



Service Notes

spare no effort to return your son as fine a man as he was when he came to us.

Respectfully yours,
John G. Rowe.
Captain, Air Corps, Commanding.

Charles J. Trickey of the Marine Corps, now serving in the Pacific theater, has just been promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Word has been received by Mrs. Andrew Kerr that her son, Staff Sergeant John Kerr, was wounded December 30, in Belgium. He has been overseas since November.

Merton Lord, AMM 3/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lord of 2225 Gill Road, has just returned to his base at Cabanis Field, Corpus Christi, Texas, after spending 15 days with his parents.

William Mulder, U.S.M.C., has been promoted to sergeant.

The wife of Pfc. Ted Glowka has been notified that he was wounded in Luxembourg.

Staff Sergeant Walter C. Garchow, who resides at 30702 Seven Mile Road, Farmington, has been awarded the coveted Silver Star for gallantry in action on Leyte Island, October 30, 1944.

"On this day a battalion of infantry was leading the regiment advance along the Jaro-Carigara Road through enemy territory when suddenly, the citation read, the carrier from well entrenched positions on ridges flanking the highway, opened fire with artillery, mortars, automatic weapons, and small arms. The intensity of the hostile fire inflicted many casualties upon our troops and temporarily halted the advance.

"Sergeant Garchow, squad leader, seeing one of his men lying seriously wounded in open terrain covered with heavy hostile fire, immediately left his position of cover and proceeded through the intense enemy fire to the side of his comrade. There, though still under the aimed fire of the enemy he rendered much-needed medical assistance in his evacuation.

"Sergeant Garchow's gallant, voluntary action, performed with utter disregard for his personal safety, was an inspiration to all and worthy of the highest honor and tribute."

Sergeant Garchow's mother, Mrs. August Garchow, lives at the Seven Mile Road address.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Matthews have just received word from their son, Gordon C. (Bud) Matthews, who has been serving with the Air Force in New Guinea for the past 18 months, and he is now

in the Philippines, and has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

—V—
4 January, 1945
Philippine Islands

Dear Sirs:
Just want to drop a few lines to thank you for the paper. It was quite a surprise to me at mail call to receive the paper. It is the first I have received in over three months. It is really an enjoyment to read the home town paper.

I left Oahu, Hawaii and was on the water for 52 days before we hit the Philippines.

Ten days out of Oahu, I received a cablegram, telling me my wife had given birth to a boy. It made me very happy and proud.

On the morning of October 20, 1944 at 8:00 a.m. we left the ships in our Amphibian Tanks and headed for the beach. The Navy and Air Force opened up a terrific barrage on the beach, which was unbelievable. It was so great the whole beach was aflame and smoking. I didn't think it was possible for anyone to live through such a barrage.

Our amphibian tanks in my battalion were the first to hit the beach. We had very little opposition—there were very few live Japs to be seen. We moved right

in but were stopped only because of swamps we couldn't pass.

The Japs had taken to the hills and were hiding in their pill boxes. We moved ahead and blew them out of the pill boxes, and the Infantry took over. Those are the boys who should be given credit. They lay in the hills in fox holes, while it poured down rain for weeks at a time, and were ready to advance when the order was given. My hat's off to the Infantry.

In the early weeks of fighting, we had an awful lot of air raids. We watched a number of Jap suicide attempts to blow up our ships in the bay. They would come out of the sky from nowhere and dive straight for our ships. Very few ever completed their mission.

The natives seemed very happy to see us. They had no food or clothing. We gave them everything and today they have more food and clothing than we do, but they still beg.

We have it pretty nice here now. We have a movie every night. We brought our own moving picture projector with us. We are now getting all the beer we want and the mail is coming in quite regularly.

We had a very nice Thanksgiving dinner, which consisted mostly of

roast turkey.

The rainy season is just about over now and it is very hot here. I want to say hello to all my friends in Farmington, and wish them a very Happy New Year.

Here's hoping the year 1945 finds the end of the war.

Yours,
CWO Ralph F. Derrick.
Corporal Richard Kolar of 21326 Randall Road, who is with the 3rd Army, has been awarded the Bronze Star for participation in the Normandy campaign.

Pvt. Frederick Stoliker, son of Clarence Stoliker, 28021 Loug Street, Farmington, has reported to Keesler Field to take the Army Air Forces Training Command examinations to determine his qualifications as a pre-aviation cadet.

As an applicant for training that will make him a flying officer, he will be given a series of medical and psychological tests at Keesler Field which will indicate the type of air crew training for which he is best suited by aptitude and personal characteristics.

S/Sgt. Gordon R. Breeding of the Air Corps has returned from ten months overseas in the European theater of operations, and is on furlough at his home, 31855

14 Mile Road, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. McKay, and his wife, Mrs. Nellie Breeding.

Mrs. Jane Robinson has received word from her husband, Pvt. Leon R. Robinson that he is now with the First Army in Belgium. He entered service July 10, 1941.

Alford Holmes, who was inducted into the Army Friday, was honored at a supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Knowlton on Wednesday evening.

Those present were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Knight, brother, Cleve, and Mr. and Mrs. Clark and daughters of Detroit. All hope for his safe and speedy return.

Carl Hanson, S 1/c, has been transferred to the Naval Training School at Corpus Christi, Texas, where he will take training in aviation, radio and radar.

Jack Denton, who has served with the 1st Marines in the Pacific area from the beginning, has been given a medical discharge.

Word has been received that Pfc. Francis Xavier Jarvis is attending HCM School. Before he left for this training he flew home to spend several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William

Jarvis and his fiancée, Miss Mary Gagnier.

Pfc Forest L. Hupert, brother of Edward B. Hupert, is missing in action since December 31. He had been serving with the Engineers in Belgium.

Douglas Bell, S 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Bell, finished a course in aerial gunnery before leaving Alameda, California for Seattle, Washington.

FOOD FREEZING IS TOPIC OF GARDEN CLUB

"Freezing of Foods" is the subject of a talk to be given by Miss Karen Fladoes, food consultant of the Nash-Kelvinator Corp., at a meeting of the Farmington Garden Club to be held at the home of Mrs. Robert A. Crooks, 2160 Locust Drive on Monday, February 5, at 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Harry R. Farmer, Mrs. Leo Gamache, Mrs. R. O. Gaston, Mrs. John Grant and Mrs. F. E. Searle will act as hostesses.

Miss Zaida Eagle left last week for St. Petersburg, Florida, where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

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