

# **Military Miscellanea**

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**Duncan Allison-WWI**

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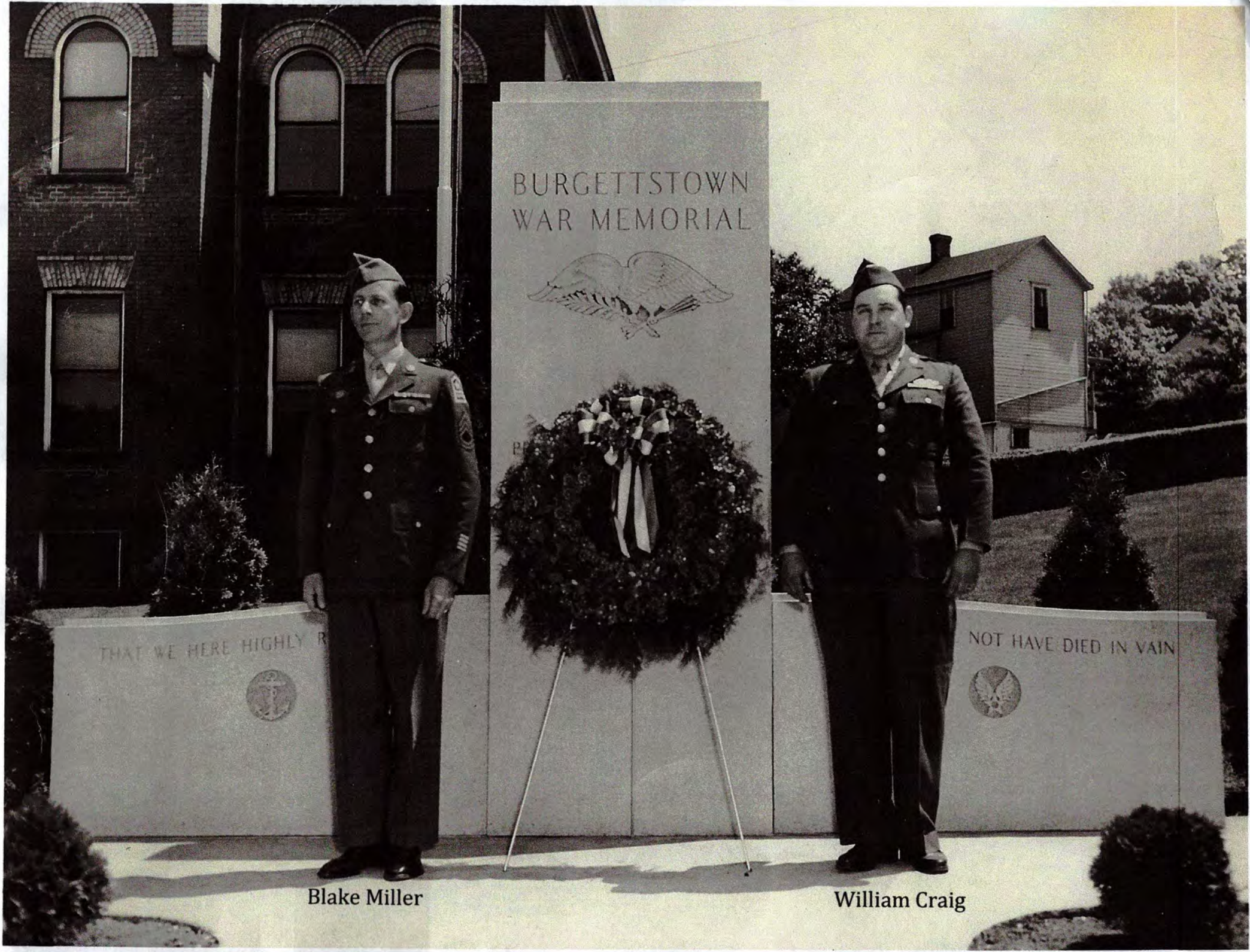
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HONOR ROLL

[The sign contains three columns of names, which are too small to read in this image.]



BURGETTSTOWN  
WAR MEMORIAL



THAT WE HERE HIGHLY R



NOT HAVE DIED IN VAIN



Blake Miller

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**James Carnahan**  
**One of the last Civil War Soldiers from Burgettstown, PA**

# Veterans from Cedar Grove Community

## World War I

George Butcher  
Harry Dunkle  
Yustin Kyluck  
Victor Martinelli

William Deer  
Clyde Fullum  
Joseph Martinelli

Joseph Donovan  
Martin Gustafson  
Merle Martinelli

## World War II

Josephine Donovan Baker  
Theodore Charnik  
Michael Cruny  
Willam Duch  
John Fusarelli  
Bernard Lis  
Elmer Peterson  
Robert Polloack  
Charles Starinsky

Edith Clark Jones  
Charles Cruny  
Tony Cruny  
Joseph Donovan, Jr.  
Moynelle Holloway  
Michael Lis  
Steven Petka  
Stanley Sarniske  
James Sutherland

Joseph Bartanus  
Joseph Cruny  
Walter Duch  
George Fotovich  
Nicholas Kolesar  
Charles Peterson  
John Pollack  
Stanley Smitney  
Edward Wheeler

## Korean Conflict

Glenn Butcher  
James Cline  
Ignatius Yonis

Leo Donovan  
Clarence Cruny  
Joe Martinelli, Jr.

Edward Charnik  
Wayne Peterson





# MUFFLED DRUMS BEAT FOR CIVIL WAR VETERAN

Carson Malone, Sole Survivor of the  
Civil War in Local Community,  
is Called by Death

Carson Malone, Burgettstown's only surviving Veteran of the Civil War, died at his home on South Main street at 4:10 o'clock Tuesday morning, following serious illness of only a few days. Prior to this illness he had been in fair health and was about town up until about a week ago. He was born in the Burgettstown district July 14, 1841, being at time of death aged 93 years, one month and 23 days.

He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. A. M. Moore, East Canton, Ohio; Mrs. J. M. Moore, Akron, Ohio; Mrs. J. W. Crawford, Eldersville; Mrs. H. C. Huber, Pittsburgh; six sons, J. M. Malone, Hickory; S. C. Malone, R. V. Malone, W. R. Malone, W. E. Malone, Burgettstown and N. J. Malone, Cadiz, Ohio.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the First United Presbyterian church, by the Rev. R. C. Sutton pastor of the church. Interment will be in Fairview cemetery.

Mr. Malone served as a member of Company G, 110th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He ran away from home at the age of 18 years to join the Union forces, and served until the completion of the war. For a number of years he had the distinction of being the last Union soldier surviving in the neighborhood.

Last year his birthday anniversary was celebrated by a large gathering at his home. This year, however, his health was not so good and it was felt best to permit the day to pass without undue excitement, and no celebration was held.

Mr. Malone was the father of 14 children, four of whom are deceased; and he leaves 35 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The community mourns the passing of a grand old man and one of the oldest and most esteemed citizens.

**Carson Malone**

**July 14, 1841-September 4, 1934**

Burgettstown Enterprise-September 5, 1934 Edition

# Last Civil War Veteran of Burgettstown District Dies

on Malone, late of Burgettstown,  
\$1,984.35 in money in bank.

1934

BURGETTSTOWN, Sept. 4.—Carson Malone, the last of a long line of Burgettstown district Civil War veterans, died today at 4:10 a. m. in his home, 529 South Main street. He was 93 years old.

Running away from home when he was barely 18, he joined the Union Army, serving with Company G, 110th Pennsylvania Volunteers. For some time he had charge of the transfer of prisoners from Charleston, S. C., to Pittsburgh.

He saw Lincoln on several occasions, shook hands with General Grant and was present when Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox. After Lincoln's assassination, he was a member of a squad that fired a salute over a train bearing the body through Harrisburg.

A son of William and Ruth Ann Bevington, he was born July 14, 1841, on the John Russell farm near Bulger. He was a farmer all of his life, retiring some years ago to move to Burgettstown. He was a member of the Burgettstown

United Presbyterian Church.

His first wife was Mary Moore, of near Hickory. His second wife, Sarah Johnson, of near here, died four years ago. The following children survive: Mrs. A. J. Moore, East Canton, O.; J. M. Malone, Hickory, and S. C. Malone, Burgettstown, children by his first wife; R. V. Malone, W. R. Malone and W. E. Malone, of Burgettstown; Mrs. J. M. Moore, Akron, O.; Mrs. J. W. Crawford, of Eldersville, N. J. Malone, of Cadiz, O., and Mrs. H. C. Huber, of Pittsburgh. A sister, Mrs. Kate Coventry, of Coraopolis, also survives. There are 35 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A military funeral will be accorded him by the McDonald Veterans of Foreign Wars. Services will be held in the Burgettstown United Presbyterian Church Thursday at 2 p. m., in charge of the pastor, Rev. R. C. Sutton, assisted by Rev. James Briceland, of Coraopolis. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery.

**Carson Malone**

**July 14, 1841-September 4, 1934**

**Civil War Letter**  
**from**  
**William Scott**  
**to his brother,**  
**John Scott**  
**Camped at Monkton, Md.**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

Monkton (Maryland) the 4

*I received you letter this morning and found two dollars which I very much needed for the last fore weeks I hadn't a sent and I thought every week that we would get paid up but we hant got paid yet but I think that these two dollars wil kepp me in paper and tobacco til we get paid up and then I wil send my money home for this is a pore place for to have mutch money and then if I ned any I can weight for you and you can send it to me. Samuel Gardner and John Wheeler are here at the presant time they came yesterday and I git a good deal of nuse from Samuel Gardner about them the rebels round Eldersville and if I was there Ill bet a fip that I would nock a hole in sum of them or thay won't do any good til thay get there thore scalps taken I think that the war wil soon be over and than I will call round and se them infurnals rebels I here of no fighting but we are looking every day for to here of a fight at Richmond are Fredricksbirdg wel I yeys that Ihavn't got any thing of importance to wright only that I am wel and all the boys I came with me that you new I want you to wright soon and let me know you are all getting along tel Cafsidy to weight me letter for I rote him one that he didn't answer. Norris is well and getting along fine.*

*So no more at present. But remains your brother.*

*Wm. Scott to \_\_\_\_\_ Scott  
John Scott (Eldersville, Pennsylvania)*

Wornton the  
4

I received your letter this morning and found in it two dollars which I very much needed for the last fore weeks & hadent a send and I thought every week that we would get paid of but we hadnt got paid yet but I think that these two dollars wil kepp me in paper and tobacco til we get paid of and then I wil send my money home for this is a pore place for to have much money and then if I need any I can write to you and you can send it to me Samuel Gardner and John Wheeler are here at the present time they came yesterday and I

got a good deal of news  
from Samuel Gardner  
about the the rebels  
round Eldersville and if  
I was there I'd be a fig  
that I would rock a hole in  
sum of them for they won't  
do any good til they  
get there selves taken I  
think that the war wil soon  
be over and then I wil call  
round and se them infernal  
rebels I here of no fighting  
but we are looking every day  
for to pere of a fight  
at richmond are at fredericks  
bindg well I yess that I  
had got any thing of  
importance to wright onely  
that I am well and all  
the boys that came with  
me that you saw I want  
you to wright soon and let

we know how you  
are all getting along tel  
Cassidy to write me a  
letter for I wrote him one  
that he didnt answer  
Morris is well and getting  
along fine

So no more at  
present. But remains  
your brother

Wm Scott  
By J. Scott  
JWS  
John Scott





## Unknown Soldier-Civil War 1862

This unidentified soldier is wearing a French made “Chasseur de Vincennes” Uniform and most likely served in the 62<sup>nd</sup> or 83<sup>rd</sup> Pennsylvania regiments. These two regiments along with the a 18<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts regiment were awarded these uniforms as a prize for proficiency in drill while stationed in Washington D.C. The uniforms were issued early 1862. The firm Godillot (Paris, France), made ten thousand sets of uniforms and accoutrements. These sets of uniforms included a folded cap, shown in the image, as well as the leather shakos. The flat looking buttons are actually pewter domed eagle buttons. It was noted that about a third of the uniforms that were sent over to the states were too small to be issued to our troops.

There are many photos of soldiers wearing the French made “Chasseur de Vincennes” taken around the D.C. area. The uniforms were packed away in early March 1862 as the army prepared to move into the Pennsylvania Campaign and were never unpacked upon return. The Uniforms were not worn in combat or for a long period of time. Rumor has it that the government absorbed the stored baggage and used the cloaks (talmas or hooded caps) to make other uniforms. The 155<sup>th</sup> PA Zouave uniform, whose cloth was suspiciously similar to the chasseur fabric. There are very few surviving examples of the uniform jacket. One soldier, in the 62<sup>nd</sup> Regiment said it was the ugliest uniform in the Army of the Potomac.

This picture of the unknown soldier was mailed to family or friends in the Burgettstown area.

*Identified by Mike Kraus, Curator of the Soldiers and Sailors Museum and the Iron City Guard.*

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**Cross Creek Honor Roll**  
**Unknown Year**

Veterans of the Early American Wars who are buried in

Cross Creek Graveyard

War of the Revolution

Jonas Amspoker  
Benjamin Bebout  
James Boggs  
Abraham Berkaw (Brokaw)  
Charles Campbell  
John Campbell  
William Campbell  
James Cook  
Robert Curry  
John Dagon  
John De France  
James Edgar  
James Fleming  
Robert Fleming  
John Gardner

Moses Hays  
Thomas Hays  
Henry Graham  
John Johnston  
Peter Linville  
Aaron Lyle  
David Lyle  
John Lyle  
Adam Martin  
John McCalmont  
Robert McCready  
John McKibben  
Samuel McKibben  
Hughes Newell  
William Patterson  
Stephen Perrine

Samuel Ramsey  
James Reed  
Joseph Reed  
William Rennolls (Reynolds)  
Andrew Ritchie  
James Stephenson  
John Stephenson  
John Stevenson Sr  
John Stevenson Jr  
John Sutherland  
Isaac Van Ordstrand  
Joseph Vance  
William Vance  
Moses Wallace  
John Wilkin

Margaret Andover, Army Nurse

War of 1812

Aaron Buxton  
Walter Craig  
Abraham Croner  
Robert Campbell  
Joseph Corbin  
Paul Cummins  
Archibald Curry  
Robert Curry, Sr

James Edgar  
Humphrey Fullerton  
Robert Futhey  
John Griffin  
Hugh Lee  
Moses Lyle  
David Paschal  
James Patterson

William Russell  
John M Smith  
Jessee Spencer  
Thomas Stephenson  
James Stephenson  
John Vance  
William Vance  
John Marquis

Indian Wars

Jacob Buxton Sr  
Jacob Buxton Jr  
Christopher Bable  
Thomas Crawford

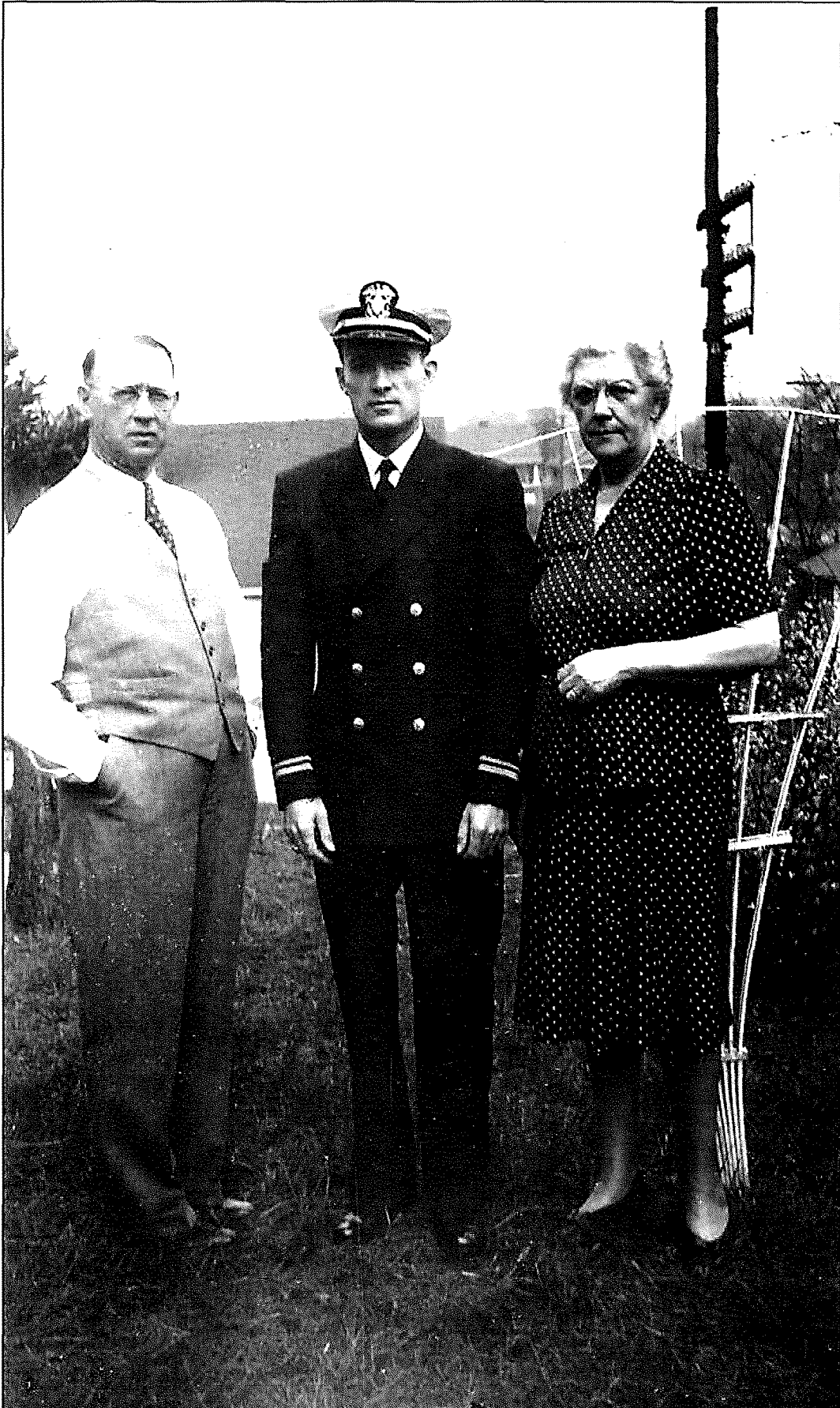
Robert Curry Sr  
Thomas Griffith  
James Henwood  
William Marshall

John Marquis  
Samuel McKibben  
William Stephenson  
John Stephenson

*Completed*  
*July 18, 1988*

GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER - SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
47 REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS BURIED IN CROSS CREEK CEMETERY

LAST NAME	1ST NAME	RANK	BORN	DIED	GRAVE MARKER	SPOUSE MAIDEN NAME	1ST NAME	BORN	DIED
AMSPOKER	JONES		1740	1796	YES				
ANDOVER	MARGARET	NURSE	1743	1849	NO				
BEBOUT	BENJAMIN		1759	1858	YES	MORLETT (MARLETT)	HANNAH	1764	1830
BOGGS	JAMES	CAPT	1730	1805	YES	BROWN	SARAH	-?-	1819
BROKAW (BERKAW)	ABRAHAM		1728	1810	NO				
CAMPBELL	CHARLES		1751	1819	YES	RANKIN	ABIGAIL		
CAMPBELL	JOHN		1744	1807	YES	HAMMOND	MARY	1753	1817
CAMPBELL	WILLIAM		1739	1802	NO	EVANS	ELIZABETH		
COOK	JAMES	CAPT	1757	1830	YES	(1ST) GARRATT (2ND) MC COMBS	ESTHER MATILDA	1744 1777	1793 1833
CURRY	ROBERT		1754	1838	YES	MC KEWTF	ISABEL	1760	1856
DAGON	JOHN				NO				
DE FRANCE	JOHN		1760	1838	NO	(1ST) GARRATT (2ND) RAMSEY	JANE MARTHA		1774 1856
EDGAR	JAMES		1745	1814	YES	(1ST) SMILEY (2ND) STEVENSON	MARTHA MARY	1736 1738	1783 1806
FLEMING	JAMES		1760	1830	YES	GLENN	JANE		
FLEMING	ROBERT		1706	1802	YES		JANE (JANNETT)	1710	1805
GARDNER	JOHN		1757	1821	YES	CLARK	ELIZABETH	1758	1855
HAYS	MOSES		1760	1837	YES	PETERSON	JEMIMA	1765	1837
HAYS	THOMAS		1745	1828	YES		MARY	-?-	1790
HENERY (HENRY)	GRAHAM		1740	1827	YES		MARY	1744	1814
JOHNSTON	JOHN	CAPT	1721	1821	NO		MOLLY	1760	1855
LINVILLE	PETER		1749	1834	NO				
LYLE	AARON		1759	1825	YES	MOORE	ELEANOR	1758	1849
LYLE	DAVID		1761	1791	NO				
LYLE	JOHN	CAPT	1752	1826	YES	HAYS	ELIZABETH	1756	1849
MARTIN	ADAM		1746	1816	NO				
MC CALMONT	JOHN		1745	1817	YES	LIVINGSTON	MARY	1748	1814
MC CREADY	ROBERT		1752	1846	YES	LEVINS	ANN	1759	1836
MC KIBBEN	JOHN				NO				
MC KIBBEN	SAMUEL		1759	1836	YES		MARY	1760	1835
NEWELL	HUGHEY		1744	1810	YES				
PATTERSON	WILLIAM	CAPT	1732	1818	YES	(1ST) SCOTT (2ND) BROWN	ROSANNA ELIZABETH	-?- 1747	1769 1826
PERRINE	STEPHEN		1759	1847	YES	WORTMAN	ANNA MARY	1772	1861
RAMSEY	SAMUEL		1753	1813	YES				
REED	JAMES		1766	1817	YES	REED	ELIZABETH	1774	1858
REED	JOSEPH		1757	1832	NO	REED	AGNES	1770	1813
RENNOLLS (REYNOLDS)	WILLIAM		-?-	1800	NO				
RITCHIE	ANDREW		1753	1838	YES	CAMPBELL	ANN	1755	1834
STEPHENSON	JAMES		1738	1813	NO	MC KEEVER	RACHEL	-?-	1788
STEPHENSON	JOHN		1746	1821	YES	HUSTON	MARGARET	1755	1839
STEVENSON	JOHN SR.		1729	1819	YES	MC COMBS	JANE (JEAN)	1735	1821
STEVENSON	JOHN JR.		1761	1847	YES	MC COMBS	MARY	1761	1834
SUTHERLAND	JOHN		1751	1842	YES	NORRIS	SUSAN	1758	1835
VAN ORDSTRAND	ISAAC		1757	1834	YES		ANN	1770	1810
VANCE	JOSEPH	COL	1750	1832	YES	(1ST) (2ND) (3RD) MOORE	ANNE MARY	1751 1783	1788 1851
VANCE	WILLIAM	MAJOR	1718	1788	YES	WILKERSON	MARY		
WALLACE	MOSES		1730	1792	NO				
WILKIN	JOHN		1756	1818	YES	(1ST) ARMITAGE (2ND) EDGAR	REBECCA CATHERINE	-?- 1766	1787 1841



**Joseph Hemphill with his parents, Grover and Sylvia Hemphill.**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



**Joseph Hemphill with his parents, Grover and Sylvia Hemphill.**

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**William H. Hill**  
**November 2, 1868-April 2, 1927**  
*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

# Two Medal of Honor recipients came from here

By Harry Stoffer

Post-Gazette Washington Bureau

**O**f the hundreds of thousands of Americans who were part of the Normandy invasion 50 years ago, 13 would ultimately receive the nation's highest decoration for bravery.

Two were from Western Pennsylvania.

John Joseph Pinder Jr. of Burgettstown and John D. Kelly of Venango, Crawford County, both received the Medal of Honor after their deaths.

Pinder, an Army technician, encountered heavy machine gun and artillery fire when he took a radio ashore at Omaha Beach, near Colleville-sur-Mer, on June 6, 1944.

Though seriously wounded, he went back into the surf three times to salvage additional equipment and was hit again, his citation said.

"Still, this valiant soldier would not stop for rest or medical attention. Remaining exposed to heavy enemy fire, growing steadily weaker, he aided in establishing the vital radio communication on the beach," the citation said.

Shot a third time, Pinder died on D-Day, his 32nd birthday.

Kelly, 24, an Army corporal, was recognized for action that occurred nearly three weeks after the initial landing.

He repeatedly climbed a slope near the French port city of Cherbourg June 25 to plant explosive charges and then throw grenades at

a German machine gun emplacement that had pinned his unit down. The emplacement was destroyed and the enemy survivors surrendered.

"The gallantry, tenacity of purpose and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Cpl. Kelly were an incentive to his comrades and worthy of emulation by all," his citation said.

Kelly was killed in November 1944 while fighting elsewhere in France.

Relatives of Pinder and Kelly say they were not surprised by the acts of heroism.

Kelly "was always that way ... If there was something to do, he did it," Katherine Schilling said, recalling her brother and their early lives on the family farm at a place still known as Kelly Hollow.

As a 17-year-old, Kelly tried to join the Merchant Marine, but his parents wouldn't sign the necessary papers. Of course, when war came, there was no way to hold him back, said Schilling, now of Franklin, who spent her own teen-age war years in defense plants in Pittsburgh and California.

Kelly, who had married, saw his baby daughter only once before shipping out for Europe. She grew up and married a military man. His widow lives near Grove City.

Kelly's mother "never did believe he was dead. To the day she died, she never did believe it, which was hard on her," Schilling said.

Harold Pinder, a native of McKees Rocks

and now of McCandless, said of the brother he called Joe: "He was a good big brother. We hunted and fished together. He was smarter than me, more athletic than me."

While Harold praises his brother, he himself was a B-24 pilot who was shot down during his 10th bombing mission over Belgium.

He eluded capture for a month, but then spent about 14 months in a prison camp. It was there in August 1944 that he finally received a letter from his father with word of Joe's death.

After the war, Harold became a designer of heating and ventilating systems. He said it was impossible to know how far his brother might have gone. John Pinder had been valedictorian of his high school class in Butler and was a minor-league baseball pitcher in Florida when he was drafted in 1941.

John's induction and Harold's enlistment were hard on the family. Their mother "died pretty near of a broken heart" in 1942, Harold Pinder said. Their steelworker father thought at one point that both sons were dead, but he at least got to see one of them come home and raise a family.

Harold Pinder, like many others from his generation, has mixed emotions about what happened 50 years ago.

"I don't think most of the people realize what these young men did for them during World War II," he said.

**John Joseph Pinder Jr. and John D. Kelly  
Two Medal of Honor Recipients Came from Here  
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**Robert P. Lewandowski**



**Carson Malone**

**July 14, 1841-September 4, 1934**

**Civil War Veteran-110<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry**

**Last Civil War Veteran from Burgettstown, PA**

**Sarah Jane Johnson Malone (Second Wife)**

**October 22, 1856-July 24, 1930**



**Jacob Pitzer McCausland**  
1844-1879  
103 Rd Regiment, PA Infantry Volunteer Co. E



**James McCombs-WWI Dog Tag**  
**January 21, 1897-May 18, 1966**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



**Peter J. McMahon**



STARTED TO WRITE..  
THOUGHT I'D CALL..  
THIS IDEA...  
*Seemed Best of All!*

**William Modic**  
Fort Lewis



**William Modic-Fort Lewis**



**First Lieutenant Joseph A. Pikulski**





## For those who served

Joseph A. Pikulski of Washington bows his head in prayer as he holds his garrison-style American Legion hat over his heart and clutches a plaque he received Wednesday night as one of 29 veterans of multiple wars recognized by members of American Legion Post 175 of Washington. Pikulski served in the Army during World War II, and the Korean and Vietnam wars.

At right, with his plaque resting on his lap, Walter B. Fowler, 90, of South Strabane Township, an Army veteran of both World War II and the Korean War, applauds as another multiple war veteran's name is announced.



Photos by Stan Diamond

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Kelly, who had married, saw his baby daughter only once before shipping out for Europe. She grew up and married a military man. His widow lives near Grove City.

Kelly's mother "never did believe he was dead. To the day she died, she never did believe it, which was hard on her," Schilling said.

Harold Pinder, a native of McKees Rocks

and now of McCandless, said of the brother he called Joe: "He was a good big brother. We hunted and fished together. He was smarter than me, more athletic than me."

While Harold praises his brother, he himself was a B-24 pilot who was shot down during his 10th bombing mission over Belgium.

He eluded capture for a month, but then spent about 14 months in a prison camp. It was there in August 1944 that he finally received a letter from his father with word of Joe's death.

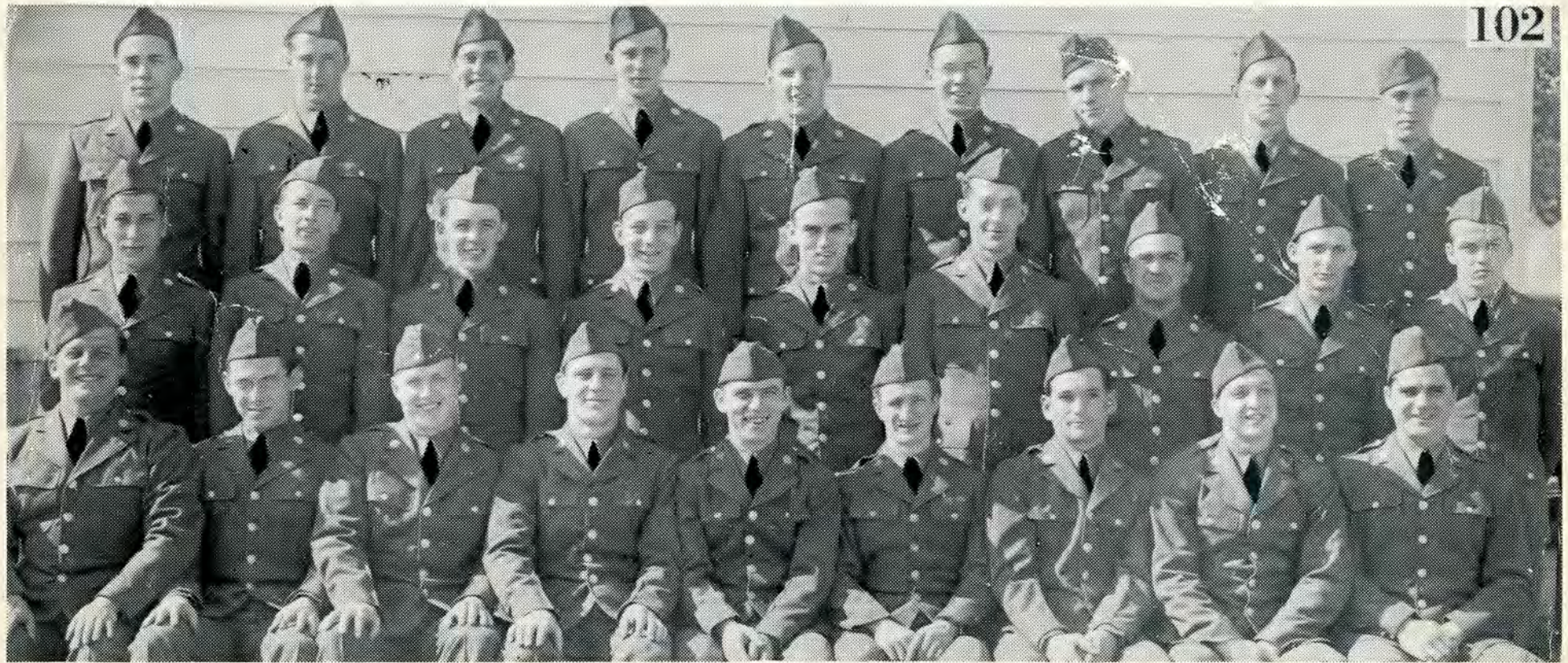
After the war, Harold became a designer of heating and ventilating systems. He said it was impossible to know how far his brother might have gone. John Pinder had been valedictorian of his high school class in Butler and was a minor-league baseball pitcher in Florida when he was drafted in 1941.

John's induction and Harold's enlistment were hard on the family. Their mother "died pretty near of a broken heart" in 1942, Harold Pinder said. Their steelworker father thought at one point that both sons were dead, but he at least got to see one of them come home and raise a family.

Harold Pinder, like many others from his generation, has mixed emotions about what happened 50 years ago.

"I don't think most of the people realize what these young men did for them during World War II," he said.

**John Joseph Pinder Jr. and John D. Kelly  
Two Medal of Honor Recipients Came from Here  
Post-Gazette Washington Bureau-Unknown Edition**



Pittsburgh soldiers pictured for the first time in their new uniforms at the Fort Meade reception center.

## Unidentified Pittsburgh Soldiers



### **Joseph Phillis**

In memory of Joseph Phillis who departed this life 11<sup>th</sup> of April 1831 in the 80<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

### **Elisabeth Littell Phillis**

In memory of Elisabeth Phillis who departed this life 12<sup>th</sup> of December 1826 in the 65<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

**United Presbyterian Cemetery, Burgettstown, PA**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

**MARKEL, T. ABRAM, (Jefferson Co.)**

Capt and Col in Pa Mil. Br Feb 20, 1762, Berks Co, Pa. Parents: Col Caspar Markel and Mary E. Grim. Mar Rachel Blackburn, 1796. Children; Caspar, Joseph, Dr. Abraham, Dr. John, Deborah, Eliza, Maria, Rachel, Hannah Rosanna, Jacob, Sara Jane, Benjamin and Martha. D 1841, Island Creek, Jefferson Co, O. Bur Island Creek Church Graveyard. Family lot. MI: "Abram T. Markel. 1762-1841." GM Steubenville D. A. R. by bronze marker, June, 1923. Served in Westmoreland Co Mil, 1777-1779. Commissioned Major 1800, 1st Bn of 54th Regt, Pa Mil, 13th Div, Cos of Westmoreland, Allegheny and Crawford. Served seven years. Ref: D.A.R. Lin Bk, Vol 26; Jordan Encyclopedia of Biography for Pa, Pa Archives; Markers in Island Creek Cem; Probate Court Records of Berks Co, Pa, and Commission fr Pa Mil in private possession of family. Fur infor Steubenville Chap.

**Abram T. Markel**

**Father of Sarah Jane Markel Burgett**

**Sarah was married to Boston Grim Burgett**



**William Hill**  
**Spanish American War**  
**Pennsylvania Volunteer 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment, First Division**



**John and Elmer Saver**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



**William H. Hill**  
**November 2, 1868-April 2, 1927**  
*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*





**Michael D. Stickles**



**Wasik Family Memorial  
Vance Road, Burgettstown, PA**



**Cadet Vicki S. Wells aims an M16 Military Assault Rifle during Officer's Training Course  
Ft. Indiantown Gap-109<sup>th</sup> Public Affairs Detachment**

## World War II Veterans

*From the Honor Roll in Hillcrest Presbyterian Church-Burgettstown, PA*

**James W. Addington**

**Willard E. Allison**

**William F. Andrews**

**George M. Atheron**

**Ray Bender**

**Robert B. Burns**

**William D. Craig**

**Eris J. Culley**

**Harry C. Dennis**

**Howard R. Dunbar**

**Frederick W. George**

**Richard C. George**

**A. Durward Glessner**

**Irene Glessner**

**Thomas W. Goldsboro**

**Gerald B. Hays**

**Thomas J. Hitchcock**

**John E. Hughey**

**W.L. Jackson**

**Leroy Janz**

**John J. Kaiser**

**Thomas V. Lee**

**John C. Linn**

**Albert E. Luttrell**

**Dorothy F. Lynch**

**Raymond Lynch**

**W.J. Maggs**

**John Mechling**

**Archie McFarland**

**S. Glenne Nichols**

**Clarence N. Power Jr.**

**John V. Puckett**

**Robert M. Russell**

**William Sauser**

**Donald D. Saxton**

**Arthur Simpson**

**John P. Stevenson**

**Mildred Jean Stewart**

**James M. Stottlemeyer**

**Robert D. Stottlemeyer**

**Austin Studa**

**Donald S. Taylor**

**Harold F. Taylor**

**James M. Westlake**

**Maurice L. Westlake**



**William S. Bradley**  
**Camp No. 96-Sons of the Veterans**  
*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



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## **Richard Hill**

### **Civil War Veteran**

Enlisted July 20, 1861 Age 18  
Private- Co. L Regt. 28 Pennsylvania State Volunteers

Re-enlisted December 26, 1863  
Private-Co. A Regt. 147 Pennsylvania State Volunteers  
1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, 12<sup>th</sup> Corps, Army Potomac  
1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, 20<sup>th</sup> Corps, Army Cumberland

Major Battles:  
Antietam, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg  
Total battles-18

Honorable Discharge-Corporal, July 15, 1865.

Ancestor of Lynn Hill  
Weirton, WV

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# Eldersville, PA-Civil War

Aljo, Joshua  
Andrews, Abraham  
Andrews, Pete  
Barbour, Abraham, Jr.  
Boles, Francis Moore  
Cassidy, William Bramwell  
Corbin, Joseph A.  
Crall, William T.  
Cune, Franklin C.  
Dagon, Jacob  
Dimit, Elias  
Elliott, George  
Elliott, John  
Elliott, Thomas  
Faren, Brian  
Ferguson, James  
Freshwater, Archibald  
Freshwater, Daniel  
Freshwater, Robert Campbell  
Gardner, David. R.  
Gardner, John  
Gillespie, Andrew  
Gillespie, James  
Gillespie, James W.  
Gillespie, John D.  
Hanlin, David  
Hanlin, William  
Hayes, Thomas Clifford  
Hooker, George H.  
Jones, David  
Kelly, James  
Kelly, John  
Kelly, Thomas  
Klein, John Rinehart  
Klein, John Wilhelm  
Love, John  
Martin, David  
Martin, Hugh Lee  
Martin, James L.  
McCuen, Thomas  
McCurdy, Dr. James Kennedy  
Melvin, Samuel Jones  
Metcalf, Edward  
Metcalf, Norris  
Noah, James L.  
Noah, Samuel  
Osborn, Robert C  
Parks, John  
Ray, Dr. J. L.  
Reed, George Andrew  
Riddle, Robert  
Robertson, Lycurgus  
Schaffer, Charles  
Scott, Cassidy  
Scott, Samuel  
Scott, William  
Shields, Robert  
Smith, James  
Smith, Thomas J.  
Stephenson, Thomas J.  
Stevenson, Samuel  
Stockton, William A. F.  
Walker, William H. H  
Wheeler, Ulysses  
Wright, Darius  
Wright, Isaac  
Wright, Silas  
Wright, Thomas J.



## **Jefferson Civil War Veterans**

compiled by June Campbell Grossman - Welch

- ALJO, JOSHUA:** Co "K", 12<sup>th</sup> West Virginia Regiment. Enlisted July, 1862. Discharged January, 1864. Served as a Private 1 yr. 6mo. Parents unknown. Lived at Hanlin Station.
- ANDREWS, ABRAHAM:** Co "K", 140<sup>th</sup> PA Volunteers. Made Corporal 16 March 1864. Mustered out 31 May, 1865. Born in 1839. Lived near the Walker farms off Eldersville Road. Taken prisoner at Farmville, April 8, 1865. Twin son of John Randolph and Elizabeth Andrews.
- ANDREWS, PETER:** Co "K", 140<sup>th</sup> PA Volunteers. Private. Mustered out 31 May, 1865. Twin brother of Abraham mentioned above.
- BARBOUR, ABRAHAM:** Military record unknown. Son of John and Elizabeth Moore Barbour. Born in 1843. Died 19 January 1921, along with his sister, Fannie, in Eldersville of gas asphyxiation. Buried at Eldersville. Lived on current Merman farm on Bethel Ridge Road.
- BOLES, FRANCIS MOORE:** Co "C", 22<sup>nd</sup> PA Cavalry. Enlisted 6 September 1862. Was born 26 May 1844, the son of Jacob and Rachel Cunningham Boles. Killed by a falling tree at Greenland Gap, VA, 25 February 1864, at the age of 19. Buried at Bethel. Lived on Gould Moore farm, Kidds Mill.
- CASSIDY, WILLIAM BRAMWELL:** Private in Captain Hays 154<sup>th</sup> Regiment of PA Volunteer Infantry. Served three years as a "volunteer" in place of his cousin who had small children and had been drafted. Son of Robert & Isabelle Forbes Cassidy; born in 1840 near Kidds Mill. Died In 1923. Buried at Bethel.
- CORBIN JOSEPH A.:** Co. "K", 140<sup>th</sup> PA Volunteers. Son of Joseph & Margaret Corbin. Wounded at Gettysburg. Born 1827. Died 1912. Buried at Eldersville. Brother, David Corbin, (not Jefferson resident) killed at Gettysburg, 21 April 1863. Lived on Cedar Grove Road near the beginning of Bethel Ridge Road.
- CRALL, WILLIAM T. :** Young's Independent Battery. Adopted son of James & Elizabeth Stephenson Crall. Lived in Eldersville. Killed by a train a few years after the war. Buried at Eldersville.
- CUNE, FRANKLIN C. :** Co "B", Young's Independent Battery F. Enlisted 8 December 1864, served until the end of the war, 31 May 1865. Son of Thomas, Sr. & Rose Ann Cune. Lived near the present home of Bill & Juanita Doak. Died 8 March, 1905. Buried at Eldersville.
- DAGAN, JACOB:** No information on military record. Son of Jacob Dagan, Sr. who served in the Revolutionary War and is buried at Eldersville. No information on the son except that when a veterans' group held Memorial Day services many

years after the Civil War, it is written that they were unable to locate the grave of Jacob, Jr, but many believed he was buried near his father at Eldersville. Lived on current farm of David Gourley.

- DIMIT, ELIAS:** Served in Company "E", 52<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Ohio Volunteers. Was born in Brooke County, VA, 26 April 1843, the son of Benjamin & Sydney Lee Dimit. Later, moved with the family near Kidds Mill, not far from John H. Murchland. He was the eldest of a large family of children. He enlisted on 10 August 1862, and was killed in battle at Atlanta, Georgia, 19 July 1864, and was buried in the National Cemetery at Marietta, Georgia.
- ELLIOTT, GEORGE:** Born in Pennsylvania off State Line Road near Lawthers Farm. Was the son of George and Tamar Melvin Elliott. Moved with his family to Drakesville, Iowa, in the early 1850s. Was born in 1839, and enlisted as a wagoner at the age of 23 in Company "B", Iowa 30<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 24 August 1862. Discharged for disability 20 February 1863 at St. Louis, MO.
- ELLIOTT, JOHN:** Born in Pennsylvania 1837, the elder brother of the George Elliott listed above. Enlisted 31 August 1861 at the age of 24. Re-enlisted 1 January 1864. Was promoted to Corporal 1 July 1865. Mustered out in Atlanta, Georgia, 9 August 1865.
- ELLIOTT, THOMAS:** Born in the Shades of Death area of Jefferson Township in 1837, the son of Andrew and Elizabeth Elliott. Enlisted from Drakesville, Iowa, at the age of 24 on 31 August 1861. Served in Co "A", Iowa 3<sup>rd</sup> Cavalry. Re-enlisted the first day of the year 1864. Died of disease in St. Louis, Missouri, 2 May 1864. Had been promoted to Corporal 13 April 1864.
- FAREN, BRIAN:** Served in Company "B", 1<sup>st</sup> West Virginia Infantry. Enlisted 16 September 1861, at the age of 28. Was later discharged, but re-enlisted. Was killed in action at Piedmont, Virginia, 5 June 1864. Had lived at Hanlin Station.
- FERGUSON, JAMES:** Served in Company "D" of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers. Believed to be the son of Hugh and Rebecca Ferguson who lived near the McGough farm in the Plum Run area of the township. James died of wounds in The Battle of the Wilderness, 27 March 1864. He was 24 years of age.
- FRESHWATER, ARCHIBALD:** One of three sons of William & Sarah Campbell Freshwater who served in the Civil War. Each served in Company "H" of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Iowa Volunteer Cavalry. They enlisted in September of 1861. They were born near the old Alexander Lawther farm in Jefferson Township and moved with their parents to in or near Van Buren County,

Iowa, in the 1850s. Archibald was born 19 December 1839, and died 13 March 1907. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Fairfield, Iowa. At the age of 24, Archibald re-enlisted after serving 3 years, and was finally mustered out 9 August 1865 at Atlanta, Georgia.

**FRESHWATER, DANIEL:** One of the three Freshwater sons mentioned above. Born 28 May 1844 and died 18 January 1893. He had enlisted at the age of 19 and was mustered out 9 August 1865 at Atlanta, Georgia. He is buried at the cemetery at Downing, Missouri.

**FRESHWATER, ROBERT CAMPBELL:** Was a brother of the two Freshwater boys listed above. Was born 10 May 1841. He served with his brothers but on 4 December 1864 at the battle of White Station, Tennessee, he was taken prisoner and served time in the infamous Confederate Libby Prison. Eventually was released at the close of the war and mustered out 15 June in 1865, at Davenport, Iowa. He died 20 May 1904, and was buried at Miller Chapel, Van Buren County, Iowa.

**GARDNER, JOHN FREEMAN:** Son of Samuel & Ruth Sharp Gardner, mustered into CO "K", Pennsylvania 140<sup>th</sup> Infantry, on 4 September 1862. Was transferred 17 December in 1863 to Pennsylvania Battery "C" Light Artillery. While with Company "K", he fought in the first major battle in which the company was engaged, namely, Chancellorsville. It was their initiation into real war. This battle of blood stayed with them all through their lives. John had been born 27 December 1836 and died the first day of October in 1896, three months before his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. He died in Iowa where he was living at the time.

**GILLESPIE, ANDREW :** Son of Nathaniel & Catherine Johnson Gillespie, was on the old Gillespie homestead at the Shades of Death on 19 September 1841. Six days after his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, he enlisted in Company "A" , 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Volunteer Infantry. On October 6, 1862, he was discharged for disability. Another record shows that at one point in time, he was declared exempt from further service on the signatures of the minister at Bethel Church and a prominent neighbor, J.C.Walker, on the grounds that he had two brothers already in the service. Andrew died the first day of April in 1919 and was buried at Mill Creek.

**GILLESPIE, JAMES:** Son of William M.K. and Mabel Johnston Gillespie, born circa 1831 in the old house on Shades of Death Road before the mansion house now owned and occupied by Jeff & Maureen Gump was built. He served in Co "B" of the 1<sup>st</sup> West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, whose records

describe him as being 6 foot in height, with sandy hair and blue eyes, and a sandy complexion. He died 8 August 1862 in Alexandria, Virginia, of disease. A tombstone for him was erected at Bethel, but it is not known if his body was brought home for burial.

**GILLESPIE, JAMES W.:** Son of Nathaniel & Catherine Johnson Gillespie, James was born on the "Cunningham Place" on Bethel Ridge, the 26<sup>th</sup> of August in 1847. James had 2 and possibly 3 brothers in the service and as soon as his age permitted, he also joined the Union army. He served in CO "L" of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery until the end of the War. He died August 5, 1920 and was buried at Eldersville.

**GILLESPIE, JOHN D.:** Born circa 1839 in the old Gillespie homestead at the Shades of Death, John was the eldest child of Nathaniel & Catherine Johnson Gillespie. In September of 1861, he enlisted in Co "B", 1<sup>st</sup> West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, in whose records he was described as six foot in height, with light complexion, sandy hair, and blue eyes. Death and place of burial unknown.

**HANLIN, DAVID:** Believed to be the son of Alexander & Margaret Hanlin. Lived near Noah Criss at Hanlin Station. Served in the Illinois 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry. No further records available.

**HANLIN, WILLIAM:** Born the 5<sup>th</sup> of August in 1829 near Hanlin Station, the son of John & Nancy Hanlin Hanlin. Mustered into CO "K" of the 140<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry, was wounded at Gettysburg on 2 July 1863 which left him disabled in the leg for life. He was a little older than most of the men in the company, but had enlisted from a deep sense of duty. He was promoted to Corporal and was discharged May 15, 1865. He died in 1907 and was buried at Chestnut Ridge Cemetery.

**HAYES, THOMAS CLIFFORD:** Born circa 1840, he was the son of Levi & Jane Mason Hayes. When he was five years of age, his father died, and when he was aged 12, his mother died. He lived near the Walker farms of Jefferson and is believed to have been raised by his Uncle John Mason. He served in CO "K", 140<sup>th</sup> PA Infantry where he was promoted to Corporal. On July 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1863, he was killed at Gettysburg. His best friend buried him on July 4<sup>th</sup> as best he could. The body was later removed to the Cross Creek Graveyard where his parents had been buried.

**HOOKER, GEORGE H.:** Son of George and Margaret Hooker. On his enlistment papers of the 12<sup>th</sup> of November in 1861, he gave Eldersville as his place of residence. He lived most of his life in the Hooker homestead at the top of Mechling Hill above Colliers in Brooke County, West Virginia, on the spot where Corner Cupboard now stands. He was born in 1841 and was mustered into "B"

Company of Pennsylvania's 85<sup>th</sup> Infantry upon enlistment. He was promoted to Captain 19 May 1862 and to Major on 21<sup>st</sup> of November in 1864. He was wounded at Strawberry Plains, Virginia, on August 16, 1864, and mustered out at Pittsburgh 22<sup>nd</sup> November of the same year.

**JONES, DAVID:** Believed to be the son of James T. and Keziah Jones who lived near the State Line Road not far from what later became the Mike Micus farm. He mustered into CO "C" Pennsylvania 140<sup>th</sup> on the first of July 1862. In 1870, he was married to a Mary A. and living near John Jester & Robert Stewart, Jr. families in Jefferson Township. He was 29 years old at that time.

**KELLY, JAMES:** Believed to be the son of Tobias & Sarah Kelly who lived near Sutherlands and Pogues in Jefferson Township. Enlisted August 22, 1862 in Co "C" of 140<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry. Born circa 1838. Killed at Gettysburg 2 July 1863.

**KELLY, JOHN:** Believed to be the son of Abraham & Mary Kelly. Lived on Cedar Grove Road near Eldersville. Served with CO "C" of 140<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry. Corporal. Mustered out with the company 1 January 1865.

**KELLY, THOMAS:** Believed to be the son of Abraham & Mary Kelly mentioned above. Born circa 1833. Believed to have served in CO "D" of 140<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry. Buried in Eldersville.

**KLEIN, JOHN RINEHART:** Son of John Frederick and Margaret Metz Klein. Lived in the Turney School area of the township. Enlisted 30 September 1861 in CO "A" of 85<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Pennsylvania Infantry. Injured his feet on the march from Petersburg to Bermuda Hundreds for which he later received some pension. Mustered out 22 November 1864 at Pittsburgh. Died in 1908.

**KLEIN, JOHN WILHELM:** Brother of Rinehart listed above. No military information available except that he did serve in the Civil War. He was born in 1836 and died in 1915. Buried at Bethel.

**LOVE, JOHN:** Born March of 1835, the son of James & Letitia Love. Lived on Cedar Grove Road as a child and after marriage in Eldersville. No record of his military service but did serve in the Union Army in the Civil War. Died in 1906. Buried at Eldersville.

**MARTIN, DAVID:** Born circa 1844, son of David & Nancy Martin. Lived in Cedar Grove Road area of Eldersville. Served in the 152 PA Heavy Artillery. Died 13 June 1930 at the age of 86. Buried at Eldersville.

**MARTIN, HUGH LEE:** Born 29 August in 1820. Believed to be the illegitimate son of Isabelle Martin who later married Thomas Stephenson. There is no definite proof of the previous statement. He appears to have been reared by Isabelle Martin Stephenson along with her eleven Stephenson children. He joined CO "H" of the

15<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry, having enlisted at Mansfield, Ohio, on 27 April 1861. He served during the famous three month Ohio Infantry service where it is reported that in those three months, the company saw more action than most men did during the entire war. He was mustered out 29 August of the same year. On his enlistment papers, he gave his age as 36, when in reality, he was 41 years old. He died 5 June 1895 and is buried at Eldersville.

**MARTIN, JAMES:** Believed to be the brother of David Martin named above. Served in CO "C", 140<sup>th</sup> PA Volunteer Infantry. Born in 1838, in Virginia. Was given a surgical discharge 18 March 1863. Was alive in 1880 and married with a wife and 5 children, living on Hanlin Hill near Rittenhouse Criss.

**McCUNE, THOMAS:** Born 4 May 1845, son of Thomas & Rebecca Johnston McCune, on the Kayatin (later Stroud) farm above Shintown. Served in CO "C" Pa. 140<sup>th</sup> Infantry. Discharged 3 June 1865. Between 1860 and 1869, five of his seven siblings died and were buried near the church at Eldersville. None of them were known to have ever married. Thomas moved his mother to Eldersville with him, leaving one remaining brother to run the farm. Rebecca died shortly after this move. Thomas lived alone until Christmas Day of 1888, when he went to be with those who had passed before him. He was 43 years of age. He was buried at Eldersville with the rest of the family, his father having died when he was an infant.

**McCURDY, JAMES K., M.D.:** Settled in 1855 as a practicing physician in Eldersville until the war. He then enlisted in CO "K", Pa. 140<sup>th</sup> serving as hospital steward until 17 February 1864, when he was transferred to the 153<sup>rd</sup> Regiment and commissioned as Assistant Surgeon. It is written that "he served with much credit". Upon return from the war, he began a practice at Cardville (Burgettstown), where he died 12 August 1891.

**MELVIN, SAMUEL JONES:** Son of William & Abigail Jones Melvin, born 3 February 1839 on the old Melvin Homestead on Irish Ridge. Enlisted 21 October 1862 into CO "A", PA 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry. Mustered out 24 July 1865. While in service, suffered Inflammatory rheumatism, chronic diarrhea, and typhoid fever. Served as a clerk at 9<sup>th</sup> Corp Headquarters. Kept a diary throughout the entire war. Died 19 June 1913.

**METCALF, EDWARD:** Born circa 1837 near the Pogue farm in southern Jefferson, the son of Edward and Margaret Meneely Metcalf. Later, he lived near the property recently owned by the late Mank Scouart. His military record was not found, but it is written that he died 7 May 1866 at the age of 28 and was buried at Bethel. Unfortunately, it is not known if his death

was service related, having occurred but one year after the close of the Civil War.

**METCALF, NORRIS:** Son of Daniel & Ruhanna Norris Metcalf, he was born circa 1836, near the Sutherland and McCrea families in the southern end of the township. Enlisted in CO "K", 140<sup>th</sup> PA Infantry. Was seriously ill with chronic diarrhea and sent home. He died immediately upon arriving home on 18 March 1863 and was buried at Bethel. He was 27 years old.

**NOAH, JAMES LEE:** Son of James & Cassie Madden Noah, he was born on the John Gardner farm off Eldersville Road 23 May 1841. He enlisted in CO "K", 140<sup>th</sup> PA. Artillery where he served from 22 August 1862 until 17 December 1863 when he was transferred to Battery "B", 1<sup>st</sup> Rhode Island Light Artillery. In the spring of 1864, he was transferred to Battery "C" 1<sup>st</sup> PA Light Artillery. He was made Corporal 12 April 1864 and promoted to Sgt. 10 January 1865. He was discharged 8 June 1865.

**NOAH, SAMUEL:** Born in Eldersville 31 July 1839, the son of John & Ruth Noah. Enlisted 6 August 1862 into CO "B" Ohio 98<sup>th</sup> Infantry. Died at Lebanon, Kentucky, 6 February 1863 of typhoid fever at the age of 23.

**OSBORN, ROBERT C.:** Son of James & Martha McKennett Osborn, Robert was born in Robinson Township 21 March 1841. After serving in the 4<sup>th</sup> PA. Cavalry & the 78<sup>th</sup> PA Infantry in the Civil War, he moved to Eldersville where he opened his own general store. After losing his first two wives to very early deaths, he married for the third time to Hattie McConnell of Hanover Township. It was this Hattie who became the proprietress of the well known Hattie Osborn's Hat Shop on Cedar Grove Road in Eldersville. Robert died 12 March 1900 and was buried beside his first two wives in the Eldersville Graveyard.

**PARKS, JOHN:** No parental information. He enlisted 12 November 1861 into CO "B" PA 85<sup>th</sup> Infantry, when he listed his place of residence as Eldersville, PA. He was 17 years of age at the time. He was discharged for disability in 1862. No further information.

**RAY, J.L., M.D.:** Parentage unknown. Settled in Eldersville in 1861. In 1863 he joined the Union forces as assistant Surgeon. It is believed that he served in the Pennsylvania 97<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He served until the end of the war when he returned to the village and took up his practice again. He moved to Cross Creek Village in 1869 where he died in 1872. Burial place unknown.

