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## 'Just Rough,' Says City GI Who Fought Way Out of Trap

"It was just rough, that's all."

That's the cryptic way a Rochester GI described being trapped behind North Korean lines for three days, short of ammunition and food.

Pfc. James Marcello, 20, of 133 Wilder Ter., was among 219 members of the 1st Cavalry Division



MARCELLO tickets to safety.

The radios were taken from U. S. tanks which had to be destroyed. The radios were set up on top of a hill and help was radioed for. A light observation plane soon circled the group containing Marcello and then other planes dropped rations and directions to reach safety.

The group lost 4 dead, 4 missing in action. They brought to safety 8 wounded, two of them litter patients and one a man suffering from acute appendicitis.

Marcello joined the Army in June, 1948, and had his basic training at Fort Dix. After about six months in the States he was sent to Japan where he stayed until the 1st Cavalry went to Korea.

He is the oldest of five children, three boys and two girls. One of his brothers, Bruno, is in the Army in Japan.

Marcello, a Charlotte High graduate decried by his mother as "a good student," has five uncles who served in World War 2; one in the Marines and four in the Army. They are Pete Poggi, the Marine; and Larry, John, Anthony and Fred Poggi. Anthony is still in the Army stationed at Washington, D. C.

Marcello's mother hasn't received a letter from him in about two months. The story said most of the men were in good shape despite hav-

ing had only two meals in three days. And probably they are in the front lines again.

## Ex-City Man in Fighting

A former Rochesterian, Lt. Robert D. McKee, 26 who saw action in World War 2, is participating in the air battle over Korea, it was learned yesterday.

Lieutenant McKee is one of three F-80 Shooting Star pilots credited with bringing down Yak fighter airplanes over the Taejon battle front. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd

C. McKee, who lived at 174 Goodman St. N and moved out of Rochester to Boulder, Colo., in 1947. The family originally came from Byran, Tex.

The lieutenant is a former East High School student. He enlisted in the Air Force Mar. 16, 1943, and received his commission a few months later. In World War 2 he was awarded the Air Medal with 15 oak leaf clusters for dive-bombing missions over Germany and Brittany. Six P-47 Thunderbolt fighter-bombers flown by Lieutenant McKee were riddled or damaged beyond repair, but he came through uninjured.

### CORNER QUIZ ANSWER

The curvature of the earth is about 8 inches for every statute mile.

## War Photo Tells GI's Whereabouts To City Parents

A picture snapped by a newspaper war photographer in Korea turned out to be a "letter" from Cpl. Bruce McDonald, 20, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thurlow McDonald of 98 Parkwood Rd.

The corporal's parents had no idea where he was, until they saw in a newspaper last week a picture of some soldiers sitting in a truck caught in a traffic jam "somewhere in Korea." There were no identifications of the soldiers in the Associated Press photograph, but Mrs. McDonald recognized her son's picture.

Young McDonald was graduated from Aquinas Institute in 1948 and joined the Air Force. He arrived in Japan last May and was transferred to the 24th Infantry Division after the war broke out. Until they saw the press picture, his parents did not know whether he was still in Japan or had been shipped to the battle front. A day or so later, they received a letter from him bearing a Korean postmark.

## Officer Writes Of War Wound

In a letter to his wife, Lt. Thomas C. Morton, 30, of 145 Irvington Rd., said he had been wounded Aug. 16 while fighting in Korea with the 24th Division.

The Army veteran reenlisted two years ago and was an instructor at Fort Dix, N. J., until the end of last month. Then he was ordered to Japan where he stayed about a week before going to Korea.

He said he was writing from a hospital in Korea and his leg wound is healing. He has a 3-year-old daughter, Cynthia. Morton was wounded in World War 2.

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## Brockport Youth Wounded in Korea

Word that Pfc. Robert McPhillips, 19, has been wounded in the Korean fighting was received recently by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael McPhillips, 86 Park Ave., Brockport.

The War Department telegram said McPhillips, a member of the 5th Infantry Regiment, 25th Division, was wounded in action Aug. 12.

McPhillips attended Brockport High School. He enlisted last October. Two brother, Arthur and Tom, are veterans of World War 2.

## Wounded in Korea Soldier Recovering

Cpl. Lynn E. Mestler, 21, of Walker, who was reported wounded Aug. 28 in the Korean war, is recovering in Walter Reed Hos-



CPL. LYNN MESTLER

pital, Washington.

Corporal Mestler was shot in both arms. It was necessary to amputate his left hand. He was with the 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division.

He had served with the organization in Japan since August, 1948. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Irving Mestler, who live on the Sweden-Walker Rd. After attending Charlotte High School, Corporal Mestler enlisted in May, 1948. He has two brothers, George and Sylvester, and a sister, Mrs. Harry Young, of Rochester.



## Not Funny. SEP 9 - 1950

The Communist propaganda poster, sent home to his parents by CPL. JOSEPH V. MERKEL, a Rochester lad serving with the Marines in Korea, almost provokes a chuckle.

Almost.

The caricature of the runty little U. S. flyer, glaring with nasty beady eyes over an enormous nose is ridiculous.

Americans, of course, know their own soldiers. While not all of them could be described as handsome, they are generally pleasant-faced, likable young men. They may not be models of Christian charity, but on the other hand they are reasonably well-behaved and often astonishingly sentimental. The picture on the Communist poster is completely out of character but it invites laughs.

We would laugh, too, if it weren't for the thousands who will believe this and similar propaganda devices. They don't know our soldiers. They have no other picture of them. To them the poster is no laughing matter—it is fearful truth.

What would it cost to turn this story around so that the Communist hero and the ratty American soldier can be seen in their proper light? Or are our standards of propaganda too high to get the point across?

CPL. MERKEL'S souvenir poster is a strong argument for some hard-hitting, stepped-up propaganda of our own—and in large quantities.

## S-Sgt. Moulton Hurt in Korea NOV 28 1950

S/Sgt. Robert P. Moulton, 33, of 70 Sanford St., recently suffered injuries to both hands while serving with Eighth Army Headquarters Company in Korea, according to a letter received by his wife.

Sgt. Moulton said he was having difficulty writing because of "those boxing gloves"—apparently referring to bandages. He gave no details as to how the injuries occurred. He wrote from an evacuation hospital at Pusan.

The soldier has been in the Army for 14 years, serving in the Pacific in World War 2. His mother, Mrs. Elsie Giles, lives at 147 Arnett Blvd.

## Army Brothers Still Together SEP 27 1950 --In Hospital

The brothers Marcello—James and Bruno—stick together.



BRUNO MARCELLO

They enlisted in the Army at the same time. They trained together, went overseas together, and joined the First Cavalry Division in the Korean fighting.

Today they still were together, in a hospital in Japan, both wounded but congratulating each other that it could have been worse.

Pfc. James Marcello, 20, and Pfc. Bruno, 18, are sons of Mrs. Clara Marcello of 133 Wilder Ter.

Not long ago James nearly was captured. But, trapped for several days behind enemy lines with his unit, he managed to escape.

## City Army Veteran In Korean Hospital With Hand Injury NOV 29 1950

A veteran of 14 years in the Army, S/Sgt. Robert P. Moulton, 33, of 70 Sanford St., is recovering from hand injuries in a South Korea evacuation hospital.



ROBERT P. MOULTON

His wife received a letter from him yesterday, written in the hospital, but he gave no indication of the extent of his injuries or how they were sustained.

Before entering the Pusan hospital, he was a mechanic in charge of transportation for an 8th Army Headquarters Company. He is a veteran of service in the Pacific during World War 2. Sergeant Moulton's mother, Mrs. Edwin Giles, lives at 147 Arnett Blvd.

## Wounded Rochester Marine Describes Battle in Trap DEC 8 - 1950

Vicious fighting and numbing cold as Marines batter their way to the sea in Korea were described today by Sgt. Joseph V. Merkel, 22, of 158 Mt. Vernon Ave., one of thousands of casualties carried to safety by air.

Merkel was among the Marines in the Changjin Reservoir area, fighting their way down 20 miles of an icy, winding, mountain pass between 6,000-foot mountain with the enemy on both sides. He and his comrades reached Hagaru and were evacuated.



MERKEL

A dispatch from Seoul by Keyes Beech, Times-Union special service writer, mentioned the Rochester Marine, already once wounded in action. Merkel went up a hillside to help knock out a machine-gun nest. He hurled a grenade into a trench occupied by eight Chinese. The grenade pin dropped on a concussion grenade and set it off as Merkel fell back to take cover.

"I MUST HAVE rolled half-way down the hill," Merkel said. "When I came to I crawled to

the road and hailed a jeep. The fellows tossed me into a trailer loaded with ammunition and kept going. I could feel the bullets plunking into the side of the trailer and I expected it to blow up any minute but I was too weak to move."

Merkel's injuries were not believed serious.

TRUE TO THEIR tradition the Marines brought out their wounded, although it greatly slowed their withdrawal and cost them dearly.

In August, Merkel was wounded in the left hand by shrapnel. He had taken part in two bloody engagements up to that time, according to a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Merkel. In August he had been four years in service.

PFC. RICHARD BOLDE, 20, of New Paltz, taken out with Merkel, summed it up:

"It was like a mousetrap. The Chinese let us in and they wouldn't let us out. Sure, we killed lots of them, but for every one we killed there were four to take his place."



## Rochester GI Missing in War, Family Learns

First Sgt. John V. Magee, 32, was reported by his family yesterday as missing in action in the Korean war



JOHN V.  
MAGEE

since Nov. 30.

Word that he was missing was received by his mother, Mrs. Sarah E. Magee of 436 Selye Ter., and his wife, Mrs. Thelma Magee of 239 Bryan St., in a Defense Department telegram.

Sergeant Magee was serving in the field artillery with the 2nd Division of the 8th Army. He enlisted in 1937 and has been in the service since. During World War 2, he served in Europe as a member of General Patton's 3rd Army. He was sent to Korea last July.

Born in Rochester, Sergeant Magee attended Holy Rosary School and Edison Technical High School.

How highly did his classmates regard him? McMahon was elected secretary of the junior class, treasurer of the varsity letterman club and named to Chimera, the junior honor society for those proficient in studies, athletics and college activities.

McMahon also fought his way to the finals of the all college boxing bouts, the Bronze Gloves, a welter-weight. Although he had never before boxed, McMahon lost a bloody, split decision in the finals. St. Lawrence's undefeated gridders remembered McMahon when they chose their all-opponent team. Mickey was picked as a first team guard.

Hobart lost to Trinity, 21-7. After the game the team held a dinner in McMahon's honor. They presented

## Hobart Scholar-Athlete Now Fighting in Korea After Call from Campus

By HARRY WATTS JR.

A nationally prominent magazine recently selected its man-of-the-year, a composite of many men, the United States foot soldier, fighting for his life in Korea. This is the story of one of those men.

He is Pfc. John McMahon. Early last September he was just plain Mickey McMahon, one of 50 football players at Hobart College preparing for their first game of the season against Columbia University.

At the end of the first week of September, with its forces being badly mauled in Korea, the Army recalled thousands of its Reserve officers and enlisted men. McMahon was among them. He was ordered to Pine Camp for a physical checkup and then sent back to Geneva to await further orders.

McMahon had been too small to play football at Saratoga High School in Saratoga Springs. He was graduated from there in June, 1946. He joined the Army and did a 14-month tour of duty in Germany. It was there that he learned how to play football. He started at guard for the team that won the Army championship in Germany.

After discharge in April, 1948, he entered Hobart in the Fall of that year.

McMahon stands 5 feet 9 inches in height and weighs 145 pounds. With that size frame you would expect to see McMahon playing safety man on a midget team. Far from it. He was a guard who had won his varsity letter as a sophomore. He also had been used as a utility man and spot player.

The day before Hobart left for New York City to oppose Columbia McMahon received his orders to report at Camp Hood, Tex., for training in an armored division. The orders specified Oct. 16 as the reporting date. That was two days after the Hobart-Trinity game at Hartford, Conn.

He did not start against Columbia, but coach Edie Tryon sent him into the game after the first two minutes. From then until he left the team two weeks later at Hartford McMahon played every minute of football.

What kind of ball player was he? Tryon answered that question in one word and then expanded his statement.

"Aggressive. He was tough, the toughest little man we've had at Hobart. He could move those big men right out of his way. He was a willing player and he was always driving. On top of that, Mickey was a perfect gentleman off the field. A fine boy."

Alan Helck, Hobart offensive center and a close friend of McMahon stated: "He was a smart ball player. He didn't have the bulk so he outhought the man opposite him. He was a 60-minute player."

McMahon was on the dean's list from his first term at Hobart until he left in October. He ranks in the first 10 of his class of over 200 men.



JOHN MCMAHON

... trades cleats for rifle

him with gifts and his fraternity gave him presents.

Sunday morning he boarded an airplane for Texas.

That began a dizzy cycle of events that were to have McMahon overseas and in Korea by mid-November, as the grid season hit its climax in the United States.

In a letter sent to Dean Dunn in mid-December McMahon wrote: "I was glad to hear that the Hobart football fortunes looked up at the end of the season. It was a good team and I was proud to be a member. We lost some tough ones but the experience itself was a pleasure."

He added: "We went to Inchon, then Seoul and then to Haije on the 38th parallel. I wasn't there long enough for mail call when we had to clear out." Mickey wrote his brother Eddie, a Hobart freshman, in early January that "just whether we'll make a stand or move out of Korea, nobody knows."

Now all anyone knows of this scholar-football player is that he is battling along the western side of Korea with his new teammates in a valiant effort to hold back the on-rushing Reds.

McMahon had written: "So far as I can gather, there is no need for football players in Korea." That is true. But there is a need for men with the intelligence and guts of Mickey McMahon.



## Twice-Wounded GI Worries --About His Mother at Home

"Dear Mom," the letter said, "don't go worrying about me. How are YOU? That's the main thing."

The writer was Pfc. Anthony (Tony) Malvaso, 23, of 12 Arnett Blvd.

His letter is not un-typical of many Rochester GIs who, despite fighting a n d freezing conditions i n Korea, worry m o r e about PFC. MALVASO their mothers than they do about themselves.

It so happens that Tony Malvaso has escaped death twice.

Wounded in December, he was injured by a hand grenade Jan. 12 at Wonju.

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**BUT LISTEN TO TONY**, a good soldier, writing his mother:

"Dear Mom: Hope this letter finds you and the family



well. I think of you so often.

"I'm pretty lucky, myself.

"I hope they haven't drafted Frankie yet, because from what we hear they are going to take 18-year-olds.

"Rochester seems a million miles away. But you always seem close to me, Mom.

"We have French, Dutch and British here with us. The French are a great bunch of jokers but they can't speak English. Most of the Dutch can, though.

**"Mom, take it easy and don't worry about me."**

Then Tony, as a sort of after-thought, mentions:

"By the way, I got something to tell you. But don't you go getting upset about it. Happens I got hit again. In the leg. But I'm OK. Am in a hospital in Taegu. The doc says I'm healing up fast."

Tony's mother, Mrs. John Malvaso, says:

**"How do you like that? My boy's worrying about ME!"**

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## This 17-Year-Old Soldier Knows

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## Why We Fight

"I am sending you a letter received from my son, in Korea, and I believe it is worthwhile."

So wrote Mrs. Arthur S. Merkel of 115 Walnut St., Penn Yan, yesterday to the Editor of The Democrat and Chronicle. We, too, think it is worthwhile and it is printed, in full, below. But before you read it, here is something about Mrs. Merkel's son, in Korea.

He is Robert Merkel, now just 17. He enlisted in the Army at 16 but when the Army discovered his true age, he was given a discharge. Last Sept. 24 Robert, who incidentally lived his first 10 years in Rochester and attended Public Schools 21 and 5, finally turned 17. Meanwhile his 20-year-old brother, Richard, had been wounded in the left ankle and leg five days

after arriving in Korea, and had been flown back home to a hospital in the United States.

So naturally Robert, this time old enough, reenlisted in the Army last Oct. 17. He was home for Christmas with his three sisters and another brother, and left New Years Day, arriving in Korea five days later, according to his parents. He's been in action ever since. His letter follows:



PVT. ROBERT MERKEL

**Korea Battlefield Warfront  
—or Just Plain "Hell."**

Hi Folks,

Well your "little boy" has landed where men are men or else. This, believe me, is not a game of cops and robbers. It may be a game but it's for keeps, deadly high stakes. Cause really what more can anyone give than their life? Getting a little tired of far away places with names I cannot pronounce or even spell.

You know folks, there's a funny little twist to this business. I'm old enough to fight for the government but not old enough to vote to help run the thing. Also not old enough for a glass of beer. I'm a kid like a thousand or two others. At home we were little boys, kids, here we sure are taking the place of men. Didn't some woman raise hell because the "weaker sex" couldn't vote? Someone ought to get busy and raise a little more of the same and see what can be done about us guys that do the fighting. I bet a lot of so called kids would like to have a little say in a government they are willing to die for. Maybe when I get back I'll go into it.

It seems I've lived 20 years in the short while I've been here.

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**I DON'T** see any reason for anyone to get excited over this mudhole of Korea. Maybe for ice skating or Winter sports it's okay but you sure wouldn't want to show off any bathing suits or sundresses that's for sure.

**Six** blankets and four stones are all one needs to be nearly comfortable. When I think of some guys sitting in a warm, comfortable beer joint with a doll or a milk shake and the juke box yelling "I Wanna Go Home" well I wonder sometimes how come. But it's all right of course for people that can be, to be happy but they do talk like "funny people" about this war and us guys in it. I know I heard some of the hopped up ones blowing off. I wish they could just pause in their fun and give a thought to the guys that aren't comfortable or warm or happy or anything.

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**THERE IS** a good reason why this goes on. It's got to be. Don't think it's a useless loss of "Cream of the Crop" boys. We are willing to die. All you got to do is try to understand why and try to make it worthwhile. This "Red" government is no good. America doesn't want it. It's nothing. Not living at all. It's just no good. It's worth losing a few thou-

sand sons to get rid of it. Really it is. If it only isn't in vain.

We know what we are fighting for and don't believe people when they say we don't. It's not Korea or anyplace but a belief, and our God. And He is here with us boys and it's all up to Him. He puts the names on the bullets and that's where they go. No one can overthrow the Head Boss. Pray and when you do, say for All the boys. Not certain ones. Not any certain Color, Creed or Belief. But ALL.

Yes I ask for it. I wanted to get here and kill a few odd bad boys. I enlisted and wouldn't have to be here now or probably not at all. But I'd sure feel pretty small potatoes being home, letting my brother and all the Joes be here. Don't be sorry please. I'm not. Perhaps Dick will be back too. I hope not. But we don't replace who we want to you know. I wish I could be a replacement for my Pfc. brother but well I'll go along being what I am and doing the best I can. I try to keep on the ball along with all the rest.

I get homesick sure and probably scared but what of it. That's a human failing.

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**I KNOW THERE** are a bunch of swell guys in this man's Army and I also know and for sure all the good guys are not in the Army—I'll never think of the Army alone without the rest of it. Navy, Marines, Air Force, all of it. All together it makes One. It's like the government—a President alone would be like the Army alone. Like a Mother without a Father and so on.

Glad to know Dick is getting out of the hospital. I hope he is okay and I'll be seeing him. He didn't want me to get in it but I'm here.

Well so long—never goodbye. Write often. That's an important family job, to write. If you could see how the boys go for mail: Don't fail please.

Take care of those little ones. Tell Sis I'm sorry to miss that Valentine Day wedding of hers, but I'll be thinking of her and Eddie.

So long to Pop and you Mom. I'll write whenever I can and you keep the letters coming. Hi to all the friends in "my hometown." And pray for me and for every boy wearing a uniform, no matter what branch or even what Country: Pray for some one to set them straight, even the ones on the other side. It's a wrong slant on life and death they got.

Your loving Son,  
Pvt. Robert Lee Merkel  
c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.



## He's A Man Now

Anyone who could read Pvt. Robert Merkel's letter from Korea without a blink or a lumpy throat surely has low emotional pressure. Robert, who is 17, set down his thoughts without assembling and drilling them for publication. The Democrat and Chronicle was proud to print them in the Tuesday editions.

Here is a boy of 17, presumably immature, expressing himself with a clarity, tolerance and understanding many an older man might envy. Grown men, men in high office, are groping in fear and great uncertainty for an understanding of what we are fighting for and how we should wage that fight. This boy knows. With unstudied eloquence he has produced a text which should hearten older men; encourage the younger men who have yet to don a uniform.

Because he is doing a man's work and because he can think for himself, Robert wonders why a fighting man is not allowed to vote, regardless of age. He knows he is not fighting for Korea but "for a belief, and our God." He is proud of his fellow fighters be they infantrymen like himself, Marines, Airmen or Sailors. Doubtless he knows that his own squad in his own company is the best squad in the best company in the best army in the world, but he acknowledges the worth of others.

Here is pride, understanding and tolerance. Yet that latter quality shines brighter in requesting his mother, "Pray for me and for every boy wearing a uniform, no matter what branch or even what country; pray for someone to set them straight, even the ones on the other side. It's a wrong slant on life and death they got."

A boy in whom to take pride! They are worth saving because it is men like Robert who can preserve our country and its ideals.

was a masterpiece indeed but it is my humble opinion that the letter from Private R. Merkel is TOPS. As it was written by the Talmudic sages of the past "Let not your lips speak which cometh not from the heart." is well said and sincerely reflected in the words of Private Robert L. Merkel: Yes Bob, it is not in vain; As you say it is worth while To fight and die and bleed; Our way of life under God maintain.

Yes it is prayer to Him which we need today plus a determined spirit to fight and give for our way of life. I am enclosing a poem which I penned during the retreat of our men in Korea, which I believe is appropriate at this time:

I too pray to God each day and night

To guard our boys who are in the thick of fight

For God, country, mankind and every thing that is right.

May our Heavenly Father help our men in their daily battle strides

Hasten the day to bring the brave back to home and firesides. May it be soon, a better day soon, tomorrow

A glorious future, peace, earn the daily bread, and banishment of sorrow.

SO! NEWMAN.

(Veteran World War I).

Auburn, N. Y.

## Message to Merkel

Editor, Democrat and Chronicle:

Congratulations, Mr. Editor, for the worthwhile letter you printed from Pfc. Robert L. Merkel. Not only was it worthwhile but this epistle should become world wide and mailed to millions of people of the United Nations including our own fellow Americans especially those who are still in a state of apathy regarding the problems we face today.

The famous Message to Garcia

D. & C. FEB 15 1951

## We Want a Word with You

By P. J. BENRIMO

Today's Word—SQUIRREL

THE Greeks had a word (they would have!) for this engaging little animal. Their word was exceptionally apt, at that. It was *skiouros* (from *skia*, shadow, and *ouros*, tail), "shadowtail." *Skiouros* came into Classical Latin as *sciurus*, a squirrel. Late Latin added a diminutive ending — though without altering the sense — and the word became *sciuroulus* (pronounced SKYOO-ro-lus). In Old French *sciuroulus* became *escureul* — whence the Modern French *ecureuil* and English Squirrel.



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## Five GI Sons -- One WAC

# Load Heavy, Mom Of Casualty Reports

UNION FEB 26 1951

The doorbell rang today at the home of Mrs. Matthew McConnell, 332 Hudson Ave.

What happened is typical of what has happened, and still is happening, in many a Rochester home.

The Western Union boy handed Mrs. McConnell a Defense Department telegram. She paled, opened it with nervous fingers.

It was about her boy, Bob, 22, an Army sergeant.

But the telegram said he was only "slightly wounded" in action in Korea.

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**MRS. MC CONNELL**, grateful that the wound was not serious, got to thinking, then, about the impact of war on her family.

"Five sons," she mused. "One daughter. And not one of them but wasn't in service. Seems like a lot for one mother to bear."

Here's the roll-call of the McConnell clan:

Sergeant Bob, newly-wounded; Frank, 33; Jack, 29, and Douglas, 24, all overseas veterans of World War 2; the daughter, Mrs. Margaret McCoy, 26, former WAC now working as a nurse at Bellevue Hospital, New York City, and William.

"William is 19, but he's just a baby," Mrs. McConnell said. "Now HE'S gone and enlisted. When will all this ever end?"

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**SERGEANT BOB**, she said, is a boy who could hardly wait to get into uniform.

After attending St. Bridget's School and Aquinas Institute, he enlisted. When the enlistment ran out, his

mother tried vainly to talk him into staying a civilian.

"But no," she said. "He re-enlisted, and they sent him to Japan and then to that awful Korea."

Six McConnell children . . . and none of them "but wasn't in service."

### Cpl. Glanton Wounded

#### Slightly in Action

Another Rochester man reported wounded in Korea is **Cpl. James E. Glanton**, 20, of 73 Taylor St.



**CPL. GLANTON**

He was hurt slightly, according to a Defense Department telegram received by his mother, Mrs. Mary Glanton.

Young Glanton was serving with an airborne unit and recently wrote his mother that his outfit was moving south to Taegu.

Date of the wound was Feb. 12.

The corporal entered service in January, 1949, and was sent to Japan last September. He attended Edison Tech and Madison High schools.





**WHEELS OF YESTERDAY** — Having retrieved his roller-skates from their resting place in the hall closet, Sailor Charles Merrell remi-

niscs about his pre-Korean days with mother, Mrs. Lucille Merrell, whose illness called him home. He was in Korean waters four months.

## Sailor Home from Korea D. & C. APR 4 - 1957 Finds Ill Mother Better

At home yesterday, he recalled the crew's sense of desperation on the three occasions when the Marine planes failed to return to their floating base. The ship itself never was engaged in actual combat, although it was stationed in central Korean ports from where land action and artillery attack were clearly visible.

Occasionally during the four months he spent in the war theater, the carrier was called upon to aid in evacuation movements. The fact of the carrier's notable service was evidenced by the royal welcome given it on its return to San Diego last February. A band and civic and military delegation waited at the docks, cheering the returning servicemen.

"The way I see it," Merrell said yesterday, "we could beat those Commies anytime we wanted to. All we need is more men and more planes, and why they don't send them, I don't know. I believe it's one fight we can't afford to lose, and there aren't many guys over there who object to our being there. It's a job that must be done—whether people here at home think so or not."

He had praise for General MacArthur for bringing democracy to Japan. "The people in Japan—that was our home base more than once—know what democracy is all about and they are willing to fight for it."

Merrell does not know whether or not he will have to return to Korea after reporting to his base later this month. He never has regretted join-

ing the Navy, although his father and grandfather both were Army enlistees.

Charles Merrell of 509 Parsells Ave. comes from an Army family. But he went against tradition and joined the Navy "because I didn't want to walk." Roller-skating, however, is a different matter!

The 20-year-old Korean war veteran wasn't home more than 24 hours before he and his buddy, also a serviceman home on leave, made tracks for their favorite roller rink to brush up on their skill.

Young Merrell, who was stationed aboard the aircraft carrier, Badoeng Straite, was granted emergency leave from his base at North Island, San Diego, to come home to attend his mother, Mrs. Lucille Merrell. She now is recovering from what was believed to be a serious illness.

The Red Cross was instrumental in arranging his leave, which expires Apr. 27—five days after Merrell observes his 21st birthday. He will return to Bremerton Navy Yard, Wash.

Efforts were made to bring home Mrs. Merrell's other son, La Verne, 27, but he already had received his orders to leave for the Korean theater aboard another aircraft carrier. He is thought to be en route to the Pacific now.

Before Charles enlisted in service in July, 1950, after attending Charlotte High School, he had attained some prowess as a figure roller skater. He had no time to follow the sport in the nine months that followed. After receiving basic training at North Island, he left for Korean waters and with the rest of his crew, watched while the Marine planes left the decks of the carrier on bombing missions in central Korea.

ing the Navy, although his father and grandfather both were Army enlistees.

"But no matter how loyal you are to the service, it's better to be home!"





JOHN P. MC MENEMY

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**Marine Hurt**

## Storming Hill Near Parallel

A Rochester Marine sergeant was one of 15 men wounded in a hard-fought battle near the 38th Parallel in Korea on Mar. 23.

The serviceman is Sgt. John P. McMenemy, 24, a World War 2 veteran, whose wife and two young children live at 83 Dix St. He was struck by shrapnel which severed an artery in his left arm.

Sergeant McMenemy wrote his wife, Marian, he was wounded in an explosion while his unit was trying to take an objective near the 38th Parallel. The force of the blast hurled him into the air, causing him to fall 150 down a mountainside.

"We were blown off one step of that hill five times by literally showers of grenades and burp guns," he wrote. "Fifteen of our men, including me, got hit, but we took the hill; that is, those of us who were left."

The serviceman is hospitalized at present, but wrote that he expects to be back in action by the end of this month "because we need men."

Sergeant McMenemy joined the Marine Reserves three years ago and was sent to the Korean theater Jan. 18. He previously was a lineman at Rochester Gas & Electric Corp. During World War 2, he earned two battle stars while serving with the Navy in the Pacific.

## Inspired by Letter

Editor, Democrat and Chronicle:

This is a letter to thank you for printing the letter "Why We Fight" by Pvt. Merkel and to say let's not forget it. The boys over there need God's help now more than ever and if they can only remember He goes to war with them, He is there in their hearts in every battle, that bullet may not have their name spelled right or it may not even be there at all. There are many sad mothers and there are millions that wonder "Why We Fight."

It's so hard to receive that telegram telling us our son's are killed or wounded. The natural question is "Why?" On Robert's letter explains the "Why." Perhaps even he wonders at times if it's worth while but in his heart he believes there's a good reason for his very young life being in danger.

A. M. MERKEL.

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## Wounded GI Lucky; Slug Misses Heart

"I was pretty lucky," a local 25-year-old infantryman wrote his wife shortly after he was wounded on Mar. 9 in Korea.

Little wonder! Pfc. Robert P. Maisenbacher was hit by a pistol slug that lodged perilously close to his heart.

"I was digging a foxhole outside Seoul when the Chinks counter-attacked," he said in the letter, "and they got so close we had to use our bayonets."

"When we had fought off the attack, I felt something hot on my chest — it was blood . . . I was hit by a pistol bullet and didn't even know it."

His wife, Mrs. Josephine Maisenbacher, 736 Smith St., first learned of her husband's wound on Mar. 14 from a telegram which he sent her from an Army hospital in Japan.

On Mar. 31—22 days after he was injured—Mrs. Maisenbacher received a Defense Department telegram saying her husband has been wounded.

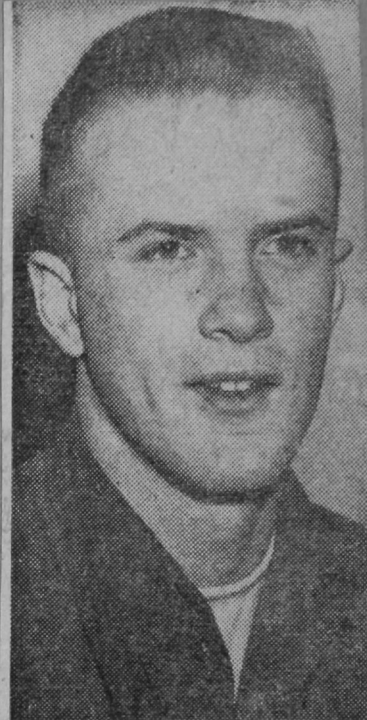
After being hit, Private Maisenbacher was evacuated to Kobe, Japan, where he was hospitalized and where the pistol slug was removed from the edge of his heart. In a recent letter to his wife, he said he had recovered and was returning to action with his buddies of the 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Division.

Private Maisenbacher served four years in the Army in the Pacific theater during World War 2. Last October he was recalled to active duty and arrived in Korea just before Christmas. For his wounds, he has received the Purple Heart Medal.

Before entering the service the first time in 1944, Private Maisenbacher attended Madison High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Maisenbacher, 268 Orchard St., and he and his wife have an 18-month-old son, Robert Jr.



ROBERT P. MAISENBACHER



CPL. WILLIAM R. MAHRT

## Cherry Rd. GI Hurt In Korea

Army Cpl. William R. Mahrt Jr., 19, who once prevented a would-be suicide from leaping off Veterans Memorial Bridge, has been injured in Korea, it was learned today.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Mahrt, 74 Cherry Rd. There were no details of his injury.

One night, a year ago last March, Mahrt was walking home with a girl friend from a movie when he spotted a man hanging on to the Memorial Bridge parapet.

Mahrt pulled him down. Twice the man got away and tried to jump. Each time Mahrt, aided by the girl, pulled him back. A passing motorist notified police and Mahrt continued the struggle for 10 minutes. The would-be jumper was taken to a hospital for observation.

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## Medical Corpsman Injured Helping Wounded in Korea

While aiding wounded soldiers in the front lines in Korea, a local medical corpsman was knocked 8 feet in the air from a mortar shell explosion and received a head concussion and left hand injuries.

He is Cpl. Joseph Mon, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Mon, 84 Winter-  
roth St.

According to a letter which Mr. and Mrs. Mon received from their son on Saturday,



JOSEPH MON

Corporal Mon was wounded on Apr. 25. "We were picking up wounded soldiers," he wrote, "when a mortar shell hit just a few feet from me. The explosion knocked me 8 feet in the air."

The local GI is a member of Medical Company, 19th Infantry Regiment, and just last month was awarded the Combat Medic's Badge for heroism displayed while helping the wounded. He is a graduate of East High School.

Corporal Mon entered the Army in January, 1949 and was discharged after serving a year. A member of the Reserves, he was recalled last October and has been in Korea since

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## Injured GI Moved D. & C. MAY 10 1951 During Red Drive

Enemy troops in Korea weren't satisfied with wounding Cpl. William R. Mahrt Jr., 20; they hounded him further by chasing him out of the hospital where he was recovering.

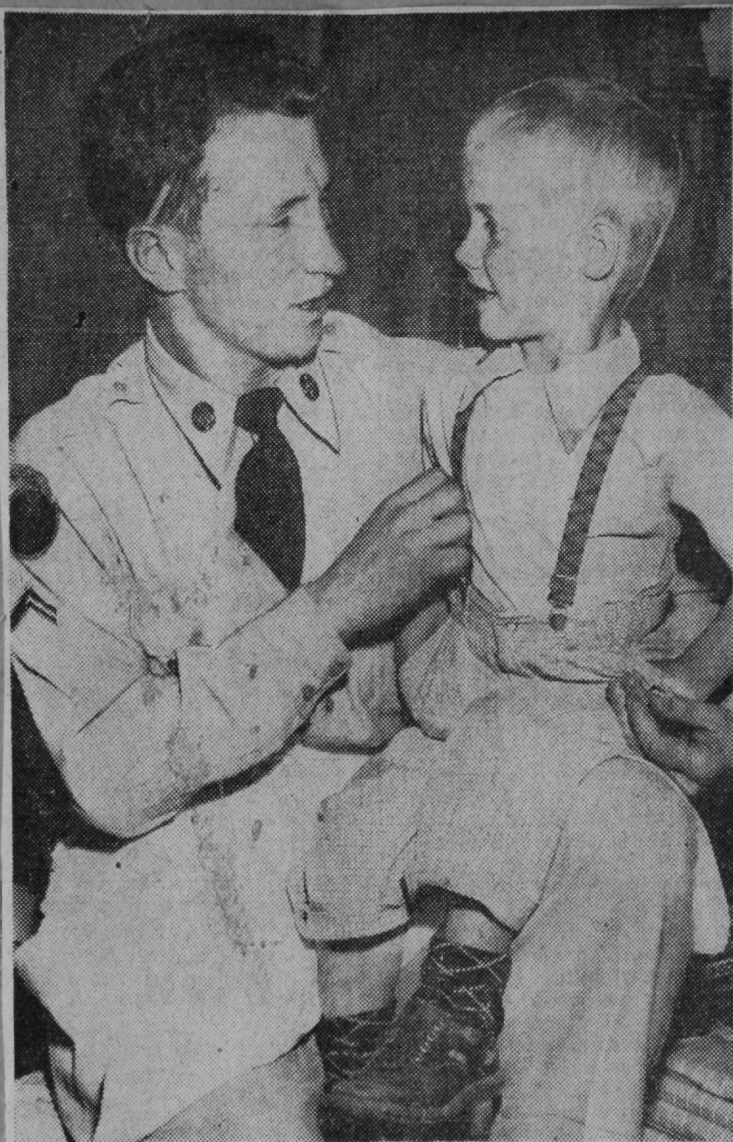


WILLIAM R. MAHRT JR.

The Charlotte High School graduate, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Mahrt Sr., 74 Cherry Rd., was wounded Apr. 11 and evacuated to a hospital at Seoul. When the Communists started their recent Spring drive, things got too hot around Seoul, and hospital patients were uprooted and moved further south to Pusan.

In a letter to his parents, written about a week ago, the corporal gave no details of his wounds or how he suffered them. However, he said he expected to be back in action in a week or two.

A few days before Mahrt enlisted here in March, 1950, he was credited with saving the life of a would-be suicide who attempted to leap off Veterans Memorial Bridge. He was walking home from a movie with a girl friend when he saw a man hanging on to a parapet of the bridge. Mahrt pulled the man down. Twice the man got away and tried to jump. The youth, aided by the girl, pulled him back. After a struggle lasting some 10 minutes, police arrived and the would-be jumper was taken to a hospital for observation.



**HOW WE'VE CHANGED!**—Cpl. Jerry Murano, back from Korea and 2½ years of service, went to his father's market at 587 Maple St. yesterday to renew acquaintances and met 4-year-old Eugene Pittman of 26 Centennial St., who has become a big boy since the former store clerk joined the Army.

## Korea Vet Turns Clerk D. & C. JUN 8 - 1951 While Home on Leave

Rotated home from Korea, the first thing Cpl. Jerry Murano did yesterday morning, his first day home, was to don an apron and help his father in their supermarket at 587 Maple St.

"Makes you feel you're really back home," Jerry explained.

Home for Jerry is the market and house behind it, a place he has been away from for 2½ years. Now he's back for 30 days after nine months' continuous combat with an antiaircraft outfit that never fired a shot at a plane but supported the foot-slogging infantryman as he punched

out gains of yards and measured them in blood spilled.

### Mechanized Outfit

Murano's outfit, attached to the 7th Division, was mechanized with its guns mounted on tank chassis. Murano drove one of his battery's tanks. From the day he landed, on Sept. 7, to the day he left Korea, he was on the move and lost 24 pounds.

The red-haired 19-year-old corporal was wounded by mortar shrapnel in the invasion of Inchon Feb. 12. He wears three battle stars on his Korean ribbon for the battles of Inchon, Iwon and the drive to the Manchurian border.

It was up north, near the Chosin Reservoir, that the outfit had its toughest fight and nearly was wiped out. One hundred out of 129 in the battery were killed or wounded.

### Other Tough Ones

There were other tough ones; too many, in fact, to want to recall. In Honsan, North Korea, Murano's tank was knocked out, probably by a mine, but none of the six GIs in it was hurt.

Once his battery ran smack into a formation of about 16,000 North Koreans marching on a mountain pass. "We slaughtered hell out of them," Murano said. "We hit 'em with 40s, everything."

While at home, Murano expects a brother Carlo, whom he hasn't seen in three years to arrive from Fort Devens, Mass., and join him. Later they should be together until one of them is discharged. Murano is due to report to Fort Devens himself for duty.



## Henrietta Marine Hero Wounded in Korea

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A Henrietta Marine, **Cpl. Thomas A. Moore**, today was reported wounded in Korea, less than three months after he had been awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

A War Department telegram informed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie C. Moore of Lehigh Station Rd., that their 19-year-old son had been wounded—Memorial Day. The nature of the wound was not reported but details will follow, the wire stated.

**Cpl. Moore was awarded the Bronze Star Medal Mar. 22 for "heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy while serving with a Marine anti-tank company."**

A graduate of Henrietta High School, where he played baseball and basketball, Cpl. Moore enlisted in October, 1949. He went to Korea last September. A brother, Leslie C. Moore Jr., served with the Air Force in World War 2.



CPL. THOMAS A. MOORE

## City GI's Pluck Rescues Platoon

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A Rochester soldier saved an infantry platoon from possible annihilation in Korea, according to word received yesterday from headquarters of the 1st Cavalry Division.

He's Pvt. Richard J. Mason, 21, son of Mrs. Louise Mason of 72 Hartford St., who is serving as a squad leader with the 7th Cavalry Regiment.

After seizing a vital strongpoint from Red forces, the dispatch from Korea said, Private Mason and his men moved into defensive positions along a hillside and began digging in when suddenly some Chinese soldiers attacked.

While his comrades dashed for cover, it continued, Private Mason stood up in the hail of enemy fire and scooped up several hand grenades and an automatic rifle and then ran forward, tossing the grenades and spraying the enemy soldiers with bullets from the rifle.

"I saw two Reds fall after my first burst with the rifle," Private Mason said in the dispatch, "and later I wounded two more when I reached the top of the hill."

The dispatch said the local soldier's heroism broke up a Chinese attack and saved the members of his platoon from possible annihilation. Private Mason has been attached to the 1st Cavalry Division for 11 months.

## Cpl. Everett Mass Wounded by Mine

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**CPL. EVERETT MASS**, 23, of 257 Crossfield Dr., has been wounded in action in Korea, according a Department of Defense telegram received by his wife, Betty, of the same address.

A member of the 1st Battalion of the 1st Marine Infantry Division, Corporal Mass suffered foot wounds after stepping on a land mine. According to a letter written by a friend in Korea to relatives here, Mass and six other Marines were sleeping when Chinese soldiers planted land mines in a circle around their camp. As they left the circle the next day, one of the group was killed and several others wounded. Corporal Mass prevented another Marine from being seriously injured when, after being wounded himself, he pulled one of his group from a spot where he correctly suspected a mine to be located.

A 1946 graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, Corporal Mass lived at 116 Lodge Dr., Pt. Pleasant, before his marriage last year. His mother resides there now.

He was a member of the Marine Reserve and was called to active duty last August. After advanced training in this country, he was sent to Korea in January. This is his first wound.



CPL. EVERETT MASS

## Ex-All-Scholastic Visits Home on Furlough

Pfe. Dick Morgan, 160 Sherwood Ave., all-scholastic catcher at West High School in 1946-47, who signed up with the Air Force last August, is home on furlough after completing training at San Antonio and Keesler Air Force Base. He will report Tuesday at Fort Dix, N. J., for European assignment.

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## CURB SERVICE IN KOREA—

Pvt. James E. McGuire, 65 Swan St., puts the finishing touches to a roadside meal on the Korean front. He recently took part in the successful offensive against the Chinese on the central front with the 32d Infantry Regiment. (U. S. Army Photo)



## Marine Hurt In Korea by Land Mine

A city Marine has been wounded in Korea by a Communist planted land mine. He is Cpl. Everett Mass, of 257 Cross-field Dr.



CPL. MASS

He suffered foot wounds according to a Defense Department telegram received by his wife, Betty, of the same address. Mass has been credited with preventing a buddy from being wounded by another land mine. He is with the First Marine Infantry Division.

Corporal Mass was graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School in 1946 and lived at 116 Lodge Dr. until his marriage a year ago. He was called up with the Reserves and sent to Korea in January.

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## Korean Vet Takes Dim View Of Kaesong Parley's Success

A combat medical corpsman who spent four months on line in Korea said last night he didn't think the current cease-fire parley at Kaesong will pan out.

"The Chinks are ready to make one more big drive," ex-Cpl. Joseph Mon, 84 Winterroth St. said. "If that falls through, then that'll be it for Korea."

Mon has been home for two days. He was released as a reservist last Thursday.

"I'd like to see them work something out," he said, "but I don't think the Chinks want it that way."

Mon was wounded at Hagagye Apr. 25 when a mortar shell knocked him eight feet into the air. He received a head concussion and a left hand injury. After treatment, he was sent to Pusan to help process new draftees.

Mon served as a combat medic with the Medical Company of the 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Division. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Combat Medic's badge for heroism displayed while helping the wounded.

### Medals Plentiful

"Practically everybody's got the Purple Heart over there," he said. "You could say medals were a dime a dozen."

The Air Force, Mon said, has been a big factor in the Korean campaign. Without it, United Nations forces would be in a bad way.

"I only saw one Chinese plane," he reported. "We called him 'Bed-Check Charlie' because he came over every night at about 11 o'clock. He dropped a bomb and took off out of there."

### Called Back Oct. 24

Mon landed in Korea Dec. 5 after training at Fort Hood, Tex. He was called back into the Army as a reservist last Oct. 24. He first entered the Army in January, 1949, and was discharged after serving a year.

Mon arrived at San Francisco aboard the troopship General Walker late last month. After processing, he was released and sent home.

A graduate of East High School, Mon now plans to return to his old job at Eastman Kodak Company. And in a few months, he'll marry his fiancée, Dorothy Giangreco.

"Things look pretty good right now," he said last night.

## GI Recalls 24-Hour Battle; Content to Take It Easy Now

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Most vivid war memory of 21-year-old Pfc. Joseph Marchesi, veteran of 11 months in Korea, is the 24 hours he fought as a cannoneer on a 105-mm. howitzer.

Pfc. Marchesi doesn't remember the time or place of the day-long battle because he says, "We were always on the move and you don't like to look back on those things."

**TODAY HE WAS** content to relax at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Marchesi of 46 Chamberlain St., where he is spending his 30-day furlough. Yesterday his parents had a party for him at the home where he met old friends and relatives.

Marchesi, who will have been in the Army three years next month, says the service has no place in his future plans. "I'm quittin' when my time is up," he said today.

He's a three-year enlistee, but is still up in the air as to his discharge date. He hopes to get back his old job at Bausch & Lomb Optical Co.



## 4 Days Separate Brothers Home from Korean Fighting

Purple Heart winner Robert McConnell, 23, of 332 Hudson Ave., was home today after a year in Korea but the thrill wasn't complete.

His brother, Seaman First Class Douglas McConnell, whom he last saw from a hospital ship's cot somewhere between Korea and Japan, had left home last Thursday.

Army Sergeant Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew McConnell, was wounded by shrapnel last February. While on his way to a hospital in Japan, his brother, Douglas, happened to walk past his cot and recognized him.

Douglas, 25, spent 30 days at home but had to leave for duty in the Mediterranean area.

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**ROBERT WAS IN KOREA** a year, home on furlough until Sept. 1.

He enlisted in 1946 and served two years with the occupation forces in Germany. Three months after his discharge, Robert re-enlisted in 1949.

Douglas served in the Navy in World War 2 and re-enlisted in 1949.

Of the family of 13 children, two boys, Frank and John, and a daughter, Mrs. Margaret McCoy, also were in the service in World War 2. Another son, William, 19, enlisted in the Army in March and it stationed in Maryland.

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## How a Marine Was Wounded

You had an article in your paper about my being wounded in action in Korea. It is wrong in many ways. To me personally this doesn't mean much but one thing in particular is more or less of a black eye to the Marines over here. As you know the First Marine Division has done a wonderful job here and I feel it my duty as a Marine to get this matter straightened out.

The matter is that six other men and I were sleeping while Chinese soldiers sneaked upon us and planted mines in a circle around us. Any combat man knows you always have men on watch at night and as you can see it's a kind of a black eye for any outfit to be sleeping and allow the enemy to sneak upon them.

This is the correct information. Our outfit was on patrol forward of our lines when we ran into the minefield. The first man was hit and the rest of us were hit trying to get the wounded out of it. We had one killed and nine wounded in all. Four lost legs. I was hit while carrying a man out. I would appreciate it if you would make the correction.

CPL. EVERETT E. MASS,  
U. S. Naval Hospital,  
Japan.

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(Editor's note: The original information came to Corporal Mass' wife, Betty, of 257 Crossfield Dr., by letter from a friend of the corporal in Korea. The friend apparently was wrong in his information—it is a pleasure to get the corporal's own story).

## Local Soldier, Helping Buddy, Suffers Wound

He was hit in the shoulder by shell fragments while helping a wounded comrade in Korea July 23, Pvt. Carl Mitchell, 21, said in a letter to his parents.

Yesterday, the Defense Department notified Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mitchell, 37 Weld St., that their son was "slightly wounded" in action. Mitchell, a medical corpsman with the 2nd Infantry Division, was evacuated to a Pusan hospital. Mitchell was graduated from East High School. He entered the Army Jan. 17.

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**CAPT. RICHARD G. MUELLER**, 28, of 286 Avenue B, deputy commander of a night reconnaissance squadron serving with the Fifth Air Force's 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing in Korea, checks his weather charts and flight course before setting out on a midnight mission. Capt. Mueller, who joined the Air Force in 1942, is a graduate of Aquinas Institute and a former employe of Eastman Kodak Company. (U. S. Air Force Photo)



# Local Soldier, D. & C. AUG 26 1951 Hurt in Korea, Made Sergeant

An extra stripe can't assuage the pain of shrapnel wounds, but it's an honor, none the less.

Albert E. McBurney, serving with our forces in Korea, suffered shrapnel wounds in his hands as he and his company stormed an enemy position on a Korean hill July 27. Several days later he was promoted to sergeant first class.



SGT. ALBERT E. MC BURN EY

The husband of Pearl McBurney, 84 Bleacker Rd., he has been in Korea since Feb. 12, having been called back to active duty from reserve status last October.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. McBurney Sr., 260 Lake Rd., Sea Breeze. His brother, Pfc. William G. McBurney, is in the Air Force at Waco, Tex.

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HOME FROM THE WARS is Lt. Charles H. Miller, who has returned from Korea en route to the Quantico, Va., Marine base where he will be stationed with the Reserves. With his

family, he is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Miller, Castlebar Rd. Left to right are Mrs. Miller, with Henry, 6 months; Lieutenant Miller, Barbara, 3, and Charles, 5.





**HOME TOWN NEWS**—It's a Times-Union in Korea that is providing interesting reading for Cpl. Joseph R. Morris (right) of 277 Hayward Ave. and his pal, Pfc. James W. Conlon of Norwood, Ohio. The photo was taken near the 38th Parallel where the two soldiers are located with the 32d Infantry. Cpl. Morris, a former student at Aquinas Institute, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Morris. He attended St. Mary's School at St. Mary's, Pa., and served in the Army in World War 2. He was recalled to active duty last Oct. 10 and went overseas Nov. 21. He was employed at Eastman Kodak Company and DeVoe & Reynolds Co. Inc. (U. S. Army Photo)

**TIMES UNION SEP 1 1951**

### Local Korea Veteran Wins Sergeant Stripes

Promotion of Robert J. Morano, a Korean war veteran, to sergeant was announced by the Public Information Office at Camp Edwards, Mass., yesterday. Morano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morano of 587 Maple St., is assigned to the 459th AAA (Automatic Weapons) Battalion. Returned to the United States on rotation in June, Sergeant Morano wears the Purple Heart, Korean campaign ribbon and United Nations Award.

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## Barrage Hurts Marine, Blasts Clothes Off

Caught in an enemy mortar barrage in Korea on Aug. 29, a local Marine suffered shoulder wounds when his clothes and pack were literally blasted off his back, it was learned yesterday.



**WILLIAM F. McAVOY**

Pfc. William F. McAvoy, 22, described how he was wounded in a letter received by his mother, Mrs. Mary T. McAvoy of 678 Genesee St. He wrote that he was recovering from his wounds at a base hospital in Korea.

A Reservist, Private McAvoy was recalled to active duty last November. Since June he has been serving in Korea with the 7th Regiment of the 1st Marine Division. He is a graduate of Aquinas Institute and Loyola University of Los Angeles.

### Pvt. Charles E. Mura Wounded by Grenade

Fragments from a grenade that exploded five feet in front of Pvt. Charles E. Mura sent the 21-year old soldier to a field hospital in Korea.

Letters to both his wife, who lives at 1365 Goodman St. N., and to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Mura of 160 Weaver St., told of the wound. Private Mura was wounded Aug. 31 and said



**CHARLES E. MURA**

in his letters he expected to be in the hospital about nine days. He was wounded in the arm and face.

Graduating from Benjamin Franklin High Schools in June, 1950, Private Mura worked at Bausch & Lomb Optical Company before being inducted into the Army last February. After training at Fort Dix, N. J., he came home in June on a seven-day furlough, during which time he was married. He landed in Korea Aug. 1 and was assigned to the 2nd Division.



# Pvt. Mura, 21, Wounded After Month in Korea

TIMES UNION SEP 18 1951

Latest Rochester man reported wounded in Korea is Pvt. Charles E. Mura, 21, of 1365 Goodman St. N., who was sent to a field hospital after a grenade exploded a few feet from him.



PVT. CHARLES E. MURA JR.

Mura is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mura, 160 Weaver St. His wife lives at the Goodman St. address.

In letters home he wrote that he was wounded in the arm and face Aug. 31, while serving with the 2d Infantry Division.

Pvt. Mura is a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School and worked at Bausch & Lomb Optical Co. before being inducted last February. He trained at Ft. Dix, N. J., and was married here last June when he came home on furlough. He landed in Korea on Aug. 1.

## City Soldier in Korea Serves in Motor Pool

Pfc. Emmett J. McMahon, whose aunt, Mrs. Ida M. Witter, resides at 1421 South Ave. here, is now a member of the 7th Division Motor Pool in Korea. As a jeep driver, Private McMahon is instrumental in providing transportation for officers and men to and from the front lines. Before entering the Army, he was employed by Archer Motor Company Inc. here.

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## Everybody's Scared

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### Vet, 18, Adds: 'You Sort of Grow Up'

By JACK TUCKER



PFC. ROBERT LEE MERKEL

How does it feel to be a beardless 18-year-old and go out on your first patrol action against the Reds in Korea?

And how long does it take to "separate the men from the boys?"

Pfc. Robert Lee Merkel, an apple-cheeked kid who arrived at Home Sweet Home, 115 Walnut St., the other day from "the land that God forgot," explains it this way:

"Everybody's scared, sure. But after you come out of your first action and you find you didn't get hurt, you sort of grow up and you don't panic the next time."

Q—How do the GIs in Korea feel about the truce-peace talks?

A—The talks only help keep the fighting down. We figure something will come of the talks, but they drag on and on. It sure don't help your morale any when guys have to keep going out on patrols and get wounded or killed.

Q—Is there enough blood plasma for our boys in Korea?

A—I couldn't say, but I do know the plasma saves plenty of lives. Trouble is, you have to get a wounded guy to an aid station first. By that time he might be dead.

Q—What's the closest call you had, Bob?

A—Aug. 28. My company got into a firefight and we had eight killed and 28 wounded. Seemed as though every time a man stood he went down. Another fellow and I were carrying a wounded buddy down a hill. Felt as though everybody but us was getting hit.

Q. What happened to the wounded boy?

A. He died of brain hemorrhage in the helicopter that was going to fly him away.

Q. What UN troops did your outfit (a regiment of the 1st Cavalry) fight with?

A. The Greeks, Thailanders and British. Those Greeks are really something. They don't take orders from officers like we do. Once, an order went out that they had to shave. They just laughed.

Q. How are the Red weapons?

A. Most of their artillery shells are duds. Their heavy machinegun is good. They don't even bother to zero in with mortars. They know positions so well, having fought back and forth across them, that they can almost drop a mortar shell right in a guy's pocket.

Q. How did you feel, Bob, when that troop transport docked back in Seattle?

A. Oh, brother! We almost dived out to kiss the ground.

YOUNG MERKEL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Merkel, enlisted in the Army a year ago while attending Penn Yan High School, and spent eight months in Korea.

He has authorization for a Purple Heart wound, suffered at Hwachon Reservoir, fought at Heartbreak Ridge, is now discharged and plans to work for a boat-building firm in Penn Yan. Bob has a brother, Dick, 21, whose toe was shot off five days after getting to Korea. Dick also is discharged now.

## Local Marine Wounded; 2nd Time in 2 Weeks

Wounded in action a second time within two weeks, Marine Pfc. William F. McAvoy, 22, is in a Pusan hospital with a shattered left hand and wrist.

In a letter dated Sept. 25 he told his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth L. McAvoy of 678 Genesee St. that he expected to be evacuated to the United States.

A few days earlier he had written that he had been wounded "around Sept. 10." He continued: "I really caught it this trip... The whole company was hit hard, so I'm fortunate to be alive." A Defense Department telegram also came to Mrs. McAvoy.

A mortar barrage Aug. 29 sent McAvoy to a base hospital with shoulder wounds. His clothes and pack were blown from his back by the barrage, McAvoy said.

McAvoy, a graduate of Aquinas Institute and Loyola Institute of Los Angeles, was recalled to duty from the reserve in November, 1950. Since June he has been serving with the 1st Marine Division in Korea.



PFC. WILLIAM F. McAVOY



Rochester Soldier <sup>D+C</sup>  
Wounded 2d Time <sup>10-25-51</sup>

Wounded for the second time in action in Korea, Pfc. Charles E. Mura Jr., 21, of 160 Weaver St., is recuperating in the Pusan Field Hospital, he reported in a letter received yesterday by his wife.

Mura, who was wounded in the shoulder by a bullet on Oct. 13, was first wounded on Aug. 31. He has been awarded the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf cluster. He went into the Army Feb. 12, 1951, and was sent to Korea in August. A graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, he worked at Bausch & Lomb Optical Company before going into the Army. He is with the 2nd Infantry Division.



PFC. CHARLES E. MURA

Remembers the GI's

I have been pleased to see more letters from G. I.'s recently in the paper.

I read the note from Pfc. Richard Wentworth in which he asked how long the "police action" would continue in Korea and who could answer that one? There have been several thousand boys rotated back home. One of my sons was in the front lines for nearly 9 months. He just returned. One was wounded in Korea and returned via hospitals. Several G. I.'s write to me. One has been waiting a long time to come home, one has been there 11 months, and another who just came home waited for nine months. So perhaps Private Wentworth had better wait a little while longer. I sincerely hope he will be home soon.

The boys who go to Korea don't think much about their return, which is as it should be. They get enough to think about, but the people waiting here at home ought to be thinking of it—and sincerely.

Recently a ball game was held at the Bath Veterans Hospital. It wasn't the ball game which interested me, but the ones who watched and enjoyed it — boys in wheelchairs and in various stages of disability. There were over 100 veterans in attendance and I thought it a wonderful way of entertaining the boys who had given so much for us.

It is heart-warming to know some people are honestly thankful to the men who gave so much for all of us and who are willing to show their appreciation.

In answer to the "Forgotten Veteran's" letter, Mr. Barracks had a wonderful idea—that we not leave the matter entirely up to the VFW and to the Legion. So, let's all pitch in and help the veterans.

MRS. A. S. MERKEL

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City Sergeant <sup>D+C NOV 14 1951</sup>  
Hurt in Korea  
For 2nd Time

First it was a leg wound suffered by Sgt. William R. Mahrt Jr. when he parachuted behind enemy lines in Korea.

This time it's a head concussion received when an enemy shell blasted the 20-year-old soldier's tank.

The second injury came to Sergeant Mahrt on Oct. 19, according to a Defense Department telegram sent to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Mahrt Sr. of 74 Cherry Rd.

Recent Letters Home

In a recent letter home, the local soldier wrote that he is recovering from the concussion and will be soon sent up to the front lines again.

The Charlotte High School graduate was wounded first on Apr. 11. While recovering from these wounds in a base hospital near Seoul, he and other patients were forced to flee in the face of a Communist Spring Offensive.

After final recovery in a Pusan hospital, he was reassigned from a paratrooper unit to Company A, 6th Medium Tank Battalion.

Enlisted March, 1950

Shortly before enlisting here in March, 1950, Sergeant Mahrt was credited with saving the life of a would-be suicide who attempted to leap off the Veteran's Memorial Bridge.

Mahrt was walking home from a movie with a girl friend when he saw a man hanging on a parapet of the bridge. He pulled the man down, and after a struggle lasting 10 minutes, police arrived and took the would-be jumper to a hospital for observation.



WILLIAM R. MAHRT JR.



**'This Is Really IT'**

## Hospitalized GIs Home for Holiday

D. & C. DEC 23 1951

It was just the kind of scene a GI would dream up from his hospital bed, or, more likely, from "the punchbowl" of Korea.

Cpl. Everett Mass, 23, was seated in a gigantic tilt-back chair in the exact middle of a warm and cozy living room at his home at 257 Crossfield Dr. On one side of him sat his mother, Mrs. Marcella Mass, and on the other, his wife. His feet were resting on a deeply cushioned hassock and in a glass in his hand was a long, cool drink. On the floor at his side was a 3-foot stack of wrapped Christmas gifts.

He was grinning.

Corporal Mass is home for the holidays from St. Alban's Hospital on Long Island, where he has undergone eight operations on a foot injured in a mine blast north of Inje last Summer.

He is one of four Rochester servicemen brought home from the hospital for the holidays by the David J. Kauffman Post of the Jewish War Veterans. Others were Pvt. Richard G. Done, 20, of 130 Cady St., whose right leg was shattered in the Korean fighting; Raymond Fady of 14 Saxton St., injured in a shipboard accident; and Raymond Brown, whose address was not established by the veteran post. Arrangements were made by Jack Parsky, president, and other officers.

"Yep," said Mass. "Home for the holidays is IT."

He's just going to "take it easy," and capitalize on the desire of four other persons to make a fuss over him. And if by any chance, which doesn't even look remote, that they aren't right at his elbow to do his bidding, there are always the children of the family to whom he is an adored uncle.

He arrived Friday night, along with the others whose trips were financed by the Kauffman Post, and he will return to St. Alban's Friday, having known what it means, if never before, to "live the life of Riley."



**GI PARADISE**—Between his mother, Mrs. Marcella Mass, and his wife, Everett E. Mass of 257 Crossfield Dr., a Korean war veteran home for the holidays from St. Alban's Hospital, faces the kind of Christmas of which dreams are made.



## Korean Vet D. & C. JAN 29 1952 Donates Blood

"When I was over there they didn't have enough, so I came in to do what I could to help."

The "over there" that T/Sgt. William R. Mahrt Jr. was talking about was Korea, and the stuff that there



WILLIAM R. MAHRT JR.

wasn't enough of was blood. That was why Sergeant Mahrt paid a visit to the local Red Cross Blood Center yesterday — less than 48 hours after he arrived home on rotation—to give a pint of blood for his buddies who are still fighting over there.

Sergeant Mahrt knows intimately of the need for blood in Korea for he wears a Purple ribbon with cluster, which means that he was wounded twice. He dismissed both injuries as "slight," but admitted that one of them, last October, was serious enough so he was given a pint of blood.

Sergeant Mahrt's first wound came last April while he was a member of the 5th Airborne Ranger Company. As a result of it, he was transferred to the 6th Medium Tank Battalion, and was with that unit when he was struck the second time. Now he's home on a 30-day furlough, after which he'll report to Indiantown Gap, Pa., for reassignment. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Mahrt of 74 Cherry Rd.

## He's Lonely D. & C. MAR 3 1952

I am a Marine in Korea and have been for quite some time. I haven't been receiving much mail since I have been over here. Please do me a favor and shorten the remaining months by putting my name and address in the columns of your paper.

Cpl. Wesley E. Maddox 1042901  
Hdq. Co. 1st Serv. Bn. M. T.  
1st Mar. Div. F. M. F.  
c-o Postmaster, San Francisco,  
Calif.

## Wounded Son Back in Action, Parents Learn

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Marshall, 3882 Culver Rd., received a telegram from the War Department a few days ago reporting their 21-year-old son, Pvt. Thomas Marshall, who is with the Marines in Korea, had been wounded.

But it had them worried only for a few hours. The same day the telegram arrived, his parents received a letter from Marshall stating that he had recovered and was back on duty with the 1st Tank Battalion of the 1st Marine Division.

He had suffered shrapnel wounds in the face when the tank he was driving was hit by an enemy shell on July 6. He returned to action after emergency treatment.

The 1950 graduate of Edison Technical High School enlisted in the Marines in January, 1951, and was sent to Korea last September.



Pvt. Marshall

## Irondequoit Marine Wounded By Shrapnel in Korea Fighting

An Irondequoit Marine Corps private has been wounded in action in Korea, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Marshall, 3882 Culver Rd., learned last week.

Private Thomas J. Marshall, 21, suffered shrapnel wounds in the face when the tank he was driving was hit by an enemy shell on July 6. He returned to action after emergency treatment.

Marshall, who is a 1950 graduate of Edison Technical High School, is with the 1st Tank Battalion of the 1st Marine Division in Korea. He was sent to Korea last September, after taking his basic training at Parris Island, S. C. He enlisted in the service in January, 1951.

His mother said yesterday that she received a letter from her son on the same day she received a Defense Department telegram reporting the wound. In his letter Marshall said he had recovered and was back on duty.



THOMAS J. MARSHALL  
... Korean War casualty

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## Brockport Man Finishes D & C. AUG 11 1952 Courses at Pilot School

Second Lt. Robert L. Meinhold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meinhold, 81 Centennial Ave., Brockport, was graduated from the USAF Basic Pilot School (Multi-Engine) at Reese Air Force Base, Texas. Lieutenant Meinhold attended Brockport High School and was graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in June, 1951. He is a member of the Brockport Masonic Lodge.



ROBERT L.  
MEINHOLD

## D & C. NOV 25 1952 Pullman Ave. GI Suffers Wounds In 'Ridge' Battle

Sgt. Charles E. Myers, 24, of 49 Pullman Ave., suffered wounds of both legs, the lower right arm and his index finger during the battle for Heartbreak Ridge in Korea on Nov. 5, his family learned yesterday.



CHARLES E.  
MYERS

A veteran of more than four years in the Army, Sergeant Myers now is recovering from his injuries in a hospital in Kyushu, Japan. He wrote his family he expected to be hospitalized for at least two more weeks.

Sergeant Myers, a son of James Myers, 1915 Lake Ave., and Mrs. Edna Myers, 49 Pullman Ave., attended John Marshall High School before enlisting in the Army in September, 1948. He received basic training at Fort Bragg, N. C., and later volunteered for paratroop training at Fort Benning, Ga.

He was stationed with occupation forces of the 11th Airborne Division in Japan for a year and then was returned to the United States. He spent last Christmas with his family before assignment to Korea the past January with Company A, 160th Infantry Regiment, 40th Infantry Division.

## D & C. DEC 18 1952 Ike Visit Surprised Koreans, Says Irondequoiter on Leave

President-elect Eisenhower's visit to Korea came as a surprise to most South Koreans, according to an Irondequoit soldier who was back home yesterday after 10 months duty in Korea.

Sgt. Howard Martens said: "There may have been a lot of publicity in this country telling how many South Koreans were preparing for the General's visit, by making welcome banners and the like, but I didn't see or hear of any such preparations."



HOWARD  
MARTENS

Sergeant Martens, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andre Martens of 283 Pine Grove Ave., Irondequoit, said he believes the news of Eisenhower's visit was kept from the South Koreans for security reasons. The Irondequoit GI left Korea only a few days before Eisenhower arrived.

In Korea, Martens served with the 5th Regimental Combat Team of the 25th Division. He has been in the Army for a year and a half. Before entering the Army he worked for his father.

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**TALKING LETTER**—Mrs. Thomas J. McGowan and her father, Thomas R. Wittington, record letter to her husband (shown in inset) while James Willis of Masonic Serv-

ice Bureau operates recorder. Lt. McGowan is in Korean Military Advisory Group's 2d ROK corps, engineers section. Mrs. McGowan lives at 35 Normandale Dr.



City Soldier Completes  
Course at Aberdeen

Pvt. Harris W. MacGovern, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harris W. MacGovern of 96 Weldon St., has recently completed Army basic training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Md. He is now stationed at the signal and radar school at Fort Monmouth, N. J. MacGovern attended Aquinas Institute and Monroe High Schools. He enlisted in the Army last April 9.

**He Grew Up Fast**

# Gunner Recalls Bitter Pusan Fighting

On June 25, 1950, a strange kind of war broke out in Korea. When Yank troops were rushed to that faraway land, they did not quite know what they were getting into. Here's a first-hand impression of those early, bloody days when it began to dawn on GIs and America that it was to be no easy conflict.

