

## Service Notes

Sgt. Louis E. Esch, 19704 MID-sher Road, has returned to the States after serving 40 months overseas in the European Theatre and most recently in Germany. He wears five battle stars, and one bronze star. He flew back to the States as part of the "Green Project" which calls for the Air Transport Command's Caribbean Division to fly 30,000 returnees from Europe to Miami Army Air Field each month.

Most of the Plexiglas models of Japanese planes made by Sergeant Esch, he was associated with the Gerald Peckinpaugh, son of Mr. Peckinpaugh, son of Mr. Peckinpaugh.

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and Mrs. Edward Peckinpaugh, 23000 Maple Street, are constructing of remnants of downed enemy planes. He is an aerial runner with the 312th Bombardment Group, veteran A-20 attack unit of the Fifth Air Force on Luzon. The Sergeant, credited with 20 combat missions and 47 combat hours over enemy territory, builds Plexiglas models of planes but specializes in the construction of models of the A-20. He mounts them on a swing pedestal and they simulate any maneuver of the plane in flight. Two weeks is the average time required to make a model.

Sgt. Peckinpaugh first became interested in model building when he built balsam wood models of gliders while assigned to the Army Glider Program. His most prized model is the one of the A-20 in killed.

After attending Dearborn High of Jan planes made by Sergeant Esch, he was associated with the Gerald Peckinpaugh, son of Mr. Peckinpaugh, son of Mr. Peckinpaugh.

and enlisted in the Air Force in September 1942. He has been overseas seven months. Sgt. Peckinpaugh served with the 312th Bombardment Group in the liberation of the Philippines. The 312th, known as the "Roarin' 20's" beached on Leyte shortly after the D-Day and has been commended for the first low-level attack on Clark Field and air support of the historic parachute landing on Corregidor. The "Roarin' 20's" played an important role in helping the Ground Forces crack the famous Yamashita line on Luzon and was the first A-20 Group to conduct low-level attacks on Formosa.

"We haul anything" might be the slogan of the 473rd Ordnance Evacuation Company which includes among its transport items such supply items as 151 tons of currency, German weapons to supply a French army and German V-2s from Kassel to Le Havre. Now, after its record of transporting vitally-needed equipment from Channel ports to the front lines and evacuating damaged vehicles to the rear, the 473rd has an equally vital job. The five officers and 162 enlisted men of the company now handle the vehicles of units leaving Europe through five of the Assembly Area Command camps around Mauthausen. A member of this company is Pfc. Robert D. Fleming, 19303 Westmore, Route 3, Farmington.

The Meritorious Service Unit Plaque has been awarded to Company A, 3119th Signal Service Battalion, of which Technician Grade Four Elmer V. Puston, Jr., is a member. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Puston, Sr., live at 2010 Hubbard Street, Farmington. During three years overseas service at the French-owned island of New Caledonia, his unit has installed and maintained signal equipment for Army units assigned at an important supply base.

2nd Lt. William D. Campbell Jr., former resident of Farmington, will soon complete training as a crew member of a B-29 Superfortress at Victoria, Kansas. Lt. Campbell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Campbell of 2321 Greening Blvd., Farmington. He is a graduate of Farmington High School, and prior to entering the service was employed by the Janssen Gage Company at Detroit. Lt. Campbell is a B-29 radar observer - bombardier at Walker Field.

Cleo Langnecker, S 2/c, is now serving at the mustering out station at the Naval Armory.

Lt. (jg) George Frederick Sheffield, USNR, 26704 Nine Mile Road, has returned to the States after ten months in the Aleutians with Patrol Bombing Squadron 43, one of the oldest squadrons in point of service in that area. He is spending a leave with his wife, Margaret, and his parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. P. Sheffield.

An outstanding event of Lt. Sheffield's service in the Aleutians was the Galena evacuation mission in May when that small community was flooded during the annual ice break of the Yukon River. With two army planes, Squadron 43, which flies Catalinas, evacuated 200 stranded Army men to prevent an outbreak of disease or a serious food shortage. The landings were made on the Yukon, which was flowing swiftly and filled with ice.

Le Shima August 26, 1945

Dear Friends: I have put off writing this letter for so long I'm almost ashamed to start.