**REED, GEORGE ANDREW:** Son of Andrew & Mary Ann Knox Reed, he was born and lived all of his life on the farm on Cedar Grove Road owned in 2006 by Duane Doak, and formerly known as the Cunningham and later, the Cree Stroud property. George was born in 1834

and was mustered into CO"K" of Pa 140<sup>th</sup> on 5 February 1864. He was 30 years of age at the time. In May of 1865, he was transferred to CO"F" of the 53<sup>rd</sup>. He never married. He died in 1912 and was buried with his family at Cross Creek.

**RIDDLE, ROBERT:** Born 13 April 1827, son of Samuel & Margaret Scott Riddle. Served in the Color Guard of the 1<sup>st</sup> West Virginia Infantry, then in CO"F" of PA 140<sup>th</sup>. Wounded at Gettysburg 2 July 1863. The mini ball in his leg troubled him the rest of his life. A strong young man prior to the war, he was never again able to ply his trade as a blacksmith. He was discharged 15 May 1865. Lived at one point in time at Hanlin Station where he married Elizabeth Hanlin. He died at the age of 63 on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July in 1890. He is buried near the Old Steubenville Pike at Tucker Cemetery.

**ROBERTSON, LYCURGUS:** Son of James P. & Elizabeth Robertson, was born at the family homestead on Cedar Grove Road owned in later years by the Cunningham and Kidd families. Eleanor Kidd lived in the house which has been standing since circa 1850. Lycurgus was born in 1844 and served in the Union Army during the Civil War. His military record was not available. He died at the age of 47 in 1891 and was buried at Eldersville.

**SCHAFFER, CHARLES:** Parentage unknown. Lived in Hanlin Station at one time. Served in CO"B", 4<sup>th</sup> PA Cavalry. Enlisted in February of 1864 and was discharged in July of 1865. No further info.

**SCOTT, CASSIDY:** Son of Charles & Margaret Cassidy Scott, was born on Bethel Ridge Extension on the old Baker, then Slasor, farm on 6 February 1841. Enlisted 23 September 1864 in CO "L", PA 2<sup>nd</sup> Heavy Artillery. Transferred 27 December 1864 to PA Battery "G" 125<sup>th</sup> Light Artillery. It was during his years in service that he learned the trade of a cobbler, making shoes behind the front lines for the rest of the servicemen. He followed this trade the remainder of his life. Mustered out 18 June 1865. Died 25 September 1917. Buried at Bethel.

**SCOTT, SAMUEL C.:** Son of Josiah and Rachel Vance Scott, he was born in the Walker Road area of the township in 1843. On 26 February 1864, he was mustered into CO "A", PA 3<sup>rd</sup> Cavalry where he served until 31 October 1865.

**SCOTT, WILLIAM:** Brother of Cassidy Scott listed above. Mustered into Company"K", PA 140<sup>th</sup> Infantry on 4 September 1862. Took part in each of the 32 battles in which the company was engaged and never received a scratch of injury, but suffered severely with the extensive marching due to tender feet. He was born 3 March 1839 at the Scott homestead on Bethel Ridge Extension and spent his life as a farmer after



returning from the war. He died 8 days before Christmas in 1920 at the age of 81. He was buried beside his wife of 50 years, his parents and his eleven siblings at Bethel.

**SHIELDS, ROBERT:** Born October of 1844 of unknown parents. Served in CO "C", 16 PA Cavalry. Enlisted 8 March 1864 and mustered out 17 August 1865. In 1900, he was living in what is today the David Gregorski home at the beginning of State Line Road. He had a wife and at least two children. No further info.

**SMITH JAMES C.:** Son of Catherine & unknown father who died young. Born 21 May 1834. Had at least 2 brothers and a sister before the death of his father. Catherine later married Thomas Stevenson who helped her raise these children. James C. served in CO "C" of 22<sup>nd</sup> PA Cavalry. He was captured by the Confederates and taken to Andersonville Prison where he died 6 June 1864. A tombstone for him has been erected at Bethel near that of his mother, Catherine, who, it is said, died of grief the 4<sup>th</sup> of January in 1865. James had lived with his mother and siblings near the Pogue family in Jefferson Township.

**SMITH, THOMAS J.:** Lived in Eldersville beside John Beany across from the entrance to Scott Hollow Road. He was born in 1844, the son of Eleazer & Margaret Smith. On 12 November 1861 he enlisted in CO "B", PA 85<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He died in August of 1862 of disease and was buried on the 18<sup>th</sup> of that month in Cypress Hill Cemetery, Long Island.

**STEPHENSON, THOMAS J.:** Son of James & Isabelle Stephenson, born circa 1843 near Eldersville. On November 12, 1861 he mustered into Co "B", PA 85<sup>th</sup> Infantry. No further information on Thomas has revealed itself.

**STEVENSON, SAMUEL:** Son of Robert & Rachel, born in 1837. Lived near the Arthur Campbell and Marquis (Maggs) farms. Served in Company "A", PA 85<sup>th</sup> Infantry. Promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. 9 June 1864.

**STOCKTON, WILLIAM A.F.:** Born 23 February 1840 in Jefferson Township, the son of the Reverend John, D.D. & Nancy Clark Stockton. Was a Captain in CO "K", PA 140<sup>th</sup> Infantry, and promoted to Major in April of 1865. Mustered out with the Company 31 May 1865 at Washington D.C. Died of a fever 21 July 1877 and was buried at Cross Creek Village where his father had served as minister of the Presbyterian Church for 50 years.

**WALKER, WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON:** Born on one of the old Walker farms near Walker Road in Jefferson in 1840, the son of David S. & Elizabeth Vance Walker, and the grandson of the area's first Walker pioneers, namely, Alexander & Elizabeth Norris Walker. On 27 August 1861 he mustered into CO "A" of the PA 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry, commonly known as the "Round Heads". He enlisted as a musician. He died in camp at Kalmona Heights, D.C., of

disease - the second death in the regiment, on 4 October the same year at the age of 22 years, 1 month, and 24 days. The grief stricken father, upon receiving word of his death, hitched his team of horses to the wagon and drove to the camp to claim the body. His heartbroken family buried him in the family plot at Cross Creek Village.

**WHEELER, ULYSSES S.:** Born in 1841 in Eldersville on the property of his parents, John and Hannah Sharpe Wheeler. (This later was the land where Hattie Osborn's Hat Shoppe once stood. ) On September 4<sup>th</sup> in 1862, he mustered into CO "K" PA 140<sup>th</sup> Infantry and served until the end of the war in 1865. He was in every one of the 32 battles fought by the company. He was wounded in the battle of Chancellorsville in May, 1863, and at Todd'a Tavern in May of 1864. Ulysses was described by one of his fellow soldiers as "a noble hearted fellow and a worthy soldier". He developed heart trouble as a result of the war and dropped dead on his front porch at the age of 63. He is buried at Union Cemetery, Steubenville, Ohio.

**WRIGHT, DARIUS:** Born in Jefferson Township 24 May 1838, the son of John and Editha Wright. Enlisted in CO"R" 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment. Died 28 December 1862 in Morefield, VA. Is buried with his parents at the Tent Presbyterian Church, Brooke County, VA.

**WRIGHT, ISAAC:** Son of Samuel & Nancy Lawther Wright. Lived on the homestead of his pioneer grandfather, Samuel Wright, Sr. behind where Robertson Fruit Farm was eventually located. He was born 17 September 1831 and died 30 January 1864, at the age of 32 years 4 months and 13 days. He served in CO "B", 85<sup>th</sup> PA Infantry. Is buried at Eldersville.

**WRIGHT, SILAS:** Born in Eldersville 16 January 1844, son of Nicholas Wright and grandson of Samuel, the pioneer. At the age of 16, he enlisted in CO"B", 85<sup>th</sup> PA Infantry , where he served for 3 years, 4 months and 3 days. He was in 23 battles and at one point was saved from death by a buddy. Upon returning home, he became a pipeline walker for Standard Oil Company. It was later calculated that during his 22 year tenure at this job, H e had walked distances whose sum would equal three times around the world. He died of pneumonia in 1922 at the age of 78, and is buried at Oak Springs Cemetery near Canonsburg.

**WRIGHT, THOMAS, J.:** Lived on the Wright farm down Creek Lane. Was the son of David & Eliza. Born in 1844, he enlisted at the age of 16 in CO"B", PA 85<sup>th</sup> Infantry in the fall of 1861. Died at National Hotel Hospital in Baltimore, MD, on 31 May 1862 of wounds received at the battle of Fair Oak, VA, on May 24 at the age of 17. He was buried at Loudon Park Cemetery, Baltimore, MD, Grave M-119.



A Union of Hearts, a Union of Hands.

Camp Keys

Romney Virginia

December 8. 67

Dear Sir I take  
this opportunity  
of letting you know  
that I am well  
at present. and I

hope that these few lines will  
find you in good health and  
still able to set round among  
the girls like a young master at  
the party singers  
on the 2<sup>d</sup> we there was three of our  
men taken prisoners two of them  
was lieutenants in our regiment  
and the other he bought the  
ringgold Sevelly the went out  
side of our pickets to a little  
town to get something to eat  
an while the men in the house  
there was a man went and

informed some rebels that these  
being in ambush waiting for to  
get some of the pickets as the  
men in the habit of going out  
to get things there was loss of  
the men out of our Company in  
the town at the same time but  
they kept them selves hid til  
the rebels had left the town  
the man that informed the rebels  
was taken and put in jail  
We have brought 7000 soldiers  
here now and they are still coming  
coming in and reports so that  
there is twelve thousand more  
ordered here. We have had a  
very good time since we came  
here and I think that we  
will not see much hardship  
the weather has been very pleasant  
there has been a little snow  
but the snow has not been a half  
inch deep

Letter from T. D. Gillespie dated December 8, 1867  
Camp Keys, Romney, VA (Pg. 2)

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

for the last three days i have  
bin engage in clearing out a  
road up the mountain and the  
have bin throwing up intrenchments  
for the last few days but i  
think that we will not need  
them for i think the rebels  
is to afraid of general B. F. Kelley  
to attempt to take this place  
i heard that Congress has offered  
them a compromise but i do  
not no whether it is so or  
not we had. W. G. Gillique  
to see us last week and i was  
~~glad~~ to hear from the old friends  
and i would like to see you  
coming out to join the first  
virginia as it wants a good  
many yet before it is fool  
and i think if you would  
inlet you would not regret  
it i have not made it yet and  
i think that i will not

Letter from T. D. Gillespie dated December 8, 1867  
Camp Keys, Romney, VA (Pg. 3)

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Nothing now at present  
but remain your friend

J. D. Gillespie  
Co. B. 1st. Va Regt Vol

Romney Va  
in care of Capt  
J. C. White

you will please answer this  
letter and let me know what  
is going on and if you  
want me to write any more  
you will put a sheet of  
paper in the letter that ~~you~~  
you send me

HEADQUARTERS WM. S. BRADLEY }  
POST, NO. 286, DEPT. OF PA. G. A. R. }  
BURGETTSTOWN, PA., MAY 17, 1883 }

To Comrades of Post 286:

In compliance with rules regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic Wednesday, May 30th will be observed as memorial day.

We are called upon to devote but one day of the year to rendering tribute to the memories of our dead comrades, and on that day let the pursuits and cares of daily life be put aside, and let every comrade of this Post participate in the solemn and respective service, showing to the world that with us at least the memories of our dead companions in arms have not grown dim with passing years and that we who have been permitted to survive them fully appreciate the privileges we enjoy, "With malice towards none and charity for all" let us unite in this sacred duty. Let the choicest fairest, and most fragrant flowers be culled; let the choicest gardens be desolated that the memory of the Union soldier may not wither; let us lift once more the curtain that hides the dark past and see our fallen martyrs die for liberty.

The Post will assemble at its Headquarters on Wednesday, May 30th at 12:30 o'clock, p. m., (sharp,) and move in accordance with programme to be published hereafter.

S. T. McFARLAND. D. M. PRY.  
Adjutant. Post Commander.

**William S. Bradley-Memorial Day**  
**The Burgettstown Call-May 17, 1883 Edition**

### Memorial day.

HEADQUARTERS WM. S. BRADLEY }  
POST, NO. 288, DEPT. OF PA. G. A. R. }  
GEN. ORDER, NO. 2. }

In order that we may be able to get in all our work on memorial day it is important that there be the utmost promptness on the part of every Comrade. The Comrades detailed to visit the various cemeteries in connection with the Post, will meet according to their detail at their respective places as follows; Cross Creek Village at 9 o'clock a. m; Paris, 8 o'clock, a. m; Frankfort 8 o'clock a. m; Florence 10 o'clock a. m. The detail visiting Paris will stop on their way back and decorate the graves of soldiers in the cemetery at the Stone church and meet the squad on their way from Frankfort at 10 o'clock.

Comrades living in the vicinity of the various cemeteries will have flowers procured and all necessary arrangements made previous to the hour appointed.

The entire Post will meet at their headquarters at 12:30 o'clock p. m. (sharp) and form procession to visit the cemetery at Burgettstown. All soldiers in the vicinity are invited to participate. All such wishing to do so will form in connection with the Post. Other organizations desiring to join the procession will organize at their respective places of meeting and join the procession as it passes on the way to the cemeteries. The speaking, firing, salute, &c., and all ceremonies in connection with the occasion at Burgettstown will be held in the cemetery if the weather will permit, otherwise in the town hall.

The comrades will all appear as far as possible in full uniform, with white gloves, white vest, and black neck-tie.

S. T. McFARLAND. D. M. PRY.

Adjutant. Post Commander.

**William S. Bradley-Memorial Day**  
**The Burgettstown Call-May 24, 1883 Edition**



Decoration day was observed in this place yesterday for the first time. The previous arranged program of the Will S. Bradley Post of G. A. R., was carried out. Some 800 persons were present to do homage to the honored dead, Rev. Stewart of the U. F. church Frankfort delivered an eloquent and appropriate address at town hall, after which the G. A. R Post preceded by the Burgettstown Brass band and followed by a large delegation of citizens marched to the cemeteries and decorated the soldiers grave; performed the ritual service of the order. D. M. Pry, Esq., commander of the Post spoke of the origin of decoration day and the objects of the order of the G. A. R. A number of dwellings and business houses were decorated with flags; and the last named were mostly closed from 1 to 3 o'clock.

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**Decoration Observed-William S. Bradley**  
**The Burgettstown Call-May 31, 1883 Edition**

### The 140th Reunion

The reunion of the One Hundred and Fortieth Regiment, of Pennsylvania Volunteers, was celebrated with much enthusiasm at Monongahela City on Tuesday.

The citizens seemed to vie with each other in the matter of decoration and the houses and stores along the line of march were profusely decorated with flags and evergreens with a frequent "Welcome, One Hundred and Fortieth" standing out in bright letters, telling to the scarred veterans who were holding the reunion that

the good people of Monongahela had in their hearts a warm place for the soldiers which the twenty years that have elapsed since the war had not allowed to cool. In addition to the soldiers there came a host of strangers from from the surrounding towns and country, and detachments of the G. A. R. from Fayette City, California, Brownsville, Washington, Pittsburg, Elizabeth, McKeesport, &c. The noon train brought the One Hundred and Fortieth. They were met at the depot by Post 60, G. A. R., a detachment of Company A, Tenth Regiment, N. G. P., and a long line of old soldiers and citizens, and headed by the Monongahela Cornet Band they were escorted through the principal streets and to the rink on Fourth street, where a rich dinner had been prepared by the ladies of the place. Before the dinner Mayor Chas. H. Hoffman delivered an address of welcome. In it he tendered the hospitality of the city, bidding them welcome in well-chosen words. Then the order to "pitch in" was given and the boys responded with a will. After the feast a business meeting was held in the school hall, at which an election of officers for the ensuing year was held.

As the veterans passed in line of march the Hotel Wilgus, twenty little girls, dressed in white and standing in line at the curb with baskets of flowers, showered them upon the boys amid the cheers of the spectators.

Dr. James G. Sloan, the President of the Association, is deserving the greatest praise for his untiring efforts in behalf of the reunion.

## THE BOYS IN BLUE.

Starkweather Post 60, Monongalia City meets 1st and 3d Tuesdays evenings of each month. WM. H. POLLOCK Post Commander.

W. F. Templeton Post 120, Washington, Pa. JAMES P. SAYER, Post Commander. Meets 2nd and 4th Friday evening of each month.

Sergt. Thos. Paxton Post 126, Canonsburg, meets 2d and 4th Tuesday evening of each month. JAMES SPEER, Post Commander.

Henry Billingsley Post, No. 168 California, Pa., meets 1st and 3rd, Monday evenings of each month. G. W. SHERMAN, Post Commander.

John E. Mitchner Post 173, meets at Temp lars Hall, Brownsville, Pa., 2d and 4th Satur, day evenings of each month. E. H. BAIRD, Post Commander.

Wm. S. Bradley Post 286, Burgettstown Pa, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. H. B. McMURRY, Post Commander.

James Noble Post, No. 348 West Alexander meets 1st and 3rd. Tuesdays of each month. WILLIAM CARSON, Post Commander.

Luther Day Post 395, Prosperity, Pa. meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. JOHN CONGER, Post Commander.

Philo Paul Post, G. A. R. No 458 Amity, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of every month. J. F. Bell, Post Commander.

John Horton Post No. 518, Centreville. W P. CHERRY, Post Commander.

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**The 140<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Pennsylvania**  
**The Washington Observer-August 26, 1886 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

## THE RINGGOLD REUNION.

### An Enjoyable Day Spent by the Veteran Troopers.

The annual reunion of the survivors of the Ringgold Battalion on last Thursday was a thoroughly successful and enjoyable affair. The earlier part of the day was spent in welcoming the visiting veterans as they arrived on the different trains. When all had arrived, they were formed in front of the Town Hall to hear the address of welcome, which was delivered by R. W. Irwin, in behalf of Burgess Judson. Prof. F. H. Crago responded on the part of the veterans.

About noon the veterans and their friends assembled in the Palace rink, where the ladies of Washington and vicinity had prepared a feast for the old "sojer boys." Long tables extended the full length and width of the hall, and they were heaped with delicacies, dainties and substantial, and around them 300 members of the Ringgold Cavalry Association, and Capt. R. W. Parkinson with 24 survivors of Company K., of the Sixteenth found seats. After all had partaken of the excellent dinner, Captain B. F. Hasson, of Washington, the President of the Ringgold Cavalry Association, called the assemblage to order and announced that Prof. F. H. Crago, of Wheeling, W. Va., who was First Lieutenant in Company B, would deliver a brief history of the Ringgold Cavalry.

Lieutenant Crago, after a brief introduction as to the formation of the various companies, declared that the Ringgold Cavalry possessed the honor of being the first volunteer cavalry troop to join the United States Army. It was mustered in on June 29, 1861. The honor of being the first cavalry company is claimed by Boyd's Cavalry, Philadelphia, but at their re-union it was shown that they were organized in July and mustered into service on July 19, 1861. This settles the dispute and shows that the Ringgold cavalry was mustered 21 days before that of Philadelphia. He narrated the work of the Ringolds in defending the States of West Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania from invasion by the rebels, and the engagements in which it participated.

Major T. H. McKee, of the First West Virginia Infantry, now of the War Department, Washington, D. C., was introduced as the orator of the day. In an eloquent introduction he referred to the warm relations that had existed between his regiment and the Ringgold Cavalry, saying that when they went into an engagement their hearts were strengthened by the fact that the the Ringolds were at their back. He was proud to say that his was the first Union regiment formed on Southern soil. Its record will compare with that of any—at Gettysburg, Chicamauga, Cold Harbor or Phillippi. It was organized at Wheeling which was then in old Virginia, on May 25, 1867, by General B. F. Kelley. On June 3 it fought the battle of Phillippi, where General Kelley was wounded—the first Union officer wounded in the civil war. He was shot through the right breast and was thought to be mortally wounded, but he recovered and in 60 days was again at the head of his command.

The address of Major McKee combined pathos with humor, wit with wisdom, fact with fancy. At times the house rang with applause and cheers, and in a few minutes, at the recital of some pathetic incident, tears sprung to the eyes of all, despite the efforts to restrain them. At its conclusion General Kelley was introduced, and as he advanced to the foot of the stage a storm of applause went up that might have been heard almost to the battlefields where he had marshaled them. General Kelley was much affected by the reception, and at the first his voice was so low that it could hardly be heard, but while he spoke one could almost hear a pin drop. General Kelley said:

"I do not rise to make a speech. Infirmities of age and the difficulties resulting from a rebel bullet through my right lung prevent me from speaking loud enough to be heard. I simply rise to express my gratitude that my life has been spared to once more look in the faces of the comrades who stood by me in so many fierce engagements. It is not necessary for me to tell you, comrades, what they were; you were there. But I desire to tell the citizens of Washington why they have cause to be proud of you. I was charged with the protection of the ~~entire Baltimore and Ohio railroad~~ and the line from Monoxie to the Kentucky State line, a distance of 700 miles. While the troops of Western Pennsylvania were not engaged in any great single battle, no regiment did more hard marching and incessant fighting with sharpshooters and guerrillas. They protected not only your own State, but Ohio and West Virginia. They were a noble set of men and did their duty nobly. I can bear testimony to their gallantry, their bravery and unflinching patriotism.

"My dear boys, I have passed by ten years the allotted time of man. In all probability I will never see you again I could not leave the world without coming here to see you once more. Soon we all must cross to the other side, and I may precede all of you. Farewell, farewell forever."

As the General neared the end of his remarks tears gathered in the eyes of every man before him, and his last words seemed to strike like a funeral knell upon their ears. Men who had perhaps not shed tears since childhood sobbed aloud and tears streamed down their cheeks. They realized only too well the truth of his words. The General restrained his emotions until he regained his seat, when they found vent in tears and sobs that shook his frame convulsively.

In the evening a Camp Fire was held in the Court Room, which was crowded with old soldiers, citizens and a number of ladies. The meeting was presided over by Major Geo. T. Work. After singing "Marching Through Georgia," by the audience led by Prof. Crago, speeches were made by General Kelly, Judge Melvin, Colonel Greenfield, Henry Slusher, J. M. Weaver and J. B. Wise.

At the business meeting of the association in the afternoon the following officers for the the ensuing year were elected: President, Prof. F. H. Crago, Wheeling, W. Va.; Secretary, Dr. J. C. McNulty, Midway, Pa.; Treasurer, S. G. Rogers, Washington, Pa.; Historian, Prof. Crago. The association will hold its next re-union at Wheeling, at the same date that the Army of West Virginia fixes their meeting.

**Main Street, Burgettstown about the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.**



**This photo was taken looking down from the railroad. The two houses at the end were the homes of Mrs. Margaret Hayden, the mother of the late Mrs. Charles F. Barr, and that of Mrs. Elizabeth Bradley whose only son was killed in the Civil War. In his memory, the bell in Hillcrest Presbyterian Church was purchased and his name, William S. Bradley, the Burgettstown Sons of the Veterans Camp No. 96.**

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District, Sept. 19th, 1781.

Capt.

David Reed.

Lieut.

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Ensign.

Tho's Cherey.

## 1st Class.

James Reed.  
Christopher Gance.  
Mathew Atchison.  
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Brice McGeighon.  
Robt. boatman.

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John Montgomery.  
Jas. McBride.  
Saml. Scott.  
John Hudgel.John Conyers.  
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Jas. Martin.  
Willm. Stephenson.

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Robt. Davidson.  
Mathew Jonston.  
George McCashlin.  
Thos. Cottrel.  
Jas. Ross.Jermiah Simpson.  
Jas. Little.  
John Kehoe.  
Joseph Hudgel.  
Edward Davis.

## 4th Class.

John Donaghoe.  
John Reed, Coop.  
David Stephenson.  
Zecheria Studden.Petter Carlin.  
Sam'l McBride.  
Thos. Bigger.  
Joseph Carlin.

## 5th Class.

James Stephenson.  
Will'm Hilles.  
Zechria Rankin.  
Duncan McGeighon.John McCombe.  
Will'm Stewart.  
Benj'm Wright.  
James Ross, Jr.

6th Class.

Charl's Philles.	Thos. Ranken.
Jos. McLaughlin.	Philip Saltsman.
Jess Rankin.	Thos. Orton.
Arthur Scott.	

7th Class.

David Andrews.	John Cherey.
John Martin.	Hugh Graimes.
John Gleen.	Joseph Downer.
Jonathan Gilliam.	

8th Class.

Benjamin Gance.	Saml. Reed.
John McCartey.	Francies McCiney.
Isaac Wells.	Mathew Reed.

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A RETURN OF CAPT. HENRY GRAHAM'S MILITIA COM.  
ON THE WATERS OF CROSS CREEK AND RACON,  
SEPT. 29, 1781. (c.)

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Lieutenant.

Benjamin Baccus.

Ensign.

Thos. Bay.

1st Class.

William Price.	Joseph Willson.
John Marshal.	Abner Willson.
Henry Cooper.	James How.
Nicolas Smith.	John Copper.
Isaac Johnston.	

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George McCashlin.  
Thos. Cottrel.  
Jas. Ross.Jermiah Simpson.  
Jas. Little.  
John Kehoe.  
Joseph Hudgel.  
Edward Davis.

## 4th Class.

John Donaghoe.  
John Reed, Coop.  
David Stephenson.  
Zecheria Studden.Petter Carlin.  
Sam'l McBride.  
Thos. Bigger.  
Joseph Carlin.

## 5th Class.

James Stephenson.  
Will'm Hilles.  
Zechria Rankin.  
Duncan McGeighon.John McCombe.  
Will'm Stewart.  
Benj'm Wright.  
James Ross, Jr.

6th Class.

Charl's Phillis.	Thos. Ranken.
Jos. McLaughlin.	Philip Saltsman.
Jess Rankin.	Thos. Orton.
Arthur Scott.	

7th Class.

David Andrews.	John Cherey.
John Martin.	Hugh Graimes.
John Gleen.	Joseph Downer.
Jonathan Gilliam.	

8th Class.

Benjamin Gance.	Saml. Reed.
John McCarty.	Francies McCiney.
Isaac Wells.	Mathew Reed.

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A RETURN OF CAPT. HENRY GRAHAM'S MILITIA COM.  
ON THE WATERS OF CROSS CREEK AND RACON,  
SEPT. 29, 1781. (c.)

Captain.

Henry Graham.

Lieutenant.

Benjamin Baccus.

Ensign.

Thos. Bay.

1st Class.

William Price.	Joseph Willson.
John Marshal.	Abner Willson.
Henry Cooper.	James How.
Nicolas Smith.	John Copper.
Isaac Johnston.	

2nd Class.

Thomas McKibbens.	Daniel McCoy.
John Gardner.	Daniel McGugin.

# SOLDIER DEAD IN LOCAL CEMETERIES

From the issue of the Burgettstown Enterprise of June 8, 1908, the following list of soldiers buried in cemeteries of the local community has been obtained. This list was furnished by the members of the Burgettstown camp of Sons of Veterans for use in Memorial Day observances of 1908. The list was not quite complete, and the Enterprise stated further reports might be expected.

Representatives of the various soldier groups of the community are anxious to complete this roster, and would be grateful to any who can add names which do not appear. Information given to Squire W. B. Culley, Burgettstown, will be appreciated and will be given proper attention. The list referred to follows:

## BURGETTSTOWN U. P. Cemetery

John Chambers.  
Thomas Brown.  
Robert Galbraith.  
Cyrus Ringler  
Rev. Todd.  
W. R. Galbraith.  
Fairview Cemetery

W. S. Bradley.  
James K. McCurdy.  
John Riddle.  
James Nelson.  
Presley Shipley.  
Dr. G. S. Graham.  
Alex. Hartford.  
M. M. Brockman.  
S. C. McGregor.  
Samuel Ritchie.  
Senator Brown.  
Levi Scott.  
Will Cowen.  
J. R. Day.

## Presbyterian Cemetery

Thomas Lowry.  
J. S. Berryhill.  
G. S. Anderson.  
George Peny.  
J. Link.  
J. Richards.  
J. C. Garrison.  
Samuel G. Forester.  
John Leopold.

## Paris Cemetery

James K. White, Co. K, 12th W. Va.  
Capt. Jacob P. Davis, Co. E, 85th P. V. I.  
Andrew B. Davis, Co. K, 140th P. V. I.  
James Finigan, Co. H, 140th P. V. I.  
John Finigan, Co. H, 140th P. V. I.  
James H. Bell, Co. A, 85th P. V. I.  
Albert Caldwell, 12th W. Va.  
Silas D. Lockhart, Co. K, 140th P. V. I.  
Wm. C. Harrison, no marker.  
Wm. P. Groves, Co. E, 1st W. Va.  
Charley Caldwell, no marker.  
B. F. Dillon, no marker.  
John Morrison, no marker.  
Walter O. Donald, no marker.

## Chestnut Ridge Cemetery

Smith McKonkey, Co. I, 1st P. V. I.  
Robert Whittaker, Co. K, 62nd P. V. I.  
J. G. Lyon, Co. E, 103rd P. V. I.  
John W. Tucker, Co. K, 140th P. V. I.  
George Morrow, Co. C, 140th P. V. I.  
James D. Campbell, Co. C, 140th P. V. I.  
Benton Devore, Co. C, 140th P. V. I.  
I. M. Dowling, Co. C, 140th P. V. I.  
Thomas Jones, Co. C, 147th P. V. I.  
Leonard C. Simpson, Co. A, 147th P. V. I.

Henry Wilson, Co. K, U. S. Colored Troops.

Samuel Fullum, Co. K, 8th U. S. C. T.  
James Fullum, Co. K, 8th U. S. C. T.  
Clark Porter, no marker.  
John Kelley, no marker.  
Andrew Plance, Co. C, 140th P. V. I.  
James Carothers, Co. A, 85th P. V. I.  
Wm. Hanlin, Co. K, 140th P. V. I.

## Tuckers Cemetery

Richard Shipley, Co. C, 22nd U. S. C.  
David Cochran, army nurse, no marker.  
Robert Riddle, Co. F, 140th P. V. I.

Hugh Needman, no marker.  
Levi Proctor, Co. C, 9th Pa. H. A.  
Florence  
John Culley, 110th P. V. I.  
Jacob P. McCausland.  
Wm. G. Todd, Co. B, 155th P. V. I.  
Frank N. Henderson, Co. A, 85th P. V. I.  
Wm. Brown, Co. K, 33rd U. S. C. T.  
J. S. Mullen, Co. E, 191st P. V. I.  
Benj. Fullum, Co. I, 46th P. V. I.  
Andrew W. Wilson, 4th Pa. Cav.  
John W. Duncan, 140th P. V. I.  
James Proudfit, 85th P. V. I.  
Richard M. Crouse, Co. H, 140th P. V. I.

D. D. Dowling, Co. G, 140th P. V. I.  
Henry Fullerton.  
James D. Brooks, Co. A, 6th Reg. H. A.  
Frankfort

James P. Frazier, Co. F, 46th P. V. I.  
Andrew A. Carothers, Hospital Steward.  
Joseph Butz, Co. E, 61st P. V. I.  
Henry B. Kieffer.  
Thomas Moore, Co. H, 140th P. V. I.  
David B. Dungan.  
James W. Stephens.  
Capt. Samuel Campbell, Co. H, 140th P. V. I.  
Russell Moore, Co. H, 56th Pa. Militia  
Wm. Park, Co. E, 103rd P. V. I.  
John Criswell.  
Henry Kieffer.  
John Yolton.  
Addison Lance.

The detail to Frankfort decorated the graves of the following Revolutionary soldiers:

Rev. James Ramsey.  
Robert Leeper.  
Alexander Morrison.  
David Stephens.  
Wm. R. Foster.  
Capt. Andrew Knox.

The monument erected to the memory of the following who went from Frankfort in 1861 to 1865 and never came back:

Robert Lindsey, 140th P. V. I.  
George Fox, 140th P. V. I.  
David Kieffer, 140th P. V. I.  
Jacob Fleegal, 140th P. V. I.  
Wm. Purdy, 140th P. V. I.  
Wm. Conley, 140th P. V. I.  
James H. Beal, 140th P. V. I.  
Jonathan Berlin, 140th P. V. I.  
Wm. McCreary, 140th P. V. I.  
Robert G. Savage, 140th P. V. I.  
Wm. W. Herron, 140th P. V. I.  
Lewis Swearingen, 140th P. V. I.  
Stewart Campbell, 140th P. V. I.  
Wm. C. King, Co. F, 46th P. V. I.  
John C. Kieffer, 44th Reg., 1st Pa.

## ELDERSVILLE

Hugh Lee Martin.  
William Crawl.  
Frank Cone.  
Jacob Degan.  
Abraham Kelley.  
Rinehart Cline.

## BETHEL

Samuel Cole.  
James Gillespie.  
Norris Metcalf.  
James Smith.  
James Given.  
Francis N. Boles.

## CROSS CREEK

Mary Vance.  
Rev. John Stockton.  
Dr. Thomas C. M. Stockton.  
William A. Stockton.  
John G. Robb.  
W. F. Smith.  
James L. Rea.  
Henry M. Graham.  
William H. H. Walker.  
James A. Cummins.  
William L. Pry.  
Robert P. Virtue.  
Thomas C. Hays.  
A. L. Rea.  
Joseph Farnor.  
Robert Lyle.  
Albert Lantz.

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## Ringgold Battalion Reunion at West Middletown.

The borough of West Middletown was in gala attire Thursday in honor of the surviving members of the Ringgold cavalry which celebrated the 35th reunion of the company. Due honor was paid the memory of the members who fell during the awful struggle and those who died later. Fully 2,000 persons were in attendance to welcome the old soldiers both of the North and South.

The true spirit of patriotism was shown by the citizens on all sides both in the decorations and the entertainment. Every house in town was decorated in the national colors and here and there through the town large banners bearing the words "Welcome" were strung across the roadway. The entrance to the church yard where the meeting was held was very handsomely decorated and was much admired. The residents of the western end of the county received congratulations from all sides for their untiring efforts in making the day one of welcome and enjoyment. Before the visitors reached the village they were greeted with flags as many of the residents within a mile of the meeting place had their homes decorated.

The campfire in the evening was one of the features of the reunion. It consisted mainly of reminiscences and many members of the company told stories. Miss Allie Reed recited a selection. One of the important talks of the evening was made by Daniel Ashworth, pension agent of Washington City.

**Ringgold Battalion Reunion at West Middletown  
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### Grand Army Extinct in 1950

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Veterans of the Civil war will become extinct in 1950. This was the message conveyed to members of Old Glory post No. 798, G. A. R., by George F. Bassett, past commander of Wayman post No. 521, and is based on careful calculations made by insurance actuaries.

"There will be 347 veterans alive in 1930 and ten years later the number will be reduced to 23," said the speaker. "The last survivor of the war of the rebellion will die in 1950 and history alone will be left to tell of the stirring deeds of that great struggle. This is the conclusion of men who are competent to estimate the length of human life."—Chicago News.

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**Grand Army Extinct in 1950**  
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## INTERESTING PATRIOTIC MEETING

### LADIES' AUXILIARY TO BE FORMED---SOME DATA CONCERNING THE G. A. R. AND VETERANS OF OUR COMMUNITY

The meeting arranged by W. S. Bradley Camp, No. 96, Sons of Veterans and held in their rooms in the Washington National bank building last Friday evening, was a very enjoyable event.

The primary object of the meeting was to enthruse the ladies into organizing a Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. About eighty persons were present, including veterans, sons of veterans and ladies eligible to membership in the auxiliary. The meeting opened with the singing of "America," followed with prayer by Rev. R. H. McCartney, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church. Rev. W. M. Hays, D. D., of the First Presbyterian church, then introduced the speaker of the evening—John E. Sauters, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans. Mr. Sauters made an excellent address, paying tribute to the veterans and showing the importance of such organizations as the Sons of Veterans and the Auxiliary. H. B. McMurray, commander of Captain Samuel Campbell Post, No. 286, G. A. R., one of the few veterans able to be present, played a few notes on "the instrument with which Samson slew the Phillistines." Commander McMurray's extemporaneous speech was well received, and all were sorry that there were not a few more stanzas. Refreshments were served, consisting of sandwiches, coffee, ice cream and cake, and the remainder of the evening was passed in a social way.

We believe that every one of the more than forty ladies present signified a desire to unite with the Auxiliary, and this number will be considerably increased by those who could not be present Friday night. No further action was taken in the matter of organization, but a meeting will be announced later for this purpose. In this connection it may

again be stated that all wives, daughters, granddaughters and nieces of veterans and wives of Sons of Veterans are eligible and invited to become members.

As showing how rapidly the veterans are falling from the ranks, we present a little data concerning the local G. A. R. post. Of the ninety persons who have been members of this organization only twenty are now living. Nine of the survivors live in Burgettstown, but of this number only four were able to attend the meeting Friday night, the others being kept at home by sickness or disability. The complete membership follows:

E. M. Adams, Co. D, 12th W. Va.  
Peter Andrews, Co. K, 140th Pa. Vols.  
J. A. Boles, Co. D, 71st Ill.  
Jos. Butz, Co. D, 61st Pa. Cav.  
James Brown, Co. H, 1st Ohio.  
B. B. Buchanan, Co. K, 140th P. V.  
Uriah Brown, Co. G, 30th Ohio.  
Chas. Briceland, Co. D, 149th P. V.  
Colen Buchanan, Co. H, 14th P. V.  
Wm. Barton, Co. D, 149th P. V.  
John Bell, Co. B, 61st P. V.  
A. M. Brockman, Co. C, 22d Cav.  
Capt. Samuel Campbell, Co. H, 140th P. V.  
James Carnahan, Co. E, 9th Pa. Reserves.  
Robt. Caldwell, Co. A, 85th P. V.  
Jeremiah Cook, Co. D, 78th P. V.  
S. W. Criswell, Co. A, 85th P. V.  
R. Caldwell, Co. A, 85th P. V.  
Wm. Crawford, Co. B, 1st W. Va.  
Wm. H. Cowan, Co. C, 22d Pa. Cav.  
John Cummings, Co. C, 22d Pa. Cav.  
James Carothers, Co. A, 85th P. V.  
J. P. Donnan, Co. A, 147th P. V.  
Samuel Davidson, 154th P. V.  
Wm. Ewing, Co. K, 1st Pa. Cav.  
Thos. Forsyth, Co. C, 5th Pa. Art.  
J. E. Freshwater, Co. K, 12th W. Va.  
Geo. S. Graham, Co. D, 10th Pa. Reserves.  
Thos. Greer, Co. E, 155th P. V.  
Nathier Gordon, Co. D, 149th P. V.  
Isaac Green, Co. A, 147th P. V.  
Wm. Hanlin, Co. K, 140th P. V.  
E. F. Hill, assist. surgeon, 140th P. V.  
Richard Hill, Co. A, 147th P. V.  
A. H. Hartford, Co. H, 146th P. V.  
J. B. Hays, Co. I, 154th P. V.  
W. A. Jackson, Co. K, 140th P. V.  
Samuel Keifer, Co. K, 1st Pa. Cav.  
George Kimberly, Co. E, 74th N. Y. Vol.  
W. K. Lyle, Co. A, 25th Mo.  
Robt. Lyle, Co. K, 140th P. V.  
John Leopold, Co. A, 147th P. V.  
Wm. Lowry, Co. D, 39th P. V.  
John Love, Co. A, 98th P. V.  
S. B. Lyon, Co. L, 1st W. Va. Cav.  
W. W. Lathen, Co. H, 140th P. V.  
Wm. Morrison, Co. A, 85th P. V.  
Alex. Morrison, Co. C, 102d P. V.  
Frank Mayo, Co. C, 102d P. V.  
Carson Malone, Co. G, 110th P. V.  
Jas. Morrison, Co. B, 4th Pa. Cav.  
Jas. Moore, Co. K, 91st O. V.  
S. T. McFarland, Co. B, 22d Pa. Cav.  
H. L. McMurray, Co. A, 14th Pa. Cav.

S. C. McGregor, Co. A, 85th P. V.  
J. A. McCalmont, Co. K, 140th P. V.  
Michael Mc Mahan, Co. D, 16th Pa. Cav.  
D. N. McFarland, Co. C, 22d Pa. Cav.  
Jos. McGill, Co. A, 100th P. V.  
J. D. McCabe, Co. K, 140th P. V.  
John McKinley, Co. B, 155th P. V.  
James Nels-on, Co. D, 123 P. V.  
J. W. Pry, Co. H, 21st Pa. Cav.  
D. M. Pry, Co. K, 140th P. V.  
Newton A. Parker, Co. A, 147th P. V.  
J. A. Proudfit, Co. A, 85th P. V.  
Jos. Pettit, Co. D, 149th P. V.  
Samuel Ritchey, Co. A, 147th P. V.  
Robt. Riddle, Co. K, 140th P. V.  
B. F. Ralston, Co. I, 1st W. Va.  
Wm. M. Rea, Co. K, 140th P. V.  
Jas. Robinson, Co. H, 191st P. V.  
Geo. A. Reed, Co. B, 140th P. V.  
Geo. W. Smith, Co. A, 100th P. V.  
Washington Spodgrass, Co. H, 46th P. V.  
Timothy Sheaney, Co. M, 1st U. S. Cav.  
O. K. Simpson, Co. C, 5th h. art.  
Martin Stiffler, Co. G, 5th h. art.  
Wm. Sinclair, Co. I, 10th O. V.  
Chas. Shaffer, Co. B, 4th Pa. Cav.  
Jonathan Tucker, Co. C, 140th P. V.  
H. J. Thorpe, Co. D, 135th Ind.  
R. H. Thompson, Co. F, 22d Pa. Cav.  
John Virtue, Co. H, 27th Pa. Cav.  
Jas. Worstell, Co. K, 140th P. V.  
Thos. Wilkin, Co. K, 140th P. V.  
Uriah Wheeler, Co. K, 140th P. V.  
Wm. Wherry, Co. H, 140 P. V.  
J. S. Westlake, Co. A, 15th Pa. Cav.  
James Young, Co. G, light art.

The survivors are H. B. McMurray, J. W. Pry, James Carnahan, S. B. Lyon, W. W. Lathen, Richard Hill, Carson Malone, D. M. Pry and Harvey J. Thorpe, all of Burgettstown; Robt. W. Criswell and O. K. Simpson, of Florence; John McCalmont, of Bulger; James Worstell, of Canonsburg; J. P. Donnan, of Steubenville; S. T. McFarland, of Berwyn, Ill.; W. M. Rea, of Hickory; George Kimberly, of McDonald; Chas. R. Briceland, of Oaxdale; W. Sinclair, of Florida, and Isaac Green, of Frankfort.

Aside from those mentioned there are three veterans living in Burgettstown who have never been members of the local post. They are Robert J. Culley, of the 22d Pa. Cav. (Ringgold); B. F. McClure, of the 100th, and Alexander Bowser, of the 154th Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Attorney Bishop Crumrine, aged 73, a brother of Attorney Boyd Crumrine, nestor of the Washington county bar, is dead at Topeka, Kan. He was born and reared in this county, and was a student in old Jefferson College, in Canonsburg, at the outbreak of the Civil war. He enlisted with the Sixth Battalion, Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, and served throughout the war. Then he was admitted to the Washington County bar. Later he removed to Kansas. Two daughters survive.

Interesting Patriotic Meeting  
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**NOTICE**

The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary will meet in the lodge room, Washington national bank building, Monday evening, December 28. Every member is requested to be present. Officers for the year are to be elected that night. Please do not forget the date, December 28. Mrs. O. G. Bryte, President.

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## Pennsylvania Division

D. J. SNAVELY, COMMANDER  
BOX 573  
JOHNSTOWN, PENNA.



## Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.

November 24, 1916.

Mr. W. D. McCabe, Commander,  
Burgettstown, Pa.

Dear Commander, Officers and Members of Camp No. 96, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,

Christmas Greetings: A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all officers and members.

In order to become better acquainted and get in closer touch with you and the work you are engaged in, I will start a series of letters with you. We have reached the point where it is evident that few if any of us are giving our best to the order of Sons of Veterans, and why? Have we lost interest or did we never have that true business and patriotic spirit that we should have and must have to land us at the top of all patriotic and fraternal organizations? Surely there is where we belong.

Our Fathers gave their best, their all to save this Union. They succeeded nobly and gave to us a free and independent country. Now why can't we build up an organization with life and action and show our appreciation to the whole world of what the boys of 61 to 65 did for us and all Americans? Is your camp growing in numbers and activity? Are you looking after the best interests of all needy Veterans and their families? Surely you are willing to do that.

Commander, have you done all you can to make your Camp better than it was when you were elected? If you have not then get on the job; you have one more month before your camp bestows on you the honor of Past Commander, and you may wear the Iron Cross in honor of your service to your camp. Now let me appeal to you to make a grand stand finish and when your term expires keep right in

harness. Help and advise your successor, he will appreciate it and so will the camp. Now I want you to read this letter to the camp the first meeting night after you receive it. Then get together officers and members. Get in new members, and save all that you now have. You can do that. Is there any trouble within your membership to retard growth and activity! If so tell me what it is and possibly I may be able to help you. Have you a good collector of dues? That is very important. Last but not least do not forget to send in this last quarters report and the installing officers report with the names and addresses of all the new officers. This you must do.

The Commander-in-chief has granted permission to all camps to select their own Installing Officer, in all cases where it can be done a Veteran should be secured to install the Camp Officers, if not a Veteran I would suggest the outgoing camp commander. A joint installation with your Auxiliary if you have one and a social following is a good card for new life to start 1917.

New Commander if this letter gives you an opportunity to ask questions or to suggest anything that I might do to help you and the camp do not hesitate but come strong. "Those who ask shall receive."

I want to help you so please do not disappoint me. I am busy and so are you. Indeed if we were not, we would not be satisfied. The camps you know are the backbone of the organization, without camps I would have no job and mine is not an eight hour job either, some nights and some Sundays are included, but after all it is pleasant and just what I am looking for, work.

Well I will wait for your letter. Come strong tell me what you are doing.

Believe me I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. S. Bradley".

Div. Commander.

meeting of Sons of Veterans  
held in Washington Park Hall

Dec. 18, 1916. W. B. Cully  
The following business transacted  
<sup>and Election</sup>  
Nominations of officers  
For Commander, W. S. Cramer

Senior Vice Commander Lee McMuray.

Junior " " " George Lyow.

Patriotic Instructor W. B. Cully.

Trustees, Camp Council  
W. W. Stewart  
Will B. Mc Cabe  
E. A. Caldwell

Delegates to Division encampment  
W. B. Cully -  
alternate. W. W. Stewart.

adjourned to meet second  
Friday night of Jan'y 1917

E. A. Caldwell  
Pro Tem

**William S. Bradley Post 96**  
**Sons of the Veterans Meeting-December 18, 1916**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

## RED CROSS ORGANIZED

### Named in Honor of William Lyon, Our First Naval Soldier Boy

At an enthusiastic meeting held in Westminster church last night the Burgettstown auxiliary to the American Red Cross was organized. The auditorium was well filled, and patriotism seemed to be at high tide. After a devotional period conducted by Burgettstown pastors, Burgess John A. McKenzie presided over the meeting. The speakers were Prof. W. L. Moore, superintendent of the Cecil township schools, who made a splendid patriotic address and gave a history of the Red Cross. Prof. Moore is a former Burgettstown boy, and his address was enthusiastically received. Burgess S. H. Pyle, of McDonald, also made a splendid patriotic address, taking as his subject, "Our Heritage."

At the conclusion of the addresses W. G. Cramer introduced the following resolution, which, upon motion of Attorney J. H. Borland, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Congress of the United States has declared that a state of war exists between the Imperial German government and the United States of America; therefore be it resolved:

First, That the citizens of Burgettstown and vicinity in mass meeting assembled, mindful of the priceless privilege of life and service under the stars and stripes, hereby reaffirm our abiding love and faith in America and our unconditional allegiance and fidelity to the national government.

Second, We express our absolute confidence in the wise leadership of the President of the United States and pledge him our unqualified loyalty and support.

Officers elected for the local Red Cross were as follows: President, John A. McKenzie; vice-president, R. C. Cassidy; secretary, S. V. Kimberland; treasurer, L. R. McKinney.

Mrs. J. C. White offered a motion that the organization be named the Lyon Red Cross Auxiliary in honor of William W. Lyon, who was the first Burgettstown boy to enlist in the navy. The motion was promptly seconded and unanimously carried.

A vote of thanks was tendered the speakers and Editor Young, of the McDonald Outlook, who assisted in the singing.

At the conclusion of the meeting an opportunity was given to enroll as members. Seventy-six persons signed up, representing a subscription of \$126. Another meeting will be held soon, probably on Sunday afternoon, and there is little doubt that the membership will be more than trebled within a short time.

**Red Cross Organized**  
**Burgettstown Call-April 15, 1917 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



**Winfield (Pete) Scott Holden Ralston-WWI Photos**  
November 14, 1893-August 23, 1969  
*Kim Dresser's grandfather*



**WWI-Bond Drive  
Main Street, Burgettstown, PA**

## **World War I Veterans**

*From the Honor Roll in Hillcrest Presbyterian Church.  
In 1918, First Presbyterian Church, Burgettstown, PA.*

**William A. Bole**

**Raymond M. Coulter**

**Wane M. Culley**

**Leonard L. Ewing**

**Mayhew Fulton**

**J. Elmer Gilbert**

**Roy Graden**

**Ralph Mixon**

**Stanley Hogue**

**J. Ralph Lee**

**W. Vance Lee**

**Thomas C. Linn**

**John Lynch**

**William, W. Lyon**

**William Woodrow**

**S. Glenne Nicholls Sr.**

**Walter Riggle**

**Thomas Robinson**

**M. Burt Scott**

**Burton Shirey**

**George Shirey**

**James Shirey**

**Harry Smith**

**Jay C. Stewart**

**Robert W. Stottlemeyer**

**Wade Stottlemeyer**

**Alvan J. White**

**Clement C. White**

**Hugh R. Wilson**





**William H. Hill**  
**Fairview Cemetery, Burgettstown, PA**

# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Events of the Long Ago From  
Enterprise Files and  
Other Sources

The following is a report of a reunion held by the Florence Blues on November 18, 1880, as given in the Burgettstown Enterprise of January 18, 1881:

At the Hotel in Florence, on November 18, 1880, the surviving members of the Volunteer Company, Florence Blues, held a reunion, Capt. John S. Duncan of Cross Creek village presiding and John W. Duncan of Florence as secretary. A committee previously appointed to correspond with members read several letters expressing regrets of the writers on account of their inability to attend, after which those present partook of a sumptuous repast.

The afternoon was spent in a most pleasant social way, recounting the many pleasant reminiscences of the past, of the time when those present were young men, many now bearing the honored insignia of age, and rehearsing many pleasant and amusing incidents of their life as volunteer military men.

Dr. Thomas W. Bradley of Cardville and James A. Proudfit, Esq., of Florence were present as invited guests and responded to calls for addresses in very neat and fitting speeches in which they gave vivid historical descriptions of "events in the fifties."

A committee consisting of Marion Jackson, Esq. and Levi J. Culley, Esq. to draft resolutions concerning deceased members, was then appointed. Also a committee of arrangements concerning a future reunion after which they adjourned, subject to the call of the said committee.

The following preamble and resolutions were reported and adopted as read:

Whereas, in the dispensation of Divine Providence, He has seen fit to remove by death our esteemed comrades, Henry Fullerton, William Crawford, John Culley, Jr., Thomas Mathews, Robert Mercer, William Criswell, James Nash, Samuel Amspoker and Ross Scott.

From the esteem in which we hold these, who long associated with us and from the affection we bear their memories, be it

Resolved, First, that we bow in submission to an overruling Providence, remembering that "He doeth all things well."

Resolved, Second, that, although our earthly ties are severed and we look back with affection to the memory of the departed, yet it becomes us to look forward to the grand "muster day" that we may all be prepared to answer when the final roll is called.

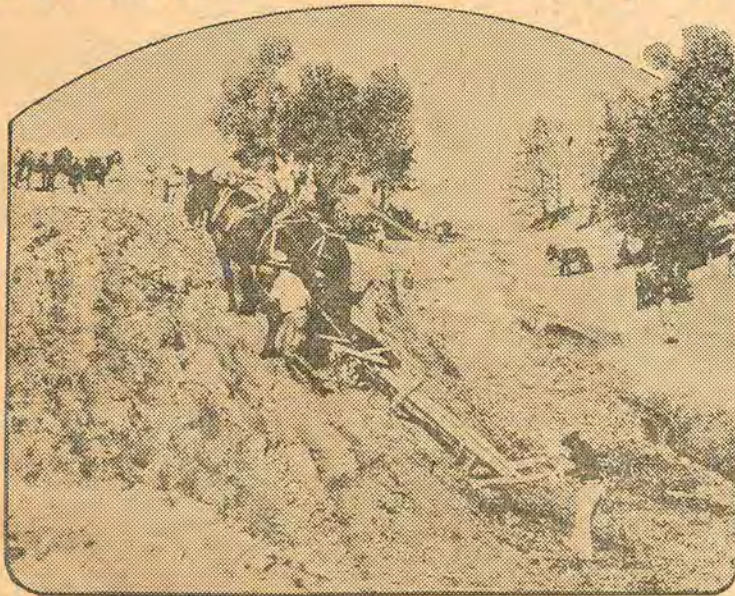
Resolved, Third that these resolutions be published in the Washington papers and the Burgettstown Enterprise.

Marion Jackson,  
Levi C. Cully,  
Committee.

**This Week in History**

**Burgettstown Enterprise-July 23, 1931 Edition**

## All Kinds of PWA Work Done by Army



PWA work being done by the army includes virtually all classes of construction projects and requires the services of plumbers, steamfitters, electricians, bricklayers, carpenters, plasterers, painters, truck drivers and laborers. This photograph shows workmen moving earth into the bottom of Macks Bayou near Barksdale aviation field, Louisiana, to prevent mosquito breeding.

**All Kinds of PWA Work Done by Army**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-December 20, 1933 Edition**

Wade J. Day, aged 91 years, sole survivor of the Ringgold Cavalry, made famous by its service in the Civil War, died at 6:55 a. m. Thursday at the home of his niece, Mrs. James H. Devere, 234 East Maiden street, Washington. He had been confined to bed since June 1st. He was buried with military honors, the services being held at his late home Saturday at 10:30 a. m. Burial was in the Washington cemetery.

**Wade J. Day (Sole Survivor of Ringgold Cavalry)**  
**March 1, 1844-September 26, 1935**

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans pleasantly surprised Mrs. J. C. White on the evening of January 20th, it being her birthday, with a handkerchief shower. Hokum was the diversion of the evening and a lunch consisting of ice cream, cake and coffee was served. The Ladies Auxiliary have recently disbanded. Mrs. White was the president.

**The Ladies Auxiliary of the Sons of the Veterans  
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 5, 1936 Edition**

## **"BUDDY POPPY" SALE IS SET FOR SATURDAY**

**Veterans of Foreign Wars to Hold  
Annual Poppy Sale for Relief  
of Disabled Comrades**

An appeal for all veterans of the World War and other patriotic citizens to pay tribute to the war dead by wearing memorial poppies on Poppy Day, Saturday, May 23rd, is made by Barclay-Robinson-Phillips Post No. 567, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of McDonald. This Post includes the membership of Veterans of Burgettstown and the surrounding area.

Friends are urged to contribute generously in exchange for the little mementos of the Fields of Flanders to aid the war's living victims, the disabled Veterans and the families of the dead and disabled. A statement from the McDonald Post says:

"Saturday next will be Poppy Day in Burgettstown, when we all will be called upon to wear the memorial flower of the World War dead and make contributions to those who sacrificed health and strength as part of the price of the Nation's World War victory. We are sure that all veterans of the war and all other patriotic citizens will wear the symbolic little flower and will contribute as liberally as their means permit for the work of mercy and relief, the poppy makes possible.

"Poppy Day contributions are used by the V. F. W. and Auxiliary to help the disabled veterans in the hospitals to help their families at home, to aid children left without a father's support because of the war, and in all phases of V. F. W. and Auxiliary work for the war's living victims. Every penny is made to serve effectively for the purposes for which it is donated under the administration of the V. F. W. and Auxiliary's volunteer workers.

"The distribution of the poppies will be directed by the women of the Auxiliary, the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of the men of the Post. They will work without compensation of any kind, giving their time and efforts gladly to honor the dead and serve the living."

**"Buddy Poppy" Sale is set for Saturday  
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 21, 1936 Edition**

**Memorial Day Parade.**

A Memorial Day parade will be held by the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Burgettstown on Memorial Day, May 30, at 2:30 p. m., Standard Time. The procession will form on the flat near the railroad station at Center avenue and will proceed to Fairview cemetery where the regular services of the V. F. W. will be held by members of Post 567 of McDonald. All ex-service men, fraternal organizations and other groups of the community are invited to participate in this parade and program.

