

IN THE NATION'S SERVICE

Newly arrived overseas with his crew, Cpl. Jack B. Steffen, B-17 Flying Fortress tail gunner, 4428 N. Magnolia Ave., Chicago, has been assigned to the 381st Bombardment group, with which he will fly combat against German targets.

The group is one of the veteran units in First Air division, cited for battle honors by the president. Cpl. Steffen is the son of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. P. Steffen, formerly of Highland Park.

Pfc. James Fleager, veteran of two major engagements in the Pacific area, Guam and Leyte, is spending a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Fleager, 559 Forest. Pfc. Fleager has been hospitalized since he was taken ill last December, on Leyte, but has now practically regained his normal health. He will report to Winters General hospital May 21.

His sister, Mary, yeoman 3/c, of the WAVEs is stationed in Hawaii.

Pfc. Donald Erickson, 22, husband of the former Gloria Orsini, 414 McDaniels, is a patient in an English hospital, recovering from pneumonia contracted while fighting with the infantry in France, three months ago.

His brother, Henry John, 19, is in a hospital at a Pacific base suffering from wounds received at Iwo Jima while serving as hospital attendant 1/c in the Marine corps. They are the sons of Mrs. O'Dell Waugh, 2 Burtis, Highwood.

Probably one of the youngest marine veterans on record is Pfc. Raymond Plagge, 519 Elm, Deerfield, whose brother, Pfc. Leland, has been reported missing in Germany. Only 17 now, Pfc. Raymond joined the marine corps over two years ago, and has served for 16 months overseas in some of the most rugged engagements of that area. He is a veteran of the major battles at Roi and Namur of the Marshall Islands, as well as those at Saipan and Iwo Jima, possessing the Purple Heart for wounds received at Iwo Jima, and the Presidential unit citation for achievements in the battle of Saipan.

Formerly a student at Highland Park high, he left school to enlist with the Leathernecks in March, 1943.

William "Bill" Gail, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gail, 1015 N. St. Johns, who received his basic training at Camp Hood, is home for a few days' vacation between semesters at U and M college of Texas, where he is now studying. He previously completed three years' work at the University of Illinois. After returning to Texas he will receive three months' training, after which his plans are, at this time, indefinite.

Ezekiel E. Farmer, aviation radio man 1/c, USNR, is spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Farmer, 307 Oakwood Ave. He has completed a tour of duty with a patrol bombing squadron attached to the Atlantic fleet. The silver wings he is wearing are those of a naval combat air crewman. After his leave he will report to the Naval Air station, Norfolk, Va., for further assignment. Petty Officer Farmer is a graduate of the Highland Park high school.

Ens. Arthur H. Swanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Swanson, Sr., 375 Orchard, has been assigned to the aircraft carrier, USS Boxer, which was commissioned at Norfolk, Va., earlier this month. His parents were in Norfolk to attend the ceremony. The carrier, unusually large and fast, is able to accommodate over 80 aircraft.

Ens. Swanson, who is a 1942 graduate of Highland Park high, and attended Purdue university for one year before reporting for training under the navy's V-12 program, was graduated on Jan. 16 from the pre-midshipman's school at Abbott hall, Chicago.

Pvt. Gino Gentilini, 19, a member of the marine corps since June, 1944, who left for overseas last November and was wounded in March on Iwo Jima, has arrived in the States and is now hospitalized in San Diego, Calif. According to a phone message to his mother, Mrs. Caesarina Gentilini, 322 Ashland, Highwood, he expects soon to be transferred to a Great Lakes hospital.

Paratrooper John Lawler, who has been hospitalized for nearly two months in Belgium, is now back with his outfit in Germany. Two years overseas, he possesses the Purple Heart for wounds received in the Italian campaign. He is the son of Mrs. Beatrice Lawler Codling, 448 Waukegan, Highwood.

Three Klemp Sons Visit Their Parents

Mr. and Mrs. John Klemp Sr., 310 Ridge, have enjoyed visits from all three of their sons in the armed services, recently — but at different times. Second Lt. Earl, 19, of the AAF, who won his navigator's wings last February 12 at Selman field, La., was the first to arrive on leave. He is probably now at a foreign post or on his way.

Pfc. Matt, 22, of the army, finished his special training at Washington, D.C., March 31, and spent the following week with his family before leaving for an assignment in Seattle, Wash. He entered the service in October, 1942.

First Lt. John Klemp, pilot of a B-24 Liberator bomber, is home at the present time, after eight months of combat service in the European area, during which time he flew 35 missions over eastern and southern Germany and participated in three major engagements. Although reticent about his achievements, it is known that among his other awards he possesses the Presidential Unit citation. In service since December, 1942, he won his wings at Maxwell field, Ga., in March, 1944.