In New Guinea almost two years ago when I ran across Bud Matthews I thought I had quite a surprise. I met him again on Luzon and now on Little Le Shima. This island, if anyone cares to know, is a hunk of coral a couple miles off the coast of Okinawa. Speaking of surprises, the other day when both Bud Matthews and Jerry Williams came over to see me I was almost speechless. It seems almost impossible that three fellows that went around together back in Farmington should meet again on this little island so far from home. Now if Bill Schweitzer and Bill Campbell were here we could really talk over old times. Well after we all get home and are able to get consent of our wives maybe we can get together and tell a few tales.

The day the Japanese big shots landed here on their way to Manila I got some good snapshots of them and their planes. I am sending one along with this letter. Anyone wishing to see the rest just get in touch with my mother. I had better sign off for now so there will be room for the other fellow's letters in the paper. Hope to see you all before too

many months have passed. Cpl. Charles Schinck.

Soldiers of Service Battery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102nd Infantry Division, recently became entitled to wear the braided gold wreath on the right sleeve of their uniforms, denoting that their outfit had received the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque. The award is given for superior performance of duty and achievement and maintenance of high standards of discipline in combat. A member of this Service Battery is Cpl. Frank D. Barber.

August 29, 1945

Dear Sir:

Just a few lines to tell you how much I appreciate The Enterprise. It seems good to get a paper from your home town, telling you what is happening. I will be more interested when the Blue and White starts again because I'm quite a boy for sports, and am interested in what is happening in school. Hope the athletic team turns out as well as last year. Thanks a million for sending me The Enterprise. Yours truly,

Pvt. Donald Ferguson.

Ralph D. Yoder, B, hospital apprentice, first class, was recently advanced to his present rating. Formerly a shipping clerk in the Detroit Suburban Foundry, Yoder is stationed on a remote Pacific island with a Navy Military Government's Hospital. His duties include supervision of the native cemetery which borders the hospital compound. In carrying out this assignment, Yoder has had opportunity to observe native burial customs. He hopes some day to get permission from the native village mayor to view the inside of family tombs and vaults out of the hillside.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe D. Yoder, 23510 Orchard Lake Road, Yoder attended Farmington

High School and Pontiac Junior High before enlistment at Detroit in January, 1944. He has been overseas four months.

Serving aboard the USS North Carolina, which is part of the powerful Pacific Fleet engaged in occupying Japan, is William A. Stone, USNR, radioman, first class, son of Rev. and Mrs. A. Stanley Stone. Under the operational control of Admiral Halsey, the North Carolina, one of the "planet" ships of the Fleet, is assembled with 11 other battleships, 17 aircraft carriers, five escort carriers, 20 cruisers and more than 200 other U.S. ships to carry out the first stages of the occupation of the Japanese home islands.

August 23, 1945  
San Bruno, California

Dear Sirs:

I wish to thank you for sending the Enterprise. It has come very faithfully every week and I have enjoyed the home town news and service notes which have kept me well informed on the activities of the other servicemen.

I have been transferred from Corona Naval Hospital to here for further transfer which I expect will be overseas. I believe we will get some training and be here for a few weeks before leaving though.

I'm sure the paper will get here as promptly as I have been receiving it and thank you again for sending it. My new address is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Bill Checketts.

Sergeant Robert W. Yackley, husband of Mrs. Betty Yackley of 23101 Adam Street, Farmington, has completed a year of overseas duty with an Antiaircraft-Artillery gun battalion as gun commander, during which time he has been awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Medal with two

battle stars, before being taken prisoner by the Germans. Before entering the service he was employed by Ford Motor Company, River Rouge. He became a member of the Armed Forces on December 24, 1941.

Ernest G. Smith, whose wife, the former Evelyn Collin, lives on Hawthorne Street, Farmington, has advanced to Seaman First Class, USNR, on a destroyer. Early this year Smith participated in the shelling of German installations along the northern Italian coast.

### MISS LANGLEY MARRIED TO SGT. DAILEY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Langley, 30530 Shilavasse, announce the marriage of their daughter, Charlene Grace, to Sgt. Robert Leroy Dailey, of the United States Air Force. The wedding took place at the Topeka Army Air Base Chapel, Topeka, Kansas on Wednesday, September 5.

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