**Memorial Day Parade**

**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 28, 1936 Edition**

# BURGETTSTOWN BUSINESS MEN PROTEST TRANSFER OF VETERANS FROM FRANKFORT SPRINGS CAMP

## Veterans Are Granted Right to Remain at Frankfort Springs Camp—Burgettstown Business Men Apply Pressure

Heading protests from an avalanche of telegrams and letters from Burgettstown this week, Colonel C. B. King of Indiana, Pa., headquarters for this district C. C. C. camps wired Captain Samuel Lowry in charge of Camp S.P. 6—Veterans of Company 305 at Frankfort Springs, that the order to move, effective May 31st had been rescinded. Consequently there was great rejoicing among the Veterans on Wednesday, because of the interest and work of the Burgettstown merchants and businessmen in their behalf. In response to a plea from the world war veterans, who have made the Frankfort Springs camp their home since August 29, 1935, a delegation of 30 local businessmen made a trip to the camp on last Friday evening to investigate the story that the men were to be transferred to Whitehaven, near Wilkes-Barre on May 31st and were to be replaced by a corps of C.C.C. boys from Westford, Pa. Captain Lowry in command of the camp had received official orders to that effect and was immediately beseeched by his men to secure the co-operation of Burgettstown business men to stay the order.

The men, numbering 213, have lived at the camp for the past three years and in that time on their own initiative have added many fine improvements, with the idea that the camp would be their permanent quarters so long as the emergency exists. Seventy per cent of them have their own homes in Pittsburgh and many are married. They believe that if they are kept in this section they will have much better opportunity to secure employment. Being in this area, it is possible for them to keep in closer contact with their wives and children.

After visiting the camp the delegation sent letters of protest to the order to Robert E. Fechner of Washington, D. C., who in turn, and at the suggestion of Congressman Charles I. Faddis from this district, ordered that the transfer be stayed until a thorough investigation can be made.

The camp is one of the best equipped and most modern in the state, because of the work of the men in their leisure time in making improvements of a permanent nature. They have built a club house and the furniture for it, a work shop for vocational training, equipped the bunk houses with electric clocks and wall lockers for each man, installed a water filtration plant and modern water system that is suitable for a small town, erected a complete lighting system and have worked unceasingly to landscape and beautify their surroundings and in this way have transplanted 5000 large native trees to the camp site.

Working officially, the men have planted one million seedlings in a reforestation project, making a record of 20,000 planting in one day. They are at present engaged in building a steel and concrete bridge at the entrance to the Frankfort Recreation grounds and are helping W.R.A. labor to construct the dam and swimming pool in the park.

Captain Lowry's personnel include the following officers: Medical Captain Alex Solosko, Lieutenant S. Lee Kaufmann, Educational Advisor John Blank and Sergeant Meyers.

Visitors from Burgettstown community are invited and will be cordially welcomed to inspect the camp at any time.



**BENEFIT BASKET BALL  
GAME FOR FINNS**

Members of the Burgettstown Athletic Association are sponsoring an all-star basketball game in Union Gym on Monday evening, February 26 at 8:30 o'clock between a Pick-Team of West Virginia and All-Stars of Washington County.

Proceeds will be for Finnish Relief. Inasmuch as this is the only benefit staged in the Community for Finnish Relief, the committee, headed by Jake Schneider is confident of a fine response from sport fans and townspeople. Because of the worthiness of the cause, members of the School Board voted to donate use of the gymnasium for the game.

Midway Girls Team and Findlay Girls will play a preliminary game, beginning at 7:30 sharp.

## FLYS FOR U. S. A.

Charles Mester, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mester of Lange-loth is now in the Navy Air Division at Pensacola, Florida. Charles is a graduate of Union High, class of '34. Charles then entered the University



CHARLES MESTER, JR.

of Pittsburgh where he is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and received his B. S. in Mechanical Engineering in 1938. He was always interested in Aviation and built several Model planes.

In December 1938, he accepted a position in the Navy Yards at Philadelphia and spent one year there in the engineering division. In December 1939 he resigned his position at Philadelphia and was called to Pensacola in January where he enlisted with the Navy Aviation division. He is now flying and says "Boys if you want a thrill just fly for the good Old Navy."

**Charles Mester, Jr.**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise- March 7, 1940 Edition**

### **Clergymen Ask Military Duty**

**BURGETTSTOWN, Pa., Jan. 22 (AP)—**Saying that they wished to assume "all the responsibilities of citizenship," twenty-eight United Presbyterian clergymen of Washington County have adopted a resolution asking that they not be made exempt from military service. The resolution further suggested that Congress remove from the recent Military Service Bill those clauses which exempt Ministers from military service.

**Clergymen Ask for Military Duty**  
New York Times-January 23, 1941 Edition

## JOTTINGS

Clarence Wolfe, secretary of the Burgettstown American Legion Post is gravely concerned over the lack of respect Burgers show the American Flag. He says the Memorial Day parade emphasized the indifference of the sidewalk audience to the colors and that even ex-service men failed to bare their heads when the flag was carried by.

He calls to our attention an editorial in a County Daily on just this subject. The Observer writer says in part:

"One of the unpleasant incidents of the recent Memorial Day observance was the failure of many to show a proper respect for the Stars and Stripes.

To avoid the necessity of the spectators being called upon to salute Old Glory numerous times, colors of the various organizations were massed at the head of the procession.

Even though this arrangement called for a minimum of effort, only one salute, many failed to honor the massed colors. Some did not uncover their heads and stand at attention and others continued to loll wherever they happened to be sitting or leaning.

The Stars and Stripes are the symbol of all that the United States represents—full individual freedom. All that the nation stands for is being attacked by the forces of the totalitarian states of the world. The United States is involved in a world-wide crisis.

To meet the crisis the United States has summoned hundreds of thousands of young men to duty in its Army and Navy and is bending every effort to produce needed equipment. The menace of war hovers over the land.

Apathy, reflected by this failure to pay respect to the flag under existing conditions, is difficult to comprehend. People should be stirred and especially thrilled as Old Glory, considering all it stands for and all it means, is unfurled and carried in a procession in tribute and reverence for the soldier and sailor dead of the district."

Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Johnson, who reside in the Imogene Reed residence at Frankfort, writes the following interesting letter, concerning his life at Barksville Field, La.:

Dear Folks:

Things have been happening pretty fast around here and I haven't time to write a long letter.

Here are some impressions I have gained so far: Barksdale, Louisiana is the nicest post I have ever seen. It's quite a large city in itself. It covers 28,000 acres and there are about 2,000 men here. It's a beautiful place with a large expanse of lawn and nice homes for non-com's and officers. We have facilities for every sport, swimming pool, golf course, tennis courts, hand ball, badminton, bowling, baseball and just about any thing else you can think of.

So far we have been completely ignored as regards hazing and discipline. There is no class system. They expect us to be officers shortly and treat us as such.

I ran into L. M. Proctor, a Sigma Nu from William Jewell College, Mo. yesterday. He is a 2nd Lt. I don't know whether he is a pilot or a bombardier. There are a lot of Pilot cadets here for advanced training and we all eat at the same mess, no differentiation is shown.

So far the only bad feature about this place is the heat. I've never been in such a hot place in my life. Your clothes get soaked through just sitting around doing nothing. The humidity is always high too.

This evening I went swimming and later went to the Post Theatre, which is brand new and air conditioned. Swimming is free, the show costs 14 cents.

We got an issue of three khaki uniforms today, flying equipment and personal effects. I think we'll wear blue after 5 weeks.

It's about time for lights out so will close now. Don't expect too many letters as I will be pretty busy down here.

Lee,

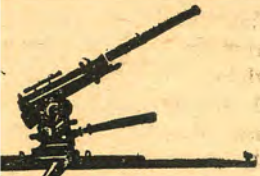
# Langeloth Scouts Collect Aluminum



Langeloth Girl Scouts are firmly in the ranks of Junior Defense workers in this Community, having made a fine record for their organization by the collection of two truck loads of discarded aluminum in Langeloth. When the call for aluminum was issued the Langeloth Scouts made a house to house canvass of their territory and turned in several hundred pounds of the metal.

The girls who worked on the aluminum collection as shown in the above picture are: Goldie Enos, Alma Theta Tomlinson, Jennie Dluski, Geraldine Prado, Nancy Kirsch, Jean Young, Dorothy Clark and Jean Russell.

**Langeloth Scouts Collect Aluminum**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 7, 1941 Edition**



**1,000**  
Anti-aircraft Guns  
*(500 freight cars)*



**500,000,000**  
Rounds of Ammunition  
*(330 freight cars)*



**135,000**  
Machine Guns  
*(540 freight cars)*



**10**  
PT Boats  
*(20 freight cars)*



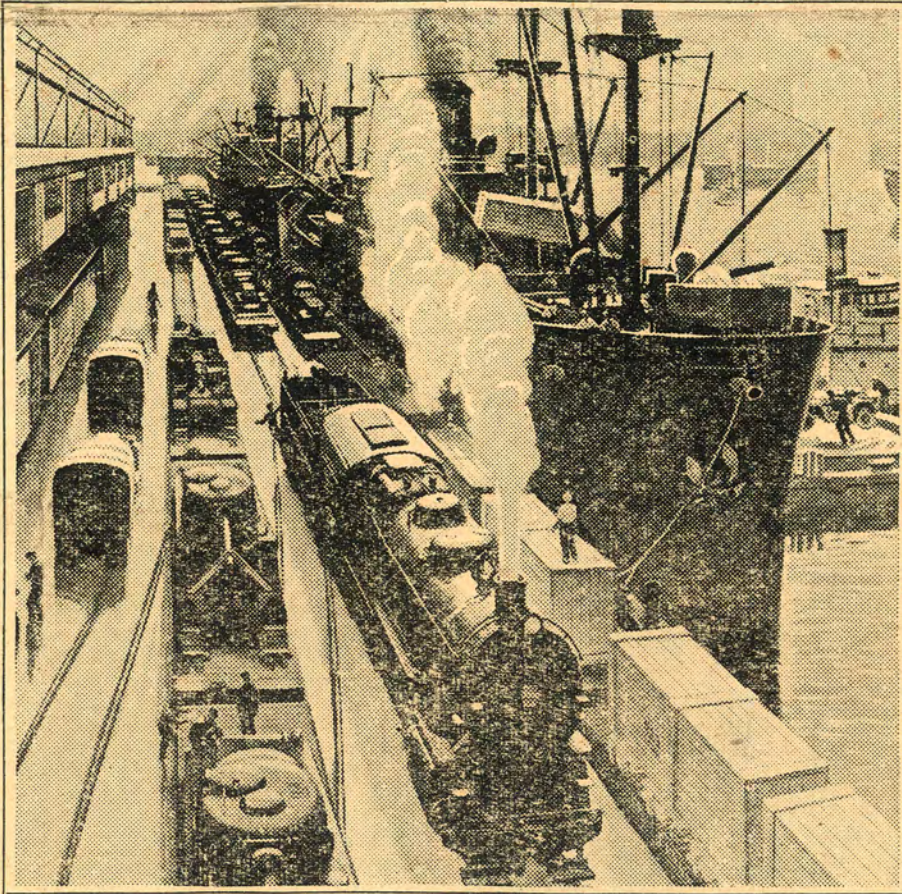
**10,000**  
Trucks  
*(2,500 freight cars)*



**1,000**  
Aerial Bombs  
*(7 freight cars)*



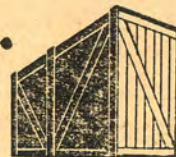
**75,000,000**  
Gallons of Gasoline  
*(12,500 freight cars)*



**30,000**  
Jeeps  
*(1,666 freight cars)*



**25,000,000**  
Shells  
*(1,250 freight cars)*



**4,000,000**  
Cases of Supplies  
*(4,000 freight cars)*



**500**  
Tanks  
*(330 freight cars)*



**200**  
Planes  
*(400 freight cars)*



**140**  
Aircraft Detectors  
*(140 freight cars)*



**100**  
Locomotives  
*(300 freight cars)*

# takes **24,483 Freight Cars** to put this War Materiel aboard a big Convoy

The figures relating to materiel—(from Army and Navy sources)—give a good idea of the enormous quantities carried by a big convoy on a crossing to one of the major war zones.

The other figures—those in *italics*—show the number of freight cars needed to transport those war supplies to port.

Collecting all that materiel—bringing it hundreds, even thousands of miles—delivering it to ship side on schedule, in a pre-arranged order—doing it day after

Yet, thanks to the magnificent cooperation of the Navy, the Army, port authorities, shippers and traveling Americans—the railroads are doing this vital job smoothly and methodically—and will continue to do so till Victory is won!

## PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

Serving the N.A.T.



**Jenny Salvador**

**Pete Maropis**





### Plays Sax In Army Band



P.F.C. John DeSanto, a former zinc worker plays the saxophone in the Army Band. His regiment, formerly at Fort Bragg, N.C. recently arrived in North Africa. John is the son of Mrs. Domenica Piccolo of Slovan. He has been in service for the past nine months.

**P.F.C. John DeSanto Plays Sax in Army Band**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise - February 4, 1943 Edition**

**RUSSIAN RELIEF BENEFIT  
HERE AND AT SLOVAN**

Mrs. Kluchanovich, of Slovan, reports a fine advance sale of tickets for the Russian War Relief benefit which will be held in the Mary Ann Theatre, Burgettstown, on Sunday, April 12, from 1 to 4 p.m., and at the Penn Theatre, Slovan, on Wednesday, April 15, all evening. The show is being sponsored by the R.B.O. Lodge No. 160 of Slovan.

A double feature program will be presented: "One Day in Soviet Russia" with the famed war correspondent, Quentin Reynolds, as commentator and "Musical Story", booked as two hours of grand screen entertainment.

"One Day in Soviet Russia was filmed by 97 cameramen in one day, and is a revelation of the most censored nation in the world. In this film, Reynolds, American Press Attache at the Moscow 3-power conference lifts the veil and tells how this heroic nation is fighting side by side with the great democracies to smash Hitler.

"The Musical Story", is an exhilarating symphony of romance, mirth and melody from the traditional center of Russian art and music, Leningrad. Sergei Lemeshev and Zoya Fyodorova, best known singer and cinema actress of the Soviet are the stars. It is the first full length operatic film produced in a Soviet studio, has a humorous plot and gives forth the operatic and ballet music of Bizet, Borodin, Chaikovsky, Flo-tow, Rimsky-Korsakoff, plus incidental Russian folk songs and dances.

**Russian Relief Benefit Here and Slovan  
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 9, 1942 Edition**

## ZINC EMPLOYEES BUY WAR BONDS EVERY PAY DAY

Fred H. Illig, superintendent of the American Zinc and Chemical Company plant at Langeloth called together his men on Tuesday morning for an impressive flag raising ceremony which marked the start of a three-day drive to enlist the 825 employees in a payroll deduction plan for the purchase of war savings bonds.

The meeting turned into an enthusiastic patriotic rally under the banner of a beautiful new American flag which was unfurled to the breeze from atop a 60 foot flag pole. Mr. Illig told the men of the plan to deduct payments for war savings bonds each pay. He complimented them on their increased production and stated that some departments were topping any previous records for output. He announced that the women of Langeloth have volunteered to sew a service flag, containing a star for each man from the plant in the armed forces of the United States and that this flag when completed will wave side by side with the new American flag at the plant. An honor banner will be awarded each department of the plant which secures the signatures of 90 per cent of its employees as subscribers to the payroll deduction plan for war bonds.

Mr. Illig introduced Colonel Charles I. Faddis, Congressman from this district who told the zinc workers that every man and woman behind the guns must work to the limit to keep the boys with the guns equipped with the supplies they need for an all out victory. He said we must surpass ourselves in production and in the buying of bonds in order that this war will be won and that the peace that is to come will be a lasting one.

Mr. Illig then called upon Attorney John C. Judson, of Washington, Pa., who told the men that we fight today to maintain that freedom that our fathers came here to seek. He said there can be no freedom or security for religion or labor until such a victory is won.

Another speaker was C. M. Marino, president of the Smeltermen's Union who gave the pledge of his members for a successful drive. Marino said, "We must back up the fight for freedom with bonds."

Music for the occasion was furnished by the Union high school band.

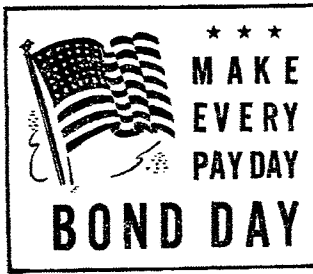
Men from the Zinc plant who are now serving in the armed forces of the United States include:

James Bongiorno, Samuel Plate, Joseph Garcia, Robert Burns, John Swanik, Dave Tunno, Michael Babuka, Walter Bendnarzik, Charles Zambul, Marion Borio, Mitchell Yaksic, Walter Lonick, Andrew Steiminger, John Schillinski, Tony Janulewicz, Zigmund Grzelok, Charles Baker, Louis Mader, Clyde Harris, Jr., Harry Mendak, Edward Wagner, John Gelestor, Deno R. Boni, George Davis, Albert Capozzoli, Ralph Ciabatari, Joseph Nuncz, Albert Diamond, Tony Skafar, Sam Visnich, Jr., Howard Buxton, James Alonzo, Bernard Griffith, John Porchiran, Joseph Dubich, Lee Reynolds, Robert Schulte, Mahlon King, Joe Gonzalez, John Pompe, John Skrzyrn, Stanley Wonsiewicz, Ignatz Szeruba, Bruno Rossi, Steve Barish, John Matula, Louis Perbezar, Patrick Diamond, Frank Panella.

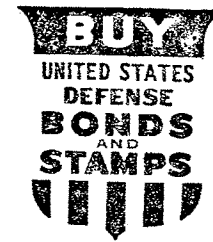
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**Zinc Employees Buy War Bonds Every Pay Day**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-April 9, 1942 Edition**

# It's Cheaper to Win a War Than to Lose One!



## Either Bonds Or Bondage



of us will have to figure out the very most we can set aside each week to buy them—for our own good and for our country's good, as long as the war may last.

American soldiers have been killed; American ships have been sunk; American territory has fallen into the clutches of hordes of Axis invaders. American coastal cities are threatened and this total war in which we are now engaged has been brought into our own front yards, reaching into every factory and every home in the nation.

The first phase of our early war hysteria has passed. Today a determined America is grimly calm, and every American worthy of the name is conscious only of the thought of ultimate victory. Millions are rallying behind our war leaders, and doing their part to help our government to meet the cost of providing the munitions, the planes, guns, tanks and supplies for our soldiers, sailors and marines on the fighting fronts throughout the entire world.

Your purchase of War Savings Stamps and Bonds is the first concrete test of YOUR willingness to back up our fighting forces. Total wars are people's wars and the cost must come out of the pockets of patriotic Americans who are ready to spend their last dime and to give every ounce of their strength and energy to preserve a way of life they hold dear.

We have to change our way of looking at Defense Bonds and Stamps during the war. They are not just something we can buy or not, just as we wish, but their purchase represents a duty that every American owes to his country. People want to help win the war; They are looking for ways and means to help. War bonds and Stamps offer one of the most necessary and effective ways to help. Each

Defense Bonds offer not only a means of rendering effective aid to our armed forces but they represent a financial investment unapproached by the securities of any other nation on earth. From the standpoint of capital safety and appreciation they have never been equaled—an increase of 33 1-3 per cent in ten years, with absolute safety of principal, guaranteed by the richest and strongest nation in the world, opens a new chapter in financial history!

As a cold hard business proposition would you pay \$18.75 a week for a guaranteed income of \$25.00 a week ten years from now? Of course you would! Anyone would . . . and that's just what you can do by the purchase of a \$25.00 Defense Bond each week. And if you happen to need the money at any time, after 60 days, you can get it at your bank or post office, plus interest to the time the bond is surrendered.

A \$50.00 Defense Bond can be purchased for \$37.50, and is redeemable for \$50.00 in ten years. Look at the accompanying table and see the various denominations, their cost, and the amount returned after ten years:

### FOR DEFENSE BONDS

You Pay	You Get
\$ 18.75 -----	\$ 25.00
37.50 -----	50.00
75.00 -----	100.00
375.00 -----	500.00
750.00 -----	1000.00

The bonds represent a 33 1-3 per cent increase on the original investment.

Defense Savings stamps may be purchased in denominations of 10c, 25c,

50c, \$1.00 and \$5.00 and can be converted into Defense Savings Bonds when a sufficient amount is accumulated. They are negotiable and convertible at any time.

We must not fail in our duty . . . not all of us can fight or bear arms for our country . . . but each of us CAN and must give of our funds to help win the war!

Let us prove that we will lead to defend our right to be free—that we will pour out a mighty torrent of dollars to defend life, liberty, independence and religious freedom . . . against the savage and brutal forces seeking to subjugate the world.

### UNITED STATES DEFENSE BONDS AND STAMPS:

Are not subject to Pennsylvania Personal Property Tax.

They increase your initial investment by 33 1-3 per cent over a period of ten years.

They are redeemable after sixty days from purchase, in cash.

They can be registered in several names, either as co-owners or beneficial owner.

They can be hoarded as easily as cash, if you think you must hoard. However, hoarded bonds grow, whereas hoarded cash remains—just cash.

The safest investment in the world today. Backed by the greatest nation on earth—you have an interest in that nation, whether you believe it or not—a stake in its future. If you are looking to the future—if you now have Defense Bonds—or not—buy more bonds now—**BETTER PROTECT YOUR ORIGINAL INVESTMENT.**

Start buying Defense Bonds and Stamps today.

It's Cheaper to Win a War Than to Lose One!

Either Bonds or Bondage

Burgettstown Enterprise-April 9, 1942 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

## **LOANS AVAILABLE TO COUNTY FARMERS**

I. J. Nealon of the Crop and Feed Loan office will be in the office of the County Agent, Mr. Fulton, located in the Court House at Washington, Pa., on Friday, April 10, from 9:30 a.m., until 11:00 a.m. taking applications from the farmers of the county needing financial assistance to carry out the war program.

The United States Government knows all the farmers will cooperate and at this time if they are in need of ready cash to purchase lime, seeds, fertilizer or feed for their stock, they can have a check one week after making their application with Mr. Nealon on Friday, April 10, 1942 from 9:30 a.m., until 11:00 only in the County Agents office.

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## Dunbar Named Disaster Chairman

Howard Dunbar has been appointed the chairman for the Red Cross Disaster Preparedness and Relief Committee in this section of Washington County. It will be his task to set up the necessary organization to cope with any emergency and to assist in the rehabilitation of distressed families following any disaster. The Washington County Red Cross Chapter has included the following townships with the Burgettstown borough in this area: Smith, Jefferson, Hanover and Cross Creek.

It is to be understood at the very outset, that this organization is not designed to operate in competition to the local Civilian Defense council but to coordinate the activities of the local Defense Councils with those of the Red Cross chapter in order to establish a mutual understanding of the involved responsibilities to handle any emergency with greater efficiency. This type of organization has the full approval of the Pennsylvania State Council of Defense.

Mr. Dunbar, who is a local postal employee, is conducting Red Cross first aid courses in Cross Creek, for local Air Raid Wardens, and for local Boy Scouts. He is at the present time studying the area assigned to him and expects to be able to announce the personnel of the organization in the near future.

The responsibility of the Red Cross to a disaster-affected population may be briefly summarized as follows: (1) To assist local and state authorities in warning, evacuation, rescue, and medical care. (2) To supply the needed emergency necessities of life, food shelter and clothing. (3) The rehabilitation of families with insufficient resources.

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**Howard Dunbar Named Disaster Chairman**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-April 9, 1942 Edition**

**LANGELOTH GIVES  
\$274.30 FOR RED  
CROSS RELIEF DRIVE**

Langeloth citizens this past week contributed \$274.30 to the War Relief Fund of the American Red Cross. The drive was conducted by a number of women under the chairmanship of Mrs. J. H. McIntyre, and a house to house canvass of the town was made.

Those serving as solicitors were: Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Charles Kirsch, Mrs. R. E. Clark, Mrs. Ruth Treary, Mrs. Finney, Mrs. William Morris, Mrs. George Downer, Mrs. Morgan, Lola Montequin, Lola Cuervo, Mrs. Paris, Mrs. McCloskey, Mrs. Martin, Isabella Carmichael, Mrs. Manual Garcy, Mrs. Catherine Suica, Mrs. Harrel, Mrs. Lockhart, Mrs. Munez, Josephine Gonzalez, Mrs. Poole, Mrs. Beaumont, Mrs. William Durst.



## **FORMER LOCAL TEACHER AND WIFE ARE HELD BY JAPANESE IN MANILA**

Included among the names on the list, released this week by Francis B. Sayre, High Commissioner to the Philippines, of Americans interned by the Japanese in Manila is that of A. Francis Lusk, former Burgettstown school teacher, who has been in Manila since 1927.

Lusk is the brother of Max Lusk of Dunningville and a son of the late A. W. and Jane Kahl Lusk of Eighty Four. He attended California Normal School, and after his graduation, taught in the public schools here for four years. At that time, 1927, he was sent to the Philippines by the government to teach in public schools of Manila, and has remained there ever since, coming home only once—five years ago, via Atlantic Clipper.

Lusk gave up his teaching duties three years ago to go into business for himself and had operated a sporting goods store in Manila. He has been

married for five years and has a three year old daughter, Sarah Ann. His wife is the former Ethel Armstrong of New York, whom he met in the Philippines.

Near relatives have not heard from the Lusks since last June even though they wrote Mr. Lusk later on, telling him of the death of his father in August.

He and his family are among the 1500 persons, mostly Americans, now interned in Manila, whom the International Red Cross is seeking to aid by attempting to secure the appointment of a Swiss citizen to act as its representative.

In releasing the list, Commissioner Sayre said that it was difficult as well as dangerous to attempt to communicate with anyone in Manila, as anyone in occupied areas discovered to be contacting American authorities would be subject to heavy Japanese penalties.

**Francis Lusk, Former Teacher and Wife are Held by Japanese in Manila  
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 9, 1942 Edition**

## **APRIL TIRE QUOTA**

John Scott, local member of Tire Rationing Board No. 8 with offices in the Washington National Bank building announces the April quota of tires for this district as follows: 36 heavy tires, 35 heavy tubes, 14 light tires, 54 light tubes, 30 heavy and 80 light retreads. The Board has already received more applications for the April quota than it can grant.

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## PROMOTED



CARL DESANTIS

Carl DeSantis, son of Carmen DeSantis of Center avenue, has been promoted to Supply Sergeant. Carl is stationed with the Ninetieth Infantry T.N.G. Bu. at Camp Roberts, Cal.

**Carl DeSantis-Promoted to Supply Sergeant  
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 30, 1942 Edition**

**AT RANDOLPH FIELD**



**LYNN HILL**

Sergeant Lynn Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hill of Center avenue, is now located in the Personnell Department at the Administration Building at Randolph Field, Texas.

**Lynn Hill**

**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 7, 1942 Edition**

## MICHAEL VERNILLO TELLS OF CAMP LIFE

Corporal Michael Vernillo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dom Vernillo of 59 Bell avenue is one of the first Burgettstown boys inducted into active service. He has 13 month's active service to his credit, which he has spent chiefly in learning how to be a soldier. Vernillo graduated from Union high in 1937 and was formerly proprietor of a Beauty Salon in McDonald.

He is now stationed at the A. P. Hill Military Reservation at Fredericksburg, Va., and recently spent a week end with his parents.

He writes the Enterprise as follows:  
Dear Editor:

I have now served 13 months in the service of the United States Army.



CORPORAL MICHAEL VERNILLO

During that time I have gained much knowledge of army life. The first 14 weeks were used for basic training. After completing the basic training I was appointed a P.F.C. rating as an assistant battery clerk. Most of my time for the next eight months was spent doing office work. Three months, I spent at the Carolina maneuvers. I attended K.H.Q. firing tests that were held at Camp Edwards Mass.

Other places I have drilled are Indiantown Gap and A.P. Hill, Va. Our base camp was originally Fort George G. Meade, Md., but we are at present moving at all times. I have now been appointed Scout Corporal. The duties of a Scout Corporal are to assist the firing battery in putting the guns in position. My battery commander is Capt. John C. Vallor. I belong to Battery A. 227 F. A. Bn. which was originally the 176 F.A., a Pittsburgh division. We are now living in tents at A.P. Hill, Va. I like army life very much. The Burgettstown Enterprise is sent to me every week by my parents and I certainly enjoy reading about the town folks.

Corp. Michael T. Vernillo.

**Michael Vernillo Tells of Camp Life**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 21, 1942 Edition**

## REPORTED MISSING

5-28-42

Mrs. Thomas Geisey of Francis Mine has received a communication from the Office of Adjutant General



**SERGT. WARREN E. AGER**

of the War Department that her brother, Sergeant Warren E. Ager, is missing in action.

Sergeant Ager is known in Burgettstown and at one time worked at the Zinc plant. He made his home with the Geiseys. His last letter to his sister came from the Philippines in October. Ager has more than 15 years service in the Armed Forces. He served 4 years in the Marines and was in Shanghai, China, in 1934. He last served with in Infantry in the Signal Corps in the Philippines.

**Sergeant Warren E. Ager-Reported Missing  
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 28, 1942 Edition**

## PROMOTED

Dominick Cipranic, who is stationed at Foster Field has been promoted

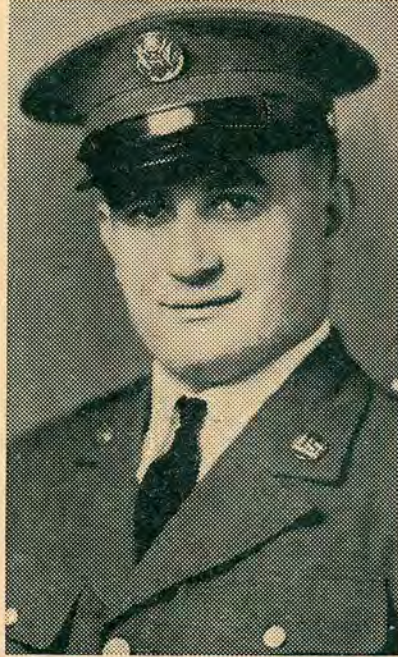


**SERGEANT DOMINICK CIPRANIC**  
to Sergeant. He is the son of Mr.  
and Mrs. Louis Cipranic of Francis  
Mine.

**Sergeant Dominick Cipranic-Promoted  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 4, 1942 Edition**

## MISSING IN ACTION

Eli Vladich of Fifth avenue, Slovan, has received a letter from the War Department stating that his son, Eli Vladich, 40, who enlisted in the Army in 1940, is missing in action.



Private Vladich was employed at the American Zinc Company before entering the service.

Dear Mr. Vladich:

According to War Department records, you have been designated as the emergency addressee of Private First Class Peter Vladich, who, according to the latest information available, was serving in the Philippine Islands at the time of the final surrender.

I deeply regret that it is impossible for me to give you more information than is contained in this letter. In the last days before the surrender of Bataan there were casualties which were not reported to the War Department. Conceivably the same is true of the surrender of Corregidor and possibly of other islands of the Philippines. The Japanese Government has indicated its intention of conforming to the terms of the Geneva Convention with respect to the interchange of information regarding prisoners of war. At some future date this Government will receive through Geneva a list of persons who have been taken prisoners of war. Until that time the War Department cannot give you positive information.

The War Department will consider the persons serving in the Philippine Islands as "missing in action" from the date of the surrender of Corregidor, May 7, 1942, until definite information to the contrary is received. It is to be hoped that the Japanese Government will communicate a list of prisoners of war at an early date. At that time you will be notified by this office in the event his name is contained in the list of prisoners of war. In the case of persons known to have been present in the Philippines and who are not reported to be prisoners of war by the Japanese Government, the War Department will continue to carry them as "missing in action," in the absence of information to the contrary, until twelve months have expired. At the expiration of twelve months and in the absence of other information the War Department is authorized to make a final determination.

Recent legislature makes provision to continue the pay and allowances of persons carried in a "missing" status for a period of not to exceed twelve months; to continue, for the duration of the war, the pay and allowances of persons known to have been captured by the enemy; to continue allotments made by missing personnel for a period of twelve months and allotments made by persons held by the enemy during the time they are so held; to make new allotments or increase allotments in force to certain dependents defined in Public Law 490, 77th Congress. The latter dependents generally include the legal wife, dependent children under twenty-one years of age and dependent mother, or such dependents as have been designated in official records. Eligible dependents who can establish a need for financial assistance should be advised to approach their local chapter of the American Red Cross who will assist them in obtaining any benefits to which they may be entitled. In the event dependents require financial assistance and are eligible to receive this assistance the amount allotted will be deducted from the pay which would otherwise accrue to the credit of the missing individual.

Major General J. Attlio

**Private Eli Vladich-Missing in Action**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 4, 1942 Edition**



Promoted To Sergeant



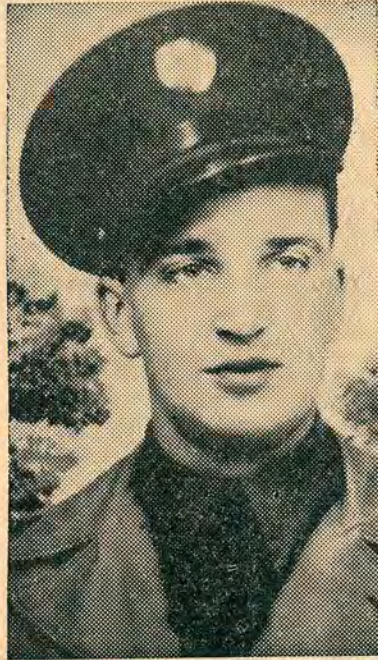
JAMES BYTHEWAY

James Bytheway, son of Edward Bytheway of 127 Raymond street, has recently been promoted to Sergeant. He is in Headquarters' Service at Fort Knox, Ky. Bytheway, who enlisted 11 months ago, attended Union high school and was employed at Francis Mine.

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**James Bytheway-Promoted to Sergeant  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 18, 1942 Edition**

## Radio Technician

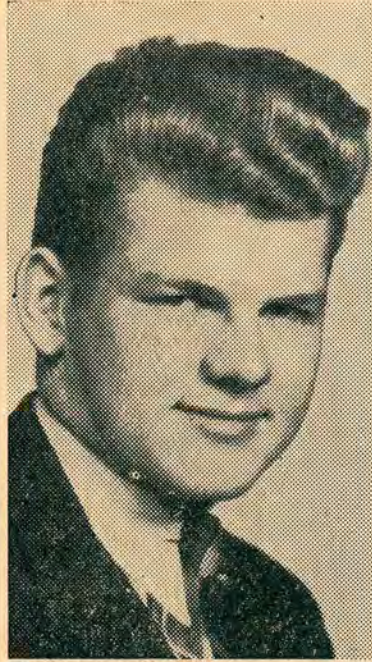


PRIVATE CLYDE T. HARRIS

Private Clyde T. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Harris of Lange-loth, graduated from the Technical School of the Air Corps at Scott Field Ill., last month. Harris enlisted in the Air corps December 8, 1941, and at Scott Field studied the mechanics of radio operation. He was home recently on a brief furlough and on his return was assigned to duty at Wil-mington, N. C. Clyde graduated from Union high school in 1937.

**Pvt. Clyde T. Harris-Radio Technician**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-July 2, 1942 Edition**

## In The Navy



ENSIGN HENRY HELLMERS

Henry Hellmers, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hellmers of Langeloth, who enlisted in the Navy Air Corps last month, has been commissioned an Ensign in the Photographic Interpretation Division. Henry enlisted in San Francisco, Cal. He had been studying for his Ph. D. degree at the University of California. He received his Master's Degree in Forestry at State College a couple of years ago and since then has been located in the west.

**Ensign Henry Hellmers-In the Navy  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 2, 1942 Edition**

## MISSING IN ACTION



**DONALD LECOUVRE**



**LEONARD LECOUVRE**

Mr. and Mrs. Marceau LeCouvre of Midway were notified by the War Department this week, that their two sons, Donald and Leonard, are reported as "missing in action." The brothers were serving together, as mechanics at Clark Field in the Philippines. Donald, 26, and Leonard, 21, both enlisted two years ago. Donald is a former student at Union high school and Leonard graduated from Midway high school in 1938.

The message was received in answer to a letter sent to the Department

by Mrs. LeCouvre asking for word about the two young men. The reply stated that since the fall of Bataan and Corregidor the men are considered "missing in action." The parents have asked the American Red Cross to endeavor to contact the two brothers in case they are held prisoners by the Japanese.

The last message from them was received April 24, written by Leonard, who said that "we have come through some tough spots but we'll be home." The father said last night he is "confident they will come through."

**Donald LeCouvre-Leonard LeCouvre  
Missing in Action  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 9, 1942 Edition**

## IN AIR CORPS



LEWIS MADER

Private Lewis Mader is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Mader of Slovan. Lewis, a former Zinc employee, is with the Weather Squadron of the Air corps at McClelland Field, Cal.

**Pvt. Lewis Mader-In Air Corps**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-July 9, 1942 Edition**

## IN THE NAVY



**PETER J. SECCO**

Peter J. Secco, Justice of the Peace in Smith township, enlisted in the Navy on July 6, and has been sent to Newport, R. I. for training. Secco who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Secco of Joffre, graduated from Union high school in 1939.

**Peter Secco-In the Navy**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-July 16, 1942 Edition**

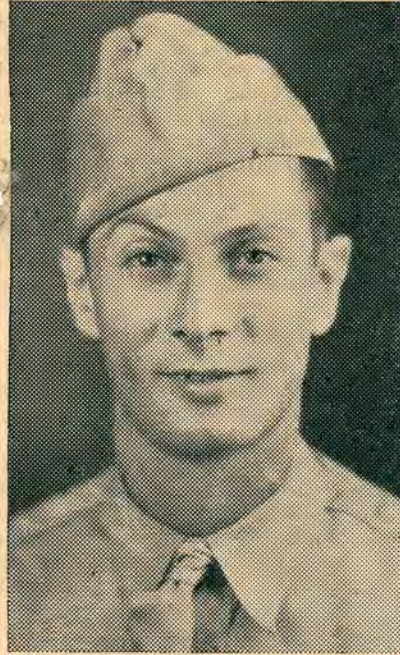
**With The Medical Corps**



**PRIVATE FRANK ANZLOVAR, JR.**

Private Frank Anzlov writes the Enterprise that he is eagerly anticipating a vacation here very soon. He is with the Medical corps at Camp Langdon, New Hampshire, and says, "Our outfit is ready for any kind of action to blitz the Japs and Germans."

AT DUNCAN FIELD



PRIVATE CARMEN J. SANSONE

Private Carmen J. Sansone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sansone, Sr., has been transferred to Duncan Field, San Antonio, Texas, after having completed six weeks of basic training at Keesler Field, Miss.

Private Sansone is at present in the Supply Squadron and attends Supply School every day for four hours. He writes that he is well and happy in the service of the United States.



## HE WILL TRY AGAIN



The above is an action photo of Burgettstown's latest "Mister and Missus" team, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bish of Shady avenue. They are currently playing an engagement out Main street way, where Ed. has been delivering mail for Uncle Sam for the past sixteen years. Prior to that he served in the Marines.

Last week Ed. tried to enlist again in the Marines and Mrs. Bish was all set to carry on "on the home front" while he went on duty on the war front. He didn't make it, because of age, and this week he's trying again—**IN THE COAST GUARDS.** If he's successful, Mrs. Bish will deliver mail on his route while he's away.

**Ed Bish-He Will Try Again**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 6, 1942 Edition**

He's A Staff Sergeant Now!



SERGT. HARRY J. LONGSTRETH

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Longstreth of 507 South Main street, have received the welcome news that their son Harry J., has been promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. Longstreth has been stationed at the Marine Base at San Diego, Cal., since December 14, 1941.

**Staff Sergeant Harry J. Longsteth**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 13, 1942 Edition**

## AVIATION CADET



John A. Balogh of Joffre has been sworn in as an Aviation Cadet of the United States Army Air Forces in Pittsburgh. He has been placed on the Enlisted Reserve list and will be called to active duty in the near future. Balogh will be placed in training for about eight months, after which he will become a flying officer and will receive his wings. He is a graduate of Union high school and was previously employed at the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company.

*8-20-42*

**John A. Balog-Aviation Cadet**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 20, 1942 Edition**

TRAINING WITH U. S. MARINES  
AT PARRIS ISLAND, S. C.

8-20-42

Headquarters for the United States Marine Corps Recruiting in the Pittsburgh area has announced that Dennis Harshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Harshall of Burgettstown, has been



accepted for service with the fighting "Leathernecks" and has been assigned to Parris Island, S. C., for basic military training. He was sworn into service by Major A. E. Simon, Officer in Charge of the Pittsburgh Headquarters, recently.

**Dennis Harshall-Training with U.S. Marines at Parris Island, S.C.  
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 20, 1942 Edition**

**AT FORT BRAGG**



Private Howard Buxton, who is now stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., was a recent visitor in Burgettstown. He spent a three-day furlough here visiting with school friends, and with his sister, Mrs. Mike Suica of Bell avenue. 8-27-42

**Private Howard Buxton-At Fort Bragg  
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 27, 1942 Edition**

## AIRPLANE MECHANIC



**ALBERT CAPOZZOLI**

Albert Capozzoli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Capozzoli of Slovan recently graduated as an air mechanic from Chanute Field, Ill., and is now stationed at the State Airport, Hillsboro, R. I. He was employed by the Gradison Auto Bus Company before he enlisted November 5, 1941.

**Albert Capozzoli-Airplane Mechanic  
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 27, 1942 Edition**

## LUKON EARNS "WINGS"



JOHN J. LUKON

CRAIG FIELD, Ala.,— John J. Lukon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lukon of Burgettstown, was a member of the largest-ever Aviation Cadet class to be graduated from the Advanced Flying School, Craig Field, Selma, Alabama. He was awarded his diploma and Army "wings" insignia by Colonel Julian B. Haddon, post commander, at a brief but impressive graduation ceremony held at the post Wednesday morning, August 5th.

Aviation Cadet Lukon specialized in pursuit training at Craig Field and included in his course of instruction were aerial and ground gunnery, tactical and combat formations and high altitude missions.

**John J. Lukon-Earns "Wings"**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 27, 1942 Edition**

**ENSIGN MICHAEL  
SASKA CRASHES  
TO HIS DEATH**

Mrs. Joseph Saska of Bertha was the recipient of a telegram from the war department on Tuesday evening to the effect that her son, Ensign Michael Raymond Saska "was killed on Sunday at 2 p.m., due to a crash. Every effort will be made to recover the body."

Ensign Saska's last visit to his home was two months ago, when he was called here by the death of his father. At that time he was stationed at Norfolk, Va., awaiting further orders. The young man, who was about 28 years of age, was a graduate of Union high school and after high school served a four-year enlistment in the United States Navy. He then attended Carnegie Tech and studied engineering. He was in his Junior year when he re-enlisted in the Navy in July, 1941. He had received his "wings."

Saska, well known in the Community is survived by his mother and the following brothers and sisters: Joseph of Canonsburg, Max and Harry, at home, Mrs. Hetta Metzler of Bertha, Ann of Pittsburgh and Mrs. Clara McCleary of San Diego, Cal.



## Tunno Is In India



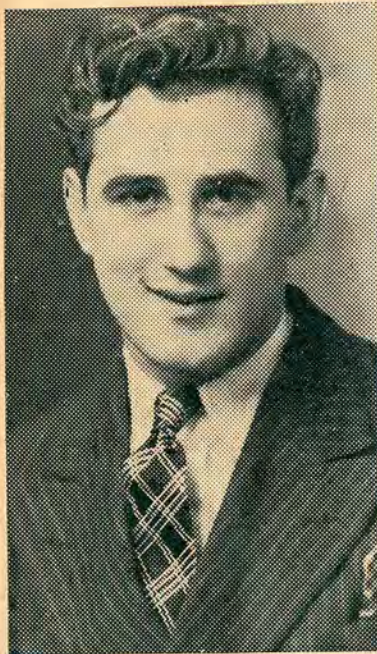
DAVID A. TUNNO

Staff Sergeant David A. Tunno writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tunno an interesting letter from far off India, where he is on duty with the United States Army. Dave enlisted in the air corps on May 1, 1940. He graduated from the Air Gunners School in Nevada and saw service as an instructor at Barksdale Field and Fort Myers, before leaving for foreign duty.

**Staff Sergeant David A. Tunno is in India**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-September 10, 1942 Edition**

#### DINNER FOR ENLISTED MAN

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bozic entertained with a dinner Sunday, August 30, in their home in Bulger for their son Nick, who enlisted in the marines and left Tuesday, September 1, for a training camp in South Carolina. The guest list included George Bozis, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Bozic and sons, Rich-



NICK BOZIC

ard and Paul of Raccoon, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bozic and sons of Midway, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slak and children and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mahalik and children of Bulger, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kreczowski and sons of Burgettstown and Joseph Bozic of Bulger. A farewell party was held Sunday evening, August 30, at Shady Lane, Bulger. Nick was presented with a wrist watch by his fellow workers of the Curtis-Wright plant, Beaver, and many other gifts.

**Nick Bozic-Dinner for Enlisted Man**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-September 11, 1942 Edition**

## She Joins Waacs



YVONNE HELAS

The first young woman from this district to answer the call to the colors is Miss Yvonne Helas of Bulger, who enlisted in the W.A.A.C. and will report for training at Des Moines, Ia., this week. Miss Helas was one of the first members of the Pennsylvania Girls Defense Corps, affiliated with the First Company of Washington. She has been a teacher in Smith township schools for the past five years and has been granted a leave of absence for the duration by the Smith township school board. Miss Helas hopes to be assigned to duty in the motor corps of the W.A.A.C. and is anxious for foreign service.

**Yvonne Helas-Joins WAACs**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise- September 17, 1942 Edition**

STATIONED IN HAWAII



JOHN LOVIN

Corporal John Lovin, brother of Louis, enlisted in the Army in 1940 and is now stationed in far off Hawaii.

**Corporal John Lovin-Stationed in Hawaii**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-September 17, 1942 Edition**

**KILLED IN ACTION**



**LOUIS LOVIN**

Private Louis Lovin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lovin of Francis Mine was reported killed in action last week. Circumstances and place of his death are unknown.

**Pvt. Louis Lovin-Killed in Action**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-September 17, 1942 Edition**

*Killed In Service*



Technical Sergeant John H. Melvin, 24, above, of Langeloth, was drowned Labor Day at Fort Bragg, N. C., when a tank in which he was serving crashed through a bridge and submerged in a stream.

**Technical Sergeant John H. Melvin-Killed in Service  
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 17, 1942 Edition**

**LETTER FROM KNOX  
SECRETARY OF NAVY  
MOURNS SASKA'S DEATH**

9-17-42

Mrs. Mary Vasiecek Saska of Bertha has received many letters of condolence from officials in the United States Navy and men from The Fighting Squadron Nine regretting the death of her son, Ensign Michael Raymond Saska who died in an airplane crash on Sunday, September 6.

One letter has come from Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, who says, "It was with deep regret that I learned of the death of your son. Your son made the supreme sacrifice in giving his life for his country and I desire to express to you my sincere sympathy in your great sorrow. I



ENSIGN "MIKE" SASKA

trust that you may find comfort in the thought that he died at his station of duty. The Navy shares in your sense of bereavement and will miss the services of a valued officer."

Another letter from Lieutenant Commander of the Squadron Nine, John Haby, says, "Mike's passing leaves a void that will be most difficult to fill and I feel that the country and the navy as well as his host of personal friends, among whom were all the boys of the squadron, have lost a real man. Mike and I had attended Holy Mass on board ship together the Sunday before his death from which one can take consolation in our good Lord at a time like this. Father O'Callahan said Mass today for Mike and held a short memorial service which was simple but sincere and attended by all his squadron mates and many of the ship's company.

We will miss Mike in many ways but please remember that he will be with us in spirit when we are in the air in a short time against our enemies. All hands will always remember him and I ask that you remember Fighting Nine in your prayers so that we will have the strength to do our duty when called upon in the near

**Letter from Knox Secretary of Navy Mourns Saska's Death  
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 17, 1942 Edition**

With The Coast Guards



WARREN LEE DIMIT

Warren Lee Dimit of Langeloth is now stationed at North Situate, Mass. with the United States Coast Guard. He was formerly employed at the American Zinc and Chemical Company.

**Warren Lee Dimit  
With the Coast Guard  
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 24, 1942 Edition**



## FIGHTING LEATHERNECKS



CHARLES L. FLETCHER



NICHOLAS BOZIC

Nicholas Bozic, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Bozic, and Charles L. Fletcher of 816 John street, Langeloth, have been accepted for service with the "Fighting Leathernecks" and are now

undergoing rigorous basic training at Parris Island, S. C. These boys enlisted at the Pittsburgh headquarters for the Marines, in the Old Post Office building, 4th avenue and Smithfield street.

**Fighting Leathernecks**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 1, 1942**

## FIGHTING LEATHERNECKS



CHARLES L. FLETCHER



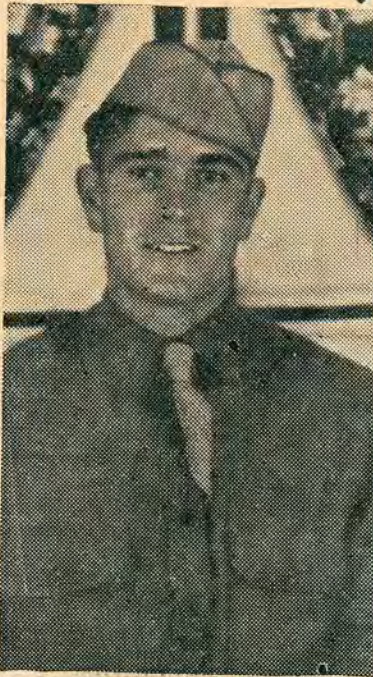
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**Fighting Leathernecks**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 1, 1942**

**GLIDER PILOT**



**DALLAS ADAMS**

Dallas Adams, who enlisted last June shortly after graduating from Union high school is stationed at Greenville, S. C., where he is a glider pilot at Furman University.

ENLISTS IN AIR CORPS

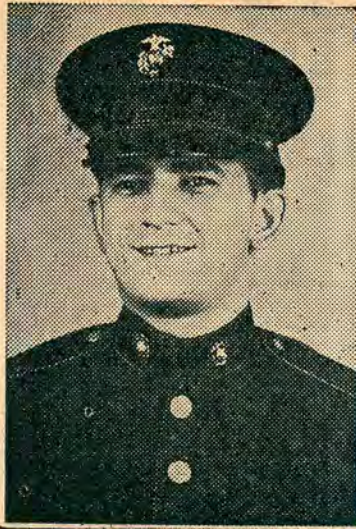


LEONARD BROSKY

Leonard Brosky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Broskey of the Brosky Restaurant, Main street, Burgettstown, has enlisted in the Reserve of the United States Army Air Forces as an Aviation Cadet. He is at present employed at the Langeloth Zinc Plant and graduated from Union high school.

**Leonard Brosky  
Enlists in Air Corps  
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 29, 1942 Edition**

TRAINING WITH U.S. MARINES  
AT PARRIS ISLAND, S. C.



JOSEPH W. KUCIC

Joseph W. Kucic of East Market street, has been accepted for service with the fighting Leathernecks and has been assigned to Parris Island, S. C., for basic military training. He was sworn into service by Major A. E. Simon, Officer in Charge of the Pittsburgh Headquarters recently.

**Joseph W. Kucic**  
**Training with U.S. Marines at Parris Island, S.C.**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 29, 1942 Edition**

**GABRIEL SHARKEY,  
WOUNDED IN SOLOMONS  
IS IN CALIF. HOSPITAL**



Gabriel Sharkey, son of Mrs. Mildred Goleski of Atlasburg, who was reported a casualty in the September lists, is a patient in the United States Naval hospital in San Diego, Cal., relatives learned this week. Sharkey was a Seaman First Class on the Destroyer Vincennes, which was sunk in the Solomons. He has been in the United States Navy for two years. He was wounded while in action in the Pacific, his family has learned.

Clarence E. Bland, known as "Skeets" who formerly worked at the Climax writes the home folks in Langeloth this week that he has been promoted to Private, First Class and that army life is O.K. He is currently busy as First Cook at Fort Belvoir, Va.

**Gabriel Sharkey,  
Wounded in Solomons is in California Hospital  
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 29, 1942 Edition**

# SEAMAN MICHAEL KUCHER IS WAR CASUALTY NAVY DEPT. REPORTS

Mike Kucher, 20, is the third Francis Mine boy to pay the supreme sacrifice in this war. The sad news of Mike's death came to his father, Michael Kucher, Sr., of Francis Mine on Monday, November 16, Mike's twentieth birthday. Louis Louvin was the first Francis Mine boy to be listed as a casualty. Letters written by the Navage family of that neighborhood to their son Benny, have recently been returned marked, "deceased." Benny was reported missing in action several weeks ago.

Mr. Kucher received a telegram from Arlington, Va., from Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, chief of Navy Personnel. The telegram states, "The Navy Department deeply regrets to inform you that your son Michael Kucher, Jr.,

electrician's mate third class, U. S. Navy, was killed in action in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country. The department extends to you its sincerest sympathy in your great loss. To prevent possible aid to our enemies, please do not divulge the name of his ship or station. On account of existing conditions, recovery of remains impossible. If further details are received, you will be properly informed."

Mike was one of three Kucher brothers in the service of their country. He had served his country one year and eleven months.

Pete Kucher is located at Scott Field, Ill., and Paul Kucher is stationed in Seattle, Wash. Besides his father and brothers, the young sailor leaves to mourn him two sisters, Olga at home and Mary of Steubenville, O.



MIKE KUCHER



PETE KUCHER



PAUL KUCHER

Seaman Michael Kucher is War Casualty-Navy Dept. Reports  
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 19, 1942 Edition

## Deep In The Heart Of Texas



**JAMES DONATI**

Privates James Donati of Burgettstown and Harry L. McDonald of Eldersville, are buddies at Camp Wallace, Texas. They write the Enter-



**HARRY L. McDONALD**

prise that they like army life fine and are aware of the big job that is to be done. They are members of Battery B. 30th Coast Artillery Training Battalion.

**Pvt. James Donati -Pvt. Harry L. McDonald**  
**Deep in the Heart of Texas**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-November 26, 1942 Edition**



## Slovan Boys Serve Uncle Sam



CORPORAL STANLEY MATULA



PRIVATE JOHN MATULA

Mrs. Matula of Slovan is the proud mother of two sons who are serving their country. Corporal Stanley Matula is now on Desert Maneovers with

the Fiftieth Armored Infantry in California. His brother, Private John Matula, is stationed with the Infantry at Fort Jackson, S. C.

**Corporal Stanley Matula and Private John Matula  
Slovan Boys Serve Uncle Sam  
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 26, 1942 Edition**

## Burgess Hindman Extends Greetings

Hello Boys:

Greetings to all of you, including my sons, Audley and Lloyd. I must confess that when I was asked by the editors of the Enterprise to write a



letter for the Legion's special edition, that I regarded it as a heavy assignment. It is the first time in my life that I have undertaken to write to 700 individuals at one time. It is a most laudable gesture of the American Legion to remember you in this way. Certainly, this should warm your hearts with encouragement to know that this great organization is back of you as well as your home folks. You have your crosses to bear but you can never engage in a more honorable and laudable undertaking. In a sense it is a privilege (we hope it will never come again).

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Burgess of Burgettstown

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**A.O. Hindman, M.D.**  
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**FIANCEE OF LOCAL  
MAN JOINS W A A C'S**



**JOAN LLOYD**

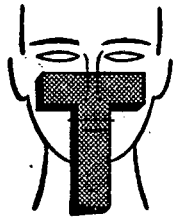
Miss Joan Lloyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest J. Lloyd of Washington, Pa., and fiancée of Lieutenant Bernard P. Repole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Repole of Burgettstown, has enlisted in the Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps. Miss Lloyd will train at Des Moines, Ia. Lieutenant Repole is stationed with the Signal Corps at Camp Murphy, Fla.

Miss Lloyd's engagement to Lieutenant Repole was announced last December. She is a graduate of the Immaculate Conception high school of Washington and is the daughter of a World War Veteran. Her father served with the Durham Light Infantry in World War I and received several citations for bravery, including the British Distinguished Service Cross with silver bar for a second citation, and the Marne Star.

