bit of service left. He and Goodburlet had a good bull session before Goodburlet boarded a transport for San Francisco.

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GOODBURLET ARRIVED at the airport here last night, to be greeted jubilantly by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Goodburlet, and his brother, Bill, of Caledonia.

He and Bill had plenty to talk about, for Bill was discharged only a few month ago from an armored outfit, in which he was a corporal.

Sgt. Goodburlet was accompanied by plane from the coast by a sister, Mrs. Virginia Pimm of Mumford. She and the GI's aunt, Mrs. Ruby Holliday of Monrovia, Calif., met his transport ship when it docked.

Goodburlet's plane reached here at 9:20 last night, so there wasn't much time for a big welcome-home meal.

But today the folks are cooking up a big steak dinner," the sergeant grinned.

"It ought to be a little different from that stuff that passed for chow in the PW camp. That was awful."

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GOODBURLET SAID he twice attempted to escape. Captured both times, he said he was placed in solitary confinement.

Following a 30-day furlough at home, the sergeant will report to Camp Kilmer, N. J. After that? "I don't have any plans."

The Goodburlets used to live in West Sweden Rd., Bergen, but moved to Scottsville while he was away.

"Put this down," said S- Goodburlet. "Any place in the United States of America is home to me. Brother, I'm living again."

Corporal from Bergen Freed at Panmunjom

D. & C. SEP 3 1953

First sleepiness, then incredulity kept Mrs. Eugene H. Goodburlet early this morning from getting the full impact of the news that her son had passed through Freedom Gate in Korea.

Roused by telephone from bed in her Scottsville home, she had to be told three times that Cpl. Raymond F. Goodburlet, 22, had been released by his Communist captors after more than 2½ years as a prisoner. At last, joy took the place of sleepiness:

"Oh heavenly days!" she exclaimed. "How wonderful! Oh dear!"

After that, words failed her.

Over and over, the corporal's mother exclaimed her joy. In the confusion of the moment, she confided that she has a job and has already taken her vacation. Did she plan to take another?

"You bet!" she said.

Almost as an afterthought, she decided that her husband ought to be told. "He's upstairs in bed," "Wait until he hears about this!"

The Goodburlets had been reasonably sure that their son was all right in the Red prison camp. One of the sick prisoners repatriated last April, she said, sent her word to that effect when he reached the United States, and the Army confirmed it.

Earlier, the family had had two letters from the corporal, one in March, 1952, the other in October. Neither was especially informative, Mrs. Goodburlet said, and the second one arrived three months after it was written.

Corporal Goodburlet won't recognize his home when he gets there. During his absence, the family moved from West Sweden Road, Bergen, to its present address at 8 Genesee St., Scottsville.

Their son had been missing in action since February, 1951, until his status was changed to that of a prisoner last March.

A graduate of Caledonia High School, Goodberlet enlisted in the Army in October, 1948. He underwent basic training in Fort Devens, Mass. He was shipped to Japan early in 1950.

Just as he was expecting to be sent home on rotation furlough, the Korean War broke out. He went into the fighting early in the war with the 24th Infantry Division.

Cpl. Goodburlet and the other Americans in today's prisoner exchange at Panmunjon appeared in good health and high spirits.

The Associated Press reported Goodburlet as one of the 89 American prisoners released today, part of the total of 300 POWs of all nationalities freed by the Communists. For the second straight day, the Reds failed to live up to their 300-a-day schedule, explaining the reason was "administrative."

Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, "Hero of Taejon" and America's highest-ranking prisoner of war, is at the Chinese Communist processing center of Kaesong "awaiting repatriation," Peiping Radio announced today. A broadcast monitored in Tokyo said Dean "is in very good health" and had gained 60 pounds while a prisoner for three years.

City, Area Ex-Prisoners Due on Transport

Two exchanged prisoners of war from this area will arrive at San Francisco Saturday aboard the transport Marine Adder. They are Cpl. Stefano Salerno of 329 Avery St. and Sgt. Ralph G. Eveland of 406 Canandaigua St., Palmyra.

Cpl. Salerno, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Salerno, became the second of five Rochester servicemen to be freed when he was released at Panmunjom on Aug. 15. He had been a prisoner 28 months. In a letter written since his release, Corporal Salerno said he was planning a surprise arrival here, probably Sunday or Monday.

Sergeant Eveland, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Eveland, will be met by his wife, Marion, at San Francisco. Whether he will go to her home in Los Angeles or come directly to Palmyra was uncertain. He was exchanged on Aug. 17.

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Airman Lost In Accident Over Korea

D. & C. JUN 3 1951

A Rochester airman has been listed "missing in action" as a result of Sunday's mishap in Korea when United Nations artillery shot down a United States cargo plane and caused another to crash.



JOHN M. GILBERT

Lt. John M. Gilbert, 22, son of Mrs. Frank E. Hurlburt Jr., 166 Jerold St., a C-119 cargo plane pilot in Korea since July, has been listed as a casualty as a result of the mishap, according to word received by his mother yesterday.

Call from Texas

Mrs. Hurlburt said her daughter-in-law Kathryn called her with the news from San Angelo, Tex., where she is living with her parents. Mrs. Gilbert told Mrs. Hurlburt she received a Defense Department telegram, but had no further details.

Far East Air Force Headquarters in Tokyo, said two C-119 cargo planes were attempting to drop high priority supplies by parachute to front line UN forces.

"One of the twin-engined 'Flying Boxcars' received a direct hit when near the drop zone and began disintegration in the air," the announcement said. "The second plane pulled up violently to avoid flying debris. It is believed the maneuver caused the cargo to shift."

Got Air Medal

Mrs. Hurlburt said she did not know whether her son was flying either of the two planes. He was assigned to the 314th Troop Carrier Group. Lieutenant Gilbert has received the Air Medal and his group received the presidential unit citation for dropping supplies to troops trapped last December.

In March he was reported hospitalized in Japan with meningitis. His mother said yesterday he returned to combat duty the first of April.

Lieutenant Gilbert enlisted in the Air Force in 1948. He attended Monroe High School. A six-months old daughter he has never seen is with his wife in Texas.

Brockport GI In Hospital, Frost Victim

TIMES UNION JAN 29 1951

Six years ago Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gillespie of Brockport lost a son, Herbert Jr., when the war against the Japs was almost over.



PFC. GILLESPIE

Herbert, a private first class, was killed during the invasion of Cebu Island in the Philippines.

Today, the Gillespies had something to be thankful for, with news from another son, Pvt. Edwin Gillespie, 21, that he had been evacuated from Korea to a hospital in Japan.

Young Gillespie wrote that he was removed from a foxhole near Wonju with his hands and feet frozen, the result of six weeks' exposure in temperatures that hit as low as 25 degrees below zero.

But the infantryman had not been wounded, and said he felt "pretty good."

TIMES UNION JUL 26 1951

ROCHESTER TIMES-UNION 25
Thursday, July 26, 1951

City Hero Wounded 3d Time In Korea

Pvt. Harold Goldberg, 21, a Bronze Star man and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Goldberg, 51 Gorham St., has been wounded in Korea for the third time.

A Defense Department telegram today notified his parents that he was "slightly wounded on July 17"—just one week after the cease-fire negotiations began.

Pvt. Goldberg, a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School and a former University of Rochester student, has been in Korea since January. It was his second tour of the now-devastated country. In 1946 and 1947, he served 15 months with the Sixth Division on occupation duty there.

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HE FIRST WAS WOUNDED in January during a hill-taking action which won him and most of his 25th Division Infantry Headquarters company commendations for the Bronze Star.

He was released after a month in the Army hospital at Taejon in time to take part in the last crossing of the Han River. It was in that action that he was struck in the back of the head by shrapnel.

Pvt. Goldberg's latest letter home arrived July 10.

His father quoted him as writing, "God only knows when I'll be coming home."

Marine Wounded Twice in Korea Coming Home

TIMES UNION FEB 2 1953

Marine Pfc. Bruce R. Gilzow, son of Mrs. Raymond C. Enney of 14 Cornell St., has been wounded for the second time in action in Korea and, in accordance with Marine Corps policy, is coming home.



Gilzow

On Jan. 7, he suffered a left arm injury and leg wound. Last Oct. 31, while fighting north of Seoul, he suffered concussion and burns of the face in a mortar shell explosion.

In a letter, written aboard the hospital ship Constellation, he said he was on his way to Japan to be returned to the West Coast. Corps policy states that men who receive two wounds, which require more than 48 hours treatment, are returned home.



CPL. GOODBURLET

Bergen Soldier Listed Missing In Action

TIMES UNION JUN 1 1951

A 19-year-old Bergen soldier, a veteran of nearly a year of Korean fighting, has been reported missing in action.

He is **Cpl. Raymond F. Goodburlet,** son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene M. Goodburlet of Bergen. Former residents of Caledonia, the Goodburlets were notified Memorial Day in a Defense Department telegram that their son has been missing since Apr. 23.

Goodburlet, a member of the 24th Division, is the second area member of that division reported this week missing in action since Apr. 23. Pfc. Thomas M. Spackman, also 19, of Rochester, is the other.

Cpt. Goodburlet wrote his mother in a Mother's Day note dated Apr. 19 that he was expecting to come home shortly on rotation furlough. A graduate of Caledonia High School, Goodburlet enlisted in the Army in October, 1949. He completed basic training at Fort Devens, Mass., and was sent to Japan early in 1950.

Sgt. Giordano Wounded

TIMES UNION MAY 29 1952

Recovering in a hospital on Japan is Sgt. 1/c Samuel L. Giordano, 1231 Clifford Ave., who was wounded in action in Korea May 17, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Giordano.

He was reported wounded "only superficially" on the legs and back by mortar fragments. The 23-year-old sergeant enlisted in the Army in October, 1949, and has been serving in Korea as a platoon leader of a 45th Infantry Division mortar crew. He is a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, is an Eagle Scout, and has won several trophies as a member of the Rochester Turners.



Sgt. Giordano

Ex-PW Assigned To Far East Post

D. & C. APR 3 1956

Ex-prisoner of war Raymond F. Goodburlet, who tried civilian life briefly and found it wanting, headed for a new assignment in the Ear East yesterday on another hitch in the Army.

Goodburlet, a Scottsville soldier who caused his Chinese Communist captors more than a few anxious moments while imprisoned, said he weighed 70 pounds more yesterday than at his release from a Korean camp in September, 1953. The 25-year-old soldier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Goodburlet, was reported missing in 1951. Later his parents learned he was a Communist prisoner. After his return home he tried civilian life for six months, then in March, 1954, decided to re-enlist.

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Corporal Hurt for 2d Time

TIMES UNION MAR 27 1951

First it was frostbite. Then it was a wound in action.

Cpl. Louis D. Gallagher, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave L. Gallagher, 347 Portland Ave., is the latest Rochester boy reported wounded in Korea. He was hit Mar. 10 while fighting with the 24th Infantry Division.



CPL. GALLAGHER

Young Gallagher was hospitalized for frostbite Jan. 1.

A former student at Benjamin Franklin High School, he enlisted in June, 1949, and has been in Korea since last July.

Sgt. Gardner Wounded

TIMES UNION OCT 8 1952

Sgt. Donald J. Gardner, who received an award from Rochester Safety Council in 1949 for saving the life of a fellow worker, was wounded in Korea Sept 22, according to a telegram received by his mother, Mrs. Marion Gardner of 185 Alexander St.



Sgt. Gardner

The 23-year-old soldier is a tank battalion commander and has served in Korea for a year. He enlisted in September 1950 after having been employed for four years by Monroe Tree Surgeons.

On Sept. 9, 1949, in Canandaigua he pulled a high voltage wire off another workman with a pair of tree snips and applied artificial respiration.

City Soldier Wounded By Red Grenade

Pfc. Patsy Gaudio Jr., 18, told in a letter (recently) to his father, Patsy Gaudio Sr., 49 Jones Ave., of being wounded by a hand grenade Aug. 14,



PFC. PATSY GAUDIO JR.



PFC. LAUREN M. OLMSTEAD

while charging uphill against the North Koreans.

Gaudio enlisted Apr. 2, 1949. He attended St. Anthony's School and Paul Revere Trade School. His father also received a telegram from the War Department reporting the wounding.

Patsy wrote that his wound had occurred while his company was charging to retake a hill from which they had been driven a short while before.

Also reported wounded was Pfc. Lauren M. Olmstead, 20, son of Mrs. Mary J. Olmstead, Wolcott. Olmstead enlisted two years ago after attending Wolcott High School. A brother, Richard, served with the occupation troops in Germany after the last war.

D. & C. SEP 2 - 1950

Area GI Injured Near Front While Awaiting Rotation

D. & C. AUG 31 1951

Cpl. Norman R. Georgi, 362 Rawlinson Rd., Irondequoit, has been injured while on duty in Korea, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruno O. Georgi, learned yesterday in a letter from their son.



NORMAN R. GEORGI

Corporal Georgi is recovering in an Army hospital in Japan after breaking his shoulder in a fall at the front lines on Aug. 14. The accident occurred while Georgi, a member of the 7th Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Division, was waiting to be sent home on rotation.

A 1945 graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, Georgi enlisted in the Army after finishing high school. Until his discharge on Mar. 17, 1948, he was stationed in the Free City of Trieste on garrison duty. Georgi was a member of the inactive Reserves when he was called back into service in October, 1950. He was sent to Korea that December.

Captain Husband Killed, GI Wounded in Korea

D. & C. OCT 24 1950

To the growing roll of casualties in Korean fighting last night were added the names of the captain husband of an Irondequoit woman, killed on Sept. 29, and a 19-year-old infantryman, wounded in action.

Roy Rumpff Son-in-Law Slain in Battle

The husband of an Irondequoit woman has been killed in action in Korea, according to word received by his wife yesterday from the Army Department.



CAPT. WILLIAM GIBBENS

He is **Capt. William Gibbens,** 28, husband of the former Betty Rumpff of 174 Walzer Rd., Irondequoit. He was killed on Sept. 29, an Army Department telegram said.

The captain, a native of Arizona, met his death less than a month after he and six of his men escaped from deep inside enemy lines where they had been trapped for 56 hours. Captain Gibbens, then a lieutenant, was on the Naktong River front of the U. S. Second Division on Aug. 31, when the Reds overran their position. With six of his men, he drifted back gradually, maneuvering on a 12-mile semi-circle, to make his way to U. S. lines 2½ days later.

In the only letter received here, Captain Gibbens told his wife and father-in-law, Roy R. Rumpff, about the incident, and reported his promotion to captain. He was in the Regular Army.

Mrs. Gibbens and her two children, Susan, 4, and Billie, 3½, are living with her father, secretary of Rochester Lodge of Moose, and Mrs. Rumpff, at the Irondequoit address. Mrs. Gibbens returned to Rochester in July, leaving her husband at Fort Lewis, Wash., when he sailed for Korea. Both he and his wife were World War 2 veterans.

Captain Gibbens fought in the Battle of the Bulge with the 28th Infantry Division and was discharged in June, 1945. After attending the University of Arizona for two years, he enlisted in the Regular Army in November, 1948. His wife was an Army nurse, serving as a lieutenant with the 19th General Hospital in England and France. They were married July 3, 1943. Gibbens' parents live in Dragoon, Ariz., where his father is a mining engineer.

Meningitis Hits Pilot In Korea

Lt. John M. Gilbert, 22, son of Mrs. Frank E. Hurlburt Jr., 166 Jerold St., has been stricken with meningitis in Korea, according to a Defense Department telegram received yesterday by his mother.



LT. GILBERT

The telegram said Lt. Gilbert's "recovery is questionable." He is hospitalized in Japan.

Mrs. Hurlburt said her son, recently promoted to first lieutenant, had ben flying two missions a day dropping food and ammunition over the front lines. She said he recently wrote her on a six-day rest leave saying he was exhausted.

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LT. GILBERT enlisted in the Air Force in 1948 and has been serving in the Korean area since last July as a C-119 pilot attached to the 314th Troop Carrier Group. Last month he was awarded the Air Medal and his group received a presidential citation for dropping supplies to troops trapped last December.

Mrs. Hurlburt said Lt. Gilbert's wife, Kathryn, and their 6-months-old son whom he has never seen, are living with her parents in Texas.

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Former POW Rejoins Army--

TIMES UNION MAR 8 1954

Less than six months after he was released by the Communists in Korea, former Sgt. Raymond F. Goodburlet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Goodburlet, 8 Genesee St., Scottsville, has reenlisted in the Army for three years with the rank of corporal.

He has been sent to an infantry unit in Fort Knox, Ky.

Goodburlet escaped twice from his Communist captors but was recaptured both times.

After his liberation and return home, he took a job as a perforator at Eastman Kodak Co. for a time.

TIMES UNION APR 2 1956

Ex-POW Goes Back After 2½ Years



For 28 long months Sgt. Raymond F. Goodburlet of Scottsville was a prisoner of war of the North Koreans and Chinese Communists.

On Sept. 24, 1953, he arrived home and was greeted by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Goodburlet, at Rochester-Monroe County Airport (photo below).

Today—more than 30 months later and several pounds heavier—Sgt. Goodburlet was bade goodbye by his mother and wife (photo above) at the airport just before he again headed for the Far East.

Sgt. Goodburlet, who now weighs 70 pounds more than when he was released by the Communists, is en route to Japan where he first went early in 1950.

The 25 - year - old soldier joined the Army in October, 1948, after being graduated from Caledonia High School. On May 31, 1951, his parents received word he had been missing in action since April 23, 1951. Later they learned he was a prisoner of the Reds.

During his imprisonment he twice tried to escape, set fire to an administration building and spent more than a year in solitary confinement.

After his return home he spent about six months as a "civilian" before deciding to reenlist in March, 1954.



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Son Identified As Captive GI

TIMES UNION APR 2 - 1952

First news of a Rochester GI missing in Korea since November came to his mother through a newspaper picture.

A neighbor saw the photo showing American prisoners being guarded by Reds "somewhere in North Korea" and took it to Mrs. Ruth Johnson, 309 Averill Ave., mother of the missing soldier.

Mrs. Johnson immediately recognized one of the GIs as her son, Sgt. William W. Johnson, a veteran of 12 years in the U. S. Army. He was captured by the Communists while fighting with the 2d Division.

The Johnson family notified the Red Cross and Rep. Kenneth B. Keating and requested that further word of the sergeant be obtained if possible.

Sgt. Johnson's wife, June, and 3-year-old daughter, Vickie, live with Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Briggs of Wolcott.

Reds Spike Hope
TIMES UNION AUG 17 1953
City GI Survived

A Communist report of a Rochester sergeant's death in a Korean prison camp all but snuffed out the slim hope his wife and his mother had been holding for two years.

The Defense Department today listed Sgt. 1/c William W. Johnson as "purported by Communist forces to have died" while a prisoner.

It was the first word received by his mother, Mrs. Ruth Johnson, of 309 Averill Ave., and his wife, June Briggs Johnson, 47½ Glasgow St., Clyde, since July 30, 1951. Then, he wrote from a Red prison camp, "I'm well. Don't worry. Expect to be home soon."

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THAT LETTER had quickened a hope kindled four months earlier when the sergeant had been identified in a prison-camp photograph distributed here by a Communist photo service. However, the Defense Department never had listed him as a prisoner of war, simply as "missing in action, Nov. 30, 1950."

But they maintained hope even when his name was missing from the first PW rolls furnished by the Reds in 1951.

Again last April the mother and wife fruitlessly pored over lists of exchanged sick and wounded prisoners. Mrs. Johnson wrote to returnees she thought might have known her husband. Only one remembered him, and he had no news more recent than the Johnsons' own.

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A WORLD WAR 2 VETERAN, Sgt. Johnson had enlisted in the Army in May, 1939, and served more than four years in the Pacific in the war. He was discharged in June, 1945.

During his brief period as a civilian, he worked in the Air Force Depot in University Ave. and at the Pochester Main Post Office, where his father, the late Leon Johnson, had been employed.

After reenlisting in May, 1946, he was stationed at Fort Hood, Tex. In August, 1950, he was sent to Korea as a member of the 39th Field Artillery attached to the 2d Infantry Division.



SGT. 1/C WILLIAM JOHNSON

Sgt. Johnson was graduated from Monroe High School. Besides his mother and his wife, a former Wolcott resident, his family includes a daughter, Vickie Lee, 5, and his grandmother, Mrs. Emma Griswold, 59 Bond St.

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Trapped 56 Hours Inside Enemy Lines

City Woman's Husband Escapes Reds

By DON HUTH

With U. S. 2nd Division in Korea — (AP) —An American lieutenant, who, with six of his men, spent 56 hours deep inside enemy territory, gave this survival advice yesterday to units cut off by the enemy:

Don't fight your way out—drift through the enemy lines.

Lt. William Gibbens, fomerly of Cochise, Ariz., whose wife lives at 174 Walzer Rd., Irondequoit, explained:

"You never have to wonder where the gooks are. They always make a lot of noise when they move and it's easy to steer clear of them."

(Gibbens' wife is the former Betty Rumpff, daughter of Roy R. Rumpff, secretary of Rochester Lodge of Moose, and Mrs. Rumpff of the Irondequoit address. With her two children, Susan, 4, and Billie, 3½ months, she is living for the duration with her parents. She was overpoyed when informed last night of the news dispatch, her first word of her husband since she left him at Fort Lewis, Wash., six weeks ago when he sailed for Korea with the outfit that arrived there in 10 days.



LT. WILLIAM GIBBENS

(Both Lieutenant Gibbens and Mrs. Gibbens are veterans of World War 2. Gibbens, 28, fought in the Battle of the Bulge with the 28th Infantry Division. He was discharged in June, 1945, as a first lieutenant, his present rank, after five years' service, attended the University of Arizona for two years after his discharge and enlisted in the Regular Army in November, 1948. He visited here last Fall.

(Mrs. Gibbens was an Army nurse, serving as a lieutenant with the 19th General Hospital in England and France. They met first when both were in training at Camp Livingston, La., and were married a year later, on July 3, 1943 in Washington, D. C. She went overseas in September, 1943, and he a month later. Gibbens' parents live in Dragoon, Ariz. His father, Barnett Gibbens, is a mining engineer and his mother a school teacher.)

Out of Gibbens' original company of 120 men, 110 reached safety after the Reds overran their position Thursday night on the Naktong River front of the U. S. 2nd Division.

A majority of the men reached safety more quickly. Gibbens and six men he could identify only as Stone, Sweeney, Cornell, Clark, Robinson and Conklin were separated from the larger party and did not reach the U. S. 25th Division line until Sunday.

His company last Thursday was holding a position on the south side of the Naktong due west of Yongsan and where the river bends eastward.

"We were doing a good job of raising hell with the Reds," Gibbens said. "We were holding them back and I thought we could keep on doing it. Then the Reds started coming down the road running along the river. I heard the noise of an approaching tank and knew it was time to get going—I did not have any weapons with which to knock out tanks."

The lieutenant rallied together 60 of his men and started to pull out. But he heard the tanks catching up and his party split to both sides of the road. Six men went with him.

Everywhere they turned there were Red troops but the game American band sought cover on ridges, in rice paddies and beanfields and maneuvered on a 12-mile semi-circle to make their way to U. S. troops.

D. & C. SEP 5 - 1950

Wounds Fatal To Pvt. Green

D. & C. OCT 12 1950

A Defense Department telegram received by Mrs. Florence Green of 583 Brooks Ave., informed her that Pvt. David Emmett Green, 18, her nephew, died on Sept. 28 of wounds suffered in Korea.



DAVID E. GREEN

Private Green enlisted in the Army last November and was in Rochester for Christmas and again in March. A native Rochesterian, he attended Edison Technical High School. In recent years, he has lived with Mr. and Mrs. William Vorholzer, 28 Mt. Airy Dr., Irondequoit.

He leaves his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Green; two brothers, Sgt. Gerald T. Green who is now serving in the Air Force in California, and Donald Green of Rochester; two sisters, Shirley Green of Portland, Ore., and Gertrude Green of Rochester, and several aunts and uncles.

Capt. Gibbens, Bulge Veteran, Dies in Korea

TIMES UNION OCT 24 1950

Time had run out for a commissioned veteran of the Battle of the Bulge in World War 2 and strenuous infantry fighting in Korea.



SEILER GIBBENS

Capt. William Gibbens, 28, was killed in action Sept. 29 in Korea.

He was the husband of the former Betty Rumpff of 174 Walzer Rd., Irondequoit, and son-in-law of Roy R. Rumpff, secretary of the Moose, Rochester Lodge.

Mrs. Gibbens and her two children, Susan, 4, and Billie, 3, are living with her father and mother at the Irondequoit address.

Capt. Gibbens, a Regular Army man only recently promoted to captain, met death less than a month after he and six of his men escaped from an enemy trap.

They managed to get back to their own lines after Korean Reds overran U. S. Second Division lines on the Naktong River front.

Capt. Gibbens, after attending the University of Arizona for two years, enlisted in 1945 in the Regular Army. His wife was an Army nurse serving with the 19th General Hospital in England and France. They were married July 3, 1943.

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Rochester GI, 17, Missing in Korea, Parents Notified

D. & C. DEC 3 1950

A 17-year-old Rochester soldier is missing in action in Korea, his parents were notified yesterday by the War Department.



PATRICK GLENNON

He is Pfc. Patrick Robert Glennon of 638 Brown St., who has been missing since Nov. 1. In the last letter received by his parents on Oct. 25, young Glennon, an infantryman, said his unit was "under heavy fire," and he wondered seriously about their chances "of getting out."

He attended St. Augustine's School and Paul Revere Trade School and later worked at the Moose Club prior to enlisting in the Army on Nov. 9, 1949. While in Rochester he was a familiar figure in local roller skating circles.

After training at Fort Knox, Ky., Fort Sam Houston, Tex., and Fort Riley, Kan., Glennon went overseas. He served 5 months and 26 days on a three-year enlistment and then, deciding to make Army life his career, was given an honorable discharge and immediately reenlisted for a six-year period.

He has a brother, John P. Glennon, 20, who has been in the Navy for the last 3½ years and now is serving aboard the USS Monterey, aircraft carrier.

Boys Become Men In Combat, GI Writes

TIMES UNION DEC 5 - 1950

An old military adage says:

"War is what separates the men from the boys."

Cpl. Richard H. Guck, 21, subscribes to that theory.



GUCK

Typical of the many young Rochesterians "slugging it out" in Korea, Guck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Guck, 123 Worcester Rd., Greece, wrote The Times-Union:

"We are trying to do our job right. It's a hard job. But I've seen men now who used to be a H—— raising bunch of boys.

"They're not boys any more. They know what's what and what to do about it.

"I've seen sights that you would think you couldn't stand to see.

"Going through roadblocks and seeing many of our GIs killed, and some killed right next to you—it's not easy to take."

Young Guck, a medical corpsman in the 21st Infantry, recently was hospitalized for a few days after walking 100 miles in a retreat.

He says the GIs don't hear much news in Korea, that there are few radios and that the soldiers need writing paper, cigarets, candy, gum and reading materials.

Guck, who was shipped to Korea last July, graduated from Charlotte High School and worked at Delco before enlisting. He has a brother and brother-in-law who served in the Army and Navy, respectively, during World War 2.

Marine, Soldier From City Hurt In Korean War

D. & C. DEC 14 1950

Both Wounded in Action, Parents Informed by Washington

Two more Rochester service men were reported yesterday as wounded in Korea, one of them a Marine who fell in North Korea near the Chosin Reservoir.

Pfc. Walter F. Groell, 20, Caught in Red Trap

Pfc. Walter F. Groell, 20, was wounded in action on Dec. 2 near the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea, according to a Defense Department telegram received by his parents yesterday.



WALTER F. GROELL

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Groell, 79 Glenwood Ave., Private Groell is a member of the 1st Marine Division which fought a heroic battle to escape from the huge Red Chinese trap set up in the Chosin Reservoir area.

In the last letter he sent to his parents, which they received on Nov. 20, he wrote that "everything is pretty quiet right now—we're getting ready to celebrate Thanksgiving."

Private Groell has been with the 1st Marine Division in Korea since July. Prior to enlisting in the Marine Corps in August, 1948, he attended John Marshall High School.

Cpl. Brock Gruetzner, Missing in Action

D. & C. DEC 30 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore P. Gruetzner of 236 Stonecliff Dr., Greece, had their holiday season tragically disrupted by a Defense Department telegram yesterday.



CPL. BROCK D. GRUETZNER

In a normal, peacetime course of events their son, **Cpl. Brock D. Gruetzner,** 19, would have been discharged from the Army on Thursday. Instead, his parents were notified that he has been missing in action since Nov. 27.

Corporal Gruetzner was a medical corpsman with the Second Engineer Combat Battalion of the Second Division. His last letter home was written on Nov. 15 from the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.

A former Democrat and Chronicle carrier boy, Corporal Gruetzner enlisted in the Army after attending Charlotte High School. He was home a year ago for the holidays and left for Korea early in August. He has two sisters and two brothers. One brother, Gerald, is in Tokyo with the occupation forces.

