

Service Notes

Pfc Clarence W. Smith, Jr., truck driver, son of Mrs. Anne Smith, 37333 Eight Mile Road, is a member of the 403d Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion, whose 90-millimeter weapons, firing with precision at a range of ten miles, have been knocking out German targets in Italy's Po Valley. A versatile platoon leader, the 403d has brought down eight German planes on the Fifth Army front near Bologna this winter, but its chief role has been one of field artillery. Firing on a German truck in the Po Valley, the 403d sent a shell that burst directly above the vehicle, ten miles away. The truck was destroyed. Another shell burst 30 yards above a farmhouse full of German troops. Another exploded 15 yards in the air, directly over the heads of a group of Jerry soldiers. Credited with more than

650 days in combat, the battalion has fired 115,000 rounds in the Italian campaign alone.

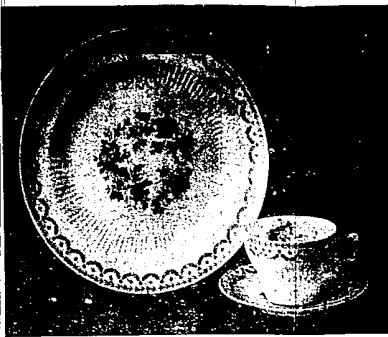
T/Sgt. Walter C. Garchow of Seven Mile Road, Farmington, helped hold vital Maltina Hill on Corridor against huge odds for 48 precious hours in an action which smashed one of the strongest Japanese bastions in the Pacific. Sergeant Garchow and his buddies of "K" Company of this Victory Division's 24th Infantry Regiment, moved across the island's blood-spattered beach with no casualties, so closely did they follow on the heels of exploding American bombs and naval shells. Even as they clawed their way up the rocky hillside, they came under only light fire from the stunned defenders.

But the fortress was not to be thus easily won. Concentration of Japanese chose the area the company had seized as a route for reinforcements to their beleaguered position, fighting paratroops on the other end of the island. They attacked at dark and continued through two nights and a day to force a clear passage. With tightly drawn bolts, paroled tongues, frequently short of ammunition and grenades, Sergeant Garchow and his comrades fought back each bitter attack. Many men died, many were wounded, but the Nips finally had enough. They then endeavored to blow up the hill from tunnels beneath it. More than 150 men from "K" Company went into the action. Less than 100 came out.

Second Lieutenant Nick M. Tikkesi, of Farmington, bombardier on a 7th AAF Liberator bomber, has been awarded the first and second Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal at an Army Air Forces base in the Palaus. The awards were made for "meritorious achievement . . . courage and skill" during 7th AAF bombing attacks on Jap shipping and military installations in both the Palaus and the Philippines.

Lt. Tikkesi's wife, May, lives at

FREE TABLE WARE AT THE CIVIC



Beginning on Wednesday and Thursday, May 16 and 17, free dinner ware will be given each lady attending the Farmington Civic Theatre, in the attractive, colorful pattern pictured above. This is Russian dinnerware, known for quality and beauty. The pattern features a hand-etched

design with 22 karat gold border, and floral center.

Ladies of the community will welcome the opportunity to obtain this lovely tableware service at no cost. Beginning with a dinner plate on the first night, May 16, a different item will be offered each week.

LEGION AUXILIARY LADIES TO SELL MEMORIAL POPPIES

The women of the American Legion Auxiliary of Groves-Walker Post, as in past years, will again conduct a Poppy Sale on Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19. Through the sale of poppies, the Legion Auxiliary raises money for rehabilitation and veterans' aid.

During these two days, the women will be on the streets of Farmington, asking you to buy a poppy, and wear it in memory of our war dead, both of World War I and the present war. You contribute any amount you wish to give, for the poppy.

It is hoped that everyone in the City and Township will buy a Poppy on these days, and wear it.

Earl Arthur Goodfellow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Goodfellow on Randall Road, who is with the Navy in the South Pacific has been promoted to Seaman First Class.

Another Farmington girl to recently join the women's Army Corps, is Private Mildred B. Fox, who is now at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in training to be a medical technician.

Private Charles G. Diamond left Wednesday after spending ten days at his home here, on delay en route to the West Coast. Private Diamond graduated from Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, as a radio operator in the Field Artillery.

William Sonnenberg, Jr., F 1/c, returned to New Orleans after a furlough.

George Bidwell of the Army is home on furlough.

Orville Robertson is in a hospital in France, recovering from wounds.

Word has been received that Lowell Ryall is in France with his medical outfit.

Wave Edith Waack was home over the week end.

George W. Gould of the U.S. Navy has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Don B. Gould, 20303 Purlingbrook Road, since Easter Sunday. George is the brother of Don B. Gould, Jr., also of the Navy, and Mrs. LaVern Springer. He left by plane Sunday morning for the West Coast to rejoin his unit in the Pacific theatre.

Corporal Clarence Manzel has returned to camp in South Carolina after spending a ten day furlough here.

Pfc Lois Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bell, has been transferred from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to Chanute Field, Illinois. She is a teletype operator. Her brother, Ronald D. Bell, S 2/c, has been transferred to Coronado, California, and is attending Amphibious Landing Craft School.

GIRL SCOUTS ESTABLISH COUNTY OFFICE

The Girl Scouts of Noble Troop extend their thanks for the wonderful donations given to their recent bake sale. They helped to make the bake sale, held April 21, a definite success.

They also wish to thank the people for the contributions of waste paper, and they would like them to know regular collections will be made.

Noble Troop committee members were chosen for the Troop. Mrs. William Barnum is leader, with Mrs. Leo Kelly assistant leader, and troop committee members are Mrs. William Green, Mrs. Wilko, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Sage and Mrs. McKirchner.

Monday and Tuesday Are Clean Up Days

Farmington residents are reminded that Monday and Tuesday, May 7 and 8, are Clean Up Days. Get your discards together, and place them at the curb early Monday, for the city trucks will be around to make pickups early. This is your opportunity to get rid of unwanted articles about the house and yard.

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LEGION AUXILIARY HOPES FOR CROWD AT MAY DANCE

Thursday, May 3, is the date of the big May Day Dance at Farmington High School Gymnasium. The dance, semi-formal, is given under the auspices of the American Legion Auxiliary, and proceeds will swell the fund for the Memorial Home.

You are invited to attend the dance which begins at 8:00 p.m. and continues until 11:30. Light refreshments will be offered for sale. All local residents, and high school boys and girls, will find an evening of keen enjoyment. The orchestra and caller, so popular with the crowd at the last dance, have again been secured and will provide music for the dance on

May 3. There will be both modern and old time dancing. Those who do not care to dance, are invited to attend and play cards.

WOMEN'S GUILD TO HOLD ANNUAL SUNSHINE PARTY

The annual Sunshine Party of the Women's Guild of the Evangelical Church will be held next Thursday, May 3, beginning with a pot luck at 12:00 o'clock, noon. This will be followed by entertainment and a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon for all.

Women of the community are invited to attend and bring their friends, and help make this annual affair a success, as it has always been.

A BETTER TIME IS COMING



The tomorrow we're thinking of is the tomorrow when war clouds disappear and the bright sunshine of peace covers our country. Just when it will come—next week, next month, next year—we don't know. But it's coming! Then our victorious boys will be back and with them many of the things we've done without because they needed them. Hamilton watches, for instance, Hamilton is still making essential original designs for ships and planes but, as soon as war permits, will be back in the business of making time for all America.

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