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**Joan Lloyd-Fiancée of Local Man Joins WAAC's  
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**"T-ZONE"  
WHERE  
CIGARETTES  
ARE JUDGED**



The "T-ZONE"—Taste and Throat—is the proving ground for cigarettes. Only *your* taste and throat can decide which cigarette tastes best to you...and how it affects your throat. For your taste and throat are individual to you. Based on the experience of millions of smokers, we believe Camels will suit your "T-ZONE" to a "T." Prove it for yourself!

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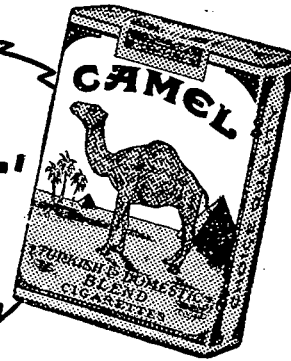
**FIRST IN THE SERVICE**

With men in the Army, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard, the favorite cigarette is Camel. (Based on actual sales records in Post Exchanges and Canteens.)

"Walkie Talkie"  
operates two-way  
portable radio—  
speeds front-line  
communications



**CAMELS  
FOR ME! THEY  
SUIT ME TO A 'T'  
ALL ALONG THE  
LINE**



**Local Advertisement**

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## Airplane Mechanic



PRIVATE DAVID V. RAMSEY

Private David V. Ramsey, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Ramsey of Burgettstown, R.D. 1, is attending school at Las Vegas, Nev., where he is studying to be an airplane mechanic.

**Pvt. David V. Ramsey-Airplane Mechanic  
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## AVIATION CADET



ALBERT J. DUGAS

Albert J. Dugas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dugas of Slovan, has enlisted as an Aviation Cadet at Pittsburgh. Albert, who was formerly employed at the American Zinc and Chemical Co., will receive eight month's training, after which he will be eligible to take an examination for a commission and to receive his "wings."

**Albert J. Dugas, Aviation Cadet**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-December 10, 1942 Edition**

**TRAINING WITH U. S.  
MARINES AT PARRIS IS.**



Headquarters for the United States Marine Corps Recruiting in the Pittsburgh area has announced that Edward Golonka of Box 247, Slovan, has been accepted for service with the fighting "Leathernecks" and has been assigned to Parris Island, S. C. for basic military training. He was sworn into service by Major A. E. Simon, Officer in Charge of the Pittsburgh Headquarters, recently.

**Edward Golonka-Training with U.S. Marines at Parris Is.  
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With The Coast Guards



JAMES E. GUNN

James E. Gunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Finis Gunn of Langeloth, is stationed with the Coast Guard at Ranger Creek Camp, Park Way, Wash. He graduated from Union high school in 1940 and formerly worked at the American Zinc and Chemical Company. He enlisted in September, 1942.

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**James E. Gunn, With the Coast Guard  
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### Promoted To Sergeant



JOHN J. PORCHIRAN

John J. Porchiran, son of Mrs. Caroline Porchiran of Slovan, has been promoted to Sergeant. John, who has been in the army for nine months is a mechanic. His address is 48th Armored Infantry, Regt. APO expects to spend a furlough at his 257, North, Camp Polk, La. He expects to spend a furlough at his home here soon.

**John J. Porchiran, Promoted to Sergeant  
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## Three Emler Brothers Of Bulger Serve U.S.A



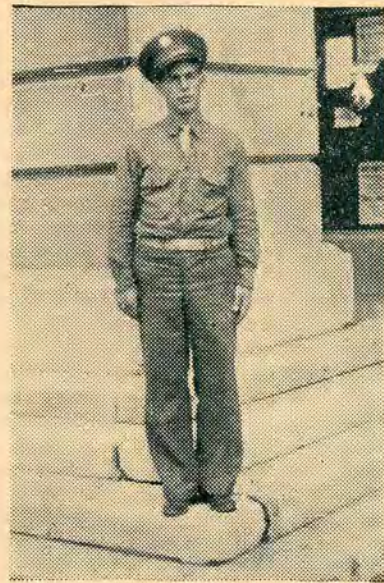
**THOMAS EMLER**

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Emler of Bulger are the proud parents of three sons who are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. Ray-



**RAYMOND EMLER**

mond enlisted and reported for duty in the United States Army on Monday, December 7, the anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Robert is stationed at Fort



**ROBERT EMLER**

Wayne, Ind., with the Air Corps and Corporal Thomas is stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C.

**Three Emler Brothers of Bulger Serve U.S.A.  
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**At Casco Bay, Maine**



**SEAMAN FRANK NEMETH**

Frank A. Nemeth, 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Nemeth of Stella street, enlisted in the Navy in September. He is now stationed at the United States Naval Recruiting Station at Casco Bay, Me.

**Seaman Frank Nemeth-At Casco Bay, Maine  
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**In Panama Canal Zone**

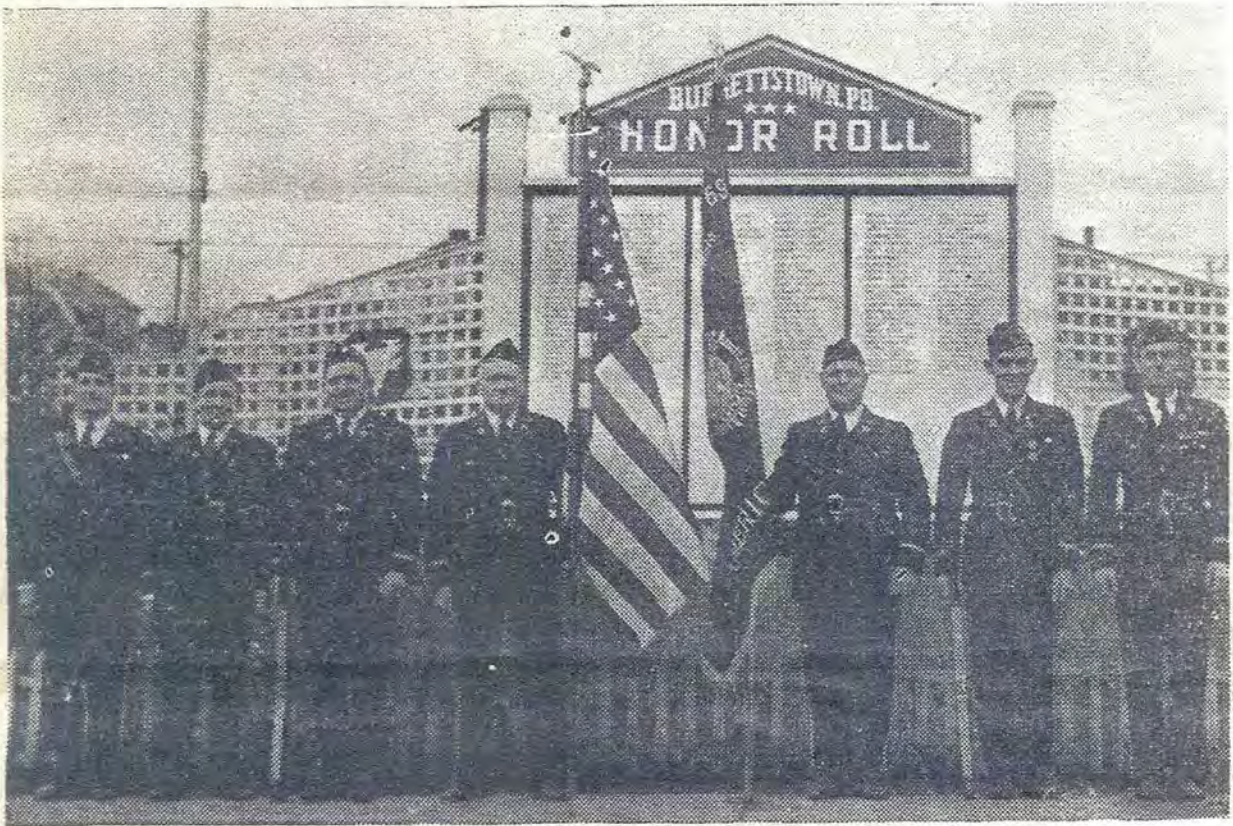


**CORPORAL EUGENE THORNBURG**

Corporal Eugene Thornburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Thornburg of South Main street, is on duty at Camp Paruso in the Panama Canal Zone. He enlisted in the Infantry, three years ago and prior to that was employed by the Jones and Laughlin steel plant at Aliquippa.

**Corporal Eugene Thornburg-In Panama Canal Zone  
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 17, 1942 Edition**

# Legion Post No. 698 Sends Holiday Greetings To Community's Men With U. S. Armed Forces



In the picture, L. to R.: Downer, C. Durst, Kirsch, H. Durst, Diamond, Cramer and Com. Miller. Commander Harry Miller and the Post Color Guard displayed the New Flags for the first time in the Armistice Day Parade at Charleroi, Penna.

**Legion Post No. 698 Sends Holiday Greetings  
to Community's Men with US Armed Forces (pg. 1)  
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This special holiday greeting edition of the Burgettstown Enterprise is being mailed to every man from this district who is in the service of the United States. A pre-Christmas edition has already been mailed to every man in the service who is engaged in foreign service.

The DECEMBER 24TH edition of the Burgettstown Enterprise goes to our men in the armed forces with the compliments of Burgettstown Post, No. 698, of the American Legion. Men of the Post, under the leadership of Commander Harry Miller have collaborated with the Enterprise in securing for this edition, Christmas and Holiday greetings from the entire Community. The ambition of the Legion to send a complete greeting card to every soldier, sailor and marine from this district, has been realized with this edition. It is a sincere token of the high regard of your Legion Post (back home) to the men in the front lines of battle.

While a Christmas newspaper for Burgettstown service men was the special Holiday project of the American Legion, many different groups have cooperated to make this newspaper a true measure of Community regard. The advertising of the participating merchants, business men, lodges, and clubs which made this issue possible was solicited by the Legion committee; the mail list, containing the names of 750 soldiers was secured by the grade school children; the mail list and wrappers were typed by high school commercial students as regular class work; a card index file of all service men and their correct addresses was compiled by members of the American Legion Auxiliary; editorial content for the issue and news stories was furnished by the Clergy and other interested citizens.

Of particular interest in this issue is a personal message from Pennsylvania's new war time Governor General Edward Martin, who is a Washington County soldier with an enviable military record. General Martin will assume command of the affairs of the Commonwealth in January 1943.

## GREETINGS

To the boys in the armed forces of the United States we send greetings of the season and, God willing, best wishes for a safe return, from the boys and girls, the teachers, principals and all other employees of the schools of Burgettstown and Smith Township and the Boards of Education.

As I write this we are observing American Education Week using as our theme "The Education of Free Men" with a full knowledge of what those in service are now doing to keep such a theme possible for the future.

We are trying to do our bit, know-



ing that you are giving your all and can only hope that the war stamps and bonds we are buying, the scrap we are collecting and the very small sacrifices we are making under rationing of food, gasoline, tires, etc. will help you to blast the enemies of freedom and decency into oblivion in a hurry.

Many of you are graduates of Union High School and most of you are former pupils of our schools and we want you to know that we are glad of this opportunity to tell you that we do remember you. Happy landings and a revoir. H. L. Tennyson, Sup. Prin

**Greetings from H.L. Tennyson**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-December 24, 1942 Edition**

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# Jottings

## HEADLINES FROM THE BURGETTSTOWN ENTERPRISE DURING THE YEAR 1942

**JANUARY**—John M. Scott is named chairman of the Tire Board; Organize Auxiliary for Red Cross; Smith Twp. forms Home Defense Group; Friday club collects books for soldiers; Bulger women form "Purl Harder" Knitting club.

**FEBRUARY**—Draft Board has "R" Day; B.V.F.D. Members Complete Red Cross Instructor's Course; First Blackout, Feb. 17; Women organize Legion Auxiliary; Ration Tire Recaps; Lincoln Club Drafts Gen. Martin as Candidate for Gov. of Penna.; Sons of Italy buy \$1925 War Bonds.

**MARCH**—Legion collects scrap metal; State engineers view proposed landing field at Harmon Creek.

**APRIL**—Register for sugar; Zinc employes raise Minute Man Flag; Pvt. Geo. Loraski, 1st war casualty; Name Victory Garden Chairmen; Climax Builds \$200,000—550 ft. smoke stack.

**MAY**—Steve Krznovcke Cited at Pearl Harbor; 3rd "R" Day Held; Sheriff Williams Heads USO Campaign for \$63,000 in Co.; Warren Ager reported missing.

**JUNE**—Eli Valdich Reported Miss-

ing; Lt. Ed. Hughey broadcasts from London; John Boris Wounded in Java Sea; Women Score Perfect in Blackout Test Driving; Air Raid Officers get Badges; Tag Day for Russian Relief.

**JULY**—Call Volunteers to Man Air Observation Posts; Slovan V.F.D. Dedicates Service Flag; Donald and Leonard LeCouvre Missing in Action in Philippines; Blackout Driver Fined \$25; Service Flag Raised at Atlasburg.

**AUGUST**—Junior Women collect funds for Burgettstown Honor Roll; Raccoon Dedicates Service Flag; Zinc Plant Builds \$450,000 Waelz Reclaiming Plant; Bulger Raises Service Flag.

**SEPTEMBER**—Catholic School opens; Scrap and Junk Rally nets 229,000 pounds; Louis Louvin Killed in Action; Ens. Mike Saska Crashes to Death; Sergt. John Melvin Drowns at Ft. Bragg; Burgettstown Dedicates Honor Roll; Marino Resigns and Prado Elected Pres. of Smeltersmen.

**OCTOBER**—Climax wins Army-Navy E Award; Keith Theatre Sells \$50,000 war bonds in 1 week; Zinc Plant Modernizes Acid Dept.; Ration Rubber Boots; Frank Spatharos receives letter from Gen. MacArthur; Merchants sell bonds; Benny Navage is reported Missing; Gabriel Sharkey wounded in Solomons; Bert Russell Succeeds J. C. Wolfe on Draft Board.

**NOVEMBER**—Gen. Martin Elected

Governor; Ration Gasoline; Schools collect 502 tons scrap metal; Burgettstown Organizes Service Club.—mlv.

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Dear Editor:

Here is a little poem that was composed during the last blackout . . . it looks good to us and we thought that perhaps you would enjoy it too.

"Be still and know that I am God"  
The silence said to me,  
This busy world had run so fast,  
It had no time for Thee.  
The silence brought Thy glory out,  
The stars, the moon, the trees;  
The night lark as she flew on high  
In wafted summer breeze.  
The fireflies their light they threw  
Like fairy flashlights, gay;  
Showing us God all nature rules,  
And no man's law obeys.  
"Be still and know that I am God",  
We bow in reverence, Lord;  
The young, the careless, old and sick  
Thy mercy doth employ.  
We thank Thee for this "blackout"  
hour  
Where silence reigns supreme,  
And where Thy power reaches out  
Touching hearts, unseen.  
We thank Thee for this "blackout"  
hour  
Where we commune with Thee,  
The hour that man had made for  
power  
But brought us back to Thee.  
—by F.W.

# Pennsylvania's New War-Time Governor Elect Sends Personal Message To Our FIGHTING MEN



**General Edward Martin**

To the Men of the Burgettstown Community,  
Who are Serving in Our Armed Forces:

It is a great honor for me to have the opportunity of greeting the men of the service through the "Burgettstown Enterprise."

All true Americans appreciate what you are doing. Never in the history of America does the uniform mean as much as now. Everything we have and hope to have depends upon our armed forces. Our form of government and our American way of life are at stake. America was unprepared for this crisis, and our sacrifices as a result will be great.

We want our men and women, wherever located, to know that the home front appreciates the sacrifices you are making.

*Edward Martin*

Major General, U. S. I. G.

**BERNARD REPOLE  
IS PROMOTED TO  
FIRST LIEUTENANT**



Mr. and Mrs. Ben Repole of Main street have learned that their son, Bernard Repole, has been promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant of the Signal Corps. His promotion came through on December 2. He is stationed in Florida.

**First Lieutenant Bernard Repole  
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 24, 1942 Edition**

## Delbert Clair Is Member of Noted 19th Bomb Squad

One year's continuous service as an aerial engineer and gunner on heavy land based bombers in the Southwest Pacific with the Famous Nineteenth Heavy Bombardment Group, is the record of Corporal Delbert Clair, first Burgettstown boy to land in Australia and first to return to Burgettstown. Delbert spent last week in Burgettstown visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clair of Florence avenue. He told a story of glowing adventure and combat to an Enterprise reporter. He has taken part in every major battle in the Southwest Pacific since the Pearl Harbor incident.

The Nineteenth Bombardment Group is the first to receive the "Guidon Band", shoulder braid decoration from President Roosevelt. In the last World War, only the second division received this coveted award.

Delbert enlisted 16 months before war was declared. He left Burgett-



town September 9, 1940, and was trained as an airplane mechanic at Chanute Field, Ill. From there he went to Spokane, Washington, as an airplane mechanic with the Second Bomber Command. November 5, 1941 he was shipped to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he joined the eleventh bomb squadron of the Seventh Bomber Group. He sailed from San Francisco on November 21 and was seven days past Hawaii on December 7, 1941, when his convoy was falsely reported sunk by the Japanese.

After the Java evacuation, Delbert joined the Twenty-Eighth Bombing Squadron of the Nineteenth Bombardment Group and as a member of this group is receiving a share of plaudits, which this group has earned for its participation in the Global conflict. Delbert was serving on the bomber that sank the first Japanese Destroyer "on the run" in the Pacific. He was on the first plane to cross Buna in October, 1942, when Buna airdrome was wiped out by our fighter planes and when one day's fighting resulted in the destruction of 3 anti-aircraft nests, one bomber and the runway to that airfield.

Colin Kelly was the first hero of the Nineteenth Group which for a time fought the war against Japan alone. The Nineteenth has already received 3 citations from the Secretary of War, and it is reported there are more to come.

During the past year, this outfit has been so badly battered at times in the Philippines, Java or in Australia that not a plane was able to rise off the ground. Airmen give this outfit credit that through its experience, today's aerial victories are possible.

This group is largely given credit for breaking up the attempted Japanese invasions of Australia and was cited by Prime Minister Curtin. It is reported that during the past year, 2 out of every 3 men in the 19th have been killed, captured or wounded.

Delbert's new assignment will ground him temporarily in Pocatello, Idaho, where he expects to be used in training raw recruits and in forming new combat squadrons. He will use the experience gained during the past year in teaching new fighters to carry on.

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**Delbert Clair is Member of Noted 19th Bomb Squad  
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## MINES COPPER



Frank Fuller, son of Mrs. Mary Fuller of Cherry Valley, who worked at Westland Mine for 10 years prior to entering the service of the United States Army, September 10, 1942, has accepted a discharge from the Army to accept a position at the Inspiration Consolidated Copper Company in Globe, Arizona, for the duration.

Private Fuller said he was pleased to have the opportunity to do his part to mine copper to aid the war effort. "When I was informed that my service would be valuable in the mines, I showed no hesitancy in making the change," Private Fuller said.

Fuller likes his new home and has made many friends there. He writes home folks optimistically of the friendliness of his neighbors, climatic conditions and the beautiful scenery.

12-31-42

**AIDS WAR EFFORT**

12-31-42



**MARION RUTH SCOTT**

Marion Ruth Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Scott of Market street goes to work on Friday as an assistant inspector in the Chemical Warfare Department of the Government and will be located in Pittsburgh. She received her B. S. degree from Carnegie Tech last week.

**Marion Ruth Scott-Aids War Effort  
Burgettstown Enterprise- December 31, 1942 Edition**

Buckingham Palace, 10 Downing Street, and Westminster Abbey are just a few of the famous landmarks visited recently by S/Sgt. Jack Luttrell who is now stationed somewhere in Southern England with the army anti-aircraft. During his London visit Jack was impressed by the perseverance of the English people and particularly by the cordial reception he was given by a London gentleman, who entertained the 'GI' at tea in his club. This same Englishman had visited the United States and knew Pittsburgh, so the afternoon was a huge success.

S/Sgt. Luttrell entered service in August 1943 and received his basic training at Camp Edwards, Mass. He has been stationed overseas since October 1. Luttrell is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, and University of Pittsburgh Law school. His wife now resides in McKeesport with her mother. He is a son of Mrs. Edna Luttrell of Center avenue.

**S/Sgt. Jack Luttrell**  
**Unknown Date and Newspaper**

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Regimental Yeoman      Dorothy GUNDERSON      615-16th Ave.  
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Battalion Commander      BENJAMIN FRIEDMAN      12617 Broadstreet E.  
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Company Commander      Douglas M. Foley      Waverly, West Virginia  
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BLEVINS, Paul James      R #2      Ashland, Ky.

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DAVIES, William Wayne      402 W. 4th Street      Oil City, Pa.

DEMO, John Joseph      Pox 101      Joffre, Pa.

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DILLING, Frank Paul      514 Covert Ave.,      Oil City, Pa.

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FORDOLIS, James      Box 62      Atlasburg, Pa.

FOOR, Basil Butrick      RFD #1      Onsted, Michigan

GALLAHAN, George      340 Eggleston Ave.      Elmhurst, Illinois

GERGOSKY, Mike Joseph, Jr.      153 Chestnut Street      Muse, Pa.

GILL, Boyd Jay      Route 1      McVeytown, Pa.

GOODIN, Stanley William      312 S. Dorcas St.      Lewistown, Pa.

GOTHEBERG, Raymond Emanuel      6338 N. Mozart St.      Chicago, Ill.

GWYNNE, Robert Paul      235 S. McKinley Ave.      Alliance, Ohio

HACKENBURG, Edward Harrison      R. 1.      Milroy, Pa.

HARAN, James Gerard      McLean Street      Bedford Hills, N.Y.

HARTSOCK, William Earl      Route 3      Lewistown, Pa.

HENRY, Paul Albert      R.D.      Reedsville, Pa.

HODGLES, Dayton Hughes      2925 W. Kentucky St.      Louisville, Ky.

HODGLES, Marion Bird      R #3      Paducah, Ky.

HUFFNAGLE, Charles Richard      Rd #3      Lewistown, Pa.

JONES, Charles William      Box 164      Jamestown, Ohio

JONES, Wesley Judson      R.R.#2      Blanchard, Mich.

JURCIC, John      Box 148      Muse, Pa.



KILLAS, Andrew	4924 W. Belmont Ave.	Chicago, Illinois
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KASE, Donald Joseph	818 1st Street	Oil City, Pa.
LEMMI, Aldo Joseph	64 Main Street	Burgettstown, Pa.
LINCH, William Thomas	24 Plum Street	Oil City, Pa.
LONSKI, Henry Chester	Box 95	Atlasburg, Pa.
MANBECK, Marlin Edward	110 1st Ave.	Lewistown, Pa.
MAY, Roswell Suskind	5133 University Ave.	Chicago, Illinois
MC CARTNEY, John Alfred	Box 195	Reedsville, Pa.
MC CULLOUGH, Earl		Wolfdale, Pa.
MC ELWAIN, Joseph Grant	140 Shaw Avenue	Lewistown, Pa.
MC KENZIE, Billy Joe		Raceland, Ky.
MEADE, William Thurbon	6 Glenwood St.	Warren, Pa.
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PILEWSKI, Joseph John	6 Crawford Street	Oil City, Pa.
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RICHARDS, Robert K.	327 N. 5th St.	Saginaw, Michigan
RIGGLE, John Carl	Route 1,	Washington, Pa.
ROSENBERG, William George	2920 N. Melvina Ave.	Chicago, Illinois
ROSS, Francis Raymond	5127 S. Avers Ave.	Chicago, Illinois
SHADBURNE, Charles W.	1537 Longfield Ave.	Louisville, Ky.
SIEBERT, Randall L.	3749 E. 103rd St.	Chicago, Illinois
SLOVAK, John	Box 4, R.F.D. 5	McDonald, Pa.
STARR, William E.	Route 1,	Bulger, Pa.
STEBELKA, George	35 Griffith Ave.	Washington, Pa.
STEPHENS, James H.	Route 2	Burgettstown, Pa.
STRELLEC, Thomas E.	237 W. 8th Ave.	Tarentum, Pa.
THOMAS, Kermit		Pigeon, Ky.
TOMER, Clark A.	1023 Beecher St.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
TOMER, Henry A. III	208 Lincoln Ave.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
TUNE, Robert M.	224 Olive Place	Woodbridge, N. J.
TRACY, Raymond G.	227 1/2 Ave. E.	Langeloth, Pa.
VIER, Edward John	207 1/2 Keystone St.	Chicago, Illinois
WAGNER, Earl L.	207 1/2 4th St.	Chicago, Illinois
WALLENIA, Joseph	207 1/2 4th St.	Oil City, Pa.
WARREN, Alvin Lynn		Sumner, Illinois
WIGGERSWORTH, Kenneth H.	102 1/2 1st Ave.	Elsmer, Ky.
WISNIEWSKI, Henry A.	30 1/2 9th Ave.	Cicero, Illinois
ZANOLLI, Lawrence J.	90 1/2 1st Ave.	Washington, Pa.

This muster of your ship of your old company 738-43  
 is being turned over to you with the compliments  
 of your regimental command. In years to come, if you keep this  
 muster sheet, it will prove of great interest to you. Happy  
 landings and good luck.

RANDOLPH OWSLEY  
 Lieutenant, USNR  
 Commander,  
 Thirty-First Regiment

**PRIVATE COOK** 43  
**HAS 21st BIRTHDAY**



Private William C. Cook, who is stationed at Atlantic City, N. J., spent a recent furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cook of Florence avenue. Bill was guest of honor at a party of relatives and friends, during his visit here. They gathered to help him celebrate his twenty-first birthday. He enlisted August, 1942, and is studying to an airplane mechanic.

**Private Cook Has 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday**  
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**HE'S A CORPORAL NOW**



Carl Filipponi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Filipponi of Slovan, has been promoted to a Corporal. He is with the air corps at Dale Mabry Field, Fla. Carl was formerly employed by D. Petrucci and Son before entering the service. He graduated from Union high school in 1937.

**Carl Filipponi-He's a Corporal Now  
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## MEET IN HAWAII



Two Slovan boys, Sergeant Edwin Longevitch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Longevitch and Walter H. Mader, F. 3/c. United States Navy see each other quite often, since they are both stationed in Hawaii. Walter writes home that he surely enjoys the famous climate and all year round bathing.

Longevitch has been stationed in Hawaii since Pearl Harbor. He enlisted in the army in 1938. Mader is a former U. H. S. athlete, having starred both in Football and Basketball in 1939 and '40. He was employed at the Zinc plant until August 26, 1942, when he enlisted in the Navy. He received training at the Great Lakes Naval Training School and at Treasure Island, Cal. He is now stationed in the Navy yard at Pearl Harbor, T. H.

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## HOME ON FURLOUGH



Sergeant and Mrs. Joseph Patsolic are visiting home folks in Francis Mine this week. Mrs. Patsolic is the former Julia Roman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Roman of Bertha and Joseph is visiting his father in Francis Mine. He is located with the quartermasters corps at Newport, Arkansas, recently transferred there from Albany, Ga.

**Sergeant and Mrs. Joseph Patsolic**  
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Anne Miletich  
Of Slovan Joins WAAC's



Anne F. Miletich, daughter of Kazimer Miletich of Slovan has enlisted in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and will begin her basic training soon at Daytona Beach, Fla. Anne was formerly employed as a power machine operator with the Reedbord Brothers, manufacturers of trousers in Pittsburgh.

**Anne Miletich of Slovan joins WAAC's**  
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**AT SAN BERNARDINE**



Raymond Patton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Patton of Frankfort Springs, is stationed with the air corps at San Bernardino, Cal. He is studying to be an airplane mechanic.

## BUDDIES



John Tizik of Bulger and Tony Skafar of Langeloth have been buddies together in the service of Uncle Sam's army ever since they were drafted January 31, 1942. They recently landed in North Africa. Prior to leaving for overseas service the young men received basic training at Fort Benning, Camp Wheeler and Camp Blanding.

**Buddies- John Tizik and Tony Skafar**  
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## **DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS IS GIVEN D. TUNNO**

Staff Sergeant David Tunno, aerial gunner in the Middle East Theater of War, this week was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal in recognition of "extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight, and for having participated in 200 hours of operational flights against the enemy in the Middle East Theater."

David's career as a soldier has been fruitful of four medals to date. He enlisted in May, 1941, and arrived overseas in May 1942. Things began to happen to him in a big way after that. In August, 1942, he was awarded the Soldier Medal for helping rescue soldiers from a burning bomber. In September, 1942, he received the Silver Star for his help in saving a convoy enroute to Malta. This year seems to have begun in an auspicious manner for him, with the presentation of two more medals, including the coveted Distinguished Flying Cross.

Dave, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tunno of Bell avenue, graduated from Union high school in 1940 and worked at the American Zinc and Chemical Company until his enlistment in the armed forces of the United States.

**Distinguished Flying Cross is Given D. Tunno**  
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### In Quartermaster's Dept.



Joseph A. Balogh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Balogh of Raccoon, has been promoted to Staff Sergeant at Savage Minn., where he is acting as First Sergeant of the Quartermaster Detachment. Joseph went to Raccoon school under Principal William Proudfit and attended Union high school for three years. He was inducted into the army in June, 1941, and received basic training at Fort Hayes, Columbus, O., Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyo., and Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Joseph has two other brothers in the service and a third, Charles, expects to be called soon. His brother Andrew, who has been in service for seven years is a Staff Sergeant at Pendleton Field, Pendleton, Ore. Another brother, John, enlisted recently in the army as a flying cadet. The Baloghs have been residents of Raccoon for 22 years.

**Staff Sergeant Joseph A. Balog**  
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### Likes Army Life



Private Benjamin H. Garren is the son of Mrs. Iva J. Garren of Frankfort Springs and before he was inducted for army service in September 1942 was employed as an operator for the Frankfort Mutual Telephone Company. He is now stationed at Camp Roberts, Cal. Ben writes that he likes camp life fine, especially the good food the Army passed out Christmas and New Year's Days. He says he does not intend to return home until Hitler's body is rendered into soap fat and purified ready to make Sweetheart Soap. He says he attended the Chapel Services on Christmas day, when the Chaplain preached on "Peace on Earth."

**Private Benjamin H. Garren**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise - January 28, 1943 Edition**

Attends Radio School



Louis R. Taucher, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Taucher of Stella street is attending a radio school in Madison, Wis., where he was recently transferred from St. Petersburg, Fla. He graduated from Union high school in 1938 and until he enlisted in the air corps in September 15, 1942 was employed by Harmon Creek Coal Co.

**Louis R. Taucher-Attends Radio School  
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# Cecil Mester Wins Wings



"Official U. S. Navy Photograph"

U. S. Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla., (Special to the Burgettstown Enterprise)—It was a mutually proud pair of brothers who met in the commandant's office at the Naval Air Station last week when Navy Ace, Lieutenant Charles H. Mester, Jr., of Langeloth, awarded his brother Cecil the Navy "wings of gold" before Captain J. D. Price.

Cecil is exceptionally proud of his "big brother" who is recently back from serving brilliantly with a patrol squadron on the aircraft carrier WASP. After all, brother Charles was shot down by a superior force of Japanese Zeros in air action over the Solomons . . . but not until he had accounted for two of the enemy craft himself, and aided in downing a third plane.

The action took place last fall as Mester's and another Navy patrol plane were searching for enemy surface craft when they were jumped by five Jap Zeros. Mester got on the trail of one of the Zeros, gave him a burst of machine gun fire and saw him dive into the sea but in the ensuing battle, Mester himself was shot down, landing in the sea a short distance from a small island.

His plane was sinking fast and having no time to launch a life raft, he swam for it. Reaching the island, he was met by friendly natives who transported him to the southern tip of the island where, a few days later, he was picked up by a Navy boat and rejoined his squadron.

That is why Ensign Mester got a special thrill out of receiving his Navy wings . . . he hopes one day soon to emulate his brother's gallant conduct.

But with all Lieut. Charles Mester has been through, he rates pinning the wings of a Naval aviator on his "kid" brother as one of his proudest moments.

Lieut. Mester is 25 and his "kid" brother, 22. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Mester, Sr. of Langeloth, and are both graduates of Union High School. Charles is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, class of '38 and Cecil is a graduate of Wentworth Military Academy. They underwent primary flight training in Philadelphia, although two years apart, Lt. Mester winning his wings in Pensacola in 1940 and Ensign Mester just earned his at Jacksonville.

## Cecil Mester Wins Wings

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## District Soldiers At Fort Lewis



Burgettstown Community boys who left here in January are now located with a Tank Destroyer Battalion in Fort Lewis, Wash.

Front row—Joseph Skinner, Bulger; Bert Rorer, Bulger; Max Sinimonetti, Avella and Robert Yolton, Burgettstown.

Back row—Patsy Nourigat, Midway; William P. Visnick, Slovan; and Albano Lemmi, Buregttstown.

**District Soldiers at Fort Lewis**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-February 11, 1943 Edition**

## IN OREGON CAMP



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Pvt. Caesar J. Grossi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Grossi of Slovan, is now stationed at Camp White, Oregon in the Medical Corps, where he performs stenographic duties. He plays the piano in the Camp orchestra and choir. Pvt. Grossi came to the United States from Rome, Italy, in 1938, where he attended the University of Rome. Before entering the Army in October, last year, he was employed at the Climax Molybdenum Company.

**Private Caesar J. Gossi**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-February 18, 1943 Edition**

ON DUTY AT SEA



Albert Hook, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Hook of Burgettstown E. D. 1 is currently engaged on sea duty. He enlisted in the Navy in September 1942 and received training at Naval Base in Philadelphia and in Virginia. He was home for Christmas on a furlough.

**Albert Hook**

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AT MITCHELL, S. D.



Sergeant John F. Harshall is located with the Air Corps in Mitchell, S. D. He graduated from Union high school in 1937 and was formerly employed at Francis Mine.

**Sergeant John F. Marshall**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-February 18, 1943 Edition**

**Brothers Serve In U S. A.**



Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Morgan of Dinsmore avenue are the proud parents of two sons who are serving in the United States Army. Private Robert H. Morgan spent last week end at home, having been recently transferred from the Lincoln Air Base, Lincoln, Neb., to the Curtiss Air Field, Cuyaya Road, Buffalo, N. Y. His brother, Private Eugene Morgan is stationed with a Quartermaster's Detachment at Greenville, Pa.

The boys, left to right are

**Brothers Serve in U.S. A.**  
**Pvt. Robert H. Morgan and Pvt. Eugene Morgan**  
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**First Lieutenant**



Second Lieutenant Ray E. Phillips of Joffre, who is now stationed at Santa Ana Army Air Base, Cal. was commissioned a First Lieutenant on January 15. Lieutenant Phillips is the son of Postmaster and Mrs. W. G. Phillips of Joffre.

**Second Lieutenant Ray E. Phillips**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-February 18, 1943 Edition**

Plays In Army Band



Pfc. Gene Sprando, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sprando of Slovan, who recently received a promotion, is stationed at Camp Polk, La., where he is a member of the 31st A. R. Band. Gene was a young maestro in civilian life, having organized and directed his own orchestra for several years before entering the Army.

**FLORENCE BOY  
KILLED IN ACTION**



Private Don Fulton, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Fulton of Florence was killed in action in the African campaign on February 20, the war department has notified his mother, Mrs. Jean Fulton of Canton, O.

He was 23 years of age on March 24, 1943 and was born on a farm between Florence and Burgettstown.

Fulton entered the service November 18, 1941 and was sent to Ireland in August, 1942, after training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Englewood, Cal. He was with the engineers. Donald was a graduate of Canton high school and was a former employee of the Timkin Roller Bearing Co., of Canton. He was well-known in Florence and Burgettstown.

**Pvt. Don Fulton-Killed in Action  
March 24, 1920-February 20, 1943**

## Frankfort Soldier



P. F. C. Warren C. Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Campbell of Frankfort Springs, is on duty with the United States Army at Camp Atterbury, Columbus, Indiana. He was inducted into the service on October 13, 1942.

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## AIR CADET



Air Cadet George L. Williamson, Jr. is receiving pre-flight training at Miami, Florida. "Bud", who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Williamson of Midway was formerly employed as a laboratory assistant at Climax. He graduated from Midway high school in 1942.

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"I was Lucky!"



Lucky because I just stopped one in the leg. But Smith and Weinberg and Farley . . . they're dead. Dead because we didn't have one more grenade to throw!"

That's an American soldier speaking. Speaking your language.

He's asking for more guns to fight with. More tanks, more planes, more grenades to crack down on the enemy with.

*Well, let's give them to him!*

- Let's loan 10% of our pay to the Government. Let's put it in War Bonds. Let's loan Uncle Sam the money to make *more* tools of war.

It's a loan because the money you put into War Bonds *now* comes back to you in ten years *with*

*a healthy bonus of good interest! For every \$3 you lay aside for War Bonds pays back \$4!*

So put at least 10%—not 6%, or 7%, or 8%, but 10% of your pay to work killing Japs and Nazis—and making money for you at the same time! Sign up in the Payroll Savings Plan *today!*

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#### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

*If you are . . .*

1. Already setting aside 10% of your pay in War Bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan—boost that 10% if you can.
2. Working in a plant where the Plan is installed, but haven't signed up yet—sign up tomorrow.
3. Working in a plant where the Payroll Savings Plan hasn't been installed, talk to your union head, foreman, or plant manager—and see if it can't be installed right away. The local bank will be glad to help.
4. Unable to get in on the Payroll Savings Plan for any reason, go to your local bank. They will be glad to help you start a Plan of your own.

This space is a contribution to America's War Program by:

Sansone Brothers Shoe Repair

P. & G. Super Market, Slovan

Louder's Grill and Restaurant

Robinson Bottling Company

Broida's Department Store

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Sacks Department Store

R. E. Fulton Hardware

Capitol Restaurant

Cook Hardware Co.

Frank's Jewelry

Scott's Service Co.

Yukevich Motor Sales

J. E. Stiffler

Allison Service Station

Thomassy's Men's Shop

Taucher's Tire Shop

Pompe's Restaurant

**I was Lucky-Advertisement**

**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 18, 1943 Edition**



Burgettstown Communities have shown their patriotism and their willingness to support an all out war effort by donating generously to the Red Cross War Fund Drive and being one of the first districts in the County to reach it's assigned quota of \$5000. The local district for the War Fund Drive included all of Smith and Hanover Townships.

Donations are still coming in and most towns report that there are still a few door bells to ring.

The check that put the drive over the ton was presented Mrs. J.H. McIntyre by Mr. C.M. Marino president of the Langeloth Smeltermen's Union. On Monday evening of this week, the Smeltermen's Union met and voted to contribute fifty cents for each man belonging to the union. This amounted to \$420.00 and enabled the local district to attain it's goal before the March 18 dead line.

With reports still due from the Langeloth Community, Francis Mine, Langeloth Mine Union as well as additional donations from the other communities, it can now be expected that the local district will exceed it's quota by nearly \$1000.

Citizens of the Community can feel justly proud of themselves for the manner in which they have supported the financial campaign designed to help the war effort. Such actions speak well of the community spirit.

All citizens who took an active part in this Red Cross War Fund Drive are to be complimented upon their initiative and splendid co-operation. Without this the drive could not have been successful. The latest reports from the various communities are;

Corporation Gifts	\$3050.00
Lgth. Smelberman's Union	420.00
Burgettstown Borough	862.00
Florence	220.25
Paris	113.00
Bulger	138.10
Raccoon	122.00
Cherry Valley	13.10
Atlasburg	20.00
Langeloth	5.00
Slovan	140.00
Harmon Creek	50.00
Erie Mine	35.00
Rural	27.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Total	5315.45

Additional workers for Burgettstown have been appointed as follows: Mrs. Clarence Morrow, Mrs. J. G. Scott and Mrs. George Grabski.

Slovan: Mary Dugas, Gina Filipponi, Maë Mungello, Matilda Novak, Helen Mellovick, Juliette Medved, Amelia Sciamanna, and Anita Sciamanna.

Florence: Grace Cassidy, Mrs. Norman Tucker, and Mrs. Jay Denny.

Paris: Stella McCracken, Carrie Stephenson, Myrle Virtue and Mary Hanlin.

Langeloth: Mrs. J. H. McIntyre, Mrs. Charles L. Kirsch, Mrs. Donald Downer, Mrs. Charles Mester, Mrs. Henry Hellmers, Mrs. Dewey Russell, Mrs. Harold Purdy, Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. William Morris and Mrs. Dimit.

Atlasburg: Mr. William Sechollaert and Miss Rose Mary Nicola.

Bulger: The Red Cross Organization is under the chairmanship of Mrs. John Shearson and a group of high school girls.

Cherry Valley: John Maroni, Ernest Guio.

Harmon Creek: Mrs. Lee Addington, Mrs. Walter Robertson.

Joffre: Mrs. Harry Colesberry, and Miss Nelle Christy.

Co-chairladies, Mrs. William Sabo and Mrs. John Shearson have reported that they have completed the Red Cross drive in Bulger and have turned in a total of \$138.10.

Mrs. Emma Freville had charge of the Bake Sale last Saturday which netted a grand total of \$55.60.

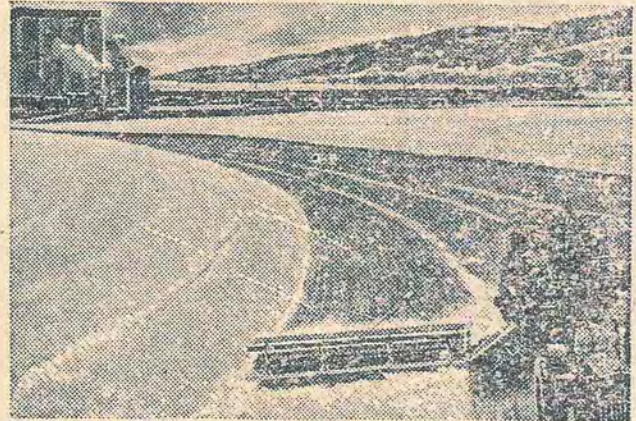
The members of the Verner Mine Union contributed \$21.75.

The balance of the \$138.10 was collected from individual donations.

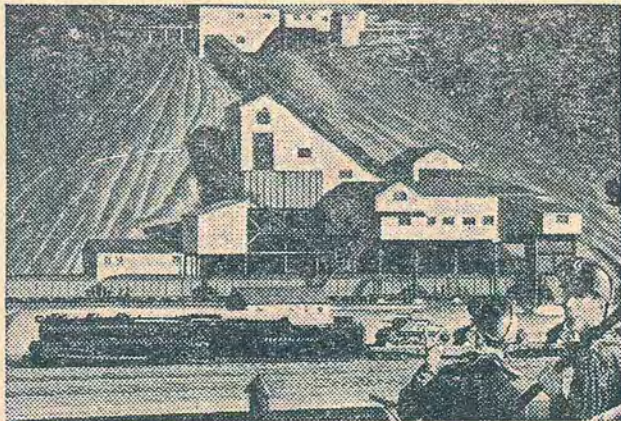
# Trains that get the "breaks"



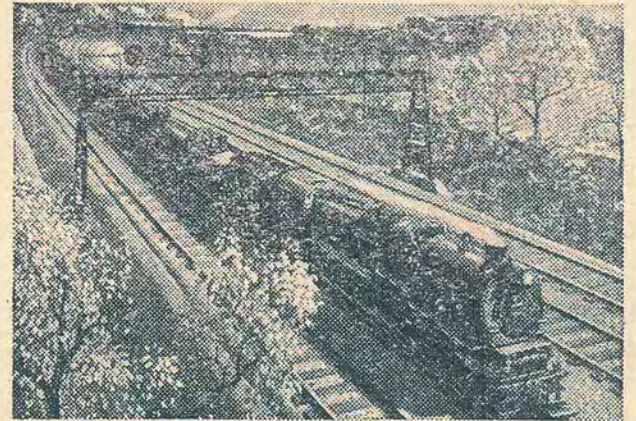
**Troop Trains.** Because a million troops a month must be moved—and, in addition, the arms and ammunition they need.



**Food Trains.** Because food for our fighting men—for our allies—and for our "home front" is vital to victory.



**Coal Trains.** Because coal is the nation's greatest single source of heat, light, power—we can't win the war without it.



**Oil Trains.** Because they must replace tankers, to serve homes, cars, factories—and to quicken overseas oil shipments.

Once great passenger trains had the right-of-way.

*And they will again!*

But right now there is a war to be won. So trains vital to the war effort get priority.

And we don't think there is a single American who would have it otherwise.

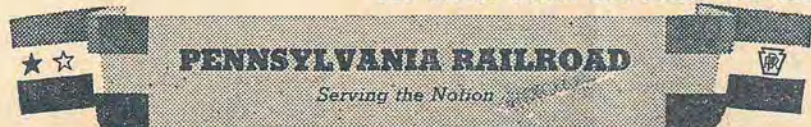
In fact, evidence of that grows daily. If their train is late, business men take it as something that can't be helped. They know why.

And so with any travel inconvenience that may be encountered. Demand for equipment is now so great that on arriving at terminals cars must be put right back into service, so you may find them not quite so spic and span as we would like. Housekeeping

facilities are adequate but there's not always time.

But Americans are taking all this like good soldiers. For they know this is a war of movement, and that movement begins right here—in America.

BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS



★ 27,917 in the Armed Forces    ☆ 21 have given their lives for their country

One of America's Railroads . . . All Mobilized for War!

**SAM BROIDA TO CELEBRATE  
BIRTHDAY BY GIVING MOVIE  
MATINEE FOR CHILDREN**

Sam Broida, for thirty-one years a merchant in Burgettstown, will celebrate his birthday Saturday afternoon by inviting all the children in Greater Burgettstown Community to attend a matinee at the Keith Theatre at 2:30 o'clock as his guests. A fine program of selected comedies, shorts and features has been chosen for the entertainment of the children, who will be admitted free of charge as guests of Mr. Broida.

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**Sam Broida to Celebrate Birthday by Giving Movie Matinee for Children  
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### JOINS THE WAACS



Miss Elsie Criquellion, a graduate of Mt. Pleasant Vocational school, class of '38, left on February 23 for training as a W. A. A. C. Her brother, J. H. (Bob) Criquellion also left for the Armed Service on February 22. They are son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Criquellion of Hickory, R. D. 1.

**Elsie Criquellion Joins WAACs**  
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## LEATHERNECK



Private Robert M. Gunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Finis Gunn of Lange-loth, submits a poem that tells the story of his branch of the service, the United States Marines. Robert is stationed at Paris Island where he is serving as an office clerk. Robert enlisted December 10, 1942. He is a graduate of U. H. S. '42 where he was a member of the basket ball varsity team. His brother Seaman James E. Gunn is with the Coast Guard at Copalis Beach, Wash.

### THE MARINE

You can have your Army khaki,  
You can have your Navy blue,  
But there's another fighter  
I'll introduce to you.  
The uniform is different,  
The best you've ever seen,  
The Huns call him the "Devil Dog"  
His real name is Marine.  
He is trained at Paris Island,  
The land that God forgot,  
Where the sand is 14 inches deep,  
And the sun is scorching hot.  
He has set many a table,  
And many a dish he's dried,  
He also learned to make a bed,  
And a broom he sure can guide.  
He has peeled a million onions,  
And twice as many spuds,  
And spends all his leisure time,  
A washing up his duds.  
Now girls, take a little tip,  
I'm handing it to you,  
Just grab yourself a good Marine  
There's nothing he can't do.  
And when I get to heaven,  
To St. Peter I will tell,  
"Just another Marine reporting, sir,  
I've served my time in hell."

**Pvt. Robert H. Gunn-Leatherneck**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 25, 1943 Edition**

## Honorably Discharged

The following community boys were honorably discharged from the separation center at Indian-town Gap: December 1: Pfc. Joe E. Benash, R. D. 1, Rea; Pfc. Sherman F. Harris, Joffre; Pfc. Roger W. Darke, 514 Park avenue, Langeloth; and T-4 David H. Deer, Midway. December 4; S-Sgt. Henry J. Pavan, 33 Pittsburgh Street, Burgettstown; S-Sgt. Frank G. Russell, R. D. 4, Burgettstown. December 5: T-4 Michael Prebeg, Box 206, Bulger; Sgt. Jim Dellaria, R. D. 3, Burgettstown; T-4 William R. Rupnik, R. D. 1, Rea; Pfc. Lester S. Andrews, R. D. 1, Rea, and Sgt. Andrew W. Banik, R D 3, Burgettstown. December 6: T-5 Augustine Nola, R. D. 1, Hookstown; Pfc. Anthony R. Kucic, Market Street Burgettstown; Sgt. Joseph L. Cagnon, Midway; and Pfc. Walter A. Milsap, Box 143, Bulger.

**Honorably Discharged**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-December 13, 1945 Edition**

Going over the top, striking out beyond our objective is just a habit with the people of Greater Burgettstown Community.

Burgettstown again, or shall I say as usual, is way out front in the Red Cross War Fund Drive. Latest reports from straggling solicitors indicate that we have not only reached our quota, \$5000, but will top it with \$1500, a \$6500 total in gifts.

Outstanding in his work as District Chairman for the Burgettstown Red



Cross, William P. Miller proudly points today to the people of Francis Mine. Now this little Community at the edge of Burgettstown has been hit harder by the war than most of us realize. Several "missing in action" telegrams have been delivered to sorrowful families. Francis Mine also boasts a Distinguished Flying Cross, which has been awarded to Athlete Benny Navage, who is still reported missing.

On Tuesday, John Palin, Super of the G. C. C. & C. Mine whose son Jack left his work with "black diamonds" to try for his wings with Uncle Sam, has done a fine job as Red Cross chairman at Francis Mine. He reports total gifts of, I quote correctly, ladies and gentlemen

#### EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS!

The Francis Mine Local Union No. 595, with Dennis Harshall, the new U. M. W. Field Representative as President, gave a cash gift of \$100 to the War Fund. Now Mr. Palin reports that employes of his Company have pledged \$700. This will be collected in installments on pay days.

The Red Cross is moving into Burgettstown to give active aid to indigent families in the District, whose bread winners have gone to war. An examiner is in our midsts who will investigate cases, and offer aid until compensation checks come through to those families.

Bill Miller talked to me today about bringing the Red Cross Mobile Unit here early in May to give the people of this Community an opportunity to donate their blood. While plans are indefinite at the present time, it is believed that the Burgettstown Firemen will work with Mr. Miller in Burgettstown and that District Red Cross Committees will make the contacts in other Communities to secure 350 applications prior to the day that the Mobile Unit will be in town. There will be duties of responsibility for many people. If Mr. Miller is successful in securing the Unit which I believe is to be in Washington County for one week only, a canteen will have to be set up, food will have to be served to blood donors, and there will be much detail work to be cleared before the Unit arrives.

Of course, Burgettstown, an "example community" for its splendid record in the December War Bond Drive and for its Red Cross War Fund quota, will no doubt find many more than the required 350 blood donors needed to bring the Unit here.

Stella Culley, who gives generously of her Welsh singing talents at public affairs, is all bound up in her duties as assistant chief observer to husband Wayne, these days. Stella mans the Culley telephone, which clears literally hundreds of calls, in her effort to keep the Legion post manned: 24 hours a day. Stella knows of many unsung "little" people who are serving in silence at these posts in the "wee sma" hours.

She cites B. J. Kenny, the West Penn's front man here and Buzzie Farner as two volunteer spotters who really take their work seriously. Again last week on "dog watch," no relief came at 4 a. m. so they worked an 8 hour trick.

The Gardiner Post received a "spot check for efficiency" on March 18 at 2:28 a. m. from the Filter Center. The report stated the Observers were alert and satisfactory. Stella says, "Call your chief observer, if you have not already done so and give him the help he needs for after midnight tricks. Inspections come after midnight and so will Olseoff rrrrwd night and SO WILL THE ENEMY.—mly.

**William P. Miller, District Chairman for the Burgettstown Red Cross  
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 25, 1943 Edition**

CROSS CREEK WAAC



Ethel M. Rankin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Rankin of Cross Creek and a graduate of Union High school has enlisted in the WAAC'S and is awaiting a call to duty.

**Ethel M. Rankin Joins the WAACS  
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Mrs. J. H. McIntyre, chairlady of the homes' solicitation committee for the Red Cross War Fund drive in Langeloth reports that a total of \$204 has been donated to this fund, making the total for Langeloth \$624. This includes the 50c per month given by each member of the Smeltermen's Union.

## IN MARITIME SERVICE



Joseph F. Roberts, son of Frank Roberts of Burgettstown, R. D. was recently accepted for enrollment in the United States Maritime Service and is now undergoing intensive training in seamanship at Sheepshead Bay N. Y. After completion of his training, Joseph will be stationed aboard ship in the American Merchant Marine to help "deliver the goods to MacArthur and our fighting forces throughout the world. He spent last week end visiting his parents here.

**Joseph F. Roberts in Maritime Service  
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 25, 1943 Edition**

## IN THE MAIL BOX

P. F. C. Carmen J. Sansone has sent the following poem to his cousin, Mrs. Ida Wargo and requests it be published in the Enterprise. Carmen is now stationed at Duncan Field Texas.

### ODE TO A GOVERNMENT WORKER

If you think your salary is not enough  
And you should get more of that green  
stuff,

Think of the Buck Private at Luzon  
With not even a drop of water to fight  
on.

If you think the way you are treated  
Is just the same as being cheated,  
Then think of the Manila hero  
Who was blasted to bits by a Mister  
Zero.

Then think of the Marines at Wake  
And their bones in the sun that bake.  
Who ate lead that fateful December  
day.

If you don't like your boss  
And you think your job a loss,  
If you think you are a thing abused  
And by the government are being  
used,

Then consider the boys out Pearl  
Harbor way.

Yeh—How about bloody Bataan  
Fever ridden soldiers whose memory  
live on?

They didn't kick, beef, complain or  
connive

When a hundred planes would have  
turned the tide.

A thousand bullet holes more or less  
Each plane a mechanical mess—  
Yet they soared out into the blue  
And licked 'em five to one—that's  
true.

Hell, all you do is supply 'em!  
Those poor devils have to fly 'em.  
Yes! It's a war of supply—  
But remember—You ain't the guy that  
has to die—

So when you start to fuss and gripe  
Remember the boys who carry the  
fight

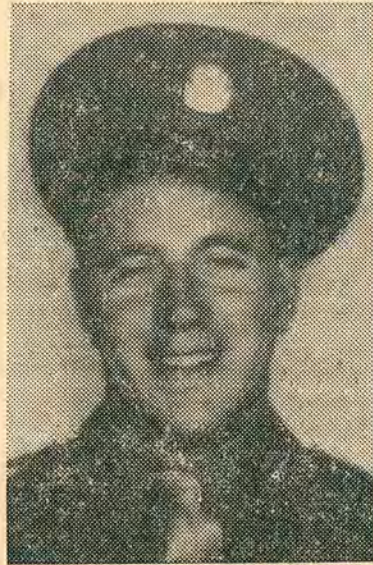
And battle the Nips day in and day  
out—

Hell, Mister—You ain't got a damn  
thing to kick about!

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**Pfc. Carmen J. Sansone**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 25, 1943 Edition**

**FRANKFORT SOLDIER**



Private Harry Stevens is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Stevens of Frankfort. He is stationed at Fort Francis E. Warren in Wyoming.

**Pvt. Harry Stevens**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 25, 1943 Edition**

**WAAC APPLICATION BLANKS**  
**AVAILABLE AT POST OFFICE**

R. L. Bell, Postmaster announces that application blanks for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) are now available at the Post Office.

All women between 21 and 44 inclusive are eligible. Married women, including wives of men in the service are acceptable provided they have no children under 14.

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**WAAC Application Blanks Available at Post Office**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 25, 1943 Edition**

**VICTORY DRIVE  
NAMES DIRECTOR  
FOR COUNTIES**



**W. J. WHALEN, JR.**

Pittsburgh. — W. J. Whalen, Jr., of Burgettstown has been appointed executive director for the Victory Fund Committees in Greene and Washington counties in Pennsylvania, and Brooke and Hancock counties in West Virginia for the gigantic Second Victory Loan Drive to start on April 12, Robert C. Schmeritz, executive director for the Second Area of the Fourth Federal Reserve District, has announced.

Mr. Whalen will assist county chairmen in their organization work in the drive to sell 13 billion dollars in United States Government securities. The drive will be conducted under the combined efforts of the Victory Fund Committees and the War Savings staffs.

House to house canvasses of every family in addition to solicitation of business organizations are planned in order to achieve the unprecedented sales quota established by the Treasury Department. In addition to the Series E War Savings Bonds constantly on sale, the Treasury will announce a new series of special issues to be sold during the drive.

Mr. Whalen has been a resident of Burgettstown for 18 years and now is in the real estate and insurance business. He also operated the Buick automobile agency.