Soldier's Parents Relieved by Word Of Son's Safety

The Christmas holidays, which had been anything but happy for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Genova, brightened considerably yesterday.

The Genovas, who live at 134 Colvin St., hadn't heard from their son, Pfc. Joseph Genova Jr., with the Army in Korea, for more than a month. Worried, they sent a cablegram to young Joe.

Yesterday they had an answer, a return cablegram from him advising that he is "well and safe," and wishing everyone holiday greetings. The 17-year-old Edison Technical High School graduate joined the Army last April and has been overseas for the last two months.

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Paralyzed Paratrooper Gets Special House



SPECIALLY EQUIPPED CAR gives Paraplegic William Gropp driving pleasure.



SPECIAL HOUSE built for Gropp looks like normal house despite special ramps and entrances.

By HARRY SCHMECK

The world becomes a different place when a man loses the use of his body below the chest.

His ambitions are likely to go by the board. Even the house he lives in must be different.

"I'm just stuck with the situation and might as well make the best of it," says William Gropp, Fairport, a World War 2 paratrooper who has been paralyzed below the diaphragm since he was hit in the spine by shrapnel in the Normandy invasion.

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GROPP IS ABOUT to move into a $18,000 house built with his special problem in mind. Half of the $20,000 needed for the house and lot was provided by the federal government under a law designed to help men like Gropp re-adjust.

This is the latest such house to be built in the Rochester area.

On the outside, the six room house at James St. and Potter Pl. is not much different from a normal home, except that it has ramps instead of steps at all entrances and wider doors.

There is a special platform in the two-car garage arranged so that Gropp can move without assistance from his car to the collapsible wheel chair that goes everywhere with him.

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ALL DOORWAYS in the house are three feet wide to accomodate the wheel chair. Closet racks are built lower than normal so that he can reach coat hangers from the chair. The bathtub is equipped with a railing so that he can get in and out by use of arms alone.



SPECIAL CHAIR in which Gropp moves about his house. Note curb in garage to facilitate Gropp's entering and leaving car and extra wide door to house to accommodate chair.

One room will be equipped with exercise devices which Gropp uses to strengthen his arms and shoulders.

Except for the cellar, the house is on one level. An automatic furnace and upstairs switch-breaker system eliminates use of fuses and makes it unnecessary to go downstairs.

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THE HOUSE is the latest thing for veterans with permanent disability.

There are nine such men in the county, five of them in Rochester. All have similar homes, either completed or under construction.

The government contributes half of the building cost up to a maximum of $10,000 and sees to it that the home is complete in every detail, including the planting of shrubbery.

Gropp's house has been built by Edward Trau, Pittsford.

The 26-year-old disabled GI will live in it with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Gropp, who are selling their present home in Fairport so that they can be with their son.

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BEFORE THE war, Gropp was working to be a plumber, but his condition rules out that profession.

"I'm just relaxing now," he says. "I have no future plans."

He fills in the days by playing cards and shuffle-board, going to shows and driving in his specially equipped car, also provided by the government. At American Legion parties for disabled veterans he chats with other ex-GIs similarly handicapped.

He greets everything with a twinkling eye and friendly smile and views the long years ahead courageously.

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Brockport Soldier Freezes His Hands, Feet in Foxhole

D&C Jan 29, 1951

Six weeks in Korean foxholes at temperatures as low as 25-degree-below-zero have sent **Pvt. Edwin Gillespie,** 21, of Brockport, to a hospital in Japan with frozen hands and feet, his parents learned recently.

Private Gillespie, who fought with the 2nd Infantry Division, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gillespie of Brockport.

The young GI wrote his parents that he was taken from a foxhole near Wonju Jan. 15 and sent to a hospital in Pusan with his hands and feet frozen. He said the hospital bed was the first he had slept in for six weeks. In a letter dated Jan. 18, Private Gillespie wrote:

"The doctor just got through checking me. I have had no treatment yet, but the doctor says he is going to send me to Japan by plane tomorrow morning."

Private Gillespie said he felt "pretty good," except for some pain in his right hand and a "bad cold." Mrs. Gillespie said his first letter after he reached the Pusan hospital showed his hands were troubling him.

After attending Brockport High School, Private Gillespie enlisted in the Army in 1946 and served in the occupation forces in Berlin until 1948. After he returned home, he joined the Reserves and was called to active duty Oct. 15, 1950. He was sent to Fort Hood, Tex., for training and arrived in Korea late last November.

A brother, Cpl. Eugene Gillespie, is stationed at Weaver Air Force Base, Rapid City, S. D. Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie had another son, Pfc. Herbert Gillespie, who was killed on Cebu Island in 1945 during the Philippines campaign of World War 2.

Corporal Wounded In Korean Action

Cpl. James E. Glanton, 20, of 73 Taylor St., was slightly wounded in action in Korea Feb. 12.

His mother, Mrs. Mary Glanton, got a Defense Department telegram yesterday. No other details were given, she said.



CPL. JAMES E. GLANTON

In a letter which his mother received Feb. 14, Corporal Glanton said his unit, an airborne division, was moving south to Taegu. Glanton entered the service in January, 1949, and was sent to Japan last September. He attended Edison Technical and Madison High Schools.

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As Readers See It

GI 'Near Seoul' Reports Plenty to Eat

TIMES UNION MAR 14 1951

Editor The Times-Union:

I've just received a letter and clipping from my mother in Rochester. It tells about GI's being hungry. We're close to Seoul and since we've been here we haven't seen anything like soldiers starving, as the sergeant and corporal mentioned in the clipping.

We get plenty of food. Yesterday morning (Feb. 27) we had two eggs, two pancakes, cereal, stewed prunes and coffee. It's very seldom we don't have seconds if we wait until everybody eats. We have fresh fruit occasionally, too.

Maybe the quoted GI was complaining about C-rations. We admit they aren't like a big meal, but we have them only when the kitchen can't get to us.

We all like to get packages once in a while. Who doesn't like cookies, cake, etc.? But we get rations of candy, cigarets, etc., every few days.

We worry about people back home and you can imagine how we felt when we read this clipping.

PFC. JOSEPH GENOVA.
APO 468.

(The letter was signed also by SFC. Albert H. Wolker, Cpl. James E. Allen, Pfc. David B. Allen, Pfc. James Kouba, SFC. James L. Blue, Pfc. Robert W. Hunter, Cpl. Robert R. Mahaffy, Cpl. Richard A. Perkins, Pfc. Arthur Roderiguez, Pfc. Ray Zelinske and Cpl. Lloyd N. Bowers.)

This is your daily "Town Meeting" column. Use it to express your views on local, state, national or world issues of the day. The Times-Union reserves the right to cut long letters. Every contributor must sign—for publication—his correct name and address.

Meningitis Strikes Airman in Korea

A Rochester airman serving in Korea has been stricken with meningitis and his "recovery is questionable," it was reported in a Defense Department telegram received by his mother yesterday.



JOHN M. GILBERT

He is Lt. John M. Gilbert, 22, son of Mrs. Frank E. Hurlburt Jr., 166 Jerold St.

According to the telegram, the condition of Lieutenant Gilbert is serious but it was not disclosed when he was stricken ill nor where he is hospitalized.

Lieutenant Gilbert enlisted in the Air Force in 1948 and has been serving in the Korean area since last July as a C-119 pilot attached to the 314th Troop Carrier Group. He attended Monroe High School. Last month he was awarded the Air Medal and his group received a Presidential citation for dropping supplies to troops trapped last December.

D. & C. MAR 15 1951

Marine Wounded 2d Time in Korea

D. & C. MAR 18 1951

For the second time within two months, a Rochester family has received a telegram from the Defense Department telling them their son has been wounded in action.

He is Donald Charles Gunkel, 20-year-old Marine Corps private first class, whose home here is at 11 Dover St. The nature of his wounds, received Mar. 11 in Korea, were not disclosed. He also was wounded in action in January.

A graduate of Edison Technical High School, Gunkel has been in the Marine Corps since July, 1949, and six days before he was wounded wrote a letter home, received yesterday, saying that he expected to be relieved of combat duty at the end of this month. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gunkel.

A brother, John 18, enlisted only last Friday in the Army, and another brother, George, 22, was discharged from the Navy two years ago.

Corporal Wounded in Korea Fighting with 24th Division

D. & C. MAR 27 1951

Cpl. Louis D. Gallagher, 20, of 347 Portland Ave., has been wounded in action in Korea, the Defense Department reported yesterday to his parents here.



CPL. LOUIS D. GALLAGHER

Mr. and Mrs. Gustave L. Gallagher were informed that their son was wounded on Mar. 10 while fighting with the 24th Division, U. S. Army.

It was the second time Corporal Gallagher had been hospitalized, having been treated for frostbite on Jan. 1. He returned to duty Feb. 6 on that occasion.

A former student at Benjamin Franklin High School, Corporal Gallagher enlisted in the Army in June, 1949. He has been in Korea since last July.

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Time Passes You By During War, Medic in Korea, Visiting Here, Says

D. & C. MAY 27 1951

You don't count days when you're a medic in Korea—days and weeks have no meaning to you.

"You just do your job," Sgt. Peter Guadagnino said. "You do your job—sometimes for 48 hours straight—and you count the wounded you treated and the GIs who died while you tried to save them."

The 32-year-old local soldier, who was one of the first to return from Korea under the Army's rotation plan, told of his experiences last night in his uncle's home at 765 Smith St. He thought for a moment and then spoke again:

"But you soon lose count of the wounded and the dead—just like you do the days and the weeks."

In Korea Since July

Sergeant Guadagnino arrived in Seattle, Wash., on May 5 aboard the Army transport Gen. Leroy Eltinge. He had been in Korea since last July and was attached to the 8063rd Mobile Army Surgical Hospital.

"What was your job over there, Pete?" asked his uncle, Peter Locicero.

"I was a medic and an X-ray technician with the mobile hospital," the sergeant answered. "My job was to make X-ray of nearly all the wounded who were brought in and to give them treatment before they went into surgery. Sometimes many would die while I tried to save them."

The local soldier, who served in the Army for four years during World War 2 and who reenlisted in August, 1949, said his mobile unit backed up the 25th Army Division and followed it right up to the front lines.

600 Wounded Handled Daily

"The toughest times we had were back in November when the Chinese drove down from the Manchurian border," he recalled. "The 25th Division was hit so hard we handled as many as 600 wounded a day—for several days. We worked more than 48 hours straight then."

Sergeant Guadagnino said that his unit also took in many North Korean and Chinese soldiers, who would not thank them for being treated, but who would just have "amazed, dumbfounded looks on their faces." They couldn't believe we would help them, he said.

"Another time when our unit was set up at Changyang," he said, "our morale dropped pretty low when the bodies of five GIs were found about 100 yards away. Their hands had been tied behind them and they were shot in the backs. That made us all pretty jittery but the 25th Division retaliated by sending an artillery barrage at the Chinese after the bodies were found."

Wife, Children in Indiana

After spending two days of processing at Seattle when he returned, Sergeant Guadagnino then left for Gary, Ind., to rejoin his wife, Opal, and their children, Marie, 8, Raymond, 6, and Carol, 3, for the first time in nearly a year.

A week ago, he and his wife came to Rochester to visit his uncle, and his brother and sister, Vincent and Mary Guadagnino, 118 Magnolia St. His father, Louis Guadagnino, formerly of Rochester, now lives in Denver, Col. The local soldier will report to Fort Sheridan, Ill., when his furlough is up later this month.



HE'S FORGOTTEN HOW — Sgt. Peter Guadagnino, who returned from Korea under rotation plan, got lesson in necktie tying from wife, Opal, last night at family gathering at 765 Smith St. His brother, Vincent Guadagnino, center, watches.

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Wounded GI's Visit Beats Official Word

D. & C. APR 16 1951

Personal calls are sometimes quicker than telegrams.

At least that holds true for **Pvt. Salvatore Giordano,** 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Giordano, 286 Smith St.

The local soldier was injured in action in Korea on Feb. 5 while serving with the 32nd Infantry Regiment of the 7th Division. After being wounded, he was evacuated to an Army Hospital in Hawaii. Then he was shipped to a hospital in California and from there to one in Massachusetts, where he is now hospitalized.



SALVATORE GIORDANO

On Apr. 7, Private Giordano arrived home from the Massachusetts hospital on a three-day pass, and told his parents of how he was injured. The next day, Apr. 8, his parents received a Defense Department telegram which told of their son being wounded.

"It's a lucky thing my son's injuries were not too serious," Mrs. Giordano said yesterday, "he could have been dead and we wouldn't have known it until the telegram came."

According to Mrs. Giordano, her son was wounded on the right knee. She said that when he was home he did not tell exactly how he was injured, only that shrapnel had shattered his kneecap.

Private Giordano, who attended Jefferson High School before enlisting, entered the Army in December, 1948. He arrived in Korea last August and was assigned to the 32nd Infantry Regiment as an infantryman.

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YOUNG GIORDANO, who attended Jefferson before enlisting in the Army in December, 1948, was wounded in the right knee by fragments Feb. 5 while serving with the 32d Infantry of the Seventh Division.

He arrived home on a pass from a Massachusetts hospital the day before his family received official notice of his wound from the Defense Department.

Pvt. Giordano had been evacuted to an Army hospital in Hawaii, then to one in California and thence to Massachusetts. He arrived here Apr. 7.

The soldier went to Korea last August. T.U. 4-18-51



PVT. SALVATORE GIORDANO

'Climbed My Last Mountain'

Soldier in Korea Tells How It Feels to Be Coming Home

D. & C. MAY 14 1951

How does a GI in Korea feel about coming home? The following letter from Cpl. Richard J. Giehl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philipp J. Giel of 313 Clifford Ave., tells the story:

Apr. 18, 1951

Dear Mom and Dad

"I've climbed my last mountain. No more will I be tired or thirsty from those long journeys up. No longer will I watch the sun set and the moon rise, only to watch it take its course around the world. I've said goodbye to many a friend, but my goodbyes will not mean I have forgotten them. For these friends that I have fought with, died death after death, cried, worried and sang with cannot be forgotten by a mere goodbye. They will always be remembered in my work, my play, my prayer.

"After 3 years, it's a good feeling to know that soon one will be home. Questions run through my mind. Has the city I was brought up in changed? Are the people the same? It won't be too long before those questions will be answered. I'm on my way home.

"Your loving son, Richard.

"P. S. Don't write any more to my old address."

Githl enlisted in the Army 3 years ago. He went to Korea for 15 months and then was transferred to Hawaii for a year before returning to Korea last June. He was wounded Aug. 8, 1950, but has recovered. A 22-year-old, Giehl is a graduate of Edison Technical High School.

2 More Back From Korea

Two more Rochester fighting men are being returned home from Korea under the current rotation program.

They are Pvt. Charles E. Greenwood of 6 Catharine St., believed to have been Rochester's first reported casualty in the Korean war, and Sgt. Phillip J. Arengi of 201 Campbell Pk. Pvt. Greenwood was listed missing in action July 5, 1950 but subsequently was reported safe.

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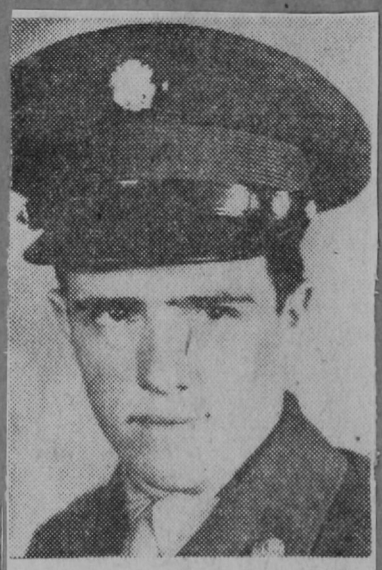

CPL. GOODBURLET

TIMES UNION JUN 1 - 1951

Bergen Soldier Listed Missing In Action

A 19-year-old Bergen soldier, a veteran of nearly a year of Korean fighting, has been reported missing in action.

He is **Cpl. Raymond F. Goodburlet,** son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene M. Goodburlet of Bergen. Former residents of Caledonia, the Goodburlets were notified Memorial Day in a Defense Department telegram that their son has been missing since Apr. 23.

Goodburlet, a member of the 2[illegible] Division, is the second area mem[illegible] of that division reported this we[illegible] missing in action since Apr. 23. Pfc. Thomas M. Spackman, also 19, of Rochester, is the other.

Cpt. Goodburlet wrote his mother in a Mother's Day note dated Apr. 19 that he was expecting to come home shortly on rotation furlough. A graduate of Caledonia High School, Goodburlet enlisted in the Army in October, 1949. He completed basic training at Fort Devens, Mass., and was sent to Japan early in 1950.

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First Rochesterian Wounded Returns in Korea Rotation

The first Rochester soldier to be wounded in the Korean War is at home today, but he isn't particularly impressed with the honor.

That soldier is Pvt. Charles Greenwood, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thorpe, 6 Catherine St. He was back home on rotation yesterday after nearly a year's fighting in far-off Korea. But his older brother won't ever return. Cpl. Ivan J. Greenwood was killed in action Nov. 30, 1950.



PVT. CHARLES GREENWOOD

Private Greenwood was a machinegunner in one of two 24th Infantry Division companies flown to Korea last July, ahead of the rest of the division. The young Rochester veteran said that it was the whole North Korean Army against those two companies for a while.

Late last Summer, Private Greenwood was wounded by a Communist rifle bullet, but he's not particularly impressed when told that he probably was the first Rochester soldier wounded in the present war.

Before he was wounded last Summer, Private Greenwood was cut off for 10 days behind North Korean lines. He and 12 other men lived on rice given them by Koreans and returned to their buddies by going around the enemy's lines.

Also taking it easy at the Thorpe home is Pfc. Paul Berthiaume, 19, of Worcester, Mass. Private Berthiaume is a 75 mm. recoilless-rifle gunner who also has been through most of the fighting in Korea.

The pair will report next month at Fort Devens, Mass.

D.& C. JUN 2. 1951

Pilot Missing in Plane Shot Down by Mistake

TIMES UNION JUN 3 - 1951

A young Rochester Air Force pilot has been listed as missing in action over Korea after United Nations' artillery fired, by error, on two C-119 cargo planes dropping supplies to Allied troops Sunday.

He is **Lt. John M. Gilbert,** 22, son of Mrs. Frank E. Hurlburt Jr., 166 Jerold St. Mrs. Hurlburt was notified of the tragedy by her son's wife, Kathryn, who called her from Texas.

The Air Force said one of the big planes was hit by artillery fire and the other crashed while trying to avoid the first. Mrs. Hurlburt said she did not know if her son was flying either plane. He was assigned to the 314th Troop Carrier Group.

Lt. Gilbert enlisted in the Air Force in 1948. He attended Monroe High School. A nine-month-old son he has never seen is with his wife in Texas.



LT. JOHN M. GILBERT

City Reveals Deal On Sale of 2 Lots To Missing Flyer

If Lt. John M. Gilbert returns to his home, he will find his newly-purchased city lots awaiting him.

Reported missing in action in Korea last week, Lieutenant Gilbert had plans to build a home in Jerold St., it was disclosed at City Hall yesterday. He purchased two lots adjoining his mother's home at 166 Jerold St. for $250 this Spring and the sale was confirmed by City Council on May 22.

Edward Perdue, city real estate superintendent, making known the sale yesterday, said a condition was that the purchaser build a house on the lots.

Gilbert, pilot of a C-119 cargo plane, was shot down by American aircraft last Sunday, according to a Department of Defense telegram to his wife in Texas. Lieutenant Gilbert's mother is Mrs. Frank E. Hurlburt Jr. The young pilot, 22, served also in World War 2.

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Missing Pilot Bought City Lots

Lt. John M. Gilbert, reported missing in action in Korea last week, apparently had plans to build a home for his family, adjoining the home of his mother, Mrs. Frank E. Hurlburt Jr., 166 Jerold St.

Records at City Hall show he purchased two lots in Jerold St. for $250. The sale was confirmed by the City Council May 22. Gilbert, 22, pilot of a C-119 cargo plane, was shot down June 3, according to a Department of Defense telegram to his wife in Texas. Lt. Gilbert served also in World War 2.

TIMES UNION JUN 11 1951

City Corporal Wounded in Action

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Cpl. James E. Glanton, 20, airborne infantryman, was wounded for the second time in Korea last May 29. According to the telegram and letters received by his mother, Mrs. Mary Glanton, 73 Taylor St. he was slightly wounded in both legs. Although in a hospital in Japan, he is now listed as being on rotation to the United States.



JAMES E. GLANTON

Corporal Glanton suffered his first wound Feb. 12, was returned to duty and later rehospitalized. He returned to duty Apr. 16. Glanton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Glanton, entered service in January, 1949, and was sent to Japan in September, 1950. He attended Edison Technical and Madison High Schools.

Corporal Returning From Korea Action

Cpl. Donald E. Gurney, son of Frank J. Gurney, 1360 South Ave., is on his way home from Korea after a rugged tour of duty. Gurney, who is returning under the rotation program, is a member of the 31st Infantry Regiment and saw action from Pusan to the Chosin Reservoir, made amphibious landings on both coasts of Korea, and in this most recent action fought with the UN forces on the Central Front.

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A BUSS FOR BROTHER—Marine Pfc. Donald C. Gunkel, home from the fighting in Korea where he was wounded twice, gets a kiss from hero-worshipping six-year-old sister, Valerie.

Charges by Laughing Chinese

Reds Doped for Attacks, Says Veteran of Korea

D.&C. JUN 26 1951

By JACK VAN BUREN

When Chinese soldiers come charging at you—laughing and singing—there's "something wrong someplace."

Marine Pfc. Donald C. Gunkel of Rochester thinks it's 'D-O-P-E."

The 20-year-old Leatherneck, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gunkel of 11 Dover St., spelled out the word yesterday and then gave his reasons why.

"On Chinese soldiers we killed and captured," he said, "we found little bottles about 1½ inches high that were filled with a black, murky liquid. And on about one out of every 10, we found a hypodermic needle."

"Just put two and two together," suggested the local Marine, who returned home Saturday from Korea, where he was wounded twice in 10 months of combat.

Wears 2 Purple Hearts

"Time and time again," Private Gunkel said, "Chinese soldiers would come charging at us—laughing, singing and screaming. You could fire two, three, maybe four bullets into one—but still he'd keep coming and still he'd keep laughing and singing until he'd drop dead." He continued:

"Normal men don't act like that in war, "there's got to be something wrong someplace, and as far as I'm concerned, the Chinese soldiers are all doped up. The little bottles with black liquid and the hypodermic needles we found on them proved that to me."

Private Gunkel wears two Purple Hearts for his Korean wounds. He first was hit by mortar fire last December when his 7th Regiment of the 1st Marine Division was trapped near the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea.

"That was just after the Chinese entered the war," he said, "they came sweeping down from the Manchurian border and encircled our regiment near the reservoir. I was hit by mortar fire shrapnel in the leg, and was evacuated to an Army hospital in Japan after we fought our way out of the trap."

He was wounded the second time only two months later. That time, he was struck in the head by shrapnel from a mortar shell explosion. He recuperated again, was returned to action for about two months, and then was taken out of combat duty after his chaplain learned of his being wounded twice. (All Marines wounded twice are taken out of combat duty.)

Kiss from Sister

As Private Gunkel related his Korean war experiences at his home yesterday, his little sister, Valerie, 6, clung close to his side and every now and then would plant a kiss on her hero-brother's cheek.

"Besides the matter of Chinese using or being made to use dope," the local Marine said, "I was impressed by the fact that most Chinese soldiers liked it when they were captured. It seems they were happy and content just to sit in a prisoner-of-war camp and get three cooked meals every day."

After his 30-day furlough is up, Private Gunkel said he must report to the Marine Base at Quantico, Va. "Have a hunch that I might be sent to school again," the Edison Technical High School graduate said, "you know you never can learn too much."

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'WELCOME HOME' for Cpl. Alfred Otto Gault included getting acquainted with four young relatives born while he was away on Army duty. Back from Korea, he was greeted by (from left) Richard Perrin, Bonnie Ann Harris, Richard Iannone Jr. and Christine Hall. (Times-Union photo by Cla[illegible] B[illegible])

TIMES-UNION JUL 2. 1951

Babies Swamp GI Home from Korea; Born to Relatives While He Fought

Cpl. Alfred Otto Gault, 21, was home today on rotation from Korea and found himself arm-deep in tiny relatives he never had seen before.

They are youngsters born to relatives while he was away. And the daddies of the cute quartet are all ex-servicemen themselves.

Gault, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred F. Gault, 610 Avenue D, got acquainted fast with the babies, who examined their strapping GI relative with a combination of awe and kisses.

The babies are Richard Iannone Jr., 9 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Iannone, of the Avenue D address; Bonnie Ann Harris, 12 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harris, 439 Stonewood Ave.; Christine Hall, 12 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall, 850 Clinton Ave. N.; and Richard Perrin, 16 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Perrin, 1040 Joseph Ave.

Richard is Gault's nephew. The others are cousins.

The corporal fought with a heavy weapons outfit in the 27th Infantry Regiment (Wolfhounds), 25th Division.

In the Korea fighting since last July 10, he has been in service three years and expects to be in one more. Following his 30-day furlough, he reports to Camp Kilmer, N. J., for reassignment.

Gault, who wears the Combat Infantryman's Badge, attended Paul Revere Trade School before enlisting.

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Rochester Soldier Wounded For Third Time in Korea War

Pvt. Harold M. Goldberg, 21, was wounded in Korea July 17 for the third time, a Defense Department telegram yesterday notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Goldberg, 51 Gorham St.



PVT. HAROLD M. GOLDBERG

Private Goldberg, whom the telegram described as "slightly wounded," in a letter last week to his fiancee, Jane Kouba of Oklahoma City, Okla., said that he was on assignment for the Stars and Stripes, Army newspaper, when he was hit.

His group, he wrote, "was ambushed by the Chinese. Mortar and shrapnel began falling, and I blanked out." When the soldier awoke he was in the Army first aid station. He told Miss Kouba that he was hit eight times by shrapnel, "in the leg, arms and eye."

Goldberg is a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School and also attended the University of Rochester.

He was first wounded shortly after he arrived in Korea in January during an hill-taking action that won him a Bronze Star. Following his release after a month in the Army hospital at Taejon, Goldberg was wounded the second time in the last crossing of the Han River. He was assigned to the Stars and Stripes as a reporter after his return to duty in May.

The soldier last night sent a telegram to his parents not to write anymore, adding, "Expect to be home soon."

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City GI Hurt in Fall At Front Line in Korea

TIMES UNION AUG 31 1951

Cpl. Norman R. Georgi, 362 Rawlinson Rd., Irondequoit, has been injured while on duty in Korea.

Cpl. Georgi is recovering in an Army hospital in Japan his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruno O. Georgi, learned in a recen letter from their son.

He told them he broke his shoulder in a fall at the front lines Aug. 14 while he was waiting to be sent home on rotation. Cpl. Georgi is a member of the 7th Infantry Regiment of the 3d Division. He is a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School and has seen overseas duty in Italy as well as in Korea.



CPL. GEORGI

TIMES UNION APR 18 1952



'CAMPING OUT' IN KOREA—Cpl. Robert C. Greeley (right) has written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greeley, 30 Hawkins St., that the spot where he is stationed in Korea reminds him of the country near his favorite Adirondack fishing grounds at Jay. Cpl. Greeley, a rifleman-cook, is pictured outside his tent with a young Korean friend.

Sergeant Wounded In Korean Action

D. & C. MAY 29 1952

Sgt. 1/c Samuel L. Giordano, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Giordano, 1231 Clifford Ave., was wounded in action in Korea, May 17, his parents were informed by the Department of the Army.



SAMUEL L. GIORDANO

According to letters to his mother from his Army friends, Sergeant Giordano was wounded "only superficially" on the legs and back by mortar fragments. He now is recovering in a hospital in Japan. Mrs. Giordano also received a letter of reassurance from her son yesterday.

Sergeant Giordano enlisted in the Army in October, 1949, was sent to Korea 14 months ago to serve as platoon leader of a 45th Infantry Division mortar crew. A graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, he is an Eagle Scout and Rochester Turner trophy-winning athlete.

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Ex-Guard at Koje Tells Of Red 'Terror' Courts

TIMES UNION MAY 29 1952

A 20-year-old Rochester soldier who spent 10 months guarding prisoners of war at riot-rocked Koje Island described today how the Communists meted out punishment among themselves.

Pasquale (Pat) Gaudio of 73 Ambrose St., corporal with the 2nd Division, told of "kangaroo courts" conducted by Communist PW leaders in the various compounds on the island.



Gaudio

He said that several self-appointed leaders try to control the prisoners by killings and beatings. The soldier related that the "courts" are held at night while United Nations personnel are outside the compounds.

Gaudio said the leaders gather together quietly and call the prisoner-suspect before them and decide what to do about him.

"Sometimes they cut out the prisoner's tongue," he continued, "sometimes they crack open his skull wtih a rock or heavy piece of metal and sometimes they bury him alive."

Gaudio said there were not too many of these cases. When the prisoners responsible for the killings or beatings are uncovered they are separated from the rest and put in compounds for war crimes suspects, he said.

