

SERVICE NOTES

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Private James S. Rowland of Farmington, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Rowland, 3025 14 Mile Road, and fellow combat engineers recently worked without relief for 36 hours evacuating wounded and moving supplies across the swollen Santerio River during the push of Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army toward the Po Valley in Italy. An improvised assault boat was employed to move supplies to marooned troops, desperately repelling German counterattacks around Castel Del Rio after rain turned the normally tranquil river into a raging torrent which washed out the lone bypass of the unembattled infantry.

The engineers took over the job after a platoon had strung a thin line and pulley across the stream, laboring through the night sending rations, blood plasma, ammunition and communications supplies to the other side. An estimated 12,000 rounds of small arms ammunition and many cases of ra-

tions and plasma went across in this manner.

Bill Chapman spent a furious day during the holidays with Mrs. Chapman and their two children.

Spar Winifred Kaufman enjoyed a leave from her station during the holidays, reporting for duty on the West Coast thereafter.

January 2, 1941

Dear Sirs:

I know it has been quite a while since I have written you, but have been kept pretty busy. I want to take the opportunity to thank you kindly for the home-town paper. It really makes a fellow feel good to know how the old home town is doing. It's a great morale booster.

I am now located in Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, taking up a course of six weeks' advanced infantry training. I want to thank you again for the Enterprise. I enjoy reading it very much.

Yours truly,

Pvt. Orvis L. Henke.

William Marcus Moody, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Moody, 1020 Middlebelt Road, is taking "boot" training at Great Lakes, Illinois, having recently entered the United States Navy.

Mrs. E. M. Tilley received a Christmas remembrance of a dog on roses from her son, Corporal Bud Tilley who is stationed somewhere in England.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Banks of Fendt Road received word that their son, Private Robert Banks, because ill with pneumonia while in France. He was in the Red Cross Hospital for eight days, and then was taken by plane, to a hospital somewhere in England, where he is recovering. In a letter which he wrote to his mother on December 13, he said he must have been pretty sick, for his temperature was 104, and he had been given 18 penicillin shots, but the doctor said all traces of pneumonia were now gone, though he would be confined to the hospital for another 20 days.

Among those graduating from an intensive course of Electricians Mate training at recent Services Schools exercises at Great Lakes, Illinois, was Donald Lee Kosmenzky, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Kosmenzky, 23804 Greening Boulevard.

Jim Collison, S 1/2, left last Saturday, after spending seven days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Slusser on Twelve Mile Road. He is stationed in Philadelphia, but expects to go overseas soon. He is engaged to the Slusser's daughter, Helen, and he and his fiancée spent a few days with his parents in Leamington, Ontario.

Major James C. Hogle has been transferred from Sioux Falls.

South Dakota, and is now located at the School of Military Government at Charlottesville, Virginia.

January 6, 1945

Dear Sirs:

Since being transferred to my new station here in New York I have not been receiving the paper. I sure do miss home town news and would appreciate again receiving the paper.

I find New York very interesting. Many of the convoys sailing to all parts of the world are up right under our noses—so to speak—in the Hudson River.

A trip through the Brooklyn Navy Yard always proves to be very interesting. Many of the fighting ships of the Allied Navies can be seen taking on fuel, supplies, etc.

Many thanks again for sending me the paper in the past and hoping to receive it again.

I remain,

Mishpam Mark Farrell, Jr.

Bernard A. Matrilie, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Matrilie, 19320 Parkville, Farmington, was graduated recently from the Naval Air School at Naval Training Center located at Naval Air Station, Oklahoma. He is now eligible to earn a petty officer rate.

In a ceremony held in a driving rain at a Troop Carrier Base somewhere in France, Staff Sergeant John T. Bacon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Bacon, 33436 Shawawasee Street, was decorated with the Air Medal and Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster by his Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Paul L. Williams, head of U.S. Troop Carrier Forces in the European Theatre of Operations.

Sergeant Bacon was one of the many radio operators who were decorated and personally congratulated by General Williams for meritorious achievement in the completion of their now historic airborne invasion of Southern France.

Desides the Air Medal, Sgt. Bacon wears three bronze campaign stars in his European Theatre ribbon for the three major airborne invasions of Normandy, Southern France and Holland, as well as the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon for his part in the D-Day invasion of the Cherbourg peninsula.

The U.S. Troop Carrier Forces from the U.S. air arm of Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton's new First Allied Airborne Army, now battle-proven liberator of the Holland Invasion.

Part infantrymen, part engineers and all soldiers—that's how

an officer of an engineer regiment describes the men of one of its battalions fighting with the Sixth Army in the Sixth Army Group sector in the southern Saar. These combat engineers have lived up to their name in the 15 months since they landed at Salerno. In addition to doing their regular work, usually under enemy fire, they have spent more than 100 days in the line, fighting as infantry. As a sideline to their infantry fighting, these engineers have built bridges, too. More than 100 spans across streams in Italy and France, some of these bridges among the longest ever erected by Army engineers, show that they did this work well, too. Among the soldiers in this fighting engineer battalion is Corporal Marvin L. Teshka, of 29260 Breton Avenue.

Philippine Islands
December 21, 1944

Dear Editor:

Today I received my first copy of the Enterprise and it sure looked good. I have been kept informed of the major happenings around town by Mrs. J. Flood, but there is nothing quite like the whole paper.

It seems swell to hear that the old Farmington "11" came through again this year with flying colors, and that there is still a semblance of the things we knew before we went away from the old town.

I met a very good friend of mine and many of the other guys and gals in Farmington here in the Philippines. His name is Vernon Nelson. We talked for the best part of a day and I assure you that our talk centered on Farmington.

The Service Notes are of special interest to me because it seems as though that is where the names of all the fellows I know crop up at.

Below is my correct address. Please check it with your records to ascertain if any change has been made.

Sincerely yours,
Roy E. Nichols, Jr., QM 3/c

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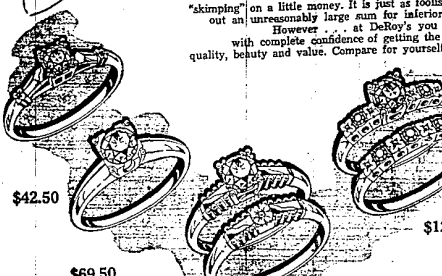
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