**W. J. Whalen Jr. Named Ex. Director for Victory Fund Committee  
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 25, 1943 Edition**

**AT FORT RILEY, KANSAS**



William H. Young, who is stationed at Fort Riley, Kan. spent a recent furlough at his home in Langeloth.

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**William H. Young**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 25, 1943 Edition**

### AT FORT DEVENS



Private Frank Chappell better known as "Chap", was inducted into the army on November 13, 1942. He is now stationed at Fort Devens, Mass. His home is in Francis Mine, but before entering the army he resided in Mount Pleasant and was employed by the Ford Coal Co. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Chappell of Francis Mine.

### DEEP IN TEXAS



Private Vincent P. Chappell, better known as "Pete" was inducted into the army on February 6, 1943. He is now stationed at Camp Howze, Texas. Before entering the army he resided in Francis Mine and was employed by the Pennsylvania Rail Road. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Chappell of Francis Mine.

**Pvt. Frank Chappell and Pvt. Vincent P. Chappell**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 26, 1943 Edition**



Children from Greater Burgettstown Community are guests of Sam Broida at Birthday Matinee last Saturday afternoon.



**Children from Greater Burgettstown Community are  
Guests of Sam Broida at Birthday Matinee  
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 1, 1943 Edition**

### At California Camp



Leo Dellapina writes to correct an error in the Enterprise. He says he is still considering entering Officers' Training, but for the present remains at Camp Santa Anita, Cal. He writes "This place is very beautiful, of course not as it was. The flower garden in the center of the track has been moved and the track itself is slowly being torn down. Other than that the place is beautiful. I like this camp very much, as well as California and Army Life cannot be beat. I like everything the army has to offer and hope to continue doing so. I have been receiving the Enterprise and am enjoying it very much. It really keeps a soldier on the ball by getting the local news. I look forward to the paper every week, it is just like a letter from home."

**Leo Dellapina at California Camp  
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 1, 1943 Edition**

## IN THE MAIL BOX

Fort Lewis, Washington

Dear Mr. Vosburg:

We boys here in Fort Lewis, Washington, wish to state that it really is a pleasure to receive a swell paper like the Burgettstown Enterprise from our parents.

We are so far away from home, but when we get the paper from home we are tickled pink to read about the home town folks.

We boys from the Burgettstown community are having a swell time here in the Tank Destroyers Battalion. It is one of the best things things that has happened to any boys in service from around Burgettstown, that we all got into the same outfit, and we sleep in barracks across from each other. We all went to Fort Meade together, then we rode to Texas together, we slept in the same barracks together in Texas. Then our outfit moved to Washington and we all rode together and had a good time.

Upon reaching Washington, we thought we would get separated, but here we are together sitting in Lemmi's barracks writing this letter.

We get together and have good times. We hope that we stick together even when we go across to the other side of the world. We are the happiest boys in Ft. Lewis.

Our best regards to you and all the kind folks of Burgettstown.

Bob Yolton—Burgettstown

Jack Mehan—Burgettstown

Bert Roner—Bulger

Joe Skinner—Bulger

Visnich—Slovan

Gruber—Slovan

Lemmi—Burgettstown

James Jamison—McDonald

Patsy Nourigat—Midway

Simmonetti—Avella

We are all in the 644 Tank Destroyers Bn, Fort Lewis.

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Dear Editor;

We are all here in the armed forces more than willing to sacrifice all we have to preserve the great ideals for which our Country stands. There is one thing we need more than anything and that is the true support of the people we leave behind.

Nothing hurts a soldier more than when he picks up the newspaper and finds that people are kicking about rationing or striking for higher wages. We are all willing and eager to go over and fight and to give All if necessary for you and your children back home.

So please have faith in us and make all your sacrifices with a smile and we will be happy to do the same when the time comes.

By all means give to the Red Cross because we are depending on that great organization to see us thru in the time of need.

A Boy in the Service.

## In the mail Box

Burgettstown Enterprise—April 1, 1943 Edition

AT FORT McCLELLAN



Private Casmir Pakisz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pakisz of Slovan is stationed at Fort McClellan, Ala.

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**I BUY MY  
*Amunition*  
AT FULTON'S**

I don't want poor seed any more than than a soldier wants a gun that misses fire. We're going to need all we can raise this year and I'm going to get my seed at **FULTON'S** where I'm sure to get the quality I pay for.

**FERRY'S & FREDONIA**  
**QUALITY SEEDS** in 5 & 10c packets and in bulk.



**R. E. FULTON Hdwe.**  
**MAIN STREET** **BURGETTSTOWN, PA.**

**'VICTORY GARDEN'  
BOOKS AVAILABLE.**

Additional copies of books entitled "Have a Victory Garden" have been received by Hunter Implement Co. and the Fulton Hardware of Burgettstown and are available to residents of the district who are seriously planning victory gardens.

The book, an 80 - page thorough going manual, is published by the International Harvester Company and distributed by it's dealers. The book touches on all phases of gardening from planting to harvesting, and includes many tips for both the veteran gardener and the newcomer, who is putting in a garden for the first time.

The International Harvester Company, through it's many dealers, is backing the "victory garden" program to the limit. At the present time many members of it's personnel are traveling over the country lending assistance to the dealers in promoting campaigns to get people interested.

**Victory Garden books Available at Fulton Hardware  
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 1, 1943 Edition**

**RECENT BRIDE AND GROOM  
ARE AT HOME IN JACKSONVILLE**



Lieutenant and Mrs. Charles Mester are now at home at 3057 Ernest Street, Jacksonville, Fla., where Lieutenant Mester is an instructor at the Naval Air Base. She is the former Mary Margaret Castner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Castner of Burgettstown. They were married at Jacksonville on February 22, 1943.

**Lieutenant and Mrs. Charles Mester  
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 15, 1943 Edition**

AIR CADET



A-C-C George Wilson Ramsey, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank C. Ramsey of Tarentum, Penna., is stationed at Knox College, Galesburg, Ill. A-C-C Ramsey was graduated from Tarentum High School of the class of 1942. When called into the service he was a member of the Senior class in Kiskiminetas Preparatory School, Saltsburg, Penna. He enlisted when he became 18 years of age in December 1942. He was inducted into the Air Corps February 18, 1943 and sent to Miami Beach, Florida. On completion of his basic training he was sent to Knox College.

A-C-C Ramsey spent his summers with his grandfather, J. M. E. Ramsey of Frankfort Springs. His present address is A-C-C George Wilson Ramsey, Group 2, 302 College Training Detachment, %Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois.

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**A-C-C George William Ramsey**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-April 15, 1943 Edition**





**Second War Loan-Advertisement  
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 15, 1943 Edition**

### **Victory Books Needed For Service Men**

The 1943 Victory Book Campaign for books for soldiers in camp and fields and on shipboard is now under way.

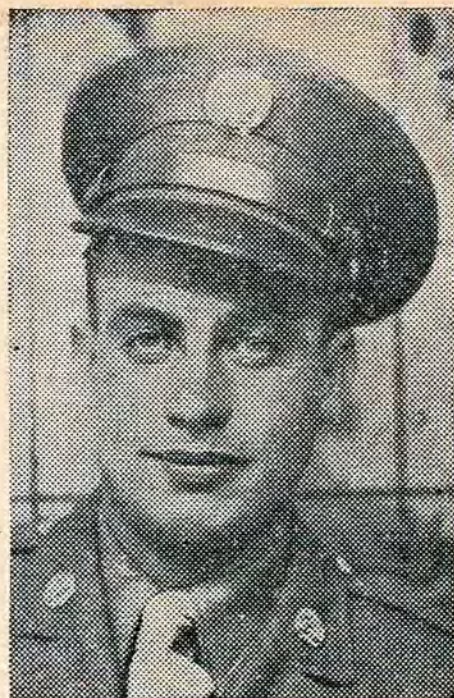
Army and Navy men who have directed the library service testify to its great value to the soldiers in off hours, and from their experience suggest these books; Recent books selected by various book clubs, recent popular fiction and non-fiction, recent technical books in mathematics, photography, radio, navigation, military science, etc; also funny books, jokes, humorous stories, cartoons, group games. And always it is insisted that the books be "in good physical condition".

Again this year the schools are to be the collection centers where the books will be sorted and stored until sent to some army center. Worn or soiled books are not wanted, or books intended primarily for boys or for women.

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**Victory Books Needed for Servicemen  
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 15, 1943 Edition**

## Frankfort Springs Soldier



PFC Charles Cox is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Cox of Frankfort Springs. He is on foreign duty with the Engineers.

**PFC. Charles Cox**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-April 22, 1943 Edition**

## MILITARY POLICEMAN



Pfc. Nick Kramer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Kramer of Hanlin Station, Pa., is a member of the Military Police at Fort Custer, Mich. He was inducted into the Armed Services February 6, 1943. Formerly he was employed at The Climax Molybdenum Company of Langeloth.

**PFC. Nick Kramer Jr.**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-April 22, 1943 Edition**

We have plenty of  
**PLAYSHOES**

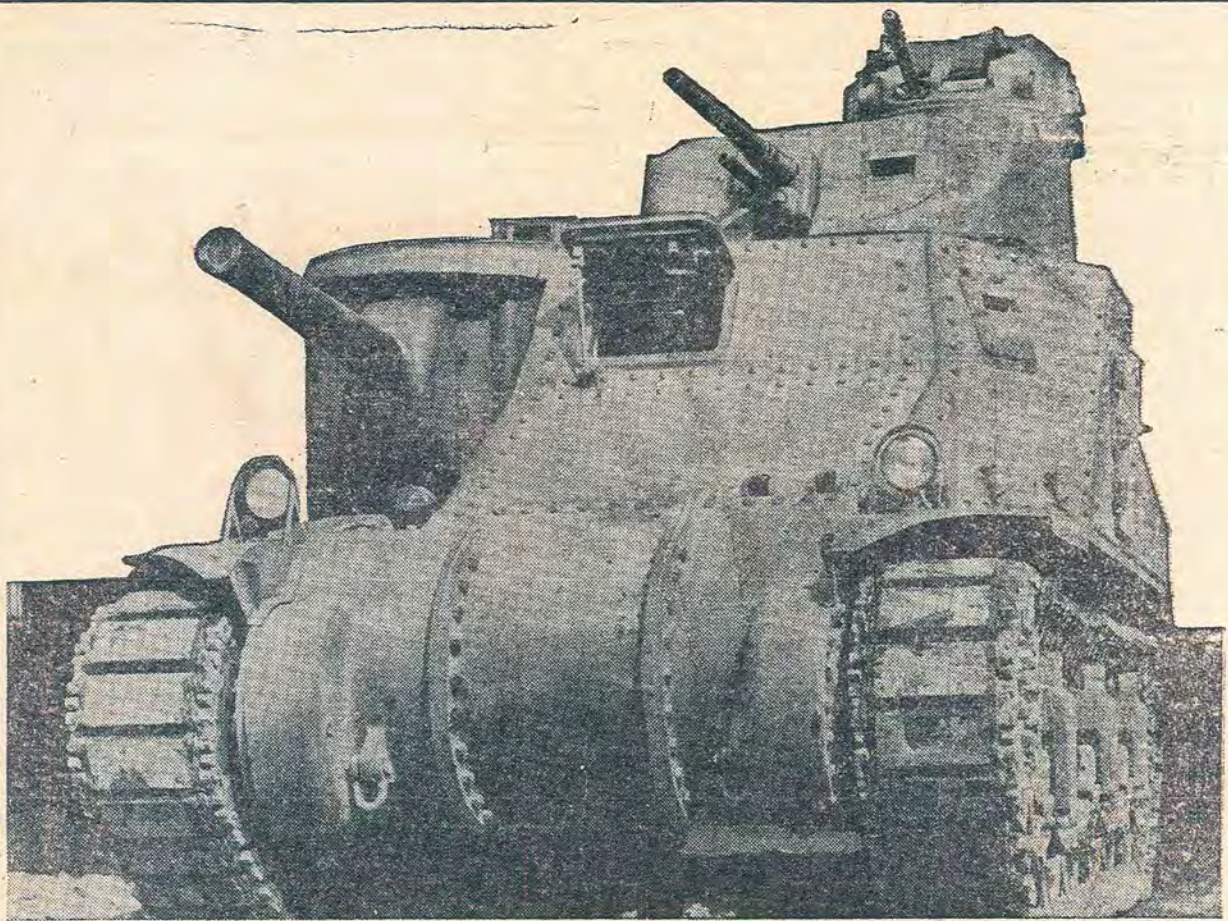


**At no Coupon  
Cost Whatever**

...Effective Feb. 27 is the new OPA order, which frees from rationing all shoes not ordinarily designed for street wear. Our selections of play-shoes are typically large, but do not buy more of these shoes than you need. Plan to wear playshoes for gardening, and around the house with slacks. They are all smart, comfortable and colorful, and playshoes will save your precious rationed shoes from extra service.

**SACKS**  
**Dept. Store**

**Sacks Dept. Store-Advertisement**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-April 22, 1943 Edition**



## With tanks from your dollars the battles are won

No longer are we hearing the sad line, "Too little—too late." Our industries are swinging into the job of making fighting tools for fighting men. But we must keep those assembly lines rolling. Your dollars invested in U. S. Bonds are providing the bombs, the planes, the tanks, the ships, the guns for our fighting men all over the world. All you have to do to help give our fighting men the tools they need to win and the equipment they must have to protect their own lives, is to save your money in the best and safest investment in the world. A volunteer worker of the Second War Loan Drive will tell you about bonds to fit your saving needs. Uncle Sam has set 13 billion dollars for the goal in this drive. Buy *more* bonds for another push to Victory.



### Cooperating with the Second War Loan Drive:—

Washington National Bank	Cook Hardware Co.	Allison Service Station	Sacks Department Store
Thomassy's Men's Shop	Yukevich Motor Sales	Capitol Restaurant	Frank's Jewelry
Clair's Restaurant	Robinson Bottling Company		Wagner and Mitchell Butler Store
Sansone Brothers Shoe Repair	Taucher's Tire Shop		Louder's Grill and Restaurant
P. & G. Super Market, Slovan	R. E. Fulton Hardware		Broida's Department Store
Scott's Service Co.	Enterprise Press, Burgettstown, Pa.		Pompe's Restaurant

**Second War Loan Drive Advertisement**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-April 22, 1943 Edition**

## IN THE MAIL BOX

April 8, 1943

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I, as one of the women who have donned overalls and slacks for the duration of the war, am writing this letter in reply to your column of April 15th to throw a little light on the woman war worker's side of the question. I am employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad at Scully Engine-house as a boilermaker's helper. There is nothing glamorous about my job. In fact, only one other girl besides myself would accept jobs in the boiler craft because the work is heavy and very dirty. Many are the times that we would like to sleep in mornings and spend the day lounging in a comfortable housecoat, but we are aware of the manpower shortage and know that there is work awaiting our hands. Our boys in the service are not allowed to take a day off when they choose and it is the thought of these boys that keeps us "plugging day after day." The married women, especially those with children deserve an added amount of credit for keeping their homes going after working eight hours at manual labor.

The majority of the mothers are not neglecting their children. They are leaving their kiddies in the care of reliable relatives or friends. We feel that we have earned some of the praise that we are supposed to be receiving. We girls are doing a man's job and have earned the respect of the men employees because we are doing our jobs so why don't you women at home and in regular women's jobs give us a little credit too. We are buying our share of bonds. I am investing \$37.50 in war bonds every pay day. When I come home on the train every evening with my "dirty stringy hair and all-over weariness" and walk up our street I can glance up at the silver stars hanging in two of the neighbors windows and say to myself, "Well, Mike and Dave you are doing your part admirably and I'm doing my bit to help." This feeling of satisfaction makes up for all the sweat, grime and deariness.

Billie Andrews

**Letter from Billie Andrews**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-April 27, 1943 Edition**

## BELL TELEPHONE TO DEMONSTRATE AIR RAID SIGNALS

A graphic demonstration of what happens before, during and after an air raid, including the new "blue" signals will be presented before local civilian defense workers and the public at a meeting to be held at 8 p. m., Wednesday, May 5, in the auditorium of the High School, Burgettstown.

The showing is being sponsored by the local civilian defense council and was arranged for by W. W. Lyon, sector warden.

The demonstration was developed by the Bell Telephone Company and will be presented by Robert H. Junk, telephone company representative. It shows how the activities of the various civilian defense groups are coordinated with military defense plans in the event of an air raid.

Flashing light, accompanied by sound effects on a 10 by 18 foot panel, show the work by civilian defense workers from the time the first spotter hears the sound of approaching enemy planes until the last bit of damage has been taken care of by emergency squads.

The demonstration starts with the first sound of approaching planes showing how the spotter gives the "army flash" telephone call to the nearest filter board, where the information is plotted and passed on to the information center.

As the details are gathered, warning signals are sent out and the telephone wires are busy as key civilian defense leaders are warned of approaching danger so they may be ready to swing into action without delay.

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## Local Miners Stop Work As U. M. W. Strike Spreads in Penna.

Langeloth Coal Co., and Greensburg, Connellsville Coal and Coke Company miners failed to report for the morning shift, Wednesday, as the strike of members of the United Mine Workers spread throughout this district. Dean Saxton, Superintendent of the Harmon Creek Coal Co., a U. M. W. affiliate stated that his men reported for work Wednesday morning and had expressed a willingness to continue. The three major mines in the Burgettstown district employ a total of 600 men and work three shifts on a 24 hour schedule.

There have been no meetings of the Unions in this district, so far, and it is understood that the men came to work, both at Langeloth and Francis Mine stood around for an hour and then returned home. The Local mines are engaged in producing coal for war contract jobs. Dennis Harshall, field representative was out of town Wednesday and Pat McGraw, district Union leader has been ill for several weeks in Mercy hospital.

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## MORE GASOLINE FOR VICTORY GARDENERS

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Washington—Victory gardeners—those cultivating 1,500 square feet or more—will get extra gasoline rations this summer if they can show need for extra mileage, the Office of Price Administration has announced.

OPA has amended its regulations to provide up to 300 miles for victory garden travel. At 15 miles per gallon, that would give the city "farmer" some 20 extra gallons during the gardening season.

To prevent ill-conceived hopes that this supplemental rationing can be used for cheating on gasoline rationing, OPA announced these regulations to govern the program:

1. This 1,500 square feet has to be cultivated regularly. And vegetables, not pansies, must be grown.

2. The garden farmer must show he can't get to his garden any other way than driving and that his labor is necessary for its cultivation. (This limitation will not apply, OPA pointed out, to city residents regularly employed on farms. These city-leaving farm-working folk will continue to be eligible for occupational mileage.)

3. The urban dweller who wants to cultivate a rural plot must arrange, if possible, to share his car with other gardeners.

# Community Bond Sales Total \$574,000

## 2226 Subscriptions Are Reported

It was with the greatest of pleasure and satisfaction that Lee R. McKinney, district chairman of the Second War Bond Drive in Burgettstown, and Smith, Hanover, Cross Creek, Jefferson and Independence townships stepped up to the thermometer in front of the Washington National Bank on Monday evening and drew a red line clear to the top and right into the middle of Hitler's face, to indicate that his district has reached and over stepped its quota of \$430,000.00

Latest reports obtainable on Wednesday morning showed that 2226 subscriptions have been reported, making a total of \$573,950.00 bonds purchased. With two days yet to go before the deadline for the April drive, Mr. McKinney is confident that when all salesmen and women turn in final reports that

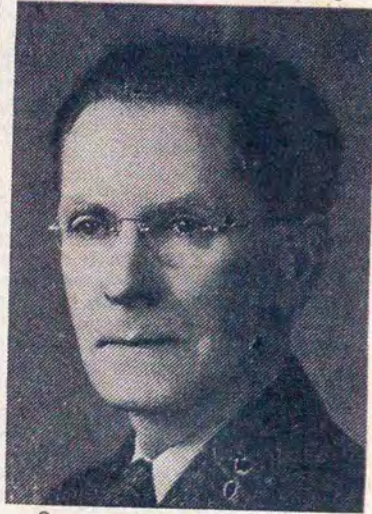
this district will chalk up total sales of \$700,000. Burgettstown Community unity is repeating its feat of the December drive, by being the first District in Washington County to go over the top in the current drive. Mr. McKinney held last minute conferences with his key workers on Tuesday, encouraging them to give every man, woman and child in the district an opportunity to buy bonds, and in an effort to secure a total of 2500 bond buyers before May 1st. The schools in the district joined in the drive this week and it is believed that pupils will also participate to the limit of their ability.

Mr. McKinney reports the following industrial subscription:—

A. Z. and C. Co. ....	\$125,000
Harmon Creek Coal Co. ....	\$50,000
Climax Molybdenum of Pa. ..	\$25,000
G. C. C. & C. Co. ....	\$25,000
West Penn Power Co. ....	\$5,000
Murphy Store .....	\$500

Mr. McKinney is pleased with the splendid response of the volunteer workers in his district and the capable assistance and cooperation of his district captains. He states that he sees the Bond Drive Organizations as a powerful force on the home front and earnestly commends all workers for their part in taking Burgettstown over the top in this drive. He hopes for total subscriptions of 2500 bond buyers.

## District Chairman Predicts Goal Of \$700,000



LEE R. MCKINNEY

**Community Bond Sales Total \$574,000, 226 Subscriptions are Reported  
Burgettstown Smashes Hitler's Face-Bond Sale Tops Quota (Newspaper Headline)  
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 29, 1943 Edition**

## In The Infantry



Pfc. Andrew Churpak, son of Mrs. Julius Oldock of Atlasburg, is located with the Infantry at Camp Atterbury, Ind. He was inducted into the service last October. Recently he spent a furlough at home.

**PFC. Andrew Churpak**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 6, 1943 Edition**

## In Los Angeles



PFC Anthony Pienkosky is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Pienkosky of Burgettstown Coal. He is stationed at Los Angeles, Cal. Anthony was inducted into service August 14, 1942. He is a former employe of Francis Mine.

**PFC Anthony Pienkosky**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 6, 1943 Edition**

**"MONK" BERNOLA WANTS  
ALL TO SEE THE FILM  
"HITLER'S CHILDREN"**

Keith Chambers, manager of the Keith Theatre is in receipt of a letter from Elmo Bernola, a local boy who is serving with Uncle Sam's forces at Atlanta, Ga., in which he urges all persons who can to see "Hitler's Children," the attraction at the Keith Theatre this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This film based on Gregor Ziemer's book, "Education for Death" is a daring expose of conditions imposed upon German youth by the Nazi Regime.

Elmo in his letter says, "Hello Keith—As you know, I am a Motion Picture Projectionist in one of the

War Department's Theatres at this post (Atlanta Ordnance Motor Base.) I am enjoying my work as much as I did in civilian life, if not more. I'm writing this letter to tell you to advertise "HITLER'S CHILDREN" ONE HUNDRED PER CENT. In this picture you see and hear why every American citizen should strain a point to buy as many UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS AS THEY POSSIBLY CAN I have run this picture at camp and the thousands of service men who have seen the picture, insist that everyone on the home front should see it too. I sincerely hope that every one in Burgettstown will see the picture.

Elmo (Monk) Bernola.

DIAL **KEITH** OPEN WEEK DAYS 6:30  
2661 SUNDAYS 2:30

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, MAY 12-13 ----- 2 HITS

THE DEAD END KIDS

TIM HOLT IN

**"KID DYNAMITE"**

**"Fighting Frontier"**

WALT DISNEY CARTOON ----- NEWS

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY MAY 14-15-16

THE PICTURE EVERYONE HAS BEEN WAITING FOR!!

**"WE KNOW WHAT TO  
DO TO WOMEN WHO  
ARE NOT FIT TO BE  
NAZI MOTHERS!"...**

Denial of motherhood to all who do not conform to the monster-made laws of the land that's forgotten the meaning of love, marriage, home!

**HITLER'S  
CHILDREN**

WITH  
TIM HOLT • BONITA GRANVILLE  
KENT SMITH • OTTO KRUGER  
H. B. WARNER and LLOYD CORRIGAN  
ERFORD GAGE • HANS CONRIED  
GAVIN MUIR • NANCY GATES

Based on GREGOR ZIEMER's  
**"EDUCATION FOR DEATH"**  
Best-selling book...and as told to  
millions in 'READER'S DIGEST'

Produced by EDWARD A. GOLDEN • Directed by EDWARD DMYTRYK  
Screen Play by Emmet Lavery

Plus CARTOON ----- BAND SHORT ----- NEWS

MONDAY & TUESDAY MAY 17-18

LUCILLE BALL

EDWARD NORRIS

GEORGE MURPHY

JOAN WOODBURY

EDMUND O'BRIEN IN

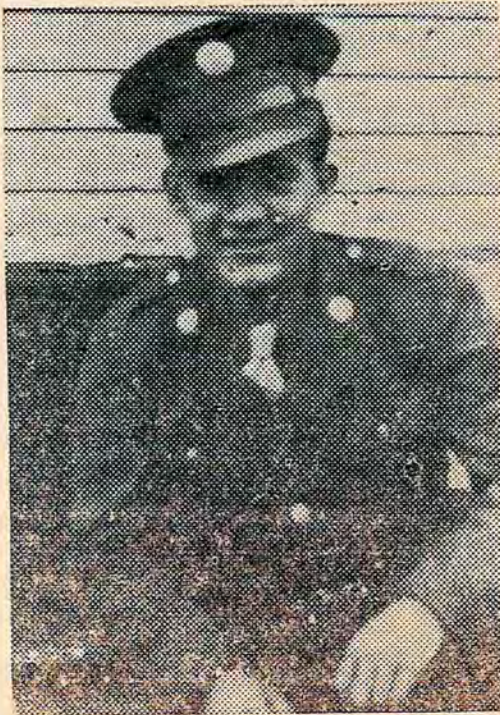
JACK LARUE IN

**'A Girl, A Guy & A Gob'**

**"PRISON MUTINY"**

**Keith Theatre-Hitler's Children**  
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 13, 1943 Edition

## Raccoon Brothers In Service



Mr. and Mrs. John Kvak of Raccoon have two sons serving in the United States Army. Private Mike



Kvak is with the Engineers at Leesburg Service Center, Florida and Corporal John Kvak is stationed at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

**Kvak Brothers in Service-Pvt. Mike Kvak and Cpl. John Kvak  
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 13, 1943 Edition**

## RACCOON

Technical Sergeant Joseph Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore of Raccoon is spending a 21 day furlough with his parents. Sgt. Joseph has just returned from Porto Rico. He had been there the past 2 years and is now stationed in Idaho.

Pfc Eugene McFarland, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McFarland of Raccoon, is spending a furlough with his wife and parents.

James Gecoma, A. S., who is at a Naval Base at Sampson, N. Y., is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Gecoma, of Cherry Valley.

Mrs. Frank Spahar, Sr. and Mrs. Don Canouge visited with Mrs. Spahar's daughter, Helen, who underwent an operation in Mercy hospital, Pittsburgh.

Clara, Anna and Rose Scariot of Pittsburgh and Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson of Crafton visited in the Victor Scariot home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Legrand of Venice visited in the Louis De Val-keneer and Leon Thorel homes.



## ATLASBURG

A successful Card and Bingo party was held Friday evening, June 4, by the Women's Club of Atlasburg. An enjoyable evening was spent by all and a delectable lunch was served. Prizes were won by Mrs. Ed. Viloski, Mrs. Raymond Conjeski, Mrs. Lanovich, Chester Lonc, Joe Dragon, Helen Nicola, Mrs. Mike Pauchnik, Mrs. Jno. Lahita, Mrs. McClain, Mrs. Mary Harvey, Dorothy Lanczak, Mrs. Locq. Audrey Havelka, Pete Cherenko, Edna Wilhoyte and Theresa Cupgrecco. The door prize was won by John Bumbera. The proceeds from this party will be used to purchase a new American Flag for the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Louder and sons visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Pauchnik, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bumbera and family of Lincoln Hill visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Bumbera, Sr. Sunday.

Mrs. James Sullivan and family of Charlestown, W. Va., are visiting with her mother, Mrs. Theresa Brower.

Mrs. Anthony Getsinger is a patient in the Washington Hospital.

Mrs. Henry Staub is a patient in the General Hospital at Rochester, Pa.

Miss Alice Viloski of Canonsburg spent the week end with her mother.

Mrs. Eleanor Paris and son, Bobby, spent last week visiting with her sister of McDonald.

Frances Riacoppi, Marie Durinzi and Margaret Hozdosh were callers in Washington, Saturday.

Mrs. Alice Dominski and son, Joseph, spent last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Link of Canonsburg.

Miss Dora Manni is visiting with her parents.

Corporal William West of Camp Hood, Texas, is spending a fourteen day furlough with his parents.

Private Thomas Pauchnik of Camp Maxey, Texas, is spending a fourteen day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Pauchnik, recovering from an appendectomy operation. Thomas was inducted into the armed forces on May 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Riacappi and daughter were callers in Canonsburg on Monday.

Misses Margaret Pauchnik, Ann Bebo, Margaret Lahita of Pittsburgh, spent the week end with their parents.

Miss Helen Dominski of Coraopolis spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ignatz Dominski.

Zigmiet Bialowsky of Cleveland, O. spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Bialowsky.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brower visited last week in Sharon, Pa.

Miss Helen Polinski of Pittsburgh, is visiting with her mother.

Auxiliary Caroline Pirih visit with Miss Anne Polinski during the past week.

Miss Margaret Pauchnik and Ann Beba of Turtle Creek, spent the week end with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mane visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ringer.

Mrs. Martha Crow of Belton, W. Va., is ill. She is at her daughter's home, Mrs. Netti Mills, of Belton, W. Va.

Mr. Bill Williams of Sebring and Mrs. Blanche McFail of Sebring visited with their niece, Mrs. Beatrice Venner of Bulger on last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jones and family of Crafton, visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Venner and family of Bulger, recently.

Petty Officer James Voris is spending a furlough with his mother.

Nick Vuksanovich who is employed in Philadelphia, is spending a short leave with his wife and children.

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### FRANKFORT SPRINGS

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Technical Sergeant Clark Ralston is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Ralston.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson and family of near Paris visited with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Patton and family on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Roddy of Bridgeville visited with Mr. and Mrs. William Harberger on Sunday.

Mrs. John Spence and son Warren visited with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Devalkeneer on Sunday.

Mrs. Clark Campbell is visiting her daughters Grace and Pauline in Cleveland.

Private Raymond Patton of Middletown is home on a furlough.

Mrs. Mary Patton, Leroy, Mary Ann and Raymond Patton of Imperial visited with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Patton on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Keifer and family visited with Mrs. Keifer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, in Follansbee on Sunday.

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## RACCOON

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dickinson and son of McDonald visited in the Andy Scopel home.

Miss Rose Scariot and William Wilson of Crafton visited in the Victor Scariot home.

Dean Davis of Langeloth visited with his sister, Mrs. Aldon Culley.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kampian and children visited in the Sincilive home in Sturgeon.

Mrs. Alfred Myers left last week to spend some time with relatives in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon De Brakeleer and daughter of Munhall, visited in the Henry De Brakeleer home.

Jackie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Scopel, is suffering from a deep cut on his foot caused when he stepped on a sharp object.

Rodney Anderson and son, Phillip, of Cokeburg visited last week in the W. S. Anderson home. Phillip stayed for a visit with his grandparents.

Mrs. John Cain spent a week with her sister in Cross Creek.  
Soldier News

Sergeant Fred Cavalier, son of Mrs. Joseph Gobleck of Raccoon, is spending a furlough with his parents. He has just returned to the States from Hickum Field, where he was wounded several times in active combat.

A. S. John Pendracky of the U. S. N. and Private Albert Pendracky of Ft. Monroe, Va. spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pendracky, Sr., of Raccoon.

Pfc. Angelo Scariot of Camp Pickett, Va., spent a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Scariot of Raccoon.

Pfc. John Scopel of Camp Atterbury Ind., is home on a furlough.

**Sergeant Fred Cavalier and A.S. John Pendracky Visit Home  
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**RED CROSS BLOOD  
BANK CALLS FOR  
675 VOLUNTEERS**

Citizens of the Burgettstown district will be given another opportunity to aid in the war effort. This time, the request is to donate blood which is to be processed and sent to the battle fronts ready for immediate use.

The Red Cross mobile unit will be in Burgettstown on June 7, 8 and 9 and will be housed in the Westminster Presbyterian church. It will operate from 1:30 P. M. to 5:30 P. M. each day.

In order to guarantee adequate blood production, the district has been asked to provide 225 donors for each four hour period or a total of 675 people for the three days.

Complete arrangements have been made and committees are ready to go into action.

Gen. Chairman, Joseph V. Hemp-hill; Asst. Chairman, Earl C. Petruc-ci; Asst. Chairman, Enos Smith; Staff Asst., Mrs. W. S. Dickson; Canteen Service, Ladies Aid Society; Nurse, Miss Anna Swanik; Motor Corps, Henry Vega.

Application blanks are being placed in the hands of the Red Cross workers in various towns. Citizens are asked to volunteer through their local Red Cross representatives.

## **SENIORS BUY \$250 WAR BONDS**

The Senior Class of Union High school, May 1943 has purchased \$250 in War Bonds for the purpose of reconstructing the student bleachers at the Athletic Field after the war. The bonds were formally presented to the Burgettstown-Smith township school board at the regular meeting held Monday evening, by Principal J. Wilbert Welch, acting in the absence of Supervising Principal Harry L. Tennyson, who is a patient in the Washington hospital, and who submitted to an operation last Friday.

Realizing the need for more adequate seating accommodations for the student body at football games, the Seniors decided to invest their funds in War Bonds for the duration, so that they could be used for this project after the war.

The Board authorized the cleaning and repair of the high school heating plant. Levelling and re-seeding of the Athletic Field was also authorized.

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**UHS Senior Class Buys \$250 War Bonds  
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 13, 1943 Edition**

# SENIORS PRESENT PATRIOTIC REVUE THURS.-FRI. EVES

Union High school Seniors will present a Patriotic Revue "Listen Mr-Speaker" in the auditorium on Thursday and Friday evenings, May 13 and 14 at 8:15 p. m. to which the public is cordially invited.

The pageant, in Five Scenes, will be given as follows: 1, A Public Place; 2, "Americans Can Sing"; 3, My Home in My Little Home Town; 4, The History Class and 5, Grace-Height-Breadth and Power. Three Seniors, Bill Sachen, Ann Smith and Matilda Pensak will present the prologue.

Members of the Senior class will be assisted by the high school band, choral groups and lower classmen.

Members of the chorus who will present musical numbers are: Elvira Arguelles, Josephine Arguelles, Dolores McChancey, Mary Lou Robinson, Willa Conn, Rose Hrutkai, Veronica Hucik, Mary Kleer, Helen Puskar, Mary Lee Puckett, Lucy Jeffrey Enid Campbell, Laura Sendreak, Catherine Taucher, Rose Tunno, Ann Thompson, Lorraine Durst, Lorraine Smith, Mary Lou Modic and Eleanor Yario.

Students who will appear as Citizens in the Pageant are: Rose Giometti, Irene Yadrich, Laura Lee Powell, Viola Freshwater, Margaret Latzo, James Sartori, David Haines, Robert King, James Tennyson, William Thompson, John Ocepek, Gene Karsch, Marshall Cuervo, Anna Ewanosky, Julia Runtas, Attilio Sandri, Margaret Kovak and John Longevich.

Other characters in Scene One will be depicted by Enid Campbell, Paul Lilly, John Longevich, Evelyn Fratini, Betty Schneider, Ann Saloum, Jules Darras, John Pescho, Raymond Mansis, Tom Lee, Joseph Testa and Charles Pappas. Members of the Smith Family will be Elmer Gilson, as the father; Marian Myers, as the mother; Hazel Cunningham, the daughter and Bill Morgan as the son. Special music will be presented by George Kortina.

In Scene two, the following will depict the leading characters: Angelo Abate, Ann Ahlbourn, Betty Franz, Mary Louise Panconi, Emma DelTozotto, Julia Runtas, Margaret Latzo, Margaret Kovak, Mary Smigelski, Betty Schneider, Evelyn Fratini, Carman Weigmann, Ann Saloum, Dorothy Vujanick, David Rumbaugh, Louis Darras, Joe Roevay, Violet Durinzi, Morris Blaine, Dorothy Hobrat, Robert Lawrence, Helen Vukas, Bertha Dodds, Joe Seyda, John Ocepek, Jim McWhorter, Albert Fodor, Mary Buckho, Mildred Matyovich, Elvera Costa, Carl Holland, Nadine Campbell, James Tennyson, Ruth Joynt, Saturna Prendes, Helen Genosky, Margaret Gruber, George McWhorter, Betty Daudet, Agnes Krupar and Jack Robinson.

In Scene three will be seen: Betty Franz, Lois Reed, Lillian Garcia, Margaret Ann Darras, Joe Gratchen, Laura Sendreak, Ben Hibbs, Mary Eleanor Pugh, Chris Arvantakis, Albert Blehi, Gerald Garcia, Helen Dumbovich, Martha Kupisch, Julia Runtas, Repa Barto, Benny Russciolli, Bob Lawrence, Thelma Wagner, Frank Astorina, Lillian Garcia, Morris Blaine, Frank Bovalina, Emma DelTozotto, Margaret Kovak, Margaret Latzo and Jim Boles.

In Scene four, Thomas Elias will preside as chairman of the history class and the pupils will be: Carmel Weigmann, Attilio Sandri, Eva Crispia, Mary Zibrotosky, Frank Bovalina, Edgar Plance, Edna Mike Irene Kuzior, Marshall, Cuervo, Jeanne Thompson, Doris Taylor, Pete Maronis, John Harpula, Carl Holland, Thelma Wagner, Herman Verbanic and Dorothy Vujanick.

In Scene 5, the following characters will appear:

Grace—Betty Jane Russell, Lillian Roberts, Margaret Puzik and Sandy Sultie.

Prayer by David Haines.

Height—Alice Shearson, Ann Mavrich, Bertha Dodds, Mary Machak, Jean Foster and Margaret Ann Darras.

Breadth—Sophia Evans, Mary Sultie, Mary Strongosky, and Betty Petrel.

Power—Adella Vettori, Faye Webster, Helen Raffa, Mary Louise Panconi, and Jean Marmagin.

Other students are assisting in the following capacity.

Stage Manager, Mike Zablocki and assistants, Joe Spetek, Albert Fodor and Edgar Plance.

Spot Lights—Hobrat Medved and Albert Blehi.

Ushers—Ann Mavrich, Alice Shearson, Lorraine Durst, Betty Petrel, Mary Louise Panconi, Mary Sultie and Bertha Dodds.

Stage settings by Industrial Arts Department.

Costumes by Home Economics Department.

Accompanists—Mary Lee Puckett and Mrs. R. P. McGregor.

**UHS Seniors Present Patriotic Revue**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 13, 1943 Edition**

## Burgettstown District Pays Tribute To Its War Heroes



Citizens of the Burgettstown district under the leadership of American Legion Post No. 698 paid tribute to war heroes of the district at a banquet. Approximately 200 persons attended. Shown above in first row, left to right are: Benjamin Tunno and Mrs. Tunno, parents of Sgt. David Tunno, Next in line; Mrs. Carl Clair and Mr. Clair, parents of Cpl. Delbert Clair unable to attend; second row, Commander Harry Miller, of Burgettstown Post; County Commissioner John N. O'Neil, principal speaker; District Commander William J. Long, of Legion, who served as toastmaster and the Rev. Father William J. McCashin, of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church.

First awards for heroism to servicemen in the Burgettstown district were presented by American Legion, Post 698 at a Service Men's Dinner served in the dining hall of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church on Monday evening.

The presentation was made by Commander Harry Miller to:

Sergeant David Tunno, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Tunno of Bell avenue. Tunno, tail gunner in a heavy bomber has participated in 52 raids over enemy territory and has a total of 200 hours in the air to his credit. He has received the Soldier's Medal, the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and other citations.

Sergeant Delbert Clair, who is on duty in the west as an instructor was unable to attend and his medal was presented to his mother, Mrs. Carl Clair. Delbert has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and other awards as a member of the famous 19th Bomber Squadron.

Seaman Gabriel Sharkey of Atlasburg, who has been honorably discharged from service because of

wounds suffered while he was serving on the heavy Cruiser Vincennes, which sank in the Coral Sea, was unable to attend and his medal was accepted by Lieutenant Ray Adams of Raccoon, who assured the audience that he would see to it that Sharkey received his award.

Burgettstown Post of the American Legion will give like awards to all service men from this district who have been individually cited by the Government for military heroism or who have been wounded while in action. A gold star certificate will be presented to parents or next of kin of men listed as killed in action.

An orchestra, composed of Comrade Leo Sams, Jurio Borio, Sam Sprando and Queenie Carozzoli furnished music for the affair.

The invocation was said by Rev. W. J. McCashin, after which a delectable dinner was served by the Christian Mothers and the Young Ladies' Sodality of the Church. Harry Miller, Post Commander, then introduced William J. Long, District Commander, who presided as toastmaster. Mr. Long introduced members of his

staff — Deputy Commanders John Stoup, Waynesburg; Mike Lombardi, Charleroi; Walter Glennon, Waynesburg; Elmer Hill, Canonsburg and Sergeant at Arms Herman Hartman of Washington.

The address was made by County Commissioner John N. O'Neil of Washington who discussed, "Thinking Out Loud About the War".

The awards were then presented by Mr. Miller. Mr. Long in behalf of the Burgettstown Post presented Mrs. Wayne Culley, assistant chief observer of the Gardner Air Observation Post with a beautiful bouquet of Red Roses, in appreciation for her work with the post.

The assembly then stood in silent prayer for one minute after which Comrade Robert G. Russell dismissed the gathering with a closing prayer for the safety of our men in the armed forces.

Ensign Cecil Mester of San Diego, Cal. Naval Base; Private Dominic Cody and Lieutenant Ray Adams, home on furlough were guests of the Legion. One hundred and seventy Legionnaires and their guests attended the dinner.

**Burgettstown District Pays Tribute to Its War Heroes**  
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#### PARTY FOR SOLDIER

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Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Dowler gave a dinner in their home last Wednesday evening in honor of their son, Jack, who is stationed at Camp Mary Texas, and who was home on furlough. The guests included Dr. and Mrs. Coulter of Baden, Betty Dowler of Portsmouth, Va., Ruth Friday, David Tunno and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Dowler, Jr.

**Jack Dowler**  
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**LANGELOTH BUILDS  
PERMANENT HONOR ROLL  
FOR MEN IN ARMED FORCES**

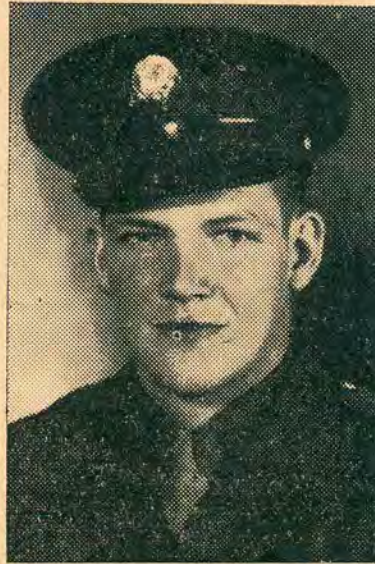
A lasting Honor Roll is being built in the park at Langeloth to honor the men from Langeloth and employes of the American Zinc and Chemical Company who are serving in the Global War. The labor is being furnished by the Company and material is being donated by the Smeltermen's Union. A sandstone case is being erected and the names of men in the service will be stamped in gold on a glass enclosed honor roll.

### **PLAN SERVICE FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

Members of the Burgettstown Post No. 698 of the American Legion are making plans for Memorial Day Observance at Fairview cemetery. The Burgettstown and Slovan Volunteer Fire Departments are cooperating. Edward Hamilton, chairman on arrangements announces that the Memorial Day parade will form at the Burgettstown Honor Roll at 2:30 o'clock and led by the Union high school band will march to Fairview cemetery where the speaker for the day will be John A. Stoup of Waynesburg.

**Plan Announced for Memorial Day  
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IN CHEMICAL DIVISION



Private Howard R. Miller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Miller of South Main street. He is located at Camp Sibert, Ala. in the Chemical Division. Howard graduated from Union high school in 1942 and was formerly employed at Climax.

**Pvt. Howard B. Miller**  
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Private Frank Sabo has returned to Camp Forrest, Tenn., after spending a 15 day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Belle Sabo and his sister, Mrs. Dell Miller of Francis Mine. Frank's buddy, Private Alexander Glauthier of Cadiz, O., spent several days visiting him here.

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**Pvt. Frank Sabo**  
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**TO SELL POPPIES IN  
COMMUNITY, SATURDAY**

Boy and Girl Scouts of Burgettstown, Langeloth, and Sloan will assist members of the American Legion Auxiliary in a Poppy Tag Day on the streets of these respective towns on Saturday, May 22. Mrs. Aldah Conn is chairman of arrangements. Proceeds from the sale of the poppies, which were hand made by disabled veterans at the Aspinwall Veterans' hospital, will be used in the rehabilitation of disabled veterans.

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**Scouts and American Legion Auxiliary to Sell Poppies  
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# 140 SENIORS ENGAGE IN GRADUATION FESTIVITIES AT UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Graduation activities at Union high school for 140 Seniors began last week end when members of the class of 1943 presented the patriotic revue "Listen, Mr. Speaker." Presented in five scenes, the pageant unfolded a story of America today. Reflecting credit on the members of the staff who trained them, the Seniors gave a good account of themselves and held the interest of the audience, through to the finale. Interesting costumes and typical back drops, prepared by the Home Economics and Industrial Arts departments, gave the production a professional touch.

## JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

On Friday evening, May 28, the Junior class will entertain the graduates at the Annual Prom. Stan Vinton's orchestra will furnish the music.

## BACCALAUREATE

Sunday evening, May 30 at eight o'clock in the high school auditorium the Baccalaureate Sermon will be preached by Dr. William M. Hughes, pastor of the United Presbyterian church of Gibsonia, Pa. The program for the Baccalaureate service will be as follows:

Processional—Pomp and Circumstance—Elgar.

Invocation—Rev. R. C. Sutton

Selection—"Hark The Vesper Hymn is Stealing" Russian Air, sung by the Girls' Chorus.

Address—Dr. Hughes.

Selection, "God Be With You"—Tom-er, by the Girls' Chorus.

Benediction—Rev. R. C. Sutton.

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## COMMENCEMENT

Commencement exercises will be held in the Athletic Field, (weather permitting) on Thursday evening June 3. Six graduates will present a panel discussion on "The Kind of World We Want" and will base their declamations on "The Four Freedoms—Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Speech, Freedom from Want and Freedom from Fear."

## SCHOOL ENDS JUNE 4

Last day of school for the present semester will be Friday, June 4. A Trial schedule for the 220 incoming Freshman will be run at high school on June 3. Final examinations for Seniors will be given on May 26 and 27 and for lower classmen on May 28, 31 and June 1. Classes will be dismissed at noon on Monday, May 31 Memorial Day, in order that students may participate in Memorial Day exercises at Fairview cemetery, conducted by the American Legion. Union high school band will appear at Midway at 12:30 p. m. Memorial Day and then will return to Burgettstown to lead the parade to Fairview cemetery for the Observance here.

## BROTHER & SISTER IN THE SERVICE



Miss Mary Vukas has been accepted as a Red Cross Nurse in the United States Army Air Corps and is at home waiting a call to duty. Before entering the army, Miss Vukas was a Nurse at the West Penn hospital where she graduated in December 1941. She graduated from Union High school in the class of 1938.

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Pvt. Steve Vukas of the Army Air Corps also was inducted into the Army last August. He received his technical training at Amarillo Field, Texas, and was sent from there to the Boeing Aircraft Factory for advanced training. Upon completion of his course there he was transferred to Blythe Field, Cal., where he is stationed at present. Before his induction into the Army Steve was employed at the Weirton Steel Company Weirton, W. Va., where he was a stellar baseball player. Steve was an outstanding baseball and basketball player at Union High school, graduating in 1937. He also played baseball in the Middle Atlantic league for sometime. The above are children of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Vukas, Hammond avenue, Slovan, Pa.

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**Vukas-Brother and Sister in the Service**  
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### Promoted To Sergeant



It's Sergeant James Howard Buxton, Jr., now. Howard who worked for the American Zinc and Chemical Company until he enlisted in 1939 is stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C. Since his recent elevation in rank, he is studying General MacArthur's methods of training for Field Artillery.

**Sgt. James Howard Buxton Jr.**  
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# COMMUNITY WILL HONOR MEMORY OF WAR HEROS ON MEMORIAL DAY

Burgettstown Community will pay tribute to the men from the district who have been reported either killed or missing since Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, at the annual Memorial Day service at Fairview cemetery, conducted by the American Legion on Monday after noon.

The Legion will be assisted at this fifth annual memorial service by members of the Burgettstown Volunteer Fire Department, Solvan Volunteer Fire Department. The Tuesday Music Club, Union High school band and other Community Organizations. The service will begin at the Burgettstown Honor Roll at 3 p. m., with the selection, "America, the Beautiful" by the Tuesday Music Club. The parade will then form,

led by Union band and march to Fairview cemetery where a memorial service will be held.

District youth who have been reported killed or missing are: George Loraski, Joffre; Warren E. Ager, of Francis, Mine; Eli Vladich, Slovan; Clay McCarty, Cross Creek; Donald and Leonard LeCouvre, Bulger; Louis A. Lovin, Francis Mine; Michael Raymond Saska, Bertha; John H. Melvin, Langeloth; Benny Navage, Francis Mine; Edward Bish, Burgettstown; Michael Kucher, Francis Mine; George Yanek, Langeloth; John Brun Bulger; Howard A. Ferguson, Midway; Donald Fulton and Ernest N. Speer, Florence.

Memorial day services will be as follows:

America The Beautiful	Tuesday Music Club
Parade will leave Honor Roll Plaque at Burgettstown at 3:30 p. m.	
Assembly Call	Comrade Leo Sams
Star Spangled Banner	By The Assembly
Introduction of Officer of the Day	Dr. A. O. Hindman
Officer of the Day	Past Commander Dr. George L. McKee
Invocation	Rev. William J. McCashin
Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church	
Lincoln's Gettysburg Address	Ann Smith
Special Music	Union High School Band
In Flanders Field	Mary Marcus
God Bless America	Union High School Band
Address	John A. Stoup
Waynesburg, Pennsylvania	
American Legion Service	Officers
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	By The Assembly
Finlandia	Tuesday Music Club
America	Union High School Band
Closing Prayer	Rev. Leslie Van Inwegan
Pastor Langeloth United Presbyterian Church	

## JOINS THE WAVES



Miss Gertrude Leona Gareis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gareis of Race street left recently for training with the U.S Naval Reserve, (Waves). She will receive her boot training at Hunter College, New York City. Miss Gareis is a graduate of Union High, class of '40. She was formerly employed in the office of the H. J. Heinz Co. in Pittsburg. She has a brother Pvt. John A. Gareis with the U. S. Infantry at Fort Lewis, Wash. Her uncle Pvt. Ernest J. Rotta is stationed at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

Her many friends from Pittsburg and Burgettstown gave her a grand sendoff with several parties and dinners held in her honor. She received many beautiful and useful gifts from her friends and co-workers. She is one of the first Burgettstown girls to join the U. S. N. , (Waves) service.

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**Gertrude Leona Gareis Joins the Waves  
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## ON DESERT MANEUVERS



PFC Eugene McFarland is on desert maneuvers with the Infantry at Shreveport, La. His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Fabian McFarland and baby daughter are living at her home in Colliers, W. Va., while he is away on duty. Eugene is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McFarland of Joffre.

**PFC. Eugene McFarland**  
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## Brings Home Souvenirs



Joseph McGivern, Seaman First Class, United States Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. William McGivern, Baird Street, Slovan, has returned to duty after spending a five day leave with his parents.

Prior to his leave Joe had been on convoy duty which took him to England, Scotland, Ireland and touched a port of Russia. On their way back they encountered an enemy submarine and sank same.

He brought some souvenirs from the above countries and his mother learned that he visited Glasgow, which is within three miles of her birthplace.

#### FRANKFORT SPRINGS

Preaching service conducted by the pastor at 10 A. M., followed by Sunday School at 11:00.

The Women's Class is being entertained Friday evening by Mrs. Eunice Wilcoxon at her home.

A Star for Miss Mary Armor was added to the Church service flag this week. She is in Oklahoma at present as a nurse, but has received her equipment for over seas duty.

A silver star has been placed on the flag, for Dwight Ralston who is over seas in India as well as the silver star for Eugene Thornburg, who has been transferred from Panama, to Australia.

The C. E. Society meets at 7:30 Sunday evenings.

The Aid Society met Thursday for all-day-sewing and business meeting. The hostesses were: Patton, Ramsey, McHugh.

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Mrs. Mary Richey is visiting with her husband Private Clifford Richey who is stationed at Clearwater, Fla. 2/c Seaman Albert Hook who is stationed at the Philadelphia Naval Base is spending a 5 day furlough at the home of his prents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Hook here.

Captain Paul Lawther who is stationed at Aberdeen, Md., visited with friends here Sunday.

Ensign Ray Smiley of Boston is spending a furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Smiley of Bulger and with friends here.

Miss Rita Richey of Weirton, visited with Gav Fayette of South Main street, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoback and son Bruce of Pittsburgh, spent the past week with their mother, Mrs. J. A. Finney of Langeloth, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Malone of South Main St. They left on Tuesday for Daingerfield, Texas, where Mr. Hoback will be employed.

W. E. McCurdy hs returned to his home on Center avenue after spending the winter in Florida. He has recovered from his recent illness.

J. K. Wiley, Principal of the Atlasburg school will transfer to war work when the term ends next week. He has secured employment with the Dravo Ship Building Corporation of Pittsburgh.

Corporal Thomas McGinn of Camp Livingston, La., is spending an 11 day furlough at the home of his sister, Mrs. Patrick McGraw of Pittsburgh Street.

## MANY SIGN FOR RED CROSS BLOOD BANK, JUNE 7-8,9

Langeloth was the first Community to report a full quota for the Red Cross Blood Donor Service which will be in Burgettstown, June 7, 8 and 9. Mrs. Henry H. Hellmers, acting chairman for Langeloth in the absence of Mrs. J. H. McIntyre, because of illness, reported Monday morning that 100 blood donors in Langeloth had requested appointments. Joseph Hemphill chairman, and his co-workers were busy this week charting appointments for the 55 applications which have been received from Burgettstown Community. They are confident that Burgettstown's quota of 500 pints of blood, and 675 applications will be available when the Blood Donor Unit arrives here. District Red Cross chairmen are taking applications from persons who desire to donate a pint of blood to aid wounded men in the armed forces, however if a person desires to donate and has not yet received an application blank he may receive one from Petrucci's News Store.

Appointments will be mailed to the donors and the chairmen stress the importance of being on time for these appointments and that donors should not eat any solid food for 3 hours preceding their appointments.

The Blood Donor Unit will be housed in the Westminster Presbyterian church where elaborate preparations are underway for the service.

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**Many Sign for Red Cross Blood Bank  
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**CHARLES TOPE IS ASSIGNED  
TO DIV. OF PHY. WAR RESEARCH**

Charles Tope, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tope, Jr., of Highland avenue received the Bachelor of Arts Degree at Duke University last week. Charles has accepted an assignment in the Division of Physical War Research and will be employed at Duke University and at Fort Bragg, N. C. His brother, Donald Tope, who attended Duke University last winter has transferred to the University of Pittsburgh for the summer semester. Mr. and Mrs. Tope and daughter Doris and Mrs. C. W. Tope, Sr., attended the Commencement exercises at Duke and saw Charles receive his degree.

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**Charles Tope is Assigned to Div. of Physical War Research  
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**WAR RATION CARDS  
FOR BOOK NO. 3  
ARE PUT IN MAIL**

War Ration Book No. 3, which provides new stamps to replace those running out in existing books, will be distributed through the mails beginning late in June and ending July 21, but before that time persons will be asked by Local Rationing Boards to keep a sharp watch on their mail boxes.

Under a plan worked out by the OPA and the Post Office Department, the mailing of a simple postcard application will bring Book No. 3 to everyone. There will be no school-house registration, such as featured the issuance of the first two ration books.

Application forms, good for a single person or an entire family, will be dropped in every mail box by the postmen between May 20 and June 5. The head of the house will fill out the cards, which will be pre-addressed to OPA mail centers, for the entire family and post them between June 1 and June 10. OPA mail centers will begin sending out the books late in June.

Involving as it does more than 120,000,000 pieces of mail, the distribution of the application cards and of the new replacement books adds up by the post office department.