Louise Smith Phillips Becomes Marine Captain

Marine Captain Louise Smith Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert R. Smith, 614 S. Linden, was recently promoted to her present rank at Washington, D. C., where she is now stationed as a company commander in the Second Headquarters Battalion there.

Capt. Phillips taught English, French, music, drama, and other subjects at Niles high school, Niles, Mich. for four and a half years prior to enlisting in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve in March, 1943. She was graduated from Grinnell college, Grinnell, Ia., with B. A. degree and took postgraduate work at Columbia university. Commissioned in June, 1943, at the Naval Reserve Midshipman's school, Northampton, Mass., she was assigned to duty at the Marine training center, Camp Lejeune, N. C., and in Aug., 1944, was transferred to her present station.

Her husband, Army Lt. John C. Phillips, is on duty at Newport News, Va., where he is attached to the Transportation corps.

Veteran of Italian Warfare Is Now Home

Slated to return to Italy after his 48-day duty in the states, Pfc. Robert Christiansen, brother of Mrs. Kenneth Wilson, 52 Deerfield, and son of Mr. John Christiansen, may find his orders changed, in view of the course events are now taking.

Christiansen, a coast artilleryman, saw action in Africa before taking part in the fighting in Sicily and Italy. His third battle star is for the battle of Rome.

In actual combat 450 days, he feels that fighting in the vicinity of Naples and Bologna was the most rugged.

In service 33 months, Christiansen has two brothers also serving their country. Lt. (j.g.) John, navy pilot, now in the Pacific theater, and T/Sgt. Alfred, stationed in Germany.

Lt. John E. Lidicker Safe With Allied Army

A letter from their son, 2nd Lt. John J. Lidicker, has been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Lidicker, 1844 Deerfield, stating that his plane, shot down over Germany on April 8, landed within Allied lines, and no serious injuries were sustained. A few hours later an official telegram arrived, announcing slight injuries. Temporarily in a hospital in Germany, the lieutenant expected to be moved to a base hospital in France.

In the army for two years, Lt. Lidicker was awarded his wings at Columbus Army Air base, Miss.

Cpl. Bud Moon Is Now In the States

Cpl. Melvin "Bud" Moon, who has been hospitalized at a Pacific post for wounds received in the battle for Manila last February, has now arrived in San Francisco and will soon be transferred to a mid-western hospital, according to a letter received from him this week.

A veteran of Duzon and Leyte, he went overseas with a light pontoon company of army engineers in April, 1944. His wife, "Bunny," lives at 26 S. Green Bay, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moon, 598 Homewood, have three other sons in service: Lt. Robert, AAF, now in France; Pfc. Lloyd, with the army medical corps in England, and Pvt. Verne, AAF, now in training at a gunnery school at Ft. Meyer, Va.

Jiggs and Maggie — Parapups

Jiggs and Maggie are two splendid specimens of the husky breed, who were selected to make test jumps from planes for the Parapup battalion, stationed at Ft. Nelson, British Columbia, Canada.

When faced with the novel adventure, this canine team was suspicious — naturally. In fact, it required gentle but firm persuasion to get them through the open door of the plane, but the experiment was important. There are spots in the will terrain of the arctic region inaccessible to ground troops, and in order to rescue crash victims in these isolated places, man's best friend was pressed into service.

As the huskies left the plane, their tails were seen to be tightly tucked between their legs, and undoubtedly they shook with fright and excitement. But as the chute mushroomed above them, they "hit the silk" like veterans, and floated, feather-light, to a happy landing. Examined by ground troops waiting near, they were found to be okay.

Now the Parapup unit is trained and ready for rescue work. The problem of the trainer is to teach 100-pound huskies to jump singly or in pairs from an observation plane and land lightly and in good condition. The harness, weighing about five pounds, is comfortably lined with sheepskin and fits snugly and securely about the dog's body.

Dropping food and medicine to crash victims is not sufficient. Thanks to the Parapup unit, more complete help is now available. Preceding the dogs in the jump is a flight surgeon, who waits on the ground, ready to receive the dogs and to direct proceedings from there.

Y.W.C.A. NOTES

Saturday, May 5 — 9 p.m. Saturday Evening club regular meeting.

Monday, May 7 — 3 p.m. Agnes Daly's dancing classes.

Tuesday, May 9 — 9:30 a. m. Board of Directors' meeting.

10:30 a.m. Mrs. Marshall Monroe speaks before the board of directors and other friends of the association.

8:00 p.m. Regular meeting of the Mothers club. Mrs. George Carr will give reading from "The Old Woman Shows Her Medals."

Wednesday, May 9 — 5:13 p.m. Members of Pi Delta take North Shore train for the Normandie for annual birthday party.