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GAUDIO SAID he went to Koje in February of last year after a couple of months at a PW camp at Pusan. He had served four months in the front lines, then near Seoul, prior to the transfer.

He said that the Koje Island camp was just being started when he was sent there and that his battalion took 10,000 prisoners with them to build the camp. He served first as sanitation NCO and later as a compound commander.

"The prisoners could act like human beings or they could act like so many animals," he related. "They got trouble only when they asked for it."

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THE ROCHESTER SOLDIER enlisted in the Army Apr. 8, 1949, and was stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., until July, 1950, when he was sent to Korea. He attended St. Anthony's School before enlisting.

He is now based at the Yuma Test Station in Arizona where he was sent following his rotation from Koje in December, 1951. He expects to be discharged in July.

Local GI Returning From Combat in Korea

Pfc. Donald R. Graham has left the 45th Infantry Division in Korea for return to the United States under an Army rotation program. His division, an Oklahoma National Guard unit, was called to active duty in September, 1950, and trained at Camp Polk, La., and on Hokkaido, Japan. The division arrived in Korea last December. Graham is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Graham of 437 Caroline St.

D. & C. AUG 4 1952

Sgt. Donald J. Gardner Wounded in Action

Sgt. Donald J. Gardner, who was seriously wounded in the arm Sept. 22 during the furious Kelly Hill action in Korea, is recuperating from his injuries and is expected to return to the United States within a month, his mother, Mrs. Marion Gardner, 185 Alexander St., said yesterday.



DONALD J. GARDNER

The 23-year-old soldier, who had been serving as a tank battalion commander in Korea for more than a year received his first wound within a few weeks of the date he was scheduled for rotation leave.

Sgt. Gardner enlisted in the Army in September, 1950, after working for 4 years for Monroe Tree Surgeons. It was as a tree worker that in 1949 he was credited with saving the life of a fellow worker who was struck by a high voltage wire. Gardner flung the wire off the man with a pair of tree snips and applied artificial respiration. For that act he received an award from the Rochester Safety Council.

D. & C. OCT 9 1952

Second Wound Bringing Home Rochester Marine from Korea

D. & C. FEB 1 1953

His second wound is bringing Marine Pfc. Bruce R. Gilzow home to Rochester, his mother has been notified, but the extent of his wounds and exactly when he'll be home hasn't been told her.



PFC. BRUCE G. GILZOW

Private Gilzow was most recently wounded Jan. 7, but where it happened and how, neither the Defense Department nor the Marine has recounted. Mrs. Raymond C. Enney of 14 Cornell St., the 19-year-old serviceman's mother, said her son dashed off a letter while being treated aboard the hospital ship USS Constellation in Korean waters.

He said, Mrs. Enney reported, that he was headed for Japan to be returned to the United States in accordance with Marine Corps policy that returns its fighting men who have been wounded twice, if the wounds required more than 48 hours treatment.

Gilzow suffered his first wound last Oct. 31 in the fighting north of Seoul. A mortar shell burst nearby and left him with concussion and burns of the face. This time, the Marine told his mother, he has a left arm injury and leg wound, but added no details.

Dad OKs Son's Enlistment In Letter from Korea Front

D. & C. MAR 3 1953

Richard Garrett walked into the Army recruiting station in the Federal Building here and said he wanted to sign up.



RICHARD GARRETT

He said he already had passed the mental and physical tests a month ago in Louisville, Ky., where he was living near his brother stationed at Fort Knox. But the waiting list was so long it'd be months before he'd be called, he explained.

So he returned to his native Rochester and his grandparents' home at 124 Fitzhugh St. S. with hopes local recruiters could show a little more action. His brother, Robert, 21, just finished 11 months of combat in Korea.

But because Dick is only 17, the local recruiters said he'd have to get signed permission from his dad and legal guardian and then he could be sent to Buffalo Mar. 9 to retake the entrance tests. He said he'd get the permission, but that it would take a little time.

That was three weeks ago. Yesterday, Dick received the signed papers from his dad—Oscar Garrett, a corporal serving with the Army in Korea.

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City GI Wounded In Korea

MAR 18 1953

Word of wounds in both legs suffered in Korea by Pfc. Sam Giuliano, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Giuliano of 241 Parkway, was received yesterday from the Army.



SAM GIULIANO

The soldier, who has been fighting in Korea since September, described his injuries as flesh wounds in a letter, his mother said. From an unidentified hospital he wrote the wounds were "nothing to worry about."

Giuliano attended Jefferson High School and later worked at the Ritter Company before being drafted Apr. 24, 1952. His fighting unit is the 9th Infantry Regiment.

Roslyn St. GI Suffers Wound

D. & C. MAR 30 1953

According to an official Department of Defense announcement last night, **Pfc. Nicholas A. Granchelli**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Granchelli, 115 Roslyn St., has been wounded in action in the Korean area. His parents confirmed the report and said they had received a letter from their son who is now recovering in a hospital in Japan.

Pfc. Granchelli Wounded in Action

UNION MAR 30 1953

Pfc. Nicholas A. Granchelli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Granchelli of 115 Roslyn St., is recovering in a hospital in Japan of a wound suffered in action in Korea.

His parents confirmed a Defense Department announcement of the wound and said they had received a letter from their son.

Brighton Soldier Due In U.S. from Korea

Pfc. Bernard Gordon, 24, of 415 Oakdale Dr., Brighton, is expected to land tomorrow in New York from Korea aboard the transport Gen. S. D. Sturgis. The son of Dave Gordon of the JYMA, Bernard was called into the Army in October, 1951 and has been in Korea since April, 1952. He was graduated from Brighton High School in 1948. He had finished three years at Rochester Institute of Technology before leaving for Korea where he was assigned to the Headquarters Company in the 223rd Regiment.

D. & C. JUL 1 1953

MAY 21 1954

Army Engineer In Area to Leave

Col. Philip R. Garges, Army district engineer with jurisdiction over the Buffalo and Rochester areas, will leave the post July 31 to become staff engineer at The Citadel, a military college at Charleston, S.C., it was announced yesterday.

He will be succeeded by Col. Loren W. Olmstead, who will be graduated from the Armed Forces Industrial College in Washington, D. C. Headquarters of the district engineer is at Engineer Park in Buffalo.

Services Set For War Hero

D & C JUN 16 1955

Requiem Mass for Cpl. Ivan J. Greenwood, killed in action in Korea Nov. 30, 1950, will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Saturday in St. Cecelia's Church, Gates.

The body of Cpl. Greenwood, who was the son of Mrs. Charles Thorpe of 589 Elmgrove Rd., Gates, and Ivan E. Greenwood, is expected to arrive here today. He served with the 38th Infantry Regiment.

Besides his parents, Cpl. Greenwood, who was 19, is survived by a sister, Mrs. Hilda Hewitt; two brothers, Charles and James Greenwood, and several nieces and nephews. Charles Greenwood also served in the Korean War. The prayer service will be held at 8:30 a.m. Saturday in the Hengstler-Menges Funeral Home, 2793 Culver Rd.

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PFC. GEORGE J. HOFFMAN

TIMES UNION OCT 18 1951

Spencerport GI Wounded Second Time

Pfc. George J. Hoffman, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoffman, 2635 Nichols St., Spencerport, is the latest area soldier to be wounded in the Korean fighting.

It was Hoffman's second wound, and at the same place—Heartbreak Ridge.

He first was hit in September, but returned to the front line. Then he was wounded Oct. 6 by Red mortar fire, suffering wounds in the leg and face. Hoffman was hospitalized at Wonju and expects to be transferred to a hospital in Japan.

In Korea three months with an infantry outfit, he is a Bronze Star man. Hoffman is a graduate of Bloomfield, N. J., High School. He entered service last December.

War Casualty Sees Good Side —Now He Can Take Daily Bath

"Imagine taking a shower yesterday, and one again today!" That privilege, taken for granted in America and apparently unheard of with combat troops in Korea, was one of the "advantages" Pfc. James Holton, 22, found in being wounded.

Holton, now in a hospital near Tokyo, wrote to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holton of 39 Garfield St., and to his wife, Mrs. Mary Holton of 22 Wilder Ter., and told of the "wonderful" treatment he was getting.



PFC. JAMES HOLTON

Although he said he wasn't superstitious, he did note that he was wounded in the knee on Friday the (April) 13th. He was in action with the 32nd Battalion of the 7th Infantry Division.

After he was graduated from Madison High School in 1947, Holton worked at Stecher-Traung Lithograph Corporation. He enlisted in the Army in January, 1949, served at Fort Lewis, Wash., and was discharged a year later. A reservist, he was recalled Oct. 22, a week after he was married. He arrived in Korea on Christmas Day.

Between tours of duty, Holton worked at Case-Hoyt Corporation. According to his wife, he had just become a printer's helper.

His mother said that his last letter assured her he was "coming along well" in the hospital and inferred he was lucky. Holton wrote that his battalion was "pretty well mangled" by the Reds.

D. & C. MAY 5 1951

Rochester GI In Korea Mines Bridges

TIMES UNION JUL 1 1950

Blow 'em up!
Rebuild 'em!

This is the bridge mission in embattled Korea for U. S. Army Engineers, including bullet-dodging Pvt. Edward Howser Jr., only 18.



HOWSER

Young Howser, whose home is at 168 Asbury St., currently is engaged in picking likely bridges for destruction in an Engineer reconnaissance group led by Lt. Robert Mann of Pittsburgh.

In an Associated Press dispatch "Near the front in Korea," War Correspondent William R. Moore mentioned young Howser in reporting:

"These dynamite jugglers have slowed by precious hours and days the forward leaps of the death-snorting Communist tanks from North Korea.

"The engineers don't seem to mediate much on the damage a sniper's bullet might do to the explosives they lug around. They go doggedly about their destructive work and take a certain pride in watching a bridge fly to pieces.

"These specialists have to be able to jump in either direction. If the defense holds and becomes an advance their next job may be rebuilding blown-up bridges. If another withdrawal is ordered, they must be ready to destroy other bridges."

Young Howser, who attended Paul Revere Trade School here, in his most recent letter to his family remarked:

"I used to like the Army. But not right now."

He last was in Rochester early this year to attend the funeral of his mother.

Howser, who enlisted in the Army just before last Christmas lived with his father, Edward Sr., three sisters and a younger brother.

GI Hurt: Saves Life Of Officer

TIMES UNION APR 20 1951

Cpl. Robert W. Hoyt, 18, expects to be awarded the Silver Star for saving the life of one of his company officers, he said in a letter received by his mother.



CPL. HOYT

The young soldier, who was wounded Mar. 24 in Korea, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Hoyt, 265 Carlisle St.

Mrs. Hoyt received three letters before a Defense Department telegram, notifying her of the casualty, arrived. Cpl. Hoyt wrote that he "got it in the back" but that, after hospitalization at Taegu, he expected to be back on duty shortly.

Young Hoyt enlisted in the Army in August, 1949, was sent overseas last August and assigned Nov. 1 to an infantry outfit in Korea.

He attended P. S. 34 and Jefferson High School and is one of five children.

City Soldier Slightly Hurt In Korea War

D. & C. SEP 22 1950

Corp. Gerald S. Hubble Wounded on Sept. 11

Corp. Gerald S. Hubble, 19, was slightly wounded in action in Korea on Sept. 11, according to a Defense Department telegram received yesterday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Hubble, 119 Ravine Ave.



GERALD HUBBLE

Corporal Hubble, a gunner on a 105 mm. field artillery piece enlisted in the Army in August, 1949. He received basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., and last Spring spent some time in Puerto Rico on maneuvers.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubble have received only one letter from their son since his arrival in Korea, which they estimate was the last of July. Corporal Hubble attended Edison Technical High School prior to his enlistment.

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City Youth Wounded

Pvt. Bernard J. Hamilton, 17, serving with the 5th Cavalry Regiment, has been reported slightly wounded Oct. 18 in Korea, according to a Defense Department telegram received by his grandmother, Mrs. Caroline Hamilton of 162 Kislingbury St.



HAMILTON

In a letter to Mrs. Hamilton, the young soldier said he received grenade and shrapnel wounds in the leg and chest. The letter was written before Chinese Communist intervention and Hamilton said the GIs expected to be back in Japan by Thanksgiving.

The youth added that he was "beginning to forget what civilization is like." He was graduated from Holy Rosary Sochool and attended Aquinas Institute. He enlisted in the Army last March.

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EDWARD TEJW, post adjutant said the youth signed his application for membership in the post last December, shortly before his unit was flown from North Carolina to Korea.

"He's the first member of the armed services from Korea crisis to be accepted into the American Legion in this county," said Robert Hardies, county vicecommander and county membership chairman, and an uncle of Pfc. Hardies.

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YOUNG HARDIES is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert R. Hardies. He graduated in 1949 from Edison Technical High School, where he played in the band and participated in track and swimming activities.

Enlisting in the Marine Corps in July, 1949, he served a year and was honorably discharged as a reservist. He was recalled to duty last September.

In a message, obviously written hastily on a scrap of paper and mailed to his family early this month, he stated he had been in frontline fighting more than a month.

And he had an apology to offer: He had been unable to get writing paper. That's why his letter was written on scrap paper.

Enemy Bullets Wound 2 GIs From County

D. & C. DEC 23 1950

British-Born Sergeant, GI with 1st Cavalry Korea Casualties

One Rochester serviceman and one from Greece have been wounded in action in Korea according to letters received by their parents.

Sgt. Vernon E. Hayter Wounded in Leg

Sgt. Vernon E. Hayter received a left leg wound in action near the Manchurian border his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percival Hayter, 244 Ridgedale Circle, Greece, learned from a letter their son wrote. Confirmation from the Defense Department was received yesterday.



SGT. VERNON E. HAYTER

Attached to an artillery battery, Sergeant Hayter, an officer and 75 South Koreans went on security patrols for a battery attached the Seventh Division. He wrote his parents that on many of these patrols they brough back prisoners.

D & C 10-29-51

Corporal Helm, now back in the front lines, wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Helm of 57 Champlain St., of the fateful action that day near Churwon. "There aren't many of the boys left," he said on Oct. 11. "We lost 64 in the last two weeks. It looks as if we are going to stop pushing. I hope it is over for awhile, I couldn't stand much more. I sure consider myself lucky. It all happened west of Churwon. Maybe it will be in the news. If you see anything about the 3rd, you will know we were there."



JOSEPH M. HELM

Helm was wounded, suffered pneumonia and frostbite and was one of the last men in the 3rd Division to be evacuated last December when the Chinese surprised the UN troops on the Manchurian border. Helm was hospitalized in Japan for seven months. A veteran of the Pacific Theater in World War 2, he re-enlisted in October, 1948, and was sent to Korea last October.

Marine Pfc. Hoag In Hospital in Japan

Marine Pfc. Richard DeVere Hoag, 23, of George St., Mumford, was wounded in action in Korea in March, according to word received by his family from the Defense Department.

Hoag, a veteran of service in World War 2, was recalled to duty with the Seventh Marine Division last October and went to Korea in January.

He suffered wounds in both legs and has been hospitalized in Japan. Hoag's wife lives at the George St. address.

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Local Soldier Lost in Korea, Like His Chum

D. & C. JUL 31 1950

Edward D. Howser and Charles E. Greenwood attended the same high school.

They entered the Army within 12 days of each other.



EDWARD D. HOWSER

And yesterterday they were again united — this time, in the missing in action lists for the Korean war.

Howser, who is 18 and the son of Edward J. Howser of 168 Asbury St., was reported missing yesterday morning. According to the telegram received by the elder Howser from the Department of Defense, the soldier has been missing since July 16. He was the third Rochesterian reported missing in action. Greenwood was the first.

Chums at Trade School

Greenwood, who has been missing since July 5, was a school chum of Howser's at the Paul Revere Trade School, the father said.

According to the Army Recruiting Office, Greenwood enlisted on Nov. 17, 1949, and young Howser followed him on Nov. 29. Following his enlistment, Howser was assigned to the 3rd Armored Division, Corps of Engineers, and sent to Fort Knox, Ky., for basic training. He had had 10 months and 23 days service credit as a seaman with the Naval Reserve.

Two days before he was missing, Howser was mentioned, on July 14, by Associated Press correspondent William R. Moore as taking part in a reconnaissance mission with the Army Engineers.

Dynamite Juggler

Moore, in a dispatch called "Near the Front in Korea," numbered Howser among those "dynamite jugglers, who have slowed by precious hours and days the forward leaps of the death-snorting Communist tanks from North Korea." Howser's outfit was at that time blowing up bridges along the line of the Red advance.

In his most recent letter, Howser told his family he "used to like Korea. But not right now."

He was last in Rochester to attend the funeral of his mother who died on Feb. 25, 1950. He was born Oct. 2, 1931, and has three sisters and a younger brother.

Pvt. Donald M. Hardy 1st Infantry Division

D&C Aug. 10, 1950

A soldier with the First Infantry Division, Pvt. Donald M. Hardy of Batavia, has been slightly wounded in action in Korea, it was reported yesterday. Private Hardy is 18, and the son of Mrs. Armand Hardy of 50 East Main St. Rd. According to his brother, William Hardy of Le Roy, Private Hardy has been in the Army about six months. He attended schools at Pavilion and Batavia.

Casualty Husband Of Greece Woman

D&C Sept. 20 1950

Marine Pfc. Alfred Lee Howard, 24, was wounded Aug. 7 in Korea, according to a telegram received by his wife who lives in Greece.

Mrs. Howard, the former Agnes Hape, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oskar Hape, 374 Stonewood Ave., Greece, met Private Howard while she was visiting her brother last June at the Naval Ordinance Testing Station, China Lake, Calif. They were married June 22 in California. Mrs. Howard returned to Rochester when her husband was sent overseas with the First Marine Division. She is employed at Kodak Park.

Private Howard of Caldwell, Idaho, was serving with the 5th Marine Regiment, First Marine Division, when he was wounded. He wrote his wife he is recovering from shell shock and concussion in a hospital in Japan. He served on Guam with the Seabees during World War 2.

D. & C. SEP 22 1950

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GERALD HUBBLE

Corporal Hubble, a gunner on a 105 mm. field artillery piece enlisted in the Army in August, 1949. He received basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., and last Spring spent some time in Puerto Rico on maneuvers.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubble have received only one letter from their son since his arrival in Korea, which they estimate was the last of July. Corporal Hubble attended Edison Technical High School prior to his enlistment.

Cpl. Hubble Wounded, Eludes Shell

TIMES UNION OCT 23 1950

Back home from Korea today catching up on sleep and mother's cooking is Cpl. Gerald S. Hubble, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Hubble, 119 Ravine Ave.

And he's particularly happy to be home because of a narrow escape Sept. 11 when he was on duty with his field artillery outfit north of Taegu. Hearing an enemy artillery shell coming in, Hubble headed for a foxhole and escaped except for injuries to his left hand.

After the explosion, he went to another foxhole and had a buddy apply a tourniquet to his bleeding arm. Then a second enemy shell exploded —a direct hit on the foxhole the 19-year-old had just jumped out of.

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"IT'S GREAT TO BE HOME"

D.& C. OCT 23 1950

Service with a smile from his mother along with the pie that Mrs. George T. Hubble made for her son, Cpl. Gerald S. Hubble, 19, of 119 Ravine Ave., help him forget his recent troubles in Korea. On Sept. 11, Cpl. Hubble was wounded and narrowly escaped death.

11th His Lucky Day, Says Wounded GI

"From now on, the 11th of every month will certainly be my lucky day."

That is what Cpl. Gerald S. Hubble, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Hubble, 119 Ravine Ave., said yesterday as he relaxed in his living room, surrounded by his family.

On Sept. 11 Corporal Hubble was in a foxhole, just north of Taegu, the hotly contested railhead in the Korean beachhead. He was a member of the 9th Field Artillery Battalion acting in support of the 1st Cavalry Division.

Shells Dodged in Foxhole

It was the period in the Korean war when American and North Korean artillery units were staging some of their heaviest artillery duels.

As Hubble sat in his foxhole, he heard his chief of section order the men to man the 155 mm howitzers. Hubble started from his foxhole to take his position as gunner. Halfway to the gun emplacement, he heard an enemy artillery shell coming in.

Running at top speed, he jumped into his foxhole just as the shell burst nearby. But his left hand was on the edge when the shell exploded, with the result that several fingers were badly hurt.

Tourniquet Applied

Bleeding profusely, Hubble went to the foxhale of a buddy to put a tourniquet on his arm to stop bleeding. Just after he reached his buddy's foxhole, a second shell exploded. This time enemy gunners scored a direct hit on Hubble's vacant foxhole. As he said yesterday, "I guess I was just lucky that I wasn't there when it hit."

Eleven has played a prominent part in the young veteran's combat career. On Aug. 11, he went into combat; on Sept. 11 he was wounded, and on Oct. 11, he was sent to St. Albans Naval Hospital on Long Island.

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Grenade Wounds City GI, Member of 1st Cavalry

Private Bernard J. Hamilton, 17, has been slightly wounded in Korea, according to a Defense Department telegram received by his grandmother, Mrs. Caroline Hamilton, 162 Kislingbury St.

Private Hamilton, a member of the 5th Cavalry Regiment, First Calvary Division, was reported wounded Oct. 18. In a letter dated Oct. 16, the young GI had said he received grenade shrapnel wounds in the leg and chest.



BERNARD J. HAMILTON

"They are just about done here, and we all expect to be in Japan by Thanksgiving," Private Hamilton said in the letter written before Chinese Communists were reported aiding the North Koreans. "I'm beginning to forget what civilization is like," he added.

Private Hamilton was graduated from Holy Rosary School and attended Aquinas Institute. He enlisted in the Army last March.

Koreans Anti-Red, Says War 2 Colonel

D & C NOV 10 1950

Colonel Ward L. Hamilton, commander of South Korean railroads after World War 2, last night pictured the Koreans as a friendly people whose Oriental outlook Americans should strive to understand in order to be of help.

Colonel Hamilton, now commander of 98th Division Artillery, Organized Reserve, addressed a dinner meeting of the Rochester Chapter, Institute of National Auditors, in the Normandie Hotel. He is at present employed by the Ritter Company, Inc., as director of its factory research laboratory. Colonel Hamilton expressed his opinion that after the war Americans should be sent to Korea in an advisory capacity to try to understand the Koreans and aid the people, rather than to run the country. He told the auditors he believes the North Koreans, given a chance, would join South Korea in opposing the Communists.

TIMES UNION DEC 2 - 1950



RED TANK DEFUNCT—Chaplain Bernard L. Hickey (left), former assistant pastor at St. Margaret Mary's Church, joins with Sgt. E. E. Buhman of St. Louis to inspect a knocked-out Red tank in the Chosin Reservoir sector, North Korea. A graduate of St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, Father Hickey entered the service in July, 1949. (AP Wirephoto)

City Soldier, 19, Killed in Action

Pvt. Edward D. Howser, son of Edward J. Howser of 168 Asbury St., yesterday was listed killed in action in Korea.



EDWARD D. HOWSER

The 19-year-old serviceman previously was reported missing in action by the Defense Department last July 16. He had been assigned to the 3rd Armored Division, Corps of Engineers.

Two days before he was listed as missing, the youth had been cited in an Associated Press dispatch for participating in a reconnaissance mission with the Army Engineers. He was numbered among the "dynamite jugglers" who then were engaged in blowing up bridges along the line of a Red advance.

A school chum of Howser's, Charles E. Greenwood, enlisted 12 days before his friend. Greenwood was the first Rochesterian reported missing in action and Howser was the third. The two attended Paul Revere Trade School.

According to the Army Recruiting Office, Howser enlisted Nov. 29, 1949, and received basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. He had had 10 months and 23 days service credit as a seaman with the Naval Reserve. He was last in Rochester to attend the funeral of his mother, who died on Feb. 25, 1950. He is survived by his father, three sisters and a younger brother.

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'I Can't Take It Any More'---Marine Sums Up War Horror

TIMES UNION DEC 11 1950

Friendships broken by death in battle, retreat, and months of physical misery can add up to more than a man—any man—can bear.

The following letter, written eight days ago by Marine Cpl. Oscar (Dick) Hape Jr., 21, from a hospital bed in Japan, reflects the war in Korea.



CPL. HAPE

"Dear Mom and Dad—

"I'm OK and I hope you're okay, too. Right now, I'm in a hospital in Japan. It's just a little shock. My nerves are all shot. All my buddies have been killed by Chinese Reds. I can't fight any more. I can't take it any more.

"I will write again, but don't you write until I've settled down and can send you an address.

"Love,
"Dick"

"P. S. Keep your chins up."

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hape Sr., 374 Stonewood Ave., he has been in the Marine Corps since 1946. He was sent to Korea in August.

As a member of the 1st Marine Division, he made the landing at Inchon and was in the grim street fighting for Seoul. His outfit was among those which made the push to Northwest Korea—and the brutal 50-mile retreat back again.

Hape, who is married, attended Charlotte High.

Rochester Marine Wounded In Fighting In North Korea

D. & C. DEC 20 1950

To the list of more than 115 Rochester and Monroe County servicemen who have become casualties in the Korean War was added yesterday the name of wounded Marine Pfc. Robert R. Hagen, 22.

Hagen, son of Mrs Cecilia Hagen of 193 Chestnut St., told his mother in a radiogram, sent several days ago, that he was in a Navy hospital in Japan. His message did not indicate the extent of his wounds, according to his mother.

In his last letter, written Thanksgiving Day, Hagen said he was near the North Korean city of Hamhung while serving with a unit of the 1st Marine Division. He had been in Korea since July.

Before enlisting in the Marines for his first hitch of 18 months, during which he spent six months in China, Hagen attended Monroe High School. Then after a period of employment with the General Railway Signal Company, he reenlisted in the Marines.

His twin brothers served in the Merchant Marine during World War 2. One of the twins now is a sergeant in the Marines.

Wounds Fell Sgt. Hayter

TIMES UNION DEC 23 1950

Latest Rochester man reported on the Korea casualty list is Sgt. Vernon E. Hayter, who suffered a leg wound in action near the Manchurian border.



SGT. HAYTER

Hayter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Percival Hayter, 244 Ridgedale Circle, Greece.

He was attached to an artillery battery. With an officer and 75 South Koreans, he had been on security patrols.

Hayter wrote his parents that pri oners were taken on many of th patrols.

TIMES UNION MAR 8 - 1951

Two More Wounded In Korea

Two more Rochester area names were added today to the list of Korean wounded. They are:

Pfc. Elvin J. Howe, 24, husband of Mrs. Waltrand Howe, 95 Wadsworth St., and **Pfc. Donald T. Godfrey,** of Marion.

Mrs. Howe, Berlin-born war bride who met her husband in Germany during World War 2, said a Defense Department telegram stated that Pfc. Howe was wounded in the left arm.

He enlisted in 1944 and was recalled to active duty in October last year. The couple has a son, Wayne, 2.

Howe's brother, John, served in the Navy in World War 2, and their father, Elvin C. Howe, is a veteran of two wars.

Godfrey, a Marine, is home on furlough visiting his wife. One of the first Marines to go to Korea, he was wounded and taken to a hospital in Japan for treatment.

Sent back to Korea, he suffered frostbite in both feet and was returned to the States for treatment.

Godfrey enlisted in August, 1948, and was stationed at Guam for some time.



PFC. ELVIN J. HOWE

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World War 2 Vet Wounded In Arm During Korean Fighting

D. & C. MAR 8 - 1951

Pfc. Elvin J. Howe, 24, a veteran of World War 2, was wounded Feb. 14 while serving with the 24th Division in Korea, it was learned yesterday.



ELVIN J. HOWE

A Defense Department telegram received by his German-born wife, Mrs. Waltrand Howe, of 95 Wadsworth St., stated he was wounded in the left arm. Mrs. Howe is a native of Berlin, where Howe was stationed just after fighting stopped in Europe.

Howe enlisted in the Army in 1944. He and his wife returned to the United States in 1947. Howe was recalled to active duty Oct. 11, 1950, and was shipped overseas a few weeks later. The couple has a 2-year-old son, Wayne.

A brother, John E., was in the Navy, and their father, Elvin C. of 71 Stillson St., is a veteran of two wars. He was an infantryman in World War 1, and an instructor in ordnance at Camp Chaffee, Ark., in 1942.

1st Veteran Of Korea Joins Legion

TIMES UNION MAR 13 1951

A teenage Marine is about to become the first veteran of the fighting in Korea to be accepted into the American Legion in Monroe County.



PFC. HARDIES

Pfc. Albert Martin Hardies of 112 Resolute St. will become a member of Sargent Force Post 1228 when the post holds its monthly meeting at 8:30 p. m. Thursday in the 40&8 Clubhouse, 933 University Ave.

But Hardies—who will be 20 a week from today— won't be present for the honor. He's still in Korea with the 1st Marine Division.



PFC. BERNARD HAMILTON

Pfc. Hamilton Wants War to Stay from U. S.

T. U. 3-16-51

A 17-year-old Rochester soldier has crowded a lot of fighting into his short Army career—enough so he figures war should be kept away from America.