War Ration Book No. 3 combines "unit" stamps, already familiar under the sugar, coffee and shoe programs, and "point" stamps, such as housewives have been using to buy canned goods, meats and fats for some time.

No immediate use will be made of the new replacement book. The unit stamps will be used for coffee, sugar and shoes when Book No. 1 runs out in the fall. The point stamps provide a safeguard against the possibility that the red stamps in Book No. 2 will run out before the issuance of Book No. 4. The latter book is in the drafting stage and will contain red and blue stamps, much the same as those in Book No. 2, and will be used for the same programs, processed foods and meats and fats.

**War Ration Cards for Book No. 3 are put in Mail  
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**What! No ersatz  
electricity, Mr. Goebbels?**

**OF COURSE**, you wouldn't catch crafty Herr Goebbels actually posting such a sign: "This war industry closed for lack of electric power."

Yet power shortages *have* hampered German factories. With all their other substitutes, the Nazis haven't yet invented an ersatz electricity!

They've tried to fill the gap by kidnapping workers from all conquered countries. But the

muscles of whip-lashed men can't compete with power-driven machines.

America is more fortunate. No power shortage here!

Five times more electric power than in the last war. More power than all the Axis

*combined! And no war industry served by the electric companies under American business management—the group supplying about seven-eighths of this nation's electricity—has been without ample power for all its needs!*

**West Penn Power Company**

**West Penn Power Company-Advertisement  
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 27, 1943 Edition**

## 3 BURGETTSTOWN BROTHERS SERVE IN U. S. ARMY



PVT. RUDY CHASTULIK

Mrs. Therest Chastulik of Burgettstown is the proud mother of three sons who are serving in the United States Army.

Private Rudy Chastulik is with the Medical Corps at Camp Carson, Col. He was inducted November 13, 1942



CORP. GEORGE CHASTULIK

and was formerly employed at Climax. He attended Union high school.

Corporal George Chastulik is with the Infantry in foreign service. Prior to enlisting in the Army in September 1942 he was employed at Climax. He attended Union High school



CORP. ROBERT CHASTULIK

was inducted in August 14, 1942 and is now serving with the Signal Corps in Camp Stewart, Ga. He graduated from Union high school in 1936 and was formerly employed by the Harmon Creek Coal Company.

**Chastulik Brothers Serve in U. S. Navy**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 3, 1943 Edition**

IT'S STAR-RIFIC!

43 STARS! 7 SONG HITS!

A MILLION LAUGHS!

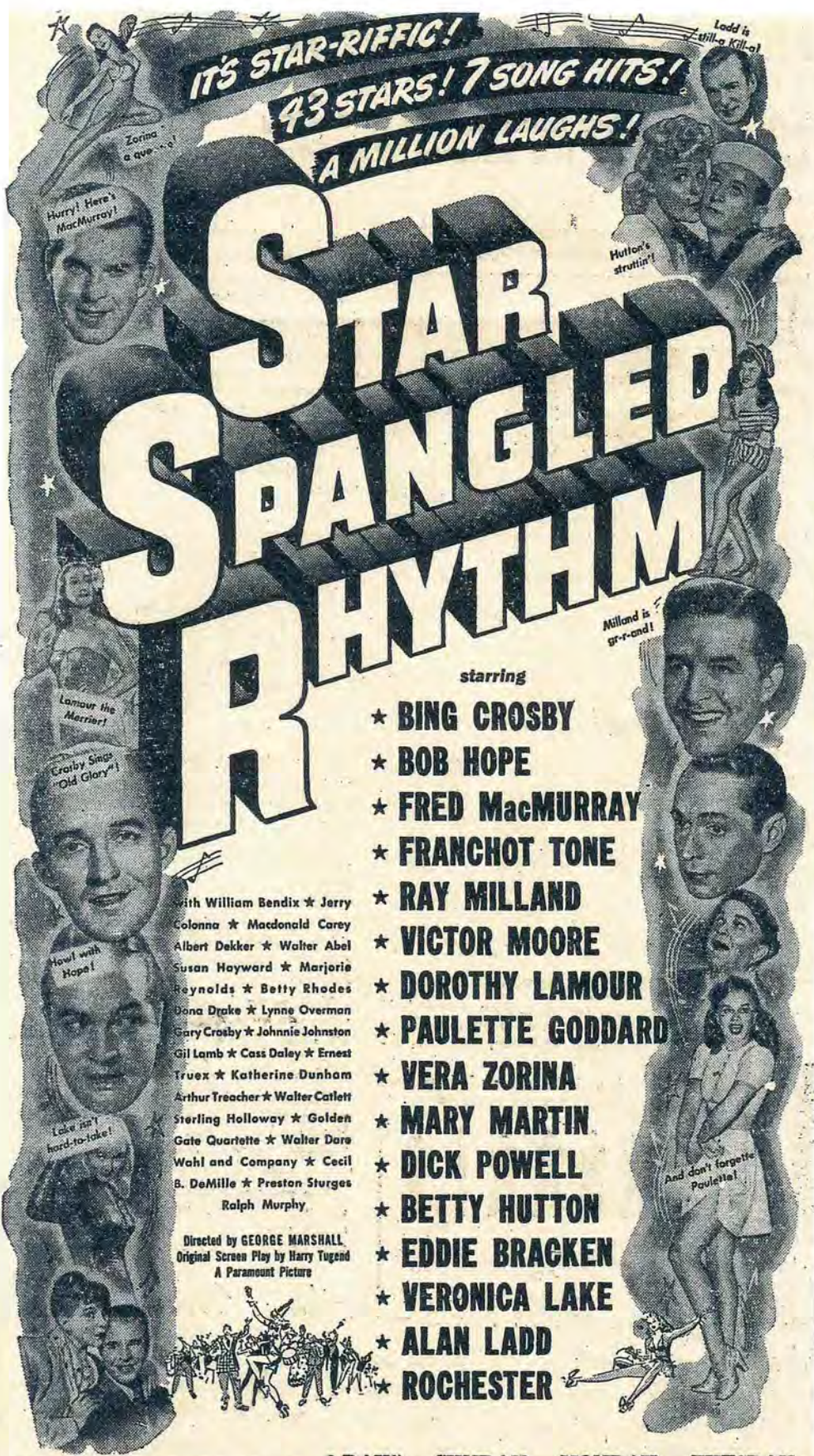
# STAR SPANGLED RHYTHM

starring

- ★ BING CROSBY
- ★ BOB HOPE
- ★ FRED MacMURRAY
- ★ FRANCHOT TONE
- ★ RAY MILLAND
- ★ VICTOR MOORE
- ★ DOROTHY LAMOUR
- ★ PAULETTE GODDARD
- ★ VERA ZORINA
- ★ MARY MARTIN
- ★ DICK POWELL
- ★ BETTY HUTTON
- ★ EDDIE BRACKEN
- ★ VERONICA LAKE
- ★ ALAN LADD
- ★ ROCHESTER

With William Bendix ★ Jerry Colonna ★ Macdonald Carey  
 Albert Dekker ★ Walter Abel  
 Susan Hayward ★ Marjorie Reynolds ★ Betty Rhodes  
 Dana Drake ★ Lynne Overman  
 Gary Crosby ★ Johnnie Johnston  
 Gil Lamb ★ Cass Daley ★ Ernest Truex ★ Katherine Dunham  
 Arthur Treacher ★ Walter Catlett  
 Sterling Holloway ★ Golden Gate Quartette ★ Walter Dore  
 Wahl and Company ★ Cecil B. DeMille ★ Preston Sturges  
 Ralph Murphy

Directed by GEORGE MARSHALL  
 Original Screen Play by Harry Tugend  
 A Paramount Picture



## KEITH

3 DAYS — SUNDAY — MONDAY — TUESDAY

JUNE 6, 7 & 8

Advertisement-Keith Theatre  
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**Bell Telephone-Advertisement**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 10, 1943 Edition**



**Pompe's Restaurant-Advertisement  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 10, 1943 Edition**

## Francis Reed Is Promoted To Lt. Col., Ft. Benning

Major John Francis Reed, Logistics Instructor at Fort Benning, Ga., has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, it was announced at the Infantry School this week. Colonel Reed is the son of Mrs. Myrtle Reed of Highland avenue.

He is a graduate of Union High school, Burgettstown, received the degree of B. A. at Penn State in 1929 and M. A. at Washington and Jefferson College in 1937. He also studied at New York University and the University of Pittsburgh.

At Penn State, he was a member of the R. O. T. C. and was commissioned in 1928. He was graduated from the National Guard Reserve Officers' Advance Course at Fort Benning in 1940. Recalled to duty as a captain in 1941, he was promoted to Major in February 1942. He served as a map reading instructor and secretary to the General Section before being assigned to his present position in The Infantry School. Col. Reed is married and has an eight year old daughter, Elinor. Prior to his army service he was Assistant Principal at Union High school.

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**Francis Reed is Promoted to Lt. Colonel  
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**LEGION TO AWARD  
MEDALS AT 4th  
JULY CELEBRATION**

At a meeting of the General Committee, called by Chairman Harrison Durst, the American Legion continued to develop plans for the Community Patriotic Rally to be held Monday evening, July 5, at the Union High School Stadium. Reports of individual committee members were heard and their activities correlated toward rounding out the program for the evening. More definite plans were outlined to enlist the support of civic organizations, with particular emphasis to be placed on having them join in a flag ceremony under the direction of the Burgettstown and Slovan Fire Departments. These uniformed bodies are being requested to conduct this particular part of the program and an impressive feature is assured.

Service men home on furlough are to be the guests of the Legion. Silver and gold star certificates, the official award of the American Legion, are to be presented to families of service men who have been wounded or lost in action. Also, another Legion Medal is to be presented to the parents of a local boy who was officially cited by the Government for meritorious service.

The American Legion repeats its invitation to all civic and patriotic organizations to assist in this the first celebration of July 4 held in Burgettstown in many years.

The General Committee will meet again on the evening of June 25, at the Post room. Representatives of other civic bodies are invited to attend.

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**DEEP IN TEXAS**



Private John Andrankanich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Andrankanich has arrived at Camp Walters, Texas to begin his basic training as an infantryman. He has been assigned to a battalion stressing heavy weapons.

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**Pvt. John Andrankanich-Deep in Texas  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 24, 1943 Edition**



## HOME ON FURLOUGH



Private James E. Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bennett of Francis Mine, recently spent a 7 day furlough at his home. He is stationed with the Infantry at Camp Forrest, Tenn. He was drafted on September 14. Formerly he was employed as a coal miner at Francis Mine.

**Pvt. James E. Bennett**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 24, 1943 Edition**

## IN THE MAIL BOX

Sergeant "Bud" Bytheway, who is stationed with the Ordinance at Fort Knox, Kentucky, writes his father what soldiers think of mine strikes. Bud says, "Are the miners back to work? Tell them that they had better get back dam quick if they want to win this war. What would they do if the soldiers quit or went on strike? You would think the majority of them would consider that every day they stay away from work it is going to take just that many more months or years to end this war and bring victory home. Most of them have two or more sons in the Armed Forces and I know from the conversations among the soldiers they all feel that they are doing them an injustice."

Bud continues, "How is everything and everybody around Burgettstown? Tell Benny Kobe and Adam Rossi that I was asking about them. I sure miss the old home town. I am looking forward to getting a furlough some time this summer."

"Bud" Bytheway

**In the Mail Box-Sgt. Bud Bytheway Comments on Striking Miners  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 24, 1943 Edition**

FLYING CROSS FOR  
SERGEANT D. M. CLAIR

Staff Sergeant Delbert M. Clair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clair, 35 Florence avenue, was among members of the famous 19th Bombardment Group decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross at ceremonies held at Rattlesnake Bomber Base, Pyote, Tex., Saturday.

The 19th Bombardment Group, "most decorated" unit of the U. S. Army, battled with the Japs in the Philippines, East Indies and Australian area.

Sergeant Clair received numerable other decorations for heroism in action.

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AT FORT KNOX, KY.



Private Arthur J. Cook, the brother of Mrs. W. E. Miller and Councilman Dwight N. Cook is stationed at Fort Knox, Ky. He recently completed his basic training with an Armored force unit and is now reported as ready for combat duty.

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**Pvt. Arthur J. Cook at Fort Knox, KY**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 24, 1943 Edition**

Attends School For Nurses



Lorraine Durst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Durst, Langeloth, left Saturday, June 12, for Seton Hill College where she enrolled for a Hospital Course before entering the Pittsburgh School of Nursing late this fall. Lorraine is a member of the Class of '43 U. H. S. and was popular with the school crowd.

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**Lorraine Durst Attends School for Nursing  
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IN THE MEDICAL CORPS



Corporal Frank Mlatnik, son of Mrs. Frances Mlatnik of Slovan, is with the Medical Corp at Los Angeles, Cal. Before being inducted on February 24 he was employed by the Langeloth Market.

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**Corporal Frank Mlatnik in Medical Corps  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 24, 1943 Edition**

### FRANKFORT SPRINGS

Mrs. Jean Dowdell of New Brighton met with the Red Cross Sewing Group, Thursday, June 17, and presented pins and Red Cross insignias for uniforms to twelve of the group who have given 100 hours or more of their time to the work.

The following received pins. Mrs. Morgan Swingle, Mrs. La Verne Lewis, Mrs. Robert McHugh, Mrs. Norman Cain, Mrs. Helen Ramsey, Mrs. John Aten, Mrs. Campbell Tarr, Mrs. Imogene Reed, Mrs. Raymond McMillan, Mrs. Dorothy Darke, Miss Nannie Dunlap, and Miss Lizzie Frazier.

The Ladies' Aid Society met at the church, Thursday, June 17. The day was spent quilting on the two quilts. The hostesses, Mrs. Morgan Swingle and Mrs. O. B. Stevenson, served a delicious luncheon.

### Investiture Service For Sea Scout Troop

The first investiture service for a troop of Sea Scouts in Burgettstown, will be held in the Scout Hut on Monday evening, June 28, at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

William Miller, Assistant Principal at U. H. S. has been meeting with the boys for several weeks to aid them in preparing for a sea cruise which they plan to make in August to Deep Creek, Md.

An interesting phase of the investiture service will be the presentation of a charter to the crew of the Sea Scout Ship Savage. The personnel of the crew is as follows: Captain, William Miller; Mate, Howard Dunbar; Ship Committee, Thomas Linn, E. S. Wheeler and Edward Hamilton; Starboard Crew, Jack Puckett, C. L.; James Lea, A. C. L.; Charles Dowler, James Stottlemyer and John Blaine; Port Crew, Denny Scott, C. L.; John Linn, A. C. L.; Merle Addington, Albert Dennick and Eugene Vosburg, Yeoman.

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**HARMON CREEK  
UNION DISTRIBUTES  
FUNDS TO GROUPS**

Burgettstown groups benefited this week from the recent mine strike, when they received checks from the Harmon Creek Coal Company in the sum of \$1450, representing the operating cost of Florence Mine for the two days that the mine worked in June, without a contract between the operators and the United Mine Workers of America.

James F. Hillman, president and Superintendent C. Dean Saxton of the stripping operation at the edge of town, authorized officials of Local Union 7447 to make disposition of the money as follows:

First United Presbyterian church	\$100
First Presbyterian church .....	\$100
Westminster Presbyterian church	\$100
Our Lady of Lourdes Church ..	\$100
Italian Presbyterian church ----	\$100
Colored Baptist church .....	\$100
Friday Club .....	\$100
Junior Woman's Club .....	\$100
Burgettstown Vol. Fire Dept....	\$100
Lion's Club .....	\$100
American Legion .....	\$100
Boy Scout Troop, No. 1 .....	\$ 50
Boy Scout Troop, No. 2 .....	\$ 50
Girl Scout Troop .....	\$ 50
Sea Scouts .....	\$ 60
Infantile Paralysis Fund .....	\$ 70
Tuberculosis Fund .....	\$ 70

## BOARD 8 SENDS JUNE SELECTEES

Draft Board No. 8 sent a group of men to Pittsburgh on Tuesday for final physical examination before induction into the army. The men returned home for a 14 day leave before they report for active duty. Men from the Burgettstown district who have passed their final exam and who will report in July are:

Burgettstown—Elmo B. Martin, Lawrence H. O'Hara, John Stevenson Lloyd Puskar, Jack Milton, Herman D. Brown, Clifford Lyons and Joseph Reyay.

Slovan—Nicholas Mervosh, Bogdan Vuksanovich, Roy Allen, and Joseph Grabski.

Langeloth—Marshall Cuervo, Richard L. Buxton, George Trenary, George Yazehac, Orville Orrick and Ingram Guthrie.

Bulger—Stabley Gatus and Attilio Sandri.

Midway—John Nourigate and Wekeles Ulrich.

Hanlin Station—Eli Mehollic.

Rea—Kenneth Holmes.

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**BROTHER AND SISTER  
IN THE SERVICE**



**ARLENE L. EATON**



**MARSHALL L. EATON**

Arlene Llewellyn Eaton is stationed at Baker's Field, Calif. She enlisted in the WAAC in January 1943. She is a former Union High school student.

Marshall Llewellyn, S 2/c, is stationed at Miami, Fla. He enlisted in June, 1942.

After the death of their parents in Maryland, they lived for some time with their sister, Mrs. Ray Nunn, of Center Avenue and attended school here

They are also brother and sister of Mrs. William Durst and Emmans Hoover of Langeloth.

**Arlene L. Eaton and Marshall L. Eaton  
Brother and Sister in the Service  
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## **AUDLEY HINDMAN IS PROMOTED MAJOR**

Dr. and Mrs. A. O. Hindman of Main street have received news of heroic deeds of their cousin, John Dawson, in a recent letter from their son, MAJOR Audley Hindman, sanitations officer and assistant to the chief surgeon of the Coast Artillery on the Island of Oahu, Hawaii. News also arrived last month of Audley's promotion to the rank of Major. He enlisted in the medical corps in February 1941 and was sent to the Phillipines, where he has remained on active duty since December 17, 1941.

Soldier Dawson, known to Burgettstown residents is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Dawson of Charleroi, who have coal interests in Smith town ship. Dawson has been awarded the airman's medal, the distinguished flying cross, the silver star and a citation for outstanding work. Among other things he made a crash landing on a beach. His most outstanding experience was a crash landing in the sea in a big plane. Only three of the crew managed to get out alive. They started swimming toward what they thought was land. One of the three finally gave up and perished. John and the other boy finally made a small island, after swimming for 14 hours.

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**Audley Hindman is Promoted Major  
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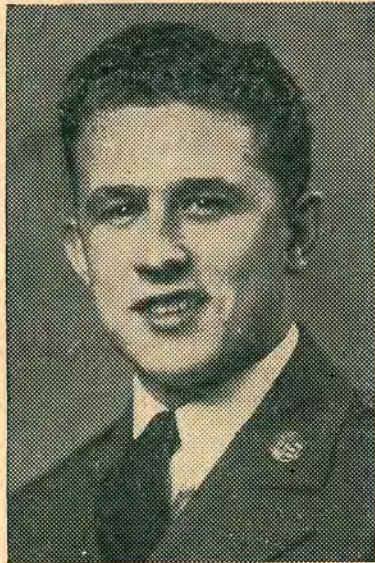
**JUNIOR WOMEN TO  
BEGIN BANDAGE ROLLING  
ON THURSDAY EVENING**

Volunteers from the Junior Women's club are requested to meet at the Home Economics House on Thursday evening at eight o'clock to organize for a Red Cross Bandage Rolling class. The class will meet each Thursday evening from 8 to 11 o'clock and will be conducted by Mrs. John Collins, chairman, Mrs. Warren Malone and Mrs. George Kraeer, who have received special instruction from the County Chapter.

Club members who expect to participate in this activity are requested to wear fresh, clean, cotton dresses and a covering for their hair.

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# Cherry Valley Soldier Is Cited For Bravery At Guadalcanal. 3 Navoski Boys Serve USA



MICHAEL NAVOSKI

Another Burgettstown District Soldier's name has been added to the ever growing roster of World War II Heroes. Word from the War Department in Washington, D. C., to the Burgettstown Enterprise states that "By direction of the President, the Legion of Merit in the degree of Lieutenant was awarded June 6, 1943 by Lt. General Millar F. Harmon, commanding the United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area to

MICHAEL P. NAVOSKI

Navoski, a Technician, Fourth Grade in the Medical Department of the United States Army receives this coveted award for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of services of a considerable degree of



JOHN NAVOSKI

merit during the period from January 1 to February 23, 1943 at Guadalcanal. As surgical technician, Sergeant Navoski rendered valuable service during the combat period. Preparing the operation room for use and providing sterile instrument and supplies, he also acted as assistant for many of the major and minor operations performed. He served efficiently at duties ordinarily performed by personnel of long experience, and contributed to the timely and effective care of the wounded."

Navoski is one of three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Navoski, Sr., of Cherry Valley serving in the Army. He enlisted in 1939 and was stationed in Hawaii for 3 years. In a recent



WILLIAM NAVOSKI

letter to his folks, he states he will be home soon. The Navoski family was agreeably surprised when news of their son's bravery and award was told them Sunday by an Enterprise representative.

Mike attended the Cherry Valley school room taught by Miss Dorothy Farrar, whom he writes regularly. He attended Union high school for a brief period of four weeks and prior to his army enlistment was employed at Langeloth mine.

Another son, John Navoski is with the Coast guard in California and a third son, William is with the Medical Corps in Arizona.

Mike reads the Enterprise regularly in Guadalcanal.

**Cherry Valley Soldier is Cited for Bravery at Guadalcanal  
Three Navoski Boys Serve USA  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 1, 1943 Edition**

## **FIREMEN MOVE OBSERVATION POST**

Burgettstown Fireman, assisted by friends in the Community, have completed the moving of the B. V. F. D. Observation Tower from the Colter-yahn Farm to the State Game Reserve on the opposite side of Bavington Road. Removal of the post was found to be necessary because of the nearness of the Harmon Creek Coal Company's Stripping Operation to the Post site. The Observation Tower, erected 13 feet in the air, will be manned just as quickly as a telephone can be installed, Chief Observer Enos Smith reports. Mr. Smith states that it is necessary to set in poles to the top of Bavington Hill, in order to make telephone connection. Volunteer Air Spotters for the B. V. F. D. Post are requested to be on the alert for a summons to return to duty.

Firemen and others who helped with the moving of the tower were Joseph and Robert Hemphill, Phil Gray, Mike Suica, B. Bernola, Lester Neale, F. Farulli, P. Neale, Albert Fulton, Elmer Harper, Ralph Blaine, Clyde Saxton, Louis Ceresa, J. Locq, B. Sandri, Edwin Smith, Henry Colter-yahn, Charles Colter-yahn, Ralph Lee, Earl Farner, Ray Farner, Bill Lyons, R. Barber, Patsy Yaco, Red Riddile, Joe Boni and Al Seagle.

**Burgettstown Firemen Move Observation Post  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 1, 1943 Edition**

AT FORT McCLELLAN



Private Harold Ramacker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ramacker of Joffre, is with the Infantry at Fort McClellan, Ala. Before induction on January 30, he was employed at the Champion Coal Washer.

**Pvt. Harold Ramacker at Ft. McClellan  
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Mr. and Mrs. Ben Repole received a cablegram on Wednesday morning telling of the safe arrival overseas of their son, Clair. It was the first word they had had from him in 2½ months.

**Mr. and Mrs. Ben Repole received Telegram from Clair Repole  
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ABOARD U.S.S. SAMPSON



Tony Scariot, son of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Scariot of Joffre, is a seaman 2/c aboard the U. S. S. Sampson. He was formerly employed at S. M. Byers in Ambridge.

**Tony Scariot Aboard U.S.S. Sampson  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 1, 1943 Edition**

## IN THE MAIL BOX

To All Concerned, An open letter to the members of the United Mine Workers of America;

Dear Brothers;

What prompted me to write this letter was the comments that my buddies here with me have made in regard to the latest mine strike and the stand that Mr. Lewis took. All they have said is true to the last word. They don't condemn you as a body. It is only a few that we have anything to say about. Namely, John L. Lewis and that politically minded staff of his. Never in the history of our beloved nation has any one man so proved himself a traitor of his Nation and he is one person who should be tried for treason before our highest Court of Justice. Surely my Dear Brothers, don't you realize that he is no longer out to help you' but it's his own personal gain he seeks, and to establish himself as an Immortal God, if I must use these words. It is time that all of you took steps to relieve this man of his duties as President of our Great Union and to send him into an everlasting world of retirement.

Maybe you will wonder why I, along with my Buddies, have any cause to say this. We all happen to be soldiers that are far away from our loved ones, Men who have to Fight this War on the Front lines, with rifles, cannon tanks and planes and the other implements of war that you all have a very important part in making. It is to you men on the front lines of Production that our lives depend on, the men who make the fighting tools, the men who make the Steel for these tools, and you the miners who produce the Coal so that the steel can be made. If you cease working then our rifles, ammunition, and other tools will be late in getting to us. In such a war as we are fighting today time is the main factor, our lives depend on how much and how fast our supplies get to us. We are willing to sacrifice our lives so that our children, our wives, our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sweethearts and friends can forever live in a world of happiness and never be molested by the hob-nailed sound of the goose-step of a dictator rule. We are after one objective and you are part of the team that must help us accomplish it. When you cease working you hold us up, and holding us up means a Victory that will not be ours. The enemy is getting weaker, we are growing stronger by the day. The time is at hand when we will soon be ready to strike. We will strike hard, and you must give your all to hit our ruthless enemy so that he will never rise again.

I am sure this is not asking too much. We will gladly give our lives so that we gain our objective. This is a plea to all of you. The job you have done so far has been a marvelous one, so keep it up, and Victory will soon be ours. I, myself, ask this of you as a Brother Member of this great union of ours. I am sure you will read this with a keen mind and that your efforts to help gain this victory will be hard and with great reward.

Hoping that I have done no great injustice by this, I sincerely look forward to reading the newspaper, which I receive two and three months late, that you are all giving your best and that you will have a leader who has no political ambitions.

Most sincerely yours,

Sgt. Pete Borus,

A. P. O. 613 % Postmaster New York  
U. M. W. A. Member Local Union.  
1208 Slovan, Pa. 2626 Atlasburg, Pa.

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**In The mail Box-Open Letter from Sgt. Pete Borus  
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## Slovan Dedicates Service Men's Plaque

One thousand residents of Slovan and friends assembled on Monday, July 5th, for the formal dedication of a beautiful Honor Roll, tribute to the men from that section who are in the armed forces of the United States. The dedication and Honor Roll was planned by the Slovan Volunteer Fire Department.

Men, whose names appear on the roll are:

Henry Abate, Joseph Abate, George H. Abate, Frank Anzlovar, Jr., Anthony Anzlovar, Roy Allen.

Michael Beharry, Joseph Bezusko, Jr., Michael Babuka, Michael Baronick, Steve Baronick, Fred Barto, John Barto, David D. Barto, Joseph Blair, Edward Budwsky, Henry Z. Budwsky, Domenick Bongiorno, Edward Bongiorno, James Bongiorno, Andrew Bayus, Evo Bertini, Mario Borio, Stephen Burchik, George Budnich.

Albert Capazzoli, John Conjeski, Robert Coates, Edward Coates.

George A. Dugas, Albert J. Dugas, Louis W. Dugas, Joseph Dubich, Michael Dubich, John Dubich, John De Santo, Harry Drazio, Frank Dettorre, Joe Davis, Edward Davis, Doc Davis.

George Esno, John H. Evans, Carl Filipponi, Dante Filipponi, Albert Fowler.

Mat Guna, Edward Galonka, Joseph Galonka, Angelo Giacomelli, Sirio Gavazzi, Caesar Grossi, Milan M. Galish, Charles Getsinger, Mike Gruber, Jr., James J. Guiddy, Joseph Grabsky, Thomas Gretsky.

Robert L. Hunsinger, Samuel Hayden, Benjamin Horovitz, Horace F. Hicks, Stephen Hollick, Nick Hollick.

Edward Jackson, Luke Jordan, Walter Kaminsky, Albert Kuntz, John C. Kuntz, Nick Klimenko, Wesley A. Keyson, John Kluchanovich, Donald Kovich, Benjamin Kowalewski, Andrew Koval, John Kopolovich, Julius Kaminsky.

Henry Longevitch, Edmund Longevitch, Frank Longevitch, Louis Loncaric, Richard Lombardi, August F. Laurich.

Anne F. Militich, Lewis Mader, Walter H. Mader, Michael Mudre, Steve Mudre, Joseph Majernik, Joseph T. McGivern, Frank Mlatnik, John Mlatnik, Stanley Matula, John Matula, Chester Melton, Louis Modic, Jr., Robert J. McGraw, Peter McGraw, John Matesic, Edward McCloskey, Hobert Medved, Nicholas Mervosh, Ray Mitchell.

Joseph Novak, Theodore Nicksick, Stephen Olszak, John Ostop, Steve Ostop.

Louis D. Pascoe, Luke J. Pascoe, John J. Porchiran, Joseph Porchiran, Casimir J. Pakicz, Paul Pakicz, Andrew Petrus, Anthony Plate, Samuel Plate, Adolph C. Panconi, Mike Pozniko.

Frank Rozmus, Stanley Rozmus, Anthony Rivetti.

Edward V. Sciamanna, John Schilinski, Andrew Schilinski, Gene Sprando, Albert Sprando, John Swanik, Andrew Steiminger, Lawrence Steiminger, Jr., Stephen Surba, Jr., Julius Slopek, James Sabatasse, Jr., John Szybysti.

James Trombetti, Anzelo Troci, Joseph Tepsic, Nick Tepsic, Milan Tomich, Eugene G. Tommasi, Victor Testa.

Mary Vukas, Steve Vukas, Jr., Milan Visnich, Samuel Visnich, Jr., William P. Visnich, George Visnich, Eli Vladich, Nicholas Vranjes, Bogdan Vuksanovich.

Joseph Wojnar, Walter Wojnar, Edward Wojcik, Walter Wysocki, Joseph Wos, Jr., Clarence Williams.

Michael Yaksic, Nicholas Yaksic, Jr., Marko Yaksic, Bradley Yanni.

John Zelenko, Tony Zelenko, Stanley Zupan.

## X-RAY TECHNICIAN



Private Ronald Torrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Torrance of Myers, Pa., and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Thornburg of South Main street, is stationed at the Shenango Replacement Center hospital, Greenville, Pa., as an X-ray technician. Formerly he was an X-ray technician at Beaver. He was inducted on January 9 of this year.

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**Pvt. Ronald Torrence**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-July 8, 1943 Edition**

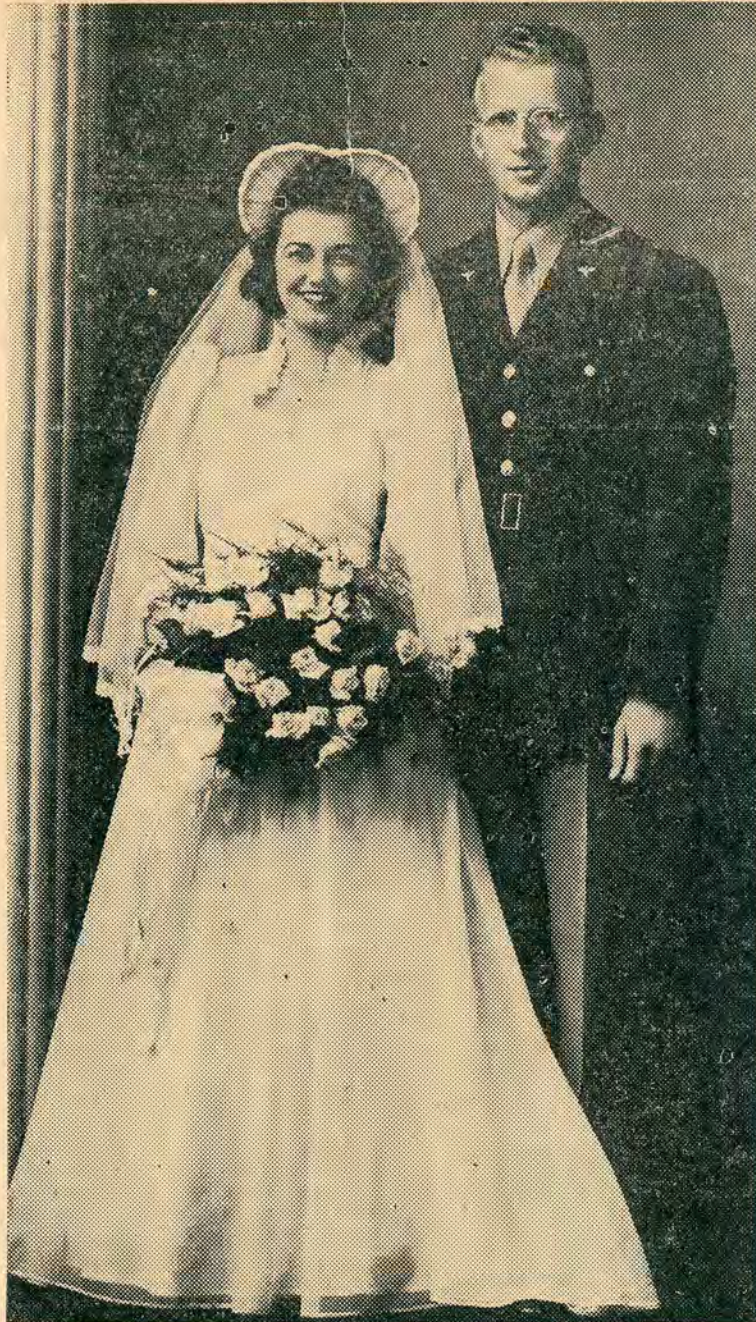
**Stationed in California**



Private John Haspel, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Haspel of Burgettstown, is at the Orange County Air Post, Santa Ana, Calif. Before being inducted on April 28, 1942, he was employed by the Follansbee Steel Corporation.

**Private John Haspel**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-July 15, 1943 Edition**

## LT DUGAS AND BRIDE LIVE IN N. MEXICO



Lieutenant and Mrs. George A. Dugas are residing in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he is stationed with the Army Air Forces. They were united in marriage on Thursday, May 20 at Canonsburg. She is the former Emma Elsie Debelak of Ayella. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dugas of Slovan.

**Lt. Dugas and Bride Live in New Mexico**  
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# DEDICATION

## Jefferson Twp. Honor Roll



Eldersville, Penna.  
Sunday, July 18, 1943



# Jefferson Township Honor Roll

RONALD BROWN  
GEORGE BAKER  
DALLAS BOYCE  
NICK BERTOVICH  
JULIUS BONAZZA  
DONALD BROWN  
THOMAS BERTOVICH  
RUSSELL BENNETT  
ALFRED BROWN  
JAMES BROWN  
ROBERT BROWN  
GEORGE W. BUTLER  
JACOB BAKER  
EARL BONDY

SEYMER COX  
JOHN CHARLIER  
MIKE CHUPA  
HAROLD CHUTES  
MARION COBBS  
WILLIAM DONALD COX  
WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM  
JOHN CHILINSKY  
STEVE CHUBERKO

JOSEPH DUCOIT  
ANTONIO DIBACCO  
JAMES DONATI  
MIKE DROSS  
JOHN DRAKE  
WALTER DOBINSKI  
JOHN DROSS  
M. J. DELLENBAUGH

SAM ELICH  
GENE FOSTER  
JAMES FIAZZA  
WILLIAM FODOR

CHARLES GRIGAS

JOHN HASPEL  
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WILLIAM HOLLOWAY  
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JOHN KORPUS  
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EDWARD McCORMICK  
JACK MILTON

NICHOLAS NEGRA

JOSEPH J. OPALENICK  
FRANK OLA  
RUSSELL ORENCHUK

NICK PLESKA  
DONALD PATRINO  
MATTHEW PUSKARICH  
JOHN PUSKARICH  
JOSEPH PUSKARICH  
STEVE PUSKARICH  
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FRANK RESNIK  
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LEONARD STONE  
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IGNACE SULTIE  
JOHN SAVER, JR.  
ELMER SAVER  
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ROBERT STEWART  
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RALPH WELLS  
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HOWARD WILLIAMS  
RICHARD WILLIAMS  
RAY WHEELER

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JOHN YUROSKO  
GEORGE YANICH  
STEVE YANICK

ANTHONY ZICK  
JOSEPH ZDYBICKI

# PROGRAM

AMERICA ----- Song by the Assembly

## FLAG RAISING AND SALUTATION

### INVOCATION

SONG ----- By the Girls' Chorus

Composed of young women from Bethel and Eldersville

PRESENTATION of ARMBANDS to OBSERVATION POST OBSERVERS

By ELMER HILL, Chief Observer for the District.

SONG ----- By the Girls' Chorus

ADDRESS ----- REV. JOSEPH ZEZZO

PRESENTATION of GOLD STAR MEDAL ----- W. J. LONG

District Commander of the American Legion

Presentation made for the Burgettstown Post No. 698 to kin of George Yanick, Aviation radioman 3-c U. S. N. who was reported killed December 3, 1942 as the result of an airplane crash into the sea. His body was recovered and is interred in the locality of his death.

FLAG DRILL ----- Eldersville Girls

STAR SPANGLED BANNER ----- By The Assembly

### BENEDICTION

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### OBSERVATION POST AWARDS

HELEN RYAN	EMILIE PASTOR	H. SULLENBERGER
GEORGE PARR	JOSEPH SUGICK	GAYLORD MARTIN
EDWIN SAVER	SARAH BUTLER	IDELL WIEGMANN
EMMA NEELY	MERLE THORLEY	HARRY DAVIDSON
HOWARD NOAH	EUGENE MARTIN	HOMER DAVIDSON
IRENE BROWN	HELEN MARTIN	DOROTHY BUTLER
REED BROWN	WILLIAM KIDD	VERNON WIEGMANN
C. STROUD	ELEANOR TRUAX	VAL JEAN DAVIDSON
M. O. BUTLER	WILLIAM FULTON	CARMEN WIEGMANN
CLYDE MELVIN	ILAH McCAFFERY	CLIFFORD GILLESPIE
PEARL MELVIN	E. A. GILLESPIE	ELEANOR THOMPSON
HELEN BOLES	BETTY DAVIDSON	ESTELENE CUNNINGHAM
RAYMOND KIDD	PAUL WIEGMANN	

# \*\*\* JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP HONOR ROLL \*\*\*

Ronald F. Brown  
 George L. Baker  
 Mike P. Kishak  
 James Cox  
 Gene Foster  
 Dallas M. Bruce  
 John Korody  
 James J. Pazzo  
 John Haspel  
 William L. Hassel  
 Alexander Kennedy  
 Lawrence Kennedy  
 Joseph Kennedy  
 Fred Reese  
 Robert LaPosta  
 Richard O. Williams  
 James Petel  
 William Matras  
 Otis Wells  
 Carl D. Wells  
 Ralph Wells  
 Richard Hornath  
 Nicholas Keza  
 Joseph Zaluski  
 Mike Meehan  
 Dan Pattenick

H. I. McDonnell  
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 Carl McGinley  
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 John Chlensky  
 Edward W. Jackson  
 William L. Jackson  
 Thomas Kerpich  
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 George J. Clealick  
 Frank Ch.  
 John Kearden  
 Robert Stewart  
 Lester Binland  
 Arthur LaPosta

Edward With  
 Peter McMahon Jr.  
 Joseph Dacot  
 Andrew Wargo  
 Paul Wargo  
 Michael Klem  
 Ignace G. Sallie  
 Bruce Bonazza  
 Dick Plesha  
 T.A. Redonda  
 Joseph Redonda  
 Robert Reduski  
 James J. Redonda  
 John Sabbath  
 John Kollick  
 Leonard Stene  
 George Kapa  
 John Kapa  
 Andrew Kapa  
 Charles Kapa  
 Frank Kestel  
 Chester Kowalski  
 Andrew J. Holloway  
 William Holloway  
 Bernelle Holloway  
 William Thompson

Harold Chute  
 Mike Chute  
 Mike Keres  
 Martin Keres  
 John Keres  
 George W. Butler  
 Marjorie J. Dehonbaugh  
 Nick Kramer  
 John Kollage  
 Arthur D. Kocog  
 Edward Muskovich  
 Joseph Puskatich  
 John Puskatich  
 Steve Puskatich  
 Matthew Puskatich  
 Ray Wheeler  
 James Donah  
 Russell Orzechuk  
 Frank Kuzak Jr.  
 Donald Estine  
 Russell Bennett  
 Mike Gross  
 John Gross  
 William G. Jackson  
 Charles Mc Cormick  
 Tom Patek

John Charley  
 James Marshall  
 Eric Baker  
 Wilfred Korders  
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 James Pawa  
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 Charles Keph  
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 George Janick  
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 John Kuzak  
 John Kuzak Jr.  
 Janet Jauer  
 Frank Jurek  
 Marion Cobbs  
 Donald Brown  
 William L. Cox  
 Philip Janset

Building Committee; P. V. Weigmann, E. A. Gillespie and P. G. Stewart  
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**LEGION AUXILIARY  
ASKS MEMBERS TO DONATE  
SMOKES FOR SOLDIERS**

At the regular meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to Legion Post No. 698 on Monday evening, July 26 at eight o'clock in the Legion Hall, members will be asked to contribute cigarettes for soldiers overseas. Other persons who desire to participate in this project should contact Mrs. Alice Bable chairlady.

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## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CONDUCTS CAMPAIGN FOR PHONOGRAPH RECORDS

Burgettstown American Legion Auxiliary to Post No. 698 is now in the midst of a second nation-wide campaign to collect old phonograph records to be distributed to the men and women in the United States Armed Forces. Mrs. Clifford McCormick, chairman of the drive in the Greater Burgettstown Community requests that persons having old records they desire to donate either take them to the Western Auto Associate Store or McCarrick's Garage or give them to a member of the Auxiliary. The campaign ends July 31.

This collection is being sponsored by the national headquarters of these two organizations, in cooperation with Records for Our Fighting Men, Inc., a not-for-profit organization of the country's leading musical artists with Bob Hope as its president. The campaign has the approval and authorization of the President's war relief control committee.

All records collected will be forwarded to the Columbia Recording company and exchanged for new records which will be given to the army, navy, marine corps and coast guard for proper distribution.

As the result of last year's campaign more than 370,000 new records have been distributed to American fighting men around the world. This year two million more are needed. The records are made in libraries of 48 double-side records and cover the entire field of music from symphony to swing.

The need for recreation among our service men and women is growing as their numbers grow and as they reach foreign soil, and by the donation of records to this cause, those at home can assist materially in promoting recreation for these young men and women.

**FINANCE OFFICER**



Albert P. Bundy, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Bundy of Burgettstown, has recently been commissioned a 2nd. Lieutenant in the Finance Department of the Army of the United States. He is now stationed at Duke University, Durham, N. C.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Albert P. Bundy**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-July 22, 1943 Edition**

## POLITICAL POT BEGINS TO SIMMER BUT CANDIDATES ARE HARD TO FIND

The political pot is simmering in Burgettstown and Smith Township, but with only five days left for candidates to file petitions for places on the September primary election ballot, there is scarcely a bubble of interest in evidence.

It behooves supporters of the two major parties to get together in these remaining days and to secure a slate of candidates capable of and worthy to serve in the Municipal and Township offices.

Monday, July 26 is the deadline for filing petitions with the County Commissioners. Until Wednesday, July 21st, but one single petition had been filed from his district. That honor goes to Joseph Freville, Republican, of Bulger, who has declared his intention of running for the office of Smith Township Road Supervisor.

The September Primary, while principally of Municipal importance, will also see the nomination of Judges for the County Courts and petitions have been circulating in the district for candidates.

On the home front, we will choose school directors, councilmen, auditors, road supervisors and election officials.

A disturbing sign to the old guard in the district, men and women who have carried the banners of their parties for many years, is the lack of interest in Democracy's most sacred privilege, that of selecting local government by virtue of franchise.

In Smith township, we learned by the grapevine that the Democrats have been more or less active and have almost completed a slate. One leading Committee man tells us that Caesar Prado, who was appointed to fill the vacancy on the school board, caused by the resignation of Attorney Hanna, will file a petition, as will J. J. Webster. On the Smith township Board, the terms of Plate, Nicksick and McIntyre (By appointment to fill the unexpired term of A. J. Nairn) will expire. McGraw will file for Road Supervisor.

The Republicans of Burgettstown held a suggestion meeting on Tuesday evening, presided over by Squire Culley, policy maker for the Boro and selected the following candidates: Council—Cliff Carmichael, Harold Malone, D. N. Cook and Albert Fulton; School Director, T. B. Stevenson, E. E. Harper and Harold Buckwalter; 1st Pct. Election officers, Wayne Culley, and Mrs. W. E. Dickson and 2nd Pct. Election officers, Mrs. James Reed and Mrs. Julia Craig.

The Democrats are still in the process of considering a slate for the Borough and expect to complete their list the latter part of this week. W. J. Whalen, Jr., Mrs. Stottlemeyer and Mrs. Conn have been preparing the petitions for candidates and will file them before the deadline.

Offices to be filled in the district are:

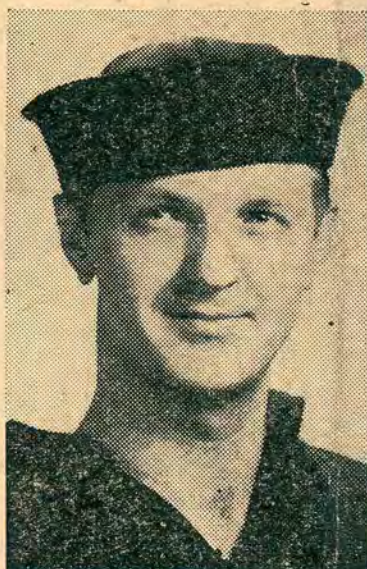
Burgettstown—2 School Directors, 6 years; 1 School Director, 2 years; 3 Councilmen, 4 years.

SMITH—2 School Directors, six years; 2 School Directors, 2 years; 1 Auditor, 6 years; 1 Township Supervisor, 6 years.

## LEARN SEAMANSHIP FOR MARITIME SERVICE



WALTER LIPNICKY



PATRICK JACKSON



ANTHONY OLOWNIK

Three local boys, Patrick W. Jackson, son of Mrs. Domitella Jackson of Langeloth, Walter Y. Lipnicky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lipnicky of Atlasburg, and Anthony Olownik, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Olownik of Atlasburg, were recently accepted in the United States Maritime Service and are now undergoing an intensive basic training in seamanship at the Mari-

time Service training unit at New York. They will remain at the training base for three to six months, after which they will be stationed aboard ship.



**FIELD WORKER**



Dennis P. Marshall, prominent Francis Mine resident has been appointed a Field Representative in District 5 of the U.M.W. of A. of the C.I.O. by John Busarello, District President.

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**Dennis P. Marshall-Field Representative U. N. W. of A.  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 22, 1943 Edition**

## AT CAMP EDWARDS



Private Charles Melnyk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Melnyk of Francis Mine, is stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass. Before his induction on April 5, he was employed by the Greensburg-Connellsville Coal and Coke Company. He expects to visit his home town sometime this month.

**Pvt. Charles Melnyk at Camp Edwards  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 22, 1943 Edition**

**BURGETTSTOWN RATION  
BOARD WILL RECEIVE  
SUGAR APPS. UNTIL AUG. 31**

The Ration Board in Burgettstown (basement of Washington National Bank) will receive applications for canning sugar each Tuesday from 8:45 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. until August 31st. No. 1 ration book must be presented, but officials point out that if it is inconvenient for the applicant himself to present his book, another person may do so for him. Each ration book is eligible to 15 pounds of sugar for canning purposes. Stamps Nos. 15 and 16 are good through October 31 for 5 pounds. Stamp No. 13 is good for 5 pounds of sugar through August 15.

**Ration Reminders**

Shoe Stamp No. 18 (1 pair) is valid through October 31.

Meat, etc. Red Stamps P, Q and R good through July 31.

Processed foods - Blue Stamps N, P and Q remain valid through Aug. 7.

Coffee Stamp- No. 22 (1 lb.) good through August 11.

Gasoline "A" book coupons No. 6, good for three gallons each were valid July 22. "B" and "C" coupons cut to 2½ gallons in the shortage area.

Fuel Oil- Period 5 coupons valid through Sept. 30. Period 1 coupons in new fuel oil rations became valid through July 1 and are good for 10 gal. each.

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### BUDDIES GRADUATE



Corporal Ralph F. Fiorelli, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Fiorelli of Burgettstown, and Pfc. Nick Bozic, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bozic of Bulger, have graduated from the Aviation Machinists Mate School at the United States Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla. and are awaiting assignment to an active Marine Aviation Squadron.

**Corporal Ralph Fiorelli and Pfc. Nick Bozic  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 29, 1943 Edition**

### Fighting "Leatherneck"



Hobert J. Medved, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Medved, Main Street, Slovan, has been accepted for service with the fighting "Leathernecks" and has been assigned to Parris Island S.C., for basic military training. He was sworn into service by Major A. E. Simon, Officer in Charge of the Pittsburgh Headquarters recently. He enlisted in May of this year and reported for duty on June 21.

**Hobert J. Medved-Fighting "Leatherneck"**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-July 29, 1943 Edition**

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12272 *James Wilson Bole*  
*14 Maple Ave*  
*Burgettstown Pa*

16-19071-2

**NOTICE TO REGISTRANT  
TO APPEAR FOR  
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION**

App. not Req.

AUG 3 1943  
(Date of mailing), 19\_\_\_\_

You are directed to report for physical examination by the local board examiner at the time and place designated below:

Dr. George L. McKee, Center Ave., Burgettstown, Penna.  
(Place of examination)

at 2 p. m., on AUG 8 1943, 19\_\_\_\_

This examination will be of a preliminary nature, for the purpose of disclosing only *obvious* physical defects, and will not finally determine your acceptance or rejection by the armed forces.

If you are so far from your local board area that reporting for the above physical examination will constitute a hardship, you may submit a request to your local board for reference to another local board for preliminary physical examination. Your request must include the following information:

1. The reasons for your request for reference to another local board.
2. The designation (name and location) of the local board having jurisdiction over the area in which you are now located.

Failure to comply with this notice will result in your being declared a delinquent and subjected to the penalties provided by law.

D. S. S. Form 201  
(Rev. 4-1-42)

*F. C. Keegan*  
Member-Clerk of Local Board.

GPO 16-18635-3

**Draft Notice for James Wilson Bole  
Mailed August 3, 1943**



WILLIAM J. CASTNER

BILL WEAVER WRITES  
THAT CASTNER DIED  
A HEROIC DEATH

Lieutenant William Weaver of Cherry Valley who is an executive officer of air and ground crews with the United States Army in England has written his mother, Mrs. Roxie Weaver a letter dated August 4, telling of the death of Lieutenant William A. Castner.

Bill says,

"Bill Castner isn't here any longer. He was buried yesterday (August 5) at Brookwood, a few miles southwest of London. He was killed on July 30th in a crash landing. I had talked to him the night before about his exceptional first aid performed on his injured navigator. He saved Lt. Fried's life at risk to his own that day, but that was the last first aid he was to perform. On Saturday he failed to come through with his crew. I said to him the night before when we left each other in the dining hall, "Will see you tomorrow Bill." Guess the Lord had other plans. He is greatly missed here for his happy nature. He was a great friend of mine and it all seems rather strange that he should be gone now. God Bless him and be with his wife and family."

As Priest of the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church, Rev. William J. McCashin performed one of the most sorrowful tasks of his ministry of more than a quarter of a century in this Community on Wednesday morning, when he officiated at a Military Solemn High Mass for his namesake, the late Lieutenant William J. Castner, first army aviation war casualty in the Borough of Burgettstown.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Castner of Market street and his bride of a few months, Mrs. W. J. Castner, a Dietician at the West Penn hospital was officially notified by the War Department last Thursday of Lieutenant Castner's death on July 30 in the European theatre. He had served more than 200 flying hours as a Bombardier on a Flying Fortress out of England.

Castner was named for Rev. McCashin, who united the young flyer's parents in marriage at his first nuptial high mass held in the Burgettstown church. Castner served as an Altar boy and attended Sunday school. He was known as an exemplary young man of high ideals and was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

He had lived most of his life in Burgettstown. After graduating from Union high school, he attended the University of Pittsburgh and was employed as a metallurgist for the Jones and Laughlin Steel Company in Pittsburgh. He enlisted 18 months ago.

Sorrowing friends and members of the family attended the Military Mass where Rev. McCashin was assisted by Monsigneur D. P. Murphy of Wierton as Deacon and Rev. Vincent Leonard of Woodville as Sub-Deacon. Burgettstown American Legion members attended in a body and Leo Sams sounded taps.

Castner was born in Burgettstown, October 1917. Besides his parents and his widow, he is survived by five sisters, Mrs. Charles Mester of Jacksonville, Fla.; Anna, Rita, Theresa and Elizabeth all at home.

## IN THE MAIL BOX

Burgettstown Enterprise:

This is to notify you that my address has been changed from Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla., to A. P. O. 28, Camp Pickett, Va. We have been here for some time, but I hesitated in advising you sooner, as you know how Uncle Sam moves one about. It really is very illuminating to receive the home town newspaper, and to realize that so many of my old friends are now in the service. There are no G. I's here in this outfit from the old Burg, but there are two from McDonald. I was very sorry to see in the recent copy of Life the notice of the death of the three men from Francis Mine. I knew them all very well.

What gives most of the soldiers big pain in the— well you know where, is the fact that some of the ones who are remaining in the comparative safety of their homes are the first ones to throw a monkey wrench in the wheels of progress by striking at a time when every bit of equipment that can be produced, should be. Those three men from the old community were all coal miners, and knew well what the miners have had to sacrifice in times of peace when there was little or no employment to be had, so I wonder what they would say if they could see what some of their former brothers in the Union are doing to aid and abet the enemy.

I hope that the coal miners all get as much money as they really earn, and that is plenty, but never at the sacrifice of their own sons. They might not like to have to receive a check on pay day that is below the standard of some of the unheard of wages, but, by golly, they had better never be willing to change jobs with any former miner who is now working longer hours, taking greater risks, not seeing their families every night, here in the Army. Well, I have shot my wad for now. Tell the gang around the corner "Hello" for me.

Regards

Sgt. H. R. MacGillis

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REAMOND C. SMILEY

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smiley, of Bavington Road, were notified by the War Department Thursday, August 5, that their son, Staff Sergeant Reamond C. Smiley, with the U. S. Army Air Forces overseas, had been listed as "missing in action" over Hamburg, Germany, July 25.

The War Department message to the parents of the 24-year-old airman gave no other details, but hope was held that he may have parachuted to safety and been taken as a prisoner of war.

It was on July 25 that American four-engined bombers made their deepest stab into Germany, blasting four Axis bases, including Hamburg, in a Sunday daylight raid. The Americans, striking the mightiest single day's onslaught of the war up to that time, were reported in press dispatches to have lost 19 of their unescorted planes in the mighty attack.

Staff Sergeant Smiley was a turret gunner on one of the huge U. S. bombers. He had been overseas for the last three months, according to word received by his family and in a letter received by his parents several weeks ago he stated he had participated in six missions and hoped to "take part in many more so that I can get back home."

Born and reared in the Burgettstown community, Staff Sgt. Smiley was a graduate of Union High school in the class of 1938 and was prominent in athletics as a basketball player. He was inducted into the service in the spring of 1942, going in the second call following Pearl Harbor.

A brother, Corporal Paul Smiley, is in the service, stationed in California. He has two sisters, Betty, wife of W. D. Craig, of Burgettstown, and Dorothy, wife of Howard Harper of Monaca.

## **NO MORE TELEPHONES**

No new telephone installations can be made for the general public in the Burgettstown exchange because the capacity of the local telephone system has been reached, Charles A. Gularski manager of the Bell Telephone Company, announced today.

"The company can only install new telephones required for direct defense or for public health, welfare or security, as defined by the War Production Board, except as future disconnection makes additional service available for the public," Mr. Gularski said.

"In normal times adequate telephone office additions would have been made to handle new installations," he explained, "but the War Production Board, in order to conserve critical war materials, has set a limit to the number of telephones that may be connected to a central office. That limit has been reached in the Burgettstown exchange area.

"The telephone company sincerely regrets any inconvenience the restrictions on new installations may cause but I am confident the public will agree that war needs must come first."

## PLAN WAR LOAN DRIVE

Lee R. McKinney, co-chairman for the Burgettstown-McDonald Panhandle district for the Third War Loan Drive participated in a dinner meeting held Tuesday evening in the George Washington hotel to outline plans for the drive, which will start on September 9.