By EX-CPL. JACOB (JAKE) MORGANSTEIN

As told to Jack Tucker

I was a rifleman and machine-gunner with Company A, 9th Regiment of the 2d Infantry Division. We hit Pusan early, shortly after the fight started. All hell broke loose almost right away. I was 19 then, not long out of Benjamin Franklin High School. Just a kid—but the men soon got separated from the boys.

We were sent right up to the line, to help out the 24th Division.

By the time Company A finally got out of Korea, there were only six of us left. I was lucky.

On Aug. 15, 1950, six weeks after we hit Pusan, a Commie mortar fragment caught me in the arm. It knocked me flat, and I thought to myself, "Jake, this is it. Your arm is gone, boy." But it wasn't much. I spent two months in a hospital in Japan, then went back on the line.

WHEN MY OUTFIT first got sent to Korea, we didn't think it would be tough. We figured maybe we'd be there a couple of months, clean things up, and get out.

How wrong we were, brother. It got so it was just a question of trying to hold back the Reds until reinforcements came.

IT TURNED OUT that the North Koreans were a lot better soldiers than we had expected. They were good with mortars.



JACOB MORGANSTEIN

And their artillery spotters were good. It got so their guns would really bracket us guys.

That's the worst feeling in the world—artillery shells getting closer and closer, and the fragments flying, and a guy figuring the next one had his number on it.

Then in November, 1950, the Chinese got into the war and they really whammed us. That's when most of the guys in my outfit got knocked off. They pushed us all the way back to Seoul.

I remember another fellow from Rochester. Can't recall his name, now. He came in as a replacement in December. We were together for a good many weeks. Then he got killed. It hit me pretty hard. He was a good Joe.

BUT DON'T ANYBODY get the idea we didn't knock off plenty of the Reds.

There was one fight when I'll bet we killed 10,000 or so. The North Koreans and Chinese kept coming up a hill at us and our artillery and mortars and machine-

gun fire just kept mowing them down.

If you ask how I felt about going into combat, the only answer I can think of is that we were in the Infantry, we had our orders, and we fought as well as we could.

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WHEN I FIRST got into service, back in 1948, I took basic training at Ft. Dix, N. J., and they sent me to Guam and Japan for occupation service after World War 2.

Then I got sent back to the States. Three months later, we got our orders. Korea.

I'm 22 now. Got a job working as a clerk in the Post Office. Did

I get anything out of the Korean war? Outside of the fact that I figure I was lucky to come out alive, I did learn to get along good with young guys in the same boat. I learned other things, too.

One thing is for sure. You grow up in a hurry when you're 19 and have to start dodging bullets and mortars and artillery shells.

Please get this straight: I'm only just one guy. There were some great soldiers in my outfit. Two of them got the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Wars are no good. But when you're called, you got to try and do your best.

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## Artillery Fire D. & C. AUG 4 1953 Wounds GI

Pfc. T. James Marshall—a member of Rochester's 1950 All-Scholastic Football Team—was reported by his family yesterday as slightly wounded in action in Korea on July 16.

According to a Defense Department telegram received Saturday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Marshall of 301 Wilkins St., the 20-year-old soldier "sustained flesh wounds in the lower right leg." It said he was struck by artillery fire when his position was attacked by Communist forces.



PFC. T. JAMES  
MARSHALL

Pvt. Marshall attended Aquinas Institute and was graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School. He played fullback on football teams at both schools.

Marshall entered the Army Oct. 22 and, after taking basic training at Camp Pickett, Va., was assigned to the Medical Corps. He was sent to Korea early last spring with a medical unit attached to the 15th Infantry Regiment.



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## Fighting in Korea Is Tough, Take It from GI Who Knows

By JACK TUCKER

This is the way it is in the Korean fighting:

"It's pretty hard to tell the difference between the South and North Koreans. At first the GI's were inclined to shoot any Korean that came gumshoeing into their positions. The boys were afraid to take chances.

"Even some of the old folks turned out to be dangerous characters. Looked harmless. But too many of them had grenades hidden in their clothes. Or they were strictly spies for the Reds.

"Got so you didn't know who you were supposed to be fighting—half the time."

This description of the bloody "police action" was afforded today by a former Rochester boy, Cpl. William Nudelman, 21, just back in town on an emergency furlough from Korea.

### TRAGIC ERRAND

Young Nudelman, who has several uncles and aunts in Rochester, came home on a tragic mission—to attend the funeral of his dad, Ruben Nudelman.

The corporal is due back in Korea early next month. But by then, he figures, the situation should be "well in hand." He hopes.

Nudelman's last mission was at Masan, 30 miles from Pusan. He was attached—as a combat correspondent—to the 24th Regiment, an all-Negro outfit.

"Put it down that those colored boys did fine," he said. "When they had to fight, they fought hard.

"I remember one night when the Reds started shelling our position. Then we heard close rifle fire. Mortars, too. The Reds were infiltrating.

"It was at night. You couldn't see a thing. But one Negro boy grabbed a light machinegun, climbed over a fence, set it up and started firing. He didn't even know what he was firing at. But he had guts, doing that when a sniper could have cut him down any minute.

"Trouble was, in Korea, that almost all the fighting was at night. You couldn't tell if you were hitting anything or not."

Fortunately, Nudelman said, that particular infiltration attack was beaten back.

Asked how the GI's felt about fighting a "police action," Nudelman said:

"We were handed circulars, when we invaded Korea, explaining that the U. S. had no desire to conquer Korea but wanted to make sure the Russians didn't get it.

### GIs SHOOT BACK

"The circulars explained that we were members of the United Nations, and that it was our duty, as soldiers, to defeat acts of aggression.

"Also, it was explained, the U. S. is a democratic nation and we have to uphold democracy—even in Korea."

Nudelman added, wryly:

"As for soldiers' morale, I guess it boils down to this—give a GI a rifle and when he gets shot at he's gonna shoot right back. There's no time to ask questions or see the nearest chaplain."



**BACK FROM WAR** in Korea is this former Rochester boy, Cpl. William Nudelman, with account of what it's like in that "police action."

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Nudelman's uncles here include Jack Goldberg, Schulte Stores' executive, of 51 Gorham St. Nudelman now lives in New York, but was born and brought up in Rochester.

## Gates GI Shines As Photographer In Korean War

His talent for the dramatic and the artistic never came out in Tom Nebbia, 21, until the Korean war.

Since then, Tom and his news camera have been turning out some of the best combat scenes of the Korean operation.

Newsweek Magazine used one of his battle shots to tie in with a cover story. Before that, Life Magazine used some of the shots he took while with infantry troops in his 25th Division.

Tom has been with the 25th Division for nearly a year and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nebbia, 400 Elmgrove Rd., Gates. He entered the Army 3 years ago, leaving Madison High School to enlist. But he never before that handled a camera extensively, nor had he expressed any desire to become a photographer, his family said.

**D. & C. JUN 16 1951**

## Rochester Army Corporal Wounded in Korea Fighting

**D. & C. SEP 24 1950**

Another Rochester youth has been slightly wounded in action in Korea, according to a telegram his mother received from the Defense Department.



**CPL. GEORGE E. NEW** He served in the Air Corps in Texas during World War 2, on a previous enlistment.

The young man, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles New, attended Paul Revere Trade School and later was employed at the Atlantic Mill Works on Goodman St. S., his mother said.

He then reenlisted and was stationed in Alaska for more than a year. He was last home on a 30-day furlough in December. From here, he went to Fort Benning, Ga., and eventually to Korea.

## Local Private Gets 2nd Wound In Korea Action

A Rochester Army corporal has been wounded for the second time in the Korean fighting, his family reported yesterday.

A Defense Department telegram informed Mr. and Mrs. Charles New,

parents of Pvt. George E. New, 22, of 256 Scio St., that their son was wounded again on July 4.

Private New was first wounded in action in Korea on Sept. 12, 1950. He returned to duty after recovering from the injury, on Dec. 4.

A World War 2 veteran, Private New has served more than three years during his present enlistment. During World War 2 he saw duty with the Air Force in Texas. A former Paul Revere Trade School pupil, he was employed at the Atlantic Millwork Company on Goodman St. S. before reenlisting after the war. Before going to Korea, he served more than a year in Alaska. His last furlough, spent at home, was on a 30-day pass from Fort Benning, Ga.

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## Second Wound Fells Marine

Three days after returning to front line duty following recovery from head wounds, Marine Pfc. Richard



**RICHARD L.  
NEELEY**

L. Neeley, 20, was wounded in action in Korea for the second time on Nov. 3, it was learned yesterday.

His mother, Mrs. Mary Neeley of 113 Ford St., received a letter from him on Friday, in which the young Marine wrote:

"Three days ago I returned to the front after spending more than a month in a hospital. I'm feeling fine. Don't worry!"

The next day Mrs. Neeley was notified by commandant of the Marine Corps that her son was wounded again. The extent of the wounds and how he received them was not disclosed.

Private Neeley enlisted in the Marines in November, 1950, and was sent to Korea four months later. As a boy he was a Democrat and Chronicle newspaper carrier for about three years.

The first wounds were received on Sept. 12 from an enemy mine which exploded as Private Neeley and his unit stormed a Communist stronghold. He recovered from the wounds in a hospital in Japan. Since his arrival in Korea, he has been attached to the 7th Regiment of the 1st Marine Division.

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## Pfc. Neeley Suffers 2d

## Korean Wound

Wounded Sept. 12 when an enemy mine exploded, Marine Pfc. Richard L. Neeley, 20, son of Mrs. Mary Neeley, 113 Ford St., has been wounded again in Korea.

This was learned yesterday from his mother, who only Friday had received a letter from the Marine saying:

"Three days ago I returned to the front after spending more than a month in a hospital. I'm feeling fine. Don't worry."

Young Neeley is with the 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division. He enlisted in November, 1950, and was sent to Korea four months later.

A former Democrat and Chronicle newspaper boy, he had been hit in the face and arm by mine fragments in September. The extent of his new injury was not learned immediately.

## 'Just a Few Scratches'

D. & C. JUN 29 1952

## Wounds Fail to Daunt Marine in Korea

Marines, they say, are stubborn fighters who dislike the word "quit."

Take Cpl. William G. Neuhierl, a 21-year-old Brighton leatherneck who's been serving in Korea since August.

On June 15, he single-handedly infiltrated enemy lines to set up an advance observation and communications post atop one of Korea's nameless hills.

But a Red artillery unit spotted the young Marine and began peppering shells on him. One of the shells hit dangerously close, exploded, and fragments of it splattered his face and head.

A few days later, his father, Robert H. Neuhierl of 86 Elwell Dr., Brighton, received a letter from the Defense Department telling of his son's exploit and subsequent wounds.

"But there's nothing to worry about," Corporal Neuhierl wrote his father in a letter received two days ago. "I'm back in action again. You can't quit just because of a few scratches."

A graduate of Brighton High School, Corporal Neuhierl enlisted in the Marines in January, 1950. Prior to enlisting he attended the Roches-



**CPL. WILLIAM G. NEUHIERL**

ter Business Institute and Rochester Institute of Technology, studying photography at the latter. In Korea, he is with the 11th Regiment, 1st Marine Division.



**She's Telephone Operator****Returned PW Won't Talk  
Of Cute Number with Him**

D. &amp; C. MAY 12 1953

Hornell—(AP)—Pfc. Almond L. Nolan, a former prisoner of the Reds in Korea, came home last night escorting a beautiful brunette. But he wouldn't talk about romance.

"All I want to do now is rest," he told newsmen who boarded the Erie Railroad train as it neared the end of its trip here from New York City.

With him was Miss Maria Vlahoulis, a Brooklyn telephone

operator. And that was all the reporters could learn about her except that she had known the Rexville soldier since before he entered the Army.

Nolan wasn't bashful, but he was retiring, the newsmen reported. He wouldn't say whether he had any plans to marry.

The 22-year-old former prisoner said he was most eager to get home. "Words can't express how eager I am."

A home-cooked dinner and family party awaited him at Rexville, 12 miles south of here.

"Why, I'm going to put a little of everything in it," commented Mrs. Lowell Nolan, mother of the soldier, when asked by a newsmen what she was cooking for him. "It will be a good old-fashioned boiled dinner."

Mayor Francis P. Hogan was on hand to present the soldier with the key to Hornell.

A celebration was arranged by American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts before Nolan left for his home, where about 25 relatives and friends gathered for a party.

Nolan was one of the returned prisoners who was sent to Valley Forge Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa. He spent about nine days there and was visited by his parents and a group of friends.

D. &amp; C. MAY 10 1954

**Local Marine Listed  
As Officially Dead**

Although his first attempt to enlist in the Marine Corps was unsuccessful because of high blood pressure, **Zachary T. Piercy II** finally entered the corps in January, 1952.

He turned down a stateside assignment to fight in Korea. Authorities reported him missing on April 20, 1953.

Yesterday the Marine Corps made the final entry on his service record. The corporal's name was added to the list of those declared officially dead in the Korean action. Piercy would have been 21 on May 27.

A 1950 Brighton High School graduate, Piercy was the son of Mrs. Muriel S. Piercy of 8 Rowley St. His father was the late Kenneth T. Piercy, once a sales representative for General Foods Corp. At school the Marine played guard on the football team. He later attended Rochester Business Institute.

After his enlistment, Piercy went through "boot" training at Parris Island, S.C. Then he studied map making and intelligence work. This training led to his assignment as a map maker at Camp Pendleton, Calif. But the 200-pound, 6-foot 1-inch Marine asked for overseas duty. He was shipped to the Orient and assigned to a reconnaissance company in the 1st Marine Division in the spring of last year.

In his only letter from Korea he wrote his mother:

"Have I got it made! We're way off by ourselves and nobody bothers us at all. . . . Our (command post) is right in the middle of the Panmunjom peace corridor. So there is no artillery or

**ZACHARY T. PIERCY II**

other kinds of harassing fire to bother us."

His letter was dated 12 days before his mother received word that the corporal was missing in action. Several days later, in the same mail with the Defense Department's official verification of the missing report, was a letter from Piercy to his 9-year-old brother, Gordon. It said in part:

"I think you'd like it here because we sleep in sleeping bags inside big tents. It's just like camping out in the woods when you go hunting and fishing."



# Batavia Flier Prisoner In China, Wife Learns

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**Batavia**—A Batavia flyer, listed as missing in action in Korea since Mar. 28, is a prisoner of the Chinese Communists, his wife learned yesterday.

Mrs. Margaret M. Preston of 26 Bank St. said she received a letter from her husband, Capt. William N. Preston, 31, stating that the Air Force officer is "being treated well." Written on July 1 and postmarked in Canton, China, on Aug. 28, the letter arrived exactly two weeks after Mrs. Preston went to Griffiss Air Base near Rome to receive medals earned by her husband in the Korean conflict.

"I have lost a little weight but once you become accustomed to the diet it is OK," wrote Captain Preston. He said that "instead of being treated as a prisoner of war, we are treated as students studying the causes of war. The prisoner of war camp to which we were recently transferred has a

small library and we receive an English written newspaper published somewhere in China.

The Batavian said he was forced to crash land in North Korea on Mar. 26. "I was soon captured by the Army and not shot, as I had expected, but given good treatment. I know you would be worried and I hope someone from the squadron wrote and told you what happened."

Mrs. Preston and the couple's five-year-old son, William, went to Griffiss Base near Rome on Sept. 19 where she was presented the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with several Oak Leaf clusters, which had been awarded to her husband.

Captain Preston, piloting an F-51 "Mustang" fighter named "Peg o' My Heart," chalked up 40 missions over Korea before he was reported missing. He had informed his wife that his job was to spot targets for the swift-flying jet fighters. He is a veteran of 85 fighter plane missions over Europe during World War 2.

The captain is a native of Silver Springs and graduated from Silver Springs High School. He was employed as a room clerk at the Hotel Watkins in Warsaw before entering the armed forces and is well-known in that community. Mrs. Preston is a native of Geneseo.

## Prayer Brought PW's Release, 2 Sisters Say

Prayers of two Rochester women have been answered with the release of their brother, a prisoner of the Reds in Korea for 2½ years.

"All of us prayed for this moment," said Mrs. John H. Graves, of 185 Grand Ave., whose brother, Capt. William Preston of Batavia, crossed the line to freedom last night (Rochester time).

The Air Force officer was among 100 American officers and non-coms exchanged at Panmunjom.

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MRS. GRAVES and another sister, Mrs. Melvin Fisher, of 40 David Ave., both missed the announcement of Capt. Preston's release last night. They were informed by their sister, Mrs. Willard Bey of Attica. They had last seen their brother shortly before he went overseas three years ago this month.

News of the 33-year-old captain's release brought joy to four other Western New York homes. His wife, Mary, lives at 26 Bank St., Batavia, with their children, William J., 7, and Christine, 5. His father, Nathaniel, lives on Main St., Batavia. His mother, Mrs. Hannah Preston, lives in Medina, and a fourth sister, Mrs. Wallace Hammond, lives in Pavilion.

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THE CAPTAIN'S wife is the former Mary Margaret (Peg) Hagen of Geneseo. Today, on her day off from nursing duties at Batavia Veterans' Hospital, she worked as a volunteer on the Red Cross bloodmobile in Batavia. She trained in Warsaw Hospital.

"I didn't get much sleep last night," she said. "I cried for a while, then the phone started ringing. Perfect strangers called me up to congratulate me."

Capt. Preston, a World War 2 veteran attached to the 45th Squadron, was an F-51 pilot serving as a spotter for jet fighters.

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HE WAS CAPTURED, his wife said, on Easter Sunday in March, 1951, when he crash-landed in enemy territory.

Earlier that year, he had been awarded the Purple Heart and the

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CAPT. WILLIAM PRESTON

Distinguished Flying Cross for bringing a plane back after he had been wounded in the neck and right arm by flak over North Korea. Mrs. Preston later received the medals at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome.

Capt. Preston embarked for Korea three years ago this month.

He had been in service almost continuously since before the United States entered World War 2. For a short time in 1946, when he was released from the Air Force during the manpower cut, he and his wife operated Richberg's Restaurant in Bolivar.

A native of Silver Springs, he graduated from high school there and entered the Army in December, 1940. He received his wings in 1943.

He flew his first mission in Korea in December, 1950, with the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing.

### Ex-Medinan Listed

#### Among Freed Prisoners

A former Medina man, Sgt. 1/c Lloyd R. Cornwell was also freed last night.

His mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Cornwell, who now lives at Moriah, N. Y. said, "We're pretty much delighted." The months since Lloyd was captured in November, 1950 have seemed "an almost hopeless wait," she said.



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**Scio St. GI  
Wounded in  
Korean War**

A telephone call from a hospital in Fukuoka, Japan, Saturday morning, prepared Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Nicolosi, 580 Scio St., for a telegram received from the Defense Department 12 hours later.

The call was from their son, Pvt. Alphonse Nicolosi, who was being treated for wounds suffered Dec. 11, in battle near the 38th



PVT. ALPHONSE NICOLOSI

Parallel in Korea. The soldier told his parents he expected to be able to come home next month.

The telegram was not so assuring. It said Private Nicolosi had been seriously wounded in action in Korea Dec. 11.

Having heard directly from their son considerably reduced the shock of the telegram to the parents, the father said yesterday.

Private Nicolosi attended Paul Revere School before enlisting in the Army Feb. 21, 1951. He received his basic training at Fort Dix, N. J. and went overseas last June.

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**Veteran of C**

One day when things were quiet over in Korea, 3d Division infantryman Jack Nacca hummed a song for his platoon sergeant — an original hillbilly ballad called "My Love Across the Sea."

The sergeant liked it. He took a soiled piece of stationery from his pocket and scribbled the notes of the tune on it in pencil and gave it to Jack. This was last Winter.



JACK NACCA

Jack was then a member of the 7th Regiment's rugged volunteer battle patrol unit which furnished five-man night patrol squads to the frontline rifle companies. Of the 40 men who volunteered for the hazardous assignment, only six remained at the end of Jack's six-month tour.

He had 12 months combat time before he was sent home last Summer under a rotation quota. He had been a rifleman before he took the patrol assignment.

When Jack came home, his parents staged a party for him at a Dewey Ave. restaurant. Jack showed the paper to Sparky Gillon and his Saddle Pals. Sparky punched out the tune on the piano, liked it and recorded it.

Jack's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nacca, 1729 St. Paul St. Mrs. Nacca says the young composer knows nothing about music, plays no instrument and "has a horrible singing voice," but she thinks the song isn't bad.

Jack, a private first class, is now stationed at Camp Pickett, Va., waiting for his enlistment to expire. He has been in since his 17th birthday in February, 1950.

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**Chaplain Hits  
Petty Complaints  
To Korea GI's**

High morale prevalent among U. S. troops in Korea at times is threatened by thoughtless complaints from

home, a chaplain just back from the front observed last night.



CAPT. JOSEPH A. NATALE

Chaplain (Capt.) Joseph A. Natale, son of Mrs. Lucy Natale of 97 Bronson Ave., advised families of fighting men to spare their soldiers from tribulations that

will only worry and upset them needlessly. But he felt that the men should be told at once of real trouble at home — "the Red Cross can help there; I've seen it help in hundreds of cases."

Father Natale, who was assistant pastor of Our Lady of Assumption Church in Fairport before donning a uniform, had the highest praise for the conduct of American soldiers under fire.

"I saw them under all conditions in the fighting around Old Baldy," he said, "and I'll tell you these kids will stick anywhere. There is no question of the American soldier's fighting ability."

Also impressive, he said, is the charity the GI has for all who need it. He recalled seeing many Korean children, left without parents, being cared for by the soldiers "as if they were their fathers."

Letters from home are the biggest single asset a fighting man has, the chaplain declared. But he emphasized the harm that can be done to a man's morale by letters full of petty complaints. The soldiers themselves, he said, keep much of their troubles from their families, and constant mention in letters from home about routine difficulties can upset morale beyond repair.

Father Natale had the highest praise for the work of the Red Cross, both in saving morale and in saving lives. The agency has stepped in countless times to help servicemen abroad cope with emergencies at home, he said, and blood provided by the Red Cross often means the difference between life and death for a wounded man.

"It took 11 pints of blood to save a man I knew, and he got it. There is no question about the tremendous job the Red Cross is doing in Korea — I saw it in action."

Father Natale spent 11 months near the front lines. He returned home two weeks ago and will report back to duty with the 82nd Airborne Division in North Carolina about Apr. 1.

**"Welcome Home,  
Tony!"**

The Nanna Funeral Home, Inc. is proud to welcome back Anthony "Tony" Nanna, just returned from 28 months' service as a rifleman with the U. S. Armed Forces in Korea.

Tony is a graduate of the Simmons School of Embalming and is a licensed embalmer and funeral director. His addition to our staff will augment the personalized service we have provided in one of Rochester's finest and most modern funeral establishments.

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Anthony Nanna,  
Sec'y.

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## He Knows Why

Editor, Democrat and Chronicle:

I received a clipping today from The Democrat and Chronicle containing a letter titled "Why We Fight," written by Pvt. Robert Merkel to his mother. Thanks for printing it and thank God for men like Bob.

I wonder if those crack-pot individuals who have criticized Bob's letter and have been so stupidly blind as to find reason for criticizing his mother or the editor of this paper for printing it, know why we fight. I doubt if they have the slightest idea.

To what Bob has said let me add that we are fighting for a way of life. We are fighting for Main Street, U.S.A. What a shame that some unworthy people live on that street. Perhaps they would like to live on Main Street U.S.S.R. It is people like these who make us over here sometimes wonder if this whole thing is worthwhile. But we know that they are few and the odds against them are many. Knowing this makes it worthwhile and gives us encouragement.

As long as we have men like Pvt. Robert Merkel in this man's army the people on the home front can rest assured that the peace will be won.

You bet your life we know why we fight.

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U.S. Army, Korea.

## City Man in Korea Named Sergeant

James O'Reilly, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. O'Reilly, 19 Arch St., who has been serving in the Army in Korea since April, has been promoted to sergeant, it was disclosed today.

O'Reilly, who enlisted in October last year, has been a forward observer with the 24th Infantry Division. He is a graduate of Edison Technical High School.

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## Cpl. John J. O'Dell Gets 3rd Wound

A 20-year-old Marine Corps corporal, John Joseph O'Dell of 121 Comfort St., has been wounded for the third time while serving with the



CPL. JOHN J. O'DELL

First Marine Detachment in Korea, according to word received by his family. A telegram from the Korean theater reported that O'Dell was wounded May 27, just two weeks to the day after he had returned to duty after being hospitalized for two weeks from wounds received Apr. 24. Corporal O'Dell also had been wounded Feb. 9.

In a letter to his family, the Rochester youth, remarking upon the most recent injury, said he had "a concussion," and not to worry.

O'Dell attended Monroe High School and is a graduate of Paul Revere Trade School. A member of Rochester's own Company B. 19th

Infantry, he was called to active duty last Aug. 9 and has been in Korea since Jan. 5.

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## War: 'It Makes You Sick'

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You'll have to excuse me for not writing sooner, but we're on one heck of a big offensive, and constantly on the go. I'm able to write now only because we lost our tank, out in the valley. The Chinks were, and still are, really throwing artillery at us, even while we are back here waiting for our tank to come in.

Yesterday we were helping evacuate wounded, and I was as sick as a dog. They brought one fellow in who had stepped on a tank mine which blew his legs and one arm off. A lieutenant from — company was in his foxhole, and a 120 mortar dropped in — him and blew his head off. They were really having heavy losses. (Another round just came in—105s, I think)

You ought to see those poor "Doughs" climbing those hills, and having a round drop in on them. It makes you sick just to think about it. (Our counter battery just opened up).

OUR PLATOON is out in the valley now on reconnaissance and we are staying behind because of our tank. They tell us six medium-tank battalions lost eight tanks yesterday. You can see that this is really a big push. Our — battalion — companies were completely wiped out, and the same with the — regiment.

They've been calling air strike after air strike on certain hills, but the Chinks are dug in so well that they don't do much good. Some of their bunkers are as much as 20 feet deep, and almost in sheer rock, with logs and rock built over that for added protection. From what we hear from captured prisoners, about the only things that do any good are the big guns, 155s or 240 Howitzers. Aside from them, it's the "Doughs" who have to flush the enemy out.

THANKS A LOT for that package. It sure was swell and the fellows and I really enjoyed the candy and dates. I think the only things that keep half of these fellows going are mail from home and the thought that maybe they'll be going home on rotation soon.

The morale of the fellows is

Pfc. Justus Otto, 19, has been in Korea since April. A 1950 graduate of Edison Tech, he worked briefly at Delco before enlisting in the Army last Fall. After winning the Combat Infantryman Badge while serving with a machinegun unit three months ago, he was transferred to a tank outfit after rejecting a proffered "desk job" in Pusan, his father reports.

pretty good, and you can still hear a wisecrack from fellows going by on litter-Jeeps with shrapnel or bullet wound.

Well, folks, I guess I've spied off about enough, to let off steam. Don't worry about the mail, I may not be able to write every day till this push is over.

JUNIOR

(Pfc. Justus Otto)

Somewhere in Korea.

## 'Police Action?' Stop Kidding, Say Parents of GI in Korea

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Please publish the following just lately sent to us by our son in Korea. Perhaps a few readers may better understand that the "police action" over there is a little more than police duty when one is actually in it.

Let's stop kidding ourselves. Something has got to be done to give these kids (18 and 19-year-olds) some support. Maybe MacArthur was right. Blast the Commies in their own home. Blast them with everything we've got, the "fantastic weapons" included. Surely life to our race is worth more than a few atomic bombs.

These kids didn't ask to be sent over there, and few even now know why they are there. They only know "Kill or be killed."

LET US SEND a few of these Senate investigators and strikers along, just to see how much guts they have when faced with stark

reality. No quarter-an-hour increase in pay, but K-rations, sleepless nights, rainy nights, and Chinks creeping up on you to toss a slug at you, and for what?

On top of everything else, it costs quite a bit of extra money lately to send even a package over where it is enjoyed. Yet no one seems to give a hoot. The attitude is: Let the kids get hurt. We can roll in our wealth and health here. Why worry!

MR. AND MRS.

JUSTIN E. OTTO

91 Cooper Rd.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The letter by Pfc. Justus Otto follows:





**TIMELESS SPIRIT**—Sgt. 1/c Henry R. Osinski, right, sits before Christmas tree put up two months ago by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Osinski. He shows them souvenirs.

## Sergeant, Home from Korea, Finds Decorated Yule Tree

Just after Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Osinski decorated a Yule tree in their home at 1030 Hudson Ave. because they expected their son to be home from Korea early in January.

But over in Korea the Army's mills ground a little more slowly than the Osinskis had anticipated. The January days passed and Sgt. 1/c Henry R. Osinski wasn't home.

In order to preserve the tree, Mrs. Osinski bound the limbs in fireproof cotton and retained the ornaments and tinsel.

Yesterday Sergeant Osinski was home to enjoy the tree. He landed in Seattle Mar. 10—his 23rd birthday. When he leaves home for Indiantown Gap, Pa., Easter Sunday for reassignment, the Christmas tree will be taken down.

Sergeant Osinski, who completed two years of pre-medical training at Niagara University before he entered service, was with a battalion aid station in Korea. The station supported

troops of the 38th Infantry Division.

The sergeant thinks the use of helicopters in transporting wounded is responsible for much of the improvement in medical care to the troops. But because Korea is so hilly that the 'copters often can't find space to land, the traditional litter bearer "is still an essential part of the medics," Osinski said.



## Rochester Soldier Wounded In Last Allied Push of War

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In the last Allied drive in Korea before the truce was signed, Cpl. Daniel M. O'Connor of Rochester was trapped near an exploding enemy mortar shell and suffered left thigh and leg wounds, it was learned yesterday.

The 21-year-old infantryman is the son of Mrs. Agnes O'Connor of 40½ Austin St.

His mother said he was wounded in the front



CPL. DANIEL M. O'CONNOR

lines on July 18 during the last Allied counterattack against the Korean Communists. After he was hit, two of his buddies carried him to safety.

Corporal O'Connor, who was serving with the 2d Division, 9th Infantry Regiment, is recuperating in an Army hospital near Tokyo, Japan. In a recent letter home, he wrote: "My thigh and foot are in casts and I expect to be here in the hospital a couple of months."

The young soldier entered the Army in March, 1952, and had served in Korea since last September. He is a 1948 graduate of Aquinas Institute.

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## Marine Sergeant From City Aids Quake Rescues

Sgt. John F. O'Brien, U. S. Marine Corps, assisted victims of the recent earthquakes in Greece, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Brien, 345 Flower City Pk., were informed yesterday.

The sergeant, holder of an Air Medal for his service in Korea, is now in the Mediterranean area with the U. S. Navy. He was one of a group of Marines and sailors dispatched from nearby ships to guide the earthquake victims to safety.

The Marine reported in a letter that he also assisted in burying the dead from the disaster. The Korean veteran described the scene in Greece following the quakes as "horrifying."

Sergeant O'Brien attended Aquinas Institute and John Marshall High School prior to his enlistment in February, 1951. He was sent to Korea in August, 1952.

The Air Medal was awarded to him shortly after his arrival in Korea for service with air delivery service which dropped supplies to troops by helicopter. He will return Oct. 14 from Mediterranean duty and expects to be discharged in February, 1954.



## Rochester Soldier Promoted in Korea

Robert V. Palmer, 21, of 3197 Chili Ave., who is fighting in Korea with the 1st Cavalry Division, has been promoted from corporal to sergeant, it was learned here yesterday.

Sgt. Palmer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Palmer. A native of Rochester, he attended School 29 and Madison High School. He enlisted about two years ago and was sent to Japan five months ago.

## 19-Year-Old Vet Tells of Ambush at Roadblock

# First Wounded City GI Welcomed Home from

Pfc. Lawrence A. Perry, first wounded Rochester soldier to come home from the Korean war, is dining on roast chicken these days and holding hands with his girl as if nothing had happened.

But Larry's casual acceptance of the familiar things in his life is deceiving. A lot has happened to the 19-year-old lad in the past bitter months of fighting.

On July 16 he was severely wounded in the left hand and arm. He also became something of a hero, because even after he was shot he kept on fighting until the nest of Communist snipers which had been firing on him and his buddies was wiped out.

Yesterday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Perry, 7 Durgin St., Pfc. Perry, on leave from Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C., told a gathering of family and friends how it was in Korea.

He and other members of the 19th Infantry were loaded in a jeep making a retreat from a South Korea hill, Perry remembers. As they made their way down the hot dusty road, the soldiers strained their eyes in watch for the enemy. Around a bend they suddenly found him—behind a roadblock.

As the Rochester soldier and his comrades leaped for the ditch at the side of the road, Perry saw one of the boys hit in the leg by raking machinegun fire. A second later, as he went to his friend's aid, bullets tore through his own hand and he was peppered with mortar shell fragments.

"Someone put a first aid pack on my wounds and gave me a shot of morphine. It cut the pain and I was able to recover weapons for the wounded and help in cleaning up on the snipers until it was all over."

Afterwards, he was taken to an aid station behind the lines, and later shipped to Japan and then to the



WELCOME FOR A SOLDIER

This luscious cake and a roast chicken were waiting for Pfc. Lawrence A. Perry, wounded veteran of Korea battle, who returned home yesterday. Family gathering around the sol-

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died includes (from left) his parents, Mrs. James Perry and Mr. Perry; Mary Sillato, his sweetheart, and his sister, Jean. Pfc. Perry was hurt during retreat of the U. S. Forces.

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"A Red Cross lady wrote to my mother to tell her I was OK, but she didn't say I was wounded," said Perry. Mrs. Perry didn't hear the whole story of her son's adventure



## Wounded GI Home from War

There's a lot of difference between Korean ambushes and a quiet evening with family or girl friend.

But Pfc. Lawrence A. Perry, first wounded Rochester soldier to come home from the current war, is taking it all in stride.

Perry arrived Saturday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Perry, 7 Burgin St., on leave from Walter Reed Hospital in Washington.

He told how on July 16 he and other members of the 19th Infantry were ambushed at a roadblock in South Korea. Perry was hit by rifle fire and mortar shell fragments as he went to a friend's aid. He was taken to a first aid station behind the lines and from there to Japan and the U. S. Already nearly cured, he quotes Army doctors as saying he'll be back on duty next month.

In the meantime, he's making the most of his 21-day furlough by stocking up on home cooking and spending as much time as he can with his girl, Mary Sillato.

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## Sgt. Palmer, 21, Hurt Slightly In Korea War

Sgt. Robert V. Palmer, 21, of Chili Center, was "slightly wounded" in the fighting of Korea, but later returned to duty with the 1st Cavalry Division, it was learned yesterday.

Sergeant Palmer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Palmer, 3197 Chili Rd., Chili Center, were notified by the Defense Department that he was wounded in action Sept. 12. In a later telegram, his family learned he had been returned to duty Sept. 26.

A graduate of Madison High School, Sergeant Palmer enlisted early in 1948 and was sent to the 1st Cavalry Division in Japan about six months ago. He landed with the division in Korea after the war began.

Two of Sergeant Palmer's three brothers were in the service during World War 2. Frederick Palmer, of Webster, served three years in the Merchant Marine and Donald G. Palmer, of Rochester, fought in Europe during his six years in the Army. Sgt. Palmer has another brother, Richard, and a sister, Mrs. John C. Lehler, of Philadelphia.



**ROBERT V. PALMER**

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**'Don't Worry . . .'**

## 'Dear Mom: I Feel Fine and Eat 3 Good Meals a Day,' Writes Marine Wounded Near Inchon

The first thought of a fighting man after a bullet strikes him is whether he'll live or die.

The second often is "I hope mom won't worry."

The latter is graphically illustrated in a letter received by Mrs. Ruby Pettit of 256 Meigs St. from her son, Pfc. Donald G. Pettit, 21, of the First Marine Division.

Private Pettit was wounded in the left leg by shrapnel on Sept. 21, six days after his division landed at Inchon.

He writes from a hospital:

"Dear Mom—

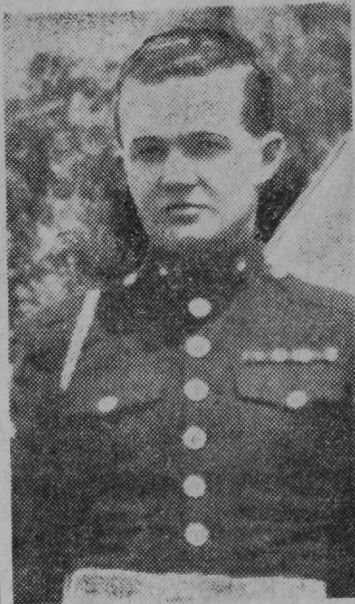
"Don't worry as I'm o. k. I'm in a hospital now and feel much better and able to walk a little. Rather—shuffle along as my leg is sort of stiff.

"I feel fine and eat three good cooked meals a day which is wonderful compared to cold rations in a fox hole.

"I wasn't going to tell you (about the wound) but I heard the government notified the next of kin. I didn't want you to think I was seriously wounded.

"In a matter of weeks I should get out of here and join my outfit. I'm swell and don't worry about me.

Your Boy  
Don."



**DONALD G. PETTIT**

## 'Boots' Together, Buddies Wounded on Same Day

A buddy of Private Pettit's was wounded the same day in Korea. He is Cpl. Robert Donald Franklin, 21, of 5 Norran Dr.

Cpl. Franklin met Pettit at boot camp in Parris Island, S. C., according to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John V. Franklin. He also was in the First Marine Division.

Franklin and Pettit went to Japan together, returned to the United States on leave together and went back to the Orient together last August.



**FRANKLIN**

## Mere War Can't Block True Love

"Better late than never" is the outlook of Cpl. and Mrs. Lloyd J. Pelo, 516 South Ave., two newlyweds whose marriage was postponed five months by the Korean War.

Pelo and his bride, the former Helen Redick, were to have been wed Aug. 19, but Pelo, a 22-year-old Marine, was shipped out with the 1st Marine Division. He landed at Inchon, fought to the Manchurian border, made the bitter retreat, and was evacuated from Hungnam. Then he came on an emergency leave home and he and Helen were married on Jan. 20.

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**LOVE FOUND A WAY**—Marine Cpl. and Mrs. Lloyd J. Pelo, 516 South Ave., were married last week after the young Leatherneck returned home on furlough from fighting in Korea.

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## *Nuptials Postponed by War Come True for Korea Vet*

Marine Cpl. Lloyd J. Pelo's plans to get married last Summer were frustrated by the Korean war, but he was "at home" last night with his bride after fighting in the freezing battlefields of Korea.

Corporal Pelo, 22, son of Mrs. Rose Santimaw, 385 South Ave., was to have married pretty Helen Redick last Aug. 19, but his leave was canceled and he found himself on a ship headed for the Korean front with the 1st Marine Division. He landed at Inchon, the port for the South Korean capital of Seoul, and participated in the drive to the Manchurian border—then the bitter, freezing retreat, fighting in temperatures as low as 30 degrees below zero.

The young Rochester leatherneck was among those evacuated from the port of Hungnam. After his division landed again at Pusan, it was sent to a rest camp about 40 miles from the South Korean port. Corporal Pelo was among thousands of fighting men who suffered in the sub-zero battles. Although he came out of the fighting without wounds or frostbite, he recalled last night it was "awful cold."

### **Mother Taken Ill**

While at the rest camp, Corporal Pelo received a cablegram saying his mother was seriously ill. He was given an emergency leave and arrived in California Jan. 10.

Mrs. Santimaw was better, but the furlough gave Corporal Pelo the chance he had been waiting for.

On Jan. 20, Helen Redick became Mrs. Lloyd J. Pelo. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Redick, 516 South Ave. And the newlyweds still have some time together. Corporal Pelo doesn't have to report to a base in California for shipment back to the 1st Marine Division until Feb. 6. The couple is living with Mr. and Mrs. Redick.

### **Half-Brother with Army**

Corporal Pelo enlisted in the Marines July 24, 1948, and landed in Korea last Sept. 15. A half-brother, Pvt. Clifford Santimaw, 19, is in Korea with Army.

On his tunic, Corporal Pelo wears a new ribbon with three battle stars. It's blue-and-white-striped, the campaign ribbon for the Korean war. He also wears the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon awarded the 1st, 5th and 7th Marine Regiments for bravery in the Inchon landing.

Corporal Pelo will receive a commendation from Mayor Samuel B. Dicker tonight on the stage of the RKO Palace Theater where the Marine film, "The Halls of Montezuma," is opening. A group of Marine recruits will be sworn in at the ceremony highlighting Mayor Dicker's proclamation of today as Marine Day in Rochester.



## Soldier Calls Mother from Korea

"Just called to say hello," said the voice of Cpl. Allen Podlesh from 10,000 miles away in Korea.

But Corporal Podlesh's mother couldn't take the telephone call quite as casually as her son. She wept.

Mrs. Fay Podlesh of 41 Galusha St. received the phone call from her 22-year-old son last night, within minutes of the time set Friday by a San Francisco telephone operator.

"I was frightened when they told me yesterday that he was going to call," she admitted. "I didn't eat or sleep for worrying that he was hurt or something was wrong. But it turned out to be wonderful. He just wanted to say hello."

Corporal Podlesh is serving his second hitch in Korea. He enlisted in the Army when he was 17 and spent 18 months in Korea with the Transportation Corps. Discharged in July, 1948, he became a member of the Army Reserve. He was recalled to duty last October and was sent to Korea again a month later.

Before he was called back into the Army, Corporal Podlesh attended Rochester Institute of Technology where he studied applied arts. A graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, he won several honors for his art work in the 1946 Scholastic Art Exhibit.



**VOICE FROM 10,000 MILES AWAY**—Mrs. Fay Podlesh of 41 Galusha St. talked on telephone yesterday to her soldier son, Cpl. Allen Podlesh, who is serving with Army in Korea. The 22-year-old Podlesh said he "just called to say hello."

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## GI in Korea D. & C. MAR 18 1951 Braves Fire To Spot Guns

History repeated itself in less than a decade—so far as a GI from East Rochester is concerned.

An Army corporal in the 1st Calvary Division, Louis Pugliese of 221 E. Chestnut St., was in the thick of an artillery duel on the central front in Korea Friday, according to Associated Press.

The American battalion was trying to take a lofty mountain ridge that commanded ground for miles around in the vicinity of Hongchon. And the Chinese Communists were making a battle of it—throwing motar shells, artillery and automatic weapons fire at the Americans.

Corporal Pugliese, and Cpl. Richard Shaver of Klamath Falls, Ore., undertook the dangerous scouting mission into the valley that swept southward to the Hongchon River.

Theirs was the job of locating the source of the firing. They were pinned down by motar fire. The 25-year-old Pugliese told it this way: "the fire as coming from a house and I tried to get close enough to throw a couple of grenades into it. But the motar fire was too thick." Pugliese and Shaver retreated from the village.

His mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pugliese, recalled a similar incident for Louis during World War 2's Battle of the Rhine. Corporal Pugliese and some of his buddies were charging a building from which Germans were fighting. Pugliese spotted a grenade the Germans threw at the Americans. He grabbed the ankles of the two lead men in the outfit, tripping them to the ground. The GIs following took the cue and scattered. He dismissed the incident as being "in the line of duty."

A "certificate of merit" proudly hangs upon a wall of the Pugliese home in East Rochester. It reads in part: "At Abbach, Germany, Pfc. Louis Pugliese crossed an open field which was covered by intense enemy small arms fire. A man had been wounded. Two litter bearers were wounded in the attempt to evacuate the first man. Pfc. Pugliese immediately volunteered." The certificate describes how Pugliese and some buddies saved the three injured GIs.

Pugliese attended East Rochester schools, worked as a packer in L. C. Forman & Sons pickle factory in Pittsford for eight months and was employed for a year at Lawless Brothers paper mill in East Rochester. He was drafted in 1942, re-enlisted in 1945 for three years, serving in the German occupation; was discharged in 1948 and recalled from the reserves in October, 1950.



CPL. LOUIS PUGLIESE

## Rochester Marine Returning to City From Korea Duty

Word that Pfc. Theodore B. Piendel, 19-year-old Rochester Marine who has been fighting in Korea since last September, has returned to the United States on rotation was received yesterday by his mother, Mrs. John Piendel, 185 Friederich Pk. Other story on page 3).

In a telephone call, Private Piendel told his mother he arrived yesterday noon in San Diego, Calif., aboard a troopship carrying Korean war veterans. He plans to depart for Rochester tomorrow on a 30-day leave. A member of the 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Private Piendel landed with the Leathernecks at Inchon last Sept. 15. He was frostbitten while fighting his way out of a trap at the Chosin Reservoir near the Manchurian border last December.

After attending Edison Technical and Industrial High School, Private Piendel enlisted in the Marines in May, 1949.

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TED PIENDEL is greeted by his mother, Mrs. Francis Piendel.

## Chosin Trap Survivor TIMES UNION MAY 3 - 1951 Back on Leave

A survivor of the Chosin Reservoir trap in Korea, Marine Pfc. Ted Piendel, 20, of 185 Frederick Pk. had plenty to tell his folks today as he started a long-sought 30-day furlough.

Young Piendel flew into Rochester Airport yesterday aboard the same plane that carried Sgt. Johnny Beers (see Page 1).

He was greeted thankfully by his mother, Mrs. Frances Piendel; his sisters, Trudy Piendel, Mrs. Bernard McGuigan and Mrs. Joseph Dusel, and Mrs. McGuigan's husband.

Two brothers, Ray and Joe, are World War 2 veterans.

Pfc. Piendel, who has nearly three years of Marine service, landed in Korea Sept. 1 and was in the thick of the fighting. He expects to report to Washington for duty when his furlough is up.

## Wounded GI TIMES UNION JUL 9 1951 Home on Leave

Purple Heart winner Cpl. Donald G. Pettit, son of Mrs. Ruby Pettit, 256 Meigs St., arrived home from Korea last week on a 30-day rotation furlough.

The 21-year-old Marine was wounded last September in the Inchon-Seoul campaign. A veteran of four years, Cpl. Pettit has been in Korea nine months. He participated in amphibious landings on both coasts of Korea and also saw action near the Chosin Reservoir.

Cpl. Pettit enlisted shortly after he was graduated from Monroe in 1946. Before the Korean campaign he was stationed for two years in Japan.



CPL. PETTIT



## GI Returns, D. & C. SEP 15 1952 Perfect Gift For 30th Fete

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Prevost Sr. of 119 Edgemont Rd. received what they described as the perfect present yesterday when they celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary at a family dinner.

The "present" was 6-foot, 23-year-old Dean Prevost, the couple's son, who arrived home from Korea just in time to help his parents celebrate.



DEAN  
PREVOST

Dean came home Saturday night after 17 months in the Far East, seven of them as a combat engineer with the 40th Infantry Division in Korea. Dean's first plans include a honeymoon. He was married in February, 1951 and left to go overseas two days later. A graduate of Aquinas Institute, Dean entered the service in Oct., 1950. He was a corporal when discharged last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Prevost have two other sons, Earl Jr., 27, and Robert, 22. Both were on hand yesterday to help their parents celebrate their anniversary and to welcome home their brother.

## D. & C. SEP 15 1952 City Navigator Lost In Korea Air Fight

1st Lt. Spiro J. Peters, 27, of 80 Brookfield Rd., is missing in air action over Korea, according to word received yesterday by his mother, Mrs. Joseph S. Peters of 80 Brookfield Rd. and his wife, the former Anne Crandall of 90 Allandale Ave.

The Air Force announcement said Lieutenant Peters had not returned to his base as of Sept. 13, but gave no further details.

Lieutenant Peters, an Air Force navigator and radar specialist on B-29s, was assigned to the 371st Squadron of the 307th Bomb Group on Okinawa. A 2nd Lieutenant during World War 2, he was called up in the Air Force Reserves last November and left Rochester for his present assignment on Aug. 8 of this year.

Lieutenant Peters was graduated from East High School and attended the University of Rochester for three years.

He has three sisters, Mrs. Leo A. Balta of 37 Amsterdam Rd.; Mrs. William C. Vande Mark Jr., of 80 Brookfield Rd. and Mrs. David J. Fisher of Westbury, Long Island. A brother, George, 20, is stationed at Camp Drum as a Pvt. in the Infantry.



SPIRO J. PETERS  
Missing in Action



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# Marine, 19, Missing; Volunteered to Fight

A Marine, who wrote 19 days ago that his command post "is right in the middle of the Panmunjom peace corridor," yesterday was listed as missing in action by the Defense Department.

He is Cpl. Zachary T. Piercy 2d, who volunteered for Korean duty and shipped from this country Mar. 19.

The 19-year-old former guard on the Brighton High School football team is the son of Mrs. Muriel S. Piercy, now of Meigs St., and the late Kenneth T. Piercy, who was a sales representative of the General Foods Corporation.

Corporal Piercy was turned down because of high blood pressure when he first tried to enlist in the Marine Corps, his mother recalled last night. But he was accepted in January of 1952, took basic training at Parris Island, S. C.; studied map making and intelligence work at Camp Lejeune, N. C., and Fort Riley, Kans.

While doing map work in Camp Pendleton, Calif., he asked for overseas duty. The 6-foot 1-inch, 200-pound Marine was attached to a reconnaissance company in the 1st Marine Division.

His only letter to his mother after he arrived overseas was dated Apr. 8 and said in part:

"Have I got it made! We're way off by ourselves and nobody bothers us at all. We have our own mess hall, movie, barber shop and showers. And we don't have to eat out of mess gear like the line companies do. Our CP is right in the middle of the Panmunjom peace corridor. So there is no artillery or other kinds of harassing fire to bother us."

Corporal Piercy wrote that they sleep 10 men to a tent and that one fellow in his tent is "Jim Northcote who used to run around with Ken Laufer and Jim Marr."

Laufer is Marine Cpl. Kenneth Laufer of 177 Avalon Dr., Brighton.



CPL. ZACHARY T. PIERCY  
... was in 'peace corridor'

ton. The son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Laufer, he has just been returned to this country for hospitalization after being wounded. The other two, both Marines in Korea, are Sgt. James S. Northcote, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Northcote of 35 Bardin St., and Pfc. James Marr, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Marr of 181 Cloverland Dr., Brighton.

Last Monday, Mrs. Piercy received verification from the Defense Department that her son is missing. The same mail brought a letter to the corporal's younger brother, Gordon, 9, in which the Marine wrote, "I think you'd like it here because we sleep in sleeping bags inside big tents. It's just like camping out in the woods when you go hunting and fishing."

Corporal Piercy, who will be 20 on May 27th, was graduated from Brighton High in 1950 and attended Rochester Business Institute.

## City Tankerman, 19, Wounded in Foot

Word that their 19-year-old son was wounded in action in Korea last Monday was received yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. White of 35 Baldwin St.

The wounded soldier is Pfc. Joseph J. White Jr., serving with a tank battalion of the 40th Infantry Division.

According to a telegram received by his parents from the Defense Department, he "sustained flesh wounds of the left foot by artillery fire when his position was attacked by opposing forces on June 8."

White, who attended Corpus Christi Parochial School, Aquinas Institute and East High School, enlisted Dec. 31, 1951. He took basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., and was sent to Korea last July.

## Ex-Recruiter in City Assigned to Far East

The former head of the Army and Air Force Recruiting Office here has received orders that will take him to the Far East. He is Capt. Christopher Pearce, who commanded the office in the Federal Building for 1½ years before being transferred to Buffalo. Capt. Pearce is an administrative officer in the Air Force.

## City GI Suffers Leg Wounds From Enemy Artillery Fire

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Pfc. Joseph Pires, 20, of 163 Delamaine Dr., has been wounded in action in Korea, according to a telegram received by his parents.

The telegram from the Adjutant General of the Army said Pvt. Pires was "wounded slightly in action in Korea on July 16, 1953, when he sustained flesh wounds of the left and lower right leg from artillery fire."



JOSEPH  
PIRES

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Pires, Pires had been a rifleman with the 31st Infantry Regiment in Korea since the end of March, 1953. He enlisted on Oct. 20, 1952, and took basic training at Indiantown Gap, Pa., before being shipped to the Far East

from Fort Lewis, Washington.

In a letter received by his family last Friday, Pires had asked that only small packages be sent him because "all I own is what I can carry with me on my back."

Pires was graduated from Madison High School in June, 1952. He will be 21 next Aug. 20.



## GI's Wounds Are Serious

Wounds of Pfc. Joseph Pires, previously reported by the Defense Department as slight, yesterday were described as serious.

The department notified the soldier's mother, Mrs. Manuel Pires of 163 Delamaine Dr., that the listing of the wounds was changed after additional information was received.

The 20-year-old rifleman was hit in the legs by enemy artillery fire July 16. Specifically, the second telegram his mother received stated he suffered "compound fractures of the legs with the main artery of the left thigh involved." He is now in an Army hospital in Osaka, Japan.

Pfc. Pires has been with the 31st Infantry Regiment in Korea since March. He entered service last October, after having been graduated from Madison High School in June, 1952.

## Hope for City Airman Now Revived in Korea

126 missing Americans listed—Page 7

Mrs. Ann C. Peters, who for nearly a year believed that her airman husband had lost his life in the explosion of a B-20 bomber behind the enemy lines in Korea, early today learned he may be one of the 944 Americans still unaccounted for in North Korean prison camps.

The "wonderful news" came in a telegram from the Defense Department to Mrs. Peters' home at 90 Allandale St. The wire, cautiously worded, said the department had "unofficial and unconfirmed reports that" 1st Lt. Spiro J. Peters, 28, may be one of the men over whom an international controversy rages.

The lieutenant, whose mother, Mrs. Joseph Peters, lives at 80 Brookfield Rd., was believed killed in the explosion aboard the bomber on Sept. 13, 1952. There were no indications at that time that any of the crewmen escaped alive.

But on Aug. 31, a member of the crew was repatriated.

"My hopes began to rise, just a little, then," Mrs. Peters said. "Of course, I can't take this telegram to mean that he's alive and safe. But I feel sure that there's every reason to expect there's a chance."

Her spirits raised by the news, Mrs. Peters immediately began placing long distance calls to relatives to tell them of the latest development.

### Reds Indicate Refusal Of PW Accounting

Munsan —(AP)— The Communists gave advance indications yesterday they would reject Allied demands

for an accounting of 944 Americans and 2,560 other Allied troops believed still held in Red prisons.

While a formal reply to the military armistice commission was not yet in sight, Peiping radio dismissed the Allied list as a "sheer fabrication."

A Communist correspondent in Kaesong, Red truce headquarters, even cited Secretary of State Dulles' informal comment to newsmen in Colorado Springs last week as evidence the Allied list was "faked." Dulles had said he knew of no Americans withheld.

There still was no indication of when the Communists would reply to the Allied demand for an accounting.

Meantime Red propaganda broadcasts harped on the theme that the Allies were still holding Communist prisoners who want to return.

In Tokyo an American Air Force major, David F. MacGhee of Tampa, Fla., told a news conference that the Communists planned to intern 22 U. S. fliers in Manchuria "until the United States recognizes Red China."

MacGhee said he had learned from a Chinese Communist who had proved "extremely reliable" in other cases that the Reds intended to hold back the Americans to force negotiations through diplomatic channels.

The Communists have yet to explain why Capt. Harold Fischer, a double jet ace from Swea City, Iowa, was not included in the prisoner exchange ended last Sunday. The Reds had boasted of Fischer's capture last spring.

The Communists were expected to call the military armistice commission, ruling truce body, back into session when they had an answer to the Allied demand for an accounting of the missing men. No session was scheduled for today.

The first 500 North Koreans to reach the neutral zone heaved stones at Communist observers watching them from outside wire barricades. The Red observer teams moved hastily out of range while Indian custodian troops pacified the prisoners.

In the second incident one North Korean Red was beaten to death and four others were injured in what the U. N. Command said was a "non-political" argument. Further movements of Koreans were suspended temporarily because the Indian troops were not quite ready to receive them, the Allies announced.

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## Marine Cpl. Piercy Missing in Action

Marine Cpl. Zachary T. Piercy 2d, 19, son of Mrs. Muriel S. Piercy, 235 Meigs St., has been listed "missing in action" by the Defense Department.

The former Brighton High School football guard was reported missing Apr. 20. About three weeks ago he wrote his mother that he was stationed in the Panmunjom "peace corridor," and that "there was no artillery or other kinds of harassing fire to bother us."

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ONE OF THE MEN in his tent was Sgt. James S. Northcote of 35 Bardin St. Cpl. Piercy, rejected because of high blood pressure when he first tried to enlist, was accepted in January, 1952, and for several months did map-making at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

He requested transfer to the war zone and left the West Coast Mar. 19. He was graduated from Brighton High in 1950 and at-



CPL. ZACHARY T. PIERCY

tended Rochester Business Institute.

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## City Soldier Wounded By Shell Fragments

Another Rochester boy has been wounded in Korea, while truce negotiations continue. He is Pfc. Joseph Pires, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Pires, 163 Delamaine Dr.

According to a Defense Department telegram, young Pires suffered fragment wounds in the legs from enemy artillery fire on July 16.

He has been serving as a rifleman with the 31st Infantry Regiment. He has been in Korea since March, after enlisting in October of last year and taking basic training at Indiantown Gap, Pa.

Pires is a graduate of Madison High School. In his last letter home he asked his family to send him only "small" packages.

"All I own is what I can carry on my back," he wrote.



PFC. JOSEPH PIRES

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## Freed Batavia PW Says Reds Killed Silent Prisoners

A Batavia Air Force captain says prisoners of war, threatened with death, "gave general, but not secret, information" to the Reds.

"It was known they were killing prisoners who wouldn't give any information," said Capt. William Preston, of 26 Bank St., who returned to San Francisco yesterday. He had been a PW 2½ years.

"Under the Chinese there was continuous interrogation, both for military and propaganda reasons," the veteran fighter pilot said.

His wife, Mary Hagen Preston, a nurse at Batavia Veterans' Hospital, was on hand to greet him when his ship docked.



CAPT. WILLIAM PRESTON

PRESTON SAID he was in the same hut with Frank (Pappy) Noel, Associated Press photographer recently repatriated.

"Pappy owes me a 20-pound turkey," Preston said. "He bet the war would end in March, 1952."

PW treatment changed for the better after the first sick and wounded were exchanged, Preston said.

Preston's sister, Mrs. Melvin Fisher, 40 David St., Rochester, said the officer, in a telegram notified his mother, Mrs. Hannah Preston of Medina, that he would be required to spend a few days on the West Coast before heading East.

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A NATIVE of Silver Springs, he was captured after his plane was shot down in North Korea in March, 1951.

It was his second such experience. But in World War 2, he was shot down in Germany and landed on an airfield which was taken over by the Allies, so he escaped capture.

Other area relatives of the 33-year-old flier are: Nathaniel Preston, his father, of Main St., Batavia; his son, William J., 7, and daughter, Christine, 5; and his sisters, Mrs. John Graves, 185 Grand Ave., Rochester; Mrs. Willard Bey, Attica, and Mrs. Wallace Hammond, Pavilion.



Also reported wounded in Korea and returned to active duty was Sgt. Robert V. Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Palmer of 3197 Chili Rd., Chili Center.

Telegrams received by the parents of the Madison High graduate said he was wounded Sept. 12 and returned to duty Sept. 26.

Sgt. Palmer enlisted early in 1948 and joined the First Cavalry Division in Japan six months ago. He landed with the division in Korea.

One of his brothers, Frederick, served in the Merchant Marine in World War 2; another, Donald, was in the Army in Europe. Sgt. Palmer has another brother, Richard, and a sister, Mrs. John C. Zehler of Philadelphia, Pa.

### Sgt. Robert V. Palmer, Chili Center, OCT 25 1950

Sgt. Robert V. Palmer, 21, of Chili Center, has for the second time in the Korean fighting, been "slightly wounded," his parents were informed last night by the War Department.



ROBERT V. PALMER

Sergeant Palmer, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Palmer live at 3197 Chili Rd., Chili Center, was first wounded on Sept. 12. He was returned to action within two weeks

and was wounded again on Oct. 9.

Palmer has been fighting with the 1st Cavalry Division since the Korean war started. He went to Japan with that outfit about seven months ago. A Madison High School graduate, he enlisted in 1948.

Pfc. Charles E. Maura Jr., 21, of 160 Weaver St., is recuperating in a Pusan Field Hospital from a shoulder wound, suffered Oct. 13. He first was wounded Aug. 31 and has been awarded the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf cluster.

Mura is a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School. He worked at Bausch & Lomb Optical Co. before entering service with the 2nd Infantry Division Feb. 12, 1951. He went to Korea in August.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pehta of 40 Durgin St., have received word that their son, Pvt. Wesley D. Pehta, 23, was seriously wounded Oct. 4, and is in a hospital in Japan. Pehta, a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, enlisted Feb. 9, 1951, and arrived in Korea in September.

Pehta served with the 77th Field Artillery Battalion of the 1st Cavalry Division. Before entering service he worked for the American Brewing Company.

A brother, Sgt. Ernest Pehta, served three years overseas in World War 2 and now is with a communications group at Fort Meade, Md. Another brother, Richard, was wounded in the South Pacific fighting in World War 2.

The father of the boys was a sergeant in World War 1.



PVT. WESLEY D. PEHTA

## U. S. Seeks Word on City Flier

A Rochester man is among 944 Americans still unaccounted for as possible prisoners of the Reds in Korea.

He is Air Force 1st Lt. Spiro J. Peters, 28, husband of Mrs. Ann C. Peters, 90 Allendale St. She received a cautiously worded telegram from the Defense Department.

The wire said that the department had "unofficial and unconfirmed reports" that Lt. Peters may be one of the missing servicemen over whose status the Allies and Communist are at odds.

Last September, his family received word that the officer was missing in action over Korea. Later, it was learned there had been an explosion in his bomber.

Mrs. Peters said the news from the Defense Department is "wonderful" and that she feels sure "there's every reason to expect there's a chance." Lt. Peter's mother, Mrs. Joseph Peters, lives at 80 Brookfield Rd.



Lt. Peters

## Casualty List Adds D. & C. SEP 29 1950 2 More from City

Two Rochesterians, a Marine and an Infantryman, yesterday were added to the growing list of service men wounded in Korean action.

### Donald G. Pettit, 21, Wounded in Action

Pfc. Donald G. Pettit, 21, a Monroe High School graduate, who left this country early in August to serve with the U. S. Marines in Korea, was wounded in action there Sept. 21, according to word received yesterday by his mother, Mrs. Ruby Pettit of 256 Meigs St.

Mrs. Pettit said the telegram from the Defense Department gave no details, but promised further information as soon as possible.

Private Pettit enlisted in the Marines four years ago, shortly after he was graduated from Monroe High School. He spent a year training at Parris Island, S. C., and then was sent to Japan for two years. He then returned to the United States and was stationed at Scotia, N. Y. Last July 25 he was sent to Camp Pendleton, Calif., to prepare for overseas service. His unit first landed at Japan and then was sent to Korea to engage in the fighting on the southeast coast.



DONALD G. PETTIT

## Cpl. Piercy Listed Dead By Marines

A Brighton High School graduate who saw service in Korea was officially listed as dead last night by the Marine Corps.

He was Cpl. Zachary T. Piercy II, son of Mrs. Muriel S. Piercy of 8 Rowley St., who would have been 21 years old on May 27. He had been listed as missing in action on April 12, 1953.

The former Brighton High School football player enlisted in the Marines in January, 1952, after first having been turned down because of high blood pressure. After completing "boot" training at Parris Island, S. C., he was assigned to Camp Pendleton, Calif., as a map maker. He requested overseas duty, however, and was sent to Korea last spring for assignment to a reconnaissance company in the 1st Marine Division.

Besides his mother, the former Brighton youth is survived by a brother Gordon, 10. Besides high school, Cpl. Piercy who was born in New York City, also had attended Rochester Business Institute. His father, Kenneth T. Piercy, a former sales representative of General Foods Corp., died in 1948.



# Chinese Killed PWs Refusing Data, Says Released Batavia Captain

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Chinese Red troops killed prisoners who would not give them information, Capt. William N. Preston of Batavia declared yesterday upon his return to San Francisco with other prisoners of war.

"Under the Chinese there was continuous interrogation, both for military and propaganda reasons," Preston, a veteran fighter pilot, told a representative of The Democrat and Chronicle after his transport, the Gen. A. W. Brewster, docked.

"We gave them general but not secret information.

"It was known they were killing prisoners who wouldn't give any information."

Preston was met by his wife,



**CAPT. WILLIAM PRESTON**

... returns from POW camp

Mrs. Mary Hagen Preston, an ex-Army nurse, now a nurse at Batavia Veterans Hospital. He brought her a gift of some Japanese pearls in a small box. She flew to San Francisco from Batavia.

Mrs. Preston lives at 26 Banks St., Batavia, with the couple's two children, William J., 7, and Christine, 5.

The captain, who received the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Flying Cross for bringing a plane back after he was wounded early in 1951, sported a bright brown handlebar mustache which he declared "comes off today."

His sister, Mrs. Melvin Fisher, 40 David Ave., said yesterday that she expects Capt. and Mrs. Preston to return to Batavia in a few days. She said she had not heard from her brother since he landed in the United States.

The slightly built regular Air

Force officer spent three months in Chinese POW camps. He was shot down in North Korea in March, 1951.

It was his second such experience. But he said that when he was shot down over Germany in World War II, he landed on a German airfield. The field was taken by the Allies and the Germans did not capture him.

Preston said he was in the same hut with Frank (Pappy) Noel, Associated Press photographer, who also was repatriated recently.

"Pappy owes me a 20-pound turkey," Preston said. "He bet the war would end in March, 1952."

Preston said there was a big change in treatment of POWs by the Chinese after the first sick and wounded were repatriated.

He was eager to catch up on current events and asked many questions about purges in Russia and other news of the day. Preston was released Aug. 31 (Rochester time).

The 33-year-old flier has been in the service since before World War II, except for a short time in 1946 when he was released during a cutback in Air Force manpower. As a civilian that year he operated Richberg's restaurant in Bolivar with his wife.

Preston was born in Silver Springs and was graduated from high school there. He entered the Army in December, 1940 and received his wings in 1943.

His mother is Mrs. Hannah Preston of Medina. Preston's father, Nathaniel Preston, lives in Main Street, Batavia. The captain has two sisters in Rochester, Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. John Graves, 185 Grand Ave. Two other sisters are Mrs. Willard Bey, Attica, and Mrs. Wallace

Hammond, Pavilion.

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## Sergeant Presumed Dead, Was Missing in Korea

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Approximately three years after notification that Sgt. Allan R. Robertson was missing in action in Korea, the Defense Department yesterday reported that he is presumed to be dead.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Robertson, 19 Flanders St., Sgt. Robertson was serving with an anti-aircraft unit attached to the 2nd Infantry Division when he was reported missing Dec. 2,

1950. His family was informed the day after Christmas that year.

Sgt. Robertson, a graduate of Edison Technical High School, had served two years and four months with the Navy in World War II, and enlisted in the Army in 1948. He was sent overseas in July, 1950.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Thomas and James, and four sisters.



PFC. STEFANO SALERNO

## Local Soldier Now Captive, Letter Tells

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First word that their missing soldier son, Pfc. Stefano Salerno, 19, is a prisoner of the Red Chinese, has been received by his parents, they reported last night.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Salerno, 329 Avery St., said they received two letters written by their son in August and forwarded by "The Chinese People's Committee for World Peace and Against American Aggression."

A wounded veteran of the Korean fighting, Private Salerno had not been heard from since before Apr. 23 this year, the date the Army reported him missing in action. He is the holder of the Purple Heart for a wound received in March.

Aside from informing his parents he was alive and "being treated well," the letter contained nothing but some obviously Communist-dictated propaganda. This said the writer "hoped that the people at home in America would continue to fight for world peace."

A former pupil at Madison High and once employed at the Clapp's Baby Food plant, Private Salerno spent a year in the Army in 1949. At that time he was discharged because of the serious illness of his father, but he was called back to service as a reserve private late last year.