He is **Pfc. Bernard Hamilton,** whose grandmother, Mrs. Caroline Hamilton, lives at 162 Kislingbury St. Bernard, who will be 18 Monday, is in Mercy Hospital at Waltham, Mass., recovering from a bullet wound in his ankle. Physicians have told Mrs. Hamilton that the youth should be walking freely again in four months or less.

Shortly after he went into action in Korea less than a year ago, a bullet passed completely through his helmet but did not injure him.

Later he was hit and seriously wounded by shrapnel. A cousin, Patrick Fitzsimmons, who lives at the same address, is fighting in Korea.

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YOUNG HAMILTON was quoted in an interview when he arrived at Boston as saying he did not feel America should pull back to defense lines closer to home.

"You can't feel that way," he said, "when you see what we have seen."

City Soldier Wounded in Korea War

D. & C. APR 20 1951

Cpl. Robert W. Hoyt, 18, was wounded in Korea on Mar. 24, the Defense Department reported yesterday.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Hoyt of 265 Carlisle St., Hoyt enlisted in the Armored Tank Corps in August, 1949, and took his basic training at Fort Dix, N. J. He was sent overseas last August and was assigned to the 15th Infantry Regiment in Korea about Nov. 1.



ROBERT W. HOYT

In a defense Department telegram on Apr. 12 his mother was notified that her son had been "slightly wounded." She had, however, received three letters from him before the telegram arrived. In one dated Mar. 26, two days after he was wounded, the corporal wrote that "he got it in the back." From a hospital in Taegu, he wrote Mrs. Hoyt that he hoped to return to duty shortly and expected to get his sergeant's stripes. In a letter to another member of the family, Corporal Hoyt said he is to be awarded the Silver Star for saving the life of one of his company officers.

Educated at School 34 and Jefferson High School, he is one of five children.

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PFC. JAMES HOLTON

13th Hoodoo For GI Shot In Knee

Apr. 13 proved a hoodoo day for **Pfc. James Holton,** 22, who was shot through the knee while fighting with an infantry outfit in Korea.

Holton, now in a hospital in Japan, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holton, 39 Garfield St., and husband of Mrs. Mary Holton, 22 Wilder Ter.

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A MADISON HIGH School graduate and former employe of Case-Hoyt, he enlisted in Janury, 1949, served a year, and became a reservist. He was recalled to active duty last October, shortly after his marriage, and arrived in Korea last Christmas Day.

His mother said that his last letter assured her he was "coming along well" in the hospital and inferred he was lucky. Young Holton wrote that his battalion was "pretty well mangled" by the Reds.

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JUNE CHRISTMAS—S/Sgt. Norman E. Hutchinson and his mother, Mrs. Lillian Hutchinson, enjoy a delayed Yuletide celebration.

Today's Christmas

TIMES UNION JUN 8 - 1951

GI Celebrates Yule After 11 Months in War

It's Christmas today in Rochester for a young GI who spent the real Christmas last December in a Korean foxhole.

"I made up my mind a long time ago that he'd have everything he missed last Christmas just as soon as he got home," explained Mrs. Lillian Hutchinson, 248 Baden St., mother of S/Sgt. Norman E. Hutchinson, 19, who got home Wednesday night after 11 months on the fighting front.

The out-of-season Yultide celebration includes presents, a small tree and a roast turkey. Of his own Christmas at the front, six months ago, Sgt. Hutchinson recalls only that "somebody broke out a bottle of Sake." Except for that, it was just another fighting day.

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THE YOUNG INFANTRYMAN was a scout attached to a reconnaissance company of the Army's Second or Indianhead Division. It was this division, together with French units, that held the vital Wonju road-hub last Winter and is credited with breaking the back of the early Red onslaught.

Sgt. Hutchinson fought several days with the French just before the 1st Cavalry Division broke through encircling Communists to relieve the surrounded UN defenders of Wonju.

"The French are pretty rugged," he recalled. "They like to use their bayonets and they're shrewd fighters." In many cases, he reported, they outambushed the Chinese.

As a scout it was Sgt. Hutchinson's job to seek out the enemy, find out how many men they had and how many men it would take to blast them out of their positions —all this without firing a shot or being seen.

"That last part was the toughest," commented the young GI, who recalls being cut off several times while scouting.

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"ONE TIME I WAS KNOCKED unconscious by concussion from one of our 75 mm shells," he said. "When I woke up my company was gone and the place was crawling with gooks."

He crawled into a nearby ditch and lay for five hours while his company counter-attacked and finally drove off the Communists.

"They counterattacked with only 29 men against a whole Red regiment," he said. "Afterwards we counted 195 enemy dead on that hillside."

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IN ONE OF THE FIRST UNITS to enter Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, last Fall, Sgt. Hutchinson took a North Korean flag off one of the city's capital buildings. He carried it with him as a souvenir through the entire Winter campaign.

In the Army for two years, Sgt. Hutchinson likes GI life and plans to sign up soon for another six-year hitch. He is home on 30 days leave, following which he will report to Camp Kilmer, N. J., for reassignment.

His older brother Kenneth is also in the Army and his 16 year-old sister Shirley joined the first 1951 flight of Civil Air Patrol Cadets.

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Area Marine Wounded Taking Ammunition to Front Line

A Rochester area Marine was wounded in Korea June 12 while carrying ammunition to front line troops, his father reported last night.

Pfc. William E. Hughes, 20, of the Wangun Rd., Fishers, was hit in both legs by a mortar burst which killed four of the seven men in the ammunition carrying detail and wounded two, according to a letter received Saturday by the local man's father, Mack M. Hughes.



PFC. HUGHES

Writing from a field hospital in Korea, Pfc. Hughes said he and six South Korean soldiers were carrying ammunition to a frontline unit which had radioed it was getting low when an enemy mortar unit "spotted us and zeroed in."

Four of the South Koreans with him were killed by the burst and another was wounded, Pfc. Hughes wrote.

A former resident of East Rochester, where he was graduated from high school in 1949, Pfc. Hughes has been in Korea since April. Before his Marine Reserve unit was called to active duty last November, he was a drill press operator here.

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How a Gunner Makes His Goal

TIMES UNION AUG 6 – 1951

B-26 Sends Red Trucks in Air, Flier Writes

"We had a little excitement," the B-26 gunner said.

A "little" excitement?

This masterpiece of understatement is contained in a letter received by Mrs. E. Stanley Harris of 593 Park Ave., mother of Sgt. John W. (Jack) Harris, who figured in yesterday's flower-dropping ceremony over Hiroshima (see page 1).

His father is day manager of the Roast Beef Tavern and formerly was connected with the Elks Club.

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WHAT IS IT LIKE to make a bombing run over the Reds in North Korea? Here's the vivid, graphic description, as set down in Sgt. Harris' own words:

"It was my 42d mission out of Japan. Our bomber and a C-47 flare ship were getting into enemy territory about sundown.

"Suddenly the C-47 spotted about 100 trucks, standing still on a road and about to move out in a convoy. He radioed in to the ground controller and asked for a bomber to work the trucks over.

"We were just lobbing along when the controller informed us what was going on and gave us the location of the enemy trucks, plus the C-47. We immediately made tracks for the spot.

"The C-47 circled over the place at 8,500 feet and we came in at 8,000. By this time it was dark. To make sure we were in the right location, the C-47 flashed his landing lights.

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GUNNING WITH FLOWERS—Mrs. E. Stanley Harris displays photo of her son, Sgt. John W. Harris, who helped drop flowers on Hiroshimo.

"WE HIT THE TARGET on the ball, and the C-47 and our ship began to work as a team. He dropped four flares, lighting up a valley where the trucks stood.

"Morgan (our pilot) set up his pattern so we'd be clear of any mountains or hills. We dropped to 6,000 feet and the C-47 to 6,200.

"At 3,000 feet the C-47 dropped 15 flares in a row. We came in at a slight dive, doing about 260 mph. The trucks were lined up the length of the valley.

"We pulled out at 750 feet off the deck and cut loose with 500-pound frag clusters. Each cluster holds twenty 20-pound bombs, making it a total of 120 20-pounders.

"Every bomb hit the road—and all hell broke loose below us.

"The first cluster blew five trucks off the road, setting three afire and crushing the other two.

"The second cluster landed in the middle of six trucks, blowing them to pieces in a flash of fire that looked like a giant flash bulb going off.

"The third bomb hit four trucks and blew them apart.

"The fourth landed in a group of nine and started a big fire that kept giving off secondary explosions.

"The fifth bomb landed in a group of about nine trucks and knocked them to Kingdom Come. I saw one truck fly through the air like a football and toss out a couple of bodies.

"Our next bomb destroyed about four more trucks. We sure felt good about getting some 40 trucks, and settled on that.

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"ON MY 45TH MISSION we were flying along the coast of Western Korea between Chinnampo and Pyongyang.

"We flew out to sea and up the coast for 20 minutes and spotted some lights on an island. We checked our maps, saw that a road should be there and decided it was another convoy of trucks.

"Morgan said 'Let's go and have a look-see,' and sure enough there were trucks but they turned out their lights trying to hide. Morgan made a guess where they might be and let our bombs go. Two fires started, but I don't know what we got.

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"WE PULLED UP and came around again, and Morgan opened up with his nose guns. When we'd pull up I'd let go with my bottom turret.

"Then I saw something white streak by and I asked Morgan if he saw it. He said no. As we turned for another strafing run, a Rusian jet fighter came across the right and over us. Boone (radio man) saw it at the same time and we both yelled, 'Fighters 9 o'clock high!'

"Morgan flipped the buggy around and dived for the ocean. Another Russian jet came around behind at about 7:30 level and pulled off. We pulled out at about 700 feet off the water. A fighter opened fire but we knew he couldn't see us and was only guessing position.

"The only plane that had our exact location was the one directly behind us. But he must have been equipped with radar and no guns because he never shot at us. He was trying to vector the other two in on us with his radar.

"I could have shot at him but didn't, because it would have given our exact position. We zigzagged for 20 minutes and finally got into friendly waters where two of our destroyers were, and the Russians pulled away.

"I'll sign off now. Much love to all—from Jack."

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Former City Man Back from Korea

DEM & CHRON AUG 28 1951

Sgt. Edward J. Healy, formerly of Rochester and now of Taft, Calif., has arrived home from duty in Korea, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael R. Healy of 180 Broadway.



SGT. HEALY

Sgt. Healy attended Aquinas Institute. He had prior Army service in Germany, returning from there in December, 1949. Healy was recalled to duty and served in Korea with the 204th Field Artillery.

Local GI Finishes Army School Course

Private James R. Horn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Horn of 51 Jewel St., was graduated recently from the Army Finance School at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., it was announced yesterday. Before entering the service in March, he was a cost accountant with Hickey-Freeman Company.

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Spencerport GI Wounded 2d Time

D. & C. OCT 18 1951

A Spencerport soldier was wounded for the second time in the battle for Heartbreak Ridge in Korea, his parents learned yesterday.

Pfc. George J. Hoffman, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoffman, 2635 Nichols St., Spencerport, was hit in the leg and face by mortar fire in the advance against the enemy on Oct. 6, he said in a letter home. He was hospitalized in Wonju, he said, and expected to be transferred to a hospital in Japan. Enclosed in his letter was his authorization for a Purple Heart.



GEORGE J. HOFFMAN

Private Hoffman was wounded in the battle for the same ridge in September, according to his family, but he was hospitalized briefly and returned to the front lines. He has been serving in Korea with the 9th Infantry for three months. He entered service last December.

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DEADLY BLADE: Lt. Ralph Hutte, 62 Parkside Cres., fingers blade of Russian cavalry sword he found in enemy supply dump at Taejon, Korea. An Army communications officer, Lieutenant Hutte directed stringing of telephone lines behind UN troops. He plans to marry Capt. Mollie Younger, an Army nurse.

Want a Line on Korea War? Signal Officer Can Tell You

Lt. Ralph Hutte, who for a year helped keep telephone conversations going in Korea, is home today waiting for a phone call of his own.

Lieutenant Hutte is on a 30-day furlough, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto L. Hutte of 62 Parkside Cres., Irondequoit.

Before he left Korea last month, he and his outfit established and manned communication lines of the United Nations peace camp in Munsan for the ill-fated Kaesong peace talks.

The 27-year-old soldier, who also is a veteran of 35 Air Force bombing raids over Europe in World War 2, was one of the Army's communication officers given the job of stringing telephone and telegraph lines as fast as the troops moved through the Korean hills.

Rebuilt Whole System

"It amounted to rebuilding the whole communications system. Korea didn't have much of anything to start with," he said yesterday.

From August, 1950, to last month, Hutt's 104-man team kept Army personnel, from generals to privates, on the right party lines—whether the Army made a "jump" forward—or backward, as in the "bug-out" retreat from North Korea a year ago. Often his outfit worked 72 hours at a stretch to link the forward posts.

"Once the lines were up, we had to keep them open," he said. "Guerilla trouble was bad; we had to have constant patrol. Back in February, I remember, guerillas blew up an ammunition train 14 miles south of Taejon. The explosion ruined the open line we'd just laid nearby."

It was in Taejon that Hutte found his war souvenir—a yard-long Russian cavalry sword, with lethally curved blade.

'It Sings When You Swing'

"It sings when you swing it around your head," he explained. "It was in a North Korean supply dump with a lot of other stuff when I found it. If the War Memorial were finished, I'd donate it as a trophy."

The telephone call Lieutenant Hutte is waiting for is from a captain—Capt. Mollie M. Younger of the Army Nurse Corps. The two met in Japan before they were sent to the Korean War—she with a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital that treated battle wounded behind the front lines, and he with the 304th Signal Operations Battalion.

The pair of veterans will be married as soon as she is given a furlough from Fort Jay, L. I.

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FIRST JOYFUL GLIMPSE of his year-old son is rich reward for this returning Korean War veteran. Capt. Glenn Higdon of Ridge Rd. W. can scarcely contain himself as he holds laughing little Christopher. Baby's dad has been with anti-aircraft in Korea for 15 months. (Times-Union photo by Harvey Samuels.)

Soldier Meets Son, Finds 'Rugged Duty'

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By RAY SMALL

"Boy, what a character!"

The father glanced warily at his son stirring up a storm in the playpen across the room. "He's bigger than I thought he'd be and he can walk too; that was the big surprise."

The reason Capt. Glenn Higdon 1044 Ridge Rd. W., was so interested in his son, is that yesterday was the first time he had ever seen the youngster. Higdon has been in Korea for the past 15 months.

"Four or five hours of that little guy and I'm worn out. He's plenty rugged duty — almost as bad as Korea. For instance, he helped me steer the car home from the airport. What fun!"

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THERE WAS NO let up in the Higdon household today either. Christopher celebrated his first birthday. "I was at Hamhung or Hungnam—one of those crazy names—when he was born," Higdon explained. His wife, the former Regine DeMeco of 140 Depew St., kept him posted on Chris' progress by sending snapshots every month.

"When I say 'Daddy' to him, he still looks up at a portrait of his father over the couch. He hasn't realized that his daddy has arrived in person, but he's beginning to catch on," Mrs. Higdon said.

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HIGDON'S home town is Louisville, Ky. He enlisted in the Army 12 years ago as a private and served in Europe during World War 2. Later he met his wife in Panama. She was a nurse and he was stationed there. The couple was married two years ago. Chris is their first child.

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Airman Returns From Korea

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Airman First Class Charles A. Howell, 19, arrived home yesterday for a 30-day furlough following a year of combat duty in Korea.

The Air Force veteran of 32 months is the son of Mrs. Fred Howell of 26 Ave. D, and is staying at the home of his sister, Mrs. Clayson, 33 Varian Lane, Gates. Afc. Howell, a former Madison High School student, was a radio maintenance supervisor in Korea.

D. & C. JUL 2 1952



COMMUNICATING IN KOREA—Rochester-made equipment has an active role in U. S. Army field stations in Korea, Stromberg-Carlson president Robert C. Tait noted yesterday after receiving this picture of an S-C field switchboard, of which the company is one of primary suppliers. Testing it is Cpl. Eugene B. Howe, who was a civilian phone installer.

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Jack Tucker Writes:

TIMES UNION OCT 15 1952

My, My, How Things Have Changed!

GIs in World War 2 used to get quite a belly-laugh out of the military's complacent announcements that no square pegs, if possible, would be fitted into round holes.

Meaning that if a fellow was a bird-fancier in civilian life, he theoretically stood a good chance of landing in the Signal Corps playing nurse maid to a bunch of message-carrying pigeons.

Or if he had been an accountant, then obviously he should be processed into the Finance Department.

Of course it seldom worked out that way. A long-suffering yardbird who had been a stock clerk back home might find himself, instead of in the Quartermaster Corps, laboring as a grease monkey for the transportation officer.

But we now have reassuring evidence that things have changed—at least in the case of **S/Sgt. Robert Henry Hawkins,** 23, who departed Korea with no regrets recently, and who now is happily domiciled on furlough with his mother and father at 2280 Titus Ave., Irondequoit.

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BOB HAWKINS is a strapping young fellow who stands 6 feet 2 and learned the carpentry trade early from his dad, **Walter,** who is maintenance superintendent for Hart's Food Stores.

Bob also was a handy boy with trucks and autos. He is one of those enviable souls to whom mechanical ability comes naturally.

"When I got drafted," he says, "I told the interviewing officer about my background. He said, 'OK, I think you'd better go in the Engineers.' I was always an outdoor guy, too. Did a lot of hunting and fishing with my dad, and I sure didn't want any part of one of those arm chair quarterback jobs back of an Army desk."

So they put young Pvt. Hawkins with the Engineers and he actually wound up in Korea handling heavy equipment like tractors and cranes and driving trucks.

"Funny thing about getting home again," he says. "In Korea there was no such thing as a speed limit. Everybody made like Barney Oldfield. Since getting back to Rochester the other day, it's sure hard to get used to this 30-mile-an-hour speed limit. I feel as though I'm crawling."

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YOUNG HAWKINS brought back from Korea no lurid tales of close brushes with death or wounds. He was not a front-line soldier, but he was near the front, and we have a hunch he did his job well with the Engineers—servicing air strips, doing all the highly technical chores assigned him, helping get supplies up front.

"I talked with a lot of the guys who came down off the line," he says. "They all agreed that the Chinks seemed to have little regard for their own lives. They'd just keep coming and coming, in massed waves.

"I got the impression it must have been like standing in front of Kodak Park during the rush hour and watching a steady stream of traffic that seems to have no end."

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WE ASKED BOB—who sweated out a year in Korea and is due to report soon to Fort Sam Houston, Tex., for reassignment — questions like these:



BOB HAWKINS

How's the mail service from the States?

"I averaged around six letters a week. No complaints."

Hows the chow?

"Exceptionally good, considering field conditions. Of course some guys would squawk anyway. Even guys down from the front lines—who are thankful for anything they can get — said the chow wasn't bad."

How's GI morale in Korea?

"I'd be kidding if I said it was high. But it's as good as might be expected. After all, hardly anybody wants to get in service and maybe get his brains knocked out. But you have to make the best of it. And that's what the GIs do."

Do you feel you gained anything from military service?

"Yes. I learned a lot about handling heavy equipment. That's what I want to do when I get out. Like working for a contractor."

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BOB HAWKINS believes that the South Koreans—"if given half a chance" — can assimilate a great deal of Yankee know-how and fight their own war.

"They learn pretty fast," he says, "even the kids. For instance, we sort of adopted a little Korean kid named **Pac Won Sang.** We called him **Jimmy,** gave him clothes, kept him fed, let him work on odd jobs for us. Before I left that kid was beginning to write some English. Simple words, but he was coming along."

Incidentally, girls, our boy Bob Hawkins is going to take his time about the romance league. He gave up on the distaff side for a couple of good reasons.

"I was engaged to a girl in Carolina before shipping overseas," he says, wryly. "She broke it off. I started corresponding with another girl. So what happened? So she got married. Brother, I'm in no hurry now."

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We Congratulate

SGT. ROGER C. HILL on His 21st Birthday.



SGT. ROGER C. HILL, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Earl Hill of 3095 Edgemere Dr., spent his 21st birthday on the high seas, en route home from Korea. Last year he ate his birthday cake in Seoul but this year the family postponed celebration of the event until his arrival home. He sailed from Japan Feb. 12, and expects to be separated from the service on arrival in this country.

A graduate of Charlotte High School in 1949, he worked at Hawk-Eye Works before enlisting in April, 1951. He served overseas as a member of the 8th Army Band. He studied music at Eastman School and had his own five-piece dance band.

Rebuild Korea, Army Major Urges

D&C APR 14 1953

Communism conceivably again could trap the Korean people if, after a truce, the United Nations do not help to reconstruct the Korean nation physically and economically.

That was the message of former Ordnance Major John Hart who spent seven months in the country stationed in Taegu. Hart spoke at a meeting of Yerkes-Couchman Post, American Legion, last night in the 40 & 8 Club, 933 University Ave. Hart served with the Rochester Ordnance District during World War 2. In Korea, he was in charge of procuring native workers and materials. He returned to the United States in November and is credit manager of Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company. He showed films of the physical devastation and the refugee problem.

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Democrat and Chronicle
ROCHESTER, N. Y., TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1953 21



—Democrat and Chronicle Staff Photo

"WHO'S THIS MAN!" — Little Richard Hebner, 7 months, kicks up a fuss during his first meeting with Pop Robert Hebner, who arrived home from Korea yesterday. Lady standing by is Mom Hebner, the former Gail Zorn.

Sailor Sees Son 1st Time After Serving Off Korea

When his destroyer tied up at San Diego before sailing for Korea last September, Bob Hebner decided to call Rochester and find out how things were at home.

"Things are pretty good," his wife said. "You're a father." Just like that.

That was quite a piece of news. Bob hadn't even known his wife was in the hospital.

He had been at sea and word hadn't reached him that complications had made necessary a premature birth by caesarian section. According to his calendar, the birth was still several weeks off.

His wife, Gail, convinced her husband that he was a father by persuading the youngster to say a word of greeting over the wires. As Bob remembers it, his son said "gurgle." They decided to name him Richard Lee.

Yesterday, after seven months at sea, including four months shelling installations on the coast of North Korea, the father arrived home for the big reunion at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrill F. Hebner, 597 Woodbine Ave.

The celebration was continued later at his in-laws' Mr. and Mrs. Louis O. Zorn, 219 Marlborough Rd. The sailor—a sonar operator aboard the destroyer—has a 15-day leave. (A sonar is an underwater listening device).

Bob says he is "doing fine" as a father. "We hit it off pretty good, considering we're both pretty new at it," he said.

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Navy Officer Gets Post at Norfolk

DEC 19 1953

Lt. Cmdr. Eric Ischinger Jr., USN, formerly of Rochester, is now gunnery training officer at the Atlantic Fleet staff commander training school in Norfolk, Va.

He relinquished command of his ship, the destroyer-escort USS Greenwood, on July 3 in Tampa, Fla., so that he could assume his new duties. Lt. Cmdr. Ischinger attended the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., and was commissioned an ensign in 1942.

1 Injured, 1 Missing In Korea

TIMES UNION DEC 22 1950

Two Rochester men, serving with the U. S. Army in Korea, have been listed among the latest casualties.



JOHNSON

Sgt. 1/c William W. Johnson, a soldier with 10 years service behind him — four of which were spent in the Pacific during World War 2—has been missing in action in Korea since Nov. 30.

He is the son of Mrs. Ruth Johnson of 309 Averill Ave. His wife, Mrs. June Johnson of Wolcott received a telegram from the Defense Department listing him as missing on Dec. 19.

Johnson, who enlisted in 1939, was discharged in 1945. He worked for about a year at the Rochester Main Postoffice and then reenlisted in May, 1946. Until the Korean War began, he was stationed at Camp Hood, Tex.

In August he was sent overseas as a member of the 39th Field Artillery attached to the 2nd Infantry Division.

Sgt. Johnson's wife and 2½-year-old daughter, Vickie, are now living with Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Briggs of Wolcott.

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"THAT'S MY SON!" — With a joy made greater by previous dread, Mrs. Ruth Johnson points to her son's picture. Sgt. William Johnson, the son, had been reported missing since November. The picture, seen by a neighbor in a newspaper, shows him as a prisoner of Reds.

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'Looks Like Your Son

Photo Gives First News Of GI Missing in War

"Doesn't this look like your son Bill?"

The finger of a neighbor pointed to a picture in a newspaper which gave Mrs. Ruth Johnson, 309 Averill Ave., the first news she had had about her son since he was reported missing in Korea last Nov. 30. It was Bill, with no doubt possible, Mrs. Johnson declares happily.

Bill is 1st Sgt. William W. Johnson, a veteran of 12 years in the U. S. Army, whose wife, June, and 3-year-old daughter, Vickie, live with Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Briggs of Wolcott. He was captured by the Communists while fighting with the 2nd Division, but the only word his family had until they saw this picture, was that he was "missing in action."

He was recognized by a neighbor of his mother's, Mrs. Leonard Kelly, who brought the newspaper to Bill's mother at the Averill Ave. home. The picture showed Sergeant Johnson in the forefront of a group of prisoners of war, guarded by Red soldiers somewhere in North Korea.

The Johnson family contacted the Red Cross and Rep. Kenneth B. Keating with the news and a request that further word of the sergeant be obtained if possible. Representative Keating and the Red Cross previously had been working to that end, but with no success.

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TIMES UNION AUG 24 1951



KOREAN HORSESHOE—First Lt. Richard E. Joslin of 214 E. Commercial St., East Rochester, signs the lucky horseshoe and becomes an official member of the Mustang Century Flight Club of the 18th Fighter Wing, Fifth Air Force. The club's members all have flown 100 or more combat sorties in Korea. Lt. Joslin has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. His wife, Jeanette, is residing at Clark Air Force Base, Philippine Islands. (U. S. Air Force Photo)

Brockport GI Wounded in Korea Action

TIMES UNION OCT 4 - 1951



PVT. DONALD JOCK

A Brockport soldier was wounded Sept. 12 while trying to capture "a hill called 500" in Korea, it was reported today.

He is **Pvt. Donald Jock,** 22. He wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jock, of 5900 Ridge Rd. W., Brockport, that he received his wound about 7 a. m. Sept. 12. The letter was written from a hospital nine miles south of Seoul.

"I got a big piece of mortar shrapnel in my shoulder," Jock wrote. "Also got a small piece above my elbow in my left arm."

"I'm in no pain—just think, white sheets to sleep in, three hot meals a day, radio music, nice looking nurses!"

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JOCK SAID he expects to be transferred further south, or "back to Japan." He received the Purple Heart medal for his wound.

He attended Norwood High School and entered the Army Oct. 20, 1950, after employment at Rochester Products Division of General Motors. He has been in Korea for the past six months, his parents said.

Wounded GI Finds Hospital 'Pleasant' After Front Duty

Radio music, white bed sheets and three hot meals a day are luxuries to be greatly enjoyed.

Pfc. Donald Jock, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jock of 5900 Ridge Rd. W., Brockport, who was reported wounded in combat in Korea Sept. 12, told his parents just that in a recent letter.



DONALD JOCK

In his letter home, Pfc. Jock explained that he was struck in the shoulder, ribs and the left arm by shrapnel while his outfit was storming an enemy-held hill. He served as an infantry scout.

He told his parents he was in no pain. "Just think," he stated excitedly, "white sheets to sleep in, three hot meals a day, radio music and attractive nurses."

The letter was written from an Army hospital in South Korea, from which the young infantryman expected to be moved soon. Prior to being drafted into the Army in Oct., 1950, Jock was employed by the Rochester Products Division of General Motors Corp. He had been fighting in Korea for about six months. The Jock family came to Brockport from Norwood about four years ago.

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Do Reds Hold Airman? Parents Seek Answer

TIMES UNION JUL 9 1953

The parents of Air Force S/Sgt. Berger L. Johnson, 21, of 839 Thurston Rd., have been told he may be a prisoner of the Reds in North Korea.

The reports, not confirmed, were relayed to Mr. and Mrs. Nels Berger Johnson by the Defense Department and another airman.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were notified Jan. 10 that their son was missing in action.

Then a letter from the department gave these details:

S/Sgt. Johnson, a B-29 radar operator, left Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, on Jan. 10 on a combat mission over North Korea. The aircraft was damaged by enemy fighter planes. Johnson's plane radioed that the crew was going to bail out. Another plane reported that Johnson's craft had crashed in enemy territory.

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ON MAY 15 the Johnsons received another Defense Department letter stating that unconfirmed reports had been received from a repatriated prisoner of war that Johnson was a prisoner.

When the repatriated PW saw Johnson on Feb. 8 he was "in good health," according to the report.

The letter warned the Johnsons that unscrupulous persons had been known to practice extortion on parents of missing servicemen. It cautioned against relying on the unconfirmed account.

A short time later the Johnsons were visited by a Palmyra airman who said he had heard their son was being held prisoner. The information reportedly came from repatriated PW Robert L. Weinbrandt of El Cajon, Calif.

The Palmyra airman reported that after Weinbrandt had been wounded and captured, Johnson bandaged Weinbrandt's leg.