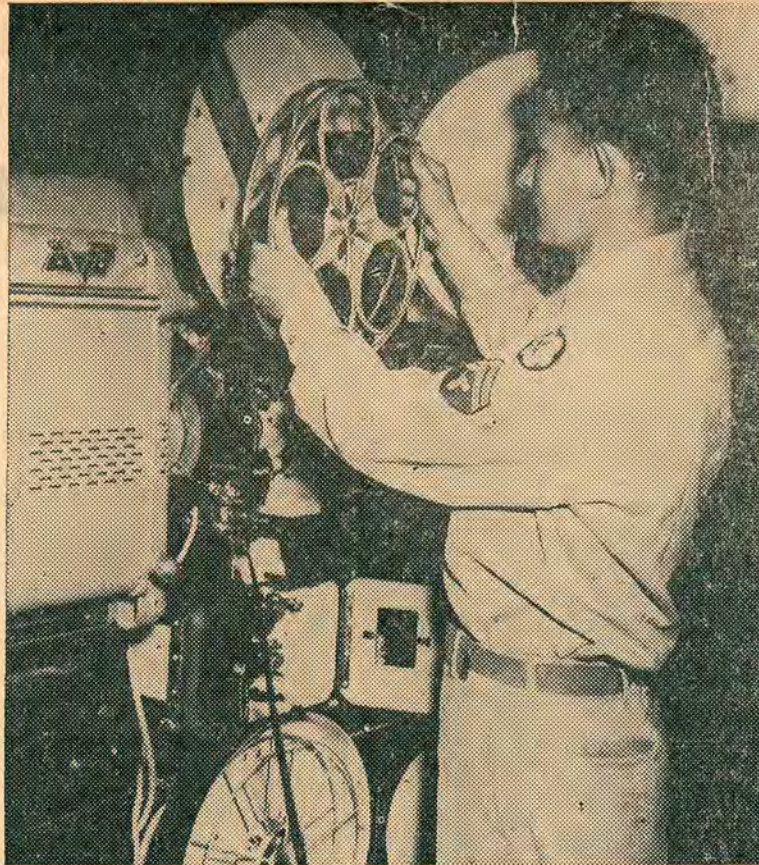
Accompanying Mr. McKinney was W. J. Whalen, Jr., Executive Field Manager for the Washington, Greene, Butler and Beaver Counties; Harold Malone, whose appointment as Burgettstown chairman for the drive was announced by Mr. McKinney on Tuesday, and E. H. Vosburg, Publisher of the Burgettstown Enterprise.

The meeting was conducted by Judge Howard Hughes, county chairman for the drive and was attended by bankers, lawyers and newspapermen from all parts of Washington County.

The drive will have as an objective \$15,000,000.00 and the money will be sought from private individuals, corporations and savings companies. Banks will not be asked to participate.

Mr. Malone is completing his organization and will call a meeting of all workers, including persons who worked with the Victory Fund Committee and the Women's groups who participated in the recent Molly Pitcher promotion. Mr. Malone will be assisted by James Reed and Joseph Hemphill, as co-chairmen, with Mrs. W. J. Whalen, Jr., as chairman of the Women's Division.

**ELMO SHOWS FILM FOR UNCLE SAM NOW.**



Atlanta, Ga.,—Technician Fifth Grade Elmo Bernola, son of Mrs. Loretta and the late John Bernola, of McClure avenue, Burgettstown working at one of the Post Theaters at the Atlanta Ordinance Depot, Atlanta, Georgia, where he is chief projectionist.

Corporal Bernola, prior to entry into service on September 22, 1941, worked as projectionist at the Keith Theatre, Burgettstown. His Army assignment is no different than his job in civilian life. He daily runs two shows each evening at Theatre No. 2

and supervises equipment and operation of the booths in another movie house on the post.

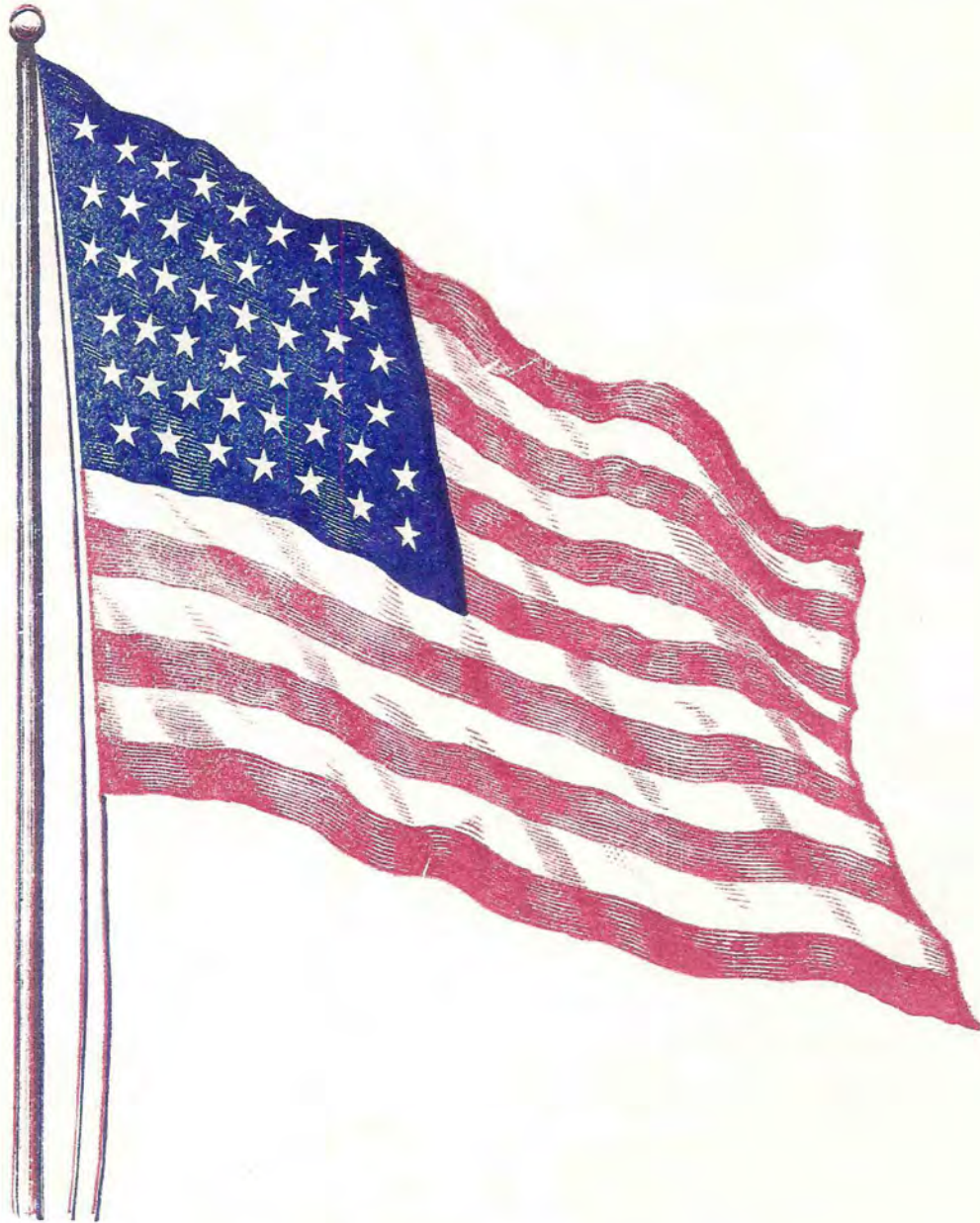
Aside from his duty, the Burgettstown soldier is assistant to the post photographer. A brother, Edlo Bernola, is serving in Africa, one of the first American soldiers to arrive there. Another brother Albert expects to enter the Army soon.

Bernola lives in Forest Park, Ga., with his wife the former Anne Tabone, of Bulger, Pa. He is a graduate of Burgettstown Grammar and Union High Schools.

**Elmo Bernola Shows Film for Uncle Sam Now  
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 19, 1943 Edition**

# DEDICATION

Mt. Pleasant Twp. Roll of Honor



HICKORY, PENNSYLVANIA

ARMISTICE DAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1943 - 10:45 A. M.

## MOUNT PLEASANT TOWNSHIP ROLL OF HONOR

Ahrns, Leonard	Filius, Nick	Machek, Ferd
Alexander, Camille, Jr	Finley, Cloyce	Machek, Frank
Allison, Jay	Finley, Wilford	Mahoney, Frank
Alrutz, Ralph	Foster, Theodore	Mahoney, Victor
Anderson, Boyd	Frye, David	Malone, Leroy
Antosh, Stanley	Frye, James	Maltony, John
Arcure, Catherine	Frye, William	Martin, Claire
Ashbrook, Merle	Gima, Andrew	Martin, Donald
Atchison, Robert	Gima, George	Marshall, Jerry
Atchison, Roy	Gima, John	McAllister, Raymond
Bartolich, Charles	Gima, Joseph	McAnany, Howard
Bedillion, John, Jr.	Gordon, Donald	McAnany, Richard
Bish, William	Gordon, Leroy	McBride, Harry
Bowland, Alex	Gould, Bud	McCarrell, James
Bowland, Milford	Graham, John	McCarthy, Anthony
Brautigam, Clarence	Greeley, Bernard	McCarthy, Charles
Brautigam, Clyde	Greeley, Robert	McDowell, James
Brautigam, Earl	Grivetti, Peter	McGugin, James, Jr.
Brautigam, Elmer	Grivetti, Valentino	McMurray, Cornelius
Brower, George	Hainaut, Frank	Meneely, George
Brower, James	Haught, Howard	Mercier, Joseph
Browning, William	Haught, James	Meriage, Lawrence
Caldwell, Donald	Haught, John	Meriage, Nick
Caldwell, James	Hensel, Mary	Mgrdichan, Charles
Caldwell, Mildred	Hensel, Robert	Mick, Stanton
Carl, Arthur	Hensel, Sheldon	Miller, Everett
Carlisle, Robert	Hensel, William	Miller, James
Cenderelli, James	Hete, John	Milligan, Samuel
Chiff, Donald	Hicks Alfred	Morris, Andrew
Chiff, Earl	Hinerman, Melvin	Morris, Charles
Chiff, Jules	Hoop, George	Morris, Mike
Christ, Robert	Hoop, Willard	Moss, Harvey
Cogniet, Charles	Hulick, Elmer	Mrenak, Edward
Cogniet, Norman	Hulick, John	Mulshen, Joseph
Cole, Clarence	Hulick, William	Mutton, James
Cole, Paul	Jeffrey, Kermit	Myers, Thomas
Coleman, Harry	Johns, Alex	Novak, Edward
Coleman, Paul	Kachnyez, Theodore	Novak, Martha
Conklin, Reed	Kalan, Joseph, Jr.	Openbrier, Adolph
Cooke, Raymond	Kargle, Louis	Parks, Elden
Cowden, James	Kaste, Kenneth	Partozoti, James
Cowden, John	Kencec, Nick	Patnesky, Andrew
Cowden, Lawrence	Kendo, Leonard	Pawlosky, Frank
Crawford, Clarence	Kennedy, Clark	Perenic, Joseph
Criquellion, Elsie	Kennedy, Joseph	Pilkington, A. D.
Criquellion, Julius	Kennedy, Ralph	Plumeret, Serephine
Cummins, Ray	Kersten, Earl	Pollard, Glenn
Daley, Hugh	Kersten, Fred	Prevost, Ronald
Dhans, Earl	Kersten, Harold	Ramacher, Harold
Dhans, Herman	Klinsky, Alex	Reedy, Lester
Dinsmore, Malcolm	Klinsky, John	Rettinger, Howard
Dire, Albert	Kraeer, Thomas	Rettinger, Herbert
Dixon, Louis	Kumer, Alex	Rettinger, Leonard
Doehre, Elmer	Laine, George	Rettinger, Wilbert
Druga, Andrew	LaSavage, Mike	Rupar, Emil
Druga, George	Libert, John	Rubar, Frank
DuBois, Amil	Lugaila, John	Salansky, Alex
DuBois, Raymond	Lugaila, Mike	Salansky, Paul
Edward, L. G. Eddy	Lyle, Donald	Salansky, William

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Dedication Committee: A. D. White, Chairman, Robert H. Culley, C. S. Thomas.

Lettering on the Memorial has been done by Robert H. Culley of Washington

The participation of the American Legion Post of Burgettstown is under the direction of the Post Commander, C. L. Kirsch of Langeloth, Penna.

The Community Chorus is under the direction of Miss Della Colwes of Hickory.

The Hickory High School Band is directed by Mrs. Lourene Coulter Thompson, Supervisor of Music in the Mount Pleasant Township Schools.

Grateful acknowledgment is hereby extended by Hickory Lodge Knights of Pythias to all who have assisted in any way in the erection and dedication of this Roll of Honor.

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(Mount Pleasant Township Honor Roll consists of residents of Mount Pleasant Township and members of Hickory Lodge No. 125 Knights of Pythias, regardless of residence.)

# PROGRAM

10:45 A. M.  
PATRIOTIC CONCERT.....HICKORY HIGH SCHOOL BAND

11:00 A. M.  
ONE MINUTE OF SILENCE IN COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMISTICE OF  
WORLD WAR I.

STAR SPANGLED BANNER .....BAND

FLAG RAISING AND SALUTATION:  
By THE BURGETTSTOWN POST NO. 698 AMERICAN LEGION OF PENNA.

INVOCATION .....REV. JOSEPH M. HOPKINS

SONG ..... COMMUNITY CHORUS OF HICKORY

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER ..... A. D. WHITE

DEDICATION ADDRESS: JOHN A. STOUPE OF WAYNESBURG, PENNA.,  
DISTRICT COMMANDER OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT, AMERICAN  
LEGION OF PENNSYLVANIA.

PATRIOTIC NUMBER .....BAND

SONG ..... COMMUNITY CHORUS OF HICKORY

SOLO: THE RECESSIONAL.....MISS RUTH TAGGART

LOWERING OF THE COLORS ..... AMERICAN LEGION

SONG: AMERICA .....AUDIENCE

BENEDICTION .....REV. C. S. THOMAS

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Schmit, Reedy  
Schmit, Albert  
Schweinebraten, Elmer  
Scott, Paul  
Scott, Walter, Jr.  
Scott, Wayne  
Sempie, John  
Shannon, Paul  
Shannon, Richard  
Sickles, Norman  
Sickles, Ralph  
Silveus, Fred  
Simpson, Denny  
Simonelli, Albert  
Simonelli, Jay  
Skrtech, John  
Skrtech, Sam  
Small, Alex, Jr.  
Smith, Robert  
Snedeker, Samuel  
Snedeker, Thomas  
Sray, John  
Sray, Thomas  
Stamy, Keller  
Stamy, Marshall

Stewart, Edward  
Staudt, David  
Strain, George  
Stumpf, Joseph  
Swartz, David  
Swartz, Samuel  
Swihart, Rollon  
Szczerbienski, Joseph  
Szczerbienski, Manuel  
Tacchino, Louis  
Theiss, Charles  
Theiss, Ernest  
Tornabene, Guy  
Toth, Joseph  
Tozer, John  
Tustin, Marshall  
Tustin, Woodrow  
Tutin, Tony  
Ulanich, John  
Ulanich, Louis  
Urbanic, Frank  
Urbanic, Tony  
Valentine, James T.  
Vermeulen, Herman  
Vicker, Robert

Vincenti, John  
Vincenti, Lawrence  
Vincenti, Louis  
Vincenti, Raymond  
Vozel, John  
Walchuck, George  
Walchuck, John  
Walchuck, Joseph  
Walker, Fred  
Walker, LeRoy  
Walker, Raymond  
Walker, William  
Warne, Theodore  
White, Albert  
White, Alvin, Jr.  
Williams, Clifford  
Wilkinson, Andrew  
Wilkinson, Donald  
Woods, James  
Woods, John  
Yuhas, Steve  
Zapotosky, Charles  
Zarnick, Albin  
Zemaites, Charles  
Zeno, Carl



**John J. Pinder, Jr.**



**Technician Fifth Grade**  
**John J. Pinder, Jr.**  
**June 6, 1912-June 6, 1944**

**United States Army soldier and recipient of the United States military's highest decoration- the Medal of Honor- for his actions in WWII during the Battle of Normandy.**

Pinder joined the Army from Burgettstown, PA, and by June 6, 1944 was serving as a technician fifth grade in the 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division. On that day, he participated in the Allied landings near Colleville-sur-Mer, France.

According to the officer, Second Lieutenant Leeward W. Stockwell, witnessed Pinder's conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty, the infantryman crouched over his precious radio equipment when the landing craft in which he was riding stormed to shore of Colleville-sur-Mer, France. Men fell all around him from the concentration of fire from the bluffs along the shore. He still clutched a radio when men and equipment were plunged into waist-deep water.

'Almost immediately on hitting the water he was hit by shrapnel. He was hit several times and the worst wound was the left side of his face, which was cut off and hanging by a piece of flesh. Holding the flesh with one hand he carried the set to shore.. He immediately returned to the fire-swept water to retrieve equipment dropped by other wounded men. He set up the radio and went into the water for other equipment. There he was again wounded by a machinegun burst but he kept on and refused treatment. He continued on until he was killed.'

Pinder's commander, Captain Stephen V. Ralph said Pinder knew the equipment was sorely needed. Three times he made trips into the water and each time drew a deadly ball of fire from the cliffs from above. He knew he was critically wounded. The left side of his face was completely shot away.

The soldier was a professional baseball player before he entered the Army. He participated in the Algerian-French Moroccan, Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns and had been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge on March 24, 1944. The Purple Heart was presented to his mother, Mrs. Laura Pinder, on August 4, 1944. The presentation of a Gold Star Button to John J. Pinder, father of Technician Fifth Grade John J. Pinder, Jr., was made at Memorial Day Services at Forbes Field, Pittsburgh on Sunday, May 30, 1948. Forbes field was selected for this ceremony since Pinder's chief interest, during his short lifetime was professional baseball. In 1942, the year in which he entered the military service, he was under contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers. AT the age of 16, he was pitching for a Butler team, and spent several seasons with the Atlantic State League, the Texas League and others. His contract with the Dodgers terminated his entrance into the military service.

Although official presentations are not possible for all qualified, the ceremony stood as a memorial to those who gave their lives for the American way of life.

Pinder was killed on his 32<sup>nd</sup> birthday. His remains were interred at Grandview Cemetery, Florence, PA. after the arrival from overseas.

## MEMORIAL FOR SEAMAN BISH SUNDAY EVENING

Memorial Services will be held in the First United Presbyterian church Sunday evening, January 16 at 7 o'clock for George Edward Bish, Seaman First Class, U. S. N. R. Rev. Sutton, the young seaman's pastor, will deliver the memorial address and members of the Burgettstown Post 698 American Legion will participate.

Mrs. Frances Edna Bish, who has been hopeful that her husband would be found received a letter from Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, this week, confirming his death.

The letter states, "A year has elapsed since your husband George Edward Bish, Seaman First Class, U.S.N.R. was reported missing. He was a member of the armed guard serving on board a merchant ship which failed to arrive at her destination on December 30, 1942, and has been presumed lost in the North Atlantic.



In view of the time that has elapsed, the fact that the area where the ship was last seen has been under constant American patrol since December 1942, and because no personnel on board that ship have been reported prisoners of war, I am reluctantly forced to the conclusion that your husband is deceased. Pursuant to Section 5 of Public Law 490, 77th Congress, has amended, his death is presumed to have occurred on 31 December 1943, which is the day following the day of expiration of an absence of twelve months.

I extend to you my sincere sympathy in your great loss, and hope you may find comfort in the knowledge that your husband gave his life for his Country. The Navy shares in your bereavement and feels the loss of his service.

Sincerely Yours, Frank Knox.

Seaman Bish was married to Frances Edna McKenzie Bish, nine years ago and had resided in Burgettstown since then. He carried mail on the Main Street route. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bish of Midway, and was born there, Jan. 10, 1902, residing in Midway until he came to live in Burgettstown. Besides his widow and his parents, he leaves two brothers, Charles Hampton Bish of Midway and Paul, with the United States Army, destination unknown, and one sister, Mrs. Kenneth Meneely of Jewett, Ohio.

Bish served with the United States Marines for two years after the close of the First World War and made several attempts to re-enlist after Pearl Harbor. He was refused by the Marines, because the quota was filled, was refused by the Coast Guard, because of over weight, but was admitted to the United States Navy, September 2, 1942 and was reported missing February 13, 1943.

He received his basic training at Great Lakes, Ill., where he had the rating of Petty Officer and was in charge of Company 887. He was transferred from there to the armed guard in Chicago, where he was a member of a gun crew. He entered active service on December 11, 1942.

Mrs. Bish took over her husband's route when he entered the Navy and has continued as a mail carrier. She is listed at the Post Office as a regular-extra carrier for the duration.

#### BARTO FUNERAL

Funeral services for Sgt. Fred Barto of Slovan, who was killed in a plane crash near Great Salt Lake, Utah, on Wednesday night, January 5, were held on Wednesday, January 19, at 9 a. m., from the Russian Orthodox Church at Marianna in charge of Rev. R. C. Phillips. Interment was in the Russian Cemetery, Marianna, near the grave of his father, who died several years ago. The remains were accompanied home by Cpl. Eugene J. Baltiush, Jr.

Pallbearers were Cpl. Louis Dugas, Cpl. Joseph Loncaric and Cpl. August Laurich, all of the United States Army; and William Sztukowski, John Rozmus and Oswald Gavazzi of Slovan.

The Girl Scouts of Slovan offered their services by carrying the baskets of flowers and bouquets from the house. They paid their last respect by standing at attention until the casket had passed. The Gold Cross Society of which Mrs. Barto is a member offered their assistance and condolences to the bereaved family.

Relatives attending the funeral were Peter Barto of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Anna McKinin of Bridgeville, Pa.; and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sederoff and John Sederoff of Canonsburg; Cpl. Dave D. Barto of Camp Swift, Texas, who was called home to attend his brother's funeral, has returned to camp.

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**Fred Barto**  
**Died-January 5, 1944**

## Heart Attack Is Fatal To Stanley Burns

Boatswain's Mate 2-c Stanley B. Burns, 28, U. S. Navy, who was serving as a diver on the East coast, died in the Portsmouth Naval Hospital Portsmouth, Va., Thursday, Jan. 20, 1944, at 6:30 p. m. following a heart attack. Pneumonia later developed.

His wife, Virginia Vester Burns, of Washington, Pa., and his sister, Mrs. Jane Burns Fair, wife of Ensign Wilbert D. Fair, of Norfolk, Va., were with him at the time of his death.

Son of the late Donna Butler Burns and Charles Burns, of Burgettstown, he was born in Claysville, Sept. 24, 1915. He attended the Claysville school, but the family moved to Washington and he graduated from Washington High School in 1933. After graduation he moved to Burgettstown, where he was employed by the American Zinc and Chemical Plant at Langeloth.

Boatswain's Mate Burns joined the Navy in August, 1942, and received training at Camp May, N. J. and at the Navy Yards, Mare Island, Calif.

Surviving, besides his father, his wife and sister, are a daughter, Dona Belle Burns, and a brother, Robert R. Burns, of the Air Corps, Fresno, Calif.

Military funeral services were held from his home, 22 Dunn avenue, Washington on Tuesday afternoon, in charge of Rev. Joseph Morledge, pastor of the Third Presbyterian church. Pall bearers from the Naval Procurement Headquarters in Pittsburgh assisted with the service. Burial was in Washington cemetery.

**Boatswain's Mate Second Class Stanley B. Burns**  
**September 24, 1915-January 20, 1944**

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Pvt. Joseph Rash, Jr., is spending a 15 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rash of Lange-loth. Pvt. Rash is stationed at Camp Swift, Texas, where he is assistant gunner's mate.

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**Pvt. Joseph Rash 15 Day Furlough**  
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#### DINNER FOR SAILOR

A dinner was held in honor of Benny Rusciolelli at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cipranic of Francis Mine. Benny has returned to Great Lakes after spending a 15 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mario Rusciolelli of Francis Mine. Benny has completed his boot training.

Those present were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Valenti and son of Atlasburg; Miss Rose Marie LeCouvre of Bulger; and Ralph Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cipranic and family; Mr. and Mrs. Joe O'Shanka and daughters and Mrs. San Pasqualini and daughter, all of Francis Mine.

**WOMEN ACHIEVE  
HONORARY RANKS  
IN BOND CAMPAIGN**

Mrs. B. L. Hughey, Chairman of the Women's Division of the War Savings Committee reports Honorary Rank achieved by members of the Blue Star Brigade:

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1st Lieutenants — Mrs. Helen Bertovich, Burgettstown, 17, \$1725; Blanche DePaul, Burgettstown, 19, \$1150; Mrs. Bertha McMillan, Burgettstown, 17, \$3900; Mrs. Robert Hemphill, Burgettstown, 16, \$1175; Mrs. Vay Smith, Burgettstown, 19, \$4200; Mrs. D. N. Cook, Burgettstown 16, \$1675.

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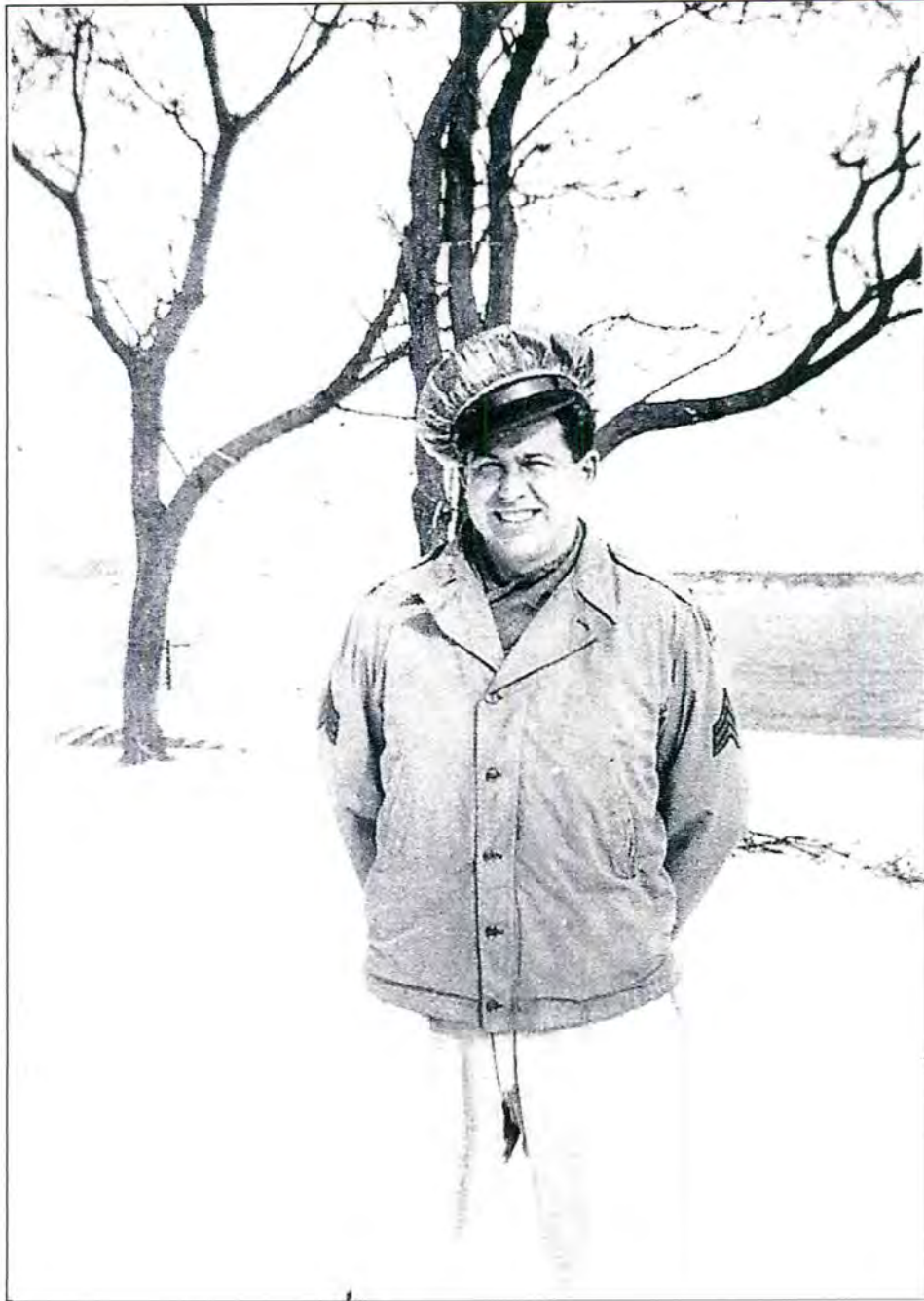
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**Women Achieve Honorary Ranks in Bond Campaign  
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**Sgt. David J. Masquelier**  
**Yank Inn, Yorktown, VA-June 28, 1944**

### **"E" FOR CLIMAX**

The renewal of the Army-Navy "E" award to the Climax Molybdenum Company, Langeloth, has been announced by the Navy Board for Production Awards in Washington.

This signifies the continuance of the high war production record by which the company won its original "E" pennant award and two renewals prior to the current one. The latest renewal entitles the company to fly an "E" pennant with three stars.

Admiral G. C. Bloch, USN, retired chairman of the Board for Production Awards, notified the company of the three-star renewal.

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my dearest nutzie:  
GERMANY, 1944

I ran across this Christmas card here in Germany at a P.X. and decided to send you it. I also bought quite a few for others.

Well nutz, at the present time I am sitting in a foxhole and there's quite a bit of noises around. I just received a letter from you a few mins ago dated Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> here in my hole. It was the second letter that I received since you've been on your new job. I'm glad to hear that you like your work and that Hedna is close by. I hope that you and her will go out and enjoy yourselves often. I'm fine and hope that your feet are better. As yet I haven't received any packages and I can't wait to get them. Now that I have my permanent address mail is coming pretty good. I'll again wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. With all my love  
John

Letter to Mary Dvorsak from her brother, John Dvorsak  
Mailed December 8, 1944

Pat. J. Dvorsak 33850695  
Co. D. 334th Inf.  
A.P.O. # 84 50th M.  
New York, N.Y.



Miss Mary Dvorsak  
201 Creek Drive  
Sewickley, Pa.



Donald:

Received the letter that I sent your mother over 61 yrs ago. It brought back old memories. I was 31 yrs old at the time and went through some rough going. I was later wounded and sent to England to recuperate. Three months later I was back in Germany on the front lines and was there when the war ended. I want to thank you for sending me the letter and also the Family Picture. Hoping to see you again and wishing you and yours good luck.

Uncle John

Letter to Donald McCombs from John Dvorsak regarding 1944 Christmas card.

# Orgovan Brothers of Raccoon Are In Service Of Their Country



STEVE ORGOVAN



JULIUS ORGOVAN



JAMES ORGOVAN



JOSEPH ORGOVAN



FRANK ORGOVAN

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Orgovan of Joffre, are the proud parents of five sons in service.

Pvt. Steve Orgovan is stationed in Germany with the Medical Corps. He has been overseas for 3 years. Prior to his induction he was employed in a hospital in New York City.

Pvt. Julius Orgovan is stationed with the ground crew of the Air Corps in Germany. He has been overseas for two years. Prior to his induction he was em-

ployed by the American Bridge Co., Ambridge. Recently he received the following citation:

The 438th Troop Carrier Group. For outstanding performance of Duty in action against the enemy on 5, 6, and 7 June 1944. On these dates, members of Group Headquarters, and of the 87th, 88th, 89, and 90th Troop Carrier Squadrons of the 438th Troop Carrier Group accomplished 131 Powered Aircraft Sorties and 50 Glider Sorties fearlessly

approaching their objectives through a barrage of anti-aircraft fire to lead the Troop Carrier spearhead of the Allied Invasion of Europe in the greatest airborne operation in the history of world aviation. Despite adverse weather conditions, personnel of this group unflinchingly discharged their paratroops and released their gliders with extreme accuracy while flying at dangerously low altitudes and minimum air speeds. Functioning

and prior to that was employed as a perfectly balanced team, the 438th Troop Carrier Group, by its successful accomplishment of these missions in such a gallant and distinguished manner, rendered outstanding service to the Army Air Forces.

Pvt. Jimmy Orgovan, husband of Mrs. Myrtle Orgovan of Weirton, W. Va., is awaiting overseas duty at San Francisco, Calif. He is with the Infantry. He was inducted on September 4, 1944,

in Pagaski's Coal Mine, Raccoon.

Pvt. Joseph Orgovan, husband of Mrs. Rose Orgovan of Baltimore, Md., is now an instructor at Baltimore. He spent 28 months in the Pacific with the Infantry. Prior to his induction in 1941, he worked in Ambridge.

Pvt. Frank Orgovan is stationed in the Philippines with the Infantry. He has been overseas for 2 1-2 years. He was inducted in 1941 and was formerly employed in Aliquippa.

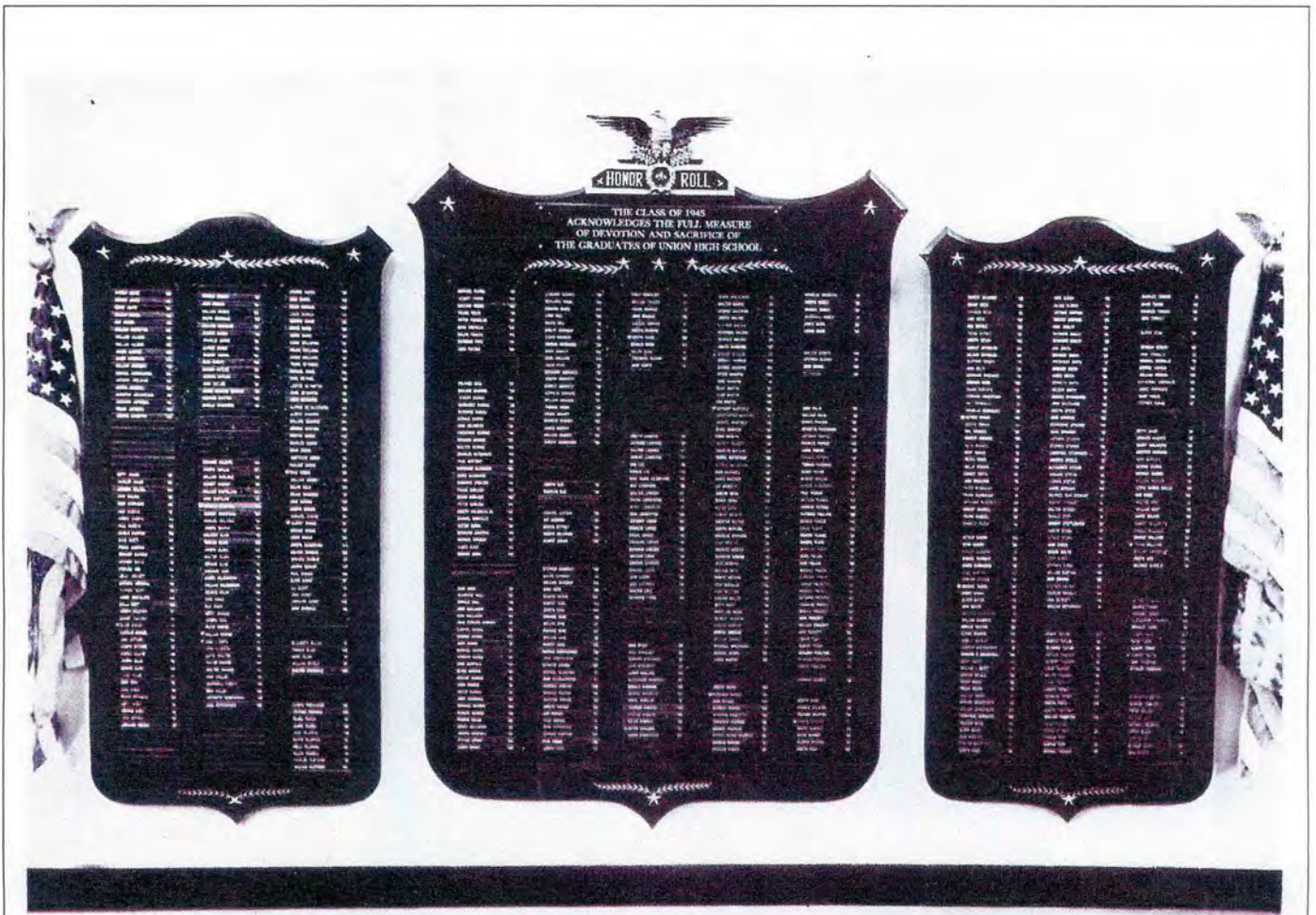
**Orgovan Brothers of Raccoon are in Service of Their Country**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-1945**

## Medical Corpsman



Pfc. James Sarracino, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sarracino of Burgettstown, is stationed with the Philippines with a Medical Corps. He has been over seas for over 1 year. Prior to his induction in October, 1941, he was employed by Climax. He graduated from Union with the class of 1940. On Thursday, April 19, the Sarracinos received three letters, one from each of their sons in service overseas. Cpl. Dominick is stationed in England and Pvt. Luigi is in Italy.

**Pfc. James Sarracino**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise- 1945**



## *Honor Roll*

Union High School is proud of its World War II Honor Roll which was presented to the school by our predecessors, the Class of '45. This plaque graces the wall of the school's main front corridor.

Memories of this roll will linger long in the minds of the present student body. From day to day the students pause on their way to class to read the names of those graduates who served their country. Nineteen names are starred for having made the supreme sacrifice of their lives.

We are honored that Union has this permanent memorial to our alumni.

**World War II Honor Roll  
Union High School Yearbook-1945**

## **World War II Veterans**

*From the Honor Roll in Hillcrest Presbyterian Church-Burgettstown, PA.*

**James W. Addington**

**Willard E. Allison**

**William F. Andrews**

**George M. Atheron**

**Ray Bender**

**Robert B. Burns**

**William, D. Craig**

**Eris J. Culley**

**Jules A. Darras Jr.**

**Louis L. Darras**

**Charles R. Davidson**

**Harry C. Dennis**

**Howard R. Dunbar**

**Frederick W. George**

**Richard C. George**

**A. Durward Glessner**

**Irene Glessner**

**Thomas W. Goldsboro**

**Gerald B. Hays**

**John C. Linn**

**Albert E. Luttrell**

**Dorothy F. Lynch**

**Raymond Lynch**

**W. J. Maggs**

**John Mechling**

**Archie J. McFarland**

**Carl E. McFarland**

**Joseph C. McKenzie**

**James McWhorter**

**S. Glenne Nichols Jr.**

**Clarence N. Power Jr.**

**John V. Puckett**

**Robert M. Russell**

**William Sauser**

**Donald D. Saxton**

**Arthur Simpson**

**John P. Stevenson**

**Mildred Jean Stewart**



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**Thomas J. Hitchcock**

**James M. Stottlemeyer**

**John E. Hughey**

**Robert D. Stottlemeyer**

**W. L. Jackson**

**Austin Studa**

**Leroy Janz**

**Donald S. Taylor**

**John J. Kaiser**

**Harold F. Taylor**

**Thomas V. Lee**

**James M. Westlake**

**Frank Leopold**

**Maurice L. Westlake**

# In Grateful Remembrance

Amid the joyous reunions of our first  
*Peace-Time Christmas Season*

## Climax Molybdenum Co.

Welcomes Home

 The VETERANS 

Extends Yuletide Greetings to those in Service and

***“Lest We Forget”***

Pays Tribute To Those Who Made

... The Supreme Sacrifice ...

“And they, in turn, to us, I feel are speaking  
With eloquence which we the living hear.  
They ask not to have back what they have given;  
They seek not praise, nor prize, nor earthly acclaim.  
They only ask that we who follow after  
May profit by the anguish they have borne.  
They ask for men the just peace that they fought for,  
The better world that they have died to build.”

By Archbishop Francis J. Spellman



Sgt. Warren Alexander  
Pvt. Thomas H. Fischer  
Pfc. Raymond E. Kirkpatrick  
Cpl. Joe Kucic  
M. M. 3c Walter A. Malone  
Lt. Peter J. McMahon  
Sgt. Orrin G. Miller  
Staff Sgt. Andrew Pescho  
S 1c Charles A. Wagner  
Sgt. Robert Yolton

## In U. S. Navy



S 2/C Frank Audley Certich, 17, spent a 9 day leave with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Louis Certich of Shady avenue. During his 'boot' training he received the rating of Apprentice Petty Officer 1/C. S2/C Certich left for Great Lakes on October 4 and received eleven weeks of training there. He returned to camp on Dec. 27 and is now attending service school to be a radioman at Los Angeles, Calif.

He attended Union High school where he was an active member of the Senior class. He participated in sports and also was a member of the Sports Club.

**S 2/C Frank Audley Certich**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 11, 1945 Edition**

## District Men Are War Casualties

Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Boff of Raceoon received word their son, Pvt. Attilio Boff, had been killed in France.

Beside his parents in Raceoon he leaves his wife, Mrs. Lena Boff and 2 children in Washington.

A telegram was received on Sunday evening January 7, by John Kaezyk of Bulger, informing him that his son, T/5 Charles F.



Kaezyk, 24, is missing in action as of December 19 in Belgium. Charles was with the Tank Destroyers and went overseas on December 31, 1943, first going to Ireland then England and France. He received his training at Fort Lewis, Wash., Camp Hood, Texas; La., and Fort Bragg, N. C. Prior to his induction on October 31, 1941 he was employed by the Pittsburgh Coal Company of Imperial. He attended Midway High for one year.

Pfc. 'Pete' Melenovich, husband of Mildred Bailey Melenovich and father of 2 small children was reported by the War Department on



Monday, as missing in action in Belgium, December 17. Pete, son of Mele Melenovich of Francis Mine, when last heard from was with the 38th Infantry, working on Bazooka positions, as the Infantry advanced into Germany. This division later retreated in the face of the German offensive, launched in December. He had been a member of the armed forces for less than one year.

Sgt. John M. Dluski 31, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dluski of Langeloth and husband of Mrs. Margaret Dluski of Canonsburg, is missing in action in Germany as of December 17, his wife was notified by telegram on January 5.

John was a member of the 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion and received his training at Camp Hood, Texas and Camp Bowie, Texas. He went overseas in April, 1944.

Prior to his induction on January 7, 1943 he was employed by the American Zinc & Chemical Company for over 14 years. A brother, Teddy Dluski, is now serving with the Infantry in Luxembourg.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Klemencic of 14 Linn avenue, received word from the War Department on Thursday, January 4, that their son Pvt. Matthew 'Red' Klemencic about 23, was slightly wounded in action in Germany on December 14 and a letter would follow. 'Red', who was with the Infantry went overseas last fall. He received his basic training at Fort McClelland, Ala. Prior to his induction last year he was employed by a steel company in Carnegie.

Mrs. Genevieve Dalvesco of Slovan, received word, her son, Pvt. Rudolph was seriously wounded in France. The Dalvescos are Raceoon residents and are

## In the Pacific



Frank James Pasquale, S 2/C, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pasquale of Francis Mine, is stationed somewhere in the Pacific. He attended Union for two years and prior to his induction on May 12 1944, was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad. A brother, Mike Anthony Pasquale, F 1/C, is also in the South Pacific with the Navy. He has been in service for 17 months and went overseas on January 1, 1944. He attended Union for three years and prior to his induction was employed by the Greensburg-Connellsville Coal & Coke Co.

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**Frank James Pasquale**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 11, 1945**

Four district schools reported 100 percent participation in war bond and stamp purchases for the month of December. A total of \$3765.45 students' purchases and \$1736.55 teachers' purchases was reported. Schools earning the treasury flag last month were: Bulger 98%; Harmon Creek, 100%; Langeloth, 93%; and Burgettstown Elementary, 91%.

Purchases by schools were reported: Atlasburg, \$379.90; Bulger \$203.85; Francis Mine 0.00; Harmon Creek, \$109.60; Langeloth, \$292.90; Raccoon, \$183.90; Slovan \$181.20; Burgettstown Elementary \$1442.30; and Union High School \$971.80.

The total for Smith Township was \$1351.35.

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## Sgt. Jack Sloan Is Guest At Lions' Club

Burgettstown Lions enjoyed a question and answer session at their meeting in the Pompe Restaurant on Monday night, with a former member, Sergeant Jack Sloan, who returned to Burgettstown last week, after 30 months service in the Pacific area. Jack is spending a 30 day furlough with



his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Sloan of Highland avenue and will report back to Ft. Dix, N. J., for re-classification at the expiration of his vacation.

Sgt. Sloan was stationed with the Air Corps in Australia, several of the Pacific Islands and recently in the Philippians and tells an interesting story of his army experiences. He was particularly concerned with disease hazards that American G. I. Joes are subject to in the Southern Pacific area. He talked informally before the club and answered questions presented by members.

Rev. Jacob Ruble, pastor of the First Presbyterian church was voted a member of the club at the meeting.

## CHEF AT TURKEY ROAST



AT A 12TH AAF B-25 BASE—  
Shown here is smiling Sergeant  
John Wargo of Burgettstown, a  
Cook in a B-25 Mitchell bomb group  
on Corsica carving the roast turkey  
on Christmas Day for the Soldiers  
in his squadron. Everything from  
the turkey to apple pie with cheese  
was served. Results: beaming  
faces such as the one you see here

**Sergeant John Wargo**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 11, 1945 Edition**



## Returns To Duty



John Wayne Brimmer, F 2/C, recently spent a 7 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brimmer of Florence. He returned January 1 to Los Angeles where he will be stationed aboard ship. He has spent 8 months overseas in the Pacific area and was on Saipan during the first raid, for which he will receive one star. He received the rating of F 1/C when he returned to California.

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**John Wayne Brimmer, F 2/C**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 18, 1945 Edition**

## Missing In Germany



Sgt. John M. Dluski, 31, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dluski of Langeloth and husband of Margaret Dluski of Canonsburg is reported missing in action in Germany. He is a member of the 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

**Sgt. John M. Dluski**  
***Missing in Germany***  
**Burgettstown Enterprise- January 25, 1945**

## **Cross Creek Girl is Navy Ensign**

Ensign Anna Marie Lee, of Cross Creek, is one of 27 Pittsburgh district nurses who recently entered service in the U. S. Army or U. S. Navy Corps.

Ensign Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lester Lee, of Cross Creek has concluded her basic training at Portsmouth, Va. And at present is serving under assignment at the U. S. Naval hospital in Philadelphia.

Ensign Lee was graduated from the Washington Hospital School of Nursing in the Class of 1942 and entered service with the U. S. Navy Nurses Corps November 5, 1944.

Following her graduation here she spent eight months in St. Louis, Mo., Maternity Hospital, afterward going to Elizabeth Steele Magee Hospital, Pittsburgh where she served in the operating room.

**Ensign Anna Marie Lee**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 25, 1945 Edition**

## NATION-WIDE BROWNOUT STARTS FEBRUARY 1st.

The War Production Board has issued its official order prohibiting certain types of lighting to save coal, so vital to the war effort, it was announced today by W. S. Shaler, District Manager of West Penn Power Company.

'Frequently called the 'Brownout Order', Utilities Order U-9 applies to lighting used extensively by merchants, hotels, theatres and service businesses. It covers outdoor lighting for advertising, promotional, display, decorative and ornamental purposes; lighting for show windows, marquees and outdoor signs,' Mr. Shaler said. 'Accordingly, our business districts are bound to lose some of the brightness to which we are accustomed.'

West Penn is publishing a full listing of the prohibited uses of electricity, in the exact wording of the WPB Order, in an advertisement appearing in this issue. There are some exceptions to the general prohibitions, such as in the case of marquees and certain types of signs which are permitted 60 watts of lighting. Directional and identification signs for protection, public health and safety, and for the essential public services may be lighted if certified to be necessary by local public authority.

Outdoor establishments such as service stations and parking lots, will be permitted the lighting needed to conduct their business.

The WPB Order goes into effect February 1, but West Penn is urging customers to comply with its provisions at once. 'Although there is no shortage of electricity so far as the capacity of our generators—or those of other utilities—is concerned,' Mr. Shaler stated 'the need to conserve coal and other scarce fuels is real, and just as urgent today as it will be next week. Besides, if users have to make any adjustments in their lighting or wiring, it will be well to start now so that they may be complying fully with the Order by February 1.'

'Under the terms of the Order, we must notify the War Production Board of anyone who refuses to comply, since he is subject to penalties under Federal Law. However, we believe that our customers are well aware of the urgency of the present war situation, and will comply willingly with the provisions of the 'Brownout' Order.'

As fast as possible, West Penn is mailing copies of Utilities Order U-9 to its commercial, industrial and municipal customers for their detailed study and information.

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## Post-Humous Award of Congressional Medal of Honor To T. Sgt. John J. Pinder To Be Accepted By Father At Baltimore Ceremonies

BALTIMORE, Jan. 25—The nation's highest military decoration—The Congressional Medal of Honor—will be presented here Friday to a Burgettstown father, whose son established vital radio communications on a beachhead in France on D-Day, last June 6, despite severe wounds which caused his death.

John Pinder, of R. F. D. 1, Burgettstown, will receive the Medal of Honor from Major General Philip Hayes, Commanding General of the Third Service Command, at a retreat ceremony and review of headquarters troops at the Fifth Regiment Armory. The ceremony is scheduled for 5:15 P. M.

Pinder's son, Technician Fifth Grade John J. Pinder, Jr., was torn and mutilated by machine-gun fire and shell fragments, but he lived long enough to see radio parts he had salvaged from the battle-churned water set up to summon air and sea support. He died in a final effort to obtain other parts that would insure continued communications.

According to an officer who witnessed Pinder's 'conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty,' the infantryman crouched over his precious radio equipment when the landing craft in which he was riding stormed the shore at Colleville sur Mer, France. Men fell all around him from the concentration of fire from the bluffs along the shore. He still clutched a radio when men and equipment were plunged into the waist-deep water.

'Almost immediately on hitting the water he was hit by Schrapnel,' Second Lieutenant Leeward W. Stockwell, of Warrenburg, N. Y., said. 'He was hit several times and the worst wound was the left side of his face, which was cut off and hanging by a piece of flesh. Holding the flesh with one hand he carried the set to shore.

'He immediately returned to the fire-swept water to retrieve equipment dropped by other wounded men. He set up the radio and went back into the water for other equipment. There he was again wounded by a machinegun burst but he kept on and refused treatment. He continued on until he was killed,' Lieutenant Stockwell said.

Pinder's commander, Captain Stephen V. Ralph, of Springfield, Mass., said Pinder knew the equipment was sorely needed. 'Three times he made trips into the water and each time drew a deadly hail of fire from the cliffs above. He knew he was critically wounded. The left side of his face was shot completely away.'

The soldier was a professional baseball player before he entered the Army. Thirty-two years of age, he was a member of the 16th Infantry Regiment, First Division. He participated in the Algerian-French Moroccan, Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns and had been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge on March 24, 1944. The Purple Heart was presented to his mother, Mrs. Laura Pinderr, on August 4, 1944.

Following retreat, the 1300th Service Unit—including Service Command headquarters detachment, military police detachment and WAC detachment—will be reviewed by Mr. Pinder and General Hayes. The 302nd Army Service Forces Band from Edgewood Arsenal will play for the exercise.

Major Edward J. Vinnicombe, headquarters commandant, will command the service battalion.

**Post-Humous Award of Congressional Medal of Honor to Sgt. John J. Pinder  
To be accepted at Baltimore Ceremonies  
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 25, 1945 Edition**



Major General Philip Hays, Commanding General, Third Service Command, presents the Congressional Medal of Honor, posthumously to Mr. John J. Pinder, Sr. of Pittsburgh, PA. In honor of his son T/5 John J. Pinder, Jr. T/5 Pinder a Signal Corp radioman was killed in action after performing heroic service during the D Day landings in Normandy, France on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Press release-January 26, 1945

## Marine Killed On Iwo Jima



Pfc. Chester Malek, 19, of the 4th Marine Division, was killed in action on Iwo Jima on February 19, according to a War Department telegram received by his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Malek of Burgettstown. Full particulars of his death have not been received.

Pfc. Malek attended Union High for three years. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on May 22, 1943, and was sent overseas in August, 1944.

Besides his parents he leaves three sisters, Mrs. Frank Bober of Detroit, Mich., Mrs. A. Ruffolo of Braddock and Miss Jeanne Malek; and one brother, Walter at home.

**Pfc. Chester Malek**  
**Killed on Iwo Jima- February 19, 1945**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-1945**

## KILLED IN BELGIUM



T/Sgt. John E. Costa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Costa, of Cherry Valley, was killed in action in Belgium on January 8, one day before his 21st birthday, his parents were notified on January 20. He had been overseas for 7 months. He was a radar operator in an anti-aircraft outfit. Prior to his induction in April, 1943, he was employed by the Continental Steel Co., Coraopolis. He is a graduate of Union, class of '42. He is survived by his parents; two brothers, Anthony, Hickory and S 1-c Albert. U. S. Navy in the Pacific; and two sisters. Mrs. Irma Baronick and Mary Costa of Burgettstown. John was a member of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Cherry Valley.

The following is a letter written to his parents by his Chaplain, Robert O. McCashin:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Costa:

It is with the deepest of regrets that I write this letter to you, but as your son's chaplain I want to extend to you my sincere sympathy in his death. Words are so inadequate to express exactly how we feel here for one so likeable and considerate as your son. He was highly respected by all the men for what he was a gentlemen and a good soldier.

John died of wounds on Jan. 8, sustained from enemy action on Jan 7. He was laid to rest with full rites of the Catholic Church on Jan 10, in an American Military Cemetery in Eastern Belgium. A requiem high mass was said for him in his battery on Jan 12, and a memorial service was conducted in his honor the same day with all of his battery present.

Information concerning the exact location of his grave, the disposition of his personal effects, and other related matters will be given to you by the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C. when military security permits.

I fully realize that my words may be very inadequate, but I pray that our God of all comfort shall be near to you to strengthen you and give you courage. We sorrow not as those who have no hope, for we believe in the promise of God that all who serve faithfully shall have eternal life. I am sure that your son is numbered among them. You can be very proud of him as we are here:

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## Daudet Brothers In Service



OMER DAUDET

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Daudet, of Main street, Burgettstown, have received word from the War Department, that their son, Pvt. Omer Daudet, was wounded in



DONALD DAUDET

France on January 24. He left for overseas service in October. Another son, Donald is with the Merchant Marines.

## DIES OF WOUNDS



Pfc. Thomas H. Fischer, 27, husband of Mrs. Beulah Harper Fischer and father of Shirley and Beatrice Fischer, Main street, Slovan, died in Luxembourg on January 23 of wounds suffered on January 19, one month after he landed in France. He is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Fischer of Atlasburg, who has paid the supreme sacrifice. James W. Fischer, 20, E. M. 3/C, was killed in action at Salerno on September 11, 1943.

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# Lloyd Hindman's Story Of A Chaplain In The Pacific War Zone

Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va., Feb. 22: "Every Day is a day of Thanksgiving out there," said Lieutenant Commander Lloyd S. Hindman (ChC), USN. of Burgettstown, relating some of his recent experiences in the South Pacific, where for 11 months he served as Chaplain aboard a ship which composed part of a task force operating around the Solomons area.

"Men of Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faith attended divine services regularly and in great numbers. In the long hours of waiting, which I believe is sometimes harder on the men than the actual battle, it was their greatest desire to contact spiritual resources."

The USS Denver (light cruiser) to which Lieutenant Commander Hindman was attached left the United States as a part of the task force, after a satisfactory "shake down cruise" in 1943. Only three weeks later, on March 6, the crew saw action at Kula Gulf, when enemy surface craft attacked the force.

During the bombardment Chaplain Hindman conducted services in which he invoked God's blessing on the mission. He chose his text from Ephesians 6: "Finally, my brethren be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the devil."

After a brief prayer, he concluded: "You have attended unto the things of the spirit. Now attend to your guns. Keep your aim straight, your powder dry, and your guns hot." The men were at General Quarters during the service.

Although the DENVER participated in a number of engagements in the Solomons area, it suffered no damage until the Battle of Empress Augusta Bay when the task force, out-gunned, but never outfought, handed the Imperial Japanese Navy one of the soundest thrashings they had yet received. The three hour running sea battle, at that time the wars longest, was carried to a brilliant conclusion off Bougainville by Rear Admiral "Tip" Merrill, who matched six-inch guns against eight-inchers and won.

The epic-making battle at Bougainville, where combined forces of the Navy and Marines took the eight-mile beach-head in less than three days, started on the night of October 31, 1943, with two major shore bombardments.

The following morning at day-break, air attacks were directed at the task force and a fierce sea and air battle was waged.