# Corporal Wounded

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## In Korea

Marine Cpl. John P. Quinn, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Quinn, 2 Walter Pk., is the latest Rochester casualty reported on the Korean list.

Quinn, who enlisted five years ago, was wounded Nov. 27 while serving with the 1st Marine Division. He was home on furlough a year ago.

A brother, Robert, 21, is in the Navy and stationed at Charleston, S. C.

The parents of Cpl. George E. New, 21, wounded last September, today had something tangible with which to remember their son's experience.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. New of 256 Scio St., received their son's Purple Heart and Bronze Star from a hospital in Osaka, Japan. He recovered from fragment wounds in the back, arms and face. New reenlisted three years ago.



CPL. QUINN

# 3 Weeks Ago: Bloody Retreat; Today: Marine Tells Story Here

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**MASSAGING** frost-bitten foot of Pfc. Charles R. Quinn, Korean retreat survivor, to restore circulation is Mrs. Gerald Quinn, his sister-

in-law. He suffered the frostbite in the frigid withdrawal to Hungnam with his Marine buddies.

By CALVIN MAYNE

"We didn't think we had a chance to get out."

This is a Marine talking, a 21-year-old Rochester boy who fought his way out of North Korea in a heroic battle unique in American military history.

He is Pfc. Charles R. (Chuck) Quinn, former Aquinas Institute student. . . and he is the first 1st Division Marine to return here after the retreat to Hungnam.

### 40 KILLED

Of 142 men with whom young Quinn started at the tail end of a Marine convoy, there were left only five who were not dead or wounded. Of these, some 40 were killed.

Quinn sat today in the home of his sister-in-law's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Glew, 407 Woodbine Ave., and recalled details of a struggle that now seems "like a bad dream."

"They hit us at the Chosin reservoir on the morning of Nov. 28," Quinn said. "That's when we got the word to go back a couple of miles."

That "couple of miles" turned out, for Quinn, to be a 14-mile gauntlet of Chinese Communists that took four days to run. He was flown from the North Korean town of Hagaru-ri to safety in a hospital in Japan Dec. 4. He wears a Purple Heart with cluster after suffering grenade concussions and frozen feet.

"We started with about 142 men at the tail end of a Marine convoy. When we finished, there were only five who were not dead or wounded. I think about 40 were killed," the Marine said.

"When we started, they told us to burn all the equipment and expend

all the ammunition we couldn't carry. We put our wounded and dead on trucks and trailers and hauled our heavy guns with bulldozers.

### 2,000 DEAD CHINESE

"On the first day, I counted about 2,000 dead Chinese. There were about 37 of them to one Marine.

"Two days later, we'd only made two miles. We had our dead piled three or four high on the front of the jeeps and we piled the wounded who couldn't walk wherever else there was room.

"The first two days the temperature was 27 below. After a while it warmed up—to about 18 below. We were lucky there wasn't much wind or snow."

"There were Chinese everywhere. It seemed that no sooner would we wipe out a battalion or even a division than they'd throw in a fresh one to replace it.

"They'd hold the hills and wait for the Marines to come through. They'd move into position during the night and attack us during the day, or they'd follow us by day and attack at night.

### HAND-TO-HAND

"At night everything was Chinese. Even the boulders would crawl. We could only sleep standing up and we could eat only frozen rations and not much of that."

Just as Quinn's Marine units linked forces with other Marine and Army units of the 10th Corps, the worst Chinese attack came four hours before daylight Dec. 4.

"The light equipment went on ahead into Hagaru," Quinn says. "We had to stay and repair a bridge

so we could get our heavy guns across.

"That was when the Chinese ambushed us—about 300 to 500 Chinese to about 50 Marines. We fought until daylight. We fought hand-to-hand and we were throwing grenades back and forth."

Eventually he and five other Marines fought their way into a town for help.

Quinn shows no sign of his ordeal in his piercing, steady gaze, but his speech is halting and nervous. He cited a ratio of Chinese dead to Marine dead of about 50 to 1 and doesn't think the Chinese are "exceptionally good" fighters.

"They'd blow their bugles and whistles and scream 'Tonight you die, Marine!'" Quinn recalls.

### DOPED UP

He says that he saw two dead Chinese soldiers, barefooted, "not more than 12 or 13 years old," and with a supply of opium on their bodies.

"The Chinese had to be doped up to do the crazy things they did," the Marine disclosed. "They'd walk into the face of an automatic weapon, smiling and laughing. They'd run around the hills in their bare feet—and they were freezing, just like we were."

Quinn is spending a lot of time sleeping and relaxing before reporting to St. Albans Naval Hospital, Long Island, Jan. 3, for about two months' convalescence.

He spent Christmas with his father and brothers in Lowville, N. Y., and spends his time here with the Glews and his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chambers, 200 Merrill St.



# Lt. Quagley, Jet Pilot, Missing in Action

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The mounting fury of air warfare in Korea between American Sabrejets and Communist MIGs has resulted in tragic news for a Gates family.

Their only son, 2d Lt. Joseph M. Quagley, 23, a Sabrejet pilot with at least 32 missions, is missing in action, according to a Defense Department telegram.

Lt. Quagley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Quagley of 1722 Chili Ave. The father is employed by Taylor Instrument Companies.

Quagley Sr. said that, in the young pilot's last letter, he told of flying five missions in one day, and said other Sabrejet pilots in his outfit, the 80th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, known as the "Head Hunters," were flying four missions daily.

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**THE TELEGRAM** said Lt. Quagley was reported missing June 30, only two days ago.

Lt. Quagley, who attended Aquinas Institute and Assumption College in Canada, arrived in Korea last March.

He entered service in 1951 as an air cadet from Assumption College. After basic training at Sampson Air Force Base, he was trained at several Air Force schools, and was commissioned in October, 1952, from Webb Air Force Base, Big Spring, Tex.



**2D LT. JOSEPH M. QUAGLEY**

Lt. Quagley is an only child. His mother has not been in good health of late.

The missing pilot is an excellent swimmer and played considerable golf.



## Gates Flier, Sabrejet Pilot, Listed as Missing in Korea

The latest Rochester area flier reported missing in action over Korea is 2nd Lt. Joseph M. Quagley, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Quagley of 1722 Chili Ave., Gates.

The Defense Department has notified his parents that Lt. Quagley, a Sabrejet pilot with at least 32 missions to his credit, was listed as missing on June 30. He is assigned to the 80th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, known as the "Head Hunters."

Lt. Quagley attended Aquinas Institute in Rochester and Assumption College in Canada. An only child, he entered the service in 1951 while an air cadet at Assumption College. After basic training at Sampson Air Force Base, he trained at several Air Force schools.

He was commissioned in October, 1952, from Webb Air Force Base, Big Spring, Tex. He arrived in Korea last March. The missing pilot is an excellent swimmer and played considerable golf.

His father works at the Taylor Instrument Companies.



JOSEPH M. QUAGLEY

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## Marine Corporal Hurt in Action In Korea Battle

John P. Quinn Wounded  
Nov. 27, Parents  
Informed

Marine Cpl. John P. Quinn, 22, was wounded in action in Korea Nov. 27, it was learned yesterday.



CPL. JOHN P. QUINN

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Quinn, of 2 Walter Pk., received word from the commandant of the Marine Corps at Washington, D. C.

The nature of the wounds was not reported. Quinn enlisted in the Marines five years ago and

was serving with the First Division. He was home on furlough a year ago Sunday.

Quinn's brother, Robert, 21, is in the Navy. He is stationed at Charleston, S. C.

## 2 Tragedies Hit Family At Christmas

Christmas was hardly merry for Mr. and Mrs. John A. Robertson, 19 Flanders St.



ROBERTSON

Their son, Sgt. Allan R. Robertson, was reported missing in action in Korea.

On Christmas Eve, the sergeant's uncle, William Brown, 56, of Perry, was killed in a two-car collision in West Henrietta Rd.

Sgt. Robertson, 24, was listed as missing as of Dec. 2. He was serving with the 15th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, attached to the 2nd Infantry Division.

He enlisted two years ago in the Army, after serving two years in the Navy during World War 2. He is a graduate of School 16 and Edison Tech.

Robertson has two brothers, Thomas, who served the last time in the Army Transportation Corps, and James, who fought in Europe with the 1st Infantry Division.

ALSO IN THE MILITARY news is Cpl. Charles H. Rowley, 33, son of Mrs. Howard Johnson, 193 Berlin St.

Rowley, who attended Bergen High School, was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in Korea.

A World War 2 veteran with service in the ETO, the corporal was cited for his skill and initiative in maintaining wire communications. He is with the Second Division.

## 2d City GI Listed Missing In Korea

A second Rochester soldier has been reported missing in action at the Korean war front. He is Pvt. Robert C. Russ, 18, of 148 Fitzhugh St. S. He had been listed as missing since July 12.

His mother, Mrs. Helen Russ, was informed by telegram. She said he enlisted in the Army in December, 1948. In a recent letter from Camp Wood, Japan, Russ said his outfit was busy training for Korea action.

"You know what the war means for us over here, so just pray that we will not have to go to war," he wrote.

He was an outstanding student at Edison Technical High School and winner of a General Motors scholarship for car modeling.

The first local boy to be reported missing since the outbreak of the Korean war was Pvt. Charles E. Greenwood, son of Mrs. Jeanette Thorpe, 6 Catherine St.



PVT. RUSS



## Voice of Experience

# Get Tough on Koje, Urge Former PWs

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By CHARLES E. WILTSE

Prisoners of war should be treated as such!

Eyes of Rochester men which once looked through the barbed wire from the inside in prisoner of war camps in Germany, Italy and Japan are now turned again on the wire at Koje.

They are looking in—not out, and as civilians now, the members of Rochester's Barb Wire Club don't like what they see. They spoke with a unanimous voice today—"Prisoners of War Should Be Treated As Such."

From their stories a number of conclusions may be drawn. These are:

It is impossible to keep contraband out of a prisoner of war camp. It is impossible to ignore the human element—that is, the weakness or greed of some individuals.

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**ROSS S. RITTO** of 90 Roxborough Rd., now a city fireman, was a machine gunner, radio operator and engineer on a bomber. He was a staff sergeant and was liberated in May, 1945, after being a prisoner for about a year in an Italian PW camp. He heads the local Barb Wire Club.

Said Ritto: "If prisoners do get outside the wire in work parties a lot of contraband can be brought in. One man in our camp forged an excellent sword. In Koje, Koreans might aid the prisoners. Some stuff can come through tunnels. We had one in Italy. We could get things in but never to the extent that we controlled the camp."

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**RAYMOND NERSINGER JR.**, 36 Fien St., was a staff sergeant, a radio man and gunner aboard a B-17. He was a prisoner for a year. Nersinger said the Germans had civilian spies inside the camps 24 hours a day and vicious dogs roamed the area at night.

He says the Germans were more adept at handling prisoners than the Americans and remarks that "we didn't fool with them. If we did they'd shut off our water. That would make us settle down. The Germans used psychology, whereas the Japs were rough on their prisoners bodily."

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**JAMES J. WITHAM** of 252 Farmington Rd. saw the Oriental mind at first hand. He was in the infamous "Death March" from Bataan and waited the rest of the war out in a Japanese prisoner of war camp.

"Our own method in Koje,"



ROSS RITTO



Nersinger



Bixby

Witham said, "is a time-honored system, especially where there are language differences. It is the custom to let prisoners run their own camp administration but under those circumstances the Kangaroo Court almost always raises its head."

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**FREDERICK A. BIXBY** of 273 LaVerne Dr., Greece, was a technical sergeant and served with an armored unit. He was listed as missing in action in Alsace-Lorraine on Jan. 18, 1945. Later that year he was liberated from Stalag 13C, a German prisoner of war camp.

Bixby views the Koje situation as brought on by negligence. "Generals," he said, "don't go to see men. Men are taken to him. That was a serious mistake."

"We as Americans," said Bixby, "are much more apt to be very lenient. Officers should bear down on guards who show any sign of fraternizing with prisoners."



## Army Sergeant, War 2 Veteran, Missing in Action

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### Korea GI Was Nephew of Man Killed Sunday In Auto Crash

The shadow of war darkened the Christmas holiday of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Robertson, 19 Flanders St., yesterday as their son, **Allan R. Robertson**, 24, was reported missing in the Korean War.



**SGT. ALLAN R. ROBERTSON**

According to a Defense Department telegram, Sergeant Robertson was reported missing in action Dec. 2. His uncle, William Brown, 56, of Perry, was killed Sunday night in a collision of two cars in front of the Henrietta Hayloft in West Henrietta Rd.

Sergeant Robertson enlisted in the Army two years ago and left for Texas Dec. 24, 1948. In Korea he was fighting with the 15th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, which was attached to the 2nd Infantry Division.

A native of Rochester, Sergeant Robertson served two years in the Navy during World War 2. He is a graduate of Public School 16 and Edison Technical High School.

Two brothers, Thomas and James Robertson, served in the Army in the last war. Thomas saw duty aboard a ship in the Army Transportation Corps and James fought for three years with the 1st Infantry Division in Africa, Sicily and Germany. Sergeant Robertson also has four sisters.

## 2nd City GI Missing In Action in Korea

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An 18-year-old Rochesterian was listed by the Defense Department yesterday as missing in action in Korea.

He is Pvt. Robert C. Russ, son of Mrs. Helen Russ of 148 S. Fitzhugh St. He is one of 37 reported missing in action by the department in a casualty list that also included nine dead and two wounded.



**PVT. ROBERT C. RUSS**

In a telegram received Tuesday night, Mrs. Russ was informed that her son has been missing since July 12. She said he enlisted in the Army in December, 1948.

Born in Rochester on Dec. 5, 1932, Russ attended School 41 and Edison Technical High School. He was an outstanding pupil and won a General Motors scholarship for car modeling.

Russ last wrote to his mother from Camp Wood, Japan. In the letter he said his outfit was busy training for the Korean fighting and they were "just about 100 miles from Korea."

"You know what the war means for us over here," he wrote, "so you just pray that we will not have to go to war."

He is the second Rochesterian reported missing in action since the outbreak of the Korean war. Reported missing by the Defense Department on July 18 was Pvt. Charles E. Greenwood, the son of Mrs. Jeanette Thorpe of 6 Catherine St.

## Soldier, 18, Dies of Polio; 5th in Area

Times Union OCT 2 1950

The polio death toll has risen to five in the Rochester area with the death of a soldier, Cpl. Kenneth C. Riemer, 18, of 253 Marion St.

Cpl. Riemer died yesterday (Oct. 1, 1950) in Strong Memorial Hospital.

Other deaths were a child and three adults.

Cpl. Riemer was hospitalized Sept. 22, several days before his unit left for Camp Pickett, Va. He was a member of the 133d Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, National Guard.

Dr. Albert D. Kaiser reported no new cases over the weekend. The score is 69 city polio cases and 47 non-city.

Surviving Cpl. Riemer are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Riemer, and a sister, Miss Kathryn Riemer.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday in the N. J. Miller's Son Funeral Home, 1625 Mt. Hope Ave. Burial will be in Irondequoit Cemetery.





**A FLAG TO REMEMBER**—A South Korean banner brought home by Cpl. Anthony Russo, 645 Broad St., is displayed by his 3-year-old niece, Shirley Russo. UN flag is at side.

## GI Home from Korea Says He Got No Gloves

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On the November day he was replaced in North Korea, Cpl. Anthony J. Russo, 22, was wearing a Winter parka over his fatigues but had no gloves.

He said he received the parka Nov. 11, just three days before he was sent back to Yokohama and flown from there to the United States.

But yesterday, Corporal Russo didn't worry about Korea's zero weather and six months of eating canned C rations. He was eating the spaghetti and meat balls prepared by his mother, Mrs. Louis Russo. The family lives at 645 Broad St.

### Flags Among Souvenirs

His parents and little niece, Shirley, were eying Russo's souvenirs, a Russian and a South Korean flag he picked up in the headquarters of the North Korean leader, General Kim. The corporal arrived home Friday night, and will remain until he gets orders to return to Camp Stoneman, Calif.

The line companies seemed to be well-equipped for Winter, Russo said, and his detachment of 21 Signal Corpsmen got parkas when he did. Russo got more than the usual soldier's bird's-eye view of the war, because his detachment, operating a powerful field radio, was borrowed by several of the divisions in line.

Russo enlisted in 1948 and was attending a radio school near Japan when the North Koreans marched south.

### Directed Artillery Fire

His outfit was given one hour to pack, Russo said, he landed near the Kum River in July, when the temperature was about 80 degrees. The detachment helped direct fire for a field artillery battalion of the 24th Division, then was changed to the 25th Division. He was with the troops which fell back to Pusan in the Summer when the Reds cut the Taegu highway, and later moved north with the 1st Cavalry.

He was given three days rest during the campaign, Russo said. He heard Al Joslon sing to the troops at Pusan, and rested two days at Pyongyang, capital of North Korea. Usually, he said, "every time we got our shoes off, they would call us out."

To add to the joy of his home coming, Russo brought news of his brother, Errico, whom he met in Korea. Errico has been in the Navy 6 years.

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**THIS ROCHESTER GI** wears fur chapeau as safeguard against bitter Korean weather along Yalu River. The soldier, Cpl. Arthur Ras, 20, wasn't telling how he acquired same. He's son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ras, 1788 Stone Rd. They have five other sons, all overseas veterans of World War 2. Arthur, a John Marshall High School alumnus, enlisted nearly two years ago. (IN Photo)





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**TOWN WAS QUIET THEN**—Cpl. Gordon Roberts of Webster is shown chopping wood two weeks ago before shattered house at Hagura, North Korea. Roberts and other mem-

bers of 7th Marine Regiment rested at town before pushing north. The same regiment fought way back into Hagura Sunday after escaping from trap near Chosin Reservoir.

AP Photo

## Webster Marine Fights in Korea

Two weeks ago Cpl. Gordon Roberts of Webster and his buddies of the 7th Marine Regiment rested at Hagaru in North Korea before resuming their drive. The town was peaceful and quiet then.

Yesterday the United Press reported those same Marines broke out of an encirclement late Sunday near the Chosin Reservoir and fought their way barefooted into Hagaru—no longer a peaceful and quiet town.

Corporal Roberts is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Roberts of 515 Whiting Rd., Webster. He is a veteran of many of the Pacific Island battles of World War 2, and re-enlisted in the Marines last August.

According to his mother, Roberts arrived in Korea in September. Yesterday she said they have not received a letter from him since Nov. 10, at which time he wrote "it looks like we've got the Gooks on the run."

The United Press reported the Marines fought their way into Hagaru through deep mountain gorges covered with snow in temperatures that fell to 26 below zero. One Marine said, "We didn't have time to put on shoes. If you had on a pair of socks that's what you wore through the snow and cold."

## He Fooled the Reds

# Make-Believe Death Saves Soldier's Life

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He played dead and lived to tell about it.

**Pfc. Peter M. Rinaudo**, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Rinaudo, 1128 Norton St., is in Percy Jones Army Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich., today, recovering from multiple wounds received in Korea.

He and other soldiers were riding in a jeep Feb. 12 when Chinese Communists ambushed the vehicle.

They shot the occupants, including Rinaudo, then set the jeep afire. Rinaudo, with bullet wounds in the arm and face, managed to crawl into a ditch and play dead.

But the GI's ordeal was just beginning, he told his mother and sister, Angela, who visited him yesterday in the hospital.

The Reds came back, shot him again and rifled his clothes. They missed a ring on one gloved hand, however, and Rinaudo said if they had spotted the ring they might have cut off his finger to get it.

WHEN THE CHINESE finally left, Rinaudo crawled further away and was rescued by UN troops.

The soldier's father today said his son's arm was "real bad."

Rinaudo, who was serving with the Second Infantry Division, served with occupation troops in Germany during World War 2. Discharged in 1945, he joined the inactive Reserve and was called up again last Oct. 14.

He had been employed at Eastman Kodak Company after the last war. Rinaudo attended Aquinas Institute and the University of Rochester's Extension School.



PFC. PETER RINAUDO



## Brockport Youth Wounded in Korea

An 18-year-old Brockport youth, **Corporal Leon D. Reed**, was wounded in action at Topyong, Korea, Apr. 5.

He wrote his mother, Mrs. Emerson Reed of 182 Park Ave., Brockport, that he was treated at a field hospital and then returned to combat duty. Mrs. Reed said the corporal's Purple Heart citation was mailed to her.

Reed holds the Bronze Star, awarded to him for "meritorious service" from July to November, 1950. On many occasions, the citation read, Reed, an anti-aircraft artilleryman, defended his battery against infiltrating enemy troops. He was a private at the time.

After attending Brockport Central High School for two years, Reed enlisted Nov. 14, 1949. His mother said he was home in April a year ago.

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CPL. LEON D. REED

## Wounded GI Returns to Combat Duty

**Corporal Leon D. Reed**, 18, of Brockport, has returned to combat duty after being treated for wounds Apr. 5 in action at Topyong, Korea.

His mother, Mrs. Emerson Reed of 182 Park Ave., Brockport, received a letter from him recently in which the corporal said he had been wounded, treated at a field hospital and returned to duty.

Mrs. Reed has also received a Purple Heart citation awarded to her son.

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**REED**, an anti-aircraft artilleryman, was previously awarded the Bronze Star for "meritorious service" from July to November of last year, when he opposed enemy troops that were infiltrating toward his battery.

The corporal was home in April, 1950, just before he went overseas. He enlisted Nov. 14, 1949, after completing two years at Brockport Central High School.

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## A Year in the Army

Twenty more days and I will have had a year in the Army, although it seems like five years.

I've been through a lot in the past year, but it hasn't hurt me any. If I live through it and get out of the Army, I won't regret it. I've had much experience and it has been good for me. I've learned one thing that a lot of the people back home don't realize and that is how lucky we are to be Americans. After seeing these poor people here in Korea, I'm glad to be an American, and if my being over here fighting will keep America from becoming like this place, it sure is worth it. We have everything to live for back home, but these poor people have nothing. They have few clothes, no homes, no money, no food. They don't have much to live for.

CPL. WILLIAM E. RUOFF -

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## Rochester Soldier Taken Ill in Korea

Taken ill while serving with the field artillery in Korea, **Pfc. Frederick W. Reed**, 19, is recovering in a hospital in Japan, his parents learned yesterday.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Reed, 520 Dewey Ave., Private Reed had been in Korea for about two months. He attended Paul Revere Trade School.

## City Infantryman Wounded in Korea

Struck in the lower leg by artillery fire in Korea, **Pfc. William E. Reynolds** of 441 Main St. E., an infantryman, has been evacuated to an Army Hospital.



WILLIAM E. REYNOLDS

His mother, Mrs. Dornie B. Reynolds, said yesterday she has been notified by the Army her son was hit Jan. 30. He was 19 in January.

Reynolds joined the Army nearly two years ago. He was home on furlough in August. In September he was sent to Korea, and served there with the 38th Infantry Regiment. Prior to enlisting, he had attended Edison Technical and Industrial High School.

William is the youngest of four Reynoldses to serve in the armed services. His brother, John, 26, was in Korea with the Air Force a year ago. John, who enlisted nearly 10 years ago, is stationed in Montana now. Another brother, Dornie Jr., is an Air Force veteran. Their father, Dornie Sr., was in World War 1.

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## Pfc. William Reynolds Wounded in Korea

A fighting son of a fighting family, Pfc. William E. Reynolds, 19, of 441 Main St. E., has been wounded in Korea.

The young soldier's mother, Mrs. Dornie B. Reynolds, said she was notified by the Army that her son was wounded in the lower leg by artillery fire Jan. 30, and has been taken to an Army hospital.

Reynolds joined the Army about two years ago. He was home on furlough last August. In September he was sent to Korea and served there with the 38th Infantry. Prior to enlisting he had attended Edison Technical and Industrial High School.

THE YOUNG SOLDIER is one of four members of his family to serve their country. A brother, John, 26, was in Korea with the Air Force a year ago. John is now stationed in Montana. He has served 10 years. Another brother, Dornie Jr., is an Air Force veteran. Their father, Dornie Sr., served in World War 1.



PFC. WILLIAM E. REYNOLDS

## Greece GI Wounded Second Time in Korea



PFC. LYLE A. RENNER

Twice-wounded in action, Pfc. Lyle A. Renner, 47 Wedgewood Pk., Greece, is recuperating at an Army hospital in Korea. Mortar fragments struck his left arm Mar. 17.

The 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Renner first was wounded by mortar fire last October, three days after arriving at the front. In a recent letter home, he told his parents he was looking forward to "an R&R (rest and recuperation leave) in Japan next month.

He is a graduate of Charlotte High School and was drafted last April. He was sent to the Far East in September and is assigned to the 9th Regiment of the 2d Infantry Division.





**FAR FROM HOME**—Cpl. Paul Romano (right) never has seen his baby daughter, born six months ago here in Rochester. But "Operation Thanx," mail-to-GIs project carried on by California woman, helps dispel loneliness. He's shown here with a "Katusa"—Korean attached to the U. S. Army.

## 'Operation Thanx'

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## Aids GI in Korea

A young Rochester infantryman, who has yet to see his baby daughter, is one of the GI's in Korea involved in "Operation Thanx."

There's no danger connected with the operation.

Rather, it's a "goodwill mission"—on the part of a 28-year-old San Diego, Calif., housewife who practically floods Cpl. Paul A. Romano, 23, of 46 Finch St., and his buddies with mail, candy, cookies, canned fruit, combs, writing paper, books and dozens of other welcome items.

A sergeant in Romano's outfit, Abraham Knox of Oakland, Md., got Romano on Mrs. Carlton Shaw's "list."

Soldiers drop her a line and she puts their name in with a formidable roundup of some 5,000 GI names. It's all part of Mrs. Shaw's personal stateside drive for mail and packages called "Operation Thanx."

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**MRS. SHAW** also tucks in bits of news about herself along with the major league baseball standings.

"In her last letter she said she was going to have a baby," Romano said, according to a United Press dispatch from Korea. "But she promised to keep up with 'Thanx' right through it all."

Mrs. Shaw, who received a Bob Hope citation last January as Woman-of-the-Week for her mail project, started it from scratch. But as the project grew, she had to recruit volunteer helpers.

"She must really know what we need over here," Romano said. "Her first package included candles, and that's one of the shortest items in Korea. She's the best buddy of hundreds of guys over here in the bunkers and trenches."

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**CPL. ROMANO'S** wife, Adele, gave birth six months ago to their daughter Paula, while Paula's daddy was overseas. Romano has been in Korea since last August. His wife's parents, with whom she lives while working at the du Pont plant here, are Mr. and Mrs. Peter P. Bottoni, of the Finch St. address.

A graduate of Jefferson High School, Cpl. Romano worked for General Railway Signal before entering service.



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Dearest Mom & Dad,

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HOME!

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Love  
your son Paul

'NUFF SAID!—This is all there was on three pages of the last letter sent from Korea by Sgt. 1/c Paul Romano (insert) but no more was needed. Waiting for his arrival later this month are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Romano, 148 McKinley St.; his wife, Adele, of 46 Finch St., and 10-month-old daughter, Paula, whom he's never seen. He spent 13 months in Korea.

#### Local Man in Korea D.A.M.P. Unit Chaplain

First Lt. Robert E. Rockwell is serving in Korea as Protestant chaplain for the 772nd Military Police Battalion.

His wife, Betty, son, Steven, 6, and daughter, Suzanne, 2, are living at 1289 Blossom Rd., Brighton. Before joining the Army in 1944, Lt. Rockwell studied at the Baptist Bible Seminary, Johnson City.

#### City Officer Assigned To Third Cavalry

Lt. Edmond Ranaletta, a veteran of the Korean fighting, has been assigned to the Third Armored Cavalry Regiment at Camp Pickett, Va. The lieutenant is the son of Mrs. Celeste Ranaletta of 20 Locust St. He and his wife, the former Josephine Lompo of 243 Dewey Ave., live at Blackstone, Va.



# City Youth Drives Jeep To Front Battle Line

By O. H. P. KING

Advanced American Headquarters, South Korea — (AP) — "Driver, you gotta map? Every driver should have a map to know where he's going."

Lawrence E. Heins glanced about nervously. He was going to the front.

His driver, Pfc. Frederick P. Smith, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Smith of 216 Stutson St., Rochester, N. Y., nodded. So did Pvt. Edward H. Marshall, 18, son of Mrs. Celia Marshall of Philadelphia.

Marshall had arrived in Japan only one week before the Korean war started. Most of his fellow messengers, like Heins, of Independence, Mo., had spent some time in Japan.

For instance, Cpl. Chester F. Dudzinski, 19, of Buffalo, N. Y., said he had been in the Army 28 months and in Japan 23 months. Dudzinski was in the Army band—he plays the trumpet—and wants most of all to see Japan again. His hitch was to have ended in October.

## Japs Made Maps

But about those maps. Cpl. George Seymour, 30, Klamath, Ore., is one of three enlisted men who distributed hundreds of South Korean maps. They were made by the Japanese in 1945.

The messengers go to the front lines. They don't like it. Their feeling is shared by those who must stay at the front. One, Pfc. Robert Beauchamp, 20, of Milwaukee, explained:

"I'm a radio operator and have to stick with this stuff. I don't like it."

Moments later three American jets roared over treetops and sprayed a nearby road. Artillery roared.

For a moment there was dead silence. Then the noise of battle picked up again.

## 'Hold Your Fire'

Commands rolled down the slope. "Hold your fire, there. Saddle up and drop back over the edge of the hill. Come on, fellows, get going. Take only our ammo and weapons and be ready to pull out fast."

Then: "Hold your present position. We have heard a little firing behind us—not very much."

Sgt. Claxton Sutton, 30, son of E. G. Sutton of North Carolina, explained the mission:

"We are going up to relieve an outfit ahead which is surrounded. Tanks will go with us. It's about 2,000 yards or so. Hold your fire until told to fire."

Pvt. Jerry Lansford, 18, of Elmwood Park, Ill., came to the dugout with Pvt. Richard McKelvey, 19, of Edinburg, Tex.

A five-man tank crew offered no

## Frederick Smith, Athlete in School, Enlisted in 1948

Pfc. Frederick Smith, a Rochester native, enlisted in the Army at 17 after leaving Charlotte High School where he played



baseball and basketball. He took his basic training at Fort Dix, N. J., in 1948. Following a two-week furlough at home, he was sent to Kokura, Japan. He remained there until leaving for Korea.

The Smith family has not heard from their son recently and did not know until notified by The Democrat and Chronicle that he was in Korea. Private Smith's three-year enlistment period ends in January, 1951.

His brother, Samuel, and sisters, Beverly and Shirley, live at home, 216 Stutson St. His father, Samuel Smith, is employed by the Judge Motor Corporation.

objection when I hitched a ride. Only minutes before they had fought the enemy. They were hot and tired.

Sgt. Steve Stiglich, 30, Hibbing, Minn., grinned from his vantage point in the conning tower.

Cpl. Robert L. Sutton, 28, of Lawton, Okla., commented tersely: "Cracked box."

The other three kept their eyes on the road.

A sow with suckling pigs scooted ahead of our tank. A jeep careened past them.

At an air strip we met Capt. Richard E. Kotch, Lt. Kenneth Glover of De Smet, S. D., and Capt. Harold D. Flynn of New Orleans. They had just returned from an observation flight over the battle zone and offered a ride back to headquarters. It was welcomed.

On the ground again, Lt. Leonard Bolton of Rosedale, N. Y., offered his plane for another flight.



ON THE FRONT in South Korea is Pfc. Michael J. Sacchitella of 140 Woodbury St., Rochester. He is operating a rolling radio station. (IN Photo)

## Franklin High Graduate Serves at Korean Front

At 17, Michael J. Sacchitella of 140 Woodbury St. wasn't content with the results of his job hunting effort.

Michael had graduated from Benjamin High School and he wanted no part of idleness—he joined the U. S. Army.

Today the husky Rochester youth has two years of Army training behind him and is somewhere on the front line in South Korea with the 1st Cavalry, operating a mobile radio station.

Ralph Sacchitella, Mike's father, said today he had a letter from the youth last Friday, in which Mike said he was in Korea but was "all right" and begged members of his family not to worry.

His father said the youth likes army life and has been adding considerable technical training to his experience. He enlisted July 21, 1948, for three years. Michael was born Jan. 21, 1931. His mother died 10 years ago.



# He'll Rejoin Outfit in K

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A Rochester youth, called home from the 24th Division in Korea in November to attend his father's funeral, started back to his Eighth Army outfit yesterday afternoon. He doesn't know where he will find it.

Cpl. Michael Sacchitella, headquarters radio operator for the 21st Infantry Regiment of the famed 24th Division, left his unit on emergency leave the day before Thanksgiving and left Korea a few hours later, just before the Chinese Communists launched their first real

offensive of the war.

His home is at 140 Woodbury St. His only surviving close relative now is his sister, Mrs. Florence Ochenrider, of the same address.

"I heard about the attack when I got back to the States," he said. "It came as a big surprise. We'd all been waiting out rumors that the Chinese were going to attack, but nobody thought it would as serious as it was."

Not many days before, Cpl.

Sacchitella's unit had been within 14 miles of the Manchurian border and had found little resistance. Then the Chinese attacked the 1st Cavalry Division and the 24th was pulled back to re-form the defense line.

"We dropped back about 50 miles without firing a shot," Cpl. Sacchitella remembered. "The Chinese didn't follow so we began moving forward again. We were going ahead without meeting anything when I left."

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Korean civilians are really worried about the Chinese Communists, he believes. As for the North Korean Army:

"We had them beaten. There wasn't any doubt of that."

Cpl. Sacchitella was in one of the first units to land at Pusan last Summer. From the Korean seaport his regiment went north by rail to a point near the 38th Parallel, then started the dogged, bloody retreat to the Nakdong River.

"We thought we were being sent

to Korea to protect American property," he said. "Everybody was amazed when they told us we would fight."

Of the retreat to the Pusan beachhead he would say little except:

"There were times when we didn't know whether we would get out or not," and "The North Koreans didn't have much heavy artillery, but they sure knew how to use mortars—could almost drop a shell in your canteen cover."

Now not quite 20 years old, a vet-

eran of two years Army service and six months of war, he is flying back to the Far East to join what he thinks may be another hard-fought retreat. He isn't worried—just hoping for the best.

GIs in Korea aren't plagued by states-side worries such as: "Should we be over there?" "Are we taking the right course?" Cpl. Sacchitella said.

"To us it's just a fight," he said —"one we want to win."

## 2 PW Ships to Land This Week

San Francisco—(AP)—Two more ships will reach San Francisco this week with a total of 471 Americans released this month from Red prison camps in Korea.

The Navy's big hospital ship, Haven, is due Friday, with 104 POWs and 371 other military patients. The ship is expected to arrive about 2 p. m. (EDT).

A troopship, the Marine Adder, is expected to reach Fort Mason the following day. The arrival hour had not been determined yesterday. The troopship is carrying 367 POWs and 1,475 military personnel coming home on rotation.

Early next week the transport Gen. John Pope will reach San Francisco with 428 POWs.

Among returned POWs on the Marine Adder is Cpl. Stefano Salerno, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Salerno of 329 Avery St., Rochester, N. Y.

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# City POWs Tell How Reds Tried to Capture Minds

By KURT ROHDE

Life in a prisoner of war camp has never been easy. There has always been savagery and starvation, torture and solitary, the "sicks" and the traitors.

But the stories that seven repatriated prisoners from this vicinity have brought home suggest that the Communists injected a horrible new element into the North Korean camps. They were not content to control the bodies of the men they captured. They sought also to dominate their minds.

Captives were forced to admit crimes they had never committed. One Rochester man was thrown into solitary until he signed a statement that he wouldn't make trouble. The Chinese attempted, and failed, to destroy their prisoners' individuality and make them Communists pawns.

This, according to the seven who have returned, is how the Communists assaulted their captives' minds:

There were three hour lectures, daily at first, that the Reds hoped would draw the prisoners to communism or at least make them question their loyalty. Speakers eulogized life in Russia and China. They claimed America had engaged in germ warfare and, as proof, they brandished

confessions that airmen had been forced to sign.

On the walls of the shacks or classrooms where the sessions were held and throughout the camps were pictures of Mao Tse-tung and Stalin and Malenkov.

They intensified this ideological attack with motion pictures produced in Russia and China, returned prisoners say. Scenes were so carefully selected that one repatriated corporal here said the films "made it look pretty good." Sometimes the prisoners were given a typewritten sheet with the film's story on it. More often a translator would interpret for them.

Prisoners in some camps were forced to read. But the library wasn't like the one at home. There were propaganda books and Communist papers like the Daily Worker and People's World. When a prisoner declined to study or didn't learn his lessons he was thrown in a tiny dungeon like Cpl. James P. Scahill of 177 Herald St. Prisoners called this dungeon "the hole."

If he wasn't confined in solitary, he might be forced to write a false confession, then stand up and read it before his fellow captives.

"They called this self-criticism," Cpl. Stefano Salerno of 329 Avery St. said yesterday. "You had to say how wrong you were. You wrote it yourself, but they approved it. They made you admit things you never did."

When the Chinese couldn't elicit electronics secrets from S/Sgt. Berger L. Johnson of 839 Thurston Rd., they appealed to him by glorifying communism. But their approach was childish and blunt, Johnson said, and he never talked.

"They'd give me the life story of communism," Johnson recalled. "Then they'd tear down the American way of life. They told me about germ warfare and I told them I didn't believe it."

"They wanted to know why and I said I didn't think the Americans would do that kind of stuff. Then they quit trying." Johnson later was sent to Camp 2 annex, the officers camp, where little attempt was made at indoctrination.

Some prisoners, like Sgt. Raymond F. Goodburlet of Scottsville, resisted. In Korea he told how he escaped twice, slugged a guard and burned a camp administration building. But the penalty for "reactionaries" was extreme. Goodburlet was in solitary for

a year and spent a week in a slave labor camp.

Like all but a few of the Americans, the seven men already here and the six expected this week could not be reduced to a common denominator. But they do know that a prisoner's mind as well as his body is fair game for Communists.

## Abbott Fails to Arrive, Believed in Buffalo

Lt. Col. Robert N. Abbott of 6 Aldern Pl., Rochester's highest ranking and most decorated war prisoner, did not arrive here yesterday. Relatives said they believed he flew from San Francisco and met his wife, Winona, in Buffalo. They were expected to be there several days.

Capt. William N. Preston of 26 Bank St., Batavia, will disembark from the transport Gen. A. W. Brewster at San Francisco today with 300 other repatriated prisoners. His wife, Mary, will meet him.

Scheduled to arrive on the transport Gen. R. L. Howze on Wednesday are Capt. Arthur H. Lozano of 535 Highland Ave., Brighton; M/Sgt. Raymond H. Buck of 1946 Main St. E., and Sgt. Goodburlet.

## Those Missing POWs

The Reds offer to return 600 PWs while the Allies stand ready to free 5,800. This brings back with startling distinctness the figures for murdered prisoners of

war given by Col. James M. Hanley a couple of years ago. Col. Hanley, chief of the U. S. Eighth Army's judge advocate section, charged that 5,500 or more American prisoners of war were wantonly murdered by Chinese and North Korean Communists.

When the UN was asked to investigate these atrocities, it sidestepped, saying it might embarrass the truce or whatever negotiations were in progress at the time. We all know what those negotiations came to. Before we return the 5,800 PWs we should ask the Reds what became of the 5,500 American soldiers who were shot in the back of the head with their hands wired behind them in the same manner that 15,000 Polish officers were massacred in the Katyn forest by the Russians in World War 2.

As for putting my faith in Red promises, our new administration should be reminded of the findings of our earlier secretaries of state, notably Bainbridge Colby:

"The responsible leaders of that regime have frequently and openly boasted that they are willing to sign agreements and undertakings with foreign powers while not having the slightest intention of observing such undertakings or carrying out such agreements."

WILLIAM H. SUTHERLAND.

62 Rowley St.

## Here's Word On Letters To POWs

Mail to American captives of the Chinese Reds may be getting through the Far Eastern Iron Curtain, Postmaster Donald A. Dailey reports, but he warns that delivery cannot be guaranteed.

Quoting a Defense Department order to postoffices about prisoner-of-war mail, Dailey asked relatives to await official word as to the soldier's whereabouts before they write.

**CORRESPONDENTS** to prisoners-of-war are asked to write short letters and only one a month. There are no facilities for transmission of parcels.

Beneath the name, rank and serial number of the prisoner should be the words "c/o Chinese Peoples Committee for World Peace." The words "prisoner of war mail" go on the upper left hand corner of the envelope in lieu of a stamp. The letter should be deposited for mailing in the regular manner. It will be dispatched to the San Francisco Post-office, according to Dailey.

National Red Cross headquarters reports that it has heard of the "Chinese Peoples Committee for World Peace," but doesn't recognize it officially.

A LETTER purported to have been written from a Chinese POW camp by Cpl. James P. Scahill came last week to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Scahill, 177 Herald St.

Postmarked from Canton June 23, the envelope had no stamp but bore the imprint "Chinese People's Committee for World Peace and Against American Aggression."

A March 13 date was on a letter inside. The message, in Cpl. Scahill's handwriting, according to his parents, said he was well. Cpl. Scahill, 19, was reported earlier to be missing in action in Korea since November, 1950.

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**The Vigil of the Families:****Hopes, Prayers Without End  
That 9 PWs Will Go Free**

**MOTHER'S VIGIL**—Mrs. Patsy Salerno eagerly scans wire service reports of prisoner-exchange list, looking—and hoping—for the name of her son Stefano. He was captured by Reds in April, 1951.

It was Oliver Goldsmith who wrote:

*"Hope, like the gleaming taper's light,  
Adorns and cheers our way;  
And still, as darker grows the night,  
Emits a brighter ray."*

And Schiller, the German poet, said of hope:

*"Thus grave these lessons on thy soul—  
Hope, faith and love; and thou shalt find  
Strength when life's surges rudest roll,  
Light when thou else were blind!"*

**HOPE, NEVER TINGED** with despair, today dominated the emotions of at least nine Rochester families, whose sons or husbands possibly may be freed soon by the Communists in Korea.

Whether any of these GIs and officers are in bad enough physical condition is paramount, however. If they're healthy, they won't be on the prisoner-exchange list at this time.

Meanwhile, local families of the prisoners will maintain a vigil for the days to come, as names of newly-freed PWs are announced.

**Any man who has served in combat, or just plain served in the military, knows so acutely what home means to him.**

It means happiness and peace and love—all the things, so close to his heart, that have been denied him in the heat of battle or during the long months and years when he "sweated out" military service.

And his wife, if he has one, and the small child who won't recognize him at first, and his mother and dad and his sisters and brothers . . . they, too, know the agony of separation. It is hope and prayer that sustain these people.

**TAKE MRS. ROBERT N. ABBOTT**, of 6 Aldern Pl., and her husband's folks, Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Abbott, of 48½-B Rowley St., for instance.

**Maj. Bob Abbott**, one of Rochester's most decorated World War 2 veterans, has been missing in action since Nov. 27, 1950. He'll hardly know their little daughter, Roberta, who'll be 7 in July.

His wife last heard from him Dec. 1.

"Bob said there wasn't much to write about," Mrs. Abbott said. "And he said he was two years behind in the news. I pray that his name comes up soon on the prisoner-exchange list."

**THE MOTHER** of Pfc. Stefano Salerno has been praying daily since she and her husband, Patsy, were notified on Memorial Day, 1951, that their son was captured the previous Apr. 23. The family home is at 329 Avery St.

"We had three letters from him recently," the mother said. "He keeps saying he feels fine and is treated well. But I don't know. Maybe he just doesn't want us to worry so much."

**AT 535 HIGHLAND AVE.**, Mrs. Elizabeth Lozano and her little daughter Dianne are waiting and hoping for the best. Dianne is only 3½ years old and won't know her daddy. He has been missing since Nov. 30, 1950, when Dianne was an infant.

Capt. Lozano "always says he is fine" in his letters, Mrs. Lozano said.

**THE REACTIONS** of these families are echoed by others here, who cherish two hopes—one that they will see their loved ones soon, the other that, somehow, they will be turned over by the Reds without the qualifying "sick or wounded" ruling.

"You want to see them, and you want them to get out, but yet you don't want them to be sick or wounded," says Mrs. William E. Todd of 59 Ringle St.

Her Army corporal husband has been missing since Nov. 30, 1950, at the time of a big Chinese push.

One of the nine Rochester men never officially listed as a PW on the Red rolls is Sfc. William Johnson, son of Mrs. Ruth Johnson, 309 Averill Ave.

"But his picture was distributed by a Chinese news agency, and it was carried by national news services," his wife, Mrs. June Johnson of Clyde, says. She had a letter from him in August, 1951.

The other Rochester men known to be missing in Korea include:

**Sgt. Raymond Buck**, son of Mrs. Harriet Walters, of 1946 Main St. E.

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

**Cpl. James P. Scabill**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Scabill, of 177 Herald St.; and

**Sgt. Gerald R. Walters**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walters, of 609 Lake Ave.



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## City GI Reveals Red Threats on Treatment Story

Freedom Village, Korea—(AP)—Liberated Americans returned from Red prison camps said yesterday Chinese had threatened to halt their repatriation unless the American told Red Cross workers their camp treatment was good.

The Americans said that a Chinese interpreter threatened them at Kaesong, the last North Korean stop before their delivery for repatriation at Panmunjom.

Other American repatriates added to previous returned prisoners' stories that some of their buddies had been held back from repatriation at Camp 1, on the Yalu River, North Korea, on flimsy charges lodged against them by their captors.

The Kaesong incident was reported by Cpl. Stefano Salerno of Rochester, N. Y.; Pfc. William Ira Blackburn of Monroe, Wash., and Pfc. Stephen W. Barcykowski of Wilmington, Del.

### Met Red Cross Team

They told of meeting the Red Cross team which, under the armistice agreement, was allowed to aid Allied prisoners on their way to freedom.

The truce agreement also permits a Red Cross team composed of Communist and Allied representatives to comfort Red prisoners being repatriated by the Allies.

Peiping Communist radio said yesterday the Allies had interfered with the work of the Red Cross team in South Korea. The broadcast said the Communists had lodged a protest with the repatriation commission.

Salerno said that when the freedom-bound Allies reached Kaesong Friday night a Chinese interpreter called him aside and told him to tell the Red Cross team stories of good treatment in the POW camp. The Chinese said that the American's story would support those told by British repatriates.

Salerno said the Chinese warned him that "they might hold me back unless I did" what he was told to do.

"I refused," Salerno said.

Blackburn said the Chinese told him that if he didn't do as requested "it would interfere with our repatriation."

He said he felt that he had to go see the Red Cross workers and he went in with seven British men, but "I never opened my mouth. The British did all the talking."

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Prisoner Retained

## His Faith in God, Family Declares

An abiding faith in God carried Cpl. Stefano Salerno through 28 months in a Communist prisoner of war camp, his family said last night.

Salerno, of 329 Avery St., was released Friday night (Rochester time) at Panmunjom, Korea, in the 11th exchange of captives. He was the second Rochester soldier to be freed.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Salerno, were interviewed at their home by radio station WHEC and presented on The Democrat and Chronicle news broadcast at 11 p. m.

"I do know that since he's been in a prison camp he hasn't lost faith in God," said Salerno's sister, Mrs. Angela Sciadone. "He's mentioned God in every letter." She said letters had come once or twice a month.

"The feeling that we all experienced," added Mrs. Jennie Grossi, 67 Stetson St., another sister, "was one of deep thankfulness, of thanks to God."

A third sister, Mrs. Mary Fouquet, 147 Manse St., Penfield, said Salerno had been wounded and sent back to the front before he was captured.

Said his mother, Pompilia, "my chest is choked."

### Couldn't Say What He Wished

Pfc. Ernest R. Rodriguez, 23, of Watkins, Colo., said he talked with an Australian member of the Red Cross team at Kaesong Friday night but he couldn't say what he wanted to.

"There were so many English-speaking Chinese around that if I had said the things I wanted I probably wouldn't be here today," Rodriguez said.

Stories of trumped-up Red charges against Allied prisoners and the jailing of the men at Camp 1 were told by Pfc. George Pennington of Augusta, Ga.; Pfc. Thomas R. Peasner Jr., 23, of Lancaster, Tex., and Cpl. Bernard Renouf of West Hartford, Conn.

The United Nations Command representatives on the repatriation commission told their Communist counterparts Friday that all Allied prisoners who desire repatriation must be returned. The U. N. said the truce agreement allowed no exceptions.

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## Next PW Gets Home Saturday

### But Other Families Still Wait

Next Saturday, the second Rochester PW released by the Reds in Korea is scheduled to arrive in San Francisco. He is Cpl. Stefano Salerno, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Salerno, 329 Avery St.

But, among the other Rochester men known to be PWs, tragedy intervened in the case of Sgt. William W. Johnson, son of Mrs. Ruth Johnson, 309 Averill Ave., and husband of Mrs. June Johnson, of Clyde.

The family has been notified that Sgt. Johnson, father of a small daughter, died in prison camp.

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### OTHER ROCHESTER PWs

who have been released and are expected home soon are Pfc. Thomas Spackman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spackman, 196 Goodman St. N.; Cpl. James P. Scahill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Scahill, 177 Herald St., and Cpl. William E. Todd, whose home was at 59 Ringle St. but whose wife and child now are living in Milledgeville, Ga.

Rochester men who are known to be prisoners but who have not been released are Sgt. Raymond Buck, son of Mrs. Harriet Walters, 1946 Main St. E.; Lt. Col. Robert N. Abbott, husband of Mrs. Winona Abbott, 6 Aldern Pl., and son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Abbott, 48½-B Rowley St., and Capt. Arthur H. Lozano, husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Lozano, 535 Highland Ave.



## Two PWs Leave West Coast On Last Leg of Trips Home

Cpl. Stefano Salerno of Rochester and Sgt. Ralph G. Eveland Jr. of Palmyra, repatriated prisoners of war with 27 months of captivity behind them, were on the last leg of the long trip home last night.

Both men were cleared by Army medical officers at Letterman Hospital in San Francisco yesterday afternoon — about 24 hours after their arrival with 366 other ex-POWs on the transport Marine Adger Saturday.

A non-commissioned officer at the hospital said Salerno was to have left Travis Air Force Base near San Francisco yesterday afternoon for Sampson Air Force Base in Geneva aboard an Air Force plane.

But neither Travis nor Sampson could verify this report late last night. A Travis officer indicated Salerno might be planning to "hitchhike" east on an Air Force plane.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Salerno, 329 Avery St., were anxiously awaiting his arrival. They said they plan to give him a rousing welcome.

Eveland, who was met at the gangplank Saturday by his wife, Maryon of Detroit, Mich., reportedly had left San Francisco late yesterday afternoon. The Army hospital said he had planned to make the trip by private automobile.

His parents, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Eveland of 406 Canandaigua St., Palmyra, said their son may be planning to stop off in Detroit before driving on to Palmyra.

The couple was married only two days before he went over-

seas in November, 1950. Eveland met his wife when he was a student at Michigan State College.

Both men talked briefly with their families by phone Saturday after their arrival in San Francisco and before they entered the hospital for medical checkups.

Another Rochesterian, Cpl. Thomas M. Spackman, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spackman of 196 Goodman St. N., is on the transport Gen. John Pope, scheduled to arrive Wednesday in San Francisco with 378 repatriated prisoners of war, according to the Associated Press. He was freed Aug. 22.

## Released City POW Arrives from Korea, Taken to Sampson

It was a painfully brief home-coming yesterday for the ex-prisoner whose dad had promised "everybody a glass of wine and a lot of spaghetti—a big party for my son" when Cpl. Stefano (Steve) Salerno came home.

What little celebration there was took place at the Airport — five minutes while the corporal transferred from a military plane to the ambulance which took him to the Sampson Air Force Base hospital. He reassured the folks he was all right—"they just have to give me a checkup and put me on a diet"—and he'd be home "in a couple of days."

The family had no advance notice of their soldier's arrival. Salerno caught his sister, Mrs. Jennie Grossi of Fairport, by surprise when he telephoned her from the airport. He'd be there for an hour or less, he said, and if they wanted to see him to come on down.

Mrs. Grossi was unable to reach the corporal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Salerno of 329 Avery St. But she did manage to get another sister, Mrs. Angela Scialdone, at work, as well as one of Salerno's closest friend, Rocco (Rocky) Di Steffen of 93 Litchfield St. They and Mr. Grossi arrived at the airport in time for the brief reunion.

"How's Mom? How's Dad?" were the corporal's first questions. Satisfied that they were well—but disappointed at their absence—he reassured his sisters that he was all right and would be home soon. "Maybe tomorrow."

Last night he told Mrs. Grossi by telephone that he still hoped to be home today. But a hospital spokesman, more cautious, said Salerno would get a pass to go home "within two or three days."

A preliminary medical examination at Sampson revealed that "the corporal is mentally and physically OK," the doctor said. However, he added that he would examine Salerno again more thoroughly before he is permitted to go home.

Mrs. Scialdone said she saw nothing wrong with her brother that lots of home cooking wouldn't cure.

"I'm sure he's all right," she said. "It's just that he looked awfully tired, and he lost a lot of weight. But he's got the same old smile—he's the same fellow that left us, and that's what counts the most."

It seemed to the "delegation" that the interview was almost over before it had started. The Sampson ambulance was waiting when the family arrived, but

those in charge delayed the trip to Sampson long enough for the soldier and his sisters to have a few moments.

Keenly disappointed for having missed their son, Mr. and Mrs. Salerno waited near the telephone last night in hopes of getting a call from him. They hoped that his prediction was accurate and prepared for a big welcome today.

Salerno, who was in a Communist prison camp nearly 28 months, contracted beri-beri during his captivity, and his legs were bothering him when he was released Aug. 15. But after he reached Freedom Gate he assured his folks, "I'm all right now." He was wounded at the time of his capture, but the exact nature of his wounds has not been announced.

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"GREAT!" That was Cpl. Stefano Salerno's reaction as his mother, Mrs. Pompilia Salerno, pops porkchops into oven minutes after he arrived home last night.

It was the ex-prisoner of war's first home-cooked meal in nearly three years. He said prisoners ate sorghum and rotten fish until truce talks began in Korea.

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## Freed PW, at Home, Thinks It's a Dream

Cpl. Stefano Salerno woke up today at his home, 329 Avery St. and thought he was dreaming.

After 27 months as a prisoner of the Communists in North Korea, the 21-year-old infantryman has a hard time convincing himself that he actually was in the home he feared he never would see again.

Young Salerno arrived Tuesday in Rochester, but could spend only an hour at the airport before being taken in an ambulance to Sampson Air Force Base Hospital for a medical checkup.

Then yesterday afternoon, he came home on a pass—good until Monday. He'll return to Sampson for final medical clearance, leading to his discharge from service.



Salerno

AFTER THAT, young Cpl. Salerno's problem is completion of his education.

When he was only 17 and a freshman at Madison High School, he enlisted with the consent of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Salerno.

His boyhood goal of becoming a doctor, however, looks rather remote. He would have to get his high school diploma before trying for medical school, and the long haul toward a degree in medicine would be "pretty rugged," he agreed.

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CPL. SALERNO lost considerable weight while a prisoner of the Reds. But he said he's making it up fast and is "100 per cent" physically and mentally after his long ordeal.

Tonight, the ex-PW will sit down to his favorite meal—roast chicken and potatoes—cooked by his mother.

There was a happy homecoming yesterday at the Avery St. address. Besides his parents, Salerno has three sisters. And other relatives and friends were eager to see him again.

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CAPTURED Apr. 23, 1951, Cpl. Salerno was forced to make a 300-mile march.

"I read the Bible every day," he said. "When I needed courage, I'd look up a prayer. And when I needed strength, Bible passages helped a lot, too."



# Released PW Fills Promise, Returns Home Unannounced

As he long had promised, Cpl. Stefano Salerno came home unannounced last night.

But his sudden arrival didn't upset the greeting Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Salerno had waited nearly three years to give their son. It was warm and moving and they cried a little, thankful he was alive after a 300-mile march through North Korea and 27 months as a Communist captive.

Salerno was in Rochester for an hour Tuesday. But an ambulance whisked him off to Sampson Air Force Base hospital before he could contact his parents. He was driven home unexpectedly from Geneva yesterday, arriving at his parents' home at 329 Avery St. at 5:30 p. m. Salerno will return to the hospital Monday.

Salerno's mother, Mrs. Pompilia Salerno, was upset because the 21-year-old infantryman came home to a meal of pork chops and scrambled eggs.

"But tonight," she said, "we're going to have roast chicken and potatoes." That, Salerno nodded, was his favorite meal.

The dark-haired soldier, who lost 55 pounds in the two-month northward march and later was stricken with beri-beri, seemed hearty and spry. A few pounds would restore his health, Salerno felt, and his mother was ready to accommodate. He will be home indefinitely on a convalescent leave in a week.

"As far as being home," Salerno said, "it's hard to believe." When he left here in the fall of 1950, home was at 439 Tremont St. He also saw for the first time a niece, Joan M. Fouquet, born five months after his capture. The youngster's mother is Mrs. Mary Fouquet of 472 Manse Lane, Penfield, one of Salerno's three sisters.

It was a discarded Bible that Salerno found on Feb. 17, 1951, two days after he arrived in Korea, that he felt gave him faith to live.

"In the first year in camp I figured I was gonna die," the soldier said. "The only thing to keep me going was a Bible and what I had to come back to." He glanced at his family.

"I read the Bible every day on that long march. When I needed courage, I'd look up a prayer on that. When I needed strength, it helped, too." Salerno is a Roman Catholic.

He said he was captured near the 38th Parallel at 2 a. m. on April 23, 1951, as the Chinese

launched their last major offensive.

"Our platoon was cut off from the rest of the company. We couldn't get to the ammunition. When they hit us a second time the ammunition was on the way up but it didn't get there in time."

Of 60 in the platoon, only Salerno and 19 others were alive after the second attack.



ALOHA—Artist Bob Meagher finds school was never like this as lei-clad Principal Glenn M. Denison and Dorothy Ohara of Hawaii welcome him to Charlotte High School. (Other sketches, Page 22)



## First Word in 8 Months

## Missing Soldier Prisoner of Reds, Says Letter

A Rochester soldier, missing in Korea since last November, has written his parents from a Communist prisoner of war camp.

A letter, written in North Korea by Cpl. James P. Scahill, 19, was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Scahill, 177 Herald St. Somehow, the letter, without a stamp, arrived in the United States and was delivered at the Scahill home last Thursday.

The envelope carries a June 23 postmark from Canton, China, but Corporal Scahill's letter was dated Mar. 13 from a prisoner of war camp in North Korea. On the envelope is stamped, "Via the Chinese People's Committee for World Peace and Against American Aggression."

## Carries Pro-Red Message

In another corner was printed in French, "Service des Prisonniers de Guerre." Mr. and Mrs. Scahill's name was misspelled in the clumsily type-written address. Except for some Chinese characters, there were no other official markings on the envelope.

Corporal Scahill's letter said he was being treated well. It carried a pro-Communist message similar to those broadcast frequently from China by American prisoners of the Reds.

However, Mrs. Shirley Requa, 25 New York St., Corporal Scahill's sister, said there is "no doubt in my mind the Communist stood over him and made him write those things."

"It doesn't matter what they made him say," Mrs. Requa said. "We're only thankful he was able to tell us he's alive. We know it's his writing, and it's signed 'Bingie,' a pet name which only our family uses for him."

## Hopes for Quick Return

The letter read:

"Just a few lines to let all of you know that I'm in good health and fine spirits. I hope it's the same with everyone there, which is most likely.

"I hope to be back home real soon, but the Chinese Volunteers and the Korean Peoples Army say that we would be home when the war's over. I hope they come to a quick agreement and call it quits.

"I think they should let China into the UN and give them back Formosa. If you are wondering how the Chinese Volunteers and the Korean Peoples Army treat us, I'll tell you. They are treating us much better than we were told.

"We receive tobacco, sugar, meat and pipe rations, which they have a hard time getting, but they get them for us. If they have a way of stopping this war real quick, I wish you'd tell them to do it. I want to be home by the first day of Summer at least. Tell



CPL. JAMES P. SCAHILL  
... prisoner of Reds

area of Pyongyang, North Korean capital, when he was reported missing last Nov. 26. He had been wounded last Aug. 9, about a week after he arrived in Korea.

## 'Can't Ignore Letter'

Mrs. Requa said she had asked the Veterans Administration here for aid in learning Corporal Scahill's whereabouts and had been told to "sit tight and pay attention to nothing but official U. S. government information."

"But we certainly can't ignore this letter when it's in my brother's own handwriting," Mrs. Requa said.

She said Corporal Scahill's parents plan to get in touch with Rep. Kenneth B. Keating, Rochester Republican, in an attempt to learn more about what has happened to their son.

A graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, Corporal Scahill enlisted in the Army in January, 1949. His brother, Stanley, served in the Pacific during World War 2. Corporal Scahill has nine brothers and sisters.

the folks back home to tell the big wheels to let these people settle their own disputes; they have been doing it for centuries, and I think they're still capable of doing it."

Corporal Scahill had been fighting with the 2nd Infantry Division in the



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**Rochester Man  
 Among POWs  
 Released Today**

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Cpl. James P. Scahill of Rochester was among 144 Americans freed today by the Communists at Panmunjom, Korea.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Scahill of 177 Herald St.

When notified of the news by a Democrat & Chronicle reporter, Mrs. Scahill fainted. Members of her family threw water on her to revive her. Later, she said:

"For days I have been praying that Jimmy would be freed. I thank God for answering my prayers."

His release ended 32 months' imprisonment. The 21-year-old soldier was first reported missing in action on Nov. 26, 1950. It wasn't until a year later that his parents learned he was in a prisoner-of-war camp.

**In at Start, Wounded**

Cpl. Scahill, who had been wounded three months before his capture, served in Korea from the start of the war. He was attached to the 8th Regiment, 2d Infantry Division. He is the fourth Rochester prisoner-of-war to be freed.

Mrs. Scahill said her husband, who is a butcher at the Independence Packing Company in Independence Street, was "dazed and dumbfounded" over the news.

"He had just about given up all hope that Jimmy was even



**CPL. JAMES P. SCAHILL**

alive," she said. "Everyone is so excited it looks like we'll be up for the rest of the night."

Young Scahill, a former baseball star at Benjamin Franklin High School, is one of the youngest in a family of 12 children. One brother, Harold, served and was wounded in the Pacific during World War 2. His father saw action in France in the first World War.

The skies were sunny at Panmunjon today as Cpl. Scahill and 143 other Americans came back to freedom, mostly grinning and shouting, from North Korean captivity.

They laughed and cheered as Russian-built Molotov trucks ground to a stop in front of the Allied repatriation center. They jumped down unaided from the truck beds as their names were called out.

The Communists said they would return 400 Allied prisoners tomorrow, including 145 Americans, 3 Turks, 2 Australians and 250 South Koreans.

**2,422 Americans Freed**

The Reds today will have repatriated 2,422 Americans. That left only 891 to go to reach the total of 3,313 the Communists said they held.

The U. N. Command was returning 2,400 North Koreans today for a total of 53,220 North Korean and Chinese prisoners exchanged, leaving about 20,000 more Reds to be sent home.

Some of the 150 Americans returned Thursday told of being sent to Manchuria where they were questioned by Russian officers, and of being snatched from prison camps for an uncertain fate because they resisted Red indoctrination.

Three men said they were removed from Camps 1 and 3 about the time the armistice was signed July 27.

They were among the men their fellow prisoners had said they feared the Reds were holding back for being antagonistic to their captors.

The three, Cpl. Charles G. Guidotti, 32, of Philadelphia; Cpl. Eugene R. Reilly, 21, Bronx, N. Y., and Sgt. Guy T. Vadala, 23, of Stoneham, Mass., said they were removed to a separate "readjustment camp," but on Aug. 16 were told they would be repatriated.



# Rochester Kin Celebrate Release of 2 GIs by Reds

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Release of two more prisoners of war by the Communists in Korea has touched off celebrations in seven Rochester homes.

Sgt. William E. Todd, brother of Nathaniel Todd and Mrs. Bernard Bryant of 16 Evangeline St., and Cpl. James P. Scahill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Scahill of 177 Herald St., were among 144 Americans freed by the Reds in Korea today (last night, Rochester time).

The Reds released 250 South Koreans, four Britons and two South Africans at the same time. Another 400 Allied PWs—145 Americans, 250 South Koreans, three Turks and two Australians—will be freed tonight (Rochester time), the Reds said.

The Communists have sent back 2,422 of the 3,313 American prisoners they promised to return. The Allies have freed 53,220 PWs and still hold about 20,000.

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**RELEASE** of the 21-year-old Scahill, after 32 months' imprisonment, brought joy in half a dozen homes.

Five of his 10 brothers and sisters are married. Another sister, Sister Mary Inez, is a nun at Holy Rosary Convent.

The Scahill family, who understood that only 50 Americans were to be freed, retired last night believing their son had not been returned.

The jangling of a telephone awakened Mrs. Scahill shortly after 11 o'clock. A newspaper reporter told her the news.

"I heard mother scream, 'Jimmy's freed,'" said Myrtle, one of Cpl. Scahill's sisters. The young PW's father, sister Edna and brother Stanley joined in celebrating.

"Mother was a little faint after she heard about it," Myrtle Scahill recalled.

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**CPL. SCAHILL**, who attended Benjamin Franklin High School, joined the Army in January 1949. He was sent to Korea in July 1950 with the 2d Infantry Division and was wounded the following month. He returned to action and was declared missing Nov. 26, 1950.

"I had to sign for him to go into the Army, but I didn't know what I was signing for," Mrs. Scahill said. She added:

"For months I have been praying that Jimmy would be freed. I thank God for answering my prayers."

The family learned that their son was a prisoner in a letter from him in August, 1951. He signed subsequent letters "Bingie," a family nickname which satisfied the Scahills that his letters were authentic.

Between receiving incoming calls of congratulation, the Scahills were busy telling the good news to Jimmy's brother and sisters—William J., 142 Barberry Ter.; Thomas F. Jr., 125 Cypress St.; Mrs. Michael Henlyshyn, 165



**SPREADING THE NEWS**—Myrtle Scahill, 18, whose Mom says she looks and acts just like her brother Jimmy, telephones her nine other brothers and sisters that Reds have freed him. That's James in photo in front of her.



**—AND GETTING IT**—Seeking more news about the freeing of Sgt. William E. Todd are his brother Nathaniel (with Nathaniel's daughter Sue) and the sergeant's sister, Mrs. Bernard Bryant (with her daughter Carol.)



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**Cpl. Scahill,**

## Sails for Home

Another Rochester PW, released by the Reds, is on the way home.

Cpl. James P. Scahill left Korea last Saturday aboard a ship, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Scahill, of 177 Herald St., reported. They said their son did not tell them the name of the ship nor its estimated time of arrival on the West Coast.

Another former PW, Pfc. Stefano Salerno of 329 Avery St., is due at San Francisco Saturday aboard the Marine Adder. First Rochester PW to return, Sgt. Gerald R. Wolters of 609 Lake Ave., got home last Sunday night.

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## 2 City PWs Reach U. S., First Time in 3 Years

Two repatriated Rochester prisoners of war arrived by ship at San Francisco yesterday and both touched American soil for the first time in more than three years.

Returning were S. Sgt. Berger L. Johnson, 21, who spent 2½ months in solitary confinement as the Chinese sought to wring "electronics secrets" from him, and Cpl. James P. Scahill, 21. Both are expected here today.

"Treatment in camp was just plain lousy," Scahill told the Associated Press as he left the transport Gen. William M. Black with 424 other released Korean prisoners.

"I lost 25 pounds eating rice and sorghum, but I've already gained back seven on the fine chow I've been getting since they released me," Scahill disappeared on Nov. 26, 1950, the day the Chinese entered the war.