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THE JOHNSONS soon will visit Mr. Johnson's sister, Mrs. H. G. Cobb of San Dimas, Calif. They hope to contact Weinbrandt in El Cajon, a suburb of San Diego, for more details.

The Defense Department has suggested that the Johnsons write to their son, in the event he is alive and allowed to write home.

S/Sgt. Johnson enlisted in 1948 after finishing his junior year at West High School.



THEY'RE HOPING—Mr. and Mrs. Nels Berger Johnson hope their missing son is a prisoner of the Reds in Korea.

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Rochester Airman, Never on PW List, Released in Korea

TIMES UNION AUG 31 1953

A Rochester airman, reported missing last January when his plane was shot down over North Korea, was freed today (last night, Rochester time) by the Reds at Panmunjom.

He is **S/Sgt. Berger L. Johnson**, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Berger Johnson, 839 Thurston Rd.

Sgt. Johnson was one of 150 American PWs—mostly sergeants and officers—returned in the latest exchange. There were indications the Communists may send back as many as 500 more Americans than the 3,313 originally promised, according to the Associated Press.

First Rochester PW to be released and to arrive home is Sgt. Gerald R. Wolter.

Among prisoners exchanged today was M/Sgt. Delbert Q. Hendson of Elving, Mo. He is a brother-in-law of Bob Tiefenauer, relief pitcher for the Rochester Red Wings.

The repatriation of Sgt. Johnson, although it came not exactly as a surprise to his parents, was a tremendous relief. His name had never been carried officially on the PW list.



S/SGT. BERGER L. JOHNSON

But last month his parents heard through Pvt. Robert L. Weinbrandt of El Cajon, Calif., that young Johnson was a roommate of his in a North Korean camp.

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THE REPORT was relayed from Weinbrandt through an unidentified Palmyra soldier. Then, early today, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson received a telegram from Maj. Gen. John H. McCormick, Washington, D. C., director of military personnel headquarters, officially reporting the release of their son.

Sgt. Johnson was a B-29 radar operator. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson last saw him the previous Nov. 14, when he left Rochester to join his Okinawa-based unit. He enlisted in August, 1948.

Latest official list of freed PWs, **Page 9.** Other details, **Pages 10, 17.**

the men of Carne's 1st Battalion were killed or captured. Only a few trickled back to Allied lines.

The Communist Peiping radio said that Carne was awaiting repatriation at Kaesong, the Red holding point just north of Panmunjom, and was in "splendid physical shape."

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MEANWHILE, Allied and Communist delegates to the Military Armistice Commission met at Panmunjom in one of their longest sessions. After an hour and 49 minutes, the delegates recessed without setting a date for another meeting.

The Reds have returned 2,827 Americans, leaving 486 still scheduled for repatriation, according to their early figure.

But liberated Americans who were at Kaesong over the weekend said more than 1,000 non-Korean PWs were still awaiting repatriation at the Red collecting center just north of Kaesong.

Lt. Maxey H. Hall Jr. of Indianapolis, Ind., said 290 American officers were at Kaesong. He said he had no idea how many enlisted men were being held there.

Sgt. 1/c Earl Dantzler, of Richmond, Va., said more than 500 noncommissioned officers, mostly Americans, are awaiting return at Kaesong.

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OTHER REPATRIATES reported that many of the Allied prisoners awaiting repatriation were soldiers who had been sentenced to jail terms for alleged offenses while in captivity. The Reds promised Saturday to return all PWs who want to go home, including any convicted on Red charges.

One American said that 80 to 105 "die-hard reactionary" prisoners who had been handed jail terms were held in a tent city south of Kaesong.

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The youth's parents returned from El Cajon only last Wednesday. They had driven there to talk with Weinbrandt, who had been wounded badly and was exchanged recently in Operation Little Switch.

The sergeant's father said that Weinbrandt told him his son was in good shape, only a little thinner. Weinbrandt last saw his buddy Feb. 10 in the Red prison camp.

Weinbrandt said Johnson acted as his "nurse"—cleaning out his wounds.

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THE REDS also released 250 South Koreans on the 27th day of the prisoner exchange. The Communists promised to send back 400 prisoners tomorrow (today, Rochester time)—100 Americans, 25 British, 20 Turks, 5 Australians and another 250 South Koreans.

One of the Britons to be handed over tomorrow will be Lt. Col. James P. Carne, top-ranking British officer held by the Communists, Red newspapermen said.

Carne, commander of a battalion of one of Britain's great fighting units—the Gloucestershire Regiment—was captured in April, 1951 in the Imjin River battle.

Surrounded by Reds, most of



PRECIOUS MESSAGE—Mrs. Nels Berger Johnson holds telegram telling her that her son, S/Sgt. Berger L. Johnson, has been released by Korean Reds. That's his picture on the table. The wire was first official word she's had that her son had been a prisoner.

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Questioned on Electronics

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Confined in Solitary, Says Freed City POW

Freedom Village — (AP) — Sgt. Berger L. Johnson of Rochester, N. Y., said yesterday the Chinese Communists placed him in solitary confinement for two and one half months in an effort to wring "electronics secrets" from him.

Johnson, a 21-year-old airman of the 307th Bomb Wing based on Okinawa, was captured when his B29 was shot down by a MIG on Jan. 10, 1951.

The airman said the Chinese seemed to have forgotten all about the "germ warfare business" and appeared intent on learning all they could about "electronics."



SGT B. L. JOHNSON

"The Reds were trying to make me admit that I was an electronics expert," he said. "All I was was a member of the crew and a spare radio operator. But they didn't believe me because I told them first I was an ECM (Electronics countermeasure)."

Johnson said they took him to jail in Sinuiju and put him in a cell with four other ECMs.

"They would interrogate all five of us in turn and check whatever one man said with the others," he related.

"The Chinese fed us a good meal before the interrogations. When we refused to admit anything they would substitute poor food for the good meals. As a last resort, they brought in a higher officer, who threatened to shoot us."

Johnson said the Reds finally gave up and released the five, who were taken from Sinuiju blindfolded all the way to Camp 2 annex, the officers camp. Part of the time he was in solitary confinement, he said.

ES UNION SEP 2 1953

Airman Tells Of Quiz by Chinese Reds

A Rochester sergeant said the Chinese Reds seemed to have forgotten all about "the germ warfare business" in an effort to pry electronics secrets from U. S. prisoners of war.

Sgt. Berger L. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Berger Johnson, 839 Thurston Rd., said the Communists placed him in solitary confinement for 2½ months in an effort to wring "electronics secrets" from him.

The 21-year-old airman, released Sunday night at Panmunjom, said: "The Reds were trying to make me admit that I was an electronics expert. All I was was a member of the crew and a spare radio operator, but they didn't believe me."

He said the Reds questioned him and four others, threatened to shoot them, then finally gave up and released the five who were taken from Sinuiju blindfolded all the way to Camp 2 annex, the officers' camp.

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Time Really Flies For Freed PW, 22

TIMES UNION SEP 19 1953

S/Sgt. Berger L. Johnson, a victim and beneficiary of the fast pace of modern warfare, is back home.

Since his last visit home a scant 10 months ago, the 22-year-old airman had flown to Okinawa, participated in seven bombing raids over Korea, been held prisoner for eight months and repatriated.

Released by the Communists Aug. 20, he headed back to the states by ship and flew to Rochester last night from the West Coast.

More accustomed to traveling at a souped-up air-age clip than at a steamer's languid pace, the sergeant takes a dim view of the sea leg of his odyssey.

"Boy, I've never traveled so slow," he told his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Johnson of 839 Thurston Rd. "Fifteen days on a boat!"

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IT WAS LAST JAN. 10 that the sergeant's B-29 bomber was hit. In the glare of Red searchlights, it was a sitting duck for a MIG which attacked from below.

Johnson's pilot headed for the 38th Parallel, but an engine caught fire about 10 minutes from the parallel.

The 13-man crew parachuted into the night. Because the plane was going 300 miles an hour, they were scattered over a vast area. All but one, who is missing, have returned to the United States, Johnson said.

After jumping, Johnson drifted down between two mountains in an area of rocks and trees. He could see the searchlifhts of a Chinese military search party bobbing below.

He hid in a ditch, but soon was captured.

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FOR FOUR MONTHS, he was shuttled among a number of interrogation centers.

Because as a radio operator he'd been in charge of electronics equipment, the Chinese sought to pry secrets from him and four other prisoners.

When the captives refused to supply information, they were given poor food. They also were punished by being shifted from their 8-by-8-foot rooms to dank cells, 4x7 feet. Once the Chinese threatened to shoot them.

In May they were moved to a prisoner of war camp, the annex to a nofficer's camp.

Until late May, when things began looking up in the peace talks, Johnson had been getting two meals daily. Then, this was stepped up to three.

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WHAT DID THEY DO all day in camp?

"We made chess sets, and played with them. Then, we made a volleyball court. We played vollyball, baseball and basketball. When they gave us some cards, we started playing cribbage and bridge."

"The North Korean civilians," he said, "treated us as well as they could. I sensed some friction between them and the Chinese."

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Wife Seeks POW Photos

Editor, The Times-Union:

There are more than 10,000 missing personnel in Korea. Certainly the vast majority have wives, parents or other relatives desperately wondering whether the missing are alive or dead — desperately searching for any news, however vague or unofficial it may be. Anything, absolutely anything, is a help.

I and many others live in a frantic state of anxiety over the whereabouts of our husbands. Last week one of us had news. By the grace of God, and only by the grace of God, this girl has a friend in Connecticut, who, purely by chance, picked up a certain copy of a New York City newspaper. There was a two-page spread of prisoners' pictures, some with names and addresses. She should have known within hours about that picture from the Red Cross or adjutant general's office. Instead the girl called her long distance and mailed the picture special delivery. Thus another wife knew her husband was at least alive, even though he was only "unofficially" alive.

When I think of all the pictures that have come through from POW camps, I shudder in despair, for I see practically none at all. The Red Cross does nothing. The adjutant general's office replies only that they know we are anxious. I'm glad they know, but that won't help us. Therefore I am pleading, begging all newspapers to print every POW picture that exists. It is our only source of information.

MRS. ARTHUR H. LOZANO.
535 Highland Ave.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. Lozano can be assured that The Times-Union will print every POW picture, not previously published, that would assist families in identifying their men.

TIMES UNION APR 10 1953

Last 3 PWs From Area On Way Home

TIMES UNION SEP 19 1953

The last three prisoners of war from the Rochester area will arrive in San Francisco Wednesday.

Headed back aboard the U. S. Army Transport Gen. R. L. Howze are Capt. Arthur H. Lozano of 535 Highland Ave.; M/Sgt. Raymond H. Buck of 1946 Main St. E., and Sgt. Raymond F. Goodburlet of West Sweden Rd., Bergen.

Today, Rochester's most decorated soldier, Lt. Col. Robert N. Abbott of 6 Aldern Pl., met his wife, Winona, at an undisclosed place. Before leaving to meet him she would only say that she and her husband, who landed at Travis Air Base yesterday, would have a vacation before he entered a military hospital near his home.

Neither his wife nor his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Abbott, of 48½ Rowley St., know why he will be hospitalized.

A World War 2 officer, Abbott holds the Silver Star for gallantry in action, as well as three Purple Hearts and other medals. He was captured Nov. 26, 1950.

D. & C. SEP 24 1953



HOME STRETCH—Capt. Arthur H. Lozano, ex-POW just off boat in San Francisco, arranges for phone call to wife, Elizabeth, in Rochester with Red Cross Gray Lady who met him at dock. Story on Page 23. (AP Wirephoto)

Ex-POW Gets New Assignment

TIMES UNION NOV. 20 1953

Capt. Arthur H. Lozano of 535 Highland Ave., a prisoner-of-war in Korea for nearly three years, has a new military station—Ft. Sill, Okla.

Capt. Lozano, a West Pointer and career military man, has left his wife, Elizabeth, and their small daughter, Dianne, for his new post. He was one of the last Rochester POWs to be released by the Communists at Panmunjom.

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S/Sgt. Berger L. Johnson, who flew off to war 10 months ago hoping to see North Korea from the air, came home in another plane yesterday, weighing 10 pounds more than when he left.

He stepped briskly from a two-engine Convair at 3:20 p. m. and seemed in excellent health, although 7½ months of his Korean sightseeing was from inside a Chinese prisoner of war camp. For 2½ months Johnson was held in solitary and the Reds once threatened to shoot him.

His reunion with 10 relatives and his girl friend at the Monroe County-Rochester Airport was reserved and orderly. There were warm embraces but no tears. Johnson's blond hair was neatly cropped and for an instant it seemed as if he was home from his first year in college.

"Let's not run out," someone in the party said as the airliner was landing. "It might scare him off."

When the plane had landed and taxied to Gate 3, Johnson spied the delegation from a righthand window. His mother, Mrs. Nels B. Johnson, saw her son and shouted "Hi!"

"Where? Where is he?" Doris O'Dell, the sergeant's girl friend, asked.

Johnson was the third passenger of the plane. He ran to his parents, who had gone onto the field. He embraced them and all three were choked emotionally and couldn't speak.

Then he rushed to his two sisters, but reserved his longest greeting for Miss O'Dell, of 53 Fairview Ave. The Johnsons live at 839 Thurston Rd.

"Remember those cookies I was going to send you?" Mrs. Thelma Goodman of 152 Leonard Rd., a sister, asked. "Well, I've got 'em made now." Johnson laughed.

"Boy, I've never traveled so slow," Johnson said. "Fifteen days on a boat!" The airman has normally flown since he enlisted in August, 1948, but came from Korea to San Francisco by ship. Before he embarked at Inchon, he bought an expensive German camera.

"Where did you get the money?" his father inquired in jest.

Later, Johnson told how he had been shot down on his eighth raid over North Korea and held in solitary.

"We were hit at 8:42 p. m., just after bombs away," Johnson said, recalling the hectic night of Jan. 10, 1953. "They had the searchlights on our B29. A MIG came from underneath and we couldn't even see it.

"The pilot radioed emergency and we headed for the 38th Parallel," he said. His plane was with 307th Bomb Wing on Okinawa.

"We were five or 10 minutes from the parallel and one of the engines caught fire. We had to bail out." Johnson was captured five minutes after he landed.

The Communists learned that Johnson was a noncommissioned officer in charge of top-secret electronics equipment. They threw him and four other radio operators into jail at Sinuiju. Then the questioning began.

"We were interrogated one by one. Then they checked one story against the other. When we refused to admit anything they would substitute poor food for the good meals."

At first, Johnson was alone in a room 8 by 8 feet. When he declined to answer, they put him in a dank cell 4 by 7 feet, but high enough for him to stand. The Chinese threatened to shoot the airmen. Then they were moved to Camp 2 annex, the officer's camp.

When he left here last Nov. 14, Johnson weighed 152 pounds. He lost 2 pounds while a prisoner, but has added 12 since his release on Aug. 31. His health secret?

"At first it was the idea of not getting enough to eat," he said. "Then I just stuffed down everything I could. I guess I'm a glutton." Like the other repatriated Rochester prisoners, Johnson ate sorghum, a cereal plant, and rice and fish that was often rotten.

He must report to Sampson Air Force Base for a routine checkup in a week, but he can be discharged. He's 22.

"I haven't decided what I'll do. If I do get a discharge, I been thinking about going to college." He would like to be an electronics engineer. But his first move here had little concern with electronics. He went downtown to replace the driver's license the Communists stole.

War 2 Veteran Listed Missing In Korean War

D. & C. DEC 22 1950

Former Rochesterian's Wife in Wolcott Notified

Sergeant First Class William W. Johnson, 29, was reported yesterday by his family as missing in action in the Korean War since Nov. 30.



WILLIAM W. JOHNSON

A World War 2 veteran, Sergeant Johnson is the son of Mrs. Ruth Johnson of 309 Averill St. and the husband of Mrs. June Johnson of Wolcott. He was listed as missing in a Defense Department telegram received by his wife on Dec. 19.

Johnson enlisted in the Army in May, 1939, and served in the Pacific Theater for more than four years. Following his discharge in June, 1945, he worked for almost a year at the Rochester Main Postoffice before he re-enlisted in May, 1946. He was stationed at Fort Hood, Tex., until he was sent to Korea last August as a member of the 39th Field Artillery attached to the 2nd Infantry Division.

Sergeant Johnson was graduated from Monroe High School. His wife and 2½-year-old daughter, Vickie, are presently living with Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Briggs of Wolcott.

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PW, Once Threatened with Death, Returns Home



PARADE TO HOME—Former prisoner of war S/Sgt. Berger L. Johnson parades with family toward home after alighting from plane at Monroe County-Rochester Airport yesterday afternoon. With him, from left, are these elated relatives: Mrs. Nels Johnson, 839 Thurston Rd., his mother; Mrs. Thelma Goodman, 152 Leonard Rd., his sister; George and Marsha, children of Thelma; Nels Johnson, the father; Doris O'Dell, 53 Fairview Ave., girl friend.

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TIMES UNION JAN 15 1953

Airman Missing After Korea Raid



SGT. BERGER L. JOHNSON

A 21-year-old airman is the 21st Monroe County serviceman to be reported missing in action in the Korean War.

S/Sgt. Berger L. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels B. Johnson of 839 Thurston Rd., disappeared on a flight last Saturday, the Defense Department has notified his parents.

Sgt. Johnson's mother said he has been a radar operator on a Superfort with a group based on Okinawa since last November. She said that in a recent letter home he told of participating in a bombing raid on the key Communist transport center at Sinanju.

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THE SERGEANT was graduated from School 37 and attended West High School and Edison Technical and Industrial High School before enlisting in the Air Force in August, 1948.

In addition to the 21 Monroe County (including Rochester) servicemen listed as missing in action, 73 others from the city and county have been killed in Korea and nine have been listed by the Communists as prisoners of war.

Pat's Back from Korea for Mother's Day

From Charlie Company of the 1st Motor Transport Battalion, 1st Marine Division in Korea, to the small flat at 544 Hayward Ave. is a long haul.

But Pfc. Patrick E. (Pat) Jodoin, 19, made it in time for Mother's Day.

Tomorrow will be a great day in the life of Pat's mother, Mrs. Cecelia Jodoin. It's a day for reunion, and gratitude. . . and perhaps a few happy tears.

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THERE WILL BE FLOWERS for Mrs. Jodoin, his Mother's Day gift from her Marine son, a Monroe High graduate, who is home after a year in Korea.

And from Mrs. Jodoin's other two sons and a daughter, all living out-of-town, will come remembrances for Mom.

Then there's another member of the family who feels pretty proud and happy. He's Pat's dad, Felix. It'll be a sort of Father's Day for him tomorrow.

Mrs. Jodoin's other sons are Vernon, who lives in New York City, and George Leon, of North Carolina. Her daughter is Mrs. Lucille Lambert of Champlain, N. Y.

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BUT FOR MRS. JODOIN, the hoped-for and prayed-for arrival of her boy—safe and sound from the battlefield—is the perfect climax to a long succession of Mother's Day.

"It's so wonderful to have him back," she says. "The Lord watched over Pat."



THE BEST GIFT OF ALL — There'll be no happier mothers on the big day tomorrow than Mrs. Cecelia Jodoin. Her son Pat, 19, is home after serving with Marines in Korea.

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Local Woman's Son Wounded in Korea

D. & C. JUN 25 1953

Pvt. Carlton L. Joseph, son of Mrs. Bessie R. Maddox, 456 Clarissa St., is the latest local casualty of the fighting in Korea. According to word received by his mother, Pvt. Joseph is recovering from shrapnel wounds in the back received June 11.



CARLTON L. JOSEPH

Pvt. Joseph, who is 21, entered the Army November 12 and was sent to Korea only last month. He served with the 15th Infantry Regiment.

Although listed by the Army as a Rochesterian, Pvt. Joseph has never lived here. His mother moved to the city from Utica in April.

Sgt. S. T. Jimmerson Funeral Tomorrow

T-D Sept 5, 1953

Bath relatives last night completed funeral arrangements for Sgt. 1/c Stanley T. Jimmerson, 44, who died unexpectedly after serving in World War II and the Korean conflict.

His unexpected death was reported Thursday night (Sept. 3, 1953) from Staten Island, where he had been stationed recently after Korean service. He had seen 16 years service in the U. S. Army, serving in Germany, Belgium and the Philippines.

The funeral will be at 2 p. m. tomorrow in Bond Funeral Home, Bath. Military rites will be conducted at the grave in Town Line Cemetery, Cameron, by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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Hamhung Familiar Place To GI from Rochester

Recent Letter of Son To Parents Tells Of Korea City

"Allies Abandon Hamhung Under Heavy Attack." That was the banner headline in one of Rochester's papers yesterday.

After a swift glance at the story to which it referred, Mr. and Mrs. Rochester probably turned to the city section of the paper. They were interested in what was happening to people in their world—and for many, that world is Rochester.

But for nine Rochesterians at least, news from Hamhung was local news. It was news about people in their world.

For if Mr. and Mrs. William J. Kelly, Sr., of 190 Lake Breeze Rd., or any of their seven children, chanced to read that headline, their attention was riveted immediately by the word Hamhung. One of the most recent letters from their son, Pfc. John W. Kelly, 27, was written from that town.

"The name of the town is Hamhung," he wrote on Dec. 5.

Less than two weeks earlier he had written them another letter:

". . . Bily's outfit, the 17th Infantry was the first to hit the Manchurian border. . . . We are coming up right behind them. . . . The Reds will have a hard time stopping the GIs from crossing. . . . They all want to go right through to Moscow."

Within Sight of Manchuria

So Kelly wrote to his parents on Thanksgiving Day. A member of the 32nd Infantry Regiment, he was at that time sitting practically within sight of Manchuria.

And then on Dec. 5 he wrote:

"I really don't know how to begin this letter or how to end it.—We are sitting on the east coast, quite a way from the Manchurian border.—The name of the town is Hamhung.—We lost one of our battalions.—Billy's and my outfits were just two of the lucky ones."

The Billy referred to is Private Kelly's younger brother, Cpl. William J. Kelly Jr., 18. John is a veteran of World War 2 and served in the European Theater. He reenlisted immediately after he was mustered out of the Army.

Corporal Kelly joined the Army in July, 1948, and was shipped to Japan almost immediately.

Missed Each Other on Furlough

The two brothers were last home on furlough for Christmas, 1948, but did not see each other. John arrived home at 9 a. m. Christmas—just one hour after his brother had left. After many fruitless attempts to get together, the boys finally met in Tokyo last Spring.

Then came Korea, where they have never been more than a few miles from each other yet they never met. The Dec. 5 letter tells just how close they came to meeting:

"I saw a truck from 'A' Battery.—I yelled, 'Where's Kelly?'—One of the guys pointed up ahead." But he never caught up to his brother, who was in a jeep.

But there were many other stories



PFC. JOHN W. KELLY

buried in the letters. The 32nd Infantry Regiment Battalion, to which he refers as "lost," must certainly have been the one that the Reds trapped on Sunday, Dec. 3, and burned alive in its trucks.

He winds up the last letter with a note that leaves little doubt of how the doughboys feel: "All of us over here are praying that they drop the atomic bomb. If they don't do it pretty soon, I hate to think of what will happen."

City Sailor on Ship Aiding Evacuation

A Rochester sailor is serving aboard a destroyer which helped fight off the enemy as American troops carried out the gigantic task of evacuating Hamhung in Korea, his parents reported yesterday.

He is Seaman 1/c George H. Knaak, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Knaak of 232 Breck St. A native of Canandaigua, Knaak moved with his family to Rochester eight years ago and attended East High School here. He enlisted in the Navy in July, 1949, and last July joined the crew of the U. S. S. Eversold, which aided in the recent evacuation. Seaman Knaak has a brother, Herbert, 23, who also is serving in the Navy, being stationed at Pearl Harbor. The older brother served more than seven months overseas with the Navy in World W

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IN KOREA area: Lt. (jg) John B. Kolcum, USNR, son of Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Kolcum of Canadaigua, is shown while serving as officer of the deck aboard the Destroyer USS Taussig on patrol off Korea. (Official U. S. Navy Photo)

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Marine Loses Right Leg, Calls Self 'Hopalong'

D&C Dec. 29 1950

Referring to himself as "Hopalong," Pfc. Howard C. Kinmond wrote his father, Charles Kinmond, 67 Minder St., that he had been wounded in Korea and lost his right leg as a result.



HOWARD C. KINMOND

His father said the Marine's letter sounded like "my son was in good spirits despite his wound." Recently he was awarded the Purple Heart while he was in the Navy Hospital at Yokosuka, near Tokyo, Japan.

He was wounded Dec. 16 while with the 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division. He is now with the U. S. Naval Hospital in Oakland, Calif. A former East High pupil, Pfc. Kinmond has a brother, Paul, who is serving with the Army Quartermaster Corps at Fort Dix, N. J.



DADDY'S HOME—Maj. John F. Keller, home from Korean service on emergency leave, is greeted by son, Lynn, 9, and daughter, Karen Jane, 4, who tries on cap major wore in Korea.

From Battlefront to Living Room

D. & C. JAN 15 1951

Adviser to Koreans Home on Leave

By TRUMAN SEARLE

A week ago Maj. John F. Keller was in the thick of the fighting in Korea. Last night he was sitting in the warmth and comfort of his own living room, surrounded by his wife and two children.

Since September, Major Keller, a Regular Army Infantryman, has been a military adviser with South Korean troops. He joined the Republic of Korea troops on the Pusan perimeter one week before the breakthrough. Then he went north with them to a point just below the Yalu River boundary, only to be driven back.

Last night he told of the first large scale Chinese attack on Nov. 26 when he was stationed at Tokchon. The Chinese, he said, sent their new, inexperienced troops against the United Nation's defenses in the first wave. "They came in a mass front with little equipment. We mowed them down in a slaughter," Keller said.

Experienced Troops in 2nd Wave

In the second wave came the experienced, well trained and well equipped Chinese troops. "By that time," he said, "we had either run out of ammunition or our guns were too hot to fire anymore. There wasn't anything to do but pull back."

Though he was with Korean troops, Major Keller said he saw plenty of American soldiers, especially in the current withdrawal. Asked about their morale he said, "What can you expect in a retreat?" Quickly correcting himself, Major Keller said "in a strategic withdrawal to previously prepared positions," adding, "what positions?"

"It's a tough thing to go back over territory that you won earlier with heavy losses, and while you are going back, to stand momentarily and suffer more losses. You figure how you would feel and you will know what our morale is."

South Koreans Walk

He found it more difficult to estimate the morale of the South Korean troops. "Right after I joined them, we started north. For the ROK's, it meant walking most of the way, sometimes 35 to 40 miles a day. Their feet hurt. Now they are walking the opposite way and their feet still hurt."

In the Tokchon engagement, Keller told of seeing Maj. Robert Abbott, who was reported missing in action on Dec. 8. Abbott's wife lives at 6 Aldern Pl. in Rochester.

Completely surrounded by the Chinese Reds, Keller said, they called for air evacuation to take out the 34 American officers and enlisted men who were on the advisory staff to the Koreans. Holding an airstrip just outside of Tokchon, Keller said artillery spotting planes finally came in. Four enlisted men were taken out. "I finally made it on the third plane. There was only one other plane that made it before the Chinese captured the field."

Taken Prisoner by Chinese

"Since then, we have asked everybody we saw about the guys we left behind, including Major Abbott. The best we can find out is that they were taken prisoner by the Chinese, but we don't know where they are."

Keller arrived in Rochester yesterday morning having flown from Pusan last Tuesday. He is home on an emergency leave of 30 days because of his mother's serious illness and will have to report back to duty Feb. 12. Meanwhile, he will be with his wife, Ethel, and their two children, Karen Jean, who will be 5 years old next month, and Lynn, his son, who was born on Pearl Harbor Day. They live at 27 Parkside Ave.

Enlisting in the National Guard in 1935, Keller went on active duty in 1940. After Pearl Harbor, he was sent to the West Coast and then on to the Hawaiian Islands where he joined the 25th Division. He fought through Pacific campaigns with this outfit until he came home on a rotation furlough in April, 1945. Before he went back, the war in Europe was over and Keller was assigned to a West Coast camp.

He was on the West Coast until sent to Korea in September. His duty over there consisted of advising Korean regiments on the American way of carrying out orders from higher headquarters.

Telling of untold lessons of war U. S. troops have learned from the Korean War, he said "we could hold a defense perimeter around Pusan, but no larger than 50-75 miles. We could not hold the old Pusan perimeter which was 125 miles in radius."

One lesson we should apply, Keller said, was the training of American troops in guerilla warfare. Discounting it as a haphazard civilian type of action, Keller called it a very highly organized warfare. He pointed out the Chinese have at times forced a UN withdrawal because of their actions behind the lines. "It's not the soldiers in front of us, it's the guerillas behind us who often cause the most damage," he said.

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Stay in Korea, Hero Urges

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A Congressional Medal of Honor winner of World War 1 today urged continuation of the fight in Korea "until we win."