Enemy shells did little damage. One 8 inch shell, which tore through the outer skin of the Denver below the water line, left a large hole and crippled the ship. The shell missed only by inches one of the crew, a carpenter's mate. A solemn eyed Chinese boy who witnessed the narrow escape remarked, "By gollee, angels certainly on yardarm."

His remark voiced the faith of the crew.

The following week the carpenter's mate presented to Chaplain Hindman a wooden cross hewn from the hardwood of the tropics which he had made for the altar.

After the Battle of Empress Augusta Bay, the light cruiser was towed to a port for repair. "During the eleven months we were in a combat zone in the South Pacific, our men did not see a liberty port. When they returned to the States, they conducted themselves like men of character. I think their mothers would like to know that," he added.

Chaplain Hindman recently toured the Sixth Naval District to speak before local ministers on the need for chaplains in the Navy. He emphasized the fact

that the naval forces now are in need of 600 "Sky Pilots."

Chaplain Hindman pointed out that the primary duty of a Chaplain in the Navy is religious ministry. "You may conduct services under adverse conditions; amid the noise of a U. S. Navy Yard, or at sea in safe or enemy waters but this does not detract from their solemnity or the appeal of religion to the men. A chaplain aboard ship has a variety of duties other than his primary one of conducting formal religious services. He ministers to the wounded, conducts final rites for those who are killed, and acts as the commanding officer's right hand man on boosting the morale of his men."

Chaplain Hindman supervised the ship's library, corresponding with relatives of personnel aboard, and assisted with the education and Athletic activities. Like other Navy Chaplains he frequently conducted services aboard other vessels of the task force.

Chaplain Hindman recalled one instance in the dead of night when the ship was quiet and tense with expectation and his telephone rang. It was the Commanding Officer's orderly, requesting the Chaplain to say a prayer over the public address system for all hands. This he did immediately. There was not a man aboard who did not listen with reverent attention.

Commenting on the general impression that men out in the battle area are more religious than those safely behind in the States, Lieutenant Commander Hindman said, "It's not the fear of death that makes Navy men religious. On a ship many of them have their first chance to learn the real meaning of religion and worship. When you live with your minister, work with him, eat with him and include him in your natural and a matter of course."

Although reluctant to tell of his own contacts and experiences, Chaplain Hindman could not praise too highly the spirit and fortitude of the men with whom he worked.

He is a native of Burgettstown, where his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Audley O. Hindman, reside at 50 Main street. He attended Washington and Jefferson College and later, the Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J. For two and one-half years before he enlisted in the United States Navy, he was pastor at the Manokin Presbyterian Church in Princess Anne, Maryland.

Just prior to his tour of duty overseas, Lieutenant Commander Hindman was stationed at the Naval Operating Base at Norfolk, Va., and the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Fla.

After 15 months at sea he reported to the Chaplain's School, William and Mary College, at historic Williamsburg, Virginia, as a member of the faculty.

In June 1944, Lieutenant Hindman was ordered to Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va, where he now serves.

His wife, the former Bertha Wigman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Wigman of Washington, and two children, Carolyn, 4, and Lloyd Jr., 2, are making their home at this post.

The young Chaplain has great confidence and faith in the American men who are winning this war. "They are a great outfit, these sons of Americans," he stated emphatically. "They fight for God and Country; and they plan to return to their country, which they expect to be Godly also."

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## Wins Wings



U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA.—Walter J. Nunn, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Nunn of 815 John street, Langeloth, was awarded the Navy's aircrewman wings of silver and gold by his commanding officer, Capt. Louis E. French after completing flight combat training here in Gruman Avenger torpedo bombing planes.

Petty Officer Nunn, an Aviation Radioman third class, received instruction in aerial gunnery as well as aviation radio. Nunn was a student at Union High and worked in the oil fields of Michigan before joining the Navy about a year ago. Before reporting to Ft. Lauderdale he attended Navy Specialist schools at Memphis, Tenn. and Miami, Fla.

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**Walter J. Nunn**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-February 22, 1945**

## Roberts Brothers Serve



ARTHUR ROBERTS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roberts, Burgettstown, were notified by the War Department on Tuesday, February 13, that their son, Sgt. Arthur Roberts 22, was seriously wounded in action in France as of January 29. In a letter received directly from him he tells of how he was wounded. His company had just taken a town. The weather outside was 20° below with 6 and 7 feet of snow. The boys went into a house to get warm and while there a bomb came through the wall wounding three of them. Arthur received shrapnel in his back and is now in a hospital in France. He was with the Infantry and went overseas November 26, 1944. He was inducted September 18, 1943 and received his



JOSEPH ROBERTS

training at Camp Van Dorn, Miss. Art attended Union for almost four years and was then employed by Kobuta.

A brother, Joseph who is a Junior engineer in the Merchant Marines, is now on his 11th trip across the Atlantic. (He has been to France, England, South America, and Cuba several times and hopes to go to the Pacific on his next trip. The early part of this month Joe spent a 36 hour leave at home. He entered the Merchant Marines on March 2, 1943, and received his training at Sheepshead Bay, N. Y. Prior to entering the service he was employed by the Delfrate Packing Company, Slovan. He attended Union High.

## CATHOLIC MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Raymond Adams, John Alagna, William D. Allison, Dominic Astorina, Frank Astorina.

George Badanich, Jr., Steve Barish, Andrew Bayus, Jr., Andrew Bebo, John Benn, Michael Benn, Stephen Benn, Anthony Bernola, Edelo Bernola, Elmo Bernola, Evo Bertini, Bruno Bialoskoski, Leo Bialoskoski, Sigmund Bialoskoski, Gus Bingel, Louis Bingel, Michael Bingel.

John Bittner, Joseph Bittner, Joseph Blair, Andrew Blehi, \*John Blehi, Dominic Bongiorno, Edward Bongiorno, Betty Bozic, Leonard Brosky, Henry Bruno, Raymond Buno, Secondo Bruno, John Budash, Walter Budash.

Albert Cappelzoli, Michael, W. Castellino, \*William J. Castner, Frank Certich, Anthony Chastulik, George Chastulik, Robert Chastulik, Rudolph Chastulik, Louis Chatter, Avonear Christy, Andrew Churpak, John Churpak, Dominic Cipranic, Louis Cipranic, Ralph Ciabattari, Dominic Cody, George Colpo, John Conjeski.

Frank D'Ettori, Angelo DeLuca, Sam DeLuca, Carl DeSantis, Harry Diamond, \*Patrick Diamond, Jr., William Diamond, Anthony DiBacco, Frank Dominsky, Ignatz Dominski, Jr., John Dominski.

Alphonse Douch, Peter Douch, \*Victor Douch, Albert Dugas, George Dugas, Louis Dugas, William Dugas, John Dvorsak.

John Eannace, Alex Evanosky, Thomas Evanosky, John Evantz, Regis Evantz.

Louis Ferbezzar, Clara Fiazza, Frank Fiazza, Ralph Fiorelli, Albert Fowler.

Steve Gambetta, Gertrude Gareis, John Gareis, James Gavatorra, Jr., Otto Gavazzi, John Gelester, Peter Gibson, Andrew Giffort, Severio Godish, Joseph Goldbach, Jr., Edward Golonka, John Golonka, Joseph Golonka, Walter Golonka, Joseph Grabski, Thomas Grennel, Jr., Caesar Grosse, Sigmund Grzelak\*, James Guidy, Joseph Guidy, Salvador Guidy.

John Haba, Natch Haberek, Jr., Alex Hallahan, John Hallahan, Nicholas Hallahan, John Harpula, George Harris, Jr., John Harris, Michael Harris, Kenneth Howard, William Howard, Thomas Hucik, Joseph Invernezzi.

Edward Jackson, Patrick Jackson, Tony Janulewicz, John Jeffrey, Paul Jeffrey.

Julius Kaminski, Walter Kaminski, Vincent Katouch, Virginia Katouch, Marko Kirin, Matthew Klemencich, Martin Klemencich, Chester Kopacz, Joseph Kopacz, Leo Kopacz, Thaddeus Kopacz, Paul Kosak, Andrew Koval, Emil Kowalski, Chester Kowalski.

Frank Kranak, John Kranak, Michael Kranak, Charles Kresock, Elmer Krmel, Carl Kubas, Steve Kubas, Joseph Kubovic, Anthony Kucich, Joseph Kucich, David Kuritz, Steve Kuritz, Jr., John Kuzyck.

Jennie Lanczak, Joseph Lanczak, Alex Lasobek, Walter Lasobek, Andrew Latzo, John Latzo, Stephen Latzo, Andrew Laurich, Frank Laurich, Jr., Robert Lawrence, \*Albano Lemmi, Aldo Lemmi, George Lesko, Anthony Longo, Charles Lonski, Edward Lonski, Frank Lonski, Henry Lonski, Edward Lounder, Emil Lounder, John Lovin, \*Louis Lovin, Edward Lukon, William T. Lydon.

Charles Mader, George Majernik, Joe Majernik, Chester Malek, Al Marucci, Raphael Marmagin, Constantine Martinez, \*Joseph A. Martinez, Manuel Martinez, Ferdinand Massocco, George Matalik, Charles Matalik, John Matesic, Edward Meagher, Eugene Mika, John Mika, Stanley Mika.

Anna Miletich, Betty Lou Modic, Richard Monasterio, Angel Montequin, Manuel Montequin, Alex Mroczkoski, Mitchell Mroczkoski, George Murray, Joseph Murray.

Paul McChancey, Jr., Thomas McGinn, Joseph McGivern, Patrick McGraw, Jr., Peter McGraw, Robert McGraw, \*Peter McMahon, Jr.

Attilio Napolitano, \*Bennie Navage, Frank Nemeth, Jr., John Nemeth, George Nicola, William Nicola, Joseph Novak, Walter Novak, Alex Novitzki, Marshall Nunéz.

Lawrence O'Hara, Anthony Olonik, Charles Olonik, \*John Olonik, Stanley Olonik, Walter Olonik, John Ostop, Jr., John Ossko, Walter Ozimek.

Adolph Panconi, Mike Pasquale, Frank Pasquale, Thomas Pauchnik, Henry Pavan, \*Andrew Pescko, Mike Pescko, Paul Pescko, John Pcolinski, Mike Pcolinski, Paul Pcolinski, Eugene Petrucci.

Andrew Petrus, Andy Pichorar, Casimir Piekasz, Paul Piekasz, John Pompe, John Porchiran, Joe Porchiran, Lloyd Prado, Patsy Provenson, John Pushcar, Jr., Anthony Pusateri, Joseph Pusateri.

Anthony Quader, Charles Quader.

John Raffa, Eugene Raggi, Joseph Rago, Anthony Ramirez, Christopher Ramirez, Joseph Ramirez, Ralph Ramirez, Richard Ramirez, Joseph Rash, Jr., Andrew Reese, Edward Reese, Jr., Bernard Repole, George Revay, Joseph Revay, Mike Revay, John Revay.

Lorraine Rinehart, Richard Rinehart, Anthony Rivetti, Arthur Roberts, Joe Roberts, William Roman, John Romeo, Ernest Rotta, Frank Rozmus, Stanley Rozmus, Ben Rusefofelli.

Frank Sachen, William Sachen, Carmen Sansone, Adam Sarish, Joseph Sarish, Stephen Sarish, Joseph Sarnicki, George Saska, Harry Saska, John Saska, Jr., \*Michael Saska, Edward Sauser, Edward Sciamanna, Joseph Seyda.

John Shubejeski, Andrew Shubel, Frank Shubel, Frank Sherosky, Joseph Skof, John Skryp, Julius Slopek, Steve Slopek, \*Andrew Snincak, John Snincak, Joseph Snincak, Albert Sprando, Bernice Sprando, Eugene Sprando, Sam Sprando, Paul Steckler.

Andrew Steiminger, Lawrence Steiminger, Alex Stetar, Edward Settar, Ludwig Stetar, George Stevenson, George Strongoski, John Strongoski, Attilio Stura, John Suder, Charles Sugick, \*Frank Sugick, George Sugick, Ignatz Sultie, Leon Surba, Steve Surba, Jr.

Louis Tauchier, Raymond Taylor, Joseph Testa, Michael Tintor, James Taverner, Alphonse Tunno, David Tunno.

Joseph Urbanik, Dominic Vajentic, Jr., Jesse Venegos, Michael Vernillo, John Vernillo.

Chester Warchol, John Warchol, Joseph Warchol, Angelo Williams, Ernest Williams, Michael Williams, Edward Wonsiewicz, Stanley Wonsiewicz, Joseph Woinar, Walter Woinar, Joseph Wos, Jr., Walter Wysocki, Joseph Wvtko.

Bradley Yanni, Albert Yesko, Michael Yesko.

Michael Zablocki, Stanley Zdybicki, Joe Zdybicki, Jr., Stanley Zupan.

Left since Dedication:

Anthony Homitz, Clair Martin, Thomas McGraw.

Killed or Missing in Action:

John Blehi, Sigmund Grzelak, Albano Lemmi, Patrick Diamond, Jr., William J. Castner, Louis Lovin, Bennie Navage, Victor Douch, Joseph Ant. Martinez, Peter J. McMahon, Jr., John Olonik, Andrew Pescko, Michael Saska, Harry Saska, Andrew Snincak, Frank Sugick, Natch Hoberek, Jr.

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## *Bulger Soldier Wins Silver Star*



T/Sgt. Merle K. Culley, Bulgar, R. D. 1, adds the Silver Star and Oak Leaf cluster to his previously won Purple Heart in a formal ceremony in Germany, before the 29th Infantry Division. Lt. Colonel Sidney V. Bingham, Jr., regimental commander of the famous 116th Infantry, lauded the sergeant for his gallantry in leading a platoon through an enemy minefield under machinegun fire and later taking out an enemy machinegun position single-handed. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Culley, Bulgar, R. D. 1.

**T/Sgt. Merle K. Culley**  
**Bulger Soldier Wins Silver Star**  
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District Youth  
Are Reported  
As Casualties



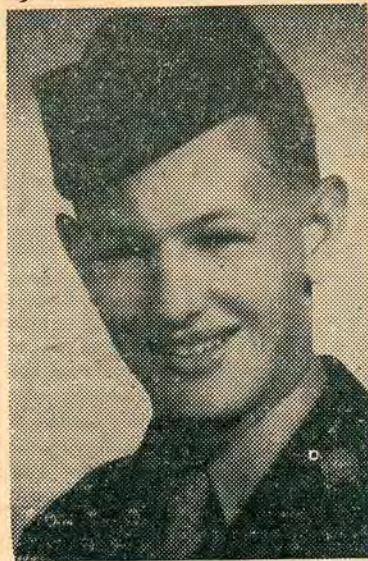
Flight Officer Albert J. Dugas, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dugas, Main street, Slovan, is reported 'missing in action' over the Burma Theatre on February 10, his parents were notified by telegram on Monday, February 26. Al, who is a pilot of a B-25, went overseas in November and has completed 17 missions. He enlisted on February 1, 1943. He is a graduate of Union, class of '41 and prior to his enlistment was employed by the American Zinc & Chemical Company. He has two brothers in service, Captain George Dugas of the 9th Air Force, France and S 1/C Bill Dugas, who is stationed in Hawaii.

**Flight Officer Albert J. Dugas**  
**"Missing in Action"**

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## WITH A. E. F. IN ITALY



Pvt. William David Fulton, son of Mrs. J. L. McClurg of Baltimore, Md., is stationed in Italy with the Air Corps. He has been overseas since August, 1944. Prior to his enlistment in February, 1944, he was employed by the Glen L. Martin Company of Baltimore. He attended grade school here at Harmon Creek and attended Baltimore high school for 1½ years.

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**Pvt. William David Fulton**  
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## Wounded in Belgium



Mrs. Emmons Hoover of Lange-loth has received word that her husband, Pvt. Herman E. Hoover has been seriously wounded in action in Belgium on January 13th. Pvt. Hoover was with the Infantry. Prior to his induction into the service last February he was employed by the American Zinc and Chemical Company.

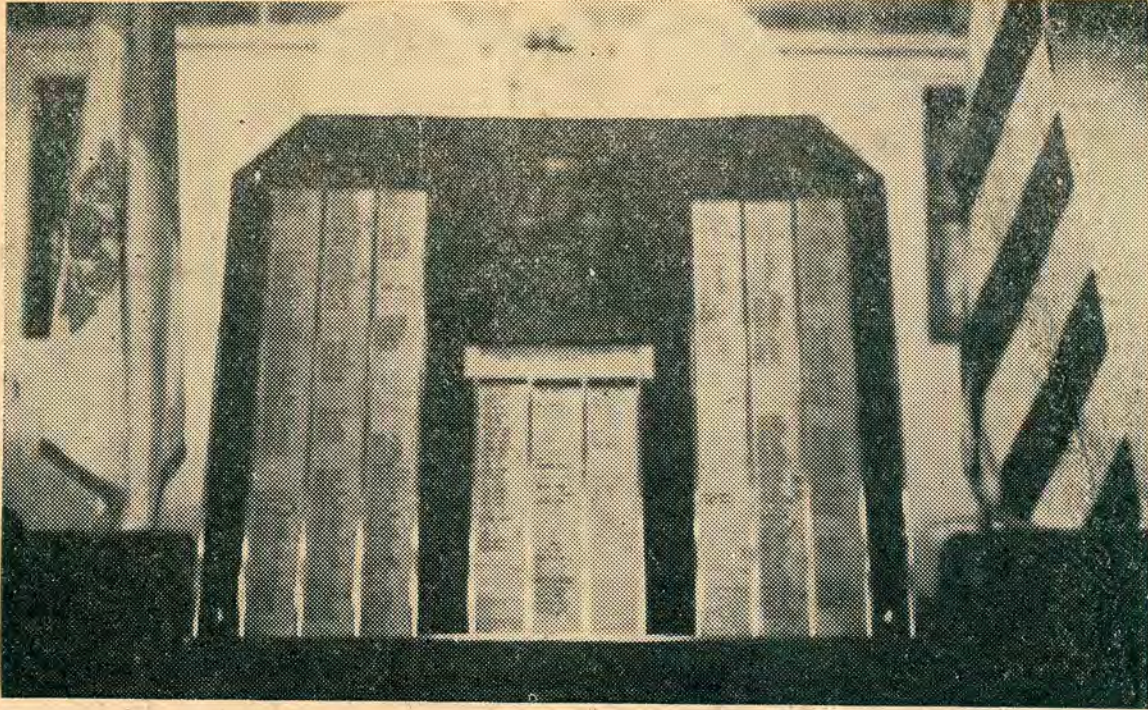
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**Pvt. Herman E. Hoover**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 1, 1945 Edition**

Mrs. Stella Maslyk Nesbit of Burgettstown, received a telegram from the War Department on Thursday, February 22, notifying her that her husband, Pvt. Benny Nesbit, 28, was seriously wounded in action in Germany in February. He has a fractured right ankle and is now in a general hospital. Prior to his induction he was employed at Kobuta. He went overseas last October and was a member of the Medical Corps. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nesbit of Mary Street Langeloth.

**Pvt. Benny Nesbit**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 1, 1945 Edition**

## Our Lady of Lourdes Church Dedicates An Honor Roll



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church dedicated an honor roll containing 360 names of men and women in service on Sunday afternoon, February 11. Seventeen of these boys are killed or missing in action. The honor roll was blessed by Father W. J. McCashin, pastor of the church. As each gold star mother or wife's name was called a Spiritual Bouquet of prayers was presented to her by a little girl dressed in white and wearing a sash and head ribbon of red, white and blue. The sermon was delivered by Father Paul Coyle of St. Bernard's Mt. Lebanon. Other priests assisting were: Rev. James Davin, St. Paul's Orphanage; Rev. Leo Pastorius, St. Mary's, Cecil; Rev. Frank Wivell, St. Michael's, Avella; and Rev. Vincent Leonard, Allegheny County Home, Woodville, Penna.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Dedicates an Honor Roll**  
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## HE SERVICES BOMBER



An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England - As airplane mechanic of a B-17 Flying Fortress, Corporal William A. Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cook, Florence Avenue, Burgettstown, Pa., has distinguished himself by carrying out his assigned duties so efficiently that the heavy bomber serviced by him has completed more than 55 consecutive combat missions against enemy targets in the European Theater of Operations without returning to its home base because of a mechanical failure. He has received special commendation from his squadron commanding officer, Major Jean B. Miller, Portland, Ore, and his squadron engineering officer, First Lieutenant George E. Wralstad, Fort Wayne, Ind.

The heavy bomber has flown on some of the Eighth Air Force's roughest missions over France and Germany. The total tonnage of bombs dropped on vital enemy targets by the bomber to date approximates 138 tons, or 276,000 pounds in the form of high explosives and incendiaries.

Above, Cpl. Cook, member of the 398th heavy bombardment group, is seen working on the tail section of his plane. Cpl. Cook and his co-workers work long and arduous hours in the cold weather to keep the Flying Fortresses in A-1 condition for the many bombing assaults made over Germany. He received his training at Chanute Field, Ill. He entered the Army August 19, 1942.

**Corporal William A. Cook**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 8, 1945**

## Four Golonka Brothers Of Slovan Serve Their Country



EDWARD GOLONKA

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Golonka of Slovan, are the proud parents of four sons in service:

Cpl. Edward Golonka 27, United States Marine, is somewhere in the Pacific with an anti-aircraft outfit. He has been in service since October, 1942.

Pvt. Walter Golonka, 25, entered the service in August, 1944 and is with the Signal Corps somewhere in the Pacific.

Pvt. John Golonka, 18, recently left Ft. Meade, Md., for overseas duty. He is with the Infantry and was inducted in July, 1944

T/Sgt. Joseph Golonka, 24, is with the Infantry in Belgium. He has been in service since October 1942. Recent word was received that he has been promoted from



WALTER GOLONKA

the rank of T/Sgt. to the rank of Lieutenant. A letter of recommendation from Martin F. Flaherty, Captain, Commanding follows:

'I recommend T/Sgt. Golonka, Joseph A. for appointment as Second Lt. because he has proved his ability to lead men in combat, intelligently and without fear.

T/Sgt. Golonka took command of his Platoon on July 25. It was while the Platoon was under intense enemy fire outside of St. Servan, France and led it through the Normandy Campaign until Aug. 11. It was during this engagement that the Platoon leader became a casualty.

The Platoon was under intense enemy fire, and the enemy counter attacked five times. Had it



JOHN GOLONKA

not been for T/Sgt. Golonka's courage and coolness the counter attacks may have proved serious, and caused many casualties to the Company.

On August 11, Sgt. Golonka moved his Platoon forward through Tank obstacles and a heavy concentration of machine gun fire to the Fortress Citadel at St. Malo, France, after getting to their objective they exchanged fierce fire with the enemy at a range of 50 to 100 yards for approximately one hour, during this engagement, due to darkness, lack of support, exhaustion of ammunition, and lack of any contact with supporting Platoons. T/Sgt. Golonka sent back a runner to the Battalion for advice in regard to further action,



JOSEPH GOLONKA

the runner returned bearing the order to withdraw. Sgt. Golonka took it upon himself to move his men from their established position, the enemy layed heavy crossed machine gun fire on the Platoons return route, after creeping and crawling for 50 yards to a place of cover, Sgt. Golonka skillfully moved his Platoon to our main defense position without a casualty.

Due to T/Sgt. Golonka's leadership and devotion to duty merits the highest praise, and having demonstrated his fitness for appointment in actual combat, I recommend that T/Sgt. Golonka be appointed as Second Lieutenant, AUS.'

## BOMBER CREWMAN



Pfc. Ernest Testa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Testa of 34 Main street, Slovan, was graduated recently from the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School, Laredo Army Air Field, Laredo, Texas, a member of the AAF Training Command. He is now qualified to take his place as a member of a bomber combat crew. Along with his diploma, he received a pair of Aerial Gunner's silver wings and a promotion in grade at brief graduation exercises.

He was prepared for his place in America's stepped-up air offensive by a comprehensive six weeks course in every phase of aerial gunnery warfare. Besides learning to fire every type weapon from camera guns to the deadly caliber .50 Brownings, he studied turret manipulation, aircraft identification, stripping and reassembling of machine guns while blindfolded. He climaxed the course by air firing on towed targets.

Pfc. Testa returned to California Monday after spending a 10 day furlough with his parents.

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**Pfc. Ernest Testa**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 8, 1945**

### *Wounded In Germany*



Mrs. Elizabeth Fodor of R. D. 2, Burgettstown, has received word that her son, Pfc. William Fodor, 22, who was with General Patton's Third Army in Germany, was slightly wounded by pieces of shrapnel from a German 88 gun. Bill has been hospitalized twice for which he received the Purple Heart and an Oak Leaf Cluster. He writes that now he is on his way to the front line once again. Bill was inducted and entered service on August 18, 1944. He received his basic training at Camp Croft, S. C., and left for overseas duty in January. Prior to induction he was employed by American Bridge, Ambridge.

A brother, Pvt. Albert Fodor is serving with an anti-aircraft search light battery in the Netherlands East Indies. He has been overseas for more than two years.

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**Pfc. William Fodor**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 15, 1945 Edition**



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**PRISONER OF WAR**



Cpl. Charles Kaezyk of Bulger, who was reported as missing in action during the Bulge into Belgium, December 19, has turned up as a prisoner of war in Germany. His father, John Kaezyk of Bulger received a letter from Charles this week. Charles was with a reconnaissance outfit of the Tank Destroyers.

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**Cpl. Charles Kaezyk**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 15, 1945 Edition**

## Five Lonick Brothers Of Atlasburg Are In Service Of Their Country



**JOHN LONICK**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lonick, Sr., of Atlasburg, are the proud parents of five sons in service, the oldest of which has paid the supreme sacrifice of his life for his country.

Sgt. John Lonick, 27, was killed in action in France on Friday,



**WALTER LONICK**

September 15, 1944. He was with the Field Artillery and had been overseas since June 30. He was inducted on July 4, 1942. He was married to Johnnie Campbell of Huntland, Tenn.

M/Sgt. Walter Lonick, 26, is



**CHARLES LONICK**

stationed in Burma with the Air Corps and has been in service for six years.

Sgt. Charles Lonick Jr. 23, has been in service for three years. He is now stationed on the Mariana Islands in the Pacific with the



**ANTHONY LONICK**

Air Corps.

Chief Petty Officer, Anthony Lonick, 21, husband of the former Joan Lawrence of Burgettstown, is aboard a transport in the Pacific. He attended Union High and has been in service for two years.



**STANLEY LONICK**

Pvt. Stanley Lonick, 19, is serving with the Infantry in Germany. He has been in service for one year.

All boys are former employees of the American Zinc and Chemical Co.

**Five Lonick Brothers of Atlasburg are in Service of their Country**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 15, 1945 Edition**

## Master Sergt.



Sergeant Ralph H. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Bell, has recently been promoted to the grade of Master Sergeant, the highest rank which can be held by an enlisted man.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in October 1940 and has been stationed at four different bases, - namely Jefferson Barracks, Mo., Hunter Field Savannah, Ga., Will Rodgers Field, Okla., and Key Field, Miss.

The newly appointed Master Sergeant is "Sergeant Major" of a Bombardment Group stationed at Key Field.

Sergeant Bell (better known in Burgettstown as Herman) and his attractive wife were married in Oklahoma City, Okla., October 9, 1941. They now reside at 1007 - 26th Avenue, Meridian, Miss.

**Master Sergeant Ralph H. Bell**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 18, 1943 Edition**

## IN THE MAIL BOX

Lieutenant General George C. Kenney, Commanding the Fifth Air Force has written the following letter to Delbert's mother, Mrs. Carl Clair of Florence aveue, in confirmation of press reports that he had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross:

Dear Mrs. Clair:

Recently your son was awarded the Air Medal. This award was made in recognition of his courageous, fearless service to his combat organization, his fellow American airmen, his country, his home and to you.

Your son was decorated for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific Area from December 8, 1941, to November 10, 1942.

He took part in more than one hundred hours of long-range bombing missions over territory that was continually patrolled by enemy aircraft. These operations included attacks against enemy installations, shipping and supply bases, and aided considerably in the recent successes in this theatre.

Almost every hour of every day your son, and the sons of other American mothers, are doing just such things as that here in the Southwest Pacific.

There is a very real and very tangible contribution to victory and to peace.

I would like to tell you how genuinely proud I am to have had men such as your son in my command and how gratified I am to know that young Americans with such courage and resourcefulness are fighting our country's battle against the aggressor nations.

You, Mrs. Clair, have every reason to share that pride and gratification.

**Delbert Clair Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross  
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 18, 1945 Edition**



IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF

**Frank Haber**

WHO DIED IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY AT

**Sea, Pacific Area, attached S.S. John A. Poor, 20 March 1945 (Presumed)**

HE STANDS IN THE UNBROKEN LINE OF PATRIOTS WHO HAVE DARED TO DIE

THAT FREEDOM MIGHT LIVE, AND GROW, AND INCREASE ITS BLESSINGS.

FREEDOM LIVES, AND THROUGH IT, HE LIVES—

IN A WAY THAT HUMBLER THE UNDERTAKINGS OF MOST MEN

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Franklin D. Roosevelt".

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**Frank Haber**  
**Presumed Dead-March 20, 1945**

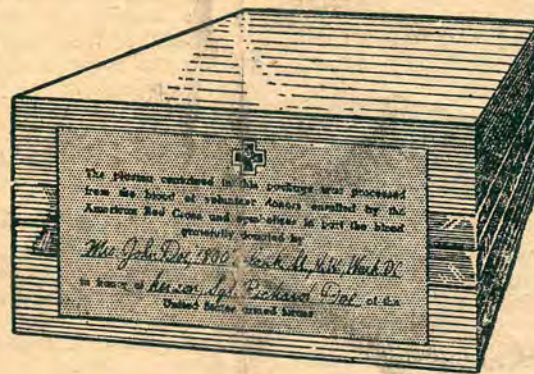
## Arrives In France



Mrs. Frances Young Farner of 100 Center avenue, has received word that her husband, Pfc. Alden Farner, has arrived safely somewhere in France. He works with the A.P.O. Division of the post office. He went overseas in March. Prior to his induction on August 18, 1943, he was employed by Climax. He is a son of Mrs. Agnes Farner of Avella.

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## New Blood Plasma Dedication Label



In response to numerous requests, the Red Cross label on the standard Army-Navy package of blood plasma has been redesigned so donors may dedicate their blood in honor of a friend or loved one in the armed forces. The inscription goes right on the label as shown above. One label may be filled out for each blood donation made on or after December 7, 1944.

## Red Cross Quota Lacks \$484

Although Washington County over-subscribed its Red Cross quota of \$180,000 by \$11,203, Burgettstown district needs \$484 to meet its \$16,000 goal. Anyone who has not been contacted or anyone who feels that he should raise his subscription is urged to do so immediately by contacting his district solicitor or by sending his contribution to Lee R. McKinney at the Washington National Bank. A small effort on the part of many \$1 contributors will do a lot to 'keep the Red Cross by his side.'

The employes of Greensburg-Connellsville Coal and Coke Co. at Francis Mine averaged \$5 per man and the United Mine Workers gave \$100 to help the quota in that district.

Teachers in Burgettstown Borough schools, both grade and high school contributed on an average of \$5 per person. Many individuals have gone all out to put the local drive over, and one individual contribution of \$50 was recorded in the Borough.

Climax Molybdenum Co. topped the corporate gifts with a check for \$2000, followed by the American Zinc & Chemical Co. with a check for \$1000. Langeloth Smeltersmen contributed an average of \$1 per man, by a check-off plan.

Co-Chairman for the district, William P. Miller and W. J. Robertson and sub-chairman Roy Thompson received splendid support from volunteer solicitors during the drive and desire to express their appreciation for this fine effort, both workers and contributors.

The following report of the Burgettstown district is submitted by Mr. Miller and Mr. Robertson.

AREA	CAPTAIN	QUOTA	RAISED
Burgettstown Boro	Bell & Dickson	\$3000	\$2875.49
Atlasburg	Pauchnik	200	200.88
Bavington	Smiley	125	138.95
Bulger	Bianchi	350	426.50
Cherry Valley	Scruppi	125	131.05
Erie Mine	Stetar	75	88.75
Francis Mine	Geisey	\$1350	1026.05
Harmon Creek	Addington & Robertson	750	622.25
Langeloth	Shelton	4900	4450.67
Raccoon	Colesberry	225	339.50
Slovan	Medved	725	814.55
Hanover Twp.	Denny & Neely	900	1150.00
Cross Creek Twp.	Zaebisch & Paris	750	754.70
Jefferson Twp.	Truax	625	641.35
West Middletown	Murdock	170	230.75
Hopewell Twp.	Hunter & Wilson	530	440.50
Independence Twp.	William & Hanna	1000	982.49
Miscellaneous		200	202.10
TOTAL		\$16,000.00	\$15,516.53

## New Blood Plasma Dedication Label

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**James O. Mazzier  
Is Reported Missing  
In Action In Pacific**

A telegram was received last Thursday, April 5, by Mr. and Mrs. James Mazzier, R. D. 3, Burgettstown, notifying them that their son, James O. Mazzier, S 1/c was reported as 'missing in action'. No date or location was given but his address was c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif. Jimmy went overseas about a month ago. He was inducted on December 27, 1943 and was formerly employed by Climax. He graduated from Union with the class of 1941. He is the only son in the family.

**James O. Mazzier  
Missing in Action  
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 12, 1945 Edition**



## HUNDREDS ATTEND BURGETTSTOWN MEMORIAL FOR FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. DISTRICT GOES INTO MOURNING. PLEDGE UNITY TO TRUMAN

More than one thousand citizens of the Greater Burgettstown Community assembled in Union High School Saturday afternoon for a Memorial Service, from three to four o'clock to honor the memory of our late President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and to pledge unity to our new head of state, President Harry S. Truman.

The meeting was called by Proclamation from Burgess A. O. Hindman, who presided. He was assisted by members of the Burgettstown Post of the American Legion, the Ministerium, Union high school orchestra and Mrs. Wayne Culley, who appeared as soloist.

Deep regret at the passing of the Nation's war-time President was in evidence over the entire district, and a state of mourning, declared by Burgess Hindman was strictly adhered to, Theatres and clubs, and public places of amusement closed Friday and until after 5 p. m. Saturday, and the business houses of the district were closed during the funeral hours.

Memorial services were held in the district schools, Friday at 1 o'clock after which the schools were adjourned.

Employees of industrial plants in the district reported for work as early as 4 a. m. for the Saturday morning shifts and work was discontinued during the afternoon to permit workers to attend the Memorial service.

**Hundreds Attend Burgettstown Memorial for FRD  
District goes into Mourning. Pledge to Truman  
Burgettstown Enterprise- April 19, 1945 Edition**

## Medical Corpsman



HEADQUARTERS, 13th AAF, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—On foreign duty for more than 25 months Cpl. Homer E. McQuain, husband of Mrs. Lillian McQuain, R. F. D. 1, Burgettstown, is a medical corpsman at the headquarters of the 13th AAF Service Command in the Southwest Pacific. Inducted into the Army in January, 1942, Cpl. McQuain served at Barksdale Field, La., prior to departing for overseas.

**Cpl. Homer E. McQuain-Medical Corpsman  
Burgettstown Enterprise- April 19, 1945 Edition**

## On Guadalcanal



Cpl. Edward J. Ruskowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ruskowski of Cherry Valley, is stationed on Guadalcanal with a Chemical Warfare Company. Prior to his induction on February 6, 1942, he was employed by the American Zinc & Chemical Co.

**Cpl. Edward J. Ruskowski**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-April 19, 1945**

## Promoted



Mrs. Leon Testas of Main St., Bulger, has received word that her husband, Leon Testas, has received a promotion from the grade of Private First Class to the rank of line duty sergeant. In a recent engagement with the enemy under a constant artillery barrage of '88's Sgt. Testas gave orders to his machine gun squad to move to safety positions. He constantly checked the positions under heavy fire to see that the men were alright. He was cited by his officers as a leader. He holds the Combat Infantry Expert Badge. He is stationed in Germany and participated in the drive through Metz, the fortress city. He attended school in Bulger and was employed by the Champion No. 1 Cleaning Plant, Pittsburgh Coal Company, prior to entering the service. He is the father of two sons, Charles, 6, and Junior 9. His favorite topic of conversation with the boys on the front lines is "My wife is a good cook, she really knows how to make good spaghetti and meatballs."

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**Leon Testa Promoted**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise- April 19, 1945 Edition**

## May Brothers Are In Service



ROBERT T. MAY

Pfc. Robert T. May, 20, was slightly wounded in action in Germany on March 21, according to word received by his parents on Sunday, April 8. Bob entered the service on March 29, 1944, and received his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala. He left for overseas in September, 1944 and was with General Patton's Third Army.

A brother, Pvt. James G. May, 21, United States Marine Corps,



JAMES G. MAY

left for overseas duty recently and his address is c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif. He entered the service on September 29, 1944, and received his training at Parris Island, S. C., Camp Lejeune, N. C., and Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.

They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. May, R. D. 2, Burgettstown, and prior to entering the service worked on their dad's farm.

## In New Orleans



Lt. Edna Elizabeth McBride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. McBride, former residents of Cross Creek, but residing in Hickory the past three years, enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps in February, 1944, and was inducted into service, March 15, 1944. She is now located at Station Hospital Branch, New Orleans, La. Lt. McBride was graduated from the Mt. Pleasant Vocational High School in May, 1940, and the following September she enrolled in the Ohio Valley Hospital School of Nursing, Wheeling, W. Va., from which she graduated September 12, 1943. She expects to be assigned to overseas duty soon.

Lt. McBride's brother, Harry Stewart McBride, Jr., who is in the Pacific with the U. S. Fleet recently was commended by his Commanding Officer for the following service:

"For outstanding service and meritorious conduct as a member of the Crew of the USS Cabot on November 25, 1944, off the west coast of the Philippines while their vessel was under attack by Japanese aircraft. During and after a heavy aerial assault he displayed unusual ability, skill, and untiring devotion to duty, which contributed to the defense of the ship, quick repair of damage and aid to the wounded, thus assisting in restoring the ship to a state of highest possible efficiency. His loyalty and devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

**Lt. Edna Elizabeth McBride**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 3, 1945**

## Graduates



Eris Culley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Culley of 21 Lincoln avenue will graduate from West Penn Hospital Nurses' Training school on June 7. She has enlisted as a Cadet Nurse in the Army Nurse Corps and expects to leave for Basic Training on August 1. Eris, who graduated from UHS in 1942 is spending a months vacation at her home here.

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**Eris Culley-Enlists as Cadet Nurse**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 17, 1945 Edition**

## King Brothers Serve Overseas



EARL KING

Mrs. Tillie King of Reed Plan, Burgettstown is the proud mother of two sons in the service.

Sgt. Earl King, husband of Mrs. Florence Rockwell King of Langeloth, was wounded in action in Germany in April. He was taken to a hospital in France and from there sent to England. He enlisted in the Army in December, 1943 and went overseas to England in November, 1944. He was with the Infantry and was recently



JULES KING

promoted from the rank of Corporal to Sergeant. Prior to his enlistment he was employed by the American Zinc and Chemical Company. He was a ball player. He has two children Earlene 10, and Wayne 8.

Jules King, Ship Fitter 2/C Seabee husband of Betty Davis King of Slovan is stationed in the Admiralty Islands in the Pacific. Prior to his enlistment in December 1943 he was employed by the American Zinc and Chemical Company. He attended Union High School. He is the father of 3 children, Brenda Lee, 5; Bobbie, 3 and Shirley Ann 1.



# Lonski Brothers of Atlasburg Serve Their Country



FRANK LONSKI

Mr. and Mrs. Lonski of Atlasburg, are the proud parents of four sons in service.

First Lt. Frank J. Lonski is with the Field Artillery in France. He is a graduate of Union High School and has been in service for 2 1-2 years. Prior to entering the service he was employed as an inspector in a war plant.

The following stories are newspaper clippings about Frank.

## ARTILLERY OBSERVER'S LIFE IS NEVER DULL

Forward observing can sometimes get pretty rugged for artillery officers.

While 2nd Lt. Frank J. Lonski, Atlasburg, Pa., of the F. A. Battalion's B Battery and Pvt. William E. Drennan, Neffs, O., were looking for targets from an upstairs window an armor piercing



CHARLES LONSKI

shell slammed into the wall and passed on between the two men. They were only a few feet apart and only knocked down.

The next day the lieutenant was bracketed by two more AP shells destined for two nearby tanks but which knocked down the walls of the room he was in.

None of the near-misses did anything to warrant a Purple Heart for Lieutenant Lonski and his assistant.

## THE FA GETS CREDIT FROM BAYONETEERS

One platoon of the (CENSORED) K Company feels mighty indebted to C Battery of the (CENSORED) Field Artillery for helping them out of a tight spot.

The men were gathered in one one house, securing the right flank of the (CENSORED) Regiment. Shortly after noon over 200 German infantry, supported by five tanks, moved up and began firing on the house from across a creek.

Tank fire started reducing the upper part of the house and all men went into the cellar with Captain Robert W. Hahn, Baltimore, Md., to return the fire with rifles, a .50 and .30 caliber machine gun and a mortar.

Artillery fire from the battalion was called in by 2nd Lt. Frank J. Lonski, Atlasburg, Pa., the Forward Observer attached to the company.

The lieutenant's box score showed a Mark V, VI, and an Armored car knocked out for sure. Probables included another Mark V and two machine guns.

In the meantime K Company's artillery (with apologies to Sgt. Bill Mauldin's cartoon), a 60mm mortar, was fired from the rear of the house. Sgt. Sylvester H. Heinz, Hales Corners, Wis., operated the smooth bore weapon alone for a while, dropping a round in, then peeking around the



EDWARD LONSKI

corner of the house to observe his fire and adjust.

The Germans were tough soldiers according to Lt. Lonski. The infantry advanced to within a hundred yards of the rubble covering the (CENSORED) Division men. They were so fanatic as to ignore the 'Can Do' machine gun fire at times.

The Krauts failed to reach the house or force the defenders out of it. By late afternoon the GIs were relieved by an attack of their buddies that pushed them through.

Pvt. Charles J. Lonski has also been in service for 2 1-2 years. He is stationed in Hawaii and is a member of the Infantry. He graduated from Union and was formerly employed in Connecticut.

Sgt. Edward P. Lonski recently returned from 52 months of overseas duty in the Pacific theater, and is now stationed at Langley Field, Va. He enlisted in the Army Air Force in 1939.



HENRY LONSKI

Henry C. Lonski, S. F. 3/C, has been in the Navy for almost two years. Prior to his induction into the United States Navy, he was a Senior at Union High School. He recently spent a leave with his parents after participating in three major battles in the Philippines.

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Lonski Brothers of Atlasburg Serve Their Country  
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## Cadet Nurse



Miss Mary Lou Modic, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Modic of Slovan, Pa., has enlisted in the Cadet Nurse Corps, and is now enrolled at the St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing. She recently spent a five day vacation at home. She is a graduate of Union High School, class of 1943.

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**Mary Lou Modic**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 17, 1945**

## Barto Brothers Of Slovan

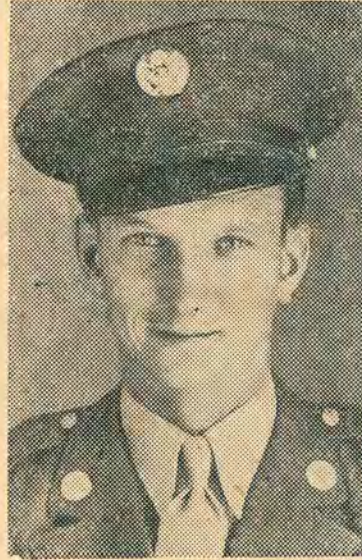


DAVID BARTO

Mrs. Lukaria Barto of Slovan, is the mother of three sons in service, two of them have paid the supreme sacrifice for their country.

Sgt. Fred Barto, 30, was killed in a plane crash near Great Salt Lake, Utah, on Wednesday, January 5, 1944. He entered the service on June 27, 1942, and was formerly employed by the Lange-loth Mine.

On Sunday, May 6, Mrs. Barto received another telegram from the War Department notifying her that her son, Pvt. John Barto, 25 was killed in action in Germany on April 18. He was stationed with the Air Corps in England until recently when he was transferred to the Infantry and shipped to Germany. John had been overseas for 2½ years. Prior to his induction on September 14, 1942,



JOHN BARTO

he was employed by the Gradison Auto Bus Company.

He is survived by his mother, five sisters, Mrs. Anne Kempa and Miss Nell Barto of Pittsburgh, Mrs. Andrew Fuller of Bulger, and Vera and Pauline at home; and three brothers, Steve and Sergy at home and Sgt. David Barto United States Army, France

Sgt. David Barto, 23, was seriously wounded in action in Germany on March 7 and is now in a hospital in France receiving treatment for wounds sustained in his abdomen. He has been overseas for eleven months and is in the Tank Destroyers. Prior to his induction on December 31, 1942, he was employed by the American Zinc & Chemical Company. He is a graduate of Union, class of 1940.

**MAJOR WATCHMAN OF ARMY AIR FORCE  
WILL SPEAK AT DEDICATION OF SENIOR  
GIFT, UNION HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL**

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Burgettstown Enterprise-May 24, 1945 Edition**

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Burgettstown Enterprise-May 24, 1945 Edition**

## Brothers Meet In Germany



JESS ALONSO

Pfc. Jess Alonso and Cpl. James Alonso, sons of Manuel Alonso of Langeloth, met somewhere in Germany in the latter part of March. Jess is with the Infantry and has been overseas



JAMES ALONSO

since September. James is with the Field Artillery. Two other sons are in the service, Joe. S 1/c Pacific, and Manuel United States Army.

**Jess Alonso and James Alonso  
Brothers Meet in Germany  
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## IN GERMANY



Pfc. Attilio L. Stura, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Stura of Slovan is stationed in Germany with a Quartermaster Company under the Ninth Army. He went overseas on October 22, 1944. He graduated from Union, with the class of '44 and was formerly employed by Rust Engineering, Contractors. Prior to his induction on February 22, 1944, he was a Senior at Union.

## FORMER LOCAL BOY WRITES PARENTS OF GERMAN WAR ATROCITIES

We have heard a great deal about Nazi atrocities in the war prison camps throughout Europe, but none of the stories recently divulged by our military officials, war correspondents and congressmen, more clearly or vividly depicts the enemy's acts of brutality than the eye-witness account of T-3 Durward Glessner of Hollidays Cove, W. Va.

The GI, a former Burgettstown boy and brother of Mrs. Lido Petrucci, in a letter to his father C. W. Glessner of 4016 Palisades Drive, Marland Heights, tells an almost unbelievable story of horror, murder, and brutality. The letter in its entirety follows:

Germany, April 21, 1945

Dear Family:

I am fine as ever and can't complain. We are seeing a lot of Germany. It is really a beautiful country. These Autobahns (super-highways) that Hitler built are as nice as the Pennsylvania turn pike. I simply can't understand how or why these people are so ruthless, and they are inhuman, believe me.

I went through a concentration camp today, and up until now all that I heard about such places I had hesitated to believe. Some of the things almost made me believe it without having seen it. Since coming into the continent I've seen some horrible things, but this tops any thing imaginable. Let me elaborate.

This camp is near where we are at present. We went over in small groups. The army is encouraging everyone possible to see it.

At the time of its being overrun (by the Americans) there were some 60,000 prisoners interned. There are now 20,000. Over 1,000,000 people have died there. There is a monument erected with the number of the ones killed, admittedly 51,000. This is right in the middle of things as a warning and to suppress any uprisings.

We were guided through by a former inmate who spoke English. (You must understand that under the present circumstances the Allies haven't been able to do much here except feed them. Many of the deplorable conditions still exist actually, or have been left for the people to see for themselves.) We entered a long hut-like building which houses 2,000 people. You would hesitate to put 200 in the same space. This was typical. They slept in a shelf-like arrangement. Seven men to five square feet of bare wood. As I walked through the place stench almost gaged me. The place was still filled full of those grinning idiotic living skeltons. The kind you've seen in pictures and thought were just propoganda. You wanted to shrink from them as you would a leper. They were not only suffering from malnutrition to the last degree, but T. B. syphilis and anything else you could think of. In short, they lived, looked, and stunk like a bunch of animals in a neglected zoo. Two men in each "sty" were assigned the duty of piling the dead bodies outside in a shed daily and they had a lot to keep them busy.

We went from the barracks to the crematory. Outside of it there were two piles of bodies. There must have been 200 at least. They were piled like wood and horrible to look at. I went in and saw the furnaces where they burned the bodies. I saw skeltons still intact in them. Outside the building they piled the ashes in heaps about five feet high. In the same yard I saw the gallows where they hanged the

violators. Downstairs was a torture chamber complete with hanging hooks, and a bloody bundgeon. Some were hung up by their wrists and some by their ankles and the lucky ones by their necks.

Remember these people were Poles, Czechs, Russians, Jews and some Germans who had other than the Nazi ideas. The only crimes any had committed were of political nature. They were lucky to get a bath once every two months. Lice and Typhus fever were rampant. The daily food ration was a piece of dry bread two inches thick and three inches long, and a cup of coffee for breakfast at 6 a. m. They got nothing again until that night when they got a bowl of potatoe peeling soup. No fat of any kind. As the weak ones got worse the strongest would smother them to get their food ration. Any stray dog or cat was cooked as a delicacy.

If a guy had a particularly novel tatoo on his body they skinned him and made a lamp shade or a woman's pocket book from it for some SS guard's wife. One German doctor shrunk a severed head as an experiment. He displayed it as a warning. They made various medical experiments of a gruesome nature.

To sum things up I saw men dead or dying from slow starvation and disease. Others beaten to death. They were forced to live worse than pigs. How they piled the bodies and then burned them and finally a pile of ashes in the back yard.

This about covers it. I could go on writing all night. You are going to hear a lot about this from Eisenhower, Congress etc. I want you to know it is not propoganda, not one iota.

I give you my solemn word that everything I have said above is the gospel truth. It is impossible to exaggerate about this thing. It is hard to realize that a country of such extreme intelligence and industry could be so prone to condone such atrocities against mankind. I have seen low, base things before, but this is the lowest thing in the history of human relations. You simply must see it or believe it. Now! How do you feel about Germany.

Your son,  
Durward.

**Former Local Boy Writes Parents of German War Atrocities**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 7, 1945 Edition**



## In Germany



Mrs. Carrie Holland of R. D. 4, McDonald, has received word that her husband, Pvt. Arthur W. Holland, is stationed in Germany and has been assigned to the mail and record section in the headquarters of the 99th Division. Private Holland is serving with General Hodge's First Army. He enlisted in the service June 29, 1944, received his basic training at Ft. McClellan, Ala., and went overseas in February 1945. A 1931 graduate of Midway High School, he was chief clerk for the Pittsburgh Coal Carbonization Co. prior to entering service. He was also a member of the Burgettstown Rationing board, a Notary Public, and an agent for the Hartford Insurance Co. He has one son Merwin, aged two and a half years. He is a son of Mrs. Fannie Holland of Midway and the late Abendego Holland.

**Pvt. Arthur W. Holland**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 14, 1945 Edition**

## In France



Mrs. Kathryn Runtas of Cherry Valley, has received word that her son, Pfc. George J. Runtas, has arrived safely in France. He is with the Airborne Division Glider Troop and has been in service since August 18, 1943. He was formerly employed by the Youngstown Press Steel, Warren, O.

**Pfc. George J. Runtas**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 14, 1945 Edition**

## 10 Liberated G. I.'s Home On Furloughs

Ten local boys who were German prisoners arrived this week to spend furloughs at home. They are:

Lt. Hal Pinder, pilot of a B-24 who was shot down over Southern Belgium in Jan. 1944 and captured one month later is spending a 60 day furlough with his father, J. J. Pinder of R. D. 1, Burgettstown. He was liberated on April 29 from Stalag VIIA, the same camp that Lt. Brosky was confined in for many months. He graduated from Union in 1940 and enlisted in 1942. He is a brother of the late John Joseph Pinder, who was awarded post-humously the Congressional Medal of Honor for distinguished and exceptional courage. Cpl. Pinder died of wounds while trying to establish a beach held for landing Yanks.

S-Sgt. Reamond Smiley, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smiley, R. D. 1, Bulger, arrived home Thursday night for 60 days. Reamond was held a German prisoner from July 25, 1943, to May 2, 1945. He has been in service since May 28, 1942.

S-Sgt. David Ramsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Ramsey of R. D. 1, Burgettstown, also arrived home Thursday night for 60 days. David was held a German prisoner from July 26, 1943 to May 2, 1945. He has been in service since 1942.

S-Sgt. Reamond Smiley and S-Sgt. David Ramsey will report to Miami, Fla., at the end of their furloughs.

Pfc. Raymond Mester arrived home Friday night for a 69 day furlough with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mester of Langeloth. Raymond was captured on Sept. 22, 1944 and liberated on April 25, 1945. He has been in service since Feb. 6, 1943.

Cpl. Emile Kowalski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kowalski of Erie Mine, arrived home Friday afternoon for 72 days. Emile was held a German prisoner from January 22, 1944, to April 28, 1945. He has been in service since May 30, 1942.

Pfc. Leonard Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford L. Robertson of Florence, arrived home Monday evening for 75 days. Leonard was captured on July 20, 1944 and liberated on May 8, 1945. He has been in service since December 21, 1943.

Pvt. Anthony Kucic, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kucic and husband of Mrs. Anthony Kucic of Market Street, arrived home Friday for 71 days. He was held a German prisoner from February 23, 1944, to April 28, 1945. Anthony has been in service since August 18, 1944.

Pfc. Joseph Spetek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Spetek, Sr., of Slovan, arrived home Saturday morning for 70 days. Joe was captured on November 8, 1944 and liberated on May 2, 1945. He has been in service since February 21, 1944.

Pvt. Walter E. Eversole, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Eversole of R. D. 2, Burgettstown, arrived home Saturday morning for 70 days. He was held a German prisoner from February 16, 1944, to May 2, 1945. Walter has been in service since February, 1943.

Pvt. Matthew Puskarich arrived home Monday evening to spend a 76 days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Puskarich of Eldersville. He was held a German prisoner for 11 months.

Cpl. Kowalski, Pfc. Robertson, Pvt. Kucic, Pfc. Spetek, Pvt. Eversole, Pvt. Puskarich, and Pfc. Mester will report to Ashville, N. C., at the end of their furlough.

## Killed In Action



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kiss of the Reed Plan received a telegram from the war department stating that their son, Pvt. Alexander Kiss, 24, was killed in action on Okinawa Island. Kiss was born in Burgettstown, attended grade school and two years of high school here, and when he was eighteen enlisted in the Army six years ago. Two months after enlistment he was sent to Hawaii, where he served his first enlistment period and was enroute home for discharge when the Pearl Harbor attack was made. He re-enlisted and has been stationed in the Pacific zone ever since. Kiss was wounded in the Marshall Islands campaign and was sent to San Francisco for treatment. In June 1944 he married Joan Jarabek of Silver Lake, Minn. in San Francisco. His wife is employed as a telephone operator in San Francisco. Shortly after his marriage he was returned to active duty.

Besides his parents and his widow, the young soldier is survived by six sisters, Mrs. Julia Simons and Mrs. Etta Simons of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Annie Chiarelli of Long Island; Mrs. Barbara Kominiski of Bridgeport, Conn.; Mrs. Esther Zito of New York and Mrs. Elizabeth Yarrington of Detroit; also two brothers, Andrew Kiss of Houston and Joseph Kiss of Burgettstown.

**Pvt. Alexander Kiss-Killed in Action**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 21, 1945 Edition**

## Killed By Flak



Sgt. George J. Lesko, 21 son of the late Mrs. Mary Lesko of Francis Mine, a gunner on a B-17, was killed by flak on March 22 as he was about to complete his twentieth mission over Germany. He had been overseas 3 months. He was the only member of a crew of 8 to be killed.

He is survived by four sisters, Rose Mary Lesko, Mrs. Ann Nesbit and Mrs. Marie Gima of Burgettstown, and Mrs. Paula Hallan of McDonald; and two brothers, John and Mike at home.

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## Presidential Citation



Pfc. John McClements, Jr., of Cherry Valley, brother of Mrs. Margaret Warchol of Atlasburg, was 21 on April 14, 1945. Prior to his induction on February 6, 1943, he was employed by A. M. Byers, Ambridge. Recently his unit received a presidential citation which is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed on a unit as a whole. He received a Distinguished Unit Badge which he is authorized to wear as a permanent part of his uniform.

The citation reads as follows:

Members of 291st Engineer Combat Battalion, which was cited for