"He said he was in good health and feeling fine," the infantryman's father, Thomas F. Scahill, reported after a telephone conversation with his son. Scahill's parents live at 177 Herald St.

Like Scahill, Johnson phoned his parents about 4 p. m. They live at 839 Thurston Rd.

"I asked him mostly about his health and he said he was in good condition," Mrs. Nels B. Johnson said. That came as a relief, because when Johnson was freed he said the Communists questioned him and four other Air Force men unceasingly about electronics and threatened to shoot the group.

Johnson was reported missing after his B29 was shot down by a

MIG15 over North Korea on Jan. 10, 1951. His parents learned he was a prisoner from a captive who was repatriated in Operation Little Switch last spring.

Hope that 1st Lt. Robert B. Baumer, 30, of 39 Lilac Dr., Brighton, may be alive in a Communist stockade was dimmed as the transport docked. He is one of 944 missing Americans of whom the United Nations Command has demanded an accounting.

Capt. Anton Brom Jr. of Sheboygan, Wis., said he had not seen any of his crew members since his B29 blew up over North Korea on June 10, 1952. Lt. Baumer was the navigator on that plane.

Brom said after he disembarked that he had questioned every arrival at his prison camp about his crew members but had never gained any information.

"As far as I know," he said, "I'm the only one who got out."

The lieutenant's wife, Mrs. Constance Baumer, expected to telephone Brom in Sheboygan tomorrow. The couple has a 2-year-old daughter, Lee Ann.

Two more Rochester men were expected to arrive Tuesday at San Francisco on the last ship carrying released prisoners. They were Capt. Arthur H. Lozano, of 535 Highland Ave., Brighton, and M. Sgt. Raymond H. Buck, 30, of 1946 Main St. E.

## Ex-PW Sailed, Flew, Taxied; Now He Takes It Easy

THE UNION SEP 18 1953

After rushing through the prisoner exchange point in Korea, sailing across the Pacific Ocean, flying across the United States and taking a taxi from Buffalo to Rochester yesterday, Cpl. James P. Scahill had today all planned out:

"I'm going to take it easy."

It's his first day home after four years in the Army as an infantryman and almost three years as a prisoner of war. He's spending it with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Scahill, 177 Herald St.

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SCAHILL WAS in such a hurry

to get home yesterday that he took a taxi from Buffalo when he learned that his plane would be grounded there for a few hours.

His mother and father and 34 other members of the immediate family were waiting for him at the Rochester airport.

When his flight came in, an hour and a half late, everybody was at Gate 3 ready to welcome him back from the wars. Scahill's baggage arrived. Scahill didn't.

He was already home. When he found nobody there, he called his

sister at Holy Rosary Convent. He also called the airport.

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FINALLY, the family met at the Oriole St. convent. In the confusion of getting away from the airport, Mrs. Barbara Vogt of 69 Kingston St., Scahill's grandmother, was left behind.

At the convent (Scahill's sister is a nun) the family met on the lawn. There the corporal greeted his parents. His nieces and nephews all jumped around and shouted "Hooray for Uncle Bingie!"

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THE SOLDIER was captured

in December, 1950 on the Korean central front. His unit, the 2d Infantry Division, was swamped by Chinese Communists. He was marched up to Camp 5 on the Yalu River.

While he was a prisoner, he refused to sign a guarantee written by the Communists, that the prisoners would make no trouble. After two weeks of Communist "persuasion" he signed.

He was released Aug. 28 after 32 months in the prison camp. He arrived in San Francisco Wednesday.



## Missing Soldier Writes Home From Chinese Prisoner Camp

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Missing in action since Apr. 23, Pfc. Thomas M. Spackman, 19, has turned up in a Chinese Communist prisoner of war camp in North Korea.

The infantryman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spackman of 196 Goodman St. N., received two letters from their son this week. Both letters were post-

marked "Foreign Prisoner of War Camp 3, North Korea" and were sent via the so-called "Chinese People's Committee for World Peace and Against American Agression".

Spackman fought in Korea from the beginning of the war and was wounded Aug. 27, 1950. He suffered bullet wounds of the back and was in a hospital for four months. Last Winter, after he returned to action, he suffered frost-bitten feet. Once again he returned to action with an infantry gun section of the 24th Division.

Last April, the young soldier was reported missing in action. He wrote before he was reported missing he would have to make up in combat the time he spent in a hospital. Then he would have become eligible for rotation.

In the two letters home, written Aug. 6 and Aug. 26, the Edison Technical High School graduate said his captors had "treated him well and that he was in pretty good health." He wrote that he wished he could be home for the hunting season.

Spackman enlisted in the Army in 1949 and was sent to Korea in June 1950 from Hawaii. Prior to his enlistment he served in the National Guard.



THOMAS M. SPACKMAN

## Exchanged PW Shifts From Grass to Beef

TIMES UNION SEP 11 1953

A roast beef dinner at home was exchanged last evening by Cpl. Thomas N. Spackman, 21, of 196 Goodman St. N., for what he described as sorghum, hog food and chicken feed he ate as a prisoner of the Communists in Korea.

Spackman, who arrived in Rochester at 5:47 p. m. from the West Coast, spent two years and four months as a PW.

He is the city's third released PW to reach home. The others are Cpl. Stefano Salerno, 21, of 329 Avery St., and Sgt. Gerald R. Wolter, 22, of 609 Lake Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spackman greeted their son at the airport.

Also on hand were his sister, Charlotte, 19; his girl friend, Shirley Fleming, of 36 Woodlawn St.; an aunt, Mrs. Josephine Bowery of West Decatur, Pa., and an old buddy, Richard Wagner, of 429 Clay Ave.

A brother, Harold Spackman, 28, waited at home, tending the roast beef dinner until Cpl. Spackman got there.

THE CORPORAL was captured in April, 1951, and forced to march 300 miles to Prison Camp 1.

En route, he said, he and the other PW's had only sorghum (a grass) to eat. As for the camp food, he said that "if you like hog food or chicken feed, or soupy rice and rotten fish, the food was good."

Spackman is a Purple Heart man. He said he had no immediate plans now, except to rest.

OTHER ROCHESTER PW's expected home shortly from Korea are:

Lt. Col. Robert N. Abbott, 38, of Aldern Pl.; Cpl. James P. Scahill, 21, of 177 Herald St.; Staff Sgt. Berger L. Johnson, 21, of 839 Thurston Rd.; Capt. Arthur H. Lozano, 30, of 535 Highland Ave. and Master Sgt. Raymond

H. Buck, 30, of 1946 Main St. E.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Goodburlet of 6 Genesee St., Scottsville received the following cable from their son, Cpl. Raymond F. Goodburlet, 22:

"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. Long to see you again."

Cpl. Goodburlet, a prisoner for 2½ years, did not indicate whether he was being checked in a hospital in Korea or Japan.

ANOTHER RELEASED PW, Cpl. William E. Todd, brother of Nathaniel Todd, 16 Evangeline St., whose wife and baby are living in Milledgeville, Ga., is expected to visit his brother after arriving in the States.

Col. Abbott, heavily-decorated veteran, telephoned twice from Tokyo yesterday.

His wife, Winona, said her husband assured her he was feeling fine and expects to be flown to the States. Col. Abbott also called his mother, Mrs. Harry C. Abbott, 48½ Rowley St.

Col. Abbott was one of the first Americans captured in Korea.



## Post Ave. Boy Latest On War Casualty List

Pfc. David G. Shaughnessy, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Shaughnessy of 792 Post Ave., was wounded in action in the Korean war Sept. 27.

Shaughnessy wrote his family Sept. 28 from the Fourth Army Hospital in Korea to tell them he had been wounded slightly by shrapnel. Mrs. Shaughnessy received a telegram corroborating the fact on Oct. 6. In his latest letter to his parents dated Oct. 2, Shaughnessy said he expected to be returned to active duty that day.



PFC. SHAUGHNESSY

The paratrooper enlisted in the Army 2½ years ago. After completing his basic training with the Airborne Infantry at Camp Campbell, Ky., he first was sent to Japan and then to Korea. He was given a three-day furlough at the end of July, after which he was sent back to the Korean front.

Shaughnessy attended St. Monica's Parochial School, West High School and Edison Technical High School.

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## GI, Marine Wounded in Korea

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An Army infantryman and a Marine are the latest Rochester men to be wounded in the Korean fighting. They are:

Pfc. James R. Sharp, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman B. Sharp, 961 Bennington Dr., Greece, hit Sept. 13.

Pfc. Francis X. Frey, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis X. Frey, 1230 Lake Shore Blvd., Irondequoit, hit Sept. 25.

SHARP WAS the victim of a booby trap which had been set up near his foxhole. The infantryman, hearing noises he thought came from enemy soldiers, came out of his hole to investigate.

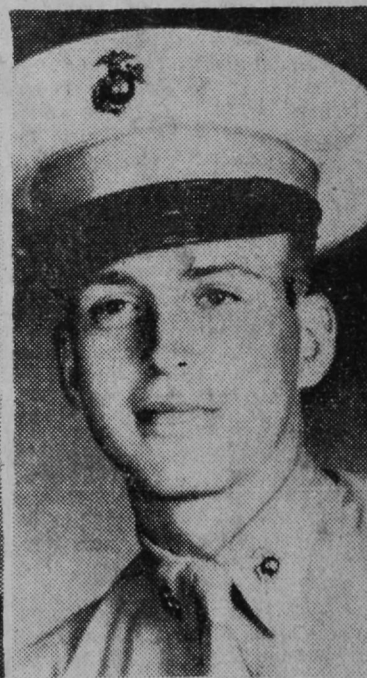
He tripped over the wire, setting off the explosive, and suffered two fractured ankles. Sharp wrote his parents that he was recovering in an Army hospital in Pusan. The young soldier, in Korea since last May, is a graduate of Paul Revere Trade School.

PFC. FREY suffered a wound in the left wrist when an enemy hand grenade exploded around him. He wrote his parents that the wound was slight, and that he stayed on the line after a medic dressed it.

An Aquinas graduate who com-



PFC. JAMES R. SHARP



PFC. FRANCIS X. FREY

pleted his first year at the University of Illinois before joining the Marines last Jan. 3. Frey is believed to have been involved in the Heartbreak Ridge fighting. Frey has been in Korea since July with the 2d Marine Division.

## GI in Korea Writes Parents Of Injury

A 19-year-old infantry rifleman recently wrote from Korea that he expects to be in the States within the next few weeks because he was "seriously" wounded near the front.

Pfc. Robert J. Sirianni gave his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sirianni of 3 Kee Lox Pl., no details except that "my hands are bandaged."

He said that he would be in a hospital in Japan a few days and then would be flown to a hospital in this country. He was wounded Nov. 26.

A graduate of Monroe High School, Sirianni enlisted last February and went to Korea in August. In the last letter before being wounded, he wrote that he had two more days up front before going to a rear area.



PFC. SIRIANNI

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## Shell Wounds Paratrooper

S/Sgt. Thomas M. Skivington, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Skivington of 15 Custer St., has been wounded by fragments of an exploding mortar shell in Korea, according to word received by his parents.

Sgt. Skivington, a paratrooper with the 187th Airborne Regiment, suffered facial wounds and is recovering in a hospital in Japan.

The young paratrooper wrote his parents that he was on night patrol in the Triangle Hill sector when Chinese shelled his group. He wrote that part of his lip, several teeth and a piece of his nose had been shot away.

Skivington is a graduate of Madison High School. He enlisted in the paratroops in July, 1950.



Sgt. Skivington

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## Col. Smalley Goes to Okinawa

Col. Howard N. Smalley, General Staff Corps, U.S. Army, son of Col. and Mrs. Howard R. Smalley, 11 Eastland Ave., has been reassigned to the Ryukyus Command in Okinawa, where he will serve as G-1 (personnel officer).

His wife, Gladys, and two children, Barbara, 17, and Richard, 14, are en route to Okinawa with Col. Smalley. Smalley recently completed a year as G-3 (plans and training officer) of the First Corps in Korea. A battalion commander in the Pacific Theater in World War II, he won the Silver Star and the Bronze Star for gallantry in action.



**ANOTHER KOREAN CASUALTY** reported today was Pfc. Robert G. Salmon, 22, only son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Salmon, 83 Flov-  
erton St.

Cpl. Salmon, who had been wounded before, this time suffered a serious leg wound. He is in Walter Reed Hospital, Wash-  
ington.

Young Salmon, with more than two years' Army service, was with the 1st Cavalry Division. He is an Edison Technical High School graduate.



CPL. SALMON

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## Donald W. Sarver, 18, Writes from Hospital

Another Rochester soldier was "slightly wounded in action in Korea" according to a telegram his mother received from the Adjutant General of the Army.

Pfc. Donald W. Sarver, 18, of 124 Fitzhugh St. S., was reported wounded on Sept. 6, about 1½ years after he enlisted in the Army. On Sept. 8, in a letter to his mother, Mrs. Lenora Bryant of the Fitzhugh St. address, the young GI stated that he was "being well fed in a hospital." Pfc. Sarver, who was serving with the 38th Infantry Division, wrote that he has shrapnel wounds in the left thigh. He has an older brother, Richard, in the Navy who is now stationed in Texas.



DONALD W. SARVER

## Cpl. Scahill TIMES UNION AUG 6 - 1951 Prisoner

Cpl. James P. Scahill, 19, one of a family of 12, is safe in a Communist prisoner-of-war camp in



CPL. SCAHILL

North Korea or China, and not missing in action as previously reported.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Scahill of 177 Herald St., said they received a letter from him dated March 13 in North Korea. But the letter carried a June

23 postmark from Canton, China, and was stamped:

"Via the Chinese People's Committee for World Peace and Against American Aggression."

Cpl. Scahill reported that he was in good health and treated all right.

A graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, he enlisted in January, 1949, and fought with the 2d Infantry Division in Korea. Scahill was wounded last Aug. 9 and was reported missing last Nov. 26.



**ON DOMESTIC FRONT**—Cpl. Robert L. Schoeneman establishes a beachhead in the kitchen sink with the aid of his mother, Mrs. Carl Schoeneman.

## GI, Home from Korea, TIMES UNION MAY 8 - 1951 Just Taking It Easy

Taking it "very easy" at his home at 19 Hart St. today was Cpl. Robert L. Schoeneman, one of the first city soldiers home from Korea on rotation furlough.

Schoeneman, 21, had been in Korea since last July as a gunner with the 13th Field Artillery Battalion, 24th Infantry Division. He heard he was going home, he said, on Apr. 20 when he and his outfit were some seven miles north of the 38th Parallel.

They were aboard a ship home two days later, the day before the Chinese Communists began their latest offensive. He landed in Seattle Saturday and hopped a plane for Rochester.

**NOW HE HAS** 30 days to spend "just loafing around town" before he has to report at Indian Town Gap for assignment.

"I don't expect to be sent back to Korea, though," he said. "We were told we'd be in the States for at least a year."

## Navy Lieutenant Questions Apathy

Fresh from duties aboard a minesweeper in Korean waters, Lt. Gordon Shoolman of 255 Longacre Rd., expressed the fear yesterday that people in the United States had grown apathetic to the Korean war.

Shoolman, 27, a former star tennis player at Benjamin Franklin High School, told of a young seaman who wanted to apply for extension of duty in Korea. "You know why?" Shoolman asked rhetorically. "He read that a railroad union in his home town was on strike. He thought the people back home had mixed up their values."

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Reported among the wounded in Korea is Pfc. George D. Seiler, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Seiler, 203 Ave. D.

An infantryman with the Second Division, young Seiler was not hurt seriously.

He is a graduate of St. Michael's Parochial School and formerly attended Benjamin Franklin High School. Young Seiler enlisted in January, 1948. His older brother, Joseph, 26, is an artillery veteran of World War 2 in Europe.

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PFC. ELMER D. SCHRADER

## GI Wounded TIMES UNION APR 30 1951 Twice May Come Home

Wounded for the second time in Korea, Pfc. Elmer R. Schrader, 18, has written his family that he is eligible for return to the U. S. in the next rotation group.

Young Schrader, who suffered a head wound Apr. 2 from an exploding grenade, is the son of Mrs. Myrtle Schrader, 574 Chili Ave. He first was wounded in March.

**SCHRADER** enlisted in February, 1950, after attending Madison High. Following basic training, he was sent to Japan and then to Korea, where he served with the 25th Infantry Division.

The soldier wrote his mother that he is recovering from his second wound in a field hospital in Korea.





**HEMCOMING**—Cpl. Thomas M. Spackman rushes to embrace his girl friend, Shirley Fleming of 36 Woodlawn St., as he arrives at Monroe County-Rochester Airport. The 21-year-old rifleman was a Communist prisoner for two years and four months. Others who met Spackman

when he landed were, from left, his mother, Mrs. Charles Spackman; his father; his aunt, Mrs. Josephine Bowery of West Decatur, Pa., and an old friend, Richard Wagner of 429 Clay Ave. His sister, Charlotte, 19, is behind Miss Fleming's arm. Spackmans live at 196 Goodman St. N.

### Among First in Korea

## GI, Prisoner 28 Months, Returns Home

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Cpl. Thomas N. Spackman, one of the first Rochester soldiers to fight in Korea, came home yesterday after two years and four months as a Communist captive.

The 21-year-old Purple Heart holder, who arrived in Korea on July 31, 1950, was thin and seemed tired when he stepped off a plane at Monroe County-Rochester airport at 5:47 p. m.

Spackman was the sixth passenger off the two-engine commercial airliner that brought him from San Francisco, where he disembarked Wednesday. The soldier, hatless and wearing his khaki Army uniform, ran to the gate and embraced his waiting mother, Mrs. Charles Spackman.

Then Spackman rushed to his sister, Charlotte, 19, and hugged her. The corporal kissed his girl friend, Shirley Fleming of 36 Woodlawn St. His father had waited at the edge of the knot of relatives and friends, but he came forward and the two embraced momentarily.

The soldier's homecoming was quiet, but emotional. Tears welled in his sister's eyes and his parents struggled for words that would welcome the son they hadn't seen in more than three years.

until this month. He is a layout mechanic at A. O. Smith Corp.

Spackman's brother, Harold, 28, was at 196 Goodman St. N., where the family lives, tending a roast beef dinner. Also awaiting the corporal's arrival was Chee-Chee, his 6-year-old Pekinese that wouldn't eat for a week when Spackman went off to war.

The soldier's only visible scar was a nick in his right ear. Spackman was nipped there on Aug. 27, 1950, and the bullet pierced his shoulder and lodged in his back. After a month and a half at a hospital in Japan, the rifleman was returned to Korea.

His capture came on Apr. 23, 1951, two weeks after he had been switched to a 24th Division mortar unit.

"It was during that last Chinese spring offensive," he recalled. "We'd just changed commanders and they hit us pretty hard. We started to retreat, but the mortars delayed us and we got behind our own infantry. When we went over a hill, the Chinese went around it. They were just waiting."

After his capture, Spackman marched about 300 miles to Prison Camp 1, 10 miles south of the Yalu River.

with Spackman and eight other prisoners. Sgt. Gerald R. Wolter, 22, of 609 Lake Ave., was also in the camp. Both have arrived here.

"Most of the prisoners were sick," Spackman said. "It was usually dysentery and stuff like that."

When captured, Spackman weighed 170 pounds. He said he was down to 133 when released.

It was the first time Spackman had been home since May 22, 1950. What's next?

"I don't know. I'll just rest for a while and then we'll see."

"What say, Dick" were the corporal's first audible words. That was Spackman's greeting for his "inseparable" friend, Richard Wagner of 429 Clay Ave. His aunt, Mrs. Josephine Bowery of West Decatur, Pa., was also at the airport.

"You bet your life we're going to go fishing, eh, Tom," the elder Spackman assured his son. In the hope that his son would be freed, Spackman's father had reserved his two weeks' vacation

"On the way up, all we had to eat was sorghum. And we carried that ourselves."

Prison camp food?

"If you like to eat hog food or chicken feed, it was good," Spackman laughed. "It was mostly soupy rice. Then there was rotten fish, moldy and covered with maggots. You never saw such stuff."

His report agreed with that of Cpl. Stefano Salerno, 21, of 329 Avery St., who lived in a mud hut



# Wife Gets News of GI Via Peiping Broadcast

TIMES UNION MAY 22 1951

The Communist Daily Worker's latest propaganda tactics, appealing to Korea veterans' families by publishing prisoner-of-war data via the Peiping pipeline, at least brought some good news to Mrs. William E. Todd.

Mrs. Todd, who lives at 645 Norris Dr. and has two small children, disclosed last night that the Daily



CPL. TODD

Worker ran an item saying her husband, Cpl. Todd, is a prisoner of the Chinese Reds.

Todd, 30, with seven years' Army service, had been reported missing in Korea since November.

The Red propaganda machine coupled news of his capture with

a shortwave broadcast from Peiping in which a voice, reportedly Todd's, said in part that Americans should "do their best at helping to stop this senseless murder of innocent people."

In San Francisco, the Associated Press monitored the broadcast, in which Todd was quoted as saying:

"My own opinion of this here conflict is that it started as a simple civil war and should have been left alone."

Mrs. Todd's reaction was this:

"It may have very possibly been my husband's voice. But of course the Communists forced him to say that."

"He was very worried when he went to Korea because we were expecting our baby, and the doctor told us I might have trouble. The baby (Georgia Diane, born in December) was premature."

The couple's other child is Billy, 4.

MRS. TODD learned about the Daily Worker story, which said that Todd's voice would be heard by short wave, through her sister-in-law, Mrs. Bernard F. Bryant of 16 Evangeline St. A strange woman had walked up to Mrs. Bryant, showed her the Communist paper, demanded 5 cents for it, then walked off.

Cpl. Todd, described by his wife as having been "in no mental condition for this war," served with the 20th Engineers during World War 2. He was in on the African invasion, and the fighting in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Central Europe and the Rhineland.



PAPA'S A PRISONER — Mrs. William E. Todd with Billy and Diane.

## Missing GI's

Voice Heard  
D. & C. MAY 31 1951  
On Red Radio

Two American GIs in Korea have heard the voice of Cpl. William E. Todd, 30, missing Rochester soldier, who is believed to be a prisoner of the Chinese Communists.

Mrs. Todd, who lives at 645 Norris Dr., said yesterday that two members of the Second Infantry Division in Korea have written to her giving further information about her soldier-husband's broadcast from Peiping, China. Corporal Todd has been missing since last November.

"I have letters from Sgt. R. A. Schwint, who didn't say where he was from, and M/Sgt. D. C. Voddan, of Sturgis, S. D.," Mrs. Todd said. "Both said they heard the broadcast, but didn't know my husband."

Mrs. Todd said Sergeant Voddan told her her husband's broadcast began, "My darling wife and Mom," and said he was "being treated as well as could be expected under the circumstances."

### Longs for Home

Corporal Todd said he wished he could come home, to which Sergeant Voddan added, "Don't we all!" Mrs. Todd said.

In Sergeant Schwint's letter, Mrs. Todd learned that her husband had said to "say 'hello' to all around home and say 'Hi' to Hammerhead."

"That's how I knew it was Bill talking," Mrs. Todd said. "Hammerhead" is his pet name for Billy.

Billy is Corporal Todd's 4-year-old son.

Mrs. Todd said the sergeant's letter also quoted Corporal Todd as requesting anyone who heard his voice to write his wife if possible. Both sergeants said her husband talked about three minutes and sounded well, she added.

Corporal Todd also was heard to ask whether his new child is a boy or girl, Mrs. Todd said. She was expecting the child when her husband left for Korea. The 5-month-old girl is Georgia Diane.

### Informed Through Stranger

In its letter concerning Corporal Todd's disappearance, the Defense Department said it had received reports that he was a prisoner of the Chinese.

Mrs. Todd first learned her husband is a prisoner about a week ago when a woman, who refused to identify herself, showed her sister-in-law, Mrs. Bernard F. Bryant, 16 Evangeline St., a copy of the communist newspaper, the New York Daily Worker. The newspaper contained a story datelined May 17 from Peiping, which reported the recorded voice of Corporal Todd would be heard at 5:45 p. m. last Monday. However, a Wolcott amateur radio operator was unable to reach the Red station.

The Associated Press later reported that a voice purporting to be that of Corporal Todd was heard in San Francisco. However, the press report carried only the communist propaganda which Corporal Todd apparently was forced to broadcast.



## Photo Shows City Man In Korea--Folks Surprised

D. &amp; C. JUL 25 1950

A young Rochesterian is fighting with the First Cavalry Division in Korea—but his folks didn't know about it until they saw his picture in a national magazine.

Pfc. Kenneth C. Stadler, 20, couldn't tell his family where he was going in his last letter, dated July 4. The first they knew he was in the war was when the youth's uncle showed them a magazine picture a few days ago, showing a group of GIs on a truck in Korea. They couldn't miss Stadler—he was the only one in the picture with his helmet off. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Stadler, 63 Woodbine Ave.

Stadler's last letter said: "I'm all packed up, and you know where I'm going." But his family wasn't sure what he meant then.

Stadler had served occupation duty in Japan with the Eighth Cavalry Regiment, First Cavalry Division, for 15 months. He enlisted for two years in December, 1948, and left for training in January, 1949.

"Ken's time would have been up in December, but I guess he'll have to stay in longer now," Mrs. Stadler said last night. "I wish we would get a letter from him."



KENNETH C. STADLER

Stadler was graduated from School 17 and attended Madison High School. Two of his brothers, Edwin W. and Russell W. Stadler served in the Army during World War 2. The other two brothers are Herman and William Stadler. He also has a sister, Audrey.

## City Soldier Gets Wound In Korea Fight

A Rochester soldier has been "slightly wounded" on the Korean front, according to a telegram from the Army adjutant general.

Pfc. Dominic F. Sinisgalli, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vito Sinisgalli of 37 York St., a veteran of eight years in the Army, is the casualty. The telegram told his parents to "continue writing to the same address until further notice."

PFC. DOMINIC  
SINISGALLI

The last letter received from Dominic told his parents he was in the best of health and urged them not to worry. "I'll be pretty busy soon, if you know what I mean," Dominic wrote on July 13.

He served in Iceland as an Air Force mechanic during World War 2. He reenlisted for occupation duty in Korea and reenlisted again in 1948. At that time he went to Japan to serve with the 17th Infantry Division, later transferring to his present unit, the 34th Infantry Division.

Before he entered service, Dominic attended Edison Technical High School and worked for the Eastman Kodak Company. His three brothers, Peter of Oklahoma, Enrico of Michigan and Michael of Rochester are all veterans of World War 2. He has two sisters, Miss Anna Sinisgalli and Mrs. Catherine Bartl.

## Maj. Sutton Back in Korea After Evacuation in June

TIMES UNION JUL 13 1950

Maj. Clyde T. Sutton Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde T. Sutton of 297 Brooks Ave., has returned to Korea from Japan, according to the last letter received by his wife, the former Virginia Stedman.

The 34-year-old major arrived in Korea originally on June 3 as senior adviser to the Korean Cadets, Korean equivalent of West Point. He was evacuated from Suwon June 27 together with about 1,000 other persons.

In the evacuation, he was allowed to take only what he could carry, he wrote, and that all household items, personal belongings and uniforms were, by necessity, left be-



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hind. Many automobiles were abandoned, he said.

Maj. Sutton was transferred from Japan to Korea June 30 as a staff supply officer attached to an advanced command. He was issued full battle equipment. His letters report he has met several Army persons he knew during his 11 years in the service following his graduation from West Point in 1939.

## Maj. Sutton Aids Korean Regiment

TIMES UNION AUG 17 1950

Maj. Clyde T. Sutton Jr. of 297 Brooks Ave. is the only American officer with a new South Korean regiment of 3,000 men, a letter received today by his wife says. Major Sutton formerly was assigned as a staff officer in Korea.

## City Man Counsels S. Korean Regiment

D. &amp; C. AUG 18 1950

An Army officer from Rochester is senior adviser and only American officer with a new South Korea regiment of 3,000 men, his family learned from a letter yesterday.

He is Maj. Clyde T. Sutton Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde T. Sutton, 297 Brooks Ave. According to his wife, also of the Brooks Ave. address, Major Sutton was formerly assigned as a staff officer in Korea. A graduate of West Point Military Academy, he has been overseas since June 3.



## 2 Area GIs Killed in Korean War, 1 Missing in Action, 1 Wounded

Two dead, one missing, one wounded.

This was the latest casualty report today of Rochmen in the Korean fighting.



PFC. SWIFT

Killed in action were Pfc. Thomas C. Swift, 19, son of Francis J. Swift of 118 Columbia Ave. and Mrs. Theodore R. Carson of 52 Parkside Cres., and Pvt. Arthur W. Borst, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Frank Borst of Angling Rd., East Pembroke.

Young Swift, who was serving with the 14th Combat Engineers, was killed Aug. 12. He was a veteran of three years' Army service.

Pvt. Borst was Genesee County's first war fatality. He was killed Aug. 17 after being in service less than a year.

He leaves two brothers, Frank Borst Jr., now training with the Air Force, and Thomas, and four sisters, Shirley and Dorothy Borst; Mrs. Ruth Beecher of Batavia, and Mrs. Violet Daley of East Aurora.



**TRAGIC NEWS**—Francis J. Swift is shown as he visited The Times-Union newsroom to check a dispatch on the death of his son.

TIMES-UNION AUG 29 1950

### Soldier's Last Letters Cheerful and Hopeful

Pfc. Thomas Swift, 19, could write cheerfully and hopefully even in the hellhole of the Korean battlefield.

Perhaps that was just to ease the anxiety and worry of his parents. Perhaps he knew there was little chance for him to escape the combat death which the Army has now reported officially.

Eleven days after his arrival in Korea, on July 20, he wrote to his mother, Mrs. Theodore H. Carson of 52 Parkside Cres., that "from the looks of it, somebody is trying to make me a soldier. They've given me a .30 caliber machinegun, so I'm a gunner." He also wrote in similar vein to his father, Francis J. Swift, 118 Columbia Ave.

The grueling combat against a numerically superior enemy was indicated in Tom's report that "This outfit is trying to work a man 48 hours a day, 14 days a week." To that he added, "But I still am able to get a few hours sleep now and then."

Undaunted even by such strain,

the youthful soldier wrote: "Outside of all this, I am having a wonderful time in a hellhole."

Before the outbreak of the Korean conflict, young Swift had planned a joyous reunion with his family. He had arranged to reenlist on his 20th birthday, Sept. 10, which would also be the third anniversary of his entering service in Rochester. He was to have a 90-day furlough.

Thomas Swift had enlisted in the Corps of Engineers and intended to make a career of Army life. He had been in Japan more than two years when he left for Korea.

Before entering service he had attended West High School, and previously Aquinas Institute and Immaculate Conception School.

Surviving besides his parents are a sister, Mary Louise Swift, and a brother, John G. Swift, who was in the Army from 1946 to 1949.



## City Youth Hurt in Korea

A former student at Edison Technical and Industrial High School has been reported wounded in action in Korea.

He is Pfc. Thomas M. Spackman of 196 Goodman St. N. He enlisted in the Army last November when he was 17 and was sent overseas last May. A native of Clearwater, Pa., he came to Rochester with his parents four years ago.



SPACKMAN

TIMES UNION SEP 7 1950

## City Paratrooper Wounded By Shrapnel in Korea War

D. & C. OCT 14 1950

The Defense Department announced yesterday that Pfc. David Shaughnessy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Shaughnessy of 792 Post Ave., was wounded in action in the Korean war on Sept. 27.

Shaughnessy, a 19-year-old paratrooper, wrote his family from the Fourth Army Hospital in Korea on Sept. 28 to tell them he was wounded slightly by shrapnel. Mrs. Shaughnessy also received a telegram to that effect from the Defense Department on Oct. 6.



PFC. DAVID G. SHAUGHNESSY

The soldier was born in Rochester and attended St. Monica's Parochial School, West High School and Edison Technical High School. He

enlisted in the Army 2½ years ago, and after completing his basic training with the Airborne Infantry at Camp Campbell, Ky., he was sent first to Japan and then to Korea.

Following a three-day furlough at the end of July, Shaughnessy was sent back to the Korean front.

In his latest letter to his parents, dated Oct. 2, he said he expected to be returned to active duty that day. He also wrote that he met two other Rochester soldiers at the hospital, one of whom he identified as Marine Pfc. Charles Quinn of 200 Merrill

## Life Spared 3 Times, GI Believes in Miracles

TIMES UNION OCT 19 1950

Pfc. Donald G. Saltman of 217 Duffern Dr., Greece, is a believer in miracles.

And he must also be a man of iron.

Take it from his latest letters, received Saturday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Saltman.

The 18-year-old soldier was wounded in action in Korea, Sept. 26. According to his letters, he received injuries in both hands and shrapnel wounds in his shoulder.

The following account is summarized from his letters.

In battle action on Sept. 26, he advanced behind enemy lines in an M-16 half-track. His group of half-tracks encountered five enemy guns which blew up their ammunition truck and gas truck. A mortar shell hit their trailer, throwing rocks in Pfc. Saltman's face.

The first miracle was that no one



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was hit when the trailer was punctured about 200 times. The second occurred when he wasn't hit by machinegun fire that swept their position while the men were loading guns.

The third occurred while Pfc. Saltman was loading an ammunition belt into a gun. He said he was bending over when a mortar shell struck just above him. Shrapnel struck his hands and entered his shoulder.

The largest piece "bounced" off his arm after entering his sleeve and burning his arm. It made another hole in his sleeve where it went out. "That's pretty good," he wrote, "when you can make a piece of steel bounce off your muscle."

Pfc. Saltman, a member of the Indian Head Division, joined the Army a year ago to make it a career. He attended Aquinas Institute and was at sea en route to Korea on his 18th birthday.

## Pfc. George D. Seiler, Infantryman, Hurt

D. & C. OCT 24 1950

A 19-year-old Rochester soldier was wounded in action in Korea, his parents were informed yesterday by the Army Department.

Pfc. George D. Seiler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Seiler of 203 Ave. D., an infantryman with the Second Division, was reported slightly wounded on Sept. 22. His parents have not heard from him since last June, when he was sent to Japan, his father said last night.

A graduate of St. Michael's Parochial School and a former pupil at Benjamin Franklin High School, Seiler enlisted in January, 1948. His older brother, Joseph E. Seiler, 26, was an artilleryman in World War 2. He went through the European campaign from Normandy to the German border.



GEORGE D. SEILER



## Sergeant Dies, GI Wounded Second Time

D & C OCT 25 1950

Carlton F. Schankin,  
Irondequoit, Killed  
In Action

Death of an Irondequoit soldier in Korean action and the wounding of a Chili Center serviceman for the second time were revealed last night.

### Serviceman Gives Life In Korean War

A 21-year-old infantry squad leader has been killed in action in Korea, according to a Defense Department telegram received by his parents yesterday.



CARLTON F. SCHANKIN

Rochester's latest casualty is Sgt. Carlton F. Schankin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Schankin of 108 Orland Rd., Irondequoit.

Schankin was killed on Sept. 16 while fighting in the Southwest sector of Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division. He was in Korea for two months before his death.

In his last letter Schankin told his parents "the night fighting is terrible."

The 1947 graduate of Irondequoit High School was a member of the 133rd Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company before he enlisted in the Army nearly two years ago. Prior to his enlistment he was employed at Leschorn Brothers garage in Irondequoit. He was a member of the Ridge-Culver Fire Department band.

Sergeant Schankin was an only son. Besides his parents, he leaves a sister, Mrs. Howard J. Latson.

Yesterday, his parents received a letter praising their son from the outfit's chaplain.

## Ensign Describes Battle, Sinking Off Wonsan, Korea

TIMES UNION NOV 7 - 1950

A graphic description of the Naval action off Wonsan, Korea, is afforded in a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Shoolman, parents of Ens. Gordon M. Shoolman.

Young Shoolman, former radio-man attached to a submarine squadron during World War 2, is well known in tennis circles locally. He was the city's junior net champion at one time.

Shoolman, serving aboard the minesweeper Osprey, said of the Wonsan action:



"We had a lousy day. If ever I see a no-good Commie - lover when I get home, I'll run him out of town. Here, is what happened Oct. 12:

"We moved up close. Three mine ships were shielding us. One of them, the Pirate, caught a mine and went down stern first. The Pledge caught one at the foc'sle and settled down evenly.

### CALLS FOR AID

"Our division commander had a fit. He shouted over the voice-radio speaker for a DMS (destroyer mine ship) to move up and blow an enemy control tower—controlling the mine field from a little island—to Kingdom Come.

"The Air Force and fleet air wing joined up and we obliterated the place."

Shoolman said a third U. S. mine ship, the Magpie, also had been hit by an exploding mine.

Japanese minesweepers helped go in for Yank survivors, he wrote.

### 'STRAFED OUR BOYS'

"The North Koreans are going to pay for the loss of our boys, and pay plenty," Shoolman said. "They strafed our boys in the water from shore, until we zeroed them in back there."

Shoolman, whose folks live at 255 Long Acre Rd., was one of the first local Naval Reserve officers to volunteer for active duty. A former University of Alabama student, he was a social worker specializing in veterans' problems here.

## Rochester Major Eludes Red Chinese In North Korea Drive

TIMES UNION NOV 15 1950

Trapped by one of the first Chinese Communist pushes into North Korea last month, Maj. Clyde T. Sutton Jr. of Rochester escaped by a daring dash across a valley and up a hill under enemy fire.

Maj. Sutton, 34, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde T. Sutton of 297 Brooks Ave., described his escape in a recent letter to his wife, the former Virginia Stedman.

Sent to Korea only a few months after his marriage Apr. 1, the Army major was in Seoul on the day the North Koreans attacked. He reported as military adviser to a South Korean division a few days before that division encountered some 4,000 troops from Red China.

Although Major Sutton described the enemy forces merely as "troops from outside North Korea," it has since been con-



MAJ. SUTTON

firmed that the strength of the Red attack came from across the Manchurian border.

In his letter, dated Oct. 28, the major wrote: "In our drive north, we ran into heavy opposition about 1 p. m. (probably Wednesday, Oct. 22) and thereafter were heavily engaged until the enemy's fourth major attack at 9:20 Thursday morning about 100 miles north of the former North Korean capital.

"In a hail of lead we abandoned our vehicles . . . and it was a case of each man for himself. We were completely surrounded by 4,000 enemy (what was left of us).

"I just happened to choose what I'm sure was the best way out, dashing 200 yards across a valley, then up a 2,000 foot ridge, the steepest I ever saw. After that, 25 miles and 12 solid hours (about 4 or 5 minutes rest periods) to a town in friendly hands."

Major Sutton said that two other American advisers were lost in the action.

The Rochester officer was graduated from West High School and, in 1939, from the United States Military Academy at West Point.



## Missing Soldier Hoped To Spend Yule at Home

Somewhere in Korea, Cpl. Kenneth R. Stadler, 20, happily wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stadler, of 63 Woodbine Ave.:

"Looks as though possibly I'll be home for Christmas."

That was last Nov. 1.



STADLER

The following day, before their boy's letter arrived, Mr. and Mrs. Stadler received the grim word from the Defense Department that Cpt. Stadler was missing in action.

A Madison High School alumnus, young Stadler enlisted Dec. 24, 1948, and was sent overseas in March last year. He was serving with the 1st Cavalry Division.

Two of his brothers, Edwin W. and Russell W., are overseas Army veterans of World War 2. He has two other brothers, Herman and William, and a sister, Mrs. Frank Citro.

Cpl. Stadler's parents first knew he was in Korea when they saw his picture in a national magazine. He was among a group of GI's aboard a truck and was hatless.

A Penfield soldier, Cpl. John W. Walker, son of Mrs. Hazel Walker, has been reported wounded in Korea. His family lived in Batavia until last month.

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## Former Rochesterian Killed in Korea Action

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A former Rochesterian, a veteran of World War 2, yesterday was reported killed in Korean action.

He was Lt. Carl J. Schlitz, son of Charles Schlitz, 820 Goodman St. S. Lieutenant Schlitz, who was reported killed Nov. 24, would have been 27 today. He was with the 10th Engineer Construction Battalion in Korea.



CARL J. SCHLITZ

while on furlough.

In his last letter to Mrs. Peterson,

Lieutenant Schlitz's sister, Mrs. Robert Peterson, 66 Sunset Dr., Brighton, received word of her brother's death from his wife, who lives in Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Peterson said her brother's wife is expecting a baby in March. Lieutenant Schlitz last visited Rochester in September, 1949,

dated Oct. 27, Lieutenant Schlitz said he hadn't seen much action yet, and his unit was helping mop up guerillas in the Yongdong area. He said a "big push" northward was expected "within a week."

A native of Brighton, Lieutenant Schlitz was graduated from Monroe High School in 1941. After working at the Gleason Works for about two years, he enlisted in the Army in 1943 and fought in the Philippine Islands as a sergeant. He received his commission in 1946 and was sent to Italy and Germany. He left for Japan last August.

Mrs. Peterson said Lieutenant Schlitz was awaiting a promotion at the time he was killed. He also is survived by another sister, Mrs. Louis Tesch, 66 Diem St.

## Pt. Pleasant Soldier Listed as Wounded

Pvt. Everett Spinney Jr., 22, of 18 Outlook Dr., Point Pleasant, has been wounded while fighting with the 9th Infantry Regiment of the 2nd Infantry Division, according to a government telegram received by his wife.



PVT. EVERETT SPINNEY JR.

Spinney, a jeep driver, is reported to be in a hospital in Japan, but his wife has not heard from him since his last letter written on Nov. 17 while he was delivering supplies within 25 miles of the Manchurian border.

Private Spinney was graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School in 1947 and several months later enlisted in the Army. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Spinney of the Outlook Dr. address.

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## City Soldier Listed Missing In Korea Fight

**Cpl. George D. Seiler, 19  
Returned to Combat  
After Wound**

Wounded in Korea Sept. 22, Cpl. George D. Seiler, 19, of 203 Ave. D, last night was reported missing in action.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Seiler, received a telegram from the Defense Department last night informing them that their son has been listed missing since Nov. 28.

The Defense Department had reported that the wounds Corporal Seiler suffered in September were slight, and he apparently was returned to action shortly afterward.



GEORGE D.  
SEILER

A member of the 2nd Infantry Division, Corporal Seiler was sent to Japan last June. After he was wounded he was advanced to the rank of corporal.

The corporal, who attended St. Michael's School and Benjamin Franklin High School, enlisted in the Army in January, 1948. His older brother, Joseph E. Seiler, 26, served with the artillery in World War 2. He went through the European campaign from Normandy to the German border.

## Rochester Corporal Starts Back To Fighting Outfit in Korea

Cpl. Michael Sacchitella is on his way back to the fighting front—but he's not quite sure where he'll find his outfit.

Home on an emergency leave to attend his father's funeral, Corporal Sacchitella, 19, headquarters radio operator for the 21st Infantry Regiment of the 24th Division in Korea, left for California on Wednesday night, on his way to the Far East.

Sacchitella's home is at 140 Woodbury St. where his only near relative, Mrs. Florence Ochenrider, a sister, also lives.

He was in one of the first units to land at Pusan last Summer. From there his regiment went north by rail to a point near the 38th Parallel and then began the retreat to the Naktong

River.

He didn't learn about the first big Chinese Communist offensive of the war until he reached the States. "It came as a big surprise," he said. "We'd all been sweating out rumors that the Chinese were going to attack, but nobody thought it would be as serious as it was."

His outfit had been within 14 miles of the Manchurian border and had met little resistance. When the Chinese suddenly attacked the 1st Cavalry Division, the 24th was pulled back to reform the defense line.

"We dropped back about 50 miles without firing a shot. The Chinese didn't follow, so we began moving forward again. We were still moving ahead without opposition when I left."

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## Rochester Corporal Missing In Korea, Parents Informed

A 19-year-old Rochester soldier, who was wounded in the Korean war last August, was reported yesterday by his parents as missing in action since Nov. 26.

He is Cpl. James P. Scahill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Scahill of 177 Herald St. Word that their son was missing came to the Scahills in a Defense Department telegram Saturday night.



CPL. JAMES P.  
SCAHILL

A member of the Second Infantry Division, Scahill enlisted in the Army in January, 1948. He took his basic

Wash., and was sent from there overseas to Korea last July.

Late in August Mr. and Mrs. Scahill were notified that their son, who at that time was a private first class, had been wounded on Aug. 9.

The soldier was graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School and is one of 10 children. His brother, Stanley, is a veteran of World War 2, and his father of World War 1.

## Wire Tells Wounded GI He's 'Missing in Korea'

The official telegram reporting Pvt. John B. Smart as lost in Korea was delivered at 24 Leopold St.—but there to sign for the message was the missing soldier himself.

Though still a little shaky from stomach wounds he'd received while fighting with the 25th Division, 18-year-old Pvt. Smart was not only safe but also contented in the company of his family and friends.

The telegram, which might have brought fear and anxiety, caused only temporary bewilderment and later a few chuckles, according to the soldier's mother, Mrs. William Rooks.

Private Smart



PVT. JOHN B.  
SMART

was home on leave from the Valley Forge, Pa., Army Hospital where he was being treated for his wound, received in action Nov. 5. When he returned to the hospital this week, he took the telegram with him to turn over to Army authorities. His mother said he told her that the Army may have confused his records with those of another Private Smart in the same unit.

A similar incident befell another Army private hospitalized at Valley Forge last weekend. According to the Associated Press, a soldier from Roanoke, Va., was home on leave when a telegram arrived reporting him missing in action 6 weeks.



## Marine Officer Refuses to Quit After 3d Wound

D. & C. FEB 19 1951  
Lt. S. E. Sansing Wants  
To Be with Troops,  
Wife Hears

Wounded three times since he landed in Korea, an East Rochester Marine lieutenant refuses to call it quits.

Writing to his wife from a convalescent hospital at Kyoto, Japan, where he is recovering from his third injury, Lt. S. E. Sansing says he



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another six weeks.

Mrs. Sansing says she hopes her husband's latest injury will entitle him to come back to the States. In spite of his three injuries, the Leatherneck says he is extremely lucky. "Only 18 men out of my whole company are still able to fight," he said.

Lieutenant Sansing first was injured last Sept. 28 in the fight for Seoul. He was wounded in the leg by shrapnel, but returned to action without being hospitalized. Telling of his next injury, which occurred Dec. 1, the lieutenant reported that, "a mortar shell landed just behind me and tore off most of my clothes." He was unconscious that time for an hour or two, and suffered an injured back. "I guess the heavy Winter gear saved my life that time," he said.

"Then as we were coming out of a valley the night of Dec. 3, we were ambushed and I was hit in the leg by a .45 caliber submachinegun slug," the Marine reported. That was the injury that sent him to Japan, where he also is being treated for frost bite.

Sansing, a native of Athens, Tex., and his wife have a daughter, Margaret, seven months old.

## 1st Cavalry Corporal Wounded in Leg

For the second time since the Korean War began, Cpl. Robert Salmon, 22, has been reported wounded in action.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Salmon, 83 Floerton St., has been seriously wounded in the leg and is in Walter Reed Hospital, Washington. On Nov. 30 he was wounded slightly in the left arm.

He was a member of the 1st Cavalry Division and has seen two years of Army duty. He was graduated from Edison Technical High School in 1947.



ROBERT G.  
SALMON



1ST LT. ROGER W. SMITH

## War 2 Vet Wounded In Korea

He was at Hickam Field in Hawaii when the Japs bombed Pearl Harbor.

He was in Italy and was wounded with Nisei troops when the latter distinguished themselves against the Germans.

Today 1st Lt. Roger W. Smith, veteran of 12 years' Army service, is recovering in a hospital in Japan from a wound received in Korea.

Lt. Smith, son of Mrs. Helen W. Smith, 221 Ridgedale Circle, Greece, is an alumnus of Ohio State University. From college he entered the Air Force in 1939.

FOLLOWING Pearl Harbor, he was discharged from the Air Force for an immediate Army enlistment. Commissioned at Fort Benning, Ga., Lt. Smith later trained Nisei troops at Camp Shelby, Miss.

Following combat in the ETO, at war's end, he was given a special assignment on the West Coast to help Nisei readjust to civilian life.

## Greece Army Officer Wounded Serving in Korean War Area

A veteran of 12 years of Army duty, 1st Lt. Roger W. Smith, infantryman serving in Korea, has been wounded in the right shoulder, according to a letter received by his mother, Mrs. Helen W. Smith of 221 Ridgedale Circle, Greece.

Lieutenant Smith's letter did not elaborate on the seriousness of the wound or say how he received it. Mrs. Smith said yesterday that her son was not serving in the front lines as far as she knew. He was wounded on Feb. 14 and is now recovering in a hospital in Japan.

After serving in the National Guard in Columbus, Ohio, while studying at Ohio State University,



ROGER W.  
SMITH

Smith enlisted in the Air Force at Hickam Field, Hawaii, in 1939 and he was still there when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Shortly after the attack, Smith was discharged from the Air Force for an immediate enlistment in the Army. He was sent to Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. After receiving his commission, Lieutenant Smith trained Nisei troops at Camp Shelby, Miss., and then went overseas to Italy with them.

While serving in Europe during World War 2, he received the Purple Heart. Following the war, he returned to Fort Benning, only to be sent to the West Coast on a special assignment concerning the readjustment of Nisei soldiers into civilian life there.

After his assignment on the West Coast, Lieutenant Smith was sent to the Aleutians for two years and then returned to Fort Benning, where he took paratrooper training. He was sent to Korea last October.

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# Chinese Armies May Be Withering, Rochester Officer Says at Front

TIMES UNION MAR 9 - 1951

"It may well be that the troops of the two great Chinese field armies have suffered so heavily in battle, and from disease and cold, that they are withering on the vine."

This estimate of possible waning of Chinese Red strength in Korea came today from a Rochester officer, Lt. Col. Jacob Shacter.

Col. Shacter, who is 37, is serving as 1st Cavalry Division intelligence officer. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shacter, 14 Eiffel Pl.

AS THE 1ST CAVALRY fought on up the Red supply road toward Hongchon, Col. Shacter, interviewed at the front by William C. Barnard of the Associated Press, said:

"On the other hand the Chinese may have already committed forces for a possible offensive of their own on another part of the front and find it impossible to change plans hastily to meet the offensive in our sector."

"Basically, I think our successes may have another reason."

"The Chinese soldier is a poor, un-



LT. COL. JACOB SHACTER

educated, ill-fed, ignorant man who has had little pleasure out of life,

who doesn't know what he is fighting for and who fights only because he is told to fight.

"He fights with courage but no enthusiasm. There is no fanaticism about him. He has nothing to die for, except perhaps the woes of life."

"And this soldier is faced by a preponderance of machines, men and equipment. He is blasted from the earth and sky and, though his leaders tell him to fight on and on, perhaps he is reaching a limit."

"EVEN A MULE will reach a point when even the whip will persuade him to go no farther. Perhaps we have found a breaking point in the Chinese soldier."

Col. Shacter, who graduated from Cornell in 1934 and won the Bronze Star with cluster during World War 2 in the ETO, is married to the former Ruth Katz of Augusta, Ga.

She and their two children, Sonya Faye, 8, and Sherlyn Beth, 4, are living in Japan.

Col. Shacter went to Korea with his division last July 18.

## Trick Football Knee 'Kicks Up,' So Tokyo Corporal Phones Kin

An old football injury indirectly led to a telephone call to his mother in Rochester from Cpl. Fred A. Schneider in Tokyo.

Corporal Schneider, a 21-year-old serviceman with seven months' combat experience in Korea, called his mother Thursday afternoon from Tokyo.

"Is this the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Schneider?" said the voice on the phone. "Corporal Schneider is calling from Tokyo."

Mrs. Schneider, who lives at 96 Louise St. choked up with emotion. It has been two years since she saw her son. But after catching her breath, she anxiously asked the soldier why he was in Tokyo and out of the fighting in Korea.

"It is my old football injury," Corporal Schneider replied. When he was attending Aquinas Institute and playing football there he injured his leg, leaving him with a stiff knee. Recently, he told his mother, his knee began bothering him so he received a 10-day furlough in Tokyo to give it a rest.

Corporal Schneider wanted his first rest since then.

mother to thank the Rev. E. Charles Bauer of Holy Family Parish who collected and sent packages of magazines to him in Korea. Schneider is a graduate of Holy Family School.

He also wanted to thank his many friends for the numerous letters they have written to him. He told his mother to tell them he didn't have much time to answer all of the letters. "In fact," he said, "one day I received 32 letters. The company mail clerk threw the mail bag at me and told me to sort the mail."

Corporal Schneider is a cook in the 2nd Division. He left Fort Lewis, Wash., last August with the division and was in combat a few weeks later. His mother said this is his

D. & C. MAR 31 1951

## Korea Soldier Receives 2d Battle Wound

A Rochester soldier who has been in the thick of the Korean fighting since it began last June was wounded in Korea for the second time on Apr. 4, his family reported yesterday.

Pfc. Elmer D. Schrader, 18, the son of Mrs. Myrtle Schrader of 574 Chili Ave., wrote last week that he had received a head wound from an exploding grenade. He indicated that he was in "not too bad" condition, recovering in a field hospital in Korea.

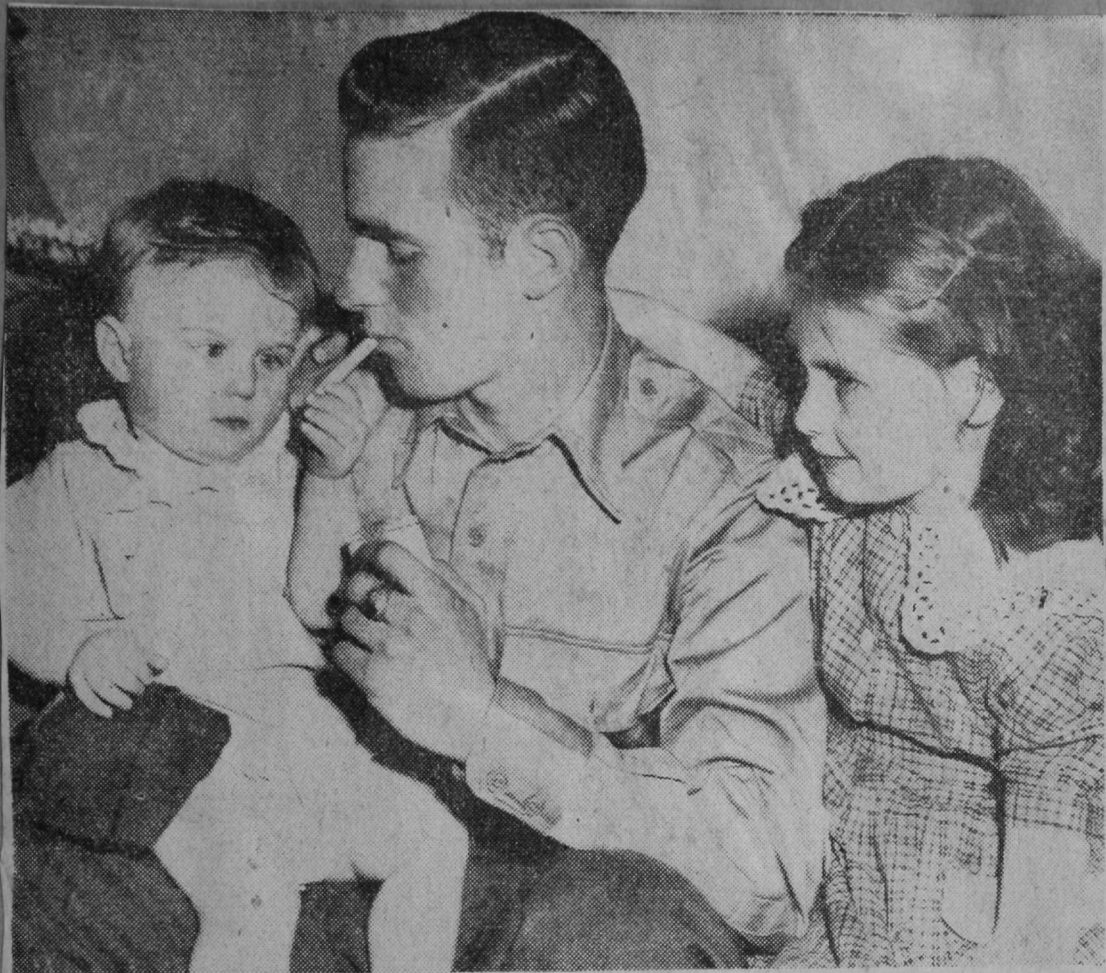


ELMER D. SCHRADER

Pfc. Schrader wrote that he is eligible for a return to the United States in the next rotation group and that his hopes are concentrated on being in that group. A former pupil at Madison High School, he enlisted in February, 1950, a day after his 17th birthday. After basic training in this country he was sent to Japan, remaining there only a few weeks before being transferred to Korea. He has served as a scout with the 25th Infantry Division there since June.

Wounded slightly in March, he returned to the front quickly, remaining there until he was wounded a second time.





**HOME IS THE SOLDIER**—Cpl. Robert L. Schoeneman, first Army man to return here under rotation plan, meets nephew, Michael

Schoeneman, 15 months, for first time, and renews acquaintance with niece, Pat Schoeneman, 7. Corporal has been in Korea since June.

## First City GI Is Home D. & C. MAY 8 1951 Under Rotation Plan

The good news came when he was seven miles north of the 38th Parallel and he left Korea the day before the Chinese Reds opened up their latest big offensive.

Maybe it sounds confusing, but that's the way it seemed to

Cpl. Robert L. Schoeneman, 21, Rochester's first Army veteran of the Korean war to return on rotation furlough. He didn't have much time to get used to the idea of going home.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schoeneman of 19 Hart St., Corporal Schoeneman had been at the front since the shooting began in Korea last June. He was a gunner with the 13th Field Artillery Battalion, attached to the 24th Infantry Division.

But last night that war was far away to Corporal Bob—just as far away as he could get it. He didn't want to talk about it any more than necessary to answer the barrage of questions fired by his family.

### North of Line When News Came

He was "somewhere in Korea," about seven miles north of the Parallel on Apr. 20 when he and his artillery buddies were told they were to be rotated home.

Two days later, they had ripped through Army red tape and were aboard that ship all soldiers hope to make—the ship for home. They left one day before the Chinese Communists began their latest offensive.

"It was kinda sudden," the happy GI said last night.

The ship docked in Seattle to a rousing welcome Saturday morning, but few of the veterans stayed around to see the city. Most of them rushed for the train, but that was too slow for Corporal Schoeneman. The Army had arranged for plane flights home and he didn't hesitate—he hopped the first plane he could get and arrived two days ahead of at least two other Rochester soldiers now on their way here.

before the North Korean advance, he says.

Since then, the Rochester corporal has hauled his gun up and down Korean mountains, through seas of mud and in sub-zero weather. And he's the kind of GI the Reds don't like to see in front of them.

### Chinese Fear U. S. Guns

"The Chinese are as afraid of our guns as they are of the Air Force," he remarked.

The artillerymen almost reached the Yalu River boundary line between Manchuria and Korea before they were pushed back. Corporal Bob recalls the first time he saw a Chinese soldier.

"They attacked a hill we were on and then disappeared when they couldn't push us off," he said. "We didn't see them again for quite a while."

That was Nov. 24 when the UN army was a long way into North Korea. It wasn't long before Corporal Schoeneman heard the first of those Chinese bugles.

"We didn't know what they meant the first night," he recalls. "The sounded like 'Taps.' We knew what they meant the next time."

After enlisting in 1948, Corporal Schoeneman was sent to the 13th Field Artillery in Fukuoka, Japan. He attended Benjamin Franklin High School.

Here at home, the fighting corporal was met by four war veterans in his family—three brothers who fought in World War 2 and his dad, a veteran of World War 1. The father, Carl Schoeneman, was with the 57th Coast Artillery in the first World War; brother Albert, 29, was with the 9th Air Force in World War 2; Michael, 25, fought with the 5th Marine Division in the Pacific, and William, 23, served on the U. S. Navy Aircraft Carrier, Boxer.

With 30 days to spend at home before he goes back to Army life, Corporal Schoeneman is going to "just take it easy." He plans to see a few baseball games, but mostly he wants to stay around home as much as he can.

### He'll Report to 5th Division

After his 30 days are up, Corporal Schoeneman reports to the 5th Division at Indiantown Gap, Pa.

Corporal Schoeneman fully expected to be back in Rochester by this time, but that was before last June and the Red invasion of South Korea. His three-year enlistment expired last March, but his discharge date found him trying hard to stay alive in General Ridgway's "Operation Killer." Because of the Army's one-year enlistment extension, he expects to be discharged in March, 1952.

Those early days last June and July were the worst as far as Corporal Schoeneman is concerned. He and his buddies landed their full quota of 105 mm. howitzers at Pusan with the 24th Division, but the battalion was about 15 per cent under strength, he recalls. And it was tough pulling those big guns back



Thursday, May 31, 1951



PFC. THOMAS M. SPACKMAN

## Soldier Due TIMES UNION MAY 31 1951 For Rotation

### Missing in War

The hopes of a Rochester family that their son would be sent home on rotation from Korea are dissipated today.

Pfc. Thomas M. Spackman, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spackman, 196 Goodman St. N., has been missing in action since Apr. 23, a Defense Department telegram notified his parents.

Young Spackman, an Edison Tech graduate, was wounded last Summer. In his last letter home, the youth wrote that he expected to be rotated home as soon as he made up for combat time that he lost while hospitalized.

HE HAD BEEN wounded in the ear and back, and also suffered frostbite last Winter. His hospital time totaled more than four months.

Pfc. Spackman was serving with a 57-millimeter gun section attached to the 24th Division. He enlisted in November, 1949, and was shipped to Korea from Hawaii last June.

Prior to enlistment, Spackman was a National Guardsman.

## Chiang's Men Seasoned

Editor, The Times-Union:

In a recent broadcast, Dr. Dexter Perkins belittled Chiang Kai-shek in questioning Chiang's ability to be of assistance to us in the Korean War. Yet Mr. Truman, in June, 1950, thought highly enough of Chiang and his Nationalists' fighting qualities and possibilities for making it hot for the Reds to bottle up Chiang's forces on Formosa.

Even after 11 months of idleness, Chiang's men are better seasoned—after years of campaigning against Mao's Communists—than our 18½-year-old boys will be after a few months' training.

WILLIAM C. SUTHERLAND.

TIMES-UNION JUN 5 - 1951

## Sgt. Fred A. Schneider, 21, Wounded When Ambushed

Sgt. Fred A. Schneider, 21, a former Aquinas Institute football tackle, is in the 279th General Hospital in Japan, it was revealed yesterday. He was wounded when ambushed in North Korea on May 31.

He wrote to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Schneider of 96 Louise St., that he was first treated by Dutch medics and then sent "down the middle of Korea" to a Swedish hospital in Pusan. From there, he was flown to Japan.

Sergeant Schneider wrote that he is getting "the best of care and chow is number 1." He weighed 180 pounds when he was first shipped overseas, but he is down to 140 now. "But I'm going after the milk, just like I used to back home," he stated. He is a mess sergeant and cook.

Schneider enlisted in January, 1948 and went to Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division last Summer.



SGT. FRED A. SCHNEIDER



STEFANO SALERNO

D. &amp; C. JUN 11 1951

## GI, 19, Missing In Korea War

Pfc. Stefano Salerno, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Salerno, 439 Tremont St., is listed as missing in action in Korea, the Department of Defense announced yesterday.

A veteran of two years in the Army, Private Salerno has been in Korea with the 24th Infantry Division since late January.

The last time his parents heard from him was Apr. 18 while he was in a rest camp on a brief leave. The Department of Defense said he was first reported missing in combat Apr. 23.

Private Salerno attended Madison High School and before he enlisted in the Army he worked in the shipping room of the Clapp's Baby Foods Division.

## GI in 1st Korea Fights TIMES UNION JUL 7 1951 Convalesces at Home

One of the first American soldiers to enter Korea to fight the Reds was back in Rochester today after a three-year absence.

He is Cpl. Dominic F. Sinisgalli, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vito Sinisgalli of 37 York St. A veteran of nine years of Army service, he is here on a 30-day convalescent leave from Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Cpl. Sinisgalli landed with the first contingent of 24th Division troops in South Korea on July 2, 1950, a week after the North Korean invasion. The nerves in his left leg were injured when a bullet struck him while he helped man a machinegun post July 20.

A FORMER STUDENT at Edison Technical High School, Cpl. Sinisgalli served in Iceland and saw combat duty in Germany during World War 2. He reenlisted for occupation duty in Korea and reenlisted again in 1948.

The cheerful soldier says he can dance and drive a car despite the fact that he must still use crutches to get around. Unwilling to talk about his war experiences, his only comment was: "I'm glad to see Rochester again."



CPL. DOMINIC F. SINISGALLI



## City Officer Gets Promotion; On Way Home from Korea

TIMES UNION AUG 13 1951

Clyde T. Sutton Jr., 35, West Point graduate and husband of Mrs. Virginia Stedman Sutton, 297 Brooks Ave., has been promoted from major to lieutenant colonel, it was learned today.

Mrs. Sutton said that Col. Sutton, who has been in Korea since April, 1950, is en route home under the Army's rotation policy.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde T. Sutton Sr. of the Brooks Ave. address, he most recently served as senior advisor to the 32d South Korean Regiment.

Col. Sutton had a narrow escape last October when he and other UN troops were trapped by Chinese Red forces.

The officer is a graduate of West High School.



COL. SUTTON

## Apathy to Korean War Worries Navy Officer

TIMES UNION AUG 30 1951

Rugged, dark-haired Gordon Shoolman, fresh from waters around Korea where he was on a mine sweeper for 12 months, is worried.

Home today at 255 Longacre Rd., the 27-year-old Navy lieutenant briefly flashed a scrap book of newspaper clips collected by his mother, Mrs. Lewis A. Schoolman, when her son was junior tennis champion.



LT. SHOOLMAN

"But tennis wasn't the thing over there," he said smiling. "I only played once in the last year." Then he closed the scrap book and switched the topic.

"You know, I'm really worried that the people back here are going to drift into a kind of apathy over this so-called police action in Korea.

"Look, I had an 18-year-old seaman tell me he wanted to apply for extension of duty in Korea. You know why?"

"He read that a railroad union in his home town was on strike. He thought the people back home had their values mixed up. And he was only 18."

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WAR IS NOT NEW to Lt. Shoolman. He enlisted as a seaman in 1943 and served in the Atlantic on a submarine, and later in the Pacific on a mine sweeper.

Graduation from Alabama University included a commission as an ensign and after working as a veteran's public welfare official he was recalled to duty last August.

In less than a month Lt. Shoolman was a gunnery officer aboard a mine sweeper clearing waters for the Inchon landing. Then came Wonsan.

"That was the biggest thing I ever saw," he says. "There were close to 2,000 mines in the harbor at Wonsan before the landing. They were still sweeping there when I left."

Of the 12 sweepers in Shoolman's squadron, five were sunk.

All the men in Shoolman's squadron were cited by the commander of the Seventh Fleet in special ceremonies aboard the battleship Missouri.

Lt. Shoolman thinks he might remain in the Navy but looks forward to regaining his tennis game. While at Benjamin Franklin High in 1940 he won the junior city championship. The year before he had been given 18th national ranking in boy's competition.

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## Rochester Colonel Lauds D. & C. SEP 12 1951 Fighting South Koreans



LT. COL. CLYDE T. SUTTON JR.

"No one could have served with the South Korean forces without having great admiration for their endurance and toughness as fighters," Lt. Col. Clyde T. Sutton Jr. declared yesterday.

Colonel Sutton had only the highest praise for the Republic of Korea forces fighting with the United Nations, following his arrival in Rochester early yesterday morning. For 14 months in Korea, Sutton was senior adviser with the 32nd Regiment of the 6th ROK Division.

He said that "despite the fact the South Koreans have suffered in the war as perhaps no other nation in modern history, the people remain absolutely loyal to democracy as we know it."