KAUFMAN

He is Ben Kaufman of Trenton, N. J., national executive director of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States and a past national commander. Kaufman, who won his award for heroism in the capture of machine gun nests in France, was in Rochester to confer with local Jewish leaders.

Commenting on the Korean fighting, Kauffman said he believes the United States can win "if we provide the fire power which the United States is capable of producing. It is important to win to save face in Asia and retain the faith of Asiatic nations in the integrity of the United States."

Major Back, Cites Need In Korea, Gives Plasma

D & C FEB 7 1951

"Forty-six thousand American casualties can lose an awful lot of blood," testified Maj. John F. Keller, who is home on emergency leave from Korea, where he was a military adviser with South Korean troops.

Major Keller, who came home because of the illness of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Keller of 291 Pearl St., took time out from his leave yesterday to give blood at the American Red Cross Blood Center.

"There's no excuse for a situation in which the Rochester Red Cross Chapter failed to fulfil its quotas of blood plasma for overseas shipment," the major said. He had read of the shortages in Rochester papers sent to him in Korea. "It only takes a half hour of a man's or woman's time to give blood," he said.

No Plasma for ROKs

Stressing the importance of plasma, Major Keller revealed that the Republic of Korea troops with whom he has been fighting get no plasma at all. "If they are badly wounded," he said, "either the flow of blood is stopped, or they bleed to death. We don't have enough to supply all of the United Nations troops," he said.

The 32-year-old infantryman joined the ROK troops on the Pusan perimeter and worked his way north with them to a point just below the Yalu River.

"Fortunately, the United States does provide the South Koreans with typhus vaccines," the husky fighter said. "Recent epidemics of typhoid, believed to be taking a toll of enemy troops, may have been caused by our scorched earth policy. We may have stirred up the disease-carrying rats and forced them to come out into the open to forage for food."

Praises Courage of ROKs

"ROK troops are courageous fighters," the Rochesterian reported. "They were born and trained in war. Give them enough arms and they will hold on Korea forever." Major Keller reported one ROK regiment of 2,800 men had only 400 hand grenades, or one to every seven men.

A native of Corning, the major came to Rochester when 8 years old. He joined the Army in February, 1935, shortly after his graduation from East High School, and has been in ever since. During World War 2 he fought in the 25th Infantry Division in Guadalcanal, the Northern Solomons and Luzon under Gen. J. Lawton Collins, now Army Chief of Staff.

Major Keller arrived in Korea in September, 1950. He expects to be back in California by Feb. 12 for shipment back to Korea. His mother, who underwent serious operations which necessitated two blood transfusions, is completely recovered now, the major reported.



MAJ. JOHN F. KELLER
. . . tells need of blood

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MOMENTOS OF KOREA—Pfc. Howard C. Kinmond displays Korean trophies to his mother, Mrs. Robert Dietrich, and his brother, Robert.

Unhurt in Fighting,

TIMES UNION FEB 21 1951

GI Loses Leg in Mishap

Marine Pfc. Howard C. Kinmond is a war casualty, but with an ironic difference.

The 19-year-old Rochester youth left his right leg in North Korea last Nov. 13 because of an accidental gunshot wound.

"We were just sitting around," he said," and one of the guys was fooling with his rifle. It went off and just about blew my leg off."

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THE ACCIDENT happened just south of the Chosin Reservoir, later the scene of the first bitter fighting between UN troops and the Chinese Communists.

Kinmond, son of Mrs. George Dietrich, 44 Atlantic Ave., and a Marine since 1948, had arrived in Seoul in September, just as the Communists were pulling out for the first time.

As a replacement in the Fifth Marines, a regiment of the famed First Marine Division, he helped chase the badly mauled North Korean Army north almost to the Manchurian border before the accidental shot from an American rifle cost his his leg.

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"BUT I NEVER DID SEE much fighting," Kinmond said. "The Gooks were on the run when I got to Korea and the Chinese didn't make their big attacks until a couple weeks after I had been shipped back."

He expects to spend about a year more in the hospital. Then he hopes to train for a trade under the GI Bill but he hasn't decided on his trade.

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This Marine Only 22, But He's Fought 2 Wars

By CALVIN MAYNE

A decorated Marine sergeant with a seven-year record of combat duty in two wars and three battle wounds is home on furlough in Mumford.

For a fighting outfit like the Marines, what's so unusual about that?

Well, this Marine—James (Sam) Kenton—is just 22 years old.

He's a curly-haired, young man with a boyish air. But there's also a flinty look to his blue eyes of a battle-hardened fighter, a look that long ago made older men in his outfit stop calling him "kid."

He's home with his young wife, Norma, visiting his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Malone Skivington, at their cozy trailer in Mumford, on a convalescent leave.

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KENTON QUIT the ninth grade of John Marshall High in 1943 to join three older brothers in service. Although he was just 15 years of age, no Marine recruiting sergeant questioned his dead-pan assertion that he was 18, Kenton said today.

At 16—an age when most boys are beginning to date girls and try out for high school baseball teams—Kenton was helping mop up Japanese on Guam. He spent 28 days in the vicious fighting at Iwo Jima and then was shipped to Guam and China. In 1946, just after his 18th birthday, he was discharged with the rank of corporal.

"I thought I'd tell them then that I was 18," Kenton said casually. "Thought it would help clear things up."

His foster parents didn't report his youth to the Marines after they knew he had enlisted.

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IN NOVEMBER, 1946, the then 18-year-old "boy wonder" re-enlisted legally in the Marines. Two months later, he was promoted to become one of the youngest sergeants the promotion-shy Marines ever had.

In July, 1950, Kenton sailed from San Francisco to South Korea. He fought for a month against the North Koreans and was wounded in the leg and arm by shrapnel.

He made the Inchon landing in September and was wounded by a mortar shell in the head, eye and arm in the fighting for Seoul and won the Purple Heart. Hospitalized for two weeks, he then sailed for Wonsan and marched to the Chosen reservoir.

Kenton and his company of 150 fought in rear-guard action for two weeks in the long retreat to the North Korean coast.



KP WITH PLEASURE — Sgt. James Kenton seems to find satisfaction in lending a hand in the kitchen for his wife, Norma, at the couple's trailer-home in Mumford.

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GI in Korea Suffers Burns

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A Rochester father today was trying to learn further details about a letter from his son, Pfc. Alfred Klaus Jr., 18, who said he had burned his hand and might lose some fingers.

Young Klaus is serving in Korea with an MP outfit. His father is Alfred Klaus Sr. of 27 Angle St., a World War 1 veteran.

Pfc. Klaus has been serving in the Wonju area. He enlisted at 17 after attending Jefferson High School. A brother, Kenneth, 21, is in the Navy.

Radioman Hurt By Red Grenade On Korea Front

D. & C. JUL 26 1951

Ambushed by Chinese troops while he was carrying a 60-pound field radio, **Marine Pfc. Bernard G. Keyse,** 21, was struck in the left hand by fragments from a grenade.



BERNARD G. KEYSE

He was evacuated to a 1st Marine Division aid station in Korea, Keyse's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Keyse of 129 Hillside Ave., were told in a letter from their son.

Before he was wounded, he threw the radio from his back and grabbed a weapon to fight the troops that attacked his company as it was ascending a mountain, Keyse wrote. His mother said the letter reached her July 14.

Keyse attended Aquinas Institute and was working at Kodak Park before he entered the service in November, 1950. He arrived in Korea in April, his mother said.

Recalled Marine Suffers Wounds In Korean War

D. & C. SEP 28 1951

Wounded by shrapnel in Korea Sept. 13, Marine Cpl. **Robert Henry Kleisley,** 20, of 224 Genesee Park Blvd., is under treatment aboard the USS Hospital Ship Haven at Pusan, according to a letter received from him yesterday.



ROBERT H. KLEISLEY

Corporal Kleisley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kleisley of the Genesee Park Blvd. address. He wrote them that he had been hit "in the arm and several other places" while serving in the 1st Marine Division.

Graduated from West High School in 1949, Kleisley went to work for Ralph Pontiac, an automobile sales firm at 626 Main St. W. He was a member of the Marine Corps Reserve and was called to active duty in October, 1950. On May 15 of this year he was sent overseas.

Wounded GI Returned to Battle

T-U NOV 10 1951

Cpl. William B. Kellogg, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kellogg of Honeoye Falls, has returned to duty in Korea after recovering from mortar wounds in an Army hospital in Korea.

Kellogg was wounded in battle at Heartbreak Ridge on Oct. 15 and had returned to duty with a tank outfit when he was wounded again. A veteran of World War 2, Kellogg reenlisted a year ago. He is a graduate of Honeoye Falls High School.

Not in Operation

D. & C. JAN 16 1953

Today, I received a letter from my father, enclosing a clipping, from your paper, Dec. 23, 1952, about me. The information given is completely untrue as to the fact, that I have not in any way taken part in any of the amphibious operations in Korea.

It is true that my unit, "Boat Unit 1," has done so but this all happened before I was attached to it. I believe if you would have proof read the statement, you would discover that most, if not all the amphibious operations on Korea were performed before my enlistment date. I'm sorry if you were misinformed by anyone. I would like a retraction to satisfy my informative friends in Rochester.

Thank you very much.

FRANCIS W. KELLY,
En. Fn., U. S. N.

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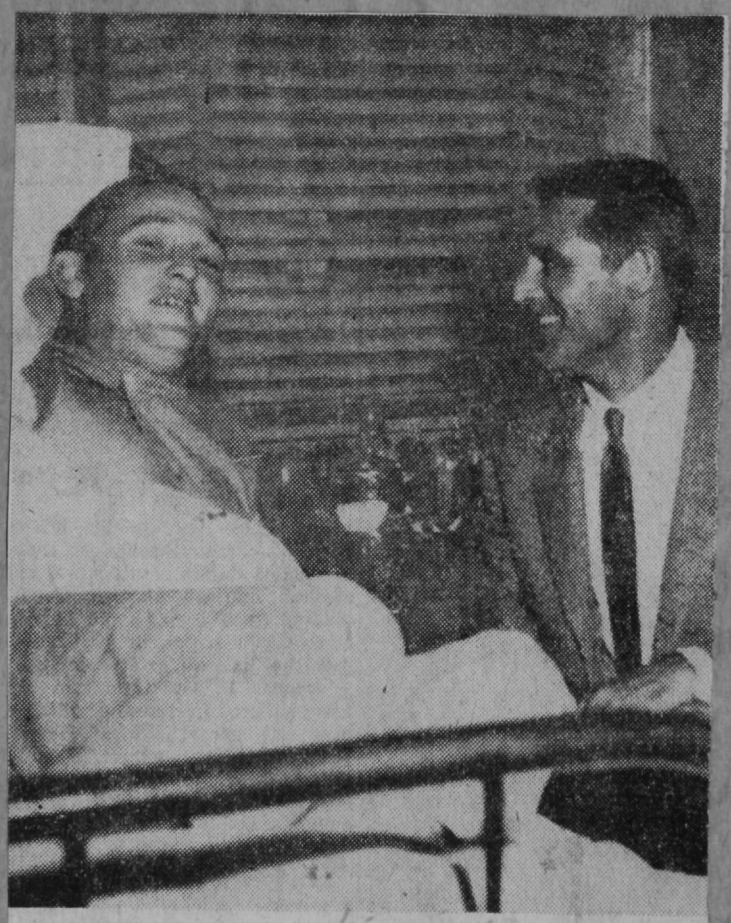

MEETING IN TOKYO—Pfc. Sylvester Kleehammer of Rochester has chat with film star Cary Grant during the latter's visit to Army hospital in Tokyo. Kleehammer, injured on night patrol in Korea Dec. 11, is now at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington. He lives at 3418 St. Paul Blvd.

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Wounded GI Heartened By Visit from Cary Grant

Pfc. Sylvester Kleehammer, now in Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., has at least one pleasant memory of his stay in the Tokyo Army Hospital—a visit from Cary Grant, film star.

The 22-year-old son of Sylvester Kleehammer, 3418 St. Paul Blvd., was seriously injured on a night patrol in Korea Dec. 11. He tripped over a "piano wire," setting off a flare which struck him.

"Nobody seems to be sure whether or not it was a flare the 'Chinks' left behind or one that we forgot to clean up," Sylvester said in a letter to his father.

He had been in Korea as a machinegunner with the 3d Infantry Division's 9th Field Artillery Battalion since last March. He was drafted July 5, 1951 and was scheduled for rotation last month. He will be at Walter Reed for two or three months.

Kleehammer was graduated from Aquinas Institute in 1949 and had been employed at the John Siddons Roofing & Sheet Metal Corp., of which his father is president.

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Pilot Rescued in Bomb

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2 Killed, 15 Injured In Landing Explosion

A Rochester pilot escaped death when a bomb, dislodged from his Navy Corsair plane, exploded on the flight deck of the carrier Oriskany in Korean waters Mar. 6, killing two men and wounding 15 others.

The Navy said that Lt. Edwin L. Kummer, 28, of 31 Cliffmor St., was returning from a strike over North Korea when the accident occurred. He attempted to land with one of his bombs which had failed to release over the target.

At the moment of landing, the bomb shook loose from the wing position, bounced twice and exploded.



Lt. Kummer

Airman Richard D. Donovan, 21, Emmetsburg, Iowa, plunged through flames and exploding ammuntion to drag Kummer from his plane. Kummer suffered burns and minor injuries.

The Navy said the Oriskany's greatest danger came when gas tanks of a Panther jet fighter on the hangar deck were pierced by bomb fragments. Firefighting parties immediately isolated the hangar bay which was flooded with gasoline and minimized the damage.

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THE MEN KILLED IN THE ACCIDENT were Photographer Airman Thomas L. McGraw Jr. of Watertown, and Aviation Electrician Airman Thomas M. Yeager of Columbus, Ohio. Five of the 15 injured were listed in serious condition.

Yeager was struck by shrapnel while repairing electrical circuits on an aircraft part on the hangar deck.

McGraw was at his station preparing to take motion picture photographs when he saw the bomb drop. He was hit while taking a picture of the accident.

The film taken from the camera he had been manning at the moment of impact showed the bomb bouncing along the deck and exploding. McGraw was killed instantly and the camera shattered.

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THE TRAGEDY OCCURRED only a few days after the Oriskany, the Navy's newest and most modern carrier, returned from Japan to waters off the east coast of Korea. Lt. Kummer talked to his wife, Mrs. Faye Kummer, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Kummer, 665 Seward St., by telephone from Japan only last week.

The Navy said the damage on the Oriskany was repaired in a night-long emergency operation and that the carrier returned to position in its task force the next day. Yesterday's Far East Naval Forces summary said planes from the carrier attacked billeting and supply areas from the front lines to Wonsan.

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LT. KUMMER'S WIFE said today that he has flown between 30 and 35 combat missions since going to the Far East last September. He was recalled to active duty in December, 1951. He is the holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal from 11 months of combat flying during World War 2, including service on the carrier Yorktown, she said. He informed his family in the telephone call last week that he had just been awarded another cluster to the Air Medal.

Kummer has a 4-month old daughter, Karen, whom he has never seen. His wife is a part-time nurse at Genesee Hospital.

A graduate of West High School, Kummer attended Cornell University after discharge after World War 2, and graduated from the University of Rochester in 1951. He was a flying member of a naval reserve squadron based at Niagara Falls Naval Air Station before recall to active duty.

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Pilot Survives Blast In Landing on Carrier

D. & C. MAR 11 1953

Heroism and death were aboard the U. S. Carrier Oriskany when a Rochester pilot was snatched unconscious from the cockpit of his burning plane and a diving cameraman was killed taking movies of a bomb explosion.

The Rochester man is Lt. Edwin L. Kummer, 28, of 31 Cliffmor St., from whose plane a 250-pound bomb dropped and exploded as Kummer was landing last Friday on the Oriskany. Two men were killed and 15 hurt, six critically.

Lieutenant Kummer, the Navy reported yesterday, was returning from a bombing mission over North Korea in which one of his bombs had failed to release over the target. As he reached the flight deck, the bomb suddenly came loose from the plane, bounced twice on the deck and exploded.



LT. EDWIN L. KUMMER

Kummer was knocked unconscious by the blast. He lay helpless, strapped in his parachute harness, until an asbestos-suited buddy plunged through the flames and exploding ammunition to rescue him. The Navy said the rescuer was Airman Richard D. Donovan, 21, of Emmetsburg, Iowa, who reached Kummer, cut him free from his parachute harness and with the aid of Airman Michael J. Yox of Baltimore carried him to safety. Neither Donovan nor Yox were listed as injured.

Fragments of the bomb pierced the gasoline tanks of a Panther jet fighter on the deck, threatening a blaze which would have gravely endangered the Oriskany. The gasoline-flooded hangar bay was isolated by firefighting crews which prevented the fire's spread.

Airman Killed

The Navy said Photographer Thomas L. McGraw Jr., 22, of Watertown, was at his station, taking movie shots of the plane returning from the Korean battlefront when he saw the bomb drop from its wing bracket.

Unflinching, McGraw kept on taking pictures. The film taken from his camera showed the bomb bouncing along the deck. Suddenly it exploded in a blast of flames, and the camera caught the lethal bits of metal hurtling toward the photographer. McGraw was killed instantly.

Working on the deck nearby, repairing electrical circuits on an aircraft part, was Aviation Electrician Airman Thomas M. Yeager, 18, of Columbus, Ohio. He was struck by shrapnel and killed.

Lt. Kummer had talked by telephone from Japan only last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Kummer, of 665 Seward St., and his wife, Mrs. Faye Kummer. The wife is a part-time nurse at Genesee Hospital. They have a 4-month-old daughter, Karen, whom the lieutenant never has seen.

The Oriskany had returned to Korean waters only a few days when the explosion occurred. Damage caused by it was repaired overnight and the following day the ship, the Navy's newest and most modern carrier, returned to its task force. Despatches from the Far East indicated planes were operating on missions from the carrier yesterday.

West High Graduate

Kummer is a graduate of West High School. After service in World War 2, he attended Cornell University and graduated from the University of Rochester in 1951. He was a flying member of a Naval Reserve squadron based at Niagara Falls Naval Air Station before being recalled to active duty in December, 1951.

He went to the Far East last September and since then, his wife said yesterday, has flown between 30 and 35 missions. She said he holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal from 11 months of combat flying in World War 2, including service on the carrier Yorktown.

Mrs. Kummer said that in his telephone conversation last week he informed his relatives that he had been awarded another cluster to the Air Medal.

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Armistice Comes After Pair Hears Son Is Wounded

News of the armistice signing came with ironic timing to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Kleve of 179 Desmond Rd., Greece — three days after they had received word that their son had been seriously wounded in Korean fighting.



PFC. WILLIAM KLEVE

The Defense Department telegram, received last Wednesday, said that Pfc. William J. Kleve, 21, had received serious wounds in his upper right arm when he was struck by enemy artillery fire on July 16. The date coincided with the massive assault in which 70,000 Chinese soldiers were thrown against South Korean lines.

"I'm thankful the armistice has been signed, of course, but I wish it could have been just two weeks earlier," Mrs. Kleve said last night. "It was a shock to learn that our son has been wounded, when we were expecting instead the news of the armistice."

Yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. Kleve received a letter from their son dated July 19, saying that he suffered the wound while his company was supporting ROK forces. "We had to pull back in a hurry on the 14th," he added, referring to the push llaunched by Red forces. He said he soon would be sent to a hospital in Japan for treatment.

The youth's letter declares that his wound is not serious and is confined to his wrist, a report which conflicts with the official communication. Mrs. Kleve said she could not understand the apparent contradiction, and added that the letter apparently was not in her son's usual handwriting.

Private Kleve, a native of Rochester, enlisted in the Army May 23, 1952, and was sent overseas last January. He served as chief ammunition bearer for his company in the 65th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division.

He was graduated from John Marshall High School in 1951 and later worked for Taylor Instrument Companies as a machinist. He plans to enter Rochester Institute of Technology when he returns from service.

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Caledonia Infantryman Missing

TIMES UNION AUG 2 1950

A veteran Caledonia infantryman twice wounded in the last war, today was missing in action in Korea.



LOOMIS

He is Sgt. Otis W. Loomis, 32, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Loomis of Conlon Rd., Le Roy.

The Defense Department reported that Loomis has been missing since July 16 He is the first Caledonia man known to have been in the Korean conflict.

Loomis has a sister, Mrs. Enoch Stewart, and a brother, Lester, living in Caledonia.

The veteran non-com was with the 19th Infantry, 24th Division, an outfit hard-hit in the Korean fighting.

In World War 2, Loomis was wounded in Holland while serving with the famed 82d Airborne, and earned another Purple Heart in the Battle of the Bulge.

Loomis enlisted in the Regular Army following his graduation from Caledonia High School in 1936. Born in South Dakota, he moved with his family to Caledonia in 1924.

He has three other brothers, Gaspard of Wheatland, Gerald of Brockport and Bernard of Rush, and two other sisters, Mrs. Clarence Glestead of Modesto, Calif., and Mrs. Philip Talcott of Richford, Vt.

To date, three Rochesterians also have been reported missing in action in Korea.

Once Given Up for Dead, Hilton GI Starts 'Road Back'

A Hilton soldier who was once given up for dead by his company started back on a long road to recovery today.

Pfc. Allen Lemcke, 21, of 620 Manitou Rd., Hilton, reported for treatment at St. Alban's Hospital, Long Island, after a 15-day furlough at the farm home of his parents, Arthur and Myrtle Lemcke.



LEMCKE

A bullet will be removed from his hip and he will undergo continued treatment for facial wounds and burns.

Lemcke said he was wounded Sept. 8 while fighting with the 2d Division along the Naktong River line in South Korea. A shell exploded in his face while he lay alone in a foxhole, he said.

For four days, Lemcke lay unconscious. His friends decided he had been killed or captured. A comrade finally found him and carried him to safety, but not before Lemcke had been shot twice in the hip by North Korean soldiers during the dash to American lines.

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Capt. Lozano Missing in Korean Action

TIMES UNION DEC 20 1950

Capt. Arthur H. Lozano, 29, West Point graduate serving with the 38th Field Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division, is reported missing in action.



LOZANO

Lozano's wife is the former Elizabeth Vande Visse, of 15 Audubon St., whose father, Martin, is president and treasurer of VandeVisse and Kildea Lumber Co.

The Lozanos have a year-old daughter, Dianne.

Capt. Lozano had served at Fort Lewis, Wash., for two years, and in Japan 2½ years before going to Korea.



MRS. Arthur H. Lozano and her daughter, Dianne, are shown here in a picture taken in September.

GI Returns To Hospital

D. & C. NOV 3 1950

An Army infantryman, wounded in action in Korea, has returned to St. Alban's Hospital on Long Island after a 15-day furlough with his parents in Hilton.

Sgt. 1/c Allen E. Lemcke, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lemcke of Hilton, returned to the hospital to have one of two bullets removed from his leg. On Sept 8 he was wounded in action and for several days, his company gave him up as dead.

Fighting with the 2d Division along the Naktong River line, Sergeant Lemcke was hit by shell fragments while lying alone in his foxhole. For four days, he lay there unconscious, before he was finally found and carried to safety. When they were evacuating him from his foxhole, he was hit by enemy fire in the legs. He arrived in the United States on Oct. 9. Sergeant Lemcke enlisted in the Army in January, 1948 after attending Hilton High School.

A brother, Richard, 29, was called back into service 10 days ago. A member of the Army enlisted reserve, he was sent to Camp Hood, Tex., for further assignment.

Rochester GI Suffers Wound In Korea War

Pfc. Allen Lyle, 20, has been wounded in action in Korea, it was learned yesterday.



ALLEN LYLE

His mother, Mrs. Permilla Lyle of 464 Main St. W., said she received a communication from the Army Department saying her son was wounded Nov. 4 and was in a hospital. It gave no other details.

Lyle has been in Korea since June 30, she said, and his last letter home was postmarked Oct. 29. Lyle enlisted 3 years ago and was serving with the 24th Infantry Division. He was home on furlough last June. He is a graduate of Madison High School.

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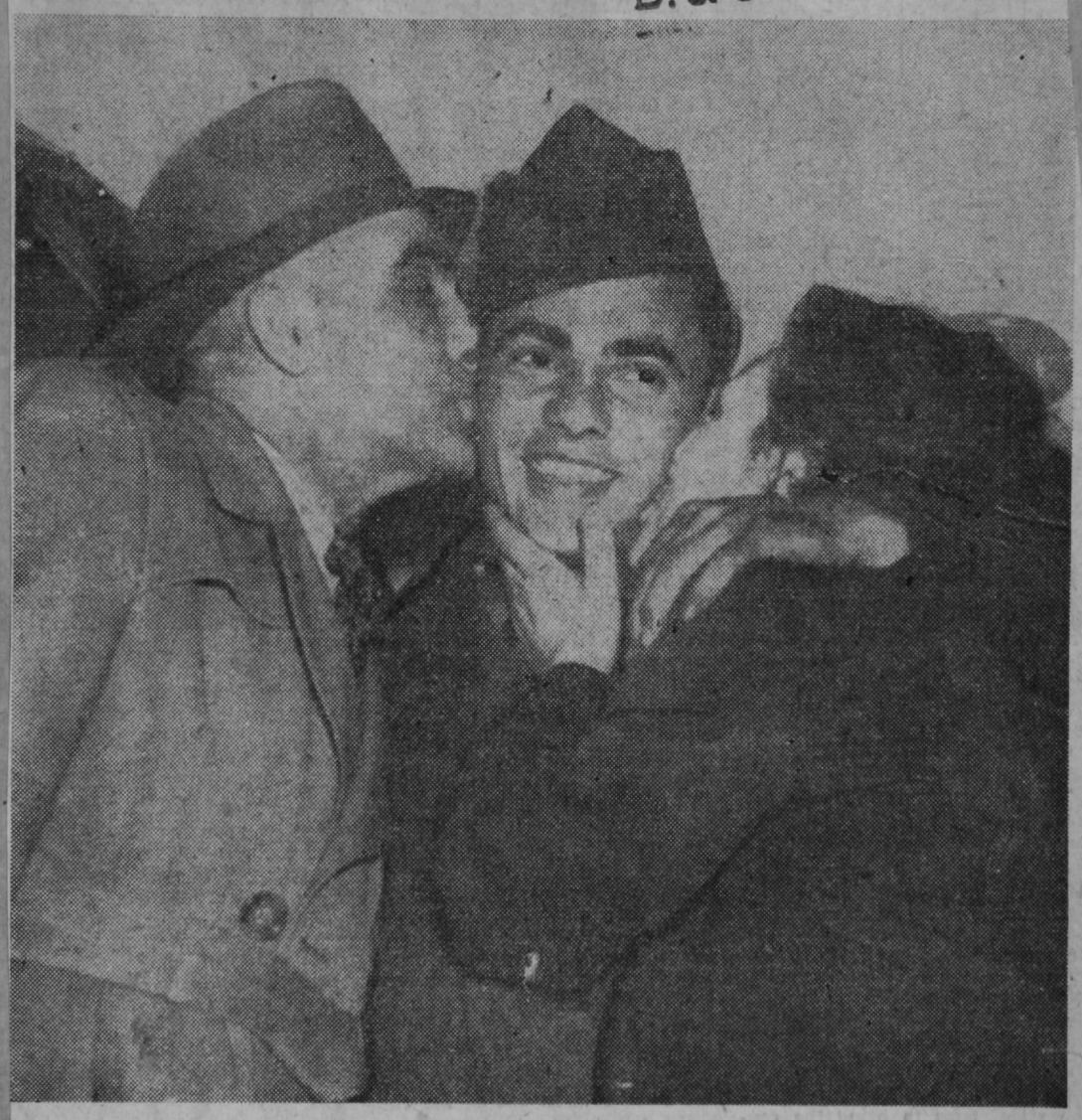

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ARMS OF LOVE—Pfc. Peter Laclaire is hugged by parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Laclaire, as he arrives here by plane on last leg of trip from Korea, en route to Sampson Air Base Hospital. He was captured by Communists Apr. 28, 1951.

The Laclaires spent about two hours with their son at Sampson, but most of their comment after-

Arrive Here, Weary, Tense, Silent

ward had to do with the sunny aspects of the reunion, not the wounds or the long imprisonment.

"He looks good, real good," his mother said excitedly. "Of course, he's nervous, but you've got to expect that. He only lost 10 pounds, so I don't need to fatten him up very much. I was so excited to see him that I didn't pay too much attention to anything else, but he says he feels wonderful. If we'll just get him home that's all we care about."

Until he does come home—and the hospital gave no hint when that will be—the family plans to drive the 68 miles from Fulton every evening to visit the soldier.

One of his first needs, according to his mother, is a pair of glasses. Badly nearsighted, Laclaire lost his spectacles the day he was captured two years ago and has been without any ever since.

In addition to Laclaire's parents, his grandmother, two brothers, four sisters and a cousin were on hand. All agreed that the soldier looked good, considering that he spent a year in prison.

The cousin, Frank Pafumi, noticed a toughness that was not there when he last saw Laclaire more than two years ago. "He looks pretty good," he commented, "but he's hardened."