Thursday, May 10 — 6:30 p.m. North Shore Creative Writers hold dinner party at home of Mrs. George K. Bowden, 95 Ravinia Ct. Guest speaker is Edith Roberts, novelist and member of editorial staff of Esquire and Coronet.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO ENTERTAIN AT USO

Students from Highland Park high school will present a one-hour variety show at the Highland Park USO, on Sunday, May 6, at 8 p.m. Local residents and their friends are invited to attend the club and join with service men and women in viewing the performance.

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Fourth Marine Division Dedicates Iwo Cemetery

Standing at attention, ankle-deep in the volcanic dust of Iwo Jima, to pay their last respects to comrades who must remain behind, veterans of the 4th Marine division battle-weary, grim-faced, silent, lined up fifteen deep outside the white-washed stones marking the ground belonging to the brave for eternity. In the background ships tossed lazily in the hot Pacific sun.

The soft strains of the Marine hymn opened the dedication services. Navy Lt. Leon W. Rosenberg of New York City, N. Y., spoke the invocation and Navy Comdr. Harry C. Wood, Wollaston, Mass., made the dedicatory introduction. Then in a few words Maj. Gen. Clifton D. Gates, Tip-tonville, Tenn., commander general of the 4th Marine division, expressed the feelings of thousands:

"With the deepest reverence and profound respect, the Fourth Marine division section of this cemetery on the island of Iwo Jima is dedicated to the memory of our loved comrades who have paid the supreme sacrifice.

"They gave their lives, advanc-

ing toward the enemy, and, even in death, they are still facing toward their final objective—the islands of Japan. Their spirit and sacrifice will be an inspiration which will carry us to the final victory for which they fought and died. That would be their wish if they could speak.

"We fully realize the ache and sorrow in the hearts of their loved ones; to them, we extend our deepest sympathy in this hour of trial.

"No words of mine can properly express the homage due these fallen heroes, but I can assure you and also their loved ones that we will carry their banner forward. They truly died that we might live and we will not forget. May their souls rest in peace."

The services were concluded with the hymn, "Rock of Ages," a three-volley salute by twelve comrades, and taps. The flag was raised to the top of the pole while the band played The Star Spangled Banner, then lowered to half mast.

Following the benediction by Navy Lt. (j.g.) Joseph Keefe, of Boston, Protestant, Catholic and Jewish services were held. Then individuals sought out markers of fallen buddies for a last silent goodbye.

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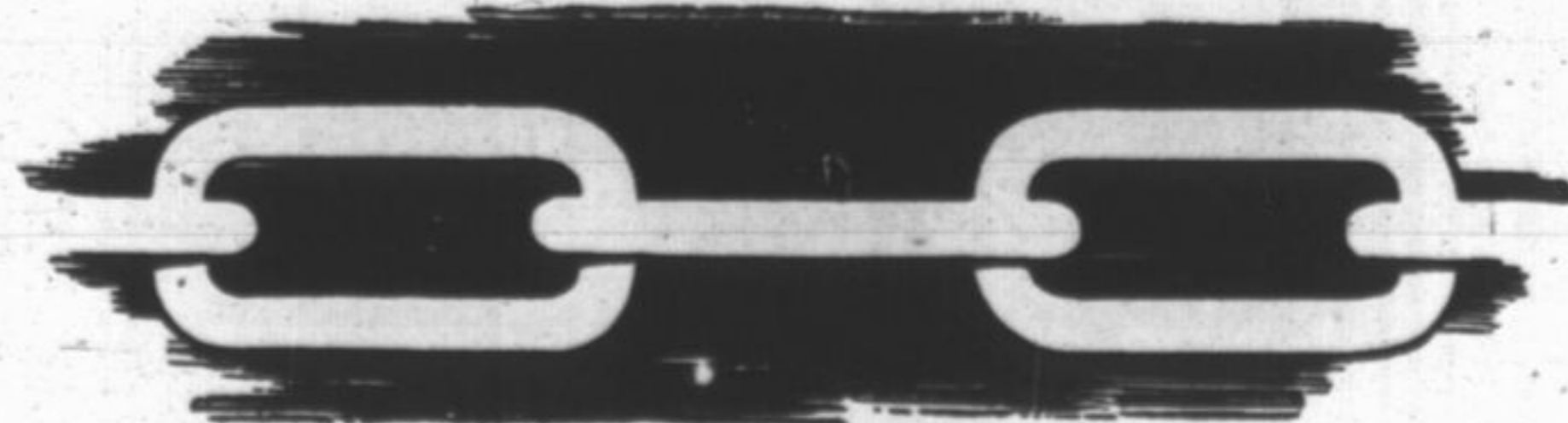
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