Sutton is staying with his wife, Virginia, and his parents at 297 Brooks Ave. during his 30-day rotation furlough.

The Korean War veteran who previously served in the Philippines for three years and in Jerusalem as a UN observer, stated flatly that "even during the darkest periods of the war, there never was an instance when any South Korean unit, even as small as a squad, deserted our cause."

The Korean unit to which Sutton was assigned was the first UN unit to engage the Communist Chinese forces at Onjong near the Manchurian border on Oct. 25, 1950. The regiment was surrounded and heavy losses were sustained. Two fellow West Point officers were killed in the ambush.

According to Sutton, the average Korean soldier has lost someone in his immediate family or his home. He added that efforts were being made to build up the South Korean forces to the point where they could eventually replace other United Nations troops in Korea.

Sutton arrived in Korea three weeks prior to the beginning of hostilities.

## Area GI Back, Hospitalized, From Korea

A Braddock Heights youth who was wounded in Korea this Summer was reported last night to be back in this country in an Army hospital in Massachusetts.

Cpl. Armand C. Schultz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Armand C. Schultz Sr., 36 Second Ave., had been in Korea since Christmas. An infantryman, he has served about a year.

Neighbors said last night that Mr. and Mrs. Schultz left here Friday to visit their son in the hospital. They said Mrs. Schultz recently received a letter from him in which he reported he suffered only slight wounds but was in a cast.

Corporal Schultz is a graduate of Hilton High School. He was employed at Kodak Park before entering service.



## Mortar Blast Hurls Corporal Against Tree in Korea Action

Hurled against a tree stump by a mortar blast, Sept. 5, Cpl. Charles R. Smith, 22, of 171 Wellington Ave., is recovering from a shoulder injury in an Army hospital in Japan.

His sister, Mrs. Clara Brady of 46 Potomac St., received a letter from Corporal Smith yesterday in which he told of his injury.

We were fighting our way up a Korean hill laid waste by shellfire," the young mortar gunner explained in the letter. "After being battered by the Reds for 4 days and nights we managed to move halfway up the hill. For three days we had no sleep to speak of.

"Then it happened. The concussion from a mortar shell landing near our

weapon sent me flying through the air and banged me up against a tree stump. I don't know whether we took the hill or not."

The corporal wrote his sister that he expected to return to his outfit within a few week. His family was notified of the injury by the Defense Department on Sept. 23.

Corporal Smith was with the 17th Regiment of the 7th Infantry Division in Korea from April until he was injured. His unit had been brought up from a rear area reserve center to relieve another unit about a week before his injury.

The 1948 Edison Technical High School graduate enlisted in the Army in Aug. 1950, trained at Ft. Dix N. J., and left for overseas in April. Prior to his enlistment, Smith was employed by the Raeco Oil Company.

Smith's father, Daniel R. Smith Sr., lives at 171 Wellington Ave. His four brothers, Daniel, George, Joseph and Lawrence and other sisters Mrs. Olive Kleve and Mrs. Eileen Fox all live in the city.



CHARLES R. SMITH

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## Area GI Wounded in Korea By Jap-Laid Booby Trap

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An old World War 2 Japanese booby trap—set off when he tripped over a wire near his foxhole—fractured both ankles

of an area soldier in Korea on Sept. 13, it was learned yesterday.

The soldier, Pfc. James R. Sharp, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman B. Sharp of 961 Bennington Dr., Greece, wrote his parents in a recent letter that he was recovering from his ankle wounds in an Army hospital

in Pusan.

A captain in command of Private Sharp's company in the 39th Infantry Regiment wrote the Greece GI's parents that their son received his wounds from a Japanese booby trap.

"We were in our foxholes," the captain wrote, "when suddenly we heard some noise which we believed to be enemy soldiers. In a courageous move, your son climbed out of his foxhole to investigate. It was then that he tripped over a wire and set off the old World War 2 booby trap."

Private Sharp enlisted in the Army last January shortly after graduation from Paul Revere Trade School. He received his basic training at Fort Dix, N. J., and arrived in Korea in May.



JAMES R. SHARP

## Bob Smith Gets \$116,000 As Tribute from People

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Bob Smith came of age today. His 21st birthday present was a \$116,000 trust fund.

And in Rochester, a lot of other Bob Smiths were happy that—in some small part—they were able to help the birthday kid.

Bob Smith is the lad who experienced more grief in a year than most folks do in a lifetime.

It was Nov. 27, 1950, when Bob, an Army private from Middleburg, Pa., was wounded badly in Korea. Unable to get medical treatment soon enough, he contracted severe frostbite.

Enemy troops were all about him but gave him no attention. Finally he was evacuated.

But it was too late.

**BOB UNDERWENT** quadruple amputation in a hospital in Japan. Later he was admitted to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, where news of his plight stirred Bob Smiths throughout the nation.

In Rochester, the aid of all Bob Smiths was enlisted by Robert R. Smith, sales manager of Great Lakes



ROBERT J. SMITH

Press, and Robert C. Smith, The Democrat and Chronicle district circulation manager.

One of the means they used to raise funds for their namesake was to contact a student group of Smiths at Rochester Business Institute. Nearly 800 postcards went out from those Smiths to every Smith in town, asking donations.

**AS A RESULT**, a sum in excess of \$700 was raised here and sent to American Legion Headquarters in Middleburg, Pa.

That is part of the \$116,000 trust which represents the good wishes of a sympathetic America that is giving Bob Smith in Walter Reed Hospital today a small fortune to make up for the loss of his two hands and legs.

There is another thrilling gift awaiting Bob—artificial hands that will replace his hooks.

A 200-pound cake, present of the Blue Ribbon Baking Company of Kingston, Pa., is in the form of a huge Bible.

**SOON AFTER BOB ENTERED** Walter Reed he began receiving fan mail.

Included were a number of proposals of marriage. There have been no recent proposals and Bob isn't corresponding with any of those who proposed earlier.



## Major Tells of Blasts At Pusan Arms Dump

Tu DEC 10 1951

A Rochester officer, Maj. Kenneth W. Schlueter, was an eyewitness to the explosion in Korea on Nov. 27 which destroyed an ammunition dump at Pusan.

Schlueter, who serves in an engineer section of the Logistical Command, wrote his wife in a letter received yesterday, that he was awakened by shouts at 3:45 a. m. His description follows:

"It didn't take long to wake up with that for a starter," Maj. Schlueter said. "There were thousands of explosions and a sky full of flames as a clincher. We dashed to the front room to get a better view and saw that a tremendously large area was ablaze and the thousands of explosions we could hear must have been small arms ammunition (rifle and machinegun bullets) being set off. The ground was a mass of flames with great tongues shooting up at least 100 feet.

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"OVER IT ALL WAS a high but solid cloud of white smoke which reflected the light of the flames and made everything between us and the fire very plainly visible to us. At frequent but irregular intervals there'd be a larger explosion and we could see, hear and feel the effects of it....

"Just as I stepped outdoors—bang!—one of the most tremendous explosions I've ever seen or heard let loose. Our house, which is about a mile away, lost some windows but I knew the worst was yet to come. I started for the bus stop on the main road and on the way met our mess sergeant hurrying in the opposite direction.

"He was panic stricken and babbling something about 'that last one hit the mess hall.' He thought it was a bombing raid. I calmed him down and explained that it was only the concussion of the blast which had broken some of his windows.

"We got back to the mess hall and I stood alone and watched for awhile when — bang! — another explosion, larger than the previous one. This one blew ammunition up in the air—unbelievably high, where it started exploding like anti-aircraft shells. That one scared me because it was so violent that I expected to hear shrapnel coming down and I took shelter behind a telephone pole."

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MAJ. SCHLUETER SAID he and other officers eventually made some coffee and then went back to bed. He said the explosions resulted from a fire in a Korean hand grenade factory. He said 4 Koreans were killed, 6 injured and at least 40 houses and the factory destroyed or damaged.

Schlueter, whose wife and daughter live at 372 Browncroft Gardens, has served in the Army since 1941. He won the Bronze Star for action in World War 2 when he served in Eng-



MAJ. KENNETH W. SCHLUETER

land, France and took part in the Battle of the Bulge. He has been in Korea for more than a year.

Recently the major saved the life of a Korean boy when the child fell in front of a bus. Schlueter dropped his kit and a radio, dashed into the street and grabbed the boy.



HOME FROM KOREA, Capt. Kenneth G. Scrivener relates experiences. Though Dad is an artillery officer, son Gregory seems more interested in airplanes—model kind, of course.

## Officer on Holiday From Korea Field Guns

Tu NOV 15 1951

An artillery officer who served more than a year with "one of the shootingest outfits in Korea" is back home in Rochester.

He is Capt. Kenneth G. Scrivener, at the age of 23 a professional soldier with five years of army service and 14 months of bitter war under his GI webbed belt.

As an officer of the 96th Field Artillery Battalion, he served through the Inchon landings, the Hungnam evacuations and all the following offensives and counter-offensives.

"More than once our 18 guns fired 3,000 rounds in a single day, which is about as much as any outfit ever fired over there," reports Capt. Scrivener.

Back in the States since early November, he is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Scrivener of 61 Collingsworth Dr., and his young son, Gregory, who resides with them. He expects to be reassigned by early next month.

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CAPT. SCRIVENER'S unit has given artillery support to almost every American unit fighting in Korea. The 96th got a Navy unit citation for supporting the 1st Marine Division, a citation from the Republic of Korea and has an American presidential unit citation pending. He believes the 96th has by now fired its 200,000th round of 155 mm. howitzer ammunition, also a record for the Army War.

"The boys who have the tough deal over there are the infantry," he remarked, "but from the professional standpoint I'd call it an artilleryman's war. The Reds' mass attack tactics give us the kind of targets we need and their losses have been terrific."

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MENTION of the truce talks brings a wry grin to his young face. "Well, we'd like to see something

come of it, but you can't trust the Chinese," he said. "If I were one of them, I'd want to see it over quickly. The Winter is going to be harder on them than it is on us. Our troops are superbly equipped."

Capt. Scrivener, a graduate of Honeoye Falls High School, intends to make the Army his career. He considers the possibility of reassignment to Korea unalarming. "That's what I'm in the Army for," he said with a shrug.



## GI on Way Back Home With Wound

Pfc. Robert J. Sirianni, 19, has been seriously wounded in Korea and is being returned home, but the young soldier won't tell his family the details beyond saying "I can't write because my hands are bandaged."

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sirianni of 3 Kee Lox Pl., received Defense Department notification that their son had been wounded Nov.

26. He was in a Korean hospital when they received his last letter, and expected to be hospitalized briefly in Japan before being flown home.

In his last letter before being wounded, young Sirianni wrote he had "two days more up front before we go to a rear area." He said he had been on patrol.

Sirianni was a rifleman with Company I of the 25th Division's 27th Regiment. He enlisted last February and was sent to Korea in August. He is a 1949 graduate of Monroe High School.



ROBERT J. SIRIANNI

## Sailor Spends Leave Helping Others



"IT WASN'T MUCH, SANTA"—Garry Krolak, 4, has his doubts whether his candy pennies he just put into collection box would be enough, but Santa says it's all right—"it's the spirit that counts." Santa is Edward Smith, Navy corpsman just back from Korea, who is spending leave helping Lighthouse Mission.

Ed Smith is a sailor who knows the comfort of a lighthouse in a storm.

Just home from Korea, he found the warm beam, which shed Christmas light on countless stormswept Rochester homes, flickering for lack of fuel. So nine hours after he came home, he put on the red uniform of Santa's helpers over his sailor suit and dedicated his three-week leave to helping save the foundering Lighthouse Mission which once, many years ago, made a dismal Christmas festive for him.

He was standing in the slush of Main St. E. near Clinton Ave. S. yesterday, as he has been since Dec. 9, ringing two bells at the mission's collection box. With him was his twice-widowed mother, Mrs. Charles Beert, who was fighting the damp cold as best she could, against doctor's orders, for the sake of the mission.

"We're just paying back a debt," said Smith, a strapping 26-year-old with an open smile. "You see, back in 1934, Dad was out of work and things were in a bad way with us around Christmas time. We were 10 brothers and sisters, and Mother said we weren't going to have anything."

"Then Brother Switzer (the Rev. George Switzer, head of the Lighthouse Mission) came, loaded down with food and gifts. So the 12 of us had a real Christmas after all."

Smith got home from the wars at 3 a. m. a week ago Sunday, rousing his mother and the family of his sister, Mrs. Nina Wagner, who live together at 229 Plymouth Ave. S.

"Brother Switzer came right over when he heard I was home," said the sailor, "and he told us the mission was in danger unless there was a turn for the better. So I figured I'd better help, and at noon that day I was ringing this bell downtown."

Working for the other fellow is old stuff to Smith, who spent more than a year as a medical corpsman at the Korean front, getting the wounded out from under enemy fire. "They had a lot of names for us corpsmen out there," he smiled. "All but the wounded." The smile disappeared.

Last Fall, the tables turned on him when an ambulance tipped over and the Communists started to shoot at it. "I was lucky—got away with a severed nerve in the arm. Two others were killed and six patients wounded again."

Ed is the second war casualty in his family. His brother, Herbert E. Smith, was killed in action in the Battle of the Bulge in 1945.

Smith will be at his post—from six to nine hours a day—until Christmas Eve. Three days later he will head back for Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, for another stint of helping the sick and wounded.

The sailor's mother has been ringing the bell at Lighthouse Mission boxes for three years. This year she is out again despite her 70 years and a cold she cannot shake. "The doctor told me to stay in bed. But I'm not going to lie down while they bury the mission. Let them bury me first." The woman, small, bent and shivering, obviously meant it.

They said the collections were meager, but the givers often are heartwarming.

"One little boy—perhaps 10—walked up the other day and said 'Here's 12 cents I had for a show, but I'd rather give it to the poor kids.'"

Another youngster, about 7, said he only had 2 cents, only wished he had more, but here it is for the poor kids.

The children ask for all sorts of presents, "Santa" Smith said. Most want toys, but one boy yesterday asked for something special.

"Send my Pop home, Santa. He's in Korea."

"I wish I could," Santa said.





'THERE'S A PLACE FOR HIM . . .' That empty chair at the Thanksgiving table is for Sgt. Malcom Spry, on his way home from Korea. His blond wife, Jean, sits nearby with their 2-year-

old daughter, Sharon. Others from the left are Mr. and Mrs. George Spry, the soldier's parents, and Mrs. and Mrs. Archibald Clazey, Jean's parents, at Spry home, 305 Aldine St.

## Family Awaiting Korea Vet Sets Its Table, Just in Case

NOV. 23 1951

"Mac" wasn't there, but there was a place for him at the Thanksgiving table . . . just in case . . .

"Mac"—Sgt. 1/c Malcolm Spry—is on his way home from Korea after 9 months in the front lines with a chemical mortar battalion. Once he gets here, he'll be home for good with a discharge in his pocket.

"We didn't exactly expect him home today," said his small blond wife, Jean, who set out seven places at the table in their home at 156 Dakota St. "He said he'd telephone first. It's just that I wanted a place for him, just in case. The Army might be sending him home so fast that he wouldn't have time to phone."

Six of the places at the Sprys' Thanksgiving table were for "Mac's" parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Spry of 305 Aldine St.; young Mrs. Spry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Clazey of 97 Hobart St., and for Mrs. Spry herself and 2½-year-old daugh-

ter Sharon. The extra plate and silverware were for the homecoming soldier. Shelley, the 8-month-old daughter he's never seen, dined earlier than the rest of the crowd, though not on turkey and squash.

Sergeant Spry, former Army Reservist, was called to active duty a year ago, and was sent to Korea last New Years Day. On his 24th birthday, Mar. 7, he was wounded in the thigh during an attack on a hill north of Wonju. After two months in a hospital in Japan, he was returned to battle. In a letter to his wife, he said he had been "rotated"—that is, processed for furlough—in Japan on Nov. 3 and was awaiting shipment home and final discharge.





PVT. THEODORE A. STOCUM JR.

TIMES UNION JAN 2 1952

**Pvt. Stocum Jr.****Wounded in  
Korea Dec. 7**

Pvt. Theodore A. Stocum Jr., 22, in Korea since September with the 5th Regimental Combat Team was seriously wounded Dec. 7, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore A. Stocum of 63 Custer St., have learned.

Monday, they received a letter from their son in which he said he had been wounded in the legs and one arm while on outpost and patrol duty. The letter, dated Dec. 13, was written from a hospital ship in Pusan harbor.

Pvt. Stocum attended West High School and was drafted in February, 1951. He trained at Camp Rucker, Ala., and attended a chemical warfare school in Japan before being sent to Korea.

**GI Turns Poet****Pens Ode to Sweetheart**

TIMES UNION JUL 5 - 1952

**From Front in Korea**

A Rochester GI has enlisted the aid of Rep. Kenneth B. Keating and The Times-Union in a bit of long-distance romance from Korea.

Pvt. Bernie Sypnier, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Sypnier of 174 St. Casimir St., told Keating in a letter:

"I wrote a poem here in Korea and it's meant for a girl I love very much. I was wondering if it were possible to put this in one of Rochester's newspapers. It is asking a lot, but to me it would mean a great deal more."

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**SYPNIER**, a veteran of three years in the Navy, reenlisted in the Army last Summer and is with the field artillery in Korea. In his letter to Keating, he explained:

"I enlisted in the Army so I could do my share for the people I care for . . . and if people got together and worked things out like us GIs do, I guess the world would be fine."

Sypnier said he was one of those who got his basic training at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, "and didn't have the money to come home for furlough, so from Hawaii I was shipped to Japan, then here to Korea."

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**THE IDENTITY** of Sypnier's sweetheart — the poem is dedicated "To My Loved One" — is not divulged. Here's the poem:

Days grow cool, the Summer wanes  
Goody-byes have all been said.  
Leaving this rocky Korean land,  
My thoughts must race ahead  
And journey to another place  
Far from the raging sea,  
Where other scenes, another life  
Are now awaiting me.  
We won't be many miles apart  
When this torment ends;  
We both have known, though have  
not said

That we are more than friends.  
Beneath a smiling moon some night  
The words can then be said  
Which mean, we'll share all day  
"always"

Through all the years ahead.



BERNIE SYPNIER

... in Navy uniform

TIMES UNION JUL 11 1952

**Pfc. George Schakow****Wounded in Korea**

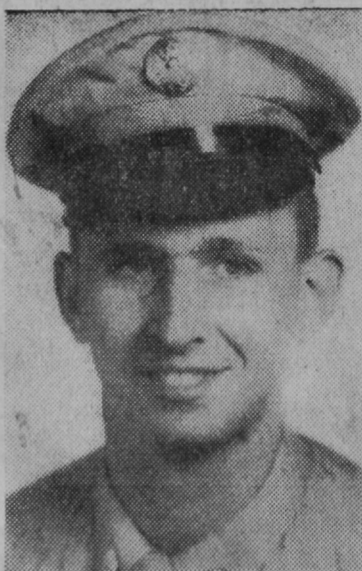
A 1949 Edison Tech football star, wounded in Korea, still considers himself "pretty lucky."

From a hospital in Pusan, Pfc. George C. Schakow, 21, wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Schakow, 147 Hampden Rd., that a piece of shrapnel caught him in the left arm on June 27, exactly eight months after he'd landed in Korea.

"I'm pretty lucky," he said. "Some of the guys got hit pretty hard."

Drafted May 10, 1951, he trained at Camp Chaffee, Ark., and was assigned to the 45th Infantry Division in Korea.

At Edison Technical High School, from which he graduated in 1949, he played football and made The Times-Union All-Scholastic second team in his last year. He also won two YMCA swimming championships in the 1950-51 year. He was employed by the Todd Company before entering service.



PFC. GEORGE C. SCHAKOW



## Fujiyama the Hard Way

# Sailor Describes Climb Up Famed Jap Peak

TIMES UNION SEP 22 1951

"Well, here I am back safe and sound and a bit achey," writes a sailor from Japan after a landlubber's adventure he never will forget: The climbing of snow-capped Mt. Fujiyama.

The salty mountaineer reporting is Storekeeper 2/c Robert W. Stewart, 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Stewart, 24 Goodman St. N. A World War 2 veteran, he was recalled with the reserves 13 months ago and has been at Yokosuka Naval Base for a year. Here's the story of his three-day pass:

"Got to the first station at the foot of the mountain about 10. It was a beautiful night with big moon and stars. We had temperamental horses, it turned out; mine kicked a guide and another horse. At each station (there are nine of them—10 being the top) we had our staffs branded," the East High graduate continued.

HE EXPLAINED that each time you reach a station you are entitled to buy a brand for 10 yen and put it on your staff. By 1 a. m. Stewart and a few buddies who were with him, reached Station 7.

"It was bitter cold. This is where we left our horses and walked. After about 15 minutes, we headed into a substation and got beds which consisted of one straw mat thrown on the floor and another put over you. Had to wear all our clothes as it was 30 above.

"AUG. 21—Up at sunrise and very groggy from sleep and altitude, I guess. Left about 7 and walked and walked. Stopped every 15 or 20 minutes as it was rough in the thin air." Stewart didn't mention any altitudes but at this point he was one hour's climb from the crater's edge which is 12,400 feet above sea level.

"By noon we made it. It was cloudy and we didn't get the advantage of the view. We only stayed up there about an hour. It was windy and cold and we were tired. The trip down was rough and I mean it. It is all volcanic ash about a third of the way and then you meet the scrub line and then the timber line.

"The ash part we slid most of the way. When we were in the clouds, it started to rain. It was slippery and our shoes filled up with stones. The heels of my new shoes are all cut up and the soles are white," the former Union Trust Company teller reported.

AFTER FOUR HOURS OF SLIDING, resting and walking they reached the bottom. This was about a third of the time it took them to get up. They kept meeting "lots of Americans" who had also decided to conquer Fuji. "Couples mostly; they don't like people to go up alone. Be surprised at the girls that go up. But then, all Americans are crazy.

"Got back to the hotel and soaked in a bath. The water was boiling hot and it loosened up the tight muscles. Then right to bed.

"Aug. 22—Up rather early considering what we had done."



SK2/c ROBERT W. STEWART

## GI's Korea

TIMES UNION AUG 29 1952

### About a Looie's

#### 1st Mistake

By Ex-Sgt. David Shaughnessy

792 Post Ave.

(One of a series)

It was only our third day in Korea, back in September of 1950, when no one could be sure whether we'd be pushed off the peninsula or not.



Shaughnessy

Up ahead of our weapons platoon was one of those Korean hills. And we knew that just the other side of it were the enemy. It was a situation that called for the lobbing of a few well-aimed mortar shells over the hill.

Most outfits would have a man crawl up to the top of the hill, spot the enemy and ram an aiming-stick into the ground to help the mortar crews direct their fire. Then the man would crawl back down the hill to comparative safety.

But we had a young lieutenant who did things differently. He marched right up the hill, spotted the Gooks, stood up straight—all 6 feet 4 inches of him—and shouted back to us. "Aim on me!"

Somebody did just that, but it wasn't us. For at that moment, two enemy shells exploded a few yards away from him. The lieutenant wasn't hurt badly, but it was the last time he doubled in brass as an aiming-stick.



TIMES UNION SEP 16 1952

**'And His Peace Be Deep'**

# *In Korea, Eddie Wrote a Poem..*

**By HOWARD C. HOSMER**

Eddie Schmitt probably always remembered it. It was one of those warm and pleasant relationships that mean so much to a kid.

It was a regular thing. Eddie lived at 3593 Monroe Ave., which is quite a way from the Turners, in Clinton Ave. N., where he used to go many afternoons.



He always took the same bus to the Turners and waited for the same bus to bring him back. That's how he got to know John Hope, the bus driver. Hope liked Eddie and Eddie liked Hope. They became good friends, just from riding the bus together a few times a week.

**EDDIE WAS A KID** in his early teens then, already showing promise in painting, attending Pittsford High School. He was active in the Boy Scouts, too.

Then Eddie and his mother, Mrs. Fred Thompson, and Mr. Thompson, his stepfather, moved to New Mexico, where Eddie had been born. And Eddie, like so many former Boy Scouts, and boys with ambitions to be artists and a lot of other things, went into the Marines.

**OUT IN KOREA**, instead of pictures to be painted, he found mud, and exhaustion and everything else that goes with war. And Eddie was tired. He wrote a poem home to Domingo, N. M., and his poem started out this way:

"Let him in, St. Peter, he is very tired.

"Give him the bed where the angels sleep,

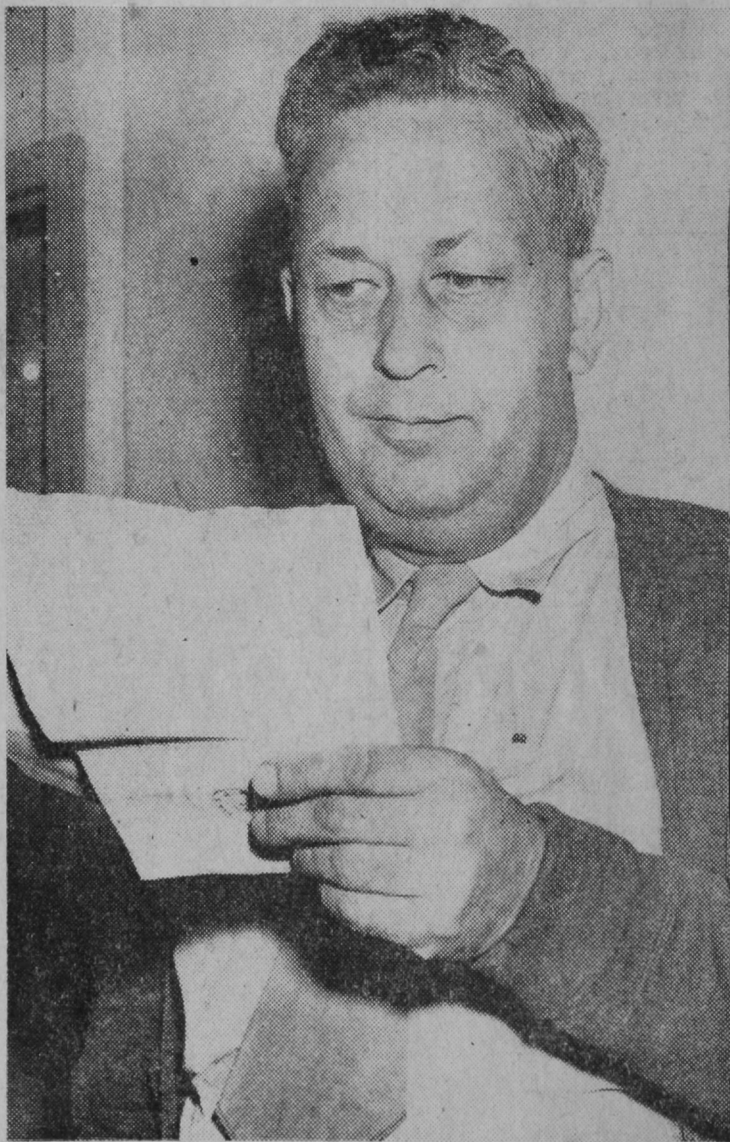
"Let him wake again and never tire,

"And his peace be deep. . . ."

There was more. The mud of Korea did things to Eddie. Made him think of happy noise and swims in the lake and his girl and pictures to paint and birds singing and a car to drive. That's what the poem said.

It came to his mother in a crumpled, muddy envelope straight out of a fox-hole. It showed what Eddie was thinking.

**AND JUST THIS WEEK**, from Eddie's stepfather, Fred Thompson, John Hope, the Rochester Transit Corporation bus



**THE LETTER**—Bus driver John Hope gets news of his friend, Eddie.

driver, heard again of his young friend, Eddie. Thompson wrote Mr. and Mrs. Hope:

"Just a few lines to let you know that Edward Schmitt, the boy you used to be so nice to from 3593 Monroe Ave., was killed in Korea. Thanks for being nice to him while he was in this life."



## Sgt. T. M. Skivington Wounded by Red Shell

Fragments of an exploding mortar shell wounded S/Sgt. Thomas M. Skivington, 21, of 15 Custer St. during one of the many battles for Triangle Hill on the Korean front, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Skivington have learned.

Sgt. Skivington, a paratrooper with the 187th Airborne Regiment suffered facial wounds from which he now is recuperating in a hospital in Japan. He expects to rejoin his unit when he has recovered.

The youthful paratrooper, who fought in the battles for Old Baldy and Triangle Hill, was on a night patrol in the latter sector when Chinese Communists shelled his group with mortars. The body of one of his comrades shielded him from most of the fragments of the shell which wounded him, Sgt. Skivington wrote his parents, and he has not been able to find out whether the other man lived or died.

Sgt. Skivington said he was unaware of the extent of his injuries until he returned after the patrol and tried to light a cigaret. He discovered then that part of his lip, several teeth and a piece of his nose were missing. He told his parents that after he was "nipped" he returned to the fighting lines for three or four days.

graduate of Madison High



**S/SGT. THOMAS SKIVINGTON**  
... wounded on Triangle Hill

School with the class of 1950, Sgt. Skivington enlisted in the paratroops for three years in July of that year. He trained at Fort Benning, Ga., and then was assigned to the 11th Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky.

## D. & C. NOV 28 1952 Early Yule Dinner Planned for Officer

It may be 26 days early, but 2d Lt. Thomas Sebring of 33 Alonzo St. will celebrate Christmas Sunday.

The pre-season celebration, complete with a trimmed tree, gifts and a huge turkey dinner, has been planned as a surprise by his mother, Mrs. Edna Sebring, so he can have a real Christmas before going to Korea. He expects to leave by air for Pusan just a few days afterwards.

Lieutenant Sebring is winding up a 3-week leave before shipping overseas and now is in New York City. His mother and three brothers are completing the arrangements for the Christmas party before his return tonight.

A graduate of Charlotte High School and Columbia University, Lieutenant Sebring has been in the Army since Feb. 15, 1951. He has been stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., with a heavy mortar company, but will fly to Korea with a group of replacement officers.





**"REMEMBER . . ."** Apart since they were children, Hy Newman and Lucy Swartz look over old snapshots just before setting forth on New Years Eve date arranged by mail. Newman, Air Force member Korea bound, lives in California.

## Stamp Rekindles Friendship Of Girl, 'Boy Across Street'

A three-cent stamp rekindled a friendship last night that was interrupted when the "boy across the street" left Rochester for California 8 years ago.

Lucy Swartz of 602 Ave. D didn't forget "Auld Acquaintance" when she arranged a New Years Eve date by mail with Airman 3/C Hy Newman of Los Angeles.

The two spent last night at a young people's party at Beth Joseph Center. It was a double celebration with Lucy celebrating her 22nd birthday as well as welcoming in the new year with an old friend.

Until this holiday season the two hadn't seen each other since the days when they walked to and from School 22 together. When he was 13, Newman moved from 597 Ave. D to Los Angeles with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Newman. Mr. Newman, better known to Rochester friends as "Spike," was a bowling enthusiast and Rochester Transit Corporation bus driver.

Over the years Hy and Lucy corresponded off and on, but Lucy said yesterday she was quite surprised when Hy asked her three weeks ago in his letter for a date New Years Eve.

Hy is in Rochester visiting relatives and staying with his aunt and

uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Simon of 902 Monroe Ave. He is scheduled to report to Camp Kilmer, N. J., next week in preparation for overseas duty with the Air Force as a radio mechanic. He has been in the service for two years, stationed recently at March Air Force Base, Calif.





**AT EASE, SOLDIER**—That's what 4½-month-old John D. Scandling Jr. might say to dad if tot could talk. Little John was born

while Dad Scandling was in Korea. Watching husband and son get better acquainted is Mrs. Scandling. Their home is in East Rochester.

## Korea Veteran Meets His Son

"I used to think all babies were alike. But now that I'm just getting acquainted with my 4½-month-old son, I realize he's not like others. Why, he's got a personality all his own!"

Those are the words of a proud father who admittedly was "aghast" when he first saw the little fellow last week. Dad is 1st Lt. John D. Scandling, 124 East Ivy St., East Rochester, who has just returned from Korea.

Lieutenant Scandling, 27, flew in to Rochester last night with his wife and child who had waited for him in New York. They were met at the airport by Mr. and Mrs. Frederic D. Scandling, the lieutenant's parents, of the East Rochester address.

"The little fellow looks wonderful," the Army officer said. "But it sure is taking a long time to get to know him. We're still trying to decide who little John looks like. I say his mother."

A veteran of 33 months service training inductees in this country from 1943-46, Scandling was discharged as a private, entered West Point and was graduated in the class of 1950. From West Point he went to Fort Dix, N. J. He was sent to Korea last January. As a 45th Division infantry officer, he saw combat all along the front and particularly in the Old Baldy mountain area.

"I met my wife, Joan, a New Yorker, while I was stationed at the Point," he recalled. "The West Point Catholic Choir was singing in a New York church and Joan attended the church school. I was an altar boy at the service." They were married in June, 1951.

His father said the family "had an awful scare" when his son was returned to the states. "Some of the fellows who returned on the same ship were flying home from Seattle in one of those planes that crashed last week."

But the lieutenant said he had chosen to take a scheduled flight home rather than the plane the other GIs took. On Feb. 18, he is to report to Camp Rucker, Ala., for a new assignment. He attended Fairport and Brighton High Schools and was graduated from a military academy in Albany.

## Parking Ticket Tags GI to Korea

The world just isn't a big enough place to hide in when you've failed to pay a parking fine at Rochester's Traffic Violations Bureau.

Today, that organization, always a dogged collection agency, found it had broken all records by spanning the Pacific to catch up with a young man who owed \$1 for overtime parking.

The offender, Paul H. Steagall Jr., had been ticketed for parking overtime Oct. 23 in a city parking lot opposite the YWCA in Clinton Ave. N. The fine wasn't paid and City Court sent him a notice to show up in 72 hours. No response.

**TODAY, HOWEVER,** Steagall met his obligations. In a letter addressed to Edward C. Vogt, TVB clerk, Steagall wrote that because he was in Korea and unable to obtain a leave he would not be able to appear in court." The letter concludes:

"P. S. We are not issued U. S. currency here in Korea. Therefore I am sending you as a souvenir the equivalent of \$1 in Korean money. If you still want the U. S. \$1, let me know and I will try to make the arrangements. Thank you!"

Enclosed with the letter were six new Korean bank notes for 10 won each. The return address revealed Steagall is a staff sergeant assigned to Headquarters, 75th Transport Group. His address at the time the ticket was issued was Sampson Air Base.



**ARM OF THE LAW**—Mrs. Robert Smith, senior clerk at Traffic Violations Bureau, holds six Korean bills—worth 10 won each or one buck in American money—sent from battle zone by Air Force sergeant to pay parking fine.



## Tag Fine Paid In Korea Won

Money talks and its eloquence yesterday gave clerks in the city's Traffic Violations Bureau a smile.

In the mail addressed to TVB clerk Edward C. Vogt came a letter from S/Sgt. Paul H. Steagall Jr., on duty with Headquarters, 75th Transport Group, USAF, in Korea. A summons for overtime parking had followed the sergeant across the Pacific because he failed to pay a \$1 fine for parking overtime in a city lot last Oct. 23 when he was stationed at Sampson Air Force Base.

But in Korea, servicemen have no dollar bills, so Steagall sent six crisp Korean 10-won notes—the equivalent of a U. S. dollar. Vogt stuffed the Korean currency in his right pocket, extracted a dollar bill from his left pocket and paid the sergeant's fine himself.

## Former Officer Joins Army as Master Sergeant

Elmer S. Sutton, 32, of 26 Bobrich Dr., was discharged from the Army as a first lieutenant three months ago. He re-enlisted yesterday with the rank of master sergeant.

A veteran of 13 years' service, Sutton joined the Army in 1940 as a private. He was promoted through the enlisted ranks until he became master sergeant in 1946. Then he became a warrant officer, later receiving a commission as lieutenant. Recruiters in the Federal Building said Sutton's tour of duty under his Reserve commission expired. Although still holding a commission in the Reserve, the Rochesterian had to re-enlist in his permanent grade to stay on active duty.

Two other Rochester Regular Army enlistees and three Air Force enlistees were reported by recruiters yesterday. In the Army are Ralph E. Allyn, 21, of 1755 Buffalo Rd., Gates, and Peter F. Leberth, 18, of 499 Broadway. In the Air Force are Ronald L. Wells, 18, and Vincent J. Zumpano, 19, both of 140 Spring St., and Peter W. Swerson, 20, of 20 Aberthaw Rd.

## Reds Licked in '51, Says Vet

The Communists in Korea were "licked" in the Spring of 1951, they started "hollering peace" and "we came running," a Marine officer said last night.

Lt. Col Warren S. Silvertsen, who was in on peace negotiations before leaving Korea last January, said the talks at Panmunjo gain the UN practically nothing, whereas our concessions mean that the Reds gain far more than they give up.

Col. Silvertsen, now chief district Marine recruiting officer with headquarters in Boston, was

here to inspect the local Marine recruiting office.

In Korea, he was a member of the liaison team for UN negotiators.

## Thugs Rob Korea Vet

A soldier just returned from Korea was beaten and robbed early today near his Baden St. home.

According to police, Cpl. John James Smith, 21, currently assigned to the 5th Medical Bn. at Indiantown Gap, Pa., is home on leave and last night went out for the evening.

Shortly after 2:30 a. m. as he was walking along Baden St. on his way home, he was jumped from behind.

Smith was clubbed on the face and his wallet, containing \$9 and his Army identification tags, was stolen. He was unable to describe his assailants.

The soldier, who suffered head cuts and bruises, was taken to General Hospital and later to Sampson Air Force Base hospital where he is reported in "good" condition.

## Bad News Follows Good In 4 Hours

Four hours after Mrs. Audrey Schraml of 726 Glide St. gave birth to a 7-pound daughter in Highland Hospital, she received a telegram notifying her that her husband, Cpl. Charles R. Schraml, 21, had been wounded in Korea.

The Defense Department notification, which arrived Tuesday, stated he was hurt July 9 while leading a rifle squad of the 7th Marine Division.

Cpl. Schraml, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Schraml of 152 Villa St., enlisted 2½ years ago. He has been in Korea since last December.

He and the former Miss Audrey Engert were married when he was home on furlough a year ago. Prior to his enlistment, Cpl. Schraml was employed by Trimble Inc., manufacturers of baby furniture.



Cpl. Schraml

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## Beaten Korea Vet Identifies Suspect

From his bed in the Sampson Air Force Base Hospital, a recently-retuned Korean War veteran yesterday identified a Rochester acquaintance as the man who beat him so severely early last Saturday that he is still under treatment for his injuries.

Detective Sgt. John W. Rowan said the veteran, Cpl. John James Smith, 21, whose Rochester address is 141 Baden St., suffered loss of several teeth and head injuries as a result of an encounter behind School 9, Baden Street, at 2:30 a. m. Saturday.

Capt. Charles F. Austin ordered William Campbell, 22, of 83 Vienna St., held for a City Court hearing today on a charge of

second degree assault. Authorities said Campbell was with Smith at a party which celebrated the latter's return from Korea. An argument developed over girls, Rowan said, and ended when Smith was struck over the head with a bottle in the rear of the school yard.



### Korean Veteran Cited For Service in Marines

A Marine Corps veteran of Korea, John R. Sherry, 98 Albemarle St., was awarded a letter of commendation last night for meritorious service in the Korean War.

Sherry was presented the award before members of the 3rd Signal Company of the local Marine Corps Reserve.

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### 4 Hours After Baby's Birth, Wife Hears Mate Is Wounded

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Joy and grief were the successive experiences of a young Rochester woman who received news her husband had been wounded in the Korean fighting a few hours after she became a mother.

Last Tuesday Mrs. Audrey Schraml, 726 Glide St., gave birth to a healthy, 7-pound infant daughter in Highland Hospital.

Four hours later, a terse Defense Department telegram arrived notifying her that her husband, Cpl. Charles R. Schraml, 21, had been wounded July 9 while leading a rifle squad of the 7th Marine Division against the North Korean Reds.



CPL. CHARLES R. SCHRAML

The Marine's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Schraml of 152 Villa St., said yesterday their daughter-in-law and new grandchild are fine. But the parents and new mother are eagerly awaiting further word of Corporal Schraml's condition.

Corporal Schraml, whose enlistment expires in six months, joined the Marine Corps 2½ years ago. He has been in Korea since last December.

He and his wife, the former Miss Audrey Engert, were married when he was home on furlough a year ago. Before entering service, the Marine was employed by Trimble Inc., manufacturers of baby furniture.



## Christmas Comes Late for Irondequoit GI

Christmas came in February for Ralph Schoepfel.

There was method in this madness of the calendar, however, for yesterday was the first time in more than a year that Santa Claus could catch up with Ralph at his home, 44 Curtice Rd., Irondequoit.

For 15 months before then, Ralph—who draws his pay from Uncle Sam as an Army sergeant, first class, was in Korea and on Okinawa.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Schoepfel, and his six brothers and sisters yesterday watched the soldier open his gifts under a tree especially saved for the belated celebration. There was an understandable emphasis on civilian clothes in the presents, for young Schoepfel expects his discharge in May. As a special touch, there also was a new watch.

The sergeant, who is 23, is a former Democrat and Chronicle newspaper boy and graduate of Irondequoit High School and a carpenter by trade. When his furlough is over Mar. 15, he will report to Fort Devens, Mass., to serve out his two-year enlistment—as a first sergeant, he hopes.

He said he would spend part of his time here lining up a job as his pre-service employer, a contractor, has retired. But he expected little difficulty on that score and hopes to devote most of his leave to relaxation and fun with his family and friends.



**LATE CHRISTMAS**—Sgt. Ralph Schoepfel, home for first time in more than a year, shown with wife, receives Christmas gifts from his mother, Mrs. Elmer J. Schoepfel, of 44 Curtice Rd.

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## Ex-Rochester Colonel Ends Year on Korea Corps Staff

Col. Howard N. Smalley of the General Staff of the U.S. Army, son of Col. and Mrs. Howard R. Smalley of 11 Eastland Ave., recently completed a year of duty as G-3 Plans and Training Officer of the First Corps in Korea.

He has been reassigned to the Ryukyus Command in Okinawa, where he is to be a G-1 Personnel Officer.

His wife and two children, Barbara, 17, and Richard, 14, have been residing in Carlisle, Pa., while Col. Smalley was in Korea. They flew to San Francisco last week



COL. HOWARD N. SMALLEY

to board an Army transport to join Col. Smalley in Okinawa.

Col. Smalley is a graduate of East High and attended the University of Rochester for one year before going to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. He was graduated from the Academy in 1937. He is also a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and of the Army War College. He served as a battalion commander in the Pacific Theater during World War II and was awarded the Silver Star and the Bronze Star for gallantry in action.



## Local GI Tells Of 2d Close Call In Korean War

Death missed by two seconds in Pvt. Donald L. Stallman's second close-call brush in Korea.

The first time, a fellow GI caught the full impact of a Chinese mine rolled down a hill to catch two of them climbing up. The latest time, Stallman had just taken a wounded buddy to a shallow trench and was heading away when a mortar shell landed. It hit the wounded man squarely in the back and killed five GIs, including the medic who was attending him.



DONALD L. STALLMAN

So Stallman wrote to his brother, William F. of 604 Ridgeway Ave. Both times, he got "a faceful of shrapnel," the younger Stallman wrote. But the young cavalryman, 21, is back in the lines with the 7th Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division.

The younger Stallman was first wounded about Oct. 15 on "Bloody Baldy." The second time, on Nov. 10, he was on patrol in front of Hill 200, he wrote. "We were in this open draw, heading up toward a ridgeline overlooking a river. There were a lot of Chinks up there in slit trenches and we were in an open field. They got us in a cross-fire with machineguns and then threw in mortar and artillery." The patrol was pinned down 2½ hours before UN artillery could zero in on the Chinese, Stallman wrote.

Stallman, a Charlotte High graduate, attended Hobart College in Geneva for a year before he was drafted last February.

## Capt. Stark Listed Dead In Korea

Capt. Marshall W. Stark of 3408 St. Paul Blvd., heavily-decorated veteran of World War II who was missing in action in Korea since Nov. 30, 1950, has been declared dead.

Capt. Stark, 37-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John V. Stark of 330 W. Miller St., Newark, was the husband of Louise Oldenburg Stark of 42 Chelsea Rd., and father of three children.



Capt. Stark

Capt. Stark was a veteran of the 82nd Airborne Division and a member of the regular Army since 1940. He took part in numerous battles in the European Theater during World War II.

He held the Bronze Star for heroic conduct in Holland, the Purple Heart for battle wounds received in Normandy on D-Day, invasion ribbon with bronze arrowhead for the airborne assault on Holland, four combat stars for battles in Normandy, the Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Germany; the Presidential citation with oakleaf cluster, decorations from both The Netherlands and France, occupation ribbon and theater ribbons and World War II victory ribbon.

CAPT. STARK was sent to Korea on Sept. 1, 1950, and 33 hours later was in the front lines. Three months later he was reported missing.

A native of Penn Yan, he was graduated from Penn Yan Academy in 1934 and was a member of the football team and was a bass drummer in the band. In 1938 he was graduated from Cornell University and commissioned a reserve second lieutenant in the Army.

Two years later he was awarded a master's degree in biochemistry from Cornell and on Dec. 6, 1940, was ordered to active duty.

Surviving, besides his parents and his wife, are three children, Marshall Jr., 11; Patricia, 10; and Jacqueline, 6; and a brother, George of Rochester.

## Local GI Wounded On Patrol in Korea

On outpost and patrol duty with the 5th Regimental Combat Team in Korea, Pvt. Theodore A. Stocum Jr.,



THEODORE A. STOCUM, JR.

22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Stocum of 63 Custer St., was seriously wounded Dec. 7, it was announced yesterday.

In a letter dated Dec. 13, Private Stocum told his parents he was wounded in the legs and one arm. He did not identify the sector in which he had been serving. The letter was written from a hospital ship in Pusan Harbor.

Private Stocum attended West High School and was drafted in February, 1951. He trained at Camp Rucker, Ala., and attended a chemical warfare school in Japan before being sent to Korea in September.

## Col. Sutton to Return From Front in Korea

Recently promoted to lieutenant colonel, Clyde T. Sutton Jr. of Rochester is on his way home, he has written his wife, Virginia, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde T. Sutton Sr. of 297 Brooks Ave. The Rochesterian was senior adviser to the Korean Military Academy in Seoul at the outbreak of the war.

He also has served as a member of the Korean military advisory group, and since January has been senior adviser of the 32nd Republic of Korea Regiment. Sutton is a graduate of West High School, the U. S. Military Academy and the Command and General Staff School.

## South Koreans Win Praise

Admiration for the "endurance and toughness" of South Korean fighters and praise for the loyalty of South Korean civilians has been expressed by a local Army officer who returned from the war zone yesterday.

He is Lt. Col. Clyde T. Sutton Jr., who is visiting his wife, Virginia, and parents at 297 Brooks Ave. For the past 14 months he served as senior adviser with a regiment of South Korean troops.

Despite the fact the South Koreans have suffered in war as perhaps no

other nation in modern history, the people remain absolutely loyal to democracy as we know it," Sutton reported.

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## Rochester Major Describes Escape from Korean Trap

Word that a Rochester major, serving as military adviser to South Korean forces since June, had escaped a Red Chinese trap in North Korea was received here yesterday by relatives.

Maj. Clyde T. Sutton Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde T. Sutton, 297 Brooks Ave., described his narrow escape under fire in a letter to his wife, the former Virginia Stedman. He said his troops were engaged in a drive in North Korea when they ran into heavy opposition.

"In a hail of lead we abandoned our vehicles . . . and it was a case of each man for himself," Major Sutton wrote. "We were completely surrounded by 4,000 of the enemy."

"I just happened to choose what I'm sure was the best way out, dash-

ing 200 yards across a valley, then up a 2,000-foot ridge, the steepest I ever saw. After that, 25 miles and 12 solid hours . . . to a town in friendly hands," the letter continued. He added that two other American advisers were lost in the action.

A graduate of West High School and of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, Major Sutton was sent to Korea last May 1, a month after his marriage. He was in Seoul on the day the North Koreans attacked.



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# Blast Hurts Cpl. Smith In Korea

Hospitalized for an injury in Korea suffered when a Red mortar blast hurled him against a tree stump.



CPL. SMITH

Brady, he told how he and his mortar unit were trying to get up a Korean hill.

"After being battered by the Reds for four days and nights, we managed to move halfway up," he wrote. "For three days we had no sleep to speak of. Then it happened. The concussion from a mortar shell landing near our mortar sent me flying through the air."

"I don't know whether we took the hill or not."

The Defense Department notified Smith's family of the injury Sept. 23.

Cpl. Charles R. Smith, 22, of 171 Wellington Ave., expects to be back in action soon.

Smith is the son of Daniel R. Smith of the Wellington Ave. address and a brother of Mrs. Clara Brady, 46 Potomac St.

In a recent letter to Mrs.

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## Rochesterian Drives Jeep on Korean Front

Driving a jeep up to the front line in Korea recently was the Army assignment of Pfc. Frederick Smith, 19, of 216 Stutson St., according to an Associated Press dispatch from South Korean American Headquarters.

Smith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Smith, was graduated in 1948 from Charlotte High School. He played baseball and basketball, ac-

tivities which put him in shape for his present task of manipulating a jeep over the Korean hills.

In late 1948 he was sent to Kure, Japan, where he trained until his transfer to Korea. His three year enlistment ends in January.

He has a brother, Samuel and two sisters, Beverly and Shirley. His

father is employed at Judge Motor Corporation.

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## 2 Added to Roll of Korea Dead

Two local servicemen previously reported missing in action in Korea have been declared officially dead by the Defense Department.

They are Army Sgt. Kenneth R. Stadler, missing since Nov. 2, 1950, and Marine T/Sgt. Charles S. Langtry, missing since July 3, 1952.

Sgt. Stadler vanished more than three years ago the day after writing to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Stadler of 63 Woodbine Ave., that he "might possibly be home for Christmas." He was 22.

Stadler, who received a Bronze Star for his part in earlier fighting, was lost when the Chinese Reds staged an attack against his unit, the Eighth Regiment of the First Cavalry Division.



Sgt. Stadler



Sgt. Langtry

A graduate of Madison High School, the sergeant leaves four brothers, Edwin W., Russell W., Herman and William Stadler, and a sister, Mrs. Frank Citro, as well as his parents.

MARINE SGT. LANGTRY, 29, is the son of Mrs. Walter Phillips of 185 Mt. Airy Dr., Irondequoit. His wife, the former Elizabeth Hoehn of 89 Ardmore St., lives in California with the couple's two daughters, Charley Jane, 7, and Sheryl, 4.

Langtry has been missing since a plane, from which he was helping distribute leaflets, was shot down by enemy aircraft. He was a veteran of World War II, during which he served with the Marines in the South Pacific.

Sgt. Langtry was a graduate of John Marshall High School and studied mechanical engineering at the University of Rochester before entering the Marines in 1943.

## Expecting To Be Rotated Listed Missing

Because Pfc. Thomas M. Spackman, 19, was wounded last Summer and had to make up time spent in the hospital, he is missing in Korea today.

Private Spackman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Spackman, 196 Goodman St. N. His parents were notified yesterday that he has been missing in action in Korea since Apr. 23.

In his last letter home, Private Spackman told his parents he expected to be sent home on rotation as soon as he had made up some time spent in the hospital and told them not to send him any more food packages.

The youth who has been in Korea since the war broke out last June, was wounded Aug. 27, 1950. The bullet clipped off part of his ear, entered his shoulder and was removed from his back in a hospital in Japan. He also suffered frost-bitten feet last Winter.

A member of a 57 mm. gun section attached to the 24th Infantry Division, Private Spackman enlisted in the Army in Nov., 1949, and sent to Korea from Hawaii in June, 1950. He attended Edison Technical and Industrial High School, and was a member of the National Guard before he enlisted.



THOMAS M. SPACKMAN

## 'Missing' Marine, Soldier Listed as Killed

Two Monroe County couples reported yesterday that their servicemen sons, previously listed as missing in action in Korea, now are officially declared dead.

The servicemen were Sgt. Kenneth R. Stadler and Marine T/Sgt. Charles S. Langtry. Sergeant Langtry was a veteran of World War II and the father of two children.

Word that the Navy Department has declared Marine Sergeant Langtry dead was reported by his stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips Jr. of 185 Mt. Airy Dr., Irondequoit.

Sergeant Langtry was graduated from John Marshall High School, where he was a member of one of the school's undefeated swimming teams. Before joining the Marine Corps in 1943, he majored in mechanical engineering at the University of Rochester. In World War II he served in the South Pacific Theater.

After he reenlisted and was sent overseas, his wife and their two children, Jane, 6, and Sheryl, 3½, moved to Costa Mesa, Calif. Mrs. Langtry is the former Elizabeth Hoehn of 89 Ardmore St. Sergeant Langtry, who was 28, has been listed as missing since Jan. 14, 1953 a few months after a plane in which he was flying was shot down by enemy aircraft.

Sgt. Stadler's parents, Mr. and



KENNETH R. STADLER



CHARLES S. LANGTRY

Mrs. Edwin C. Stadler of 63 Woodbine Ave., said the Department of the Army notified them that "in view of the time that has elapsed, it must be presumed Sergeant Stadler is dead."

On Nov. 1, 1952, Sgt. Stadler had written his parents that he had a few more duties to perform and that he "might possibly be home for Christmas." That night the Chinese Reds staged a surprise attack against the 8th Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division.

Stadler's troop was overrun and cut off. Only a few troopers managed to fight their way back to their own lines. The next day, the Adjutant General's office listed Sergeant Stadler as missing. He was then 22 years old.

Six months ago, Mrs. Stadler received a Bronze Star which had

been awarded to her son for his part in the fighting at Onsan in the Fall, 1952. The sergeant, a Madison High School graduate, leaves four brothers, Edwin W. and Russell W., both Army veterans of World War II, and Herman and William Stadler, and a sister, Mrs. Frank Citro.



### Tank Mechanic Hurt In Camp Accident

A 22-year-old Irondequoit soldier was reported yesterday to be "satisfactorily improving" after being injured seriously while repairing a tank at Camp Rucker, Ala., a week ago.

Pvt. Victor Tantalo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Tantalo, 117 Bennett Ave., was helping to remove the deck structure of a tank when a cable and grappling hook gave way, according to the Army. The tank mechanic was knocked from atop the tank by the cable when it snapped.

He suffered a fractured skull, a brain concussion and several broken vertebrae, the Army stated. The Red Cross informed his parents yesterday that he is "coming along well" and that his condition is "improving very satisfactorily." His brother Nicholas, a veteran of three years in the Navy, and a brother-in-law, Fred Schuler, are visiting the soldier at the base hospital at Camp Rucker.

Private Tantalo enlisted six months ago. He is assigned to the 747th Ordnance Company, 47th "Viking" Infantry Division.

### Local Soldier Hurt By Sniper in Korea

From a hospital in Pusan, Pfc. Lawrence Tait, 17 Gregory St., wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Tait that a Red sniper's bullet knocked him off a cliff.

In the letter received yesterday, Tait said he suffered a back injury and that his "profile was changed a little." He was wounded Jan. 22, the day following his 18th birthday.

The soldier, who is serving with the 7th Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Army Division, enlisted Apr. 19. He sailed for Japan in July, and has been in Korea since November.

He attended Corpus Christi School, School 31 and Paul Revere Trade School.



PFC. LAWRENCE  
TAIT

### OAKFIELD BOY MISSING

Missing in action is Pvt. Thomas A. Taylor, son of Mrs. Ethel J. Taylor of 117 Maple Ave., Oakfield.

Pfc. Robert A. Bauer Jr., 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Bauer of 1244 Stone Rd., Greece, was wounded Aug. 12 but since has rejoined his outfit, according to word received by his family. Earlier in Korea, young Bauer was injured in a truck accident.

### Maple St. GI Wounded In Korea

Pvt. Russell C. Teresi, 22, of 484 Maple St., is back with his infantry company in Korea, after being wounded in the arm last Jan. 14 and hospitalized in a hospital in Taegu.

The latest Rochester casualty listed from Korea, young Teresi, wrote his wife, Janet, that his platoon was ambushed by Chinese Reds on a hill one week after he reached Korea.

He wrote that he escaped by rolling down a ditch, and that he was one of four men who survived. There were 36 in the platoon.

TERESI, who served with troops in the ETO after World War 2, met his wife in Rome. She came here three years ago as a war bride and they have a daughter, Diane, 2.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Teresi, 28 Isabelle St., Teresi is a reservist who was recalled last October. He is a graduate of Jefferson High.



PVT. RUSSELL C. TERESI

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### Wounded in Action

Pfc. Richard R. Then, son of Mrs. Josephine Then of 143 Chestnut St., is in a Japanese hospital recovering from a neck wound operation.

Then wrote his mother he had been wounded in combat and sent to Japan for treatment.

The Rochester infantryman re-enlisted last Spring.

During his previous Army duty, he served three years in Japan and Korea with the occupation forces.

Before enlisting in the Army, Pfc. Then attended Benjamin Franklin High School.



PFC. RICHARD R.  
THEN

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**KOREAN CASUALTY** — A casualty of the Korean War, Cpl. Ernest A. Thomas, 20, (above) of 386 Clinton Ave. S., now is under treatment at an Army hospital in Tokyo. He gave this information to his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, in a letter she received yesterday. An earlier letter from him told her that he had suffered a stomach wound Mar. 26 while fighting in Korea. "This may mean," the letter said, "that I'll get home for Christmas." Thomas is a graduate of Monroe High, Class of 1948. He enlisted in the Army in 1949.

### GI Wounded In Korea

Army Cpl. Ernest A. Thomas, 20, of 386 Clinton Ave. S. was wounded in Korean fighting on Mar. 26, his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Thomas learned today.

In a letter to his mother, Cpl. Thomas said that he was being treated at an Army hospital in Tokyo and did not expect to be home until next Christmas. He had been hit in the stomach by a shell fragment, the letter said.

CPL. THOMAS was graduated from Monroe High in 1948. He enlisted in the Army in November of 1949 and had been in Korea since last July.



## City Soldier

### Listed Killed In Korea War

First Monroe County serviceman to be reported killed in action in Korea is 19-year-old Pfc. Thomas C. Swift.

The son of Francis J. Swift of 118 Columbia Ave. and Mrs. Theodore R. Carson, 52 Parkside Cres., he was serving with the 14th Combat Engineers when he was reported killed Aug. 12.

The young soldier who enlisted nearly three years ago and was planning to make a career of the Army, served in Japan more than two years before he went to Korea. Before entering service he attended West High School, and earlier went to Aquinas Institute.

In letters to his parents soon after he joined in the fighting on July 20, he wrote that combat duty was a "48-hour day" proposition. But he added, "I still am able to get a few hours' sleep now and then."

Pfc. Swift was scheduled for a 90-day furlough at the end of his three-year enlistment this month and had planned to reenlist on his 20th birthday Sept. 10, after a reunion with his family.

Besides his parents he leaves a sister, Mary Louis Swift, and a brother, John G. Swift, who served in the Army from 1946 to 1949.



PFC. THOMAS  
C. SWIFT

## Local GI Missing

### After Writing Hope Of Early Return

Just one day after he wrote his parents here that he might possibly be home for Christmas, Cpl. Kenneth R. Stadler, 20,

joined the list of those missing in action in Korean fighting.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stadler of 63 Woodbine Ave., reported yesterday they had received word from the Adjutant General's office that their son had been missing since Nov. 2. The last letter they had received from Corporal Stadler was written Nov. 1, from somewhere in North Korea.

His message said he had a few more duties to perform and "might possibly be home for Christmas." The soldier was a member of the 8th Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division.

A native of Rochester, Stadler attended School 17 and Madison High School. He enlisted Dec. 24, 1948, and went overseas in March, 1949.

Stadler's parents first learned he was in Korea when they saw his picture in a national magazine. The youth's uncle showed them the picture of a group of GIs on a truck last July. They couldn't miss Stadler—he was the only one in the picture with his hat off.

Two of the missing youth's brothers, Edwin W. and Russell W. Stadler, saw Army service in the Pacific Theater during World War 2. He has two other brothers, Herman and William Stadler, and a sister, Mrs. Frank Citro. Corporal Stadler is the youngest of the five children.



KENNETH R.  
STADLER



# Glasses, Watch Shot Off, City GI Unhurt in Battle

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A youthful Rochester infantryman escaped injury in 10 days of fierce combat in Korea in which his eyeglasses and wristwatch were shot off.

He is Pvt. Paul R. Turner, 21, of 271 Alameda St., whose experiences are revealed in a letter written in a foxhole "somewhere in Korea" on July 20 after 10 days of constant action.

The letter came today to Miss Ann Calihan, 64 Fairview Ter., Irondequoit, a friend of the soldier. At the same time another letter was received at the home of the youth's father, Ray Turner.

Turner described the Koreans as "a sad bunch of eight balls. He said:

"We were the first outfit of the 25th Infantry Division to defeat and capture a superior enemy force. What we captured were a starved lot of Chinese Reds."

At another point Turner wrote: "Speaking of death, our squad (12 men) came back this morning and there were four of us left. Several caught it from the civilians who carry rifles when we look the opposite way."

Turner said the Korean women do all the manual labor and the men just exist in their disease-ridden houses. "The children wear little or nothing and try to get rich by selling us GIs beer for \$4 a small bottle. Yet all over their towns are signs welcoming the U. S. Forces."

A 1947 graduate of Aquinas Institute, Turner was a student at Assumption College, Toronto, when he enlisted a year and a half ago. He is a brother of Sister Laura, a novice in the Sisters of St. Joseph at Nazareth College.

Turner is serving with Company E, 27th Infantry Regiment.

In the letter to his father, sister and brother, William, Turner apparently sought to relieve their anxiety. He wrote that his platoon had it easy at "what people call the front."

Turner said "The Reds are now using Chinese troops and they fight like hell. Their supplies are very low and they're a desperate bunch of rats."

His platoon was to return to the front after a 24-hour rest, Turner said.

"We will be up there with the big black ants, bugs, flies and mosquitos, dust and the stink of the rice fields. We have a stubborn enemy to defeat."



PVT. PAUL R. TURNER

## Report from Korea Fighter

# Wounded City Soldier Writes Of Eluding Red Encirclement

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The story of how a Rochester soldier, wounded in the arm, was isolated in the Korean fighting and finally got back to American lines with five others of the 12 men in his squad, turned up yesterday in two letters to his father here.

The letters, one written in Korea and the other from a hospital in Japan by Pvt. Paul R. Turner, were received by his father, Raymond F. Turner of 271 Alameda St.

Two weeks ago, another letter from Private Turner, reported in The Democrat and Chronicle, told of how his glasses and watch were shot up while he was wearing them. In the latest letters, Paul admitted he had been wounded in the left forearm.

He is being treated in the Red Cross Hospital in Tokyo. The letters, which arrived together, were written July 29 in Korea and Aug. 3 in Tokyo.

Turner, a 1947 Aquinas Institute graduate who has been in the Army 1½ years, told of going several days without water or food, while his shrapnel wound could not be treated properly for 12 days. He did not tell how he and his friends got out of the North Korean trap, after being surrounded in the fighting.

He did write, however, that "on the dusty roads back to the rear, American officers picked up all the wounded they could carry in their jeeps and sped them to emergency hospitals."

In the previous letter reported in The Democrat and Chronicle, Turner said that four men in his squad had returned. His latest letter raised that number to six. He has been fighting with Company E, 27th Infantry Regiment, 24th Division.

The father, Raymond Turner, reported that a friend of Paul's, returned from the fighting, had called him from San Francisco last Friday

and had expressed the belief that Paul would be returned to the United States soon. The friend told the father that "Paul is getting along fine."

# Chestnut St. GI Hit By Korean Shrapnel

T.U. Sept. 22, 1950

Latest Rochester casualty reported in the Korean fighting is Pfc. Richard R. Then, son of Mrs. Josephine Then of 143 Chestnut St.

Mrs. Then received a Defense Department telegram notifying her the youth had been wounded.

Young Then also wrote his mother that he is in a hospital in Japan to undergo an operation for removal of shell fragments in his neck.

The soldier, who served three years' occupation duty in Japan and Korea after World War 2, reenlisted last Spring.

He attended Benjamin Franklin High School and is an only child. Mrs. Then said he was serving in the infantry.



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## Churchville GI, 7-Year Veteran, Listed Missing

Father of 2 Children  
Wrote Letter on  
Thanksgiving

Cpl. William E. Todd, 30, is missing in action in Korea, his wife, Mrs. Marie Todd of 15 Wadsworth Dr., Churchville, was notified yesterday by the Defense Department.

The soldier, member of the 2nd Infantry Division engineers, was reported missing since Nov. 30, a few days after he wrote his last letter home. It was dated Thanksgiving Day. He had been serving in Korea since August.

A native of Georgia, Corporal Todd has been in Army service for about 7 years. He fought in the European Theater for 3 years during World War 2.

His family includes a son, Billy, 4, and a daughter, Georgia Diane, a month old. His parents live in Georgia.



CPL. WILLIAM E. TODD

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## Red Wounds Pvt. Tait

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Pfc. Lawrence Tait, 17, Gregory St., was wounded in Korea Jan. 22, the day after his 18th birthday, he

told his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Tait, in a letter received today.



TAIT

Writing from a hospital in Pusan, Pvt. Tait said he suffered a back injury and his "profile was changed a little" when fire from a Red sniper knocked him off a cliff. He was

serving with the 7th Infantry Regiment of the 3d Army Division.

Pvt. Tait had one request to make of his folks—food. He said he had been served hash steadily for two weeks.

The soldier attended Corpus Christi School, School 31 and Paul Revere School. He enlisted in the Army Apr. 19, sailed for Japan in July and has been in Korea since November. His brother, Robert, 20, who completed a Navy hitch in 1947, has reenlisted.

## GI Escapes Ambush By Rolling into Ditch

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Ambushed on a hill one week after he arrived in Korea, Pvt. Russell C. Teresi, 22, of 484 Maple St., rolled down a ditch over wounded GIs and dead Chinese and escaped with his life.

He was wounded in the upper left arm and was one of four who survived out of a 36-man platoon on patrol, Teresi has written his wife, Janet.

The action took place on Jan. 14, a Sunday. About noon, B Company of the 7th Division's 37th Regiment captured a town called Tang Yang, near Wonju, and kept advancing. Teresi was with the lead platoon of the company which was moving through a draw and up a hill.

The Chinese let go just before the platoon reached the top. They were firing between trees from three sides. "All around me, they were getting it," Teresi related in one letter. "It was a mess of confusion," he said, but instinctively those who didn't get it tumbled down the hill. They all dived toward a ditch and rolled. He was wounded while rolling, but Teresi credited the fact that his head was close to the ground with his being alive.

Hospitalized in Taegu, Teresi is now back with the company, although, he informs his parents, his arm is not strong enough to lift a rifle. He is a veteran of World War 2, and it was while he was an MP in Rome, Italy, that he met his wife. She came here in 1948 as a war bride and the couple has a daughter, Diane, 2. Teresi is a graduate of Jefferson High School. A Reservist, he was recalled to service in October, 1950. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Teresi, 28 Isabelle St.



PVT. RUSSELL C. TERESI  
... he rolled down a ditch

## GI Escapes Korea Trap

He was luckier than the others in his platoon.

Pvt. Russell Teresi, 21, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Teresi, 28 Isabelle St., that he was wounded on a hill near Tang Yang, Korea, Jan. 14.

The Jefferson High School graduate wrote: "There was no sign of them when we started up the hill. When we got to the top, they dropped out of the trees.

"Only five of us got out."

Teresi was wounded in the left arm and shoulder. The letter was written from a hospital in Taegu.

(Teresi is the young man who wrote a moving letter to The Times-Union, which published it yesterday. The letter's theme was that prayer is what many GIs concentrate on in the thick of battle).