The Ovens were relieved that, after a week of confusion, their son finally was within reach. Since their son telephoned them from Tokyo Apr. 23, they said, their household had been in an uproar with a flood of conflicting messages concerning his return. "We're glad he's here at last," the father said with a sigh. "Now I hope things will calm down a little for us."

Laclaire was captured Apr. 28, 1951, the day he was wounded in four places—his right arm, side, thigh and leg. His family received two letters from a Red prison camp but refused to believe they came from the soldier because they were not in his handwriting, a fact explained by the wounds.

"I didn't believe the letters were from him until he called us last week from Tokyo," his mother said.

She said he had told her of going without medical treatment for a month after being captured. He was freed Apr. 22.

Oven was taken prisoner Mar. 26, less than a month before he was repatriated on Apr. 23. He suffered shrapnel wounds in the arms and legs.

Both men were able to walk from the plane. Before they did, however, their parents were ushered onto the military transport plane for a few moments of privacy. Then the three Ovens stepped off, followed closely by the Laclaires.

Once on the ground, they were taken in charge by Lt. Lawrence Schaen, Sampson Air Force Base public information officer. He hustled them into the Weather Bureau office for a private briefing, then emerged to tell waiting newsmen that the men did not want to talk to them.

Waiting were an ambulance and a staff car, both from Sampson. After emerging from the Weather Bureau, the men first climbed into the ambulance, but a few moments later transferred to the passenger vehicle. They rode the 40 miles to the Sampson hospital in the staff car.

As they sat, waiting to get under way, they were unsmiling and silent. Each reporter asking them even a routine question, such as how they felt, was parried by Lieutenant Schaen's reminder that "the men don't want to talk."

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Ray Mathony Killed in Korea; Ex-Policeman

A former policeman and Marine veteran reported killed in action was among three Rochester casualties whose parents received Defense Department telegrams yestreday.

Another city youth is missing in action and a third is recovering from combat wounds in Japan.

Pfc. Raymond C. Mathony, 31, son of Mrs. Helen Mathony of 425 Clinton Ave. S., was reported killed in Korea on Sept. 16, the day United Nations forces landed at Inchon. Mathony was serving with the First Marine Division when he was shipped overseas this month. That division participated in the invasion, according to press dispatches.



PFC. RAYMOND C. MATHONY

Just 10 days before he was reported killed in combat, Mathony wrote his mother from San Francisco. His message was dated Sept. 6.

Had Long War Record

War was not a new experience for Mathony, who served four years during World War 2 with the Marines and later saw three years of duty with the Army.

Following his army stint, Mathony returned to Rochester and joined the police force. Earlier this year, he resigned from the force after being a patrolman for 2½ years to enlist in the Marines.

Wounded GI Promoted

LES UNION AUG 27 1951

As he and his company stormed an enemy hill position in Korea July 27, Sgt. 1/c Albert E. McBurney Jr., husband of Paula McBurney, 84 Bleaker St., was wounded by shrapnel. Several days later he was promoted to his present rank.



SGT. MC BURNEY

McBurney was called up with the reserves last October and has been in Korea since Feb. 12, serving in the 38th Regiment of the 2d Infantry Division.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. McBurney, 260 Lake Rd., Sea Breeze. His brother, William G. McBurney, is with the Air Force at Waco, Tex.



PFC. WILLIAM F. MC AVOY

T. U. 9-17-51

THE LATEST wounded casualty reported from Korea is Marine **Pfc. William F. McAvoy**, 22, son of Mrs. Mary T. McAvoy, 678 Genesee St.

Young McAvoy was caught Aug. 29 in an enemy mortar barrage and suffered shoulder wounds. He wrote his mother that his uniform and pack were literally blown off his back.

Pfc. McAvoy, a reservist called back to duty last November, served since June in Korea with the 1st Marine Division's 7th Regiment. He is reported recovering from his wounds in a base hospital behind the lines.

McAvoy is a graduate of Aquinas Institute and Loyola University of Los Angeles.

Scio St. GI Wounded 2d Time

TIMES UNION JUL 25 1951



CPL. GEORGE NEW

A Defense Department telegram yesterday informed the parents of Cpl. George E. New, 22, of 256 Scio St., that their son has been wounded for the second time in the Korean fighting.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles New received word that Corporal New was wounded July 4, the 175th anniversary of our Declaration of Independence. He was first wounded on Sept. 12 and returned to duty on Dec. 4.

Corporal New has completed more than three years of his present enlistment. A veteran of World War 2, he served in the Air Force in Texas. Before enlisting, he attended Paul Revere Trade School and was employed at the Atlantic Millwork Company in Goodman St. S.

His current tour of duty included a year of service in Alaska.

Wounded Marine Returns

Marine Sgt. Robert H. McConnell, 332 Hudson Ave., who was wounded in action in Korea Feb. 16, was listed as among Marine Corps personnel to arrive in San Francisco today aboard the transport Gen. Nelson M. Walker.

IN ANOTHER harrowing Korean experience, Sgt. Robert H. McConnel, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew McConnell, 332 Hudson Ave., was first reported killed when a hand grenade exploded in his hut, killing one of three soldiers inside.

Somehow young McConnell's brother, Douglas, 24, seaman aboard a Navy hospital ship in the area, heard that Robert had been killed.

Douglas managed to get to the Korean front, learned his brother had been wounded and notified the family that the "killed in action" report was wrong. Sgt. McConnell was removed to a hospital in Japan aboard his brother's ship.

Local Marine Wounded For Second Time

Wounded for the second time, Marine Sgt. **Joseph V. Merkel,** is recuperating in a hospital in Japan, according to the latest letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Merkel, 158 Mt. Vernon Ave.



JOSEPH V. MERKEL

The soldier, who is 22, was wounded in the foot and hand by shrapnel on Dec. 4 during the withdrawal from the Chosin Reservoir area. He was evacuated by air to Japan. He wrote from the hospital, "It was not a retreat because we fought on all sides out of there. We attacked all the time, only in a reverse direction. It was like a nightmare. They were all around us." He had been previously wounded on Aug. 8, 1950, with shrapnel in his left hand.

Brighton Marine Wounded Infiltrating Enemy Lines

TIMES UNION JUN 30 1952

Marine Cpl. William G. Neuhierl, son of Robert H. Neuhierl, 86 Elwell Dr., Brighton, has been wounded in action with the 11th Regiment of the 1st Marine Division in Korea.

Shell fragments hit his face and head on June 15 while the 21-year-old Leatherneck was attempting to infiltrate enemy lines to set up an observation post. A letter received by his father later said that he was back in action again.



Cpl. Neuhierl

Corporal Neuhierl, prior to his enlistment in January, 1950, studied photography at Rochester Institute of Technology. He also attended Rochester Business Institute and is a graduate of Brighton High School. He has been in Korea since August.

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REUNION — A happy family greets Marine Pfc. Richard Oven of Buffalo on arrival at airport here en route to Air Force Base Hospital at Sampson. Oven was released by Reds in Korea 10 days ago. Shown are parents and brother, 10.

2 Returned PWs

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Silent, hardened and tense, two Western New York fighting men just freed by the Korea Communists last night had their first few minutes with their families at Rochester Airport.

Army Pfc. Peter S. Laclaire, 19, of Fulton and Marine Pfc. Richard L. Oven, 19, of Buffalo, reached the hospital about 8:30 o'clock, both hopeful of early furloughs at home. They appeared worn but otherwise reasonable healthy.

Parents of both — Mr. and Mrs. Peter E. Laclaire and Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Oven — met them at the airport, together with about a dozen other relatives of each man. They spent most of the afternoon waiting at the airport as the plane's arrival time was uncertain; it arrived at 6:20 p. m.

Although both suffered leg wounds in combat, both men walked from the plane without limping. They spent about 45 minutes here before leaving for Sampson by staff car. Both declined to talk to waiting newsmen.

The Oven family returned to Buffalo after the reunion, expecting to drive to Sampson today and hoping to bring their son home then. The Laclaires, however, followed the military motorcade and visited their soldier again at the hospital. The men will undergo a physical checkup and any essential treatment before being allowed to go home.

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Letter Reports How Corporal Was Wounded in Last Attack

TIMES UNION AUG 3 1953

In the last UN counterattack before the Korean truce was signed, **Cpl. Daniel M. O'Connor**, 40½ Austin St., was wounded in the left leg and foot by an exploding mortar shell.

In a letter to his mother, Mrs. Agnes O'Connor, the 21-year-old infantryman told how his buddies had carried him to safety during the fighting.



Cpl. O'Connor

He was serving in the front lines with the 9th Infantry Regiment, 2d Division. Now recuperating in an Army hospital near Tokyo, Japan, he expects to remain there for about two months with his leg and foot in a cast.

Corporal O'Connor was drafted into the Army in April, 1952, and assigned to Korea last September. He is a 1948 graduate of Aquinas Institute.

Happy But Silent

TIMES UNION MAY 4 1953

Two Freed POWs Undergo Exams at Sampson

Two upstate servicemen, looking forward to home after imprisonment by the Reds in Korea, were undergoing physical examination at Sampson Air Force Base today.

Marine Cpl. Richard L. Oven, 19, of Buffalo, and Army Pfc. Peter S. LaClaire, 23, of Fulton, first released war prisoners returned to this area, appeared for about half an hour at the Rochester Airport last night enroute to Sampson.

Neither showed ill effects from wounds. Oven had suffered left arm and right leg injuries. LaClaire was wounded in the right side, arm, hip and leg.

Parents of both servicemen and dozens of friends and relatives met them at the airport.

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RETICENT about their experience but obviously happyy to be back, the Marine and the soldier arrived at 6:28 p. m. yesterday aboard a C-47 Army plane. At 6:55 p. m. they were whisked away in a military car to Sampson.

Approached by newsmen as he alighted from the plane, Oven said he had been well treated by the Communists. Further questioning of either man was blocked by a Sampson Air Force Base oficer who said, "The men don't want to talk."

As soon as posible after the plane was put down on the field, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Oven, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter S. LaClaire, parents of the servicemen, were allowed aboard for an intimate reunion.

"He looks wonderful and we're all so happy," said Mrs. Oven after hugging and kissing her son.

"He just said 'Hi' when we met him and said he's feeling fine," she told a Times-Union reporter. "He's a very shy boy."

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CPL. OVEN was taken prisoner Mar. 26, less than a month before his liberation Apr. 23.

The Oven family, including a 9-year-old son, and several relatives and friends of Cpl. Oven returned to Buffalo last night.

The LaClaire family followed there son to Sampson.

"He looks real good," Mrs. LaClaire said when asked about her son. "Of course, he's nervous, but you've got to expect that. He only lost 10 pounds, so I don't have to fatten him up very much."

Pfc. LaClaire, who was captured more than two years ago, normally wears glasses, but has been without them since he was a prisoner. He showed his mother an identification bracelet and said, "That's one thing they didn't get."

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THE AIR FORCE would not say when the two men would be given leave. They were brought here from California by way of Washington, D. C., Philadelphia and Westover Air Force Base, Mass.

When the plane landed in Rochester only other passenger aboard was an unidentified man described as a litter case.

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Marine Sgt. Langtry Missing in Action

TIMES UNION JAN 13 1953

Another Monroe County serviceman has been reported missing in action in Korea.

He is Marine T/Sgt. Charles S. Langtry, 28, father of two children and son of Mrs. Walter Phillips Jr. of 15 Cedar Rd., Greece. He also served with the Marines in the Pacific area in World War 2.

Mrs. Phillips said today that the Defense Department notified her that her son has been missing since a plane in which he was flying on a leaflet-distribution mission was shot down by enemy anti-aircraft fire last July 3.

Sgt. Langtry is the 101st Rochester and Monroe County serviceman to be reported killed, captured or missing in action since the war in Korea began June 25, 1950. Seventy-three have died, nine have been listed by the Communists as prisoners of war and 19—including Sgt. Langtry—have been reported missing in action. In addition, 236 have been wounded.

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SGT. LANGTRY'S WIFE, the former Elizabeth Hoehn of 89 Ardmore St., and their daughters, Sheryl, 3½, and Charley Jane, 6, have been living in Costa Mesa, Calif., since shortly before he was sent overseas early last year. Prior to that they lived in the Ramona Park Apartments and in Cedar Rd.

A 1941 graduate of John Marshall High School where he was a member of the varsity swimming team, Sgt. Langtry majored two years in mechanical enginering at the University of Rochester before joining the Marine Corps in 1943.

Between World War 2 and the Korean War he resumed his studies at the university and he was employed for a time by Frear Chevrolet Inc., 1110 Stone Rd., Greece.



T/SGT. CHARLES S. LANGTRY

Marine Cpl. Laufer Wounded in Korea

TIMES UNION APR. 11 1953

Marine Cpl. Kenneth Laufer, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Laufer, 177 Avalon Dr., Brighton, has been wounded in action in Korea.

The Defense Department telegram received by his parents stated he was wounded Mar. 27, 1953, while serving with an intelligence unit of the First Marine Division. Both feet were injured and are in casts. He is recuperating at a hospital in Japan.

In 1950, Cpl. Laufer was graduated from Brighton High School where he was a member of the soccer team. He enlisted in the Marines in February, 1951. He trained at Fort Riley General School in Kansas and was sent to the Far East in January.



CPL. KENNETH LAUFER

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Korea Vet Wins Long Fight To Remain in United States

Peter M. Leaming, 27, of 1721 St. Paul St. has won his 18-month fight to stay in this country.

Rep. Kenneth B. Keating announced yesterday that the President has signed the bill to prevent Leaming from being deported which Keating sponsored and shepherded through both houses of Congress.

Leaming, a New Zealander "jumped ship" in New York City in 1951 and came to Rochester. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in February of that year, and served under fire in Korea.

Following his honorable discharge in January, 1953, he learned that he was to be deported. He explained his plight to Howard Kemp, Democrat and Chronicle field and stream columnist. Kemp brought the matter to Keating's attention.

Keating introduced a bill in Congress which stayed the deportation order and which was aimed at making the New Zealander eligble for citizenship. The bill passed the House and last July it was approved by the Senate and sent to President Eisenhower.

Leaming is in the roofing contracting business here.

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YULETIDE IN ADVANCE—When he was ordered overseas, friends and relatives of Jack Lazeroff hit on the idea of a special holiday celebration to take the place of the one he'll miss. Here Private Lazeroff, 23, and his wide-eyed godchild, Kathy Cody, 5, inspect the miniature tree and Santa Claus set up for the occasion. Lazeroff is a bank teller in civilian life.

Turkey and Christmas Tree

Holidays Arrive Early For Korea-Bound Vet

D.&C. OCT 22 1951

Friends and relatives of Pfc. Jack J. Lazeroff rolled ahead the calendar yesterday to bring off a combination Thanksgiving and Christmas celebration at his 333 Ames St. home. The handsome, husky infantryman won't be around Rochester for the holidays; he's on his way to Korean front duty.

"We wanted to do something which would give Jack a touch of the holiday season he'll miss," his mother, Mrs. Gladys Lazeroff, said. As she bustled around the kitchen preparing the turkey dinner with all the trimmings in the unseasonal 73 degree heat, her manner was one of mixed pride and a determination to see the day through

Lazeroff, a 23-year-old former head teller in the Lincoln-Rochester Trust [illegible]pany's West End Office, was a [illegible] taken aback by all the fuss. [illegible]dest almost to the point of shy-[illegible], he kept telling well-wishers that all he wanted to do "is to get going and get it over with."

His mother even had a small decorated Christmas tree for the occasion, but at Jack's suggestion it was relegated to an upstairs closet after a brief display in the living room. Failing to find a natural Christmas tree, Mrs. Lazeroff dusted off a long-forgotten ersatz miniature.

Lazeroff, who was drafted for 24 months last April, completed Infantry Leadership School at Fort Dix, N. J., last week. He's due to report to the Port of Embarkation in Seattle Friday. He is a 1947 graduate of Madison High School.

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After Korea

'Lucky' Gets Wish--Shakes Hard's Hand

T.U. NOV 24 1951

One drab day in Korea some GIs were bull-sessioning about soldiering, and one of them came up with a copy of the Rochester Star—service publication put out by the Rochester Convention and Publicity Bureau.



CPL. LETKY

"Look at this," he said, pointing to an item about James A. Hard of Rochester, oldest GAR vet in the nation. "He's 110 years old. That's older than all five of us guys put together."

One of the impressed group was Cpl. John (Lucky) Letky, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Letky, 182 Herald St.

"I'd like to shake that old soldier's hand when I get back to the States," he said. "If I ever get back, that is."

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YOUNG LETKY did get back. And today The Times-Union arranged for him to go over to Hard's home in Portsmouth Ter.

As they shook hands, Letky said:

"Mr. Hard, I don't think I'll ever live as long as you have."

The old soldier smiled, and they chatted a bit, and young Letky left, shaking his head.

"Funny how a fellow can express a little wish thousands of miles away in that beat-up Korea, and then have the wish come true."

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CPL. LETKY got his nickname of "Lucky" after winning a lot of prizes one time at St. Andrew's School in Portland Ave.

"Been lucky ever since," he said. "Never got hit in Korea."

In service 34 months, Letky was overseas 32 months—in places like Guam and Japan. He was sent to Korea almost a year ago with a chemical outfit.

He intends to stay in service, and will report to Ft. Dix for reassignment.

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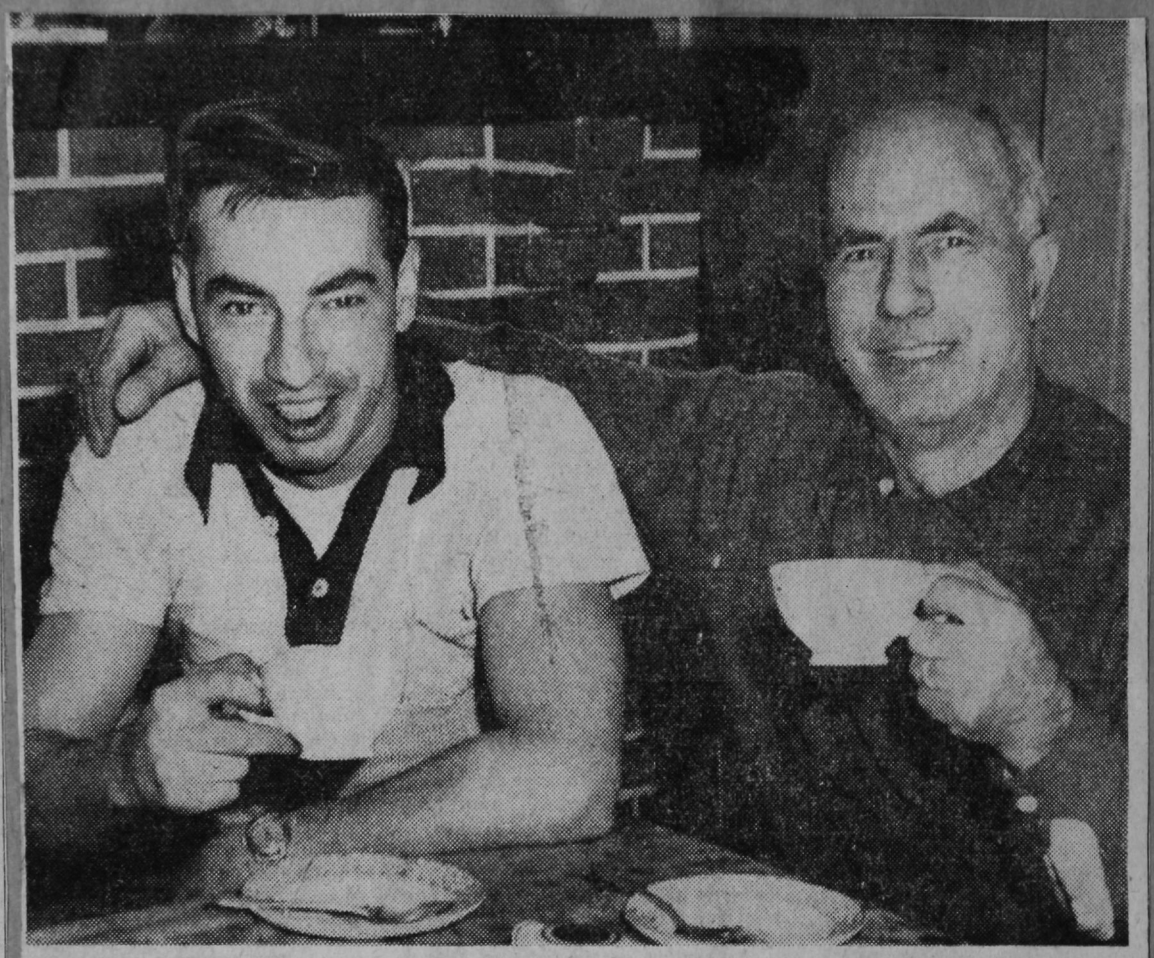
"THE ONLY THING that bothered me about pulling out of Korea," he said, "was leaving behind my little Korean buddy, Danny. We sort of adopted the kid.

"Danny broke down and cried when I left. I sent him a package of clothing the other day. Hope that will help some."



OH, HAPPY DAY!—Sgt. Carmen A. Lodice, who lost leg in Korea, gets home for Christmas time. He's shown having breakfast with his father, Joseph Lodice.

2 Hospitalized GIs Home for Christmas

T.U. D. & C. DEC 20 1951

Detached service is a familiar term to GIs.

It usually means that a soldier is put on some sort of special duty away from his unit.

But detached service has a special meaning today for Sgt. Carmen A. Lodice and his family, at 325 Lexington Ave.

Walter Reed Hospital in Washington gave Lodice, 25, a pre-Christmas present by letting him come home for the holidays.

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THE SERGEANT has been under treatment for his shattered right leg, which had to be amputated after he was hit by Red mortar fire in Korea last March.

"I'm wearing an artificial leg now, and get around pretty good," the veteran infantryman said as he relaxed over coffee this morning with his dad, Joseph Lodice.

Sgt. Lodice expects to be discharged from service soon.

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A RESERVIST who was recalled to duty Oct. 15, 1950, he served four months in Korea and was hit while leading a night patrol in the Han River sector.

Lodice is a World War 2 veteran who served in Germany. After he's discharged, he hopes to open a radio shop.

The sergeant has three brothers, Pete, discharged from service after serving in Germany, and Don and Tony, both World War 2 veterans.

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ANOTHER Rochester boy, Cpl. Robert Salmon, 22, of 83 Floverton St., also was granted a Christmas furlough from the Washington hospital. He will have to return in a month for further medical treatment.

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Rochester Marine Wounded in Korea

D. & C. JUN 6 1952

Pfc. Paul T. Latragna, 20, has been wounded in action in Korea while serving with the 1st Marine Division, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Saverio Latragna of 1235 Clifford Ave., have been notified.



PAUL T. LATRAGNA

The official notification from the Marine Corps arrived Monday. But yesterday, the family received a letter from their son, written from a hospital ship. He wrote that he had received a shrapnel wound in the neck, but gave no further details.

The young Marine is married and has an 8-month-old daughter, Charlene. His wife, the former Rita Zonneville, lives at 31 Merrimac St. Following graduation from Benjamin Franklin High School in 1950, Private Latragna worked at Bastian Brothers until he enlisted in the Marines Feb. 28, 1951.

He was home for six days in May, 1951, and was sent to Korea last Fall. After he sailed on a troopship from San Diego, his family received a letter saying he expected to land in Japan. Later letters revealed this "landing" was the briefest possible—just long enough to walk down the gangplank of one troopship across the pier and up the gangplank of a second troopship which took him to Korea.

D. & C. JUN 20 1952

Last 15 Minutes in Korea Worst for Marine

Lt. Joseph T. Lee, USMCR, figures his last 15 minutes in the front lines of Korea were just about his worst.

They stretched into nearly a half hour while the enemy threw mortar and heavy artillery shells at his outfit—and, most nervewrecking of all, delayed the truck that was to take him the first lap of his journey home.

"I just went out of my bunker to tell the platoon leader that it was just about quitting time for me—15 minutes and the truck would come to take me out," he recalls. "Then the shell started landing all over the place. I dived for my bunker, and everybody started kidding me about quitting early. The gonnies (Communists) kept it up for about 25 minutes, and held my truck up all that time. I was more nervous during those few minutes than any other time I was in Korea."

Nevertheless, Lee got out of Korea unscathed and landed in San Francisco in time to meet his wife, Jean, and take a rambling motor trip through the Western States and Canada before heading home for Rochester. For the second time in his life, the 26-year-old Marine is now on inactive duty; he and his wife are settling down to apartment life at 3 Selden St., and he's going back to his job in the sales department of Stecher-Traung Lithograph Corporation.

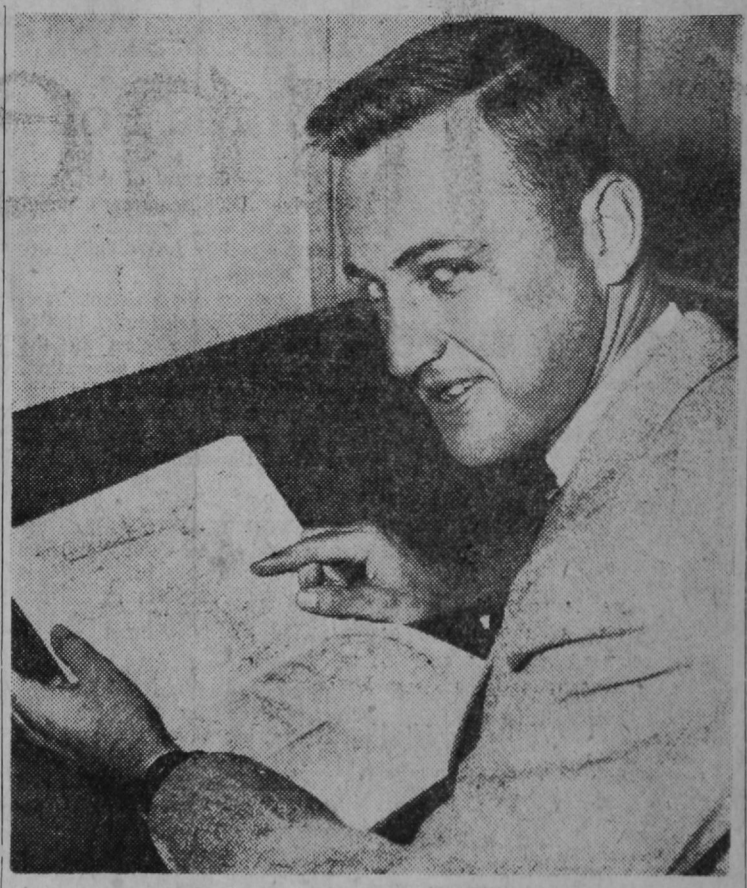
"I don't suppose they'll want me a third time unless a world war breaks loose," he said.

Lee had been in Korea since December, and spent about half his time there within a few yards of the enemy. The Chinese Communists, he has concluded after this opportunity for close observation, are "pretty fanatical" and a "tough crew to fight."

"When they go through barbed wire, for instance—if they don't have mats to throw down, the first guys throw themselves on the wire and the others climb over on their bodies."

Lee served with the 1st Battalion of the 1st Marine Regiment, which operated above the 38th Parallel during the Winter months—when, he reports, it was about 5 below zero and most of the action was confined to capturing prisoners for information. In March, his unit was moved to the Panmunjon area on the rim of the peace camp. Communist units did not always feel bound to observe the no-fire alleys nearby, he recalls.

During World War 2, Lee served for two years as a Marine instructor on the Pacific Coast. He's a former Democrat and Chronicle reporter. He is the son of Mrs. Rachel T. Lee, 320 Barrington St.



HOME FROM WAR—Lt. Joseph T. Lee, Marine Corps Reserve, home from Korea action, points on map to place where he had his closest call—just 15 minutes before leaving war zone.

Korea Vet Back Home

TIMES UNION OCT 20 1952

Cpl. Samuel LoVetro, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LoVetro of 138 Fourth St., a former jockey, is home from eight months in Korea where he "rode" a tank retriever.

The Edison Tech alumnus is home on rotation leave and will be discharged at Camp Kilmer, N. J., the 28th of this month. Before enlisting in the Army in 1949, he rode horses at racetracks in Canada (Toronto and Montreal) and at Cleveland and Akron in Ohio.



LoVetro

Until he was sent to Korea, he was stationed on the Mexico-Texas border "chasing" Mexicans who attempted to enter the United States illegally. He arrived in Korea last February. LoVetro is not sure what he will do after his discharge except to say that he won't go back to jockeying.

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D. & C. NOV 4 1952

Casualties on Patrol Told in GI's Letter

Of 13 men with him on a patrol into enemy territory, all but four were killed and two of these four, including himself were wounded, a Rochester soldier has told his family in a letter from Korea.

Pfc. Joseph A. Lovetro Jr., 25, whose parents live at 151 Third St., wrote that "so many men have been hit lately that the cook had to go with us" on the patrol. Private Lovetro casually mentioned that he'd won the Bronze Star, in addition to his Purple Heart, on that same patrol. This was for bringing in his wounded buddy, he explained. The action took place Oct. 25.

Trapped while knocking out a Chinese Communist observation post, his patrol had to fight its way back through the encircling enemy, Private Lovetro wrote. Those who made it were trapped again, this time in the midst of a mine field, from which the survivors were rescued by reinforcements. One of the rescuers was killed and at least one other wounded in this operation, the local soldier wrote.

Sometime during all this, Lovetro was hit in the right leg, left shoulder and head, he reported. None of the wounds was serious, he wrote, and he expected to be back in action in a few days.



JOSEPH A. LOVETRO
Wounded in Korea

D. & C. DEC 10 1952

Rochester Soldier Wounded For Second Time in Korea



JOSEPH A. LOVETRO JR.

For the second time in little more than a month, Pfc. Joseph A. Lovetro Jr. has been felled by enemy fire in Korea, it was reported yesterday.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lovetro of 151 Third St., received a Defense Department telegram several days ago telling them their son was wounded in the back in action Nov. 29. Further details have not yet reached the family.

In a patrol action Oct. 25, Lovetro was one of four men who survived. For his heroic action in carrying a wounded comrade to safety while injured himself he was awarded the Bronze Star. In the engagement Lovetro suffered wounds of the right leg, left shoulder and head. He returned to action after treatment.

The Rochester infantryman has been in the service for more than a year. He attended Edison Technical High School and was employed by the Beech Nut Company before entering the service.

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D. & C. JAN 14 1953

Marine of Greece Missing in Korea



S/SGT. CHARLES S. LANGTRY

A Greece Marine, father of two children, is on the list of missing in Korean action.

His mother, Mrs. Walter Phillips Jr., 15 Cedar Rd., said she was notified yesterday by the Defense Department that her son, **T/Sgt. Charles S. Langtry,** 28, has been missing since a plane in which he was flying a leaf-distribution mission was shot down by enemy aircraft fire last July 3.

A graduate of John Marshall High School, where he was a member of one of that school's unbeaten swimming teams, Sergeant Langtry majored in mechanical engineering at the University of Rochester before joining the Marine Corps in 1943. He served with the Marines in the Pacific in World War 2.

Between World War 2 and Korea he resumed his studies at the university and was employed part time by Frear Chevrolet Inc., 1110 Stone Rd.

He married the former Elizabeth Hoehn, 89 Ardmore St., who with daughters Sheryl, 3½, and Jane, 6, have been living in Costa Mesa, Calif., since before he was sent overseas early last year. Prior to that they lived in the Ramona Park Apartments and in Cedar Rd., Greece.

Rochester Marine Wounded in Korea

D. & C. APR 12 1953

Latest Monroe County serviceman to join the Korean casualty list is Marine Cpl. Kenneth Laufer, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Laufer of 177 Avalon Dr., Brighton.



CPL. KENNETH LAUFER

According to a Defense Department telegram received by the young Marine's parents, he was wounded in action Mar. 27 while serving with an intelligence unit of the 1st Marine Division. He is now recuperating from wounds at a hospital in Japan.

Corporal Laufer, a 1950 graduate of Brighton High School, enlisted in the Marines in February, 1951. He received training at Fort Riley General School in Kansas and was sent to the Far East in January. While at Brighton High School, he was a member of the soccer team.

Pvt. Thomas Levasseur Wounded by Sniper

Pfc. Thomas Levasseur, 20, was shot in the leg by a sniper in Korea Feb. 16 and is now in a hospital in Japan.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Levasseur of 294 Andrews St., received a Defense Department telegram yesterday, confirming the news which Levasseur sent in a letter to his parents the day before.



PFC. THOMAS LEVASSEUR

He was hit while serving with the 297 Regimental Combat Team, Levasseur wrote. He said he was transferred to this team when his original outfit, the 11th Airborne Division, was reorganized.

He lived 11 years at Penn Yan before coming to Rochester. His parents said Levasseur entered the service Nov. 7, 1947, two days after his 17th birthday. He spent a year of occupation duty on the island of Honshu, Japan, was returned to the United States, then sent to Korea last September.

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Wounded GI Returned to Korea Duty

TIMES UNION SEP 10 1951

Pfc. Michael A. Locurcio, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony F. Locurcio, 156 Burwell Rd., Irondequoit, has returned to duty in Korea after he was wounded in action, it was learned yesterday.



PFC. LOCURCIO

The soldier was hurt only slightly, according to the Defense Department.

His family said that Locurcio, in his letters, said nothing about his being wounded, apparently so that his mother would not worry.

Inducted last October, Locurcio has been overseas since April. His last letter said that he was going to Japan for a "rest."

The soldier is with the 7th Infantry Division. He is a graduate of Trenton, N. J. High School and lived with his family here for three years before entering service.

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Marine Pfc. Keyse Wounded by Grenade

Wounded in the left hand by fragments from an enemy grenade, Marine Pfc. Bernard G. Keyse, 21, wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Keyse of 129 Hillside Ave., that he was evacuated to an aid station in Korea.



PFC. KEYSE

Pfc. Keyse said he was carrying a 60-pound radio when his company was ambushed by Chinese troops. Before he was hit he threw the radio down and grabbed a rifle to fight off the enemy. His mother said his letter arrived July 14.

Before entering the service last November, Pfc. Keyse worked at Kodak Park. Previously he attended Aquinas Institute. Last April he was sent to Korea.

Marine Loses Leg in Korea By Buddy's 'Fooling' with Gun

Because one of his buddies was fooling with his rifle, Marine Pfc. Howard C. Kinmond, 19, lost his right leg in Korea.

The accident happened on Nov. 13 while "we were just sitting around." "One of the guys was fooling with his rifle. It went off and just about blew my leg off," he said yesterday while sitting in his home at 44 Atlantic Ave.

Kinmond, son of Mrs. George Dietrich, 44 Atlantic Ave., and a Marine since 1948, arrived in Seoul in September just as the Communists were pulling out the first time. As a replacement in the 5th Marine Regiment, he helped chase the North Koreans almost to the Manchurian border before the accident occurred.

"But I never did see much action," Kinmond said. "The Gooks were on the run when I got to Korea and the Chinese didn't make their big attack until a couple of weeks after I had shipped back."

After rehabilitation treatments in service hospitals, Kinmond hopes to train for a trade under the GI Bill, but he hasn't decided yet what that trade will be.

D. & C. FEB 22 1951



CPL. ROBERT H. KLEISLEY

TIMES UNION SEP 28 1951

Marine Corporal Wounded

Latest Rochester boy to be wounded in Korea is Marine **Cpl. Robert Henry Kleisley,** 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kleisley, 224 Genesee Park Blvd.

He wrote his parents that he was hit Sept. 13 by shell fragments in the arm and several other places.

Young Kleisley was taken aboard the hospital ship Haven at Pusan.

He was serving with the 1st Marine Division. He was graduated in 1949 from West High School and worked at Ralph Pontiac, 626 Main St. W.

A member of the Marine Corps Reserve, he was called to active duty last October and was sent overseas May 15.

Seaman Knaak In Korea Action

TIMES UNION DEC 27 1950

A youthful Rochester sailor took part in the protective barrage from the U. S. S. Eversold which enabled American troops to safely evacuate Hamhung.

He is Seaman 1/c George H. Knaak, 19, of 232 Breck St. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Knaak of that address, reported today that he has been a member of the Eversold crew since July.

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Son Sought in Korea For H. C. Lippincott Rites

While the Red Cross and Rep. Kenneth B. Keating sought to have Machinists' Mate Richard Lippincott returned from service with the Navy in Korea, plans went ahead today for the funeral service of the young sailor's father.

Services for Howard C. Lippincott, 52, of 51 Hillendale St., who died yesterday (Jan. 10, 1951) of a heart attack in the Board of Education Building in Fitzhugh St. S., will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday in the Corbett Funeral Chapel at 109 West Ave. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

D. & C. JAN 11 1951

Kin Hopes Sailor Off Korea Can Attend Father's Rites

TIMES UNION JAN 12 1951

The family of Howard C. Lippincott, 52, of 51 Hillendale St., today awaited word from the Navy as to whether a son, Machinist's Mate Richard Lippincott, would be given emergency leave to attend his father's funeral.

Mr. Lippincott, a maintenance employe of the Board of Education, died Wednesday (Jan. 10, 1951) of a heart attack in the Board of Education Building in Fitzhugh St. S. Rep. Kenneth B. Keating wired the family that an emergency leave and air priority had been requested for the son, now in service in Korean waters. The Navy indicated efforts would be made to return the young man, but a spokesman said the possibilities were uncertain.



MR. LIPPINCOTT

Meanwhile, plans have been made for the funeral at 2 p. m. tomorrow in the Corbett Funeral Chapel, 109 West Ave.

Says Stay in Korea

Editor, Democrat and Chronicle:

As a 23-year-old veteran who will soon be back in the armed forces, and as junior in college who is required to spend some 40 to 50 hours each week studying the problems that perplex our world, I would like to urge:

1. That we stay in Korea, since an abandonment of the 30 million Koreans would forfeit our claim to moral leadership;

2. That we show enough realism to recognize that Mao Tse-tung is our enemy and Chiang Kai-shek is our friend;

3. And that we unite against Communist aggression instead of delighting our sworn enemies by quarreling dangerously among ourselves.

WILLIAM T. LONG

Greenville, Penn.

D. & C. FEB 4 1951

Bronze Star Hero Writes:

156 Days of Combat Leave GIs 'Touchy'

TIMES UNION FEB 13 1951

Days of combat: 156.

Capsule description of combat sector: A "rat trap."

GI morale: "The boys are getting so they argue and get touchy and start fights among themselves."

This is 20-year-old Sgt. Ralph Longbine's estimate of how it goes these days in the shambles of Korea.



SGT. LONGBINE

But if anyone back here supposes that Sgt. Longbine's reaction is personal "sour grapes" stuff, forget it.

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HIS MOTHER, Mrs. Edward C. Longbine of 296 Titus Ave., Irondequoit, has just received a copy of her boy's Bonze Star award.

The award cites, in part:

"Heroic achievement in the vicinity of Kunu-Ri, Korea, where Sgt. Longbine was riding a convoy that tried to break through a Communist roadblock.

"When the convoy was held up by machine gun fire, he voluntarily moved through to draw enemy fire away from the convoy.

"He exposed himself later so that wounded could be loaded into vehicles. . . . By his actions, many men's lives were saved."

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BUT IT IS evident from Sgt. Longbine's letters that he and young GI buddies are perplexed and dog-tired and feel they should be relieved. For, he writes, 156 days of steady combat are almost too much.

The young non-com mentioned that, over a 10-day stretch, his outfit burned 4,000 Korean structures and installations to thwart the advancing enemy.

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Red Sniper Wounds City GI

TIMES UNION MAR 3 - 1951

Rochester's mounting list of casualties from the Korean fighting today included Pfc. Thomas Levasseur, 20,



PFC. LEVASSEUR

son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Levasseur, 294 Andrews St.

Now in a hospital in Japan, he wrote his parents that he was hit in the leg by a Red sniper Feb. 16.

Young Levasseur was serving with a combat team after transfer from his original outfit, the 11th Airborne Division.

Before coming to Rochester he had lived 11 years in Penn Yan.

The corporal enlisted Nov. 7, 1947, just after his 17th birthday, did occupation duty in Japan, was returned to the U. S., then was shipped to Korea last September.

The wounded man is **Sgt. Carmine A. Lodice**, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lodice, 325 Lexington Ave.



SGT. CARMINE LODICE

LODICE WAS WOUNDED so severely by mortar fire Mar. 4 that his right leg had to be amputated. He is in an Army hospital in Tokyo. He will be 25 next month.

The Lodice family said the sergeant commanded a five-man mortar crew with the 24th Division. Lodice served with occupation troops in Europe after World War 2. A reservist, he was called up and sent to the Pacific last January.

Another Lodice son, Pvt. Peter, 18, is with troops in Germany now.

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Sergeant Writes Of Leg Amputation

D & C MAR 22 1951

Struck by mortar fragments in Korea, **Sgt. Carmen A. Lodice, 24,** son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lodice, 325 Lexington Ave., wrote his parents his right leg has been amputated.



CARMEN A. LODICE

Sergeant Lodice wrote from a hospital in Japan and indicated he might be returned to this country in two weeks. His wound, he wrote in a letter just received by his parents, came on Mar. 4 when he was in command of a five-man mortar crew with the 24th Division in Korea.

A reservist, Sergeant Lodice was called back to duty last November. He reported to Camp Hood, Texas, and was sent to Japan on Jan. 10. After arriving in Japan, he was assigned to the 24th Division in Korea. During World War 2, he served in the European Theater as a machine-gunner in the 79th Division.

He attended Madison High School before being called into the service the first time. One of his brothers, Pvt. Peter Lodice, 18, is now serving in the Army in Germany. Two other brothers, Dominick and Anthony, are veterans of World War 2.

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D. & C. MAY 26 1951

LAUGHS FOR UNCLE — That's little Tony Lacancellera, 1½, who's so tickled by uncle, Sgt. Carmen A. Lodice, left. Next from left are Josephine, Dominick and Anthony Lodice.

Wounded Vet Plans Civilian Role

Sgt. Carmen A. Lodice, 25, home on convalescent furlough from Korea, talked quietly with his family last night on the front porch at 325 Lexington Ave.

It was much like old time. Brothers Dominick and Anthony sat on the porch rail near him. His sisters, Carolyn and Josephine, were in the doorway behind him.

But in the few months since the last family gatherings, the sergeant had been shipped to Korea, had lost a leg by mortar fire near the Han River and then flown back to Walter Reed Hospital at Washington, D. C. He will return to the hospital June 16.

Shot on Night Patrol

A lot of the conversation last night touched on the Army and war. Dominick, 28, and Anthony, 26, were in the Army in World War 2, and a younger brother, Peter, 18, is in Germany now with occupation forces.

But Carmen's story is the big one. He enlisted with the 1st Division when he was 18 and was an infantryman in Germany in the last days of the war. Recalled from the Reserves last November, he was assigned with the 5th Regimental Combat Team of the 24th Division.

On night patrol Mar. 3, he lost the right leg below the knee. A medic whose name he never knew carried Carmen 2 miles down a hill to a waiting jeep." Then, almost before I knew it, I was in Pusan," he said. He was flown from Tokyo to the West Coast.

Plans Return to Job

Chinese mortars and small arms fire against night patrols cause most of the American casualties, he said. He did not see or hear any heavy artillery being used by the Reds. Korea, with its endless chain of steep hills and its lack of roads, is as bad as it is pictured, he said.

The sergeant is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lodice. He is a native of Rochester and attended Madison High School. Before his recall, he was making radio cabinets with a Rochester firm, and he is confident he can do the work when he leaves the Army.

One of his boyhood friends, Daniel Uttaro of 58 Saratoga Ave., was with him last night. Also in the group were his mother, a brother-in-law, Frank A. Lacancellera of 44 Holmes St., and the latter's son, Anthony, 1½.

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Corky Rests Up

Glad He's Not Going Back, Says GI from Korea

TIMES UNION JUN 21 1951

Corky dozed in a comfy living room chair. He had on new dungarees, moccasins, and a mighty un-GI-looking fraternity jacket he hadn't worn for almost three years.

Corky was too tired to even bother looking at the family television set—the first one he had ever seen. Corky's mother called in and asked what kind of pie he would like for supper. He answered sleepily he didn't care—had no favorite.

Cpl. Clarence (Corky) R. Luke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Luke of 15 Stanley St., has been rotated home for a 30-day leave from Korea.

He says he'll be stationed some place on the East Coast after his leave is up—and that he's more than glad that he's not going back. There's no possibility of his re-enlisting, he'll tell you, pronto.

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CORKY IS 22 and about five feet seven inches tall. He has rosy cheeks, a firm handshake. He has been "in general support of the 25th Infantry Division" since the Korean War broke out. His official GI job has been, "field artillery fire direction specialist."

The lounging artilleryman is particularly glad to be home in time for his brother Johnny's graduation from Aquinas on June 24. He got out of Aquinas in 1947, worked a few months at a place he forgets the name of, and then enlisted in the Army. He was last home October, 1948, after which he was shipped to Japan.

"We've messed up that country over there pretty good," the artilleryman admits, in describing Korea. Concerning the war, he said that all the men would like to come home; "they don't like fighting. I know I've had enough." Corky never was injured but said he came close to getting it "quite a few times"—and that's all he would say.

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WHILE HOME, he's going to get his canoe out of Genesee Valley Boathouse and paddle up the river; maybe do a little fishing; watch television; drink plenty of milk and eat ice cream.

"The chow was OK after Ridgway got in," the corporal said.

"They were getting steaks, fresh eggs and fruit when I left.

"There were a lot of things the men didn't like about Mac. Ridgway is a GI's general; he knows what he's doing. MacArthur was doing a good job in Japan but he was a sort of armchair general."

Luke said that he and his buddies agreed with MacArthur's stand of bombing Manchuria, but "there weren't enough men and everybody was green. . . . The British and Turks are good fighters, by the way," he added.

Corky lit up a cigaret. As his mother left to get the pie, she called in and asked her son what he was going to do for the rest of the afternoon.

"Get some sleep," was the listless reply.



CPL. CLARENCE R. LUKE agrees there's no place like home.

'Red Letter' Day Brings Heavy Mail to GI in Korea

TIMES UNION JUN 26 1951

June 7 was a "red letter day" for Pfc. Bernardo I. LoBue of 695 Portland Ave., on duty in Korea.

That was the day he got 17 letters from home, his first mail in more than three months.

The soldier's mother, M. Josephine LoBue, was recently contacted by the Red Cross, reporting that LoBue had asked the organization to get in touch with his family because he hadn't heard from any of his people in more than three months.

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LO BUE'S SISTERS, Mrs. Mark Penders of 127 Kelly St., and Mrs. Ann Cubiotti of 27 Zimmer St., asked Representative Kenneth B. Keating for help. Keating asked the Army Adjutant General to get busy. The mail is now going through regularly. The Army explained readdressing and forwarding of mail as a result of the soldier's many changes of station accounted for the delay.

Soldier Writes Of Promotion

TIMES UNION AUG 9 1951

M/Sgt. Philip C. Lauria, 35, recently notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Bucci of 205 Rohr St., of his appointment as a warrant officer, junior grade.



LAURIA

A veteran of nine years Army service, Lauria has been in Korea with a headquarters company a year. His wife and two children are living temporarily in Atlanta, Ga. His brother, Joseph Lauria, operates an East Ave. Grill.

Irondequoit Soldier Wounded Slightly

D. & C. SEP 10 1951

An Irondequoit soldier who wrote his family he was going to Japan for a "rest" was revealed yesterday to have been wounded and returned to front-line duty more than a month before his family was notified officially.



MICHAEL A. LOCURCIO

The family of Pfc. Michael A. Locurcio was informed by Defense Department telegram on Aug. 30 that Michael had been wounded "slightly" on June 11 and had been returned to duty July 8. The telegram from Maj. Gen. William E. Bergin, the Adjutant General, added it was "regretted" that notification was delayed so long.

Michael's mother, Mrs. Anthony F. Locurcio, believes her son tried to withhold word of the wound "so I wouldn't worry," and therefore didn't write about it.

A few days before he was wounded, Michael wrote his parents, who live at 156 Burwell Rd., Irondequoit, that his division, the 7th, was in reserve and he was due to attend a school for jeep drivers. Although not then a driver, Michael wrote that drivers were needed and he might become one.

He told of having eaten ice cream behind the frontlines and added optimistically about the war that "the situation looks pretty good. By the time this letter gets to you it might be over."

There was no information about the extent of Locurcio's wound. Locurcio's next letter came from Japan where he said he was on 10-day leave.

The soldier, who will be 23 in a few weeks, is a graduate of Trenton, N. J., High School. He was born in New York City and lived in Irondequoit with his family for three years. He was inducted in October, 1950, and has been overseas since April.

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On War Prisoners

D & C APR 1-2 1951

Editor, Democrat and Chronicle:

There are over 10,000 missing personnel in Korea. Certainly the vast majority have wives, parents, or other relatives desperately wondering whether or not the missing are alive or dead. They are searching desperately for any news, however vague or unofficial. Anything, absolutely anything, would help.

I, together with many close friends, live in a state of frantic desperation and anxiety over the whereabouts of my husband. Last week the wife of one man had news. This girl has a friend in Connecticut who, purely by chance, picked up a copy of a New York newspaper. There were listed the names and addresses of prisoners. The friend called the girl long distance and mailed the picture and information special delivery. Thus another wife knew her husband was at least alive, even though only officially.

There must be many POW pictures which come through but we see practically none of them. The Red Cross does nothing. The Adjutant General's office replies only that they know we are anxious. I'm glad they know, but that won't help us. Therefore, I am pleading with all newspapers to print any POW picture that exists. It may prove to be our only source of information.

MRS. ARTHUR H. LOZANO

3 Families Keep Prayerful Vigil For Word of City PWs to Be Freed

Anticipation may be one of life's greatest joys, but the old adage has worn thin for three Rochester families as time runs out at Panmunjom for the release of the last U. S. prisoners-of-war.

There still are three Rochester PWs to be accounted for. They are Capt. Arthur H. Lozano, of 535 Highland Ave.; Sgt. Raymond Buck, of 1946 Main St. E., and Maj. Robert N. Abbott, of 6 Aldern Pl.

R-Day for their families—"R" for repatriation—is compounded of painful waiting that nearly reaches the agonized stage.

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DAY AND NIGHT, the kin of these prisoners stick by the radio and keep in touch with the newspapers, praying hard that their man's name will turn up on the exchange list quickly.

Capt. Lozano, Sgt. Buck and Maj. Abbott are known to be prisoners, and are known to be in reasonably good health. But with Sunday's Communist-set deadline for the last remaining PWs to be freed almost at hand, their Rochester kin are—to employ a cliche—on pins and needles.

Take pretty Mrs. Elizabeth Lozano, for instance. Her reactions are typical of the families of Maj. Abbott and Sgt. Buck.

"It is the waiting and waiting," she says, "that gets a person. I find it hard to sleep at night."

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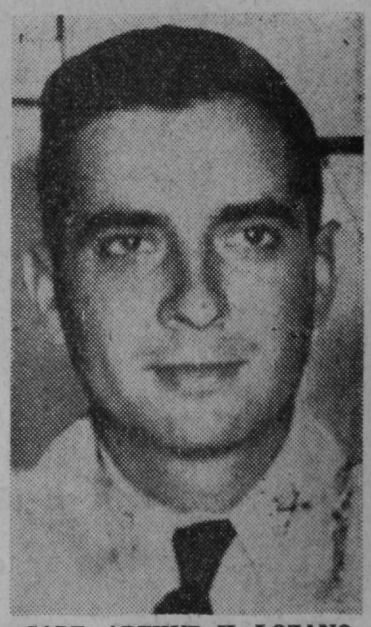
CAPT. LOZANO, a West Pointer and a military career man, was reported missing since Nov. 30, 1950. Later, his status was changed to prisoner-of-war.

The Lozanos have a small daughter, Dianne, now 4½. The captain last saw her when she was less than a year old.

Heart-warming welcomes — after all these months and years of waiting—wait Capt. Lozano, Maj. Abbott and Sgt. Buck.

Maj. Abbott's wife is Mrs. Winona Abbott. They have a daughter, Roberta, 7. Sgt. Buck's mother is Mrs. Harriet Walters.



CAPT. ARTHUR H. LOZANO



Maj. Abbott



Sgt. Buck

TIMES UNION SEP 4 1953

Capt. A. H. Lozano Missing, Told of Coming Attack

Capt. Arthur H. Lozano has been missing in action in Korea since Nov. 30, according to word received by his wife, the former Elizabeth Vande Visse, of 15 Audubon St.



CAPT. ARTHUR H. LOZANO

A West Point graduate serving with the 38th Field Artillery, Second Infantry Division, Lozano wrote home, in a letter dated Nov. 24, that his outfit was preparing for an attack on the enemy. He served at Fort Lewis, Wash., for two years, and in Japan 2½ years before going to Korea. He and his wife have a year-old daughter, Dianne.

City Soldier Wounded

A Madison High School graduate, Pfc. Allen Lyle, 20, is the latest Rochesterian to be reported wounded in action in Korea.



LYLE

He is the son of Mrs. Permilla Lyle, of 464 Main St. W., who said a Defense Department telegram notified her the youth was in a hospital after being wounded Nov. 4.

Lyle has been in Korea since June 30. He enlisted three years ago and serving with the 24th Infantry Division. He was home on furlough

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Sergeant Hit For 2d Time In Korea

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Sgt. William R. Mahrt Jr., has been injured for the second time this year in the Korean fighting.

According to a Defense Department telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Mahrt Sr., of 74 Cherry Rd., the 20-year-old soldier is recovering from a concussion suffered when an enemy shell blased the tank in which he was riding on Oct. 19. Mahrt has written a letter home in which he says he expects to go into action again soon.



SGT. MAHRT

The Charlotte High School graduate was wounded on Apr. 11 when he parachuted behind enemy lines. After recovery he was reassigned from a paratroopers unit to Company A, 6th Medium Tank Battalion.

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MAHRT ENLISTED in March 1950. Shortly before he left for Army duty he was credited with saving the life of a man who attempted to leap off Veteran's Memorial Bridge.

Mahrt, who was walking over the bridge, pulled the man off the railing and struggled with him until police arrived.



PFC. ROBERT P. MAISENBACHER

TIMES UNION APR 11 1951

Bullet Just Missed Heart Of Fighter

Although a Red bullet pierced his chest and narrowly missed his heart, a former Madison High School boy was reported back in action in Korea today.

He is **Pfc. Robert P. Maisenbacher,** 25, husband of Mrs. Josephine Maisenbacher, 736 Smith St., and son of Mr. and Mrs. William Maisenbacher, 268 Orchard St.

Pfc. Maisenbacher, who recently wrote his wife that "I was pretty lucky," told how he was digging a foxhole near Seoul when he felt "something hot on my chest."

He said he was hit by a pistol slug from attacking Chinese and didn't realize it as he and buddies had to use bayonets against the advancing Reds in routing them.

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LATER MAISENBACHER was taken to a hospital in Kobe, Japan, where the bullet was removed from the edge of his heart. More recently he wrote his wife that he was returning to action with the 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Division.

A Defense Department telegram Mar. 31 reported the soldier had been wounded.

Maisenbacher, who has an 18-month-old son, Robert Jr., served four years in the Pacific during World War 2. He was recalled to active duty last October and arrived in Korea shortly before Christmas.

TIMES UNION AUG 4 1953

Pfc. Marshall Wounded in Korea Action

Pfc. T. James Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Marshall, 301 Wilkins St., was slightly wounded in action in Korea July 16, according to a Defense Department telegram received by his parents.

The 20-year-old soldier was reported to have "sustained flesh wounds in the lower right leg" when struck by artillery fire as his position was attacked by Communist forces.



Pfc. Marshall

A member of Rochester's 1950 All-Scholastic Football Team, he attended Aquinas Institute and was graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School, playing fullback on teams at both schools. He entered the Army last Oct. 22 and was sent to Korea early last Spring with a medical unit attached to the 15th Infantry Regiment.

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MATHONY

A veteran of seven years of military service and a former Rochester policeman, **Pfc. Raymond C. Mathony,** 31, was killed Sept. 16, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Helen Mathony of 425 Clinton Ave. S. He was serving with the 1st Marine Division. Just 10 days before he was reported killed in combat, Mathony wrote his mother from San Francisco.

In World War 2 Mathony served four years with the Marines and later served three years with the Army. He returned to Rochester and joined the police force. Earlier this year he resigned from the force after serving as a patrolman for 2½ years, and rejoined the Marines.

News 'Straight from Heaven'

"It's straight from heaven!"

Those were the first words of Mrs. Elizabeth VandeVisse Lozano after a Democrat and Chronicle reporter telephoned the news her husband, Capt. Arthur H. Lozano, was freed by the Communists at Panmunjom last night.

But it took Mrs. Lozano at least five minutes before she could say anything.

On hearing the long-hoped for news, she began sobbing and it was several minutes before she could collect herself.

During that time, her mother, Mrs. Martin VandeVisse of 515 Highland Ave., who had been visiting at the Lozano apartment at 535 Highland Ave., took over at the telephone.

"The news was just too much for my daughter," Mrs. VandeVisse said. "She has been waiting and hoping and praying so long, the news came as a real shock."

Later, Mrs. Lozano said she had "a hunch" her husband would be freed last night. Earlier in the evening the wife of Lt. Col. Robert N. Abbott of Rochester called to say her husband had been released.

Captain Lozano and Colonel Abbott had been together in the same Communist prison camp, and in their letters home wrote frequently about each other.

Oblivious to all the excitement in the Lozano apartment was the 3½-year-old daughter of the couple, Dianne, whom Captain Lozano last saw when she was only 9 month old.

Mrs. Lozano said her husband wrote in recent letters that he was healthy and being treated well. She said she expects to leave with her daughter for California soon to meet him when he arrives.

'Oh gosh! I just can't wait," she exclaimed.

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