PVT. TERESI

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**"DADDY IS SAFE!"**—Among the Rochester families rejoicing at word that the prisoner of war list from Korea contained the name of their serviceman is that of Cpl. William E. Todd. Mrs. Todd, Georgia Diane, 1, and Billy, 5, are shown yesterday after being notified.

# Dread Uncertainty Ends D. & C. DEC 20 1951 For Prisoners' Families

By BILL BEENEY

Christmas came a week early for the families of 11 Rochester and area servicemen.

It may seem like a strange gift . . . a telegram from Washington that says:

"The Secretary of the Army has asked me to inform you that the name, . . . , believed to be that of your son (or husband) is included in a list of prisoners supposed to be held by the enemy forces."

But when you weigh that information against the concern, the worry, the dread uncertainty that has existed for many months for many of these families, you can appreciate their joy and relief.

## 'Can't Explain It'

"You can't explain it, the feeling you get," said Mrs. Marie Todd last night as she sat in the living room of her sister-in-law's home at 16 Evangeline St., with her two children perched alongside her in an easy chair.

"Bill (her husband, Cpl. William E. Todd) went to Korea in August, 1950. On Nov. 20 that year he was reported missing. I heard nothing for months. It's an awful strain. You think, you think, you think. About everything that ever happened."

Mrs. Todd's voice was low, well-modulated. It skipped a beat for a fraction of a moment as she said: "There are so many little things. You see another couple you both used to know, and memories come rushing back. You see a sign in a store window, or hear a song, or watch the clouds gather in a particularly unusual way. And there you are."

## Syracuse Soldier Held As POW Second Time

Syracuse — (AP) — At least one New York soldier listed by the Communists as a prisoner of war was a prisoner of the Germans in World War 2.

The parents of Sgt. Robert L. Jones Jr. of Syracuse said that their son also was captured during World War 2 and spent 100 days in a Nazi prison camp.

He was reported missing in the Korean war on Jan. 7 while serving with the 2d Division.

"Since he came through last time we never gave up hope," his mother said.

prior to Pearl Harbor and was discharged shortly before World War 2 began. He went back in and fought through the entire European campaign, in eight major engagements, from North Africa to Germany. He reenlisted in September, 1948.

For Corporal Todd and the other prisoners of war, the excitement caused by the word of their incarceration will probably go unnoticed. They're still in Red prison camps, probably still wondering if their families and relatives know of their status.

They can rest assured, when the word gets back to them, that the rejoicing has been great.

## Radio Broadcast

She put her arm around Billy. "He's 5. Was just 5, on Nov. 13. Georgia Diane is 1. Her birthday was Dec. 8. The last letter I received from my husband was the day before she was born—a year ago. But it had been written before he was taken prisoner."

"Last May 27 I received word from four servicemen in Korea that my husband had been captured. They picked up a radio broadcast over there. That was the first word. I was happy, of course."

"But I couldn't be sure. After all, information often becomes confused. So when Bill's name appeared on the list—well, it was a wonderful relief. Wonderful."

## Fought in Europe

Todd, who is 32, is in the Regular Army. He was in for five years



## 2 Local PWs Returning to Reunions, Festivities

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For Sgt. William E. Todd there are a 2-year-old daughter and a Polish sister-in-law, both of whom he's never seen.

For Cpl. James P. Scahill there's going to be a month-long open house in Herald St. with all his friends present.

What's in store for the two Rochester soldiers released yesterday (Korea time) from Red captivity was outlined by their happy families here. Both 2nd Infantry Division veterans, the GIs are expected home as soon as the Army finishes processing them in Korea.

"I'm still dazed," said Todd's sister, Mrs. Bernard Bryant, 16 Evangeline St. "When I heard the news,

I sang, I laughed, I danced and prayed."

For Mrs. Bryant, the past week has been jammed with excitement. Her brother, Nathaniel Todd, arrived in Rochester from Germany Saturday with his Polish-born wife and their daughter, Sue. He was married overseas in 1949, while in the Army, and had been trying since that time to get government permission for his wife to enter the country.

And right after her brother, Nathaniel, and family returned to Rochester, Mrs. Bryant heard the news that her other brother had been released.

The sergeant's wife, the former Marie Wagner of Rochester, is living in Milledgeville, Ga., where her husband was born. His parents live there too.

He has two children, Billy, 7, and Georgia Dianne, 2, born in December, 1950, a month after he was captured.

Mrs. Bryant said that she, her husband, and Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel

Todd are going to Georgia in a week. The ex-POW, she believes, will probably go south to see his family. He may come to Rochester later, she said.

The 32-year-old sergeant had three years combat service in World War II. He lived in Rochester for a year after his discharge, then moved back to Georgia and re-joined the Army. He arrived in Korea in August, 1950, as a combat engineer.

Scahill, a prisoner for 32 months, will be the feature attraction at a month-long open house when he comes back to Rochester, according to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Scahill, 177 Herald St.

"The party will be for everyone who has been so good to us

during all this time," Mrs. Scahill said. "A grocer I deal with said 'I'll put on a spread any time you want,'" the mother of the 21-year-old veteran exclaimed yesterday.

The corporal, captured in November, 1950—about the same time Todd was seized—had been wounded three months before, his parents said.

He has four brothers and seven sisters: Stanley, who lives with his parents; William J., 142 Barberry Ter.; Thomas F. Jr., 125 Cypress St.; John, Chicago; Sister Mary Inez, Sisters of St. Joseph Mother House Sister Innocentia, in a Wisconsin convent; Myrtle and Edna, at home; Mrs. Michael Henlyshyn, 165 Argo St.; Mrs. Donald Requa, 25 New York St.; Mrs. Elmer Marthage, 8 Ariel St.

Mrs. Scahill said she hopes her son will continue his education when he returns. He joined the Army in January, 1948, after leaving Benjamin Franklin High School.



SGT. WILLIAM E. TODD



CPL. JAMES P. SCAHILL

## Big Celebration Awaits Corning GI

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CORNING (AP) — A freshly redecorated home and plenty of hunting and fishing are awaiting Cpl. Maynard A. Towner who is coming home after 32 months in North Korean prison camps.

Mrs. Gerald Towner, the soldier's mother, said last night, that she is having the house redecorated for her son's arrival.

She was calm when informed that her son was among the prisoners released yesterday, but there was a tear in her voice when she said, "I can't tell you how glad we are."

Cpl. Towner's father said he is looking forward to a hunting trip with his son when he gets back home. "We have had many good times together," he explained, "and now we'll have more."

MRS. TOWNER said she had been exchanging letters with her son ever since he was captured in December, 1950, and that she last heard from him in July.

"We didn't talk about the truce because we didn't want to get him in trouble," she said.

"But we never gave up hope

that Maynard would come home," Mrs. Howner said.

She said her son, 22 years old, who has been in the Pacific nearly five years, can "have anything he wants when he comes home."

Cpl. Towner was serving with Company L, 31st Regiment, 7th Division, when he was captured.

SHARING last night's happiness with Mr. and Mrs. Towner were their daughters, Mrs. Martha Meyers, Mrs. Sara Youngs and Nancy Towner, and their sons, Robert of Campbell, and Gerald Jr. of Corning.

Mrs. Towner was kept busy on the telephone as a New York newspaper queried her on how she felt about the news. However, sandwiched in among her bit of talk was the statement that she was "tickled, glar, and very happy," to know her son was coming home. "I haven't seen my son in five years," she said, "but the whole family will make up

for it with a real celebration when he comes home."

The only indication of excitement on the mother's face was a slight flush and showing of strain.



## May Be Home for Christmas, Wounded GI Writes Mother

Wounded in the stomach Mar. 26 while fighting in Korea, Cpl. Ernest A. Thomas, 20, of 386 Clinton Ave. S., wrote his mother that "This may mean I'll get home for Christmas."

In a letter received yesterday by his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, the soldier, a forward observer with the 1st Cavalry Division, said he was being treated at an Army hospital in Tokyo.

Earlier letters to his mother had

said that he thanked God "that we are fighting over here instead of in the United States."

A native of Rochester, Corporal Thomas was graduated from Monroe High School in 1948 and enlisted in the Army in November, 1949. He has been stationed in Korea since last July. Thomas was a forward observer with the 5th Regimental Combat Team.



ERNEST A. THOMAS

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## Navy Lieutenant In Korea Attack

Lt. (jg) Charles J. Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Tucker of 67 Clay Ave., is an anti-submarine officer aboard the USS Silverstein which the Navy yesterday said recently escaped unharmed from probably the heaviest attack of the Korean war against a United Nations warship.

The Navy in Tokyo, according to the Associated Press, said Red shore batteries south of Hungnam on the east coast fired 60 rounds at the destroyer-escort. Crewmen reported 45 splashes within 200 yards of the ship. The Navy also said "rapid and accurate changes in range and deflection indicated the Reds were using modern fire control equipment." Lieutenant Tucker is a graduate of Aquinas Institute and John and Carroll University. He resides in San Diego with his wife and two daughters.

## Plane Explodes in Battle; Sodus Pilot Missing

**Sodus**—Lt. Harold Peter Turner, 35, of the United States Air Force is reported missing in action Jan. 29 over North Korea.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Turner of Munson Road, Sodus, received word by wire Jan. 30 and a detailed letter this week from Maj. General John McCormick, director of military personnel, United States Air Force.

Lt. Turner was pilot of a B-29 which left Kadena Air Base, Okinawa for a combat mission over North Korea in the B-29. During the mission the B-29 came under enemy fighter attack and three minutes after a distress signal from the plane it exploded in mid-air.

Maj. Gen. McCormick reported to the parents that at the light of the explosion four parachutes were seen to have opened. None of the men has been seen or heard from since.



Lt. Turner

**HAROLD TURNER** was born in Sodus. He was graduated from Sodus High School and the Agricultural College of Cornell University. He was a pilot in World War II and was on flying duty between India and China. He re-enlisted two years after his discharge and his present term of service will be three years in May. He has been on combat missions over Korea since September.

His wife, Ralpa, and their 6 year old son, Paul, reside in Oakland, Calif. He has two brothers, Prof. C. M. Turner of Cornell University, Ithaca; and S/Sgt. Benjamin F. Turner in radar work, McDill Field, Florida. His sisters are Mrs. Earl Peterson and Mrs. Earl Chapman, both of Marion.

## Korea Volunteer Wounded by Reds

Kwajalein Atoll, an island in the southwest Pacific, in 1952, was "dull" to a Rochester Marine who

already had seen action in the Korean War. He requested and obtained a transfer to Korea and the same outfit he fought with when he was wounded in the early stages of the conflict.

The parents of Pfc. Richard F. Titterson, 23, of 243 Merriman St., have been notified by the Defense Department that he has been wounded a second time—but this time by the Chinese.

The first time he was shot, the bullet came from the rifle of a buddy as they huddled together in a foxhole. The accidental incident sent the bullet through his leg in February of 1951. But after three months in a hospital in Japan, he was able to return to his company at the front. He returned to this country last September.

When his enlistment was up last October, Private Titterson was in Boston. He reenlisted and was sent to the Atolls. But finding that duty "dull," he asked to be returned to Korea. No details of his present injury have been received except that fragments of a Chinese hand grenade injured his hand and other parts of his body on Feb. 22. A fellow patient in the same hospital wrote to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Titterson, because of Richard's hand wound.

Private Titterson enlisted first in October of 1947 and was with the First Marine Division when it went into Korea in August of 1950. He saw action in the Inchon landing.



RICHARD F. TITTERSON



## Ex-Aquinas Student Wounded By Mortar Shell in Korea

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Pfc. Charles R. (Ronnie) Timmons, 20, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Timmons, 251 Hampton Blvd., Greece, was wounded in the leg by a mortar shell in Korea May 15, according to word received by his parents.

Private Timmons, who arrived in Korea last March 27, was wounded while on patrol. He now is recovering in a Korean hospital and has been awarded the Purple Heart.

After he was graduated from



CHARLES R.  
TIMMONS

Aquinas Institute in 1950, Private Timmons went to work for Eastman Kodak Company in Kodak Park. He entered the Army Nov. 13, 1952, and received his basic training at Indiantown Gap, Pa.

While at Aquinas, he was active in numerous school affairs and in his senior year was business manager of the Arete, the school yearbook.

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## Korean War Vet Named Adviser to Army Reserves

A veteran of 21 months service in Korea has been named senior unit adviser to U.S. Army Reserves in the Rochester area.

The Army announced the appointment of Col. St. E. P. (Step) Tyner to the post, replacing Col. Ola A. Nelson, who has been assigned command of the New Hampshire Military District.

Col. Tyner returned to the United States in September from Korea, where he had been a member of the U.S. Military Advisory Group to the Republic of Korea. The colonel spent about half of his tour overseas as senior adviser to the commanding general of the 1st ROK Corps, which held the Eastern sector of the front lines along the Sea of Japan.

Col. Tyner later was appointed chief of tactics of the Korean Army Infantry School, which has been set up as a replica of the U.S. Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Ga., to train officers for the ROK Army.

For his work overseas the colonel received the Legion of Merit and several Korean awards, including a citation from President Syngman Rhee. He also wears the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Asiatic Pacific ribbon with campaign stars for Guadalcanal, New Georgia and Bougainville, the Korean ribbon with four campaign stars, the American Theater ribbon and the United Nations ribbon.

During World War 2 Col. Tyner served as an operations officer with a task force in the Pacific and as chief of staff for the Northern Solomons Command. In July, 1945, he was returned to the United States to attend the Army-Navy Staff College.



COL. ST. E. P. TYNER



## Missing Sodus Pilot Listed Dead in Korea

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SODUS—Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Turner of Munson Road, Sodus, have received word from Washington that their son, Capt. Harold P. Turner, 36, is presumed dead.

Capt. Turner was reported missing in action over North Korea about one year ago. He was pilot of a B-29 which left Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, for a combat mission over North Korea Jan. 29. Under enemy attack the plane exploded in mid-air. Four parachutes were seen to open. An aerial search was conducted unsuccessfully for Capt. Turner and members of the crew. No ground search was possible since the plane crashed in Communist held territory.

Three members of the crew were repatriated in the prisoner exchange in April and August of 1953. None of the survivors had seen Capt. Turner.

Capt. Turner, born in Sodus, and was graduated from Sodus High School and Cornell University. He was a pilot in World War 2. He re-enlisted two years after his discharge.

His wife Ralph, and 7-year-



CAPT. HAROLD P. TURNER

old son, Paul, reside in Oakland, Calif. He has two brothers, Prof. C. M. Turner of Cornell University, Ithaca; and S/Sgt. Benjamin F. Turner in radar work, McDill Field, Fla. His sisters are Mrs. Earl Peterson of Clifton Springs and Mrs. Earl Chapman of Marion.

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## City Sergeant Dies In Red Prison Camp

Sgt. 1/c Albert L. Vercolen, who was captured by the Communists 11 days after the Korean war began, yesterday officially was listed as having died in a Red prisoner of war camp a week after his capture.

The son of Mrs. Judith Vercolen, 333 Marion St., the sergeant was 29 at that time and was a veteran of the Battle of the Bulge in World War II. He was a commissioned officer during that war.

An eyewitness report from another American POW, now repatriated, led the Army's adjutant general to issue the notice of death, according to a letter received from the Army by the soldier's mother.

Sergeant Vercolen, who was promoted to his final rank while on the rolls of the missing, had charge of an American cemetery in Tokyo during the occupation of Japan. When the Reds swarmed over the 38th Parallel, he was one of the valiant men who fought the bitter delaying action while the United Nations forces reeled back under the initial attack.

The sudden outbreak of battle interrupted the soldier's plans to return to the States in December of 1950 to take his discharge. He was a member of the 32d Infantry Division.



SGT. ALBERT L. VERCOLEN

According to the letter from the adjutant general, Sergeant Vercolen died July 12, 1950 in a POW camp at Pyongyang, North Korea. He was listed as missing in action July 6. The war began June 25.

A veteran of six years in the Army, he was discharged as a second lieutenant after World War II ended. He later re-enlisted as a sergeant.

Sergeant Vercolen, a native of Rochester, attended St. John the Evangelist parochial school and Edison Technical and Industrial High School. Before entering the Army in 1942, he worked for a while for the International Business Machines Co.

Besides his mother, he leaves a sister, Laura; and two brothers, Emiel and Richard, all of Rochester. A memorial Mass will be celebrated in St. John's Church at a time to be announced.



# Back from Dead

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City GI, Listed Missing,  
Writes from Prison Camp

A 20-year-old Rochester infantry sergeant, listed as missing in action for nearly a year, has turned up alive and apparently healthy in a Chinese prison camp.

The soldier, Sgt. Gerald R. Wolters, had last written to his family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wolters, 620 Lake Ave., in December of last year as the Chinese were entering the war in North Korea. He was reported missing Dec. 2, 1950.

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**NO WORD WAS HEARD** of him until last week when he wrote from an unnamed prison camp to say he was being treated "as well as the Chinese." He also wanted to know "what's going on."

Sgt. Wolter's sister, Ilean Wolters,



SGT. GERALD WOLTERS

said he made no mention of where his camp was located, but asked that

his mail be sent to the "Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea" in care of "The Peking Committee of the Chinese Congress of Defenders of the World," in the Red Chinese capital.

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**MISS WOLTERS** noticed a discrepancy in the letter which was dated Aug. 16. Early this year, her brother had been listed as a sergeant in the Defense Department's casualty list.

The letter from the prison camp, however, carried his rank as corporal, she said.

A former student at Jefferson High School, Sgt. Wolters enlisted in the Army in Aug., 1948, and joined the 7th Infantry Division in Korea in July, 1950.



## Sgt. Albert Vercolen Died In POW Camp, Mother Told

Sgt. 1/c Albert L. Vercolen, who was captured a few days after the start of the Korean War 3½ years ago, now is officially listed as dead.

Mrs. Judith Vercolen, 333 Marion St., has received word from the Defense Department that her son has been listed as dead on the basis of an eyewitness report from another American prisoner-of-war in Korea.

A memorial Mass will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday in St. John the Evangelist Church in Humboldt street.

Sgt. Vercolen, who was a second lieutenant during World War II, had re-enlisted in the Army as a sergeant and was stationed in Tokyo at the time of the North Korean attack in June, 1950, six months before he was to return to the United States for discharge. A member of the 32d Infantry Division, he had charge of an American cemetery near Tokyo at that time.

He was engaged in a delaying action in Korea when he was captured. The official report received by Mrs. Vercolen stated that he died July 12, 1950, in a POW camp at Pyongyang. He was listed as missing in action six days prior to that time. Sgt. Vercolen was 29 at the time of his death.

He was a native of Rochester, attended St. John the Evangelist parochial school and Edison Technical and Industrial High School. Before re-entering the Army in 1942, he was employed by International Business Machines Corp.



Sgt. Vercolen

Besides his mother, he is survived by a sister, Laura, and two brothers, Emiel and Richard, all of Rochester.

## 2 Area Gls Listed Lost In Korea War

Two Monroe County soldiers, members of the 24th Division, have been reported missing in action in Korea.

Little hope that Pfc. Donald F. Vincent, 22, is alive is held by his mother, Mrs. Ethel Vincent, 12 Hart St., Fairport. She was notified by the Department of the Army that her son, a member of the 24th Infantry Division has been missing since July 16.

Vincent's 22nd birthday was July 14, just two days before he was reported missing. His last letter, dated June 22, told of his amphibious training, but did not mention Korea. He enlisted in the Army July 2, 1948, and served more than a year in Southern Japan.

A brother, Curtis Vincent, was killed in Italy during World War 2. Vincent has three other brothers, Albert, Frederick and Kenneth Vincent. Frederick and Kenneth served in the Army and Navy, respectively, in World War 2. He also has two sisters, Mrs. Faith Sherman, Fairport, and Mrs. Vivian Wolf, Rochester.



PFC. DONALD VINCENT



PVT. DONALD WACENSKE

## 'Heartbreak' Shell Wounds Revere Grad

Heartbreak Ridge has a special number — Hill 1062 — for Pvt. Donald Wacenske, because that's where a mortar fragment stopped him.

Donald's parents, Mr. and Oliver Wacenske of 59 Lorenzo St., learned about it over the weekend in a letter the 20-year-old infantryman wrote Nov. 23. The letter arrived a day before the official notice came from the Defense Department stating that Donald was "seriously wounded."

DONALD WROTE from a hospital bed in Seoul: "I want you to know I'm OK. If I weren't, I wouldn't be able to write."

"We were on patrol to take a hill on Heartbreak Ridge, Hill 1062," he wrote. "Ten yards from the top I saw a grenade coming my way so I hit the ground. . . . Up a little farther, in comes a mortar. Before I could hit the ground it hit me.

"I knew it hit me but I didn't think it was bad, so I thought I'd keep going until we occupied the hill. I did.

"Then a squad leader told me to go and find a medic. Before I knew it I was in the hospital."

DONALD ALSO TOLD that he was operated on the same day and again two days later.

A graduate of Holy Family School and Paul Revere Trade School, Donald reached Korea in September and has had plenty of combat.

His brother, Cpl. James, is with the Army in Germany and another brother, Pvt. Frederick, is with the Army in Hawaii.

## Brighton Soldier Listed Missing, City Man Hurt

Pfc. Thomas Wachtman,  
Cpl. Francis Frey,  
Casualties

One Monroe County soldier was reported missing in action and another wounded yesterday.

Pfc. Thomas Wachtman, 19,  
Tank Repairman, Missing

Pfc. Thomas G. Wachtman, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wachtman of 2079 Town Line Rd., Brighton, is the soldier reported missing in action.

Wachtman, a tank repairman, has been in Korea since September. He enlisted in the Army more than two years ago when he turned 17. He was home on furlough in April, 1950. He attended St. Boniface Parochial School.

His parents have not heard from him since he last wrote just before Thanksgiving. At that time he said he was doing guard duty about 5 miles from the Korean capital of Seoul.

Three of his brothers served during and after World War 2. One fought in the Pacific theater, another saw duty with the Seabees and a third was in the Army for 18 months after the war. The latter named, an ordnance reservist, is awaiting a call to active duty.



PFC. THOMAS G. WACHTMAN

Pfc. Vincent J. Vinciguerra, 22, wrote his parents at 293 Lincoln Ave. that he was being treated in an Army Hospital in South Korea after being struck in the left arm by an enemy grenade.

He was wounded in a patrol action June 26 and walked back to an aid station, he wrote. Pfc. Vinciguerra, a graduate of Madison High School, entered the Army last December. He was sent to Korea in April and assigned to an infantry regiment.



PFC. VINCIGUERRA



On Japan, at Nagoya Air Base, Airman 1/c Bruce Thon, 244



Thon

Thorncliffe Dr., is a cartoonist on the staff of the camp newspaper. Prior to his recent arrival in the Far East, the Rochester Institute of Technology art student did work in the training aids department at Sampson AF Base.



SGT. WILLIAM E. TODD

Argo St.; Mrs. Donald Requa, 25 New York St., and Mrs. Elmer Marthage, 8 Ariel St.

Sister Mary Inez, who is staying at the Sisters of St. Joseph Mother House, was informed of her brother's release today.

SGT. TODD—he was a corporal when his family last heard from him—was reported missing in action Nov. 30, 1950.

Todd, a native of Milledgeville, Ga., is married to the former Marie Wagner, a Rochester girl whom he met through his sister.

Mrs. Todd, who lived at 59 Ringle St., moved to Milledgeville early this year.

Mrs. Bryant said she learned of Sgt. Todd's release when she saw his name this morning in the official list of newly-freed PWs.

"I let out a yell and ran upstairs," she said. "I woke up my brother, Bud (Nathaniel), and my husband."

SGT. TODD has a child he's never seen.

A daughter, Georgia Dianne, was born in December, 1950, a month after he was captured. He also has a 7-year-old son, Billy.

A combat veteran of World War 2, Todd lived in Rochester for about a year after discharge from the Army.

He worked for Hickok Manufacturing Company and National Biscuit Company in Rochester. Later he and his wife returned to Georgia and he rejoined the Army.

They lived for a time in Ft. Lewis, Wash., before he was sent overseas. He arrived in Korea in August, 1950. He was serving with the 2d Division Combat Engineers when he was reported missing.

(List of latest Americans to be freed by Reds; details of yesterday's PW exchange; Red spy teams captured in Korea. All on Page 5.)

# Corning Soldier First Among Returning

By the Associated Press  
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The first Rochester area soldier released by the Communists walked to freedom at Panmunjom last night (Wednesday, Korea time).

He was Cpl. Maynard A. Towner of Co. I, 38th Regiment, 7th Division, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Towner, live at 352 E. 2nd St., Corning.

In Corning last night, Mrs. Towner was calm when told her son had been released.

But there was a catch in Mrs. Towner's voice when she said, "I can't tell you how glad we are . . ."

Mrs. Towner said she has been exchanging letters with her son ever since he was captured in December, 1950, and that she last heard from him in July.

"We didn't talk about the truce because we didn't want to get him in trouble," she said.

She said her son, who has been in the Pacific nearly five years, can "have anything he wants when he comes home."

Towner was among the 70 Americans freed today by the Reds in Korea.

## in Area Prisoners



## Rites to Be Held Thursday For Marine Killed in Korea

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Marine Sgt. Salvatore Vinci, 24, believed to be the first Monroe County victim of the Korean war to be returned home for burial, will be laid to rest with military honors Thursday morning in the Veterans' Plot of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Sgt. Vinci, who was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Vinci, 182 Peck St., died Oct. 8, 1950, in Yokosuka Naval Hospital of wounds suffered in the Korean fighting.

His body is expected to arrive here, accompanied by a Marine Corps guard, at 7:48 a. m. tomorrow.

A native of Rochester, Sgt. Vinci attended Benjamin Franklin High School. In World War 2 he fought with a Marine Corps artillery unit on Okinawa. He was discharged in May, 1946. Reenlisting in April, 1947, he was sent overseas late last July.

He leaves, besides his parents, a brother, Phillip Vinci, and a sister, Mrs. Stanley F. Hendrix, both of Rochester.

Funeral services will be held at 8:30 a. m. Thursday at the Profetta Funeral Home, 1276 Clifford Ave., and at 9 in Corpus Christi Church. Pallbearers and honor guard will be members of the Marine Corps League, directed by John Brodner, county commander.

A firing squad headed by George Albright, chairman of the American Legion Honor Guard, will take part in the burial rites.

## Sergeant Spurs Rout of Red Foe

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Deeply entrenched Chinese soldiers recently were flushed from their positions by a local Army sergeant's platoon and given "a taste of death!"

Sgt. Joseph Viglino, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Viglino, 109 Frankfort St., took his platoon up the sheer-sided slopes of Hill 554, according to word received yesterday from headquarters of the 1st Cavalry Division in Korea.

In the dispatch, the 20-year-old sergeant said Chinese machinegunners were grouped on 15 rocky knobs on the main slope from where they sent a murderous burst of fire at the GIs.

But by concentrated counterfire and leapfrogging teams of men, Viglino said, his men positioned themselves all around the Chinese. Then, as he worked it, "We gave them a taste of death. We fired at them from all sides and sent the machinegunners fleeing across the top of a ridgeline. They were perfect targets."

## Corporal Home From Korea

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Cpl. Roger C. Van Volkenburgh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Van Volkenburgh of Industry, is home on rotation from Korea.

He has spent 23 months in Japan and seven months in Korea with the 7th Division. He graduated from Scottsville High School in 1947 and worked for the Rochester Telephone Company until his enlistment in June, 1948.



CPL. VAN VOLKENBURGH

## City Soldier Wounded By Grenade in Korea

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Struck in the upper left arm by fragments from an enemy hand grenade, Pfc. Vincent J. Vinciguerra, 22, is being treated at an Army hospital in South Korea.

He was hurt in a patrol action June 26 and walked back to an aid station, Vinciguerra wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Vinciguerra of 293 Lincoln Ave. Later, he wrote, he was flown to the hospital.

A Defense Department telegram stating their son was slightly wounded in action arrived at the Vinciguerras' home a few days after the letter.

Vinciguerra is a graduate of Madison High School. He entered the Army Dec. 4, 1950. Late in April, 1951, he was sent to Korea, where he was assigned to Company I of the 19th Infantry Regiment.



VINCENT J. VINCIGUERRA



# Veteran Finds Both Parents in Hospital

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When Korea war vet Maj. William C. Voegelé Jr. raced from Japan to Rochester on an emergency furlough this week to be near his critically ill father, he had no idea both his parents would be in the hospital.

Voegelé's mother, Gertrude, was taken to St. Mary's Hospital last Sunday for an emergency operation. His father is seriously ill in another hospital, where he has been for several months. The Voegelés live at 182 Champlain St.

Following his 30-day emergency furlough, Major Voegelé will return to Yokohama, and his wife, Rita, formerly of 68 West High Ter., and sons, Michael, 7, and Patrick, 3. Voegelé is in charge of the construction equipment branch of the Yokohama Engineer Depot.

When the major greeted his parents this week it was the first time they had seen each other in two years. He has no brothers or sisters.

The beribboned officer served 10 months in Korea as company commander of the 55th Engineer Treadway Bridge Company. He earned his promotion to major during combat. During the fighting in Korea, the 36-year-old major said he and his unit installed 23 pontoon bridges. Three of those, he said, were across the Han River, prominent in the fighting for the capital city of Seoul.

He described his tensest moment in Korea as a scrap near Sinanju. There, he explained, UN units crossed the bridge erected by his engineers unit. A short while later, Chinese forces effected a break through, leaving the engineers without support. The engineers battled the Red force for several days before a regimental combat team rescued them.

During World War 2, Voegelé served with the 297th Engineer Combat Battalion in France and Germany. For bravery in action, he was awarded the Bronze Star. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received when struck by shrapnel in the leg, arm and back during a crossing of the Ruhr River.

Voegelé has only praise for the Japanese people in their attempts to



**"HI, MOM!"—Maj. William C. Voegelé Jr. raced home from Japan on emergency leave because of the illness of his father, only to find his mother also in the hospital after an operation. The reunion was just as happy a one as the photo shows.**

live under a democratic form of government. He said the average Japanese citizen is making an honest effort to live and understand democracy. The "man in the street" has an avid interest in his government and keenly participates in elections of local officials.

Mrs. Voegelé and the children have lived in Japan since 1949, following Major Voegelé's assignment there from duty in this country. He was rotated to Japan in April of this year following combat in Korea. He has been in the Army more than 10 years.



## 2 Brothers Among 14 Returning Area Veterans

Two brothers with far more than the usual ties of brotherly love between them, are among 14 Rochester and suburban area soldiers who reached San Francisco yesterday, homeward bound from the fighting in Korea.

Sfc. Giuseppe (Joe) Viglino, 21, of 109 Frankfort St., is a Silver Star Medal winner for gallantry, but he might not be coming home to tell about it if it were not for his 22-year-old brother, Charles.

Joe received his medal for an action in which he saved the lives of 30 men in his platoon. He became separated from his outfit and was listed as lost for more than two weeks. Brother Charley, a radio sergeant with the Eighth Army, who had not seen Joe in more than a year, wandered around the lines when he had time.

In an unusual battlefield coincidence, Charley was the one who found Joe. He took his younger brother back to his own outfit, got him a bath, shave and food. Joe rested for a couple of days before returning to the frontline fighting with his infantry group.

Their names last night showed up in a list of 4,414 Army men being rotated home from Korea, where Charley had been serving since 1949. He spent 16 months before that in Japan and was in Korea when the North Korean Reds attacked. Joe enlisted a year after his brother, but not only had more combat action but outranks Charley a couple of grades.

Told by The Democrat and Chronicle last night that the brothers are on their way home, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Viglino, their parents, came up with the universal reaction of families of fighting men: "Thank God, When?"

The other local men coming home for reassignment, according to the Associated Press, include: Cpl. John B. Carroll, 2384 Culver Rd., Irondequoit; Cpl. Frank C. Conlon, 216 Chesterton Rd., Greece; Pfc. Richard F. Doclin, 142 Magnolia St.; Pfc. Donald L. Francis, 979 Westfall Rd., Brighton; Cpl. Joseph R. Giannavola, 614 Jay St.; Pfc. Colombo G. Gifaldi, 1369 Goodman St. N.; Capt. Peter M. Jacula, 83 Maria St.; Sfc. Albert E. McBurney Jr., 84 Bleacker Rd., Irondequoit; Sgt. Frederick F. Morales, 52 Finch St.; Cpl. Robert J. Nesbitt, 806 Meigs St.; Cpl. Raymond R. Pickens, 53 Wyndham Rd.; Sfc. Malcom J. Spry, 196 Dakota St.; Sfc. Giuseppe J. Viglino, 21, and Sgt. Charles D. Viglino, 22, both of 109 Frankfort St.



GIUSEPPE VIGLINO



CHARLES VIGLINO



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**EMILIO COMES HOME** — After 19 months with the Army in Korea, Emilio Vetusto, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nazareno Vetusto, 168 Baycliff Dr., came home to his family yester-

day. First sight to greet him was welcome sign made by sister, Joyce, 13. Next came hugs from family, including cousin, Carol Ann, 3. Emilio was discharged Saturday.





**WORD FROM KOREA**—Eagerly reading a letter from Pvt. Carl Voldman, now in Korea, are "his girl," Blossom Goodman, 262 Hudson Ave., and his adopted parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Voldman, 523 Joseph Ave. It brings the always-welcome good news: "I am fine."

**War at 7 and 21**

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## A Korean Night: Memories and Fear

By BERT REISMAN

Somewhere in Korea these nights a Rochester boy, 21, stands guard duty.

He hates it because it is night and he is alone and it brings back violent memories.

He does it because to him the opportunity to help his new homeland, America, is a reward.

He is Polish, and to him the whys and wherefores of the war he fights are clear.

For Pvt. Carl Voldman, the scars of earlier battles are burned too deeply to permit him to question his Korean assignment.

The stocky GI is the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Voldman, 523 Joseph Ave.

From an Army paper in Korea this week they received a brief clipping which quoted their soldier—he was looking forward to the day not far off when he will complete his citizenship residence requirements.

That clipping loosed a flood of memories for the Voldmans.

It brought back to them the things Carl has gone through, the trials they suffered together since they took him into their house seven years ago, the pleasure at seeing some of his dark past closed out.

"When he came here he was only 14, but he was a full-grown man," Voldman recalls. "Finally, after a lot of affection, he came back to being a child again. He could grow up like any other boy his age."



PVT. CARL VOLDMAN

**CARL WAS A YOUNGSTER** living with his own parents in Sharstoff, Poland, when the Germans stormed into his home town in 1939. They killed his parents. The boy went to hide out with an uncle and aunt.

Then, one day, Nazi troops burst into his new home. Before his eyes, they shot and killed six of his relatives. They left Carl for dead, wounded three times.

The young boy went underground. At an age when American youngsters his age were throwing baseballs, he was heaving hand grenades at Nazi troop trains.

When the war was over, there was much rejoicing. It was short-lived.

"Then I saw the Russians coming into Poland," Carl told an Army reporter in Korea recently. "They were taking over just like the Germans. Their men were in charge of the Army, the government, the police—everything."

**CARL FLED** his homeland. With the aid of some Poles and a friendly Russian he escaped into the Eastern zone of Germany. Then, via underground channels, he slipped through the Iron Curtain into the American zone.

For a year, Carl lived there, attending school, hardly knowing where his future lay. But through the Jewish Social Service, the Voldmans learned about him. They brought him to Rochester and adopted him.

Mrs. Voldman still recalls vividly "the torture we suffered with him at first."

"Carl was afraid of the night, of noise, of almost everything," his father said. Gradually, Carl grew away from that unreasoning fear.

"But even now," Voldman said, "in his letters—he writes almost

everyday—he tells of how he hates guard duty because it is night and he is alone."

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**IN ROCHESTER**, Carl attended Benjamin Franklin High, the Rochester Business Institute, and then went to work in his father's bottling factory. He also met a girl—his girl—Blossom Goodman of 262 Hudson Ave.

"Carl almost flew up the stairs when his draft notice came," his mother said. "Frankly, we had kept him from enlisting. But he wanted to go so badly."

Last week, Carl wrote from Korea, where he is an ambulance driver with the 115th Medical Battalion of the 40th Division. He wanted Blossom to send their engagement announcement to The Times-Union. She did.

It was their way of saying, "Carl will be back—to a good life."



## Marine's Letter Followed By Word He's Been Wounded

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Two days after the parents of a Rochester Marine received a letter from him saying he was returning to the front lines in Korea, they learned he had been wounded in action.



VINCENT J.  
VISCONTE

Word that Pvt. Vincent J. Visconte, 19, was wounded July 11 came in a telegram from the Commandant of the Marine Corps in

Washington.

The wire told Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Visconte of 648 Plymouth Ave. N. only that their son had been hurt and was being given

the best medical care available at a military hospital.

On July 13 the family received a letter, dated July 4, from their son. He said he expected to return to the fighting line soon after a two-week rest period, that he was feeling fine and didn't believe there was anything to worry about.

He had been in Korea for three months assigned to a tank battalion in the First Marine Division. The telegram from Washington arrived in Rochester late on the night of July 15.

Pvt. Visconte attended Paul Revere Trade School and made bread at the National Biscuit Company bakery in Buffalo Rd. before enlisting in the Marine Corps on April 3, 1952. He took basic training at Camp Lejeune, N. C. He will be 20 on July 31.



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## Navy Reserve Officer Volunteers for Duty

Lt. Cmdr. Edward W. Wendt of 430 Browncroft Blvd. today became the first Naval Reserve officer in Rochester to answer the Navy's call for volunteers in the Korean War.



LT. CMDR. EDWARD W. WENDT

The 35-year-old commanding officer of Rochester's Organized Surface Division 3-90 filed his request this morning for orders to active duty. If accepted he expects to be called by Sept. 1.

In civilian life the hardware sales manager for Taylor Instrument Company, Wendt served more than four years on active duty in World War 2. As gunnery officer aboard the USS Suwannee, an escort aircraft carrier, he was wounded when a Japanese "suicide pilot" crashed into his ship at the battle of Leyte Gulf, in October, 1944.

Wendt is a native of Chicago, Ill., where he worked for the Taylor Instrument Company from 1935 to 1941, when he was commissioned an ensign. He came to Rochester early in 1946.

Explaining his decision to return to active duty, Wendt said: "I've stayed in the organized reserve because I believe the Navy should have trained personnel to meet any emergency. Now that an emergency has arisen, it's only logical that I should offer my services."

The officer is married and has a 4-year-old daughter.

## 2 More Reported Among Casualties In Korea Fighting

### Wounded Rochesterian Wrote of Fighting In 'Living Hell'

A young Rochesterian and the husband of a Greece resident are the latest to be reported wounded in the war in Korea.

### D. & C. SEP 20 1950 City Man Wounded, Parents Informed

Pfc. Charles L. Walters, 20, was wounded Sept. 6, according to a Defense Department telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Walters, 399 Clinton Ave. N.

CHARLES L.  
WALTERS

Private Walters was serving with the 25th Signal Corps when he was wounded. He enlisted Aug. 13, 1948, and went to Japan in April, 1949. His family said he was blinded in one eye by a backfiring gun while he was training at Fort Bragg, N. C.

In his last letter received six weeks ago, Private Walters said he had been fighting the Red Koreans with his company on a hill. He wrote he hadn't slept for 24 hours and the action was a "living hell."

A native Rochesterian, Private Walters attended School 9 and the Paul Revere Trade School. A brother, Pfc. William Walters, 23, is serving with the 17th Infantry Regiment in Korea. The brothers enlisted two weeks apart. They last saw each other in Osaka, Japan, about a month before they were sent to Korea. A foster-brother, Seaman 2nd Class Ernest Johncox, is serving with the Navy in Alaskan waters.

## Brighton Soldier Missing in Action

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Reported missing in action today in Korea is Pfc. Thomas C. Wachtman, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wachtman, 2079 Town Line Rd., Brighton.

Pfc. Wachtman last wrote his parents that he was doing guard duty near Seoul which is now overrun by Chinese Reds.

A tank repairman, he enlisted more than two years ago and was last home on furlough in April last year. He attended St. Boniface School.

Three of Wachtman's brothers



WACHTMAN

served in and after World War 2. One was with the Seabees, another fought in the Pacific and a third 18 months' occupation duty.

It was reported erroneously in an earlier edition of The Times-Union today that Capt. Marshall W. Stark, 34, World War 2 hero, has been killed in action.

Capt. Stark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John V. Stark, 330 W. Miller St., Newark, said their son still is carried as missing and that they have received no Defense Department word to the contrary.

He is the son-in-law of Mr. and John C. Oldenburg of 3408 St. Paul Blvd., and the husband of the former Louise Oldenburg, who is living in California with their three young children.

Capt. Stark, a Regular Army of-

ficer, has a brother, George, of Rochester.

Reported wounded in Korea is Cpl. Francis K. Frey, 21, husband of Mrs. Joyce Frey, 19 Gilmore St. Cpl. Frey is recovering in a hospital in Japan from a leg wound suffered Nov. 27.

Overseas since last August, he enlisted 18 months ago after attending Edison Tech. Cpl. and Mrs. Frey have a year-old son, Francis Jr.



## A World War 2 Veteran's Reply to a Mother

Editor, Democrat and Chronicle:

I just read Mrs. E. M. Schaefer's letter of Jan. 3. The organization of mothers she speaks of is commendable, but if it would be used to fight drafting of men and women into the service it would do this country a lot of harm.

In answer to her last sentence, it would not be cowardly to step in front of a speeding auto, but it is cowardly not to fight for our country when it needs men and women to defend it.

I'm a vet of World War 2, 100 per cent disabled, and with my disability rating I cannot go into the service. But I am doing all I can for Civilian Defense in Monroe County. I feel it's my duty. If the mothers of servicemen would unite to the common cause—defense of the U. S. A., we will not see the destruction of war on our shores.

Give the armed forces all the manpower they need, mothers, and then back them up here at home. The present world crisis is turn-

ing into a worse crisis than World War 2.

Our men are facing defeat in frozen Korea. Is that what mothers want their sons to stay away from? I think so. Defeat isn't pleasant, but it will be a common occurrence if sons, brothers and husbands don't get into the fight. Our enemies have millions of men, we need more in our armed forces to combat them.

Mothers, you are cowards if you keep your sons from defending our country and you from the ravishes of war.

Now, what will it be? All out war? Or do we have our government overthrown and our rights—personal, civil and spiritual—taken from us?

D. E. WANJON.

## Local Sergeant Listed Missing In Korea Action

A 19-year-old Rochester soldier has been missing in Korea since Dec. 2, 1950, it was learned by his parents yesterday in a Defense Department telegram.

He is Sgt. Gerald R. Wolters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wolters, 620 Lake Ave. In the last letter which they received, he reported he was "somewhere in North Korea."

Sergeant Wolters, who enlisted in the Army in August, 1948, is a member of the 7th Infantry Division. He has been in Korea since last July. Prior to enlisting in the Army, he attended Jefferson High School.

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### Hillside in Korea

## One Bullet Wounds City GI, Buddy

Combat soldiers fear "the bullet that has my name on it," but one day on a hillside in Korea, one of the bullets had two names, one which was that of Sgt. 1/c Charles E. Winder of 12 Leighton Ave.

As the tanned sergeant told it last night, "My buddy—that's Cpl. Harvey Hopkins of Plant City, Fla.—and I were trying to get a North Korean machinegun post that had been harassing our platoon all day." The day was Sept. 19, 1950.

"We were trying to get a 57mm recoilless rifle into position," the sergeant said, "when that slug ripped through Hopkins' arm and nailed me in the foot." The sergeant and the corporal had been buddies in the service for 5 years. Both were taken to a hospital in Japan where they were parted when Winder was sent back to the United States.

"The North Koreans are fanatics in combat," Sergeant Winder said as he applied a fresh bandage to his foot at his home. "They have no respect for human life." He praised the work of the Air Force, adding that "it's sure nice to have those planes around when you need them."

Although the bullet wound meant a ticket home for the 22-year-old sergeant, it also has meant months of hospitalization. He is still receiving treatment at the U. S. Naval Hospital at St. Albans, L. I., where his foot was operated on 2 weeks ago. He will return to the hospital today and expects to remain there until the



CHARLES E. WINDER

... Home from Battlefield

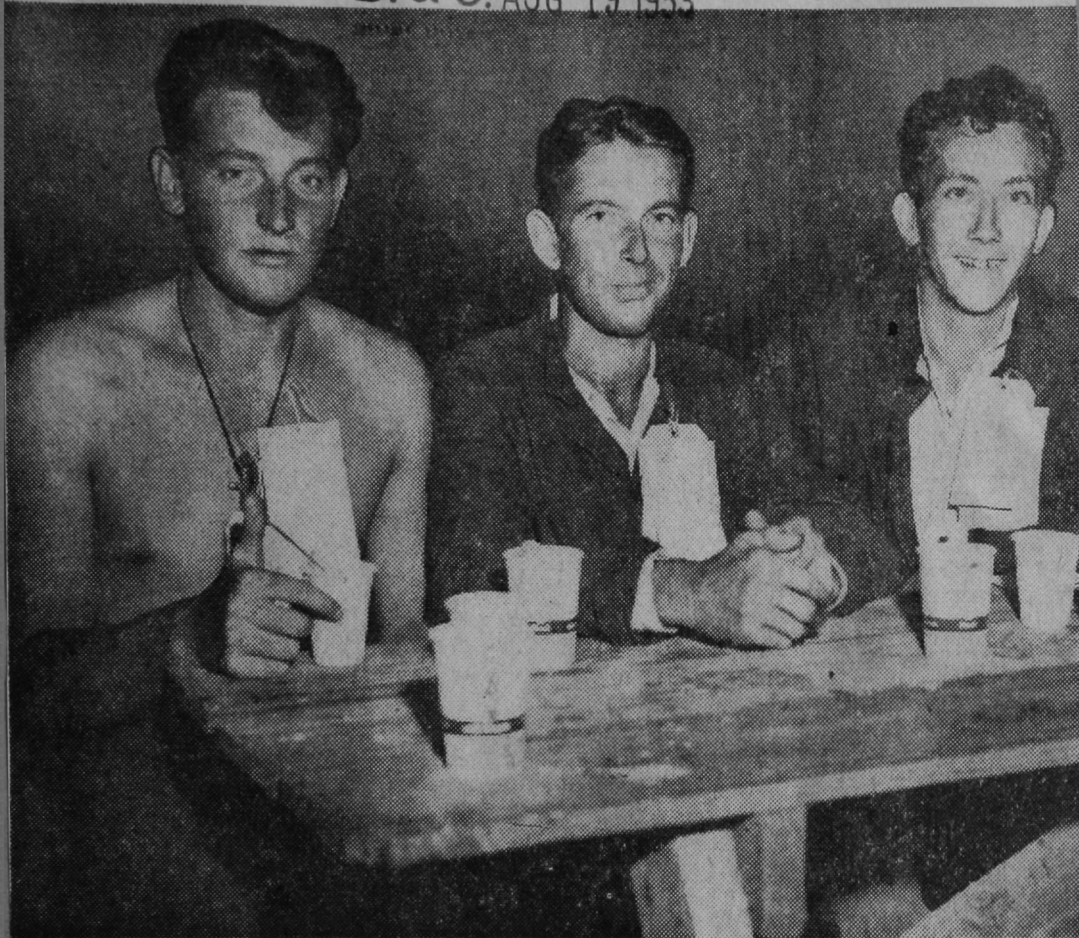
end of the month.

Upon his discharge from the hospital, he expects to get a 30-day convalescent leave, during which he hopes to marry his fiancée in Seattle, Wash.

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**TREAT**—Just after liberation from POW camp, Sgt. Gerald R. Wolter, left, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Wolter of 609

Lake Ave., enjoy ice cream and coffee in Freedom Village, Korea. With him are two other repatriated prisoners.

—AP Photo

## Missing Sergeant Wolters Safe in PW Camp

After being listed among the missing in action in Korea for nearly a year, Sgt. Gerald R. Wolters, 20, has written his parents from a Chinese prisoner of war camp.

Sergeant Wolters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wolters, 620 Lake Ave., was reported missing on Dec. 2, 1950. His letter from an unnamed prison camp in China, was dated Aug. 16, and was received here last week, his sister, Ilean Wolters, said yesterday.

In his letter, Sergeant Wolters said he was being treated "as well as any Chinese," and asked "What's going on," Miss Wolters said.

The Rochester GI said nothing about the location of his camp, but asked that his mail be addressed to the "Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea," in care of the "Peking Committee of the Chinese Congress of Defenders of the World," in the Red Chinese capital.

Although her brother was listed in the Defense Department's casualty list early this year as a sergeant, the letter from the prison camp carried his rank as corporal, Miss Wolters said.

The last letter received from Sergeant Wolters before his prison camp message had been written "somewhere in North Korea," about the time the Chinese Communists entered the war last December.

Sergeant Wolters enlisted in the Army in August, 1948, and joined the 7th Infantry Division in Korea in July, 1950. He attended Jefferson High School.



SGT. GERALD R. WOLTERS

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## Sgt. Wolters Missing

Sgt. Gerald R. Wolters, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wolters of 620 Lake Ave., has been missing in Korea since Dec. 2, it was learned yesterday.

According to a Defense Department telegram, Sgt. Wolters was a member of the Seventh Infantry Division serving somewhere in North Korea.

He was a student at Jefferson High School before enlisting in the Army in August, 1948. He had been in Korea since July.



SGT. WOLTERS



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## City Soldier



PVT. ALLEN E. WALKER

GI Wounded  
On Patrol by  
Red Grenade

A Rochester soldier is recuperating in a Korean hospital from wounds suffered in frontline action Jan. 7, according to word received by his wife.

Pvt. Allen E. Walker told his wife, Mrs. Bernadine R. Walker of 42 Chester St., that he was wounded five days after his unit, Company F of 224th Regiment, 40th Infantry Division, went into action.

He wrote that this group was attacked by an enemy patrol and caught in a fusillade of fire which killed three United Nations soldiers and wounded 10 others.

One of the Chinese Communists tossed a hand grenade, he said. The shrapnel raked Walker's right leg and the force of the concussion sent him rolling down a hill.

The 23-year-old soldier was inducted into the Army in May, 1951, after attending Churchville High School. He went overseas last October after training at Camp Breckinridge, Ky.

Wounded in  
Korean Action

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WALTERS

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Rochester Colonel Gets  
7th Infantry Command

A World War 2 infantry officer and former Rochesterian has been named commanding officer in a battalion of the 7th Infantry Division in Korea, it has been reported.

He is Lt. Col. Donald R. Ward, who lived in Rochester before World War 2 and who has been commanding an infantry battalion in Korea.

A graduate of New York Military Academy, Col. Ward served with the 8th Infantry Division in Normandy, through France and in Belgium, Luxembourg and the Rhineland. He wears the Purple Heart



Col. Ward

and the Silver and Bronze Star medals as well as the Croix de Guerre from both France and Belgium.

AFTER WORLD WAR 2, Col. Ward was assigned to a U. S. military team advising the Chinese Nationalist government. Later he returned to this country and was stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. He was ordered to Korea in February.

His wife, a native of Columbia, S. C., and their 1-year-old son are visiting at 19 East Blvd., the home of Col. Ward's mother, Mrs. DeLancey Bentley, and Mr. Bentley, his foster father.

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3 Rochester Soldiers  
Wounded in Korea

Three Rochester soldiers have been wounded, one for the third time, in Korean fighting, according to the Defense Department and letters received by their parents.

Pfc. John J. Waynetska, 18, foster son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Baney of 68 Virginia Ave., wrote his foster parents that three pieces of shrapnel had been removed from his shoulder after he was hit by an enemy grenade early this month.

Last Mar. 12 Pfc. Waynetska was wounded in the same shoulder only three days after he returned to Korea

from a hospital in Japan, where he had recovered from frostbite. Earlier he had suffered a knee injury while fighting in Korea.

A West High School graduate, Pfc. Waynetska enlisted in the Army in June, 1949. He was sent to Korea last August and assigned to the 19th Regiment, 24th Infantry Division.



PFC. WAYNETSKA

Shared Bullet  
With Buddy

Marine Sgt. 1/c Charles E. Winder, 22, was scheduled to return today to the U.S. Naval Hospital at St. Albans, L. I., for treatment of a foot wound suffered in an unusual way.



SGT. WINDER

Winder, who has been visiting at home at 12 Leighton Ave., was hit in Korea by the same Red bullet that ripped through the arm of his buddy, Cpl. Harvey Hopkins of Plant City, Fla.

The two were trying to get a 57 mm recoilless rifle into position to fire at a North Korean machinegun post when the slug got both of them.

Wounded Soldier  
Is on Way Home

A Rochester rifleman, wounded in the Korean fighting on May 28, is on his way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Weegar of 155 Manor Pkwy. expect their son, M/Sgt. Carl Allen Weegar, to arrive here some time this month.

A telegram from the Defense Department last month said Sgt. Weegar had been wounded while fighting with the 14th Infantry Regiment near Taegu. In a letter to his parents, the soldier did not disclose the nature of his injury, but said he had received the Purple Heart.

A graduate of West High School and Manlius School, a military academy, Sergeant Weegar attended Bucknell University before entering service in November, 1950. He received paratrooper training at Fort Campbell, Ky., before going to the Far East. He was in Korea for almost a year.



CARL A. WEEGAR



# Sgt. Gerald Wolter Freed

## After 2 Years, 8 Months

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By KURT ROHDE

After two years and eight months in a Communist stockade, a thin, 22-year-old Rochester infantryman crossed a dust-choked lane to freedom in Panmunjom, Korea, last night.

Sgt. Gerald R. Wolter became the first prisoner of war from here to be exchanged.

In the modest first-floor-rear apartment at 609 Lake Ave., where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Wolter, live, an atmosphere of prayer and hope suddenly burst into joy. Tears crept into his mother's eyes.

"Will he be home soon?" were Mrs. Wolter's first words at the news. She has not seen her son since he was home in November, 1948, nearly five years ago, following his basic training.

After nine days of hopeful listening by their radio and television sets, the Wolters missed their moment of joy. Mrs. Wolter was in one of their three bedrooms sleeping. Her husband was chatting with a neighbor down the block. Their daughter, Dorothy, 13, was baby sitting while watching a video drama and another son, Richard, 16, was busy with some other youths.

"Well, boy, I've been waiting for this news for a long time," said Gerald's father as he sat, relaxed, on the big green couch in the tiny living room.

"I've been staying up every night, just listening, until 1 a. m.," Wolter continued.

"And when he went to bed, I'd get up and listen," injected young Richard.

As the news spread, telephone calls from happy neighbors and friends kept the phone twinkling.

"I don't want to talk any more," Wolter said in despair. "I'm shaky enough."

As to their son's health, the Wolters knew little. Gerald was reported missing in action on Dec. 2, 1950, after fighting with the 7th Division from the war's beginning. The first word that he was a prisoner arrived in November, 1951, when the Wolters received a letter from him in a Chinese prison camp.

### Got Letters Monthly

After that, letters arrived about once a month. The last came on July 5, when, as usual, Gerald said he was "in fairly good health."

"He said he got good eats,"

added Mrs. Wolter, "even some wine."

"That was a Christmas dinner," explained her husband. "They said they were going to get wine, but I don't know if he ever got it or not."

Gerald has two sisters and a brother in addition to the youngsters at home. Mrs. Betty Duell, 26, a sister, lives at 970 Stone Rd., Greece. The other, Mrs. Ilean Wiendt, 19, was married last month and lives in El Paso, Tex. His brother, Glenn, 29, lives in Hilton.

Wolter, for 12 years a machine repairman with the Camera Works of the Eastman Kodak Company, broke his left arm on July 7. He has been unable to work since. When Gerald was last home, the Wolters lived at 1190 Ridge Rd. W.

This was the second time that



SGT. GERALD R. WOLTER  
... released by Reds

Mrs. Wolter bore up under strain and anxiety. Her elder son, Glenn, was severely wounded in the Battle of the Bulge in Europe. She expects that 16-year-old Richard will be drafted within three years.

### Worked on Farm

After he was graduated from Jefferson High School in 1947, Gerald worked on a farm. He enlisted in the Army in August, 1944, and after basic training was sent to Japan with the 7th Division.

He moved into South Korea shortly after the invasion on June 25, 1950, and fought there until his capture. His parents do not know where he was taken prisoner.

It was expected that, barring injury or illness, Gerald would be in this country within a month.

"You know," said his father slowly, "it's a funny thing. Every time I saw somebody, it's always 'Did you hear anything, did you hear anything?' And then it comes out of a clear sky!"

### 84 U. S. Prisoners Freed

(The Reds last night—Friday morning, Korean time—released 84 American prisoners in the 10th day of Operation Big Switch. Promised for return, in addition to the Americans, were 250 South Koreans, 74 British and 1 Canadian.)

(The return was heightened by a furious debate between Washington and Peiping over withholding captives from repatriation.

(Secretary of State Dulles warned the Reds Tuesday that the U. N. would hold back Red captives until it learns the Communist attitude toward Allied prisoners.

(Returning Americans has said some prisoners had been jailed on trumped-up charges just prior to the beginning of the prisoner repatriation.

(Peiping retorted in a radio broadcast the Communists had a right to make the captives serve their terms. It charged the Allies were holding back illegally at least 120 Chinese Red captives.

(The Communists said they would deliver 300 South Koreans, 50 Americans and 50 British tomorrow, none of them sick or wounded.)



# FIRST

ROCHESTER, N. Y., FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 1953

## ROCHESTER POW EXCHANGED



**RAPTURE**—Joyous news first was brought to the Wolter family, 609 Lake Ave., last night by a D&C reporter. Their son, Sgt. Gerald Wolter, was among the POWs

released by the Reds. Shown, from left, with wire story listing the sergeant as freed are: brother, Richard, 16; mother; sister, Dorothy, 13, and dad, Arthur Wolter.





NEWS OF PW SON — Mrs. Arthur Walters, flanked by daughters, Dorothy (left) and Irene, reads teletype message received at The Times-Union that an exchanged American PW reported her son in "good shape" in Red PW camp in North Korea.

### Smuggler of Good News

## 2 Prisoners Well, City Families Hear

An Army sergeant, released by the Reds in the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners-of-war in Korea, smuggled a list of American prisoner names past the Reds in a small Chinese notebook.

Today, the Associated Press reported from Tokyo, Sgt. Harry A. Cutting of Belle Plaine, Iowa, said that the condition of all 74 men on his list was "good."

Two of the names were those of Sgts. Gerald R. Wolters and Raymond Buck, both of Rochester.

Sgt. Wolters, 22, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walters of 609 Lake Ave. Sgt. Buck, 28, is the son of Mrs. Harriet Walters, of 1946 Main St. E. The families are not related.



Sgt. Wolters

Sgt. Buck

health came as a great relief to their families here, there was this catch:

The healthy GIs are not supposed to be freed by the Reds in the PW exchange, at least not at this time. The exchangees consist of the sick and wounded.

**TOLD THAT YOUNG** Wolters—who spells his name with "o" instead of "a"—is in "good shape," his family greeted the news with both tears and happiness.

One of his sisters, Irene, said it was "wonderful, simply wonderful." She said they last heard from "Gerry" on Jan. 6, when he wrote to say, "Don't be worrying. I'm all right."

Sgt. Wolters was reported captured Dec. 2, 1950, in Korea. He is a former Jefferson High School student. His father works as a millwright at Eastman Kodak Company's Camera Works. Besides Irene, he has two other sisters, Dorothy Walters and Mrs. Betty Duell, and two brothers, Richard and Glenn.

**SGT BUCK'S MOTHER** said, "Thank God," when told he was in good physical condition.

"I've almost been on the verge of a breakdown, worrying about him," she said.

The mother said she last heard from her son in July, when he wrote that he was "all right." But, she said today:

"You couldn't tell. You had the feeling that somebody was standing over him when he wrote."

A former East High School student, Sgt. Buck was reported captured Dec. 3, 1950.

Although the news that their sons reportedly are in good



## City GI Reported D. & C. MAY 12 1953 D.A.S. Red Prisoner

Confirmation that a Rochester soldier is a prisoner of Communists in Korea came yesterday from a repatriated POW.

The name of Gerald R. Wolter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wolters of 609 Lake Ave., was one of about 200 given by Cpl. Joseph L. Jewell of Cincinnati as those of prisoners still behind the Iron Curtain. Wolter had previously been named as a prisoner by other repatriates.

## Saw City Soldier, D. & C. JUN 20 1953 Freed POW Reports

Confirmation of the safety of a Rochester GI taken prisoner by the Communists in Korea on Dec. 2, 1950, came yesterday from a Denver soldier released from a North Korean prison camp last month.

According to an Associated Press dispatch, Sgt. Ernest Contreas of Denver brought home with him from North Korea a list of fellow prisoners who remained behind. Among the names was Cpl. Gerald R. Wolter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wolters, 620 Lake Ave.

After being reported missing for nearly a year, Cpl. Wolters, who attended Jefferson High School, wrote his parents in October, 1951 that he was in a Chinese prison camp and being "treated as well as the Chinese." Corporal Wolters enlisted in the Army in August, 1948, and joined the 7th Infantry Division in Korea in July, 1950.

## Local Sergeant, Ex-PW, to Reach Frisco Saturday

First Rochester man to get out of Communist captivity, Sgt. Gerald R. Wolter, will be the



first local ex-prisoner to reach the United States.

Wolter is due to land in San Francisco Saturday aboard the transport Gen. W. F. Hase, together with 436 other ex-prisoners re-

SGT. GERALD R. WOLTER

turned during the current

Operation Big Switch in Korea, according to the Army.

After 22 months of captivity, the sergeant was freed Aug. 14, the 10th day of Big Switch. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Wolter of 609 Lake Ave.

Two other Rochester soldiers — Pfc. Stefano Salerno and Cpl. Thomas M. Spackman — have been released by the Reds. Five others known to be in Communist hands remain to be freed.

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## Freed City Soldier D. & C. AUG 29 1953 To Dock in U. S.

Sgt. Gerald R. Wolter, first Rochester prisoner-of-war to be released by the Communists in Korea, is scheduled to arrive in San Francisco at 5:30 p. m. today, Rochester time, aboard the transport Gen. William F. Hase.

Altogether, some 437 liberated American soldiers are aboard the ship. The Associated Press reported the POWs will be processed following their arrival in San Francisco, and checked out with pay, leaves and travel orders.

Wolter, who is 22 and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Wolter of 609 Lake Ave., was freed Aug. 14—the 10th day of Operation Big Switch at Panmunjom. He spent 22 months in a Red prison camp.

Three other Rochester soldiers — Pfc. Stefano Salerno, Cpl. Thomas M. Spackman and Cpl. James P. Scahill—have also been freed and are expected to leave Korea for home soon.





OH, HAPPY DAY!—Long months of waiting and praying were over when this photo was snapped at airport here last night. Sgt. Gerald R. Wolter, shown being hugged by mother and father, was home from Red PW camp in Korea. Others in photo are (left-right) Wolter's sister Dorothy; another sister, Mrs. Betty Duell; brother, Dick, and Mrs. Glenn Wolter, wife of another brother. Sergeant was prisoner 2 years, 8 months.

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## 1st City PW Home, Cuts Sleep Short

Ordinarily, you'd expect that a fellow who sweated out 2 years and 8 months in a Communist prisoner-of-war camp in Korea would want to sleep and sleep—his first morning home.

But not Sgt. Gerald R. Wolter, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Wolter, 609 Lake Ave.

The redheaded noncom, first Rochester PW released by the Reds in Korea and the first local boy to arrive home, was up with the birds today.

His brother Dick, 16, said: "I don't know where he went—except he said he wanted to visit some friends and chew the fat."

One pressing matter on Wolter's agenda is the matter of teeth. He lost some while a prisoner, and hopes to have a dentist go to work on him some time today.

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**WOLTER ARRIVED** at Rochester and Monroe County Airport at 10:57 last night from San Francisco, where he docked Saturday.

Sgt. Wolter was lucky to get home as soon as he did. Of the 436 men who docked with him,

150 weren't able to start home until today. The Army promised to do better next time on processing.

Although he tried to keep the time of his arrival in Rochester secret, it didn't work.

On hand were representatives of three veterans' groups, in addition to his parents, a brother, Dick, another brother, Glenn, of Hilton; Glenn's wife and their baby daughter, Susan; two sisters, Dorothy Wolter, 13, and Mrs. Betty Duell of 970 Stone Rd. Greece, and other relatives.

Sgt. Wolter's first greeter was his baby sister Dorothy, who was only 8 when he last saw her.

"How you've grown!" he said, hugging her hard.

Then the others rushed up, but Mr. and Mrs. Wolter hung back. The sergeant spotted them, and the hugs and the kisses began.



## E. Rochester Mother Told Son May Be Red Captive

The mother of East Rochester jet bomber pilot Capt. Jules E. Young, reported missing after a mission over Korea nearly three years ago, was trying desperately to keep her hopes in check last night as word came that he may be a prisoner of war.

Mrs. Edith Young, a widow, who lives at 129 W. Spruce St., East Rochester, received a Defense Department telegram yesterday informing her that her son was one of 944 Americans the U.N. command suspects are being held prisoner.

As in the cases of two other area men whose names appeared on the "holdout list" submitted to the Reds Saturday, the Defense Department gave no clue of the source of its information that he was being held.

It cautioned her that there is "no certainty that these men are still alive" and said the "Communists have been asked to account for them."

Earlier news dispatches indicated that the list was compiled from reports brought back by repatriated prisoners of war and from radio propaganda broadcasts monitored by the U. N. command.

Mrs. Young said the captain's wife, the former Mary Manning of Rochester, now living in Hampton, Va., near Langley Field



CAPT. JULES E.  
YOUNG

where her husband once was stationed, had also received a Defense Department telegram. With the officer's wife is her daughter, Julie, whom her father has never seen. Another child, Lance, 4, was killed by an auto in Virginia in 1950.

The mother said last night that her son had been flying a jet B-45 bomber on a mission with two other planes on Dec. 2, 1950, and failed to return to its base in Japan. The three planes were the first three jet bombers to participate in the Korean action.

A captain from Spokane, Wash., who piloted one of the other planes, telephoned the mother from Japan later to assure her that there was a chance that the crew of the plane may have been able to bail out. There was no word on whether the plane was shot down or developed an engine failure.

Captain Young has been in the Air Force since 1941. During World War II he was a P-47 Thunderbolt fighter pilot, serving in Panama, North Africa, and the Far East. He held the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal.

The U. N.'s "holdout list" also included the names of First Lt. Robert B. Baumer, 39 Lilac Dr.; First Lt. Spiro Peters, 90 Alledale Ave., and Capt. Donald Hyatt, 17 Cypress St., all of Rochester.

## Parents of Missing Soldier Seek Added Data from U.N.

Mr. and Mrs. John Zingarella of 619 Dewey Ave., whose only child vanished in Korea only a month after the war began, will join other parents of "missing" GIs Monday to ask the United Nations and the government to get more information about their sons.

The parents of Army Cpl. Anthony Zingarella, 21, leave Sunday night for New York City to meet other parents who are in the Fighting Home Folks. The organization was launched by an ex-captain from Colorado whose son is believed to have been killed in Korea.

Earlier this week, Mr. and Mrs. Zingarella received a letter from Rep. Harold C. Ostertag of Attica assuring the couple that "the

Department of Defense will continue to investigate all sources of information and to explore all feasible courses of action, even though it has made a presumptive finding of death." Last January, the Army notified the couple that Anthony is believed dead. But the couple hopes he may still be alive and a prisoner of the Reds—perhaps in Manchuria.

After the parents go to the United Nations, they will go to Washington Wednesday to contact President Eisenhower. More than 900 U.S. men still are listed as missing in Korea. The Army announced last fall it had asked for an accounting, and again four times since. The Reds' reply has been unacceptable, the Army said.





CWO PAUL W. WYLIE

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## Helmet Saves Fighter's Life in Korea

His steel helmet saved the life of a veteran Rochester soldier when his truck was demolished in Korea by a Chinese land mine.

Chief Warrant Officer Paul K. Wylie, 41, was blown through the cab roof of the truck, he notified his wife, Mrs. Ann Wylie of 617 Broadway, in a letter from a Japanese hospital.

The letter was the first and only notice Mrs. Wylie received that her husband was wounded near the 38th Parallel Apr. 2. He is now recovering, he wrote, from numerous bruises of the head and face and body and the fracture of one foot.

"If I hadn't been wearing my helmet," wrote the veteran of 24 years of Army service, "I wouldn't be alive to tell about it."

Chief Wylie was at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attack precipitated the war in the Pacific. He served three years in the Pacific combat theater.

He left the United States for the Korean War last August but became ill in Japan and did not rejoin his heavy mortar company of the Army's Third Division until November.

Chief Wylie met his wife, the former Ann Crawford, in Rochester in 1947 when he was assigned here as instructor with National Guard units. She had been in the WAVES during the war and was doing volunteer clerical work for the National Guard.



A LOOK BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD—Cpl. Robert Williamson and Betty Goodlein look over memory book with gratitude. Williamson, reported killed in action, is safe and sound.

### Reunion with Sweetheart

## Local Marine Returns; Had Been Listed Killed

For three dreary December days, Betty Goodlein, 39 Nicholson St., believed her sweetheart, Cpl. Robert Williamson, had died on a Korea battlefield.

Then came his letters—first one to tell her that he had been

lost from his unit after he was wounded in fighting near the Chosen Reservoir. It was followed by others describing his evacuation from Hagrueri and later his recuperation in a hospital in Japan.

And yesterday, the red-headed Marine himself was home to hold hands with the pretty girl he's dated since his high school days. He picked her up after work at the Haloid Company, took her out for dinner and escorted her to the movies. For Betty and Bob, it was as if December had never been.

Corporal Williamson said he was shot in the leg while the First Marine Division was battling against the Chinese Communists that swarmed over the Reservoir area at Thanksgiving time. The corpsman who "wrote him up" and took him to the aid station was killed, and the papers were lost.

"Later our aid station got cut off," the 20-year-old veteran said. "We walked to Hagrueri 14 miles away—16 of us, all wounded—and it took us five days to make it."

During that time, Corporal Williamson was wounded again—this time by a Commie grenade.

Corporal Williamson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond G. Dries, 189 Milburn St., received a telegram Dec. 10 mistakenly reporting that their son was killed Dec. 1. But three days after the telegram, Miss Goodlein got his letter, dated Dec. 7. She knew he was safe.

The Marine's two Purple Hearts disqualify him for further overseas duty. When his 30-day leave is over, Williamson will report to Brooklyn Navy Yard, and he expects to be discharged a few weeks later.



## Marine Officer, Family Enjoy Brief Holiday with Relatives



**FIRST-HAND** information on his experiences in Korea was given his family by Col. George Frank Waters Jr., USMC, who with Mrs. Waters and her son, William Henry Farrell 2d, have been passing several days with Mrs. Waters' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Kelleher of Lake Ave. Enjoying coffee in the garden during their visit are

Mr. Kelleher (from left), Mrs. Waters; her son, Col. Waters, and Mrs. Kelleher. Col. Waters was in Korea with the first Marines sent there and during his absence Mrs. Waters resided in Coronado, Calif. They are en route to Camp Lejeune, N. C., where Col. Waters will be stationed. **TIMES UNION JUN 4 1951**





**WILL HE GAIN WEIGHT BACK? —** Sgt. Floyd E. Wesp, 25, who returned last week from Korea, chats over his weight problem with girl friend, Janice McNaney, last night at home at 816 South Ave. He now weighs 215—lost 90 pounds in Korea.

## Want to Lose Weight? Go to Korea, GI Advises

If you want to lose weight, Sgt. Floyd E. Wesp offers this advice: **D & C, JUN 5 - 1951**  
"Go to Korea."

The 25-year-old soldier, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wesp, 816 South Ave., speaks from experience. He arrived home from Korea a week ago under the Army's rotation plan after serving eight months in combat.

"Right now I'm down to 215 pounds," he said last night as he stretched his 6 foot 2 frame on the davenport at home. "When I was sent to Korea I weighed 304. Fighting and working hard took 90 pounds off—but fast."

The local GI, who has been in the Army since 1943 and who holds the Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medals from World War 2, served as an ammunition supply sergeant in Korea. He was attached to a 7th Division field artillery battalion.

### Cut Off from Division

Here's a few of his experiences that he says "will melt pounds off any big man."

Just before last Thanksgiving, his division was up in North Korea around the Chosin Reservoir. Later, when the Chinese swept down from the Manchurian border, his battalion was cut off from the division.

"We didn't have much ammunition or food," Sergeant Wesp recalled, "and we managed to fight our way out of a tight trap. But it took us almost a week to travel 18 miles to rejoin the division. We didn't lose a man, thank God, just some weight."

Another time, the former Irondequoit High School football player was driving a truck near Pusan. He was hauling three big trailers loaded with all kinds of ammunition.

### See Trailer Ablaze

"I was driving along that day and feeling pretty good," he said, "until I looked in the rear view mirror of the truck. Then and there, I

think I sweated off 20 pounds. One of the trailers was on fire."

Sergeant Wesp dashed out of the truck, unhooked it from the trailers and drove off just before the ammunition exploded. Later, he had to be treated on both arms for burns, which he received when he unhooked the truck from the burning trailer. How it caught fire, he doesn't know.

Last night he told a few more of his Korean experiences to his parents and his girl friend, Janice McNaney, 82 Pardee St.

"While I'm home," he said, "I'm going to eat a lot and try to put back on the 90 pounds I lost."



**PVT. JOSEPH C. WOZNIAK** (above) of 83 Rauber St. is convalescing from wounds received in action in Korea. In a letter to his mother, Mrs. Helen Wozniak of the Rauber St. address, he says he will be confined to a hospital in Japan for two or three months. Pvt. Wozniak, who enlisted in the Army when 17, was wounded May 25. A government telegram describes his wounds as "not serious." Pvt. Wozniak formerly attended Hill School.  
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## Look Twice in War, Then Talk, Advice of Rochester Corporal

When you're fighting in Korea, it's best to look twice before asking someone to help you.

That's the opinion of Cpl. Richard F. Wesp, son of Martin Wesp of 50 Jackson St., who has been with the 24th Infantry Division in Korea since last July.

According to word received yesterday from his division the 19-year-old soldier was leading his 57 MM recoilless rifle squad in an attempt to stem the recent

Chinese offensive. When the squad ran out of ammunition, Corporal Wesp ordered his men to move back. He stayed with another GI to check the foxholes for any wounded and to pick up the recoilless rifle.

Approaching a foxhole near the weapon, the local soldier saw a figure about 10 feet away. "Hey Ed, help me with the rifle," he called out.

The figure answered in Chinese and fired at Corporal Wesp, who dropped to the ground and emptied a clip from his revolver into the Red soldier. Uninjured, Wesp then picked up the recoilless rifle and joined the rest of his squad at their new position.



**RICHARD F. WESP**

## Sgt. Harold J. Weed, Missing in Action

Sgt. Harold J. Weed, 22, has been missing in action in Korea since May 18, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mort Weed of Hulberton, learned yesterday. Sergeant Weed is a graduate of Brockport High School and has been in the Army for three years.

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## City GI Wounded; Hospital Trip 3rd Since War's Start

Pfc. John J. Waynetska, 18, 68 Virginia Ave., is recovering from shrapnel wounds after being hit by an enemy grenade early this month while fighting in Korea with the 19th Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. It was the third time he has been hospitalized during the war.



JOHN J. WAYNETSKA

In a letter to his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Baney of the same address, he said three pieces of shrapnel had been removed from the same shoulder in which he received a wound Mar. 12, three days after returning to battle from a hospital in Japan where he was treated for frostbite. Earlier he had suffered a knee injury while fighting in Korea.

A graduate of West High School, Private Waynetska enlisted in the Army in June, 1949. He was sent to Korea last August.

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Pfc. R. B. Willis Wounded  
In Action with Marines

Two months after he arrived in Korea, Marine Pfc. Richard B. Willis,

18, was wounded in action with the 1st Division.

Notification was received by his parents Friday that Richard had been wounded Sept. 13. The Defense Department telegram gave no additional details.

In his first letter after arriving in Korea, Private Willis wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Willis of 50 Rogers Ave: "I spent all day yesterday and last night on a hill. Our squad had outposts looking for gooks. Three weeks ago a gook on the top of a hill shot a fellow in the chow line, so they started outpost duty."

Willis enlisted in the Marines in April, 1951, and trained in Parris Island, S. C. He is a former Madison High School pupil.



PFC. RICHARD B. WILLIS

D. &amp; C. SEP 30 1951

## Things in Korea 'Real Rough,' Returned Army Reserve Says

How are things in Korea?  
"Real rough."

That's the way Dennison L. White of Perry, a Democrat and Chronicle suburban district manager, sums up his 10-months tour of duty in Korea.

White, who was an Army reservist after having served in the European Theater during World War 2, was recalled to active duty last October and was sent almost immediately to Korea where he was on the front lines—with the exception of a two-weeks rest period—until he was discharged. White returned this week to his job with the D&C.

"The terrain over there offers the biggest possible headache to a military program," White said. "Everything is primitive and there are no paved roads. It's really rugged trying

to move equipment and those mountains don't help matters any."

America's soldiers in Korea "accept the situation as a job that must be done," he added. "And they're doing it. The resistance is very stiff; nothing seems to have changed at all as a result of the so-called truce talks.

"I hope they get it over with pretty soon. I have a lot of buddies over there—and I want to see 'em come home."

## Hospitalized GI Returns to Front

Pfc. Richard H. Wentworth, 19, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Wentworth of 50 Halstead St., has returned to duty with the Army in Korea after hospitalization in Japan.

Wentworth wrote his mother that he broke a bone in a hand diving into a slit trench under a sudden artillery barrage. He has been in Korea since last May.

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## Letters

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### From a GI in Korea

I and thousands of other GI's are wondering how much some of these politicians are lacking, for it seems to us that is what is keeping this police action from being stopped. We would take what little we make each month and give it to them just so that this thing could be done with.

This is not like other wars. First they said that if a GI stayed here six months he would rotate home. Something went wrong there. Then they said that 40 thousand GI's would be rotated every month, and something went wrong there, too. A GI will have one year in Japan and then come to Korea for two months and be sent home before a GI who has been here 11 months.

Today I have had six months on the front line. If those back home were doing what they should be doing, thousands of GI's like me would be home and able to spend this Christmas with their families. As it is, we will probably be here until next Spring.

That is all we want to say. Now you tell us.

PFC. RICHARD WENTWORTH  
Korea.

## GI Wounded In Korea War

"We were on patrol to take a hill on Heartbreak Ridge, Hill 1062. Ten yards from the top I saw a grenade coming my way so I hit the ground. Up a little farther, in comes a mortar. Before I could hit the ground it hit me."

Thus Pvt. Donald Wacenske described to his parents how he was wounded in Korea last month. Donald's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Wacenske of 59 Lorenzo St. Over the weekend they received a letter from their 20-year-old son and learned of his wounds. The day after receipt of the letter official notice came from the Defense Department. Donald was wounded "seriously."

The Rochester soldier is a graduate of Holy Family School and Paul Revere Trade School. He has been in action in Korea since September. His brother, Corporal James, is with the Army in Germany and another brother, Private Frederick, is with the Army in Hawaii.



PVT. DONALD WACENSKE





**WARM GREETINGS** — Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Wacenske present Christmas gift to their son, Private Donald, 20, who was wounded a month ago in Korea's Heartbreak Ridge battle.

## Heartbreak Vet Spends Happy Christmas Home

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It could have been Christmas on one of Korea's cold and nameless ridges.

Or it could have been spent in a hospital bed.

"Guess I was just one of the lucky ones—I never expected to make it," said Pvt. Donald O. Wacenske.

The 20-year-old Rochester soldier spent Christmas at home with his family far from Korea's bleak ridges, but not too far from a hospital bed.

There were presents, a Christmas tree and a big turkey dinner with everything from soup to nuts. There were also memories.

### Saw Grenades Coming

"We were on patrol to take Hill 1062 on Heartbreak Ridge. Ten yards from the top I saw a grenade coming my way so I hit the ground. Up a little farther, in comes a mortar. Before I could hit the ground, it hit me."

That was on Nov. 19. The mortar explosion fractured the young soldier's skull. Medics took him from Hill 1062 to a base hospital at Yungdongpo, where he spent two weeks, most of the time in an unconscious condition.

After Yungdongpo it was a week at an Army hospital in Tokyo, and from there by plane to Percy Jones Hospital in Battle Creek, Mich. Sunday morning he came home from the hospital for Christmas on a 30-day furlough.

"It's swell to be home. I can hardly believe it," he said over and over again to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Wacenske of 59 Lorenzo St.

### Not All Rosy

But his furlough hasn't all been rosy. There's been times when the young soldier still feels the effect of his head injury. He was forced to spend the day before Christmas in bed.

The Heartbreak Ridge veteran entered the Army last Jan. 11 and arrived in Korea on Sept. 20. From that date on he was in action almost continually until the mortar blast on Hill 1062.

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## Rochester Soldier, Hit by Shell, Makes New Door in House

How Pfc. Richard H. Wentworth, 19, "made a new door in a Korean house with his body," is told in "The Buchaneer," a news sheet of the 3rd Infantry Regiment, which has reached his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Wentworth of 50 Halstead St.

The youth was laying a telephone line from the front line positions, and to take a short cut, laid the line through a house that was directly on the route. As he emerged from the grass-roofed structure a Communist mortar shell landed a few yards away. Concussion from the exploding shell blew Wentworth back into the house and completely through the opposite wall. He landed outside the building, gazing wonderingly at the "door" he had just made. He was reportedly badly shaken but unhurt. He was back stringing wire the next day.

## Helicopter Duty Goes to Graduate Of Charlotte High

Seaman Theodore C. Wiederhold, a graduate of Charlotte High School, has been assigned to the recently-installed helicopter deck aboard the hospital ship Consolation, off Korea, as the Navy undertakes its newest method of moving wounded GIs from shore to ship—by air.

His job, according to word from the Navy, is to help anchor the helicopters when they land with wounded, and then help the hospital corpsmen get the men off the plane. Only four enlisted men, including the corpsmen, are permitted on the deck.

Wiederhold, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore F. Wiederhold, formerly of 3681 Lake Ave. and now of Canandaigua, enlisted in June, 1947. After boot camp training at Great Lakes, he was transferred to the Consolation which has been in Korean waters almost continually since the war began.

"Donald's coming home for Christmas was the best present I got," said Mrs. Wacenske.

Said her son: "Sure, but I was lucky. There's a lot of guys who didn't make it."



# Cpl. Thomas C. Weilert

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## Wounded in Korea



CPL. THOMAS WEILERT

Cpl. Thomas C. Weilert, former junior camp director at the Rochester YMCA's Camp Cory on Keuka Lake, has been "seriously wounded" in action in Korea, according to a telegram received by his mother, Mrs. Leona W. Weilert, 71 Oneida St.

The 23-year-old Benjamin Franklin High School graduate was at Cory for five Summers until he was drafted last October. For several years he was in charge of junior camp waterfront activities. Last June he was graduated from Brockport State Teachers College.

He trained at Fort Dix with an infantry regiment and was sent to Korea in March. In a letter received by his mother several days before he was wounded on July 1, he said he was fine, "taking it easy just waiting for something to happen." He is now recuperating in a hospital in Japan.

# Rochester Colonel Gets

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## 7th Infantry Command

A World War 2 infantry officer and former Rochesterian has been named commanding officer in a battalion of the 7th Infantry Division in Korea, it has been reported.

He is Lt. Col. Donald R. Ward, who lived in Rochester before World War 2 and who has been commanding an infantry battalion in Korea.

A graduate of New York Military Academy, Col. Ward served with the 8th Infantry Division in Normandy, through France and in Belgium, Luxembourg and the Rhineland. He wears the Purple Heart



Col. Ward

and the Silver and Bronze Star medals as well as the Croix de Guerre from both France and Belgium.

**AFTER WORLD WAR 2**, Col. Ward was assigned to a U. S. military team advising the Chinese Nationalist government. Later he returned to this country and was stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. He was ordered to Korea in February.

His wife, a native of Columbia, S. C., and their 1-year-old son are visiting at 19 East Blvd., the home of Col. Ward's mother, Mrs. DeLancey Bentley, and Mr. Bentley, his foster father.

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# Rochester Colonel

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## Named Commander Of 7th Regiment

Lt. Col. Donald R. Ward, a World War 2 infantry officer, has been named commander of the 7th Infantry Regiment in Korea, it was reported yesterday.

Colonel Ward, who lived in Rochester before World War 2, was commanding an infantry battalion in Korea prior to his appointment.



LT. COL. DONALD R. WARD

A graduate of New York Military Academy, Colonel Ward was commissioned in the Regular Army and then assigned to the 8th Infantry Division. He rose to battalion commander and served with the division in Normandy and other parts of France, in Belgium, Luxembourg and the Rhineland. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the Silver and Bronze Stars and the Croix de Guerre from France and Belgium.

After the war, Colonel Ward was assigned to a U. S. military team advising the Chinese government. Later he returned to this country and was stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. In February he was ordered to Korea.

Mrs. Ward, a Columbia, S. C., native, and their year-old son are visiting at 19 East Blvd., the home of Colonel Ward's mother and foster father, DeLancey Bentley.

D. & C. JAN 18 1953

# Grenade Wounds City Soldier, But Saves His Life

"I thought my number was up for sure."

Pvt. Allen E. Walker, with five days on the front lines, described in a letter to his wife how he and his buddies were set upon by an enemy patrol and a grenade wounded him but saved his life.



PVT. ALLEN E. WALKER

It happened on Jan. 7. On his second night patrol since his unit, Company F of the 224th Regiment, 40th Infantry Division, was committed to action, Private Walker and 13 buddies were caught by a fusillade of fire from the Chinese Communists.

Three United Nations soldiers were killed and 10 wounded, Walker said. A Communist threw a grenade whose shrapnel raked the Rochester soldier's right leg but the force of the concussion knocked him down a hill. He slid and rolled his way over another hill into UN lines. He is now recuperating in a Korean hospital.

Private Walker, 23, was inducted into the Army in May, 1951, after attending Churchville High School. He trained at Camp Breckinridge, Ky., and was sent overseas last October. His wife, Mrs. Bernadine R. Walker, lives at 42 Chester St.

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We are American soldiers assigned to the 40th Infantry Division here in Korea. Even though we are the best-equipped and best-fed soldiers in Korea, it always seems like the folks back home have forgotten how lonely and dull foreign duty is without letters from home.

We'd like to write to some people (especially girls!) in the States; there are eight of us in this tent and we will appreciate every letter.

PVT. STANLEY W. WALTON.  
U. S. 51 142 278  
40th Infantry Division  
APO 6 c/o P. M.  
San Francisco, Calif.



**Marine Flies 100 Missions** D & C. JUN 7 1953

Marine Capt. Richard H. Vollick has joined the "Century Club" in Korea by completing 100 combat missions.

In a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Vollick of 19 Carthage Dr., the Marine pilot indicated he probably would be assigned to other duty to fill out the remaining 4½ months of his nine-month tour of duty.

Capt. Vollick was graduated in 1939 from Irondequoit High School, where he was active on the baseball and football teams. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1942 and was recalled to duty in 1950.

During his time out of the service, the 29-year-old Marine was an inspector at Commercial Controls Corporation in Rochester.



**CAPT. RICHARD H. VOLLICK**  
... 100 Missions

**Pfc. White Wounded In Korea** TIMES UNION JUN 15 1953



**PFC. JOSEPH J. WHITE JR.**

**Pfc. White Wounded In Korea**

Pfc. Joseph J. White Jr., 19, has been wounded in Korea, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. White of 35 Baldwin St.

The Defense Department Saturday notified the young soldier's parents that he suffered flesh wounds of the left foot by artillery fire on June 8. Pfc. White, who attended Corpus Christi School, Aquinas Institute and East High School, enlisted Dec. 31, 1951. He was sent to Korea last July and has been serving with a tank battalion of the 40th Infantry Division.


When he enlisted he was working for the Todd Company. He expected his discharge from the Army in July.

**Wounded Sergeant Due Home** TIMES UNION JUL 9 1953

M/Sgt. Carl A. Weegar, Rochester infantryman wounded in the Korean fighting on May 28, is expected to arrive home this month.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Weegar, 155 Manor Pkwy.

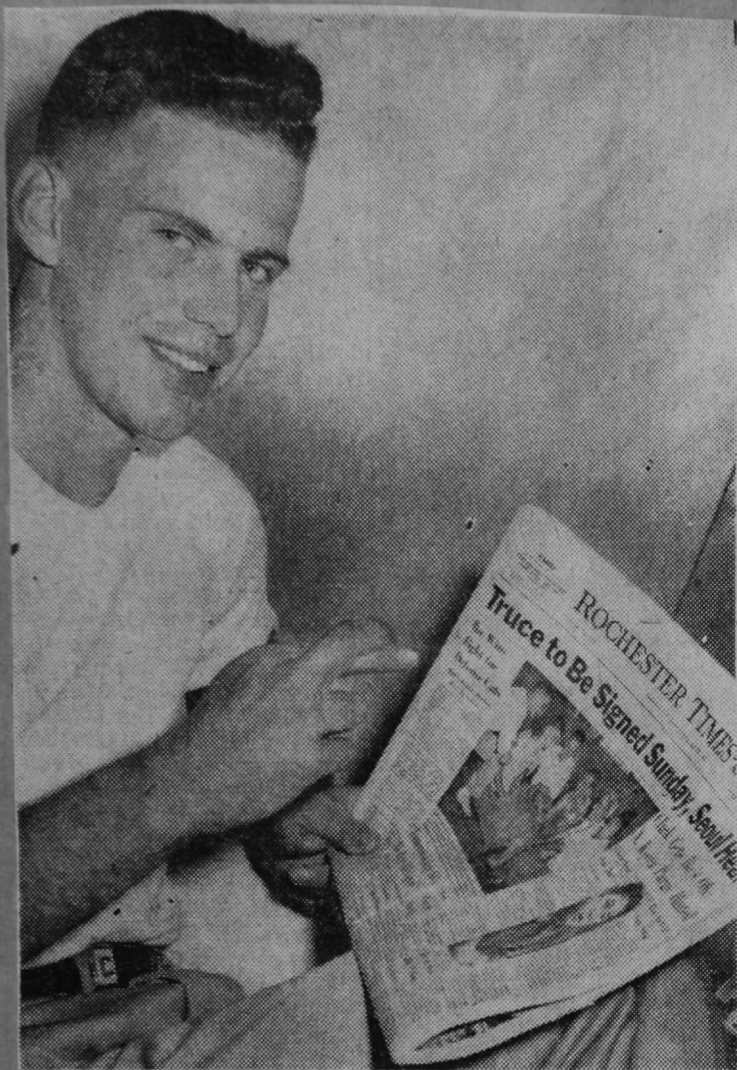
Sgt. Weegar was wounded while fighting with the 14th Infantry Regiment near Taegu, according to the Defense Department. He received the Purple Heart but the nature of the injury has not been disclosed.



**Sgt. Weegar**

Entering the service in November, 1950, he took paratrooper training at Fort Campbell, Ky. He is a graduate of West High School and Manlius School, a military academy. He attended Bucknell University before entering service.





**OLD STORY**—Waiting for news of a Korean truce, via The Times-Union, is a switch for M/Sgt. Carl Weegar. Until recently he awaited news in a front line bunker.

## Korea Vet Skeptical: Too Many 'Truce' Duds

By **DICK WHALEN**

With the truce signing in Korea reportedly a matter of hours, Sgt. Carl Weegar of 155 Manor Pkwy. hardly can be blamed for a certain amount of cynicism.

Home on a 30-day furlough after long months on the front lines, he's heard that "story" before.

He was one of the men in the 14th Infantry Regiment who waited all Winter and Spring for a truce announcement that didn't come.

THE GIs, Weegar said, used to crouch in their bunkers and listen avidly to radio reports that a truce was imminent — that it might come "tomorrow."

But tomorrow came, and the enemy came too, and the men of the 14th Infantry slogged back to their business of fighting.

Weegar, when his furlough is up, will report back to the Army to serve out his tour of duty. He expects to be discharged in November.

He joined the Army in 1950, went to paratrooper school and then was assigned to the light weapons platoon of the 14th Infantry.

THE UNIT was ordered to Korea and they fought on the front lines for six months. Then on May 29 the Communists blasted Turkish troops off Vegas, Carson and Elko hills, just 10 miles from Panmunjom, site of truce talks.

In the sharp fighting to regain the hills approximately

half of Weegar's regiment was killed or wounded. "We were so badly cut up," he said, "that they put us with the reserve units in the rear." It was in this battle that Weegar was wounded.

Weegar said that the men in his company, most of whom were draftees, followed the progress of the truce talks closely both on the radio and in Stars and Stripes, the Army newspaper.

His company was taken on a tour of the Korean battle lines. They moved from one coast across the peninsula to the other.

"Everything is flattened," he said. "You see the remains of both armies all over the terrain. Villages are leveled. It's not a nice place for a vacation."

## News of Wound Arrives at D. & C. JUL 28 1953

A telegram reporting their son wounded in Korean fighting was received by Mr. and Mrs. William



**CPL. EDWARD J. WEEKS**

F. Weeks of 22 Emmett St. at the same time that they heard the news of the armistice signing.

The youth, Cpl. Edward J. Weeks, 18, suffered flesh wounds, of the lower left leg when struck by mortar fire July 19 while defending his company's position, the Army Department said.

His parents, who had been away over last weekend, received the information on returning home Sunday night and a few minutes later, listened to news reports of the signing of the Korean armistice.

Corporal Weeks, a graduate of Paul Revere Trade School, enlisted in the Army Nov. 5, 1952, and after training in Camp

## Truce Time

Devens, Mass., and Indiantown Gap, Pa., was sent overseas early last May. He had spent nine months in the National Guard prior to enlisting in the Army. In Korea, he was a member of Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division.

His most recent letter received by his parents made no mention of anticipated enemy combat.



## Rochester Soldier Wounded In Red Assault on Wonju

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Cpl. William E. Yopp, 21, son of Mrs. Francis Yopp of 826 Norton St., was wounded in action in Korea Jan. 7, it was learned yesterday.

He was attached to the 2nd Division of the 8th Army, and was wounded during a Communist attack on Wonju. He had been serving in Korea since last July.

In a letter received by his mother, Corporal Yopp wrote: "We were outnumbered five to one. I ducked the first grenade thrown at me, but the second one got me. We held them off from 3 o'clock in the morning until 9 o'clock. Then I was flown to a hospital here in Taegu."

The serviceman suffered wounds of the right foot, hip and leg.

He attended Edison Technical High

School and enlisted in the Army in May, 1946. He served 2 years in Germany with the occupation forces and on his return to the United States was stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash.



CPL. WILLIAM E. YOPP

## Rochester GI Helps Cook, Sometimes Fights, in Korea

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD

Somewhere in Korea—(P)—In this war, even the mess sergeants and their men have had a share of bitter fighting. And when these non-combat troops are not fighting, they are really working.

Take the case of T/Sgt. Francis B. Jarvis, Portland, Ore. He runs an Army mess for 120 soldiers. One of his assistants is Pfc. Joe Zeitvogel of Rochester, N. Y.

(Private Zeitvogel has been in Korea for 6 months according to his mother, Irene Zeitvogel who lives at Park Avenue Hospital where she is employed.)

Their day starts at 5 a. m. and ends after 11 p. m.

"When we get good rations, we serve good food," Sergeant Jarvis says. "Right now the food we are

getting here in the 2nd Division is the best of the war—even fresh meat—beef, turkey and ham.

"A mess sergeant's job is not thankless, because the men appreciate good food, just as much as they dislike a long run of strictly canned meals.

"The boys in the front lines are the easiest to please."

Jarvis and his men fought the Chinese from foxholes at Kunu on the Chongchon River line in North Korea. They battled south through the terrible fire of Kenu Pass.

His kitchen is set up in a section of an old Korean school building. It's equipped with four gasoline-burning field ranges and with all necessary cooking utensils.

"GIs," said Jarvis, "are meat and potato men. They'd like meat and potatoes every day."

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# Army Slogger Tops as Fighting Man, Says Ranger

## Korea Vet Thanks God For GI Joes

By JACK TUCKER

"Take it from me," the lean little Ranger captain said, "there's no better fighting man anywhere than an Army infantryman."

"I mean the plain, beat-up, long-suffering GI who sweats out foxholes, the danger of sudden death and miserable living in combat."

"I say thank God for guys like them."

THIS IS Capt. John Paul Vann, 26, Regular Army man just back from Korea speaking.

Vann's 8th Army Ranger company was the first of its type to fight in Korea. All volunteers, they specialized in night missions behind Red lines, beating the infiltrating Communists at their own game.

VANN and his pretty wife, the former Mary Jane Allen of 239 Elmdorf Ave., are visiting at that address with their three youngsters—

Al Moss, Times-Union political writer, is on vacation. His regular Thursday column, "The Political Pulse," will be resumed on his return.



**FAMILY REUNION**—Capt. John Paul Vann and his family (from left), Mrs. Vann, Justice Paul, Patricia Jane and Johnny, visit here from the Far East.

one of whom, Justus Paul, was born in Japan eight months ago.

The two older kids, Patricia Jane, 4, and Johnny, 3, can jabber away in Japanese, after living in Osaka two years.

CAPT. VANN, who was yanked back to the States to teach hard-hitting Ranger tactics at Fort Benning, Ga., explained:

"My Rangers would infiltrate Red

lines mostly at night. We'd go into the first village house we saw, pull a civilian out of bed, then fall back to interrogate him.

"The Korean civilians invariably gave us accurate data. Actually, most civilian Koreans give allegiance to neither side."

### THE WORST EXPERIENCE

Vann's outfit had was a day when two-thirds of the company was cut

off and surrounded.

"Only thing we could do," he said, "was take to a river. It was covered with ice. We broke the ice and tried to hide. Finally had to fight our way out."

"Rangers are rugged. Although we were there two hours, we got out our wounded and only 20 men had to be hospitalized. Even frost-bite couldn't stop my boys."

It was Vann's company, with a reconnaissance company, that cap-

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## ger Captain

tured the port of Inchon Feb. 10. The blond, wiry captain's men occasionally were attached to Turkish units—"the Turks are ferocious and have plenty of guts," Vann said, but it is difficult even to use sign language on them.

"HAD ONE EMBARRASSING experience with the Turks," Vann said. "A Turkish commander offered to send over his five-piece band to play for my company. I invited them for chow."

But Vann forgot that Turks don't eat pork. Just as it dawned on him, the mess sergeant said:

"Cap'n, I got some real good chow for those guys."

"What is it?" Vann asked.

"Pork," the sergeant said. "Had a hard time getting it, too."

Vann had to scout around feverishly at the last minute to come up with something different.

### SPEAKING OF THE ENEMY,

Vann made these observations:

"Farmers posing as South Koreans sometimes opened fire on us without warning . . . the Chinese Reds have no regard whatever for their personal life. They're willing to let 450 of 500 men get killed if they can gain an objective. . . . Koreans are hard to tell apart, except that North Korean soldiers have their heads shaved."

Vann, who has a pair of Bronze Stars and an Air Medal—the latter for organizing air drops to isolated U. S. units—met his attractive wife in Rochester in the last war when he was an air cadet. Her family invited him for dinner. Ensued romance, marriage and three children.



## Pfc. Yahn Missing in Korea, D. & C. APR 7 - 1951 Wife in Rochester Informed

Pfc. Armour Yahn, 24, has been missing in action in Korea since Feb. 12, his wife, Mrs. Ruth Yahn of 108 Scrantom St., was informed by the Army Department.

In his late letter home, received early in February, Private Yahn told his wife that he was in a foxhole somewhere in the Korean hills.

"We've been using melted snow for drinking and washing. We only go down the hill once a week to wash up," his letter said. The GI also requested in his letter that his family send him cigarets and razor blades.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Yahn, 1026 Joseph Ave., Private



PFC. ARMOUR  
YAHN

Yahn first entered the Army in 1945 and served with the occupation troops in Germany. He was discharged after 18 months, but was recalled, as a reservist, Nov. 15, 1950. He was sent to Korea last Christmas Eve. Private Yahn was a Star Scout with Troop 46 and a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School.

## Ex-Edison Tech Grid Star D. & C. DEC 9 - 1950 Wounded in Korea Fighting

A radiogram dated from Japan on their soldier son's 21st birthday, Dec. 5, last night told an Irondequoit family that he had been wounded in Korea but now is in a hospital in Japan.

Casualty is Sgt. Harvey Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey

M. Young of 283 Somershire Dr. He is a member of Company M, 38th Regiment, of the famed 2nd Division which has seen some of the hardest fighting of the Korean campaign since its arrival there early in the war.

"In hospital with shoulder wounds getting along fine, Harvey," read the radiogram, received by Station W2RUF operated by Clara Roger, 435 Best St., Buffalo, and forwarded by mail to Rochester.

Young, who was All-Scholastic end as a member of the Edison Tech high school football team of 1948, enlisted in the Army Jan. 13, 1949, and was sent to Fort Lewis, Wash., to join the 2nd Division. While stationed there he played football on

the 38th Regiment team coached by Lt. Tom Lombardo, West Point grid star who was killed in action in Korea recently. Lombardo's team won the Army's Pacific Coast championship and was rewarded with a trip to Hawaii to play the Army's top teams there. Young made the trip as first-string end.

Word of the safety of Young's closest friend, Ralph Longbine, Irondequoit High School graduate with whom he enlisted and alongside whom he has been fighting in Korea, was received by Longbine's parents last night, also.

Reassurance came in the form of a cablegram from Seoul in which young Longbine told his parents Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Longbine of 296 Titus Ave., that he was back safely in the South Korean capital to which the 2nd Division withdrew after an epic holding action credited with permitting a large share of the 8th Army to withdraw safely before the Chinese Communists.



SGT. HARVEY  
YOUNG

## Jet Co-pilot J. E. Young D. & C. DEC 13 1950 Missing in North Korea

Capt. Jules E. Young, 29, former East Rochester High School athlete with service as an Air Force pilot for nine years, yesterday was reported missing in action in Korea.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Young, 129 W. Spruce St.,

Captain Young failed to return to his base in Japan after a mission on Dec. 4, according to word received by his wife who lives at Langley Field, Hampton, Va.

Captain Young was serving as co-pilot of a B-45 jet bomber engaged in bombing the enemy in North Korea. He was sent overseas in August with the first flight of jet bombers to cross the Pacific Ocean.



JULES E.  
YOUNG

### Mother Hears from Friend

The flyer's mother said yesterday that since word of his disappearance reached the family, a fellow airman, Capt. Roy Strong of Spokane, Wash., telephoned from Japan urging relatives "not to give up hope." Captain Strong, who said possibilities were good that the crew bailed out because of engine trouble and would need time to get back to the air base, flew in the same mission as Captain Young.

After training with the Air Force in 1941, Young served as a pilot in the Panama Canal Zone until 1943, when he was assigned to North Africa as a fighter pilot with the Coast Command of the 12th Air Force. He was later based in Corsica for convoy patrol duty, and spent a month of combat in Italy before he was transferred to India. He served two years as a fighter pilot supporting B-29s over northwest China.

ty, Captain Young is also a member of the East Rochester Presbyterian Church. Long interested in Scouting, he was a scoutmaster in his hometown and organized a troop while stationed in Okinawa. His wife is the former Mary Manning of Rochester. The couple's only child, Lance, 4, was killed by an automobile near his home in Virginia last Summer.

### Flew 70 Missions

Captain Young completed 70 combat missions during World War 2, and holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and China Offensive and Defensive Campaign Stars.

Assigned to the statistical control office at Sacramento Air Base, Calif., from 1945 to 1946, Captain Young requested overseas duty and was assigned to Naha Air Base, Okinawa, where he served as flight leader in a fighter squadron of P-47s and later P-80s. He returned to U. S. assignments in January, 1949.

A graduate of East Rochester High School where he at one time set the high jump record for Monroe Coun-



# His Grandchildren Will Never Believe This

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Sgt. Harvey N. Young Jr., 22, a strapping, wounded veteran of the fighting in Korea, was home today for a belated Christmas—but only after one of those fiction-like experiences with a general.

If it had not been for Brig. Gen. Charles Craig, commander of Camp Kilmer, N. J., Young still would be languishing at that post, biting his nails.

The mustached young non-com, as his mother and dad sat happily by in their home at 283 Somershire Dr., Irondequoit, told how he was shipped to Seattle from Japan, then placed aboard a chartered plane for LaGuardia Field.

He arrived there last Friday, only to be sent to nearby Kilmer and told he'd have to sweat it out there until his three-year enlistment was up Jan. 12.

**YOUNG TELEPHONED** his folks to explain his plight. Mr. and Mrs. Young, aided by a neighbor, Paul Tanner, former Red Cross man in Japan, began pulling strings. The Associated Press got wind of matters, and here's what happened, Sgt. Young said this morning:

"I was sitting in the Kilmer PX (post exchange) at about 10:30 a. m. yesterday when a guy hollered, 'Hey, Young, you're wanted in the orderly room!'"

"I figured right away, what have I done now? I went to the orderly room and a sergeant put me in a car and we went to see a major.

"The major wanted to know why I had no pass to get home for Christmas, and I explained they'd only let 50 per cent of personnel off, and that I wasn't in that 50 per cent.

"Then a lieutenant came in and said if I'd pull a detail (charge of quarters in this case) maybe I could wangle a pass. So I pulled the detail, and then a major came along and put me in his car. A captain got in and we took off for a building and walked in.

"Right away the major and captain started saluting. I couldn't see right away whom they were saluting, but I snapped into a highball (salute) quick, and then I spot this general, and I thought again, 'Brother, I must be in a spot for doing something or other.'

**"THE GENERAL SAID,** 'Young, you been mistreated on this post?'"



**C-DAY PLUS TWO**—Sgt. Harvey N. Young Jr. (center) didn't get home from the Far East for Christmas. But, thanks to a sympathetic

general, he was home today (two days after Christmas) for a belated gift-opening with his parents at 283 Somershire Dr., Irondequoit.

"'No SIR,' I said, and then the general said, 'What's the deal on this pass situation—why can't you get one?'"

"Well, I explained all over again about the 50 per cent situation, and so did the major, and the general said, 'How many days' furlough you got coming?,' and I told him 54.

"The general said, 'Do you WANT a furlough, Young?,' and I said, 'Yes SIR,' and the general told me:

"'Son, you go on home for Christmas and enjoy yourself. Be back here by 2400 hours (midnight) Jan. 7.'

"The general asked if I had any money, and I told him yes, and then he pulled the clincher. He said to the major, 'Have my car and chauffeur here at 1300 hours.'

"Well, I sure piled out of there in a hurry and got my barracks bag and stuff, and was back there at 1 p. m.,

like the general ordered. There was this big staff car and a sergeant-chauffeur. I thanked the general and we took off."

**SGT. YOUNG** was driven to the Pennsylvania Railroad station in New Brunswick. From there he went on to New York—in a sort of daze—and at 11:30 last night he arrived home at the New York Central Station.

There his dad and mother and close pal, 1st Sgt. Ralph Longbine, another Korean vet, greeted him. It was something like in the movies.

At their Irondequoit home, the Youngs' cocker spaniel, Teddy, 5, swarmed all over the sergeant. There was a Christmas tree, and plenty of gifts, and only one thing missing to keep the Youngs from feeling perfect. Another son, Billy, 19, a sailor, is under medical treatment at the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth and couldn't be home.

**MR. YOUNG**, a Kodak Park employe, has taken his three weeks' vacation at this time, so he and Sgt. Young can visit Billy at Portsmouth.

Sgt. Young, once an All-Scholastic end when he played with the Edisor Tech football team, had one major regret among his bitter memories of Korea.

"Lt. Tom Lombardo, who quarterbacked one of the best teams West Point ever had, was killed on a hill near me. Shot through the head. He was a great guy. I had played football for him at Fort Lewis, Wash." Young said.

The 6-foot-2-inch sergeant still hopes to play college football, after he enters night school following his discharge, although he suffered a broken right shoulder in a plunge down a 45-foot cliff while trying to dodge Red machinegun slugs in Korea.



## Wounded GI

### Writes Kin

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Of Battle

Latest Rochester man reported wounded in Korea is Cpl. William E. Yopp, 21, son of Mrs. Francis Yopp, 826 Norton St.



CPL. YOPP

Writing about his injury, which occurred Jan. 7 in the Wonju sector, Yopp wrote his mother:

"We were outnumbered five to one. I ducked the first grenade thrown at me.

"But the second one got me.

"We held them off from 3 o'clock

in the morning until 9 a. m. Later I was flown to a hospital in Taegu."

Yopp was hit by fragments in the foot, hip and leg.

In Korea since last July, he is a former Edison Tech student. He enlisted in the Army in May 1946, and served two years with occupation troops in Germany.

## Missing Jet Pilot Listed

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### Among 4 Area Casualties

One missing, one killed, one wounded, one injured.

This is the latest list of Rochester and area men on the Defense Department's casualty report in the Korean fighting. They are:

Capt. Jules E. Young, 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Young, 129 Spruce St., missing.



CAPT. YOUNG

Cpl. Robert K. Emerick, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer J. Emerick, 27 Grove St., Waterloo, killed.

Cpl. Edward A. Brown Jr., 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Brown Sr., 206 Genesee Park Blvd., wounded.

Cpl. Lawrence-ton R. Kornum, 33, son of Mrs. Anna Poulsen, 127 Hamilton St., Penn Yan, injured.

#### FORMER TRACK STAR

Capt. Young is a former East Rochester High School track and field star who has nine years' service as an Air Force pilot.

His wife is the former Mary Manning of Rochester. Their only child, Lance, 4, was killed last Summer by an automobile in Virginia.

Capt. Young's parents said they were notified by the flier's wife, who is staying at Langley Field, Hampton, Va., that he failed to return to his base in Japan after a Dec. 4 mission.

He was co-pilot of a B-45 jet bomber when he disappeared but the Young family here said a fellow-airman, Capt. Roy Strong of Spokane, Wash., telephoned from Japan to tell them:

"Don't give up hope."

Strong said that possibilities were good that Young and his crew bailed out because of engine trouble and would need time to get back to their base. Strong was flying in the same bombing mission over North Korea with Young.

Capt. Young holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal, and completed 70 combat missions during World War 2. He is a veteran fighter pilot.

#### REPORTED MISSING

Cpl. Brown is a medical corpsman who re-enlisted and will have completed four years' service shortly. He attended Edison Tech.

His mother said she received a letter from her son two weeks ago, and that he wrote things in Korea were "pretty rugged" and that he just had received mail for the first time in three months.

Mrs. Brown has two other boys of draft age—Billy, who will be 19 on Jan. 2, and Tom, 21.

## Irondequoit

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### GI Casualty

#### On Birthday

An Irondequoit youth wounded in the Korean War, celebrated his 21st birthday by telling his family that he is "getting along fine" in a hospital in Japan.



SGT. YOUNG

The news came last night to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey M. Young of 283 Somershire Rd. via radiogram dated Dec. 5, birthday of their son, Sgt. Harvey Young. The message read:

"In hospital with shoulder wounds. Getting along fine. Harvey."

Sgt. Young is a member of Company M, 38th Regiment of the famed 2d Division which has seen some of the hardest fighting of the Korean campaign. The division recently withdrew to the South Korean capital after an heroic holding action.

Sgt. Young was all-scholastic end as a member of the Edison Tech High School football team of 1948. He enlisted in the Army Jan. 13, 1949 and was sent to the 2d Division at Fort Lewis, Wash. While there he played football with the championship 38th Regimental team coached by Lt. Tom Lombardo, West Point grid star who was killed recently in Korea.

Word of the safety of Young's closest friend, Ralph Longbine, Irondequoit High graduate, also was received here last night. Longbine's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Longbine, 296 Titus Ave., received a cablegram from their son informing them that he had reached Seoul with the 2d Division.



# City's First Freed POW Plans to Fly Home Today

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By JAKE UNDERHILL

"Oh, gee, it's wonderful to be back," Rochester's first returned prisoner of the Reds said happily last night as he arrived in San Francisco.

Sgt. Gerald R. Wolter told The Democrat and Chronicle by telephone that he and 436 other freed American war prisoners were being treated "just great" by the Army as they were rushed through processing so they could return home at once.

Wolter said he expected to catch a plane East early this morning and arrive in Rochester some time today. Because he had not yet been processed at 10 p. m. (EDT), he did not know exactly when he would be home. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Wolter, 609 Lake Ave.

"Tell them 'hello' and that I'll be home in no time," he said in a message to his parents.

The Rochester soldier, who was graduated from Jefferson High School in 1947, spoke in clipped sentences. His voice was low-pitched and quiet. It sounded tired, although he said he felt "fine."

The 22-year-old Sergeant, who has not been home since November, 1948, was non-committal about his experiences in Red POW Camp 1, where he was held two years and eight months.

Asked about reports that some American prisoners had fallen for the Communist line and had turned informer, the red-headed 6-footer said:

"I hadn't better talk about that now." He did not explain his reasons for not talking about it.

Had the Communist captors been brutal to prisoners?

"Well, I wasn't beaten," he answered. He said he didn't know of any of his buddies who had

been injured by the Reds while they were in prison.

In an almost off-hand manner, he recalled that he had been captured after the Communists surrounded his unit, part of the 7th Infantry Division. He trained with that division in Japan before the war began. He went to South Korea shortly after the invasion by the Reds on June 25, 1950. He was captured in Decem-



SGT. GERALD R. WOLTER

ber, 1950, and released Aug. 13 (Rochester time).

How was the food in prison?

"It wasn't so bad," the sergeant said.

But American food, since he reached freedom, has been much better, he laughed. He said he now weighs about 170. Before the war, the Rochester soldier tipped the scales just under 200.

Wolter said when he gets out of the Army he plans to start a short order restaurant with Stan Burke of Ludlowville, whom he met in prison camp. Wolter has about \$4,000 back pay coming. They may go into business around Ithaca.

"I want to be my own boss for a change," the Rochester sergeant said. "Burke has the savvy on short-order cooking and I will learn from him."

On the other hand, he said there's a "slim chance" that he'll remain in the Army, which he joined in August, 1948.

When told his family was waiting for him to call, Sgt. Wolters said he would telephone them as soon as he got a chance.

He arrived aboard the Navy transport Gen. William F. Hase, which was greeted by bands and songs when the ship docked at its San Francisco pier. Wolter was sent to the Presidio, Army base in the city, where he was fed. He is eligible for immediate discharge from the Army if he wishes.

## GI Missing, Flier Hurt In Korea

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PFC. ARMOUR YAHN

An enlisted Marine fighter pilot has been reported wounded and a local infantryman is missing in Korea.

The wounded flier is T/Sgt. Robert H. Bentley, son of Mrs. Raymond Bentley of 1782 Clover Rd. She has received no details of his injury. Her son's last letter was dated Mar. 31.

He joined the Marines in 1942 and attended flight school. In 1947, he re-enlisted and was shipped to Korea in January. His job in the war zone has been supplying tactical air support for ground troops.

**MISSING IN ACTION** since Feb. 12, is Pfc. Armour Yahn, 24, husband of Mrs. Ruth Yahn of 108 Scrantom St., who has not heard from her husband since early in February. Yahn first entered the Army in 1945 and after 18 months occupation duty in Germany, was discharged.

He was recalled as a reservist last November and sent to Korea a month later. The Benjamin Franklin High School graduate is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Yahn, 1026 Joseph Ave.

## Paul K. Wylie Wounded In Korea Mine Blast

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A veteran Rochester soldier is in an Army hospital in Japan, recovering from injuries received when his truck was blown up by a land mine on Apr. 2, near the 38th Parallel in Korea, his wife revealed yesterday.

He is Chief Warrant Officer Paul K. Wylie, 41. Mrs. Wylie, the former Ann Crawford, lives at 617 Broadway.

Chief Wylie wrote his wife from the hospital that he was blown through the cab roof of the truck by the mine blast. "If I hadn't been wearing my helmet," he wrote, "I wouldn't be alive to tell about it."

Mrs. Wylie received the Defense



PAUL K. WYLIE

Department telegram notifying her of her husband's injury on Thursday evening.

Chief Wylie was at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked there, and served three years in the Pacific war zone. He met Mrs. Wylie in 1947 when assigned here as a National Guard instructor. He left the United States for Korea last August, but became ill in Japan, and did not reach the front until November.



## Jet Pilot Added to 'Missing PW' List

The name of an East Rochester Air Force jet pilot has been added to the list of Americans still unaccounted for after being reported captured by the Communists in Korea.

The Defense Department announced that Capt. Jules E. Young, son of Mrs. Edith Young, of 129 West Spruce St., has been added to the roster.

The Department cautioned that it "has no certainty that the men are still alive" and that "the Communists" have been asked to account for them."

The mother of the 32-year-old career officer and World War 2 veteran said she had "given up all hope" of seeing her son, re-

ported missing on a bombing mission Dec. 2, 1950.

The Defense Department announcement was the first inkling she had that her son had ever been reported captured, Mrs. Young said. At the time of his disappearance, a fellow officer who was in another plane on the same mission told the family that there was a possibility that he had parachuted to safety.



Capt. Young

**CAPT. YOUNG** entered the Army Air Corps in 1941. A graduate of East Rochester High School, he starred in track and field events there. He was county high jump champion.

During World War 2 he piloted a fighter plane in the Panama Canal Zone, in North Africa, Corsica and in China.

His postwar assignments included Sacramento Air Base, Calif.; Okinawa, and his last duty, in Japan.

Capt. Young was co-pilot on a

B-45 jet bomber over North Korea when the aircraft was shot down. He had been sent overseas the previous August with the first flight of jet bombers to cross the Pacific.

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**HIS WIFE**, the former Mary Manning of Rochester, now lives at Langley Field, Hampton, Va., with their daughter, Julie, who will be three in February, and whom Capt. Young has never seen. Another child, Lance, 4, was killed by an auto near his home in Virginia in 1950.

### Unlicensed Driver Fined

Gerald O'Mealia, 21, of 157 Stutson St. was fined \$25 in City Court today by Judge George D. Ogden when he pleaded guilty to driving without an operator's license. O'Mealia was arrested yesterday in Lake Ave.

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## 3 Missing Now Listed as Dead

The families of three servicemen have been notified by the adjutant-general's office in Washington that their sons, long missing in action in Korea, are now presumed dead.

The soldier are Cpl. Anthony Zingarella, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Zingarella, 619 Dewey Ave.;



Cpl. Zingarella

Sgt. Brock D. Gruetzner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore G. Gruetzner, 236 Stonecliff Dr., Greece, and Cpl. Herman R. Caruso, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Caruso, 293 Adams St.

Cpl. Zingarella was serving with the 24th Division and was reported missing July 16, 1950. He attended Benjamin Franklin High School.

Sgt. Gruetzner was a medical corpsman with engineers in the 2nd Division. A former Charlotte High School boy, he was reported missing Nov. 27, 1950.

Cpl. Caruso was with a medical unit of the 19th Infantry Regiment. A former Madison High School student, he was reported missing July 20, 1953, and later

his status was changed to "killed in action."

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**STILL CARRIED** on the "missing" rolls are these city and area servicemen:

Lt. Robert B. Baumer, 222 Laburnum Cres.; Pfc. James W. Buckley, 18 Willmae Dr., Greece; Cpl. William D. Culhane, 116 Cottage St.; Cpl. Robert L. Felix, 272 Flower City Pk.; Pfc. Patrick R. Glennon, 638 Brown St.; Sgt. William W. Johnson, 309 Averill Ave.; Pvt. Arthur F. Loftus, 97 Sparling Dr., Greece; Sgt. 1/c John V. Magee, 239 Bryan St.; Pvt. Edmund H. Miller Jr., 27 Buffard Dr., Brighton.

Also Lt. Spiro J. Peters, 80 Brookfield Rd.; Sgt. Allen R. Robertson, 19 Flanders St.; Cpl. George D. Seiler, 203 Ave. D.; Cpl. Kenneth R. Stadler, 63 Woodbine Ave.; Sgt. Albert L. Vercolen, 333 Marion St.; Pfc. Thomas Wachtman, 2079 Town Line Rd., Brighton, and Capt. Jules E. Young, 129 W. Spruce St., East Rochester.



Cpl. Caruso



Sgt. Gruetzner

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# APPENDIX

Collective Articles



## Palmyra Parents Rejoice At News of Son's Release

As an exchanged Palmyra prisoner of war began his voyage home from Korea yesterday, his rejoicing parents spoke with "hundreds" of well-wishers and thumbed through the stack of letters their son had written from a Communist stockade.

An infantryman, Sgt. Ralph G. Eveland Jr., 26, was released at Panmunjom early yesterday after two years and three months as a captive.

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Eveland Sr. of 406 Canandaigua St., Palmyra, expected that their son would come to the Wayne County village after he met his wife, Marion, who lives in Los Angeles. Reportedly in good health, Eveland will sail from Inchon, Korea, and probably dock on the West Coast.

"In his letters," recalled Dr. Eveland, "Ralph always seemed to be in good spirits. In the first place, that's his nature. Then, I'm sure he knew his letters wouldn't get out if he complained."

A month after Eveland was reported missing in action on May 18, 1951, his parents heard from the Defense Department that he had been taken prisoner. It was not until January, 1952, eight months after his capture, that Eveland's first letter arrived.

"Then," said Eveland's father, a dentist, "there'd be four letters at once. Maybe there would be two or three months when there weren't any." For the sergeant's parents, there was an urgency about each letter. They could not be certain that more would ever come.

"Things are much better," Eveland wrote after he had been a prisoner for about a year. "We now have a comb for each of us, instead of one for the whole squad. We finally were able to build bunks, so we could sleep that way instead of eight men in six blankets."

It was in the last major Communist push in the spring of 1951 that Eveland was captured. His unit, the headquarters company of the 38th Infantry Regiment, Second Division, was defending the center of the line near the 38th parallel.

"The ROKs in front of his unit gave way," Dr. Eveland said, "and he was surrounded by Chinese."



SGT. RALPH EVELAND JR.

This report came from others in Eveland's outfit who escaped the trap, but saw him taken prisoner.

The Palmyra couple learned their son had been freed when his wife phoned after midnight Monday from Los Angeles. A husky man and a four-letter athlete at Palmyra High School, Eveland will have an opportunity to restore lost weight when he arrives.

"He always ate whatever was put in front of him," his mother reported.

The Evelands have two older sons. Both served in World War II. John, 29, lives in Lyons and George, 30, resides in Windsor Lock, Conn.

Drafted when he graduated from high school in 1944, Eveland served in Germany after World War II. Discharged in 1947, he joined the Reserve and entered Michigan State College.

Summoned to active duty in October, 1950, as he began his senior year, Eveland married another student before he left for Korea in November.

## 2 Killed In Korea; 1 Wounded

Two more Rochester homes were shrouded in grief today with Defense Department notification that two young service men have been killed in action in Korea.

Their deaths brought Monroe County's death toll to 20. The latest victims:

**Army Pfc. Marvin Collins**, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Collins, 132 California Dr. and

**Marine Pfc. Joseph Vella**, 22, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Vella, 399 Bay St.

Vella was a former Times-Union copy boy.

Young Collins had been reported missing in action, but today a telegram said he was killed July 20.

He and his twin brother, Myron, entered service together in December, 1948. As medical corpsmen, they served in a hospital in Japan and, assigned to the 34th Infantry Regiment, later were helping the wounded in Korea when separated.

The twins attended Edison Technical High School. Myron was sent home last September, then returned to Korea. Besides the twin and parents, Marvin leaves another brother, Leslie, veteran of World War 2 with 5 year service.

Young Vella is remembered by Times-Union newsmen as an alert, anxious-to-please youngster, employed on the newspaper five years ago.

Vella was serving with an artillery gun crew attached to the 1st Marine Division. He enlisted in November, 1949.

A former East High School student, Vella said in his last letter home he had received no Christmas packages or mail recently because a trainload of GI mail had been destroyed by Chinese Reds.

Vella, who is survived also by a sister, Geraldine, had been fighting in Korea for more than four months.

Reported wounded in Korea is **Cpl. Levon J. Tatlian**, 21, Rochester native listed by the Defense Department as a friend of Mrs. John DiPonzio, 129 Romeyn St.

Tatlian was serving as a paratrooper with airborne infantry in North Korea. A graduate of John Marshall High School, he had been stationed in Japan on occupation duty after World War 2.

He worked in Rochester after his discharge, re-enlisting last April.



PFC. COLLINS



PFC. VELLA



CPL. TATLIAN

## 9 Killed, 9 Missing Since Nov. 3

Casualties of nine killed, nine missing and 28 wounded among men of the Rochester area serving in the Korean War have been reported since Nov. 3. They are:

### KILLED

Lt. Robert D. Reem, Lyons; Pfc. Joseph Chiavetta, 116 Winterroth St.; Cpl. Frederick O. Schramm, 4 Grand View Pk., Canandaigua; Lt. Carl J. Schlitz, 620 Goodman St. S.; Pvt. Edward J. Howser, 168 Asbury St.; Cpl. Robert K. Emerick, 27 Grove St., Waterloo; Pvt. Frank Lodolce, 16 Taft Ave.; Pvt. Robert W. Corsetti, 106 Cottage St.; T/Sgt. Daniel Carroll, 130 Grace Ave., Newark; Pfc. Joseph Vella, 399 Bay St.; Pfc. Marvin Collins, 132 California Dr.

### MISSING

Nicholas J. Aramino, 10 Main St., Le Roy; Cpl. Kenneth R. Stadler, 63 Woodbine Ave.; Cpl. Frank Bunchuk, Medina; Pfc. Patrick R. Glennon, 638 Brown St.; Maj. Robert N. Abbott, 6 Aldern Pl.; Capt. Jules E. Young, 129 W. Spruce St., East Rochester; 1st Lt. Arthur H. Lozano, 15 Audubon St.; Sgt. William W. Johnson, 309 Averill Ave.; Sgt. Allan R. Robertson, 19 Flanders St.

### WOUNDED

Pvt. Bernard J. Hamilton, 162 Kistlingbury St.; Pfc. Arland E. Storms, 39 E. Main St.; Sodus; Pfc. Allen Lyle, 464 Main St. W.; Cpl. John W. Walker, Penfield; Cpl. Joseph DiGiacco, 35 Marlow St.; Cpl. L. Rupert Kornum, 127 Hamilton St., Penn Yan; Pfc. Everett E. Spinney Jr., 522 Northland Ave.; Sgt. Harvey Young, 283 Somershire Rd.; Cpl. Edward A. Brown, 206 Genesee Park Blvd.; Pfc. Donald R. Young, Stansell St., Newark.

Pfc. Robert G. Salmon, 83 Floverton St.; Cpl. Oscar R. Hape Jr., 374 Stonewood Ave.; Pfc. Walter F. Groell, 79 Glenwood Ave.; Pfc. Diego (Dick) Bertolino, 33 Rohr St.; Cpl. Wilbert Dunn, 555 Sawyer St.; Lt. Robert E. Snyder, 486 Rugby Ave.; Lt. Charles H. Miller Jr., 210 Castlebar Rd.; Sgt. 1/c Richard M. Keenan, 36 Brookdale Ave.; Cpl. Robert Williamson, 189 Milburn St.; Cpl. Richard H. Searle, 87 Rugby Ave.; Sgt. John Simonsen Jr., 557 Liberty St., Penn Yan; Cpl. Emil Schell Jr., Warsaw; Cpl. Leo J. Benn, 390 Manitou Rd.; Pfc. Robert R. Hagen, 193 Chestnut St.; Cpl. Charles L. Hasenauer Jr., 254 Cravenwood Ave.; Cpl. Michael S. Argenti, 197 Lux St.; Pfc. John A. Cardot, 51 Sycamore St.; Sgt. Vernon E. Hayter, 244 Ridgedale Circle; Cpl. Levon J. Tatlian, 129 Romeyn St.

This brings the known area casualties to 33 killed, 28 missing, and 109 wounded.

These include, from Rochester and Monroe County, 20 killed, 17 missing and 77 wounded.



### 3 Area Soldiers Presumed Dead

The Defense Department yesterday released the names of Army and Air Force personnel listed as missing in action for more than a year and now presumed dead.

According to the United Press three men from the Western New York area are included in the list. They are: Cpl. George W. Conklin Jr., son of George Conklin, 42 William St., Phelps; Cpl. Raymond G. Dake, husband of Mrs. May Elizabeth Dake of East Swamp Rd., Conesus; and Pfc. Herbert E. Davie, son of George Davie of RD 1, Stanley.

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Recent battle promotions include Marine Robert Spaulding, 40 Gorham St., to sergeant; Richard Mason, 72 Hartford St., a member of the First Cavalry Division, to corporal and Raymond Norris, 214 Jerold St., Joseph Gattellaro, 394 Webster Ave., and Charles Costich, 27 Woodman Pk., to corporal. All three are with an engineer battalion at Matsushima Japan.

### Cpl. John Cardot, 22, Shot in Left Arm

Corporal John A. Cardot, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer L. Cardot, 51 Sycamore St., has been shot in the left arm, according to word received by his parents. In a note written from a hospital in Japan, Corporal Cardot said his arm was broken, but did not give any details as to how it happened except to say that he was shot.



CPL. JOHN A. CARDOT

He is a teletype operator and cryptographer with the 13th Signal Corps, First Cavalry Division. A former Monroe High School student, Corporal Cardot enlisted in the Army in June, 1948. His last furlough home was in June, 1949, and he has been in Korea since July.

### Cpl. Charles L. Hasenauer Wounded by Grenade

Marine Cpl. Charles L. Hasenauer, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hasenauer, 254 Cravenwood Ave., is hospitalized in Japan after suffering grenade wounds in the Korean fighting, according to a radiogram received by his parents. In the message, Hasenauer told that he was hit Dec. 4 while serving with the First Marine Division.

A graduate of Edison Technical and Industrial High School, Cpl. Hasenauer joined the Marines 2½ years ago and was assigned to Korea Oct. 1.

## 55 Take Pre-Induction Examinations

Some 55 more prospective draftees today underwent pre-induction procedure at the Federal Building. They were from Board 73.

But eight men were among the missing, from a scheduled quota of 63.

Five of the eight had valid excuses, such as prior service or recent marriage, according to Draft Headquarters at 5 St. Paul St.

Three men still were unaccounted for.

A similar situation prevailed yesterday, when 10 potential draftees failed to show up as Board 75 sent 26 men for pre-induction tests. However, the 10 were accounted for later. Some had married, others took their tests with out-of-town boards.

Of Board 75's 26 men who were examined, five failed to pass, three others will be examined further, and 18 were accepted pending results of blood and X-ray tests.

Next draft call is Aug. 15, when Board 74 sends up 97 men.

Recruiting personnel at the Federal Building said prospective draftees are improving sharply on mental aptitude tests. Yesterday's scores includes many in the 90s including two 99s.

Sgt. Clare Conrad, 25, a World War 2 rifleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Conrad of 203 Pearl St., has been listed as "seriously wounded" in Korea, July 5.



SGT. CONRAD

A Defense Department telegram yesterday informed his parents that he was in a hospital in Japan.

Conrad served as an infantryman in Germany for 17 months during World War 2. Last September he was recalled from the enlisted reserve at Tiffin, Ohio, where he had begun his fourth year as an industrial chemistry student at Heidelberg College. His wife lives in Tiffin.

### Cpl. Francis K. Frey, 21, Recovering from Wound

Cpl. Francis K. Frey, 21, husband of Mrs. Joyce Frey of 19 Gilmore St., is in a hospital in Japan for treatment of a wound suffered Nov. 27.

In a letter received by his family shortly before Christmas, Frey said he had been wounded slightly in the leg while fighting with an infantry unit and was recovering in a hospital.

Frey enlisted in the Army about a year and a half ago after attending Edison Technical and Industrial High School. He has been overseas since August, 1950. The young infantryman has a year-old son, Francis Jr.

A telegram has notified Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cummings of 816 Flower City Park that their son, Pvt.

Paul D. Cummings, 18, has been missing since Aug. 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Cummings have not heard from their son since he landed in Korea. Cummings left Fort Lewis, Wash., in July, after serving in the Army approximately a year. He attended Aquinas Institute and Edison Technical High School before he enlisted.

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### Pvt. Cummings Missing

Pvt. Paul D. Cummings, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cummings of 816 Flower City Park has been missing in action since Aug. 31.

His parents have not heard from him since August when he landed in Korea. Private Cummings left Fort Lewis, Wash. in July, after serving in the Army almost a year.

The young infantryman attended Aquinas Institute and Edison Technical Industrial High School before he enlisted in the Army.



PVT. PAUL D. CUMMINGS

Pfc. Joseph Chiavetta, 20, of 116 Winterroth St., has been listed as missing in action in Korea as of July 20, a telegram to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Chiavetta, announced last night. The message was sent by the Department of the Army in Washington.

Chiavetta was a graduate of Edison Technical High School. He enlisted in the Army in January, 1949, and went overseas in April of that year.



PFC. JOSEPH CHIAVETTA



No Hate---If You Think It over

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# PWs' Kin Ask No Retaliation If Atrocity Story Proves True

By STEVE HAMMER AND PETE STUTZ

Hope and anger, prayer and tears and a single case of relieved anxiety were in the hearts of Rochester and area families who fear that their fighting men are in the hands of an enemy who knows no mercy.

The reactions came yesterday from families of men reported missing or captive in Korea,



SGT. ALLAN R. ROBERTSON

CPL. JAMES P. SCAHILL

PFC. THOMAS M. SPACKMAN

where 5,000 or more UN soldiers have been murdered in Communist prison camps, according to a U. S. Army judge advocate.

But despite constant fears and frustration over their soldiers' well-being, none of the relatives were asking "an eye for an eye." Even if the reported mass killings should prove true, all those questioned agreed the UN command must not retaliate in kind against captured Communists.

Mrs. Thomas F. Scahill of 177 Herald St. could hardly talk about her captive boy, James, for the tears which choked up the flood of desperate words. Cpl. James P. Scahill was reported missing just a year ago, but last Summer he wrote from a Red prison camp.

"You don't know the thoughts I've gone to bed with ever since word of those brutalities came out," she said. "I've done nothing since the news came out but walk around the house, like in a daze. It's like I'm going crazy.—Yes, I'm going crazy, I tell you!" she sobbed.

If there is any blame to be fixed, Mrs. Scahill thinks it falls on both sides.

"I'm only one mother. But if everybody in the world would spend one week trying to find out what's the matter with us, we'd find a way to get along. No matter how hard you try to hate somebody, you can't—if you think it over. Nobody really wants this.

"We think we are so civilized—but we are really barbarians."

There was conviction in the voice of the mother of the boy who went into the Army at 16 and whose 19th birthday next Christmas Day is likely to be spent behind barbed wire in the hands of the enemy.

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A YOUNG WOMAN recalled how her brother almost lost an arm because the Chinese who held him captive three days gave him no medical treatment. Only after Cpl. John Forest, 22, broke away and



MAJ. ROBERT ABBOTT

SGT. RAYMOND BUCK

CAPT. JULES E. YOUNG

stumbled into a Marine camp near the Chosin Reservoir did he get medical attention.

He told all that to Mrs. Chester Nowack, of 329 Winsor Rd., Greece, when he returned to this country on furlough. Forest's arm was shattered in January and still requires treatment, and physicians have said he's lucky to have the arm, Mrs. Nowack said.

Mrs. Nowack rejoices that her brother has a stateside post now at Fort Benning, but she's indignant about the neglected arm and the three frozen days her brother was a prisoner. "And they didn't feed him very well, either," she said.

Although most of the missing men's families favored all-out military action against the Communists, including atom-bombing their military installations, none of them wanted UN retaliation against Red prisoners of war.

"No, I'm not that inhuman," said Miss Helen Spackman, sister of Pfc. Thomas M. Spackman, who is in a Communist prison camp. "I don't believe we ought to kill off any Communist prisoners, or even use the A-bomb on Red cities. But I do think we should use it on enemy troop concentrations, both in Korea and in China."

She was speaking for herself and the soldier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spackman, 196 Goodman St. N.

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JOSEPH R. SEILER, 203 Ave. D, father of Cpl. George D. Seiler, missing almost a year, agreed with Miss Spackman but added "I'd sure like to have somebody by the neck—somebody in Washington."

The Seilers have heard nothing from their son since he was reported missing last November and are disturbed about what they feel is delay in announcing Communist brutalities.

"Somebody in Washington must have known about it," Seiler exclaimed. "But we got no dope at all until just the other day. Truman must have known about it, too, but all he could say is how shocked he was."

"I think we ought to drop a few atom bombs on Communist troop concentrations." As for treatment of prisoners in UN camps, he favored the human approach, not retaliation.

Mrs. John G. Robertson of 19 Flanders St. had no condemnations or anger for anyone although her son, Sgt. Allan R. Robertson, has been missing in action since December, 1950.

"We just keep waiting for the good word—just

## Last of Area PWs D. & C. SEP 19 1953 Due Wednesday

The last two members of the group of Rochester area prisoners-of-war freed by the Communists in Korea will arrive in San Francisco on Wednesday aboard the transport Gen. R. L. Howze, the Army announced yesterday.

They are M/Sgt. Raymond H. Buck, 30, son of Mrs. Harriet Walters of 1946 Main St. E., and Sgt. Raymond F. Goodburlet, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Goodburlet of West Sweden Road, Bergen.

Sgt. Buck, who was released at Panmunjom on Sept. 5, is a former East High School student and a veteran of World War II. He re-enlisted in the Army in early 1950, and less than six months later disappeared in the Korean fighting.

Sgt. Goodburlet was a prisoner of the Communists for more than 2½ years. He was freed two days before Sgt. Buck. A graduate of Caledonia High School, he enlisted in the Army in October, 1948, and was serving in Japan when the Korean War broke out.

## Irondequoit GI Listed D. & C. MAR 26 1951 Among Korea Wounded

Latest area casualty of Korean fighting to be announced by the Department of Defense is Pfc. Willard E. Baseman, son of Mrs. Cornia Baseman, 132 Hurstbourne Rd., Irondequoit.

A Department of Defense release announced only that he had been wounded, giving no details. Baseman's family could not be contacted yesterday for further information.

### Letter Tells of Wounding

Meanwhile, the family of Pfc. Arthur DeMatteo, 23, of 25 Lakeland Ave., has received confirmation of a report that their son was wounded Mar. 7 in Korea. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony DeMatteo said yesterday they had received a letter from their son telling about being wounded in the left shoulder.

First news they received of their son's injury was from the Rev. James C. Carroll, Catholic chaplain, who wrote that he had visited DeMatteo in the hospital. Father Carroll attended St. Bernard's Seminary here.



hoping," she said, speaking also for her husband. "We haven't heard anything since our boy was reported missing. We just hope he's alive and will come home soon."

"The only thing I've got is hope," said George Buckley of 18 Willmae Rd., whose 20-year-old son, James, was one of a company feared to have been wiped out to the last man.

"It makes you pretty disgusted. Those talks going on now don't seem to mean a thing," Buckley said. The young artilleryman was listed missing last November.

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**THE FAMILY** of Pfc. Stefano Salerno, 19, a prisoner of war, was hopeful that the soldier would continue to receive the good treatment he reported in two recent letters from a Red prison camp.

"We don't know what to think about those atrocity stories," said Mrs. Angela Scialdone, Salerno's sister. "In those letters last month, my brother said he was being treated well, had good food, clothes and medical treatment." The soldier was wounded just before being taken prisoner.

Salerno was reported missing last Apr. 23, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Salerno, 329 Avery St., had no further word until his letters were forwarded from North Korea by "The Chinese People's Committee



CPL. GEORGE D. SEILER



PFC. ANTHONY ZINGARELLA



PFC. JAMES W. BUCKLEY

for World Peace and Against American Aggression."

The parents of Pfc. Anthony Zingarella, 21, missing since mid-July last year, still have hope, not bitterness, about the Communists' alleged treatment of American prisoners.

"Oh, I was wondering about those stories in the papers, but . . ." The voice of Mrs. John Zingarella trailed off. "We've prayed and hoped," she added, after a pause, "but there's been nothing so far." The only further word the Zingarellas have had from the Defense Department is that their son's personal belongings are being sent to them. They live at 619 Dewey Ave.

The father of one of the soldiers in this group objected to the publicity from Ridgeway's headquarters.

He said: "I think it would have been better if left out of the papers. Anybody who thinks it through, knows that some of the boys have been killed needlessly and knows that there have been atrocities. As commander-in-chief, President Truman must have known it."

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**ANY DECISION** as to what's to be done as result of reports that American prisoners have been murdered should be "left in the hands of our military commanders," the father of a war prisoner said yesterday.

"After all, we've placed our faith in our commanders," said Harry C. Abbott, whose son, Maj. Robert Abbott, 34, is thought to be prisoner of the Chinese.

The Abbotts, who live at 194 Ave. A, Pt. Pleasant, said they have heard nothing from their son since a letter dated Aug. 26 came to the major's wife, Mrs. Winona Abbott, of 6 Aldern Pl.

The wife of Sgt. Raymond Buck, 28, said that as far as she knows her husband still is a prisoner of the Chinese.

Mrs. Buck, who lives at 1647 North St., said she has received no additional word since Buck was reported Jan. 5 to be a prisoner. Previously he had been listed as missing.

Sergeant Buck, a veteran of World War 2, was said to have signed a Red Chinese statement that he was being given "courteous and kind treatment." But Buck's mother, Mrs. Harriet Walters of 26 Locust St., said Buck would never have signed the statement voluntarily.

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## OTHERS FROM THIS AREA reported missing or in

Communist hands are: Air Force Capt. Jules E. Young, 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Young, 129 W. Spruce St., East Rochester; Cpl. Kenneth R. Stadler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stadler, 63 Woodbine Ave.; Cpl. William E. Todd, husband of Mrs. Marie Todd, Churchville; Cpl. Henry J. Stidman, husband of Mrs. Inez Stidman, Spencerport; Sgt. Gerald R. Wolters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wolters, 620 Lake Ave.; Pvt. Jack Mulhollen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Mulhollen, Hornell; Capt. Marshall W. Stark, son of Mr. and Mrs. John V. Stark, Newark; Pfc. Thomas G. Wachtman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wachtman, 2079 Town Line Rd., Brighton, and Pvt. Elmore Stephens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stephens, Greenwood.

Also: Pfc. Herman Caruso, 291 Adams St., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Caruso; Pfc. Donald Cornwall, nephew of Mrs. Harrison Grotzinger, 88 Biltmore Dr.; Pvt. Paul D. Cummings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cummings of 816 Flower City Pk.

Also: Pfc. Clair Davie, of Hornell; Cpl. Raymond F. Goodburlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene M. Goodburlett of Bergen; Cpl. Brock Gruetzner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Gruetzner, 236 Stonecliffe Dr.; Sgt. William Johnson, son of Mrs. Ruth Johnson of 309 Averill St.; Capt. Arthur H. Lozano, husband of the former Elizabeth C. VandeVisse, of 15 Audubon St.; Sgt. John V. Magee, son of Mrs. Sarah Magee, of 436 Selye Ter.; Pvt. Robert Male, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Male, of 539 Augustine St.; Pvt. Peter Oles, son of John Oles, Batavia.

## 275 Yanks Returned In Korea Exchange

Panmunjom — (P) — Two hundred and seventy-five Americans came back from Communist captivity today on the next-to-last day of the big Korean armistice prisoner exchange.

The number was nearly double that of Americans returned on any other single day. The previous high was 150.

The Reds also returned in today's exchange 25 British, 11 South Korean soldiers and 2 South Korean women in pigtails. An interpreter said they were Red Cross workers.

Both the allies and Reds announced today that they would wind up the big POW exchange tomorrow (tonight, EDT).

After that, captives on both sides who have refused repatriation will be turned over to a neutral nations commission. The allies hold about 7,800 Koreans and 14,500 Chinese who refuse to go home.

The Reds hold a handful of allied non-Korean captives who they say do not want to go home. The Communists said today, however, that any who changed their minds before the time the neutral nations repatriation commission takes custody will be repatriated.

The Communists said they would release 110 Americans tomorrow.

Captain Lozano was first listed as missing while in action with the 38th Field Artillery, Second Infantry Division, which was preparing for an attack on the enemy. In August, 1951, his wife received a letter from him saying he was in prisoner-of-war Camp 2 in North Korea. She has received occasional letters since then. In January, 1952, his status was officially changed to that of prisoner.

Capt. Lozano served at Fort



M/SGT. RAYMOND H. BUCK



CAPT. ARTHUR H. LOZANO

Lewis, Wash., for two years, and in Japan 2½ years before going to Korea. He and his wife have a 3½-year-old daughter, Dianne.

Although his name was among those read over the Chinese Communist radio, and his mother had been receiving occasional letters from him for two years, the U. S. Army had considered Sgt. Buck a prisoner of war only since Mar. 15 last.

The 29-year-old veteran soldier was officially listed as missing in action Jan. 9, 1951, four days 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. At the Defense Department's request, his mother sent letters received last summer to the Pentagon to allow comparison of the handwriting. Apparently the study resulted in Sgt. Buck's change in status to prisoner.

Buck, a former East High School pupil, is a veteran of three years' service in World War II, during which he was wounded on Luzon, Philippine Islands. Discharged in 1945, he worked for several years at the Merchants Despatch Transportation Corporation in East Rochester. He reenlisted in 1950. Less than six months later he disappeared in the Korean fighting.



# Kin Rejoices as War P

## Include Loved Ones; Ot

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By HERB JACKSON

Tears, prayers and words of thanksgiving today filled the hearts of families of the first Rochester and area servicemen to be reported as Communist prisoners.

But scores of other families are waiting, hoping to receive the same good news. They were disheartened by the omission of the names of their loved ones from the unverified lists—but they did not give up hope.

For nearly all of them, last night was a long night. Anxiety had mounted steadily since news of the list was first disclosed yesterday.

**TWO OF THE MORE** fortunate wives, Mrs. Arthur Lozano and Mrs. William E. Todd, kept constant contact with each other during the early hours of the morning, telephoning each other regularly every hour.

At 3 a. m. the telephone rang at Mrs. Lozano's home at 535 Highland Ave. She lifted the receiver expecting to hear Mrs. Todd's voice. But instead she was informed by Western Union of a telegram from the Defense Department that her husband, Capt. Arthur H. Lozano, was unofficially reported a prisoner.

She sank into a chair "happy and relieved."

"I have had three letters from my husband since he was taken prisoner," she said today, "so it wasn't too much of a surprise. Nevertheless, I would have been hysterical if his name hadn't been on the list."

**AN HOUR LATER** Mrs. Todd called. She, too, had heard the news about Mrs. Lozano's husband, but had not yet received word about her own husband, Cpl. William E. Todd.

About 9 a. m. Mrs. Todd was telephoned at her home at 645 Norris Dr. by The Times-Union. The name of her husband was in the long list teletyped to this office from Tokyo giving names of service men reported by the Communists to be prisoners.

It was the first news she had received. She greeted the words with a warm "thank you very much." For a few brief moments she was speechless. Then quietly she said: "This is wonderful."

Today the two wives rejoiced over the news. That it was unofficial because the names have been supplied by the Communists and the men are still listed as "missing" by the Defense Department, failed to dampen their spirits.

Mrs. Todd said she had received letters from four service men advising that her husband had been taken prisoner.

"But I couldn't be sure," she said. "This is quite a relief. I was up all night hoping there would be word."

**SIMILAR NEWS** was given to Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Spackman



**LONG ANXIETY** suffered by Mrs. Charles B. Spackman while her son, Pfc. Thomas M. Spackman, was listed as missing in action in Korea, was alleviated today. According to the Reds, he is a prisoner. Mrs. Spackman rejoices with daughter, Charlotte.

about their son, Pfc. Thomas M. Spackman. Mrs. Spackman said: "That's awfully good to hear. I feel a whole lot better."

Mrs. Spackman said her son had written two letters, dated Aug. 6 and Aug. 26, informing her that he was a prisoner. She said he had previously been wounded and had returned to action.

Throughout the night and today the word was relayed to other anxious families by Western Union, by friends who had heard the news by radio, and by The Times-Union and Democrat and Chronicle as the lists were examined.

**FOR MANY**, such as Mrs. Winona Abbott of 6 Aldern Pl., the months had been long. Contacted today by The Times-Union at the engineering department of Kodak Park where she is employed, she said:

"I certainly feel a lot different than I did at this time last year."

Her husband, Maj. Robert N. Abbott, was reported missing in action Nov. 27, 1950.

Mrs. Abbott was at the home of

friends last night when she first received the news about her husband. She said she had received a letter from her husband dated Aug. 26 in which he said he was a prisoner.

"I thought he would be on the list," she said, "but it's so much different to actually hear that he is. I'm so happy."

**WHEN MRS.** Harriet Walters of 1946 Main St. E. was telephoned last night that the name of her son, Sgt. Raymond Buck, was included in the list, she thought it was her son, Howard, kidding her.

When she finally realized it was a reporter calling her she said it was "a great feeling." She said she hadn't been too surprised because she had received a letter about a month ago informing her that her son "had been seen in a prisoner-of-war camp."

Mrs. Walters said she had sent her son \$10 and a Christmas present but the \$10 had been returned. She expressed the hope of finding out the name of the prisoner camp in order to send her son a Christmas present this year.

### Cpl. Francis K. Frey Wounded in Action

Cpl. Francis K. Frey, with the Army in Korea, has been wounded in action, according to information received here from the Department of Defense.

Frey's wife, Joyce, lives at 19 Gilmore St. She could not be reached today for added information.

**WOMEN IN THE NEWS:** Cpl. Grace Jenks of Holley has been chosen WAC of the week at Ft. Benning, Ga., where she is a clerk-typist . . . WAF Pfc. Clara Vandenberg, of Corfu recently was graduated from Dental Technician's School at Great Lakes, Ill., and Lt. Elizabeth Prebola, 168 Mill Rd., is a nurse at a field hospital in Ft. Campbell, Ky.

WAC Lt. Rosemary Schairer, 1018 Long Pond Rd., has reported for duty at the Medical Field Service School, Fort Sam Houston, Tex., where Frances Kuch of Wayland is attending officer candidate school at Lackland AF Base, San Antonio.

Still in Texas, 2d/Lt. Richard Eckler, 445 Oxford St., has completed a refresher course in navigation at Ellington AF Base and been transferred to Randolph AF Base. . . . Up at Maxwell AF Base, Ala., Pfc. Bryson Comfrey, 54 Eastman Ave., is attending the school of aviation medicine and at Fort Jackson, S. C. Sgt. John Gartman, has completed a leaders course with a tank battalion.

**MARYLAND MEMOS:** Lester Ferriss of Livonia, has been promoted to lieutenant colonel in the Air Force. He is with the Air Weather Service at Andrews AF Base . . . At Ft. Meade, four city GIs have completed training at the Medical Replacement Training Center. They are, Pvts. Richard Guerin, 76 Cuba Pl.; Alfred LoMaglio, 252 Rugby Ave.; Franklin Bojko, 226 Cobb Ter., and Joseph Lofurno, 425 Grand Ave.

At Camp Atterbury, Ind., Cpl. Nicholas Vangelo, 539 Laurelton Rd., completed training and is home awaiting further assignment . . . In Illinois at Scott AF Base, Pfc. Lowell Meier, 233 Seyle Ter., has been graduated from communications school.



# Prisoner Lists Others Hope



**CHRISTMAS PRESENT** that Mrs. Robert N. Abbott prayed for arrived with news that Maj. Abbott is on the Communist list of prisoners of war. Getting in on the happy hug is her daughter, Roberta Lee, 5.

## Birthday on Christmas

Christmas will be a happier day for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scahill this year than it was last.

Christmas is their son's birthday, and last year at this time he was listed as missing in action—since Nov. 26, 1950.

Four months ago the Scahills received a letter, written in March by their son, saying he was in a prison camp. "But the government warned us then that it was unofficial," said Mrs. Scahill yesterday. "So when the stories of the atrocities came out, we were particularly worried."

"Now we feel better. I don't think the Communist would dare give out a list like that and not have the boys that are on it. It's a wonderful relief. We give thanks to God with our prayers."

"If we could only get a word from Jimmy by Christmas—that's his birthday—everything would be perfect."

Young Scahill, who will be 20 on Christmas Day, was wounded during the Korean fighting. He is one of 10 children, and his brother, Stanley, is a veteran of World War 2, and his father of World War 1.

It was 3 a. m. when Mrs. Arthur Lozano was summoned to the telephone by Western Union, but she

# Relatives Welcome News of 11 Area Gls On Red POW Lists

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Families of missing service men throughout the area, searching for a ray of hope that their loved ones may still be alive, last night were eagerly scanning the 3,198 names on the prisoners of war list released by the Communists in Korea.

For the 11 families who already knew their men were safe the day was one of relief and "answer to our prayers." For many the news was confirmation of letters they had received, but it added official weight to what they already had believed.

"What a relief!" . . . "Wonderful, wonderful; our prayers have been answered." . . . "It will make Christmas seem brighter." . . . Those were some of the verbal reactions to the report that the Rochester men are among the American prisoners of the Communists.

## Checked by U. S.

The list obtained from the Communists by the United Nations truce negotiators failed to give home addresses and next of kin. The more complete information about the men was obtained from the Defense Department, which checked the names against its own lists of servicemen reported missing and from The Democrat and Chronicle's own files.

The Rochester and area men, and their next of kin, are:

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

**Pfc. Nicholas J. Aramino**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Aramino, 70 Main St., Le Roy.

**Sgt. Raymond Buck**, son of Mrs. Harriet Walters, 1946 Main St. E.

**Cpl. Raymond F. Goodburlet**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Goodburlet, West Sweden Rd., Bergen.

**Capt. Arthur H. Lozano**, husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Lozano, 535 Highland Ave.

**Capt. William Preston** (Air Force), husband of Mrs. Margaret M. Preston, 26 Bank St., Batavia, son of Mrs. Hannah Preston, 316 Oak St. W., Medina.

**Pfc. Stefano Salerno**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Salerno, 329 Avery St.

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

**Cpl. James P. Scahill**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Scahill, 117 Herald St.

**Cpl. William E. Todd**, husband of Mrs. Marie L. Todd, 645 Norris Dr.

**Sgt. Gerald R. Wolters**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wolters, 620 Lake Ave.

Although a special warning was issued by President Truman that the list is entirely unverified and should be treated with "skepticism" pending positive affirmation, relatives whose servicemen's names were on the list were relieved and joyful that their hopes had been verified at least to this extent.

## COMPLETE LIST OF PRISONERS

Begins on 13

UNOFFICIAL LIST  
of New York State prisoners Page 10

AMERICA'S VIGIL  
ends as prisoner lists are made public. Picture, story Page 11.

didn't mind in the least being awakened at that hour.

"I am so happy and relieved," she said yesterday. "I have had three letters from my husband since he was taken prisoner so it wasn't too much of a surprise. But I would have been hysterical if his name hadn't been on the list."

Captain Lozano, reported missing in action in November, 1950, is a 29-year-old West Point graduate serving with the 38th Field Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division. His wife is the former Elizabeth VandeVisse of 15 Audubon St. They have a 2-year-old daughter, Diane.

Mrs. Spackman, whose son, Thomas, 19, was reported missing in action last Apr. 23, said she received two letters, written last August, from him in "Foreign Prisoner of War Camp 3, North Korea." Spackman was wounded once before he was captured.

In a letter written to his wife last July, Captain Preston said that he was captured after he was forced to crash land in North Korea. He said he had "lost a little weight" but otherwise was treated well in the camp. The couple has a 5-year-old son, William.

## Writes from Camp

Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Salerno, also had received letters from their son, Stefano, 19, in a prison camp. "It was a great relief to see his name on the list," said Mrs. Salerno.

Sergeant Wolters, who had been in the Army more than two years, wrote his parents in a letter dated Aug. 1950 that he was in a prison camp in China. Wolters, 20, was listed as missing in action for nearly a year. In his letter to his parents he said he was being treated "as well as the Chinese," and wanted to know "what's going on."

Private Aramino's father said yesterday that his son was reported missing a year ago, and that the boy had sent him a letter in August from a prison camp.

The Goodburlets learned only recently that their son was a prisoner. He was reported missing in action Apr. 23.



# Lists Unverified, Defense Dept. Warns

Joy and relief, mixed with caution, were the reactions today of 11 Rochester area families who have been informed that their men have been identified by the Communists as Red prisoners in Korea.

The 11 servicemen were included in lists of prisoners submitted by the Communists to United Nations truce negotiators. But the Defense Department warned that the lists are unverified and "no assurance as to accuracy can be given at this time."

Here are the 11 area men and their next of kin:

**Maj. Robert N. Abbott**, husband of Mrs. Winona Abbott, 6 Aldern Pl., and son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Abbott, 194 Avenue A, Point Pleasant.

**Pfc. Nicholas J. Aramino**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Aramino, 70 Main St., Le Roy.

**Sgt. Raymond Buck**, 28, son of Mrs. Harriet Walters, 1946 Main St. E.

**Cpl. Raymond F. Goodburlet**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Goodburlet, West Sweden Rd., Bergen.

**Capt. Arthur H. Lozano**, husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Lozano, 535 Highland Ave.

**Capt. William Preston** (Air Force), husband of Mrs. Mary M. Preston, 26 Bank St., Batavia, son of Mrs. Hannah Preston, 316 W. Oak St., Medina.

**Pfc. Stefano Salerno**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Salerno, 329 Avery St.

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

**Cpl. James P. Scahill**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Scahill, 177 Herald St.

**Cpl. William E. Todd**, husband of Mrs. Marie L. Todd, 645 Norris Dr.

**Sgt. Gerald R. Wolters**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wolters, 620 Lake Ave.

Names of prisoners listed by the Communists were received by The Times-Union this morning. These names were checked against available information on servicemen reported missing in action or prisoners.

Possibility that still other area servicemen may be on the list of 3,198 Americans was raised by the fact that The Times-Union's information on missing soldiers may be incomplete.

Defense Department officials were busy checking all names against their own lists of servicemen reported missing. Notification of relatives and publication of names was being pushed.

Most of the families contacted by The Times-Union this morning had already received letters or other word from the soldiers that they had been captured and were in prisoner-of-war camps.

## Lists Screened Carefully for Area Names

Times-Union staff members have carefully checked all 3,198 names of Americans on the prisoner-of-war list turned over by the Communist truce team.

Every name that could be identified as coming from the Rochester area is included in the accompanying story. Only names and serial numbers appeared in the original list.

If other names from the area occur on the new list now being issued from the Pentagon which contains addresses, they will be published, too.

The original list of 3,198 names was furnished in alphabetical order. The Times-Union news department will be happy to assist relatives of missing men in checking and screening the lists for further identification.

Chinese People's Committee for World Peace and against American Aggression" was received by Mr. and Mrs. Salerno from their son in October. Salerno was reported missing Apr. 23. He had been called back into service as a reservist late in 1950.

Sgt. Wolters wrote his parents in a letter dated Aug. 16 that he was in an unnamed prison camp in China. He was reported missing Dec. 2, 1950. He had been in the Army more than two years.

CPL. SCAHILL WROTE in a letter from North Korea, dated Mar. 13, that he was a prisoner, his parents said. He was reported missing Nov. 26, 1950. He had been wounded Aug. 9 of that year.

Pfc. Aramino's father said this morning that his son was reported missing a year ago. He had received a letter in August from his son saying that he was a Communist prisoner, Aramino said.

Cpl. Goodburlet was reported missing in action Apr. 23. It could not be confirmed immediately whether his parents had heard any further report.

## Swap of Names Results In Fresh Dispute

Munsan, Korea — (AP) — Exchange of prisoner of war lists brought new strife today for Korean truce negotiators.



MAJ. ROBERT ABBOTT



SGT. RAYMOND BUCK



PFC. THOMAS SPACKMAN



CPL. RAYMOND GOODBURLET



Rochester, N. Y., Wednesday Evening, December 19, 1951



**MRS. ARTHUR H. LOZANO** and her 2-year-old daughter, Diane, get the glad tidings that Capt. Lozano is carried on Red prisoner-of-

war list. Mrs. Lozano had received letters from him as a prisoner, but she was happy and relieved to hear his name is on PW list.



**WONDERFUL DAY!** — No need to explain how Mrs. Harriet Walters, of 1946 Main St. E., feels. Mrs. Walters just learned that her

boy, Sgt. Raymond Buck, long missing in action in Korea, is now reported a prisoner of war instead. She's holding son's pictures.



**FIRST WORD** that her husband Cpl. Todd, was included in the list was given Mrs. Todd today by The Times-Union. She greeted the words with a warm "Thank you very much."

"This is wonderful," she said, quietly.

Mrs. Todd said she had received, second-hand, a report via the Red radio earlier this year that her husband had been taken prisoner by the Communists. Later she received letters from four soldiers informing her that her husband was a prisoner.

**MRS. ARTHUR LOZANO** was summoned to the telephone by Western Union at 3 a. m. today for the news that her husband, Capt. Lozano, had been reported a prisoner. An hour later she received a telephone call from an excited friend with the same news.

"I'm so happy and relieved," she said. "I have had three letters from my husband since he was taken prisoner so it wasn't too much of a surprise. Nevertheless, I would have been hysterical if his name hadn't been on the list."

Capt. Lozano was reported missing in action Nov. 30, 1950.

**MRS. SPACKMAN** said she had received two letters from her son, written last August and informing her he was a prisoner.

**MRS. ABBOTT**, contacted by The Times-Union at the engineering department of Kodak Park where she is employed, said she had been "very happy" to receive the news of her husband, Maj. Abbott, last night.

"I certainly feel a lot different than I did at this time last year," she said. Maj. Abbott was reported missing on Nov. 27, 1950.

She had received a letter from her husband dated Aug. 26 in which he said he was a prisoner and "in good health."

**MRS. HARRIET WALTERS**, mother of Sgt. Raymond Buck, received word of her son's name being on the prisoner-of-war list last night. She said she had received a letter



SGT. GERALD R. WOLTERS



CPL. TODD

CAPT. LOZANO

from the government about a month ago in which it was reported that her son "had been seen in a prisoner-of-war camp." She had heard earlier this year that her son had been named by the Chinese Communist radio as being a prisoner.

**CAPT. PRESTON** wrote his wife in a letter dated July 1 and received in October that he had been forced to crash-land in North Korea on Mar. 26. He said that he had "lost a little weight" but was otherwise well treated in the Communist prisoner-of-war camp. The couple has a 5-year-old son, William.

A letter forwarded by "The

The Communists labeled the United Nations list of 132,472 Chinese and Korean prisoners useless. (Details, Page 11.)

The Allies complained the Red total of 11,559 PWs was too small.

Truce negotiators made no formal protest. The prisoner of war subcommittee was in recess today.

**UN DELEGATES** in a second subcommittee told the Reds they would not budge an inch on how to supervise the truce until the Communists agree to full rotation of troops and effective behind-the-line inspection to guard against a military buildup.

(Please turn to Pages 8, 10, 27, 31 for other details, and to Page 28 for an editorial page cartoon.)

## Treat Red List With Skepticism, Truman Warns

Washington — (P) — President Truman issued a special warning today that the prisoner of war list received from the Communists in Korea is entirely unverified and should be treated with skepticism.

Mr. Truman's press secretary, Joseph Short, made this statement:

"The President has asked me to urge every news medium to stress as often as possible that the prisoner of war list is entirely unverified.

"He appreciates the efforts already made along this line but believes it important to continue them—to do even more than already has been done.

"This country has no way of verifying whether the list is accurate or inaccurate, true or false, complete or incomplete.

"For the sake of the families whose sons are missing in action, everyone should treat this list with skepticism."



PFC. STEFANO SALERNO



CPL. JAMES SCAHILL

## Roll Grows

# 5 Names Added to List Of Red PWs from Area.

Five names were added today to the list of Rochester area servicemen identified by the Communists as Red prisoners in Korea. None of the new names was from Rochester.

The new names brought the total to 16 for the area. Eight of the total are from the city. New names are:

**Capt. John Kahaniak**, son of Mrs. Anastasia Kahaniak, 88 Perrine St., Auburn.

**Pfc. Almond L. Nolan**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Nolan, Christian Hollow Rd., Greenwood.

**Cpl. Eugene R. Soble**, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Gould, Groveland Rd., Dansville.

**Cpl. Carl D. Sutton**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Sutton, 268 Church St., Lockport.

**Cpl. Maynard A. Towner**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Towner, 256 E. Second St., Corning.

The names were received this morning by The Times-Union as the Defense Department neared completion of the lengthy task of checking the list of names submitted by the Communists to United Nations truce negotiators against the official U. S. list of servicemen reported to be dead or missing in action.

**DEFENSE DEPARTMENT** officials continued to caution that the Communist lists are unofficial and unverified. No UN inspection of the Red prisoner-of-war camps in North Korea has been permitted.

Release of the prisoners awaits results of the current truce negotiations, the officials added.

For Mrs. Kahaniak, the report was welcome confirmation that her son was still a prisoner. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Kahaniak of Tacoma, Wash., had received a letter from the soldier in November that he was a prisoner of the Reds.

A veteran of World War 2, Capt. Kahaniak has served in the Army since 1937. He was reported missing in action Nov. 30, 1950.

The Nolans reported that their son had written them in a letter received last Summer that he was a Communist prisoner. He was reported missing a year ago after one year's Army service.

**MRS. GOULD SAID** her son was reported missing in action Nov. 4, 1950. A month later, she received word from the Defense Department that her son had been reported to be a prisoner.

Mrs. Gould said that her son had been in the Army for three years, enlisting when he was 16.

Mrs. Sutton had also received a report that her son was a prisoner she said. A veteran of six years' army service, he was reported missing Jan. 3.

**MRS. TOWNER** called the news of her son "the only Christmas present we need." The family had clung to hope that their son might be safe since he was first reported missing Dec. 12, 1950. They had received no word of him since, she said.

Another son, Gerald Jr., is at Camp Drum after 10½ months' service in Korea. He returned to the United States last June. The brothers, stationed in different units, had not seen each other while in Korea.



## Hopes Rise For Return Of 9 PWs

### Agreement Specifies 60-Day Deadline

Return to their families of nine Rochesterians captured by the Communists in Korea appeared closer today.

Agreement reached by United Nations and Red negotiators at Panmunjom specified that all prisoners willing to return to their native lands will be returned within 60 days after an armistice is signed. News reports said an armistice might be signed tonight (Rochester time).

Most of the Rochesterians listed as prisoners have been held by the Reds for two years. Their families have received word only through occasional letters and news reports based on Communistic announcements.

None of the Rochesterians captured were returned during the recent exchange of sick and wounded prisoners.

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Those reported as prisoners are:

Maj. Robert N. Abbott, husband of Winona Abbott, 6 Aldern Pl.  
Sgt. Raymond Buck, son of Mrs. Harriet Walters, 1946 Main St. E.

Sgt. William W. Johnson, son of Mrs. Ruth Johnson, 309 Averill Ave.

Capt. Arthur H. Lozano, husband of Elizabeth Lozano, 535 Highland Ave.

Pfc. Stefano Salerno, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Salerno, 329 Avery St.

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

Cpl. James P. Scahill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Scahill, 177 Herald St.

Cpl. William E. Todd, husband of Marie L. Todd, 59 Ringle St.

Sgt. Gerald R. Wolters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walters, 609 Lake Ave.

The shooting continued today in Korea while negotiators worked out last details of an armistice. George N. Hope, county superintendent of veterans' graves, today listed the number of Monroe County servicemen killed in action or died of wounds since the beginning of the Korean conflict at 81.

## Joy Reigns In Homes Of PWs

By BILL RINGLE

Happiness was the main theme in nine Rochester area homes where for long years the only touch with loved ones has been from occasional cryptic letters, newspaper accounts or released comrades.

But an obbligation of distrust and reservation, echoing other dashed hopes, was there, too.

Even with a truce signed and a halt scheduled in the fighting, many of the families so often disappointed, hoodwinked and preyed upon by Communists were unable to believe that their sons, brothers or husbands were really coming home at last.

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THIS WAS ESPECIALLY true of Mrs. Ruth Johnson, 309 Averill Ave., who has never had official notification that her son, Sgt. William W. Johnson, is a war prisoner.

"I'll believe it when he comes home," she said.

Sgt. Johnson was reported missing in November, 1950.

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MRS. ARTHUR H. LOZANO, of 535 Highland Ave., received a letter dated May 21 from her husband, a captain and a West Point graduate. And two exchanged prisoners reported that they had known him and he was well.

But, says Mrs. Lozano, "After he comes home, I'll believe it." Her husband has been a prisoner since Nov. 30, 1950.

hands, there's doubt."

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MRS. ROBERT ABBOTT, 6 Aldern Pl., whose husband, a major and one of Rochester's most decorated World War 2 soldiers was captured in December, 1950, says, "We never gave up hope despite previous letdowns. I hope this means he'll come back to us."

His father, Harry C. Abbott, of 48½-B Rowley St., said he was "overjoyed and relieved" but added, "Until he's in American

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OTHERS LOOKING FORWARD to the return of prisoners are: Mrs. Noal D. Walters, 1946 Main St. E., whose son, Sgt. Raymond Buck, has been missing since Jan. 9, 1951.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Spackman, 196 Goodman St. N. Their son, Pfc. Thomas M. Spackman, was captured Apr. 20, 1951.

Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Salerno, 329 Avery St. Their son, Pfc. Stefano Salerno, has been missing since Apr. 23, 1951.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Scahill, of 177 Herald St., whose son, Cpl. James P. Scahill, was



STILL WAITING—"I'll believe it when he comes home," was Mrs. Ruth Johnson's reaction to news of truce in Korea. She holds picture of her son, Sgt. William W. Johnson, and wife, June. They've seen his picture released by Reds, and wife received letter, but he has never officially been reported a prisoner.



Cpl. Scahill      Pfc. Salerno      Maj. Abbott      Capt. Lozano



Sgt. Buck      Sgt. Wolters      Cpl. Goodburlet      Pfc. Spackman

missing Nov. 26, 1950.

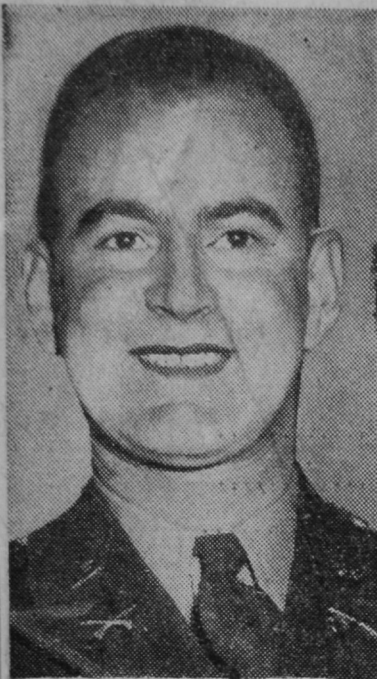
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walters, of 609 Lake Ave., whose son, Sgt. Gerald R. Wolters, has been missing since Dec. 2, 1950.

Eugene J. Goodburlet, of 21, was taken prisoner Apr. 23, 1951.

Another PY's wife, Mrs. William E. Todd, formerly of 59 Ringle St., moved from the city to Milledgeville, Ga., last month. Her husband was taken prisoner Nov. 30, 1950.



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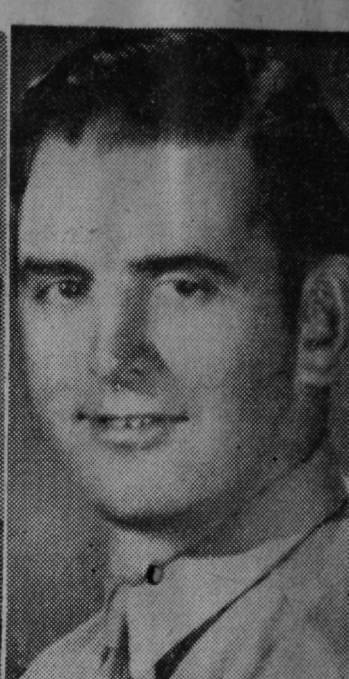
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CPL. JAMES P. SCAHILL



SGT. 1/c WILLIAM JOHNSON

## Families of 9 PWs Cling to 2 Hopes: They'll Be Home Soon -- Safe and Sound

Families of nine Rochesterians captured by Reds in Korea are harboring two hopes.

One is that they will see their loved ones soon.

And the other is that this can be done, somehow, without the servicemen qualifying as "sick or wounded" under terms of a proposed prisoner exchange to which the Communists have agreed.

"You want to see them, and you want them to get out, but you don't want them to be sick or wounded," said Mrs. William E. Todd of 59 Ringle St.

"It's a terrible decision to make."

Her husband, an Army corporal, has been missing since Nov. 30, 1950. Her last letter from him, written in November, 1952, arrived last January.



Capt. Lozano

NEARLY ALL the families are trying to restrain themselves from banking too much on the latest agreement. They've been disappointed before. In most cases, their hopes soared when the Reds published a list of prisoners in December, 1951, and they were told, for the first time, their sons or husbands were alive.

Since then, they've waited, sustained by the trickle of mail the captors permitted.

Occasionally, hopes rose during discussion of prisoner exchange while peace negotiations were under way. But these hopes were dashed. Now, they hope again, but they're suspicious.

DURING THE LONG wait (six of the nine were declared missing in action in late 1950 and the other three were captured in the first four months of 1951) some of the fami-

lies have been preyed upon by propaganda, or crackpots, or persons seeking funds in return for magazine subscriptions or information.

"I'm not counting too much on this until something is decided," said Mrs. Robert N. Abbott, of 6 Aldern Pl. Her husband, a major, was one of Rochester's most decorated World War 2 soldiers and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Abbott of 48½-B Rowley St.

None of the families here knows whether its son will be adjudged sick or wounded. PW letters contained no detailed information about physical condition.

Three of the men were known to have been wounded in earlier fighting and returned to the front lines before capture. Whether any were wounded during fighting which resulted in their capture remains a question mark.

One of the nine, Sgt. 1/c William Johnson, son of Mrs. Ruth Johnson, of 309 Averill Ave., was never listed as a prisoner of war on Red rolls. But his picture, distributed by a Chinese news agency, was carried by national news services and his wife, June Johnson, of 47½ Glasgow St., in Clyde, received a letter from him. Her last word was in August, 1951.

OTHER PWs besides Abbott, Johnson and Todd are:

Sgt. Raymond Buck, son of Mrs. Harriet Walters, of 1946 Main St. E.;

Capt. Arthur H. Lozano, whose wife, Elizabeth, lives at 535 Highland Ave.;

Pfc. Stefano Salerno, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Salerno, of 329 Avery St.;

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

Cpl. James P. Scahill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Scahill, of 177 Gerald St.; and

Sgt. Gerald R. Wolters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walters, of 609 Lake Ave.



CPL. WILLIAM E. TODD



SGT. GERALD R. WOLTERS



PFC. STEFANO SALERNO



PFC. THOMAS M. SPACKMAN



# Data Sought from Reds On 5 City, Area Airmen

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## Fliers Still Unaccounted for After Being Reported PWs

Five Rochester and vicinity airmen are among the 944 missing U. S. servicemen for whom the UN Command in Korea has demanded an accounting from the Communists.

Listed today as still unaccounted for after reportedly being captured by the Communists in the Korean War were:

**1st Lt. Robert B. Baumer**, husband of Mrs. Constance L. Baumer, 39 Lilac Dr., Brighton, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Baumer, 267 Long Meadow Circle.

**Capt. Don Hyatt**, husband of Mrs. Marvelina J. Hyatt, 17 Cypress St.

**Cpl. Elmer C. Kidd**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Gates, Seneca Falls.

**Cpl. E. Peter LaBreck**, brother of Mrs. Roderick Clifford, 417 N. Seward Ave., Auburn.

A second Rochester man, 1st Lt. Spiro J. Peters, husband of Mrs. Ann C. Peters of 90 Allendale Ave., was listed earlier this week by the Defense Department as being among the 944 missing Americans.

The Pentagon said it has received information they may have been held by the Communists as prisoners of war, although they were not returned in the recent Operation Big Switch nor were they reported by the Reds to have died as captives.

For the families of these fighting men there was new hope—if only a little—that somewhere in a Red prison camp their loved ones might still be alive.

**INCLUDED** on the unaccounted-for list were Capt. James A. Van Fleet Jr., son of the former Eighth Army commander, and double jet ace Capt. Harold E. Fischer, of Swea City, Ia.

The total names published still is 27 short of the 944 on the original list. A Defense spokesman said the remaining names require further cross-checking before next of kin could be notified.

The large number of Air Force men on the list, coupled with the Red claim that Fischer was shot down over Manchuria, raised speculation that the Communists may be holding back some U. S. airmen on the grounds they had been captured in the "neutral" territory of Red China.



**LT. ROBERT B. BAUMER**

was the only member of the crew to be repatriated.

Lt. Baumer flew 51 missions over Germany, France, Austria, Hungary and the Balkans in World War 2. He and Mrs. Baumer have a daughter, Lee Ann, 2. His father is a member of the brokerage firm of Erickson-Perkins and is on the board of directors of Rochester Transit Corporation.

**LT. BAUMER'S WIFE** told the Times-Union today:

"In a way there's hope. But there have been so many ups and downs. In all these months I have never received a word that he is a prisoner."

Mrs. Baumer said she received a telegram Thursday evening from the Defense Department that her husband's name was included in a list of personnel being sent to the Communists for an accounting.

She said the telegram related that "unofficial and unverified information indicates that all of the facts available to the Communists have not been released by them. . . ."

Lt. Baumer, 30, was reported missing on June 1, 1952. He was a navigator on a B-29, assigned to the 28th Bomber Squadron based on Okinawa.

Mrs. Baumer is clinging to the hope that a member of her husband's crew who was repatriated in the recent exchange and is due home next Tuesday will have some information about her husband. She said that Capt. Anton Brom Jr. of Sheboygan, Wis., radarman on her husband's plane,

**THE FAMILY** of Capt. Hyatt could not be reached for comment.

A friend of the family said he has been missing for more than two years. She said his wife, Marvelina, has been visiting in Spokane, Wash., for the past six weeks. They have a young daughter.

Mrs. Peters, whose husband has been missing since last September told The Times-Union yesterday that the news is "wonderful" and that she feels "there's every reason to expect there's a chance."

Lt. Peters' mother, Mrs. Joseph Peters, resides at 80 Brookfield Rd.

**CPL. LA BRECK** has been missing since Dec. 4, 1950. His sister and only living relative, Mrs. Clifford, said she received a telegram from the Defense Department Thursday.

The corporal's mother, Mrs. Arlene La Breck, died last June. Mrs. Clifford said uncertainty over her son's fate was a contributing factor.

The Defense Department had notified the family that Cpl. La Breck disappeared in action in the Chosin Reservoir sector.



# Last 3 Ex-POWs From County Dock At San Francisco

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The last three ex-prisoners of war from Monroe County yesterday returned from Korea to America, and their families here were eagerly anticipating imminent reunions.

The three were among 213 repatriates aboard the transport Gen. R. L. Howze which docked in San Francisco yesterday. They are:

**M/Sgt. Raymond H. Buck**, 29, son of Mrs. Noal H. Walters of 1946 Main St. E.

**Capt. Arthur H. Lozano**, 30, whose wife, Elizabeth, lives at 535 Highland Ave.

**Sgt. Raymond F. Goodburlet**, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Goodburlet of 6 Genesee St., Scottsville.

They all telephoned home soon after the ship docked, planning the quickest possible ways to get here. Buck and Goodburlet said they expected to be here today or tomorrow, depending on connections. The Lozanos will meet "somewhere between here and San Francisco," the captain's wife said with a laugh, keeping the exact place her secret.

Buck, who spent 33 months in a Communist prison camp, was still upset at his erstwhile captors for stealing his dental plate. That loss, he told newsmen in San Francisco, probably will delay his flight home until he can stop off to get new choppers. However, he was too happy at being back stateside to be seriously angry at anything.

The mood prevailed even when he was denied his first request after landing. He asked for a glass of milk but had to settle for coffee, the only beverage available at the dock.

He said he was about 15 pounds under his normal weight. "I never was down much more in camp," he said. "I kept my weight and I never was sick."

Goodburlet, however, fared worse, dropping from 180 pounds to just half that during his confinement, most of which was spent in solitary. Now he's back to 160 pounds, thanks partly, he said, to wholesome food received since his liberation Sept. 3, and partly to "the diet of peanuts the Chinese gave us toward the end to fatten us up." He looked

fit and well as he stepped off the transport.

He looked particularly good to his sister, Mrs. Virginia Pimm of Mumford, and his aunt, Mrs. Ruby Holliday of Monrovia, Calif. They met him at the dock.

Goodburlet first got in trouble with his Chinese captors in July, 1952. He stayed in hot water right up until he was repatriated earlier this month.

When he tried to escape into the North Korean mountains he was recaptured and put into solitary. Even there he was no bargain for the Chinese. Once a guard got too close to his cage and Goodburlet kayoed him through the bars.

Ten days after he got out of solitary he was right back in again—for trying to burn down the Chinese headquarters.

Even when he was taken south for repatriation at Panmunjom, Goodburlet didn't trust the Reds. He tried to escape from Kaesong, just 14 miles from the prisoner exchange point. He was captured almost immediately and heavily guarded until the Chinese—presumably with a big sigh of relief—turned him loose.

How was the solitary confinement?

"It wasn't too bad. I talked to myself, and I got along pretty good with myself."

Goodburlet and his sister planned to leave yesterday by plane for New York. Their trip includes a stopover at La Guardia Field in New York, then another flight home.

His future plans aren't certain, but he said "I'll probably reenlist."

Captain Lozano declined a dockside interview, and his wife followed suit here.

"He's a career officer," she explained, "and he feels he hasn't done anything unusual. He told me he doesn't want any publicity."

She said she planned to leave their daughter, Diane, with her mother to enable her to go west to meet her husband.



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# Released City POW

## Arrives from Korea, Taken to Sampson

It was a painfully brief home-coming yesterday for the ex-prisoner whose dad had promised "everybody a glass of wine and a lot of spaghetti—a big party for my son" when Cpl. Stefano (Steve) Salerno came home.

What little celebration there was took place at the Airport — five minutes while the corporal transferred from a military plane to the ambulance which took him to the Sampson Air Force Base hospital. He reassured the folks he was all right—"they just have to give me a checkup and put me on a diet"—and he'd be home "in a couple of days."

The family had no advance notice of their soldier's arrival. Salerno caught his sister, Mrs. Jennie Grossi of Fairport, by surprise when he telephoned her from the airport. He'd be there for an hour or less, he said, and if they wanted to see him to come on down.

Mrs. Grossi was unable to reach the corporal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Salerno of 329 Avery St. But she did manage to get another sister, Mrs. Angela Scialdone, at work, as well as one of Salerno's closest friend, Rocco (Rocky) Di Steffen of 93 Litchfield St. They and Mr. Grossi arrived at the airport in time for the brief reunion.

"How's Mom? How's Dad?" were the corporal's first questions. Satisfied that they were well—but disappointed at their absence—he reassured his sisters that he was all right and would be home soon. "Maybe tomorrow."

Last night he told Mrs. Grossi by telephone that he still hoped to be home today. But a hospital spokesman, more cautious, said Salerno would get a pass to go home "within two or three days."

A preliminary medical examination at Sampson revealed that "the corporal is mentally and physically OK," the doctor said. However, he added that he would examine Salerno again more thoroughly before he is permitted to go home.

Mrs. Scialdone said she saw nothing wrong with her brother that lots of home cooking wouldn't cure.

"I'm sure he's all right," she said. "It's just that he looked awfully tired, and he lost a lot of weight. But he's got the same old smile—he's the same fellow that left us, and that's what counts the most."

It seemed to the "delegation" that the interview was almost over before it had started. The Sampson ambulance was waiting when the family arrived, but

those in charge delayed the trip to Sampson long enough for the soldier and his sisters to have a few moments.

Keenly disappointed for having missed their son, Mr. and Mrs. Salerno waited near the telephone last night in hopes of getting a call from him. They hoped that his prediction was accurate and prepared for a big welcome today.

Salerno, who was in a Communist prison camp nearly 28 months, contracted beri-beri during his captivity, and his legs were bothering him when he was released Aug. 15. But after he reached Freedom Gate he assured his folks, "I'm all right now." He was wounded at the time of his capture, but the exact nature of his wounds has not been announced.

### 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.



PFC. STEFANO SALERNO

## Missing GI Writes from Red PW Camp

Another Rochester soldier, reported missing in action, is alive and apparently well in a Chinese Red prisoner-of-war camp.

He is Pfc. Stefano Salerno, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Salerno, 329 Avery St., former Madison High School student who worked at the Clapp's Baby Food plant.

HIS PARENTS said they received two letters from their son. They were forwarded by "The Chinese People's Committee for World Peace and against American Aggression."

As usual, the letters contained obviously-dictated Red propaganda.

Salerno, who had been wounded in the March fighting in Korea, was reported missing last Apr. 23.

After serving in the Army through 1949, he was discharged because of the serious illness of his father, but was called back as a reservist late in 1950.



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'Oh, Brother, We Can Hardly Wait!'

# Local Kin of PWs Jubilant, Eagerly Wait Homecoming

"I've been expecting it for a long time. It's wonderful news. We are very pleased."

In those words, Thomas F. Scahill, 177 Herald St., summed up the feelings of families of Rochester area soldiers in prison camps in Communist North Korea and China as news of the truce signing was flashed across the Pacific. His son Cpl. James F. Scahill, 21, is a prisoner who may soon be home.



CPL. JAMES F. SCAHILL

"But it's no way to end a war," said Scahill, a veteran of World War II. "There'll be mixups and mixups. The war isn't over. When a war is over, somebody has to have a victory."

Corporal Scahill, previously wounded, was reported missing in action Nov. 26, 1950, nearly three years ago. His parents got a letter from him three weeks ago.

"He doesn't know anything about the war coming to an end," his father said sadly. "They don't tell them anything about it."

His joy in hearing the truce news was echoed by another parent of a POW, Mrs. Noal D. Walters, 1946 Main St. E., who said:

"I feel wonderful about it. I only hope it is the real thing this time. And, of course, we hope it means Ray can come home right away. How we've missed him!"

Her son, Sgt. Raymond H. Buck, 29, was listed missing in action Jan. 9, 1951. She has been receiving occasional letters from



PFC. STEFANO SALERNO



SGT. GERALD R. WOLTERS



SGT. RAYMOND H. BUCK



CPL. RAYMOND F. GOODBURLET



MAJ. ROBERT N. ABBOTT



PFC. THOMAS N. SPACKMAN

him since his capture. A former East High School pupil, the sergeant served three years in World War II, was wounded on Luzon, Philippine Islands, and reenlisted in 1950. Less than six months later he was captured.

"Oh, brother, we can hardly wait," exclaimed Mrs. Eugene H. Goodburlet of Bergen, whose son Cpl. Raymond F. Goodburlet, 21, was taken prisoner by the Communists April 23, 1951. "Three years is a long time," she said, relief in her voice.

A graduate of Caledonia High School, Corporal Goodburlet en-

listed in the Army in October, 1948. He was in Japan when the Korean War broke out and was sent in immediately with the 24th Division. At the time he was captured, he was expecting to be sent home on rotation furlough.

"I was sure it would come soon," said the sister of another prisoner of the Red Chinese when she learned the truce had been signed.

Mrs. Angela Scialdone, sister of Pfc. Stefano Salerno, 21, said the soldier's family had been "hoping and praying" the truce would come, "hoping and praying that he comes home safe."

She lives with the prisoner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Salerno, 329 Avery St. Private Salerno, who got the Purple Heart for wounds received a month before he was captured on April 23, 1951, has been getting occasional letters through to his parents since October, 1951. They received four letters from him in the past two weeks.

The private served a year in the Army in 1949, but was discharged because of his father's serious illness. He was called back in as a Reservist in the late 1950 and was attached to the 24th Division in Korea. He is a former Madison High School pupil and was once employed at the Clapp's Baby Food plant.

"I am tremendously relieved. What can one say?" asked Mrs. Arthur F. Wolter of 609 Lake Ave. Her son, Sgt. Gerald R. Wolter 22, is in a prison camp somewhere in China, according to letters his mother and father have received.

Sergeant Wolter's name appeared on the missing list Dec. 2, 1950, as the Chinese were entering the war in North Korea. He enlisted in the Army in August, 1948, and joined the 7th Infantry Division in Korea in July, 1950. He attended Jefferson High School.

Mrs. Robert N. Abbott, 6 Aldern Pl., wife of a 36-year-old major captured in December, 1950, declared thankfully:

"We never gave up hope despite previous letdowns about peace. I hope this means he'll come back to us." The Abbotts have a daughter, Roberta Lee, 5.

Major Abbott was attached to the Republic of Korea's 7th Division as a United Nations military adviser from the time he landed in Korea in October, 1950, until he was reported missing two months later. He rejoined the Army in 1947 after serving seven years before and during World War II. Originally a private, he received three Purple Hearts, two Bronze Stars, the Silver Star and the French Croix de Guerre during World War II.

Speaking for her husband and herself, Mrs. Charles Spackman, 196 Goodman St. N., said:

"We're glad to see it over. Now we want Tom back."

"Tom" is Pfc. Thomas M. Spackman, 21, who is in a North Korean POW camp. He was reported missing in action April 23, 1951. Wounded in August, 1950, he was hospitalized and returned to duty before his capture. A member of the 24th Division when captured, Private Spackman attended Edison Technical and Industrial High School.





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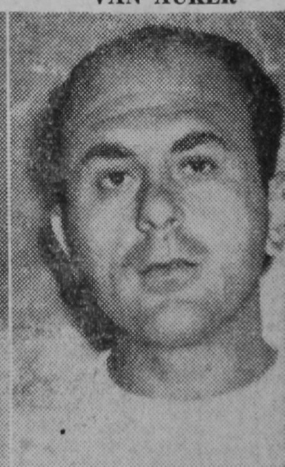
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## Little Jubilation at Truce News

By BERT REISMAN

The halt to Korea's bloody, three-year war today received a unenthusiastic reception from Rochester's man-in-the-street.

There was no apparent jubilation at the climax of more than two years of truce talks. Some people felt signing the truce was a mistake.

Frequently, Rochesterians were dubious of the truce's chances for permanent success. But all welcomed even a temporary end to bloodshed.

These are some of the reactions:

**Richard VanAuker**, 123 Merwin Ave., probation officer—"If the truce was signed in good faith, it will benefit a lot of people. However, I think we're conceding too much over there. Only time will reveal the true intentions of the North Koreans. We didn't really win the war and we don't have South Korean backing."

**Mrs. Marian Elias**, 142 Hampton Blvd., housewife—"If Syngman Rhee keeps to his word, the war may really be over and the truce will last. Otherwise, we'll

be back in the same boat we were in before. I'm just glad it's over for now and the boys will be able to come home."

**James A. Brown**, Buffalo, state auditor—"It looks encouraging. I don't think this will be just a short halt in the hostilities. I believe they'll draft as many men as before and we won't have a depressing effect on business. But we could have won the war more decisively a year ago with different tactics, though more casualties."

**Mrs. Deborah Sauken**, 51 Minnesota St., housewife—"I don't think we should have signed the truce. I believe the country would rather have had a victory than an agreement. Even so, some good will come out of it."

**James Forrester**, 1108 Whitlock Rd., truck driver—"I think it's wonderful that the fighting is over. Too bad it didn't end three years ago. As for the truce lasting, God only knows. I don't think one person will settle the problems ahead. They'll all have to get together and agree on their differences."

**Jerry Troiano**, 221 Curtis St.,

mail carrier—"I'm glad the fighting stopped, but I just hope Syngman Rhee doesn't start another rumpus. If he does, the truce won't last. The truce will save a lot of lives, but it won't unify Korea. It will always be a divided nation, I think. Still, we gained a lot of respect by intervening and maybe we saved ourselves a lot of trouble in the future by stopping them when we did."

**C. Arthur Gleason**, Powers Bldg., realtor—"Naturally, I was pleased to learn the truce finally was signed. I only hope North and South Korea will be able to get together eventually. If they don't they won't be able to iron out their problems and make a lasting peace."

**Ray Buecheler**, 352 Whiting Rd., Webster, special insurance agent—"I was especially glad for the parents who have sons over there. If you look at what we started out to do—stop aggression—we accomplished our aim. Certainly, it's not a victory like World War 2, but we didn't lose respect. There may not be any more fighting in Korea, but it probably will break out elsewhere."



# Fighting Ends,

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## but Area Still Feels Impact

### Thousands of Young Men Absent From Homes; 81 Who Left Gave Their Lives

By CALVIN MAYNE

Civil defense and clothes for Korea. Blood donations and war contracts. Thousands of young men absent from their homes, some of them forever.

This is the record of Rochester's participation in the Korean War.

Like the rest of the country, the area never felt the impact of the Korean fighting on its daily life on the scale of World Wars 1 or 2. But the impact was considerable.

June 25, 1950—the day the North Koreans crossed the 38th Parallel—was a pleasant, sunny day in Rochester. The news of the Communist invasion was a surprise. The news that began to appear in the news—Seoul, Pyongyang, Pusan—were strange-sounding.

Pvt. Henry A. Scipioni was a junior in Jefferson High School. Some three years later, he and 80 other residents of Monroe County had been killed in the Korean fighting.

One Rochester man summed up what was probably the typical local attitude toward America's participation in the war shortly after the North Korean invasion:

"It's the only thing to do, I think. It is a job that has to be done and one we have been putting off for too many years. Now is the proper time to act by calling their bluff."

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**CITY MANAGER** Cartwright reactivated the city's World War 2 civil defense organization in July, 1950. By Fall, some 10,000 persons were registered in city and county CD organizations.

Another 10,000 were listed on the CD rolls during the next three years. Nine city-wide drills were held. CD leaders frequently criticized local "apathy."

Thousands of Rochesterians responded to Red Cross calls for blood. In three years, the Red Cross here sent 2,887 pints of whole blood and 66,017 pints of plasma to the armed services. Most of the blood was used in Korea.

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**AS THE CHINESE** Communists entered the war, the casualty lists grew. Thousands of Rochester area soldiers fought in Korea. Besides the 81 dead, 49 were listed as missing in action. Another 253 were wounded.

Rochester Marines, returning from the bitter cold and humiliation of the long retreat of Novem-

ber-December, 1950, told of this strange, distant war.

A strong sentiment developed here, as elsewhere, for pulling out of Korea. In a Times-Union poll in February, 1951, 80 per cent of the 1,446 persons writing to the newspaper called for withdrawal of our troops.

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**EMPLOYMENT** in the county rose steadily. The number of persons employed in manufacturing rose from 97,800 in June, 1950, to 114,900 in May, 1953. Federal government contracts to area firms during the last two years have exceeded 138 million dollars.

Hundreds of tons of clothing were donated for use by Korean refugees. The USO was reactivated.

A flurry of excitement ran through the city when President Truman fired Gen. MacArthur.

Rochester followed the seemingly endless accounts of the truce talks during the long months after their beginning in July, 1951. Joy came to the homes of nine Rochester area servicemen in December, 1951, when the men were reported prisoners of the Communists. They had not been heard of for a long time.

Long-awaited construction in the city was delayed by shortages of steel and other building materials, caused by America's expanding defense effort.

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**ALTHOUGH LIFE** continued somewhat as usual in Rochester, the Post Office flag dipped to half-staff again and again as bodies of Rochester servicemen were brought home for burial.

How do the parents of these soldiers feel now? A short time ago, some were interviewed by a Times-Union reporter. One could only weep and say:

"I'd like to be able to make some worthwhile comment, but I can't. I might not be able to comment 14 years from now. Whether or not it is justified only God knows."



# North Korean Torture Lea

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By BILL O'BRIEN

Ten times a day Steve Salerno and Tom Spackman were forced to kneel on North Korean ground with their hands behind their backs.

An officer jammed a rifle at the back of their heads and "you could hear the bolt slide, you just waited, maybe anxious for it to get over with," Salerno said.

And 10 times a day the kneeling ended with an empty metallic click of the rifle.

Their experiences, during the Korean War 18 years ago, parallel the ordeal related by

Cmdr. Lloyd M. Bucher, skipper of the spyship Pueblo, who finally signed a confession when the lives of his crew were threatened.

Stephen D. Salerno of 104 Parkway St. and Thomas M. Spackman of 30 Hemlock Woods, Greece, were 19-year-old Army corporals when they were captured in April 1950 and sent to North Korean Camp 1, some 10 miles south of the Yalu River. They stayed there for 29 months.

Salerno and Spackman and also two former prisoners of war during World War II commented on Cmdr. Bucher's plight and his current



Stephen Salerno



Thomas Spackman



Ross Ritto

hearing by a Naval court of inquiry.

"The way Bucher's mind

must have been by then, it was the only thing he could have done, sign the confession

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and save his men. Every man has a breaking point in those camps," Salerno said.

Salerno didn't reach that breaking point. But he is still being treated by Veterans Administration specialists once a week for an "acute anxiety — I still get very nervous."

"They tried to get us to sign confessions about atrocities, then they fed us all kinds of propaganda, made us go to classes where they taught the Communist line. Only three prisoners in our entire camp signed the confessions, but they didn't really crack, they were turncoats who wanted to go to Peking," Salerno said.

Spackman believes Bucher is "getting a raw deal from his own government. I was a prisoner of war and came back and they didn't make me go through a court martial."

(Cmdr. Bucher is testifying in a court of inquiry, not a court martial.)

Bucher's signed confession that he had been a CIA agent and his ship was spying in North Korean waters "doesn't mean a thing," Spackman said.

"They are looking for a scapegoat and this Bucher is

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# North Korean Torture Leaves Its Mark

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going to be it, I guess," Spackman said.

Ross S. Ritto spent 14 months in a prisoner of war camp near Barth, Germany, after his B17 was shot down on his 29th mission over Berlin.

Ritto of 313 Ave. D said "they got sweated for information, I really don't know how I would have reacted."

"When they first brought us

in the camp a German officer kept hitting us. I decided that the next time he hit me I would fight back. He hit me too hard the next time and knocked me out.

"I think a lot of Americans were killed we don't know about who fought back," Ritto said.

"What bothers me is they had no way of scuttling the Pueblo fast the way we had for destroying the old Norden bombsights on the B-17s,"

Ritto said.

Frederick A. Bixby of 265 Laverne Drive, Greece, said the inquiry being conducted and the threat of court martial for Bucher "is buck passing. They were doing it when I was in the Army and they are doing it now."

Bixby spent four months at the end of World War II in four prisoner of war camps in Germany. He was captured near the Rhine River in France.

"When I came back, the Army wanted me to write an essay on why I got captured. I said, simply, 'very poor G-2 (intelligence) information.'

"They sent it back and asked for more. Next time I used a little profanity and half the Army was down on my back for telling them they did something wrong. That's the kind of buck passing the Navy is doing to Cmdr. Bucher," Bixby said.





MOM! Cpl. James P. Scahill grins and yells as he falls into his mother's arms when he returned from Communist prisoner of

war camp. Mrs. Shirley Requa of 25 New York St., one of corporal's six sisters, waits to greet him. He took cab from Buffalo.

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## PW Tells of Dungeon Horrors

By KURT ROHDE

Cpl. James P. Scahill, who was thrown into the "hole," a tiny dungeon, when he refused to attend Communist propaganda lectures, came home yesterday from a Chinese prisoner of war camp in a taxicab.

His arrival bewildered 17 relatives who had waited 2 hours and 20 minutes at the Rochester-Monroe County Airport. But tears and cries of joy marked the soldier's homecoming when the parties finally joined on the lawn of the Holy Rosary Convent at 196 Oriole St.

"The plane got grounded in Buffalo," Scahill later explained casually, "so I got home the quickest way I could." He left the plane, due here at 12:37 p. m., jumped in a taxicab and headed for Rochester.

as if each supporting actor had long rehearsed his lines and then forgotten them as the star appeared.

"It's a foolish question to ask," an uncle said and broke the hush, "but I suppose you're glad to get out of Korea."

"You bet," answered Scahill.

"Why," said Sister Mary Inez, the corporal's sister, "I see you're shaving now." She rubbed his cheek and Scahill's face flushed. When Scahill left home in March, 1949, he was 17 years old and had never used a razor. He's 21 now.

Then the delegation sensed that Scahill wanted to laugh, that there hadn't been much chance to smile in the two years and nine months he was a prisoner.

"McFarlin's is going to give you a whole new outfit," someone said.

to stand in. After two weeks there, Scahill signed the guarantee.

Scahill was captured on Dec. 1, 1950, at Kun-ri on the Central Front about 150 miles north of the 38th Parallel. His 2nd Infantry Division unit was overrun five days after the Chinese entered the war.

"We marched from Kun-ri to Camp 5 on the Yalu," he recalled. "That took about a month, mostly at night. We carried our own food, but we sorta hit the North Korean's for more; kinda clipped it on the sly."

Scahill, one of 10 children, was uncertain about his future.

When the 17 relatives raced from the airport to the convent, there was one oversight.

Mrs. Barbara Vogt of 69 Kingston St., the corporal's grandmother, was left behind.

But the delayed aircraft arrived at 2:10 p. m., minutes before Scahill. His baggage was unloaded from the plane, but the soldier didn't appear. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Scahill, who had gone to the field to welcome four earlier planes from the West, this time weakened and his mother wept.

The relatives had theorized that Scahill missed the plane in Buffalo, on his flight from California, when Mrs. Scahill was summoned to the airport telephone. It was her son. He was at 177 Herald St., the family's home, for the first time in 4½ years.

They agreed to meet at the convent, where Scahill's sister is a nun.

"What a day," Mrs. Scahill groaned as the delegation crowded into two cars and left the airport. At the convent, Scahill was waiting.

"Hi, ya, mom," he shouted as he leaped over a two-foot hedge and fell into Mrs. Scahill's arms. They embraced and she cried and then the others surrounded the pair. Scahill remembered each name perfectly.

"Give it a break, pop," he cried as he at last saw his father.

"Well, you old rascal you," returned the elder Scahill. A butcher, the corporal's father has not been able to work since he injured his left hand six months ago.

There was a long silence then,

"Ain't that nice," Scahill replied.

"Yea, and there's a hat, too, but you don't wear one," Mrs. Scahill said, "so I guess we can let your poppa have that."

"Well, Bing," an uncle called Scahill by his nickname, "you ready for a nice steak?"

"Well, a bowl of soup, maybe," the soldier said. "They've been throwing all that stuff at us, steak and turkey. I'm sick."

"Have you ever had any fish soup?" his father inquired seriously.

"Fish soup?" said Scahill and his brow wrinkled uncertainly. "Fish heads! That's all we had."

Later, Scahill told how he had spent two months confined at hard labor with another prisoner.

"They made us go to their lectures every day at first," he said. "Then they slacked off."

But Scahill did not always attend. Then he declined to sign a Chinese-authored guarantee that the prisoners would make no trouble.

"They threw me in the hole for two weeks. They made us chop wood for the Chinese kitchen."

There was an ironic twist to this confinement. Scahill ate with his Chinese guards and gained weight. None the less, he had lost 25 pounds when he was released. The "hole" was a room 6 by 10 feet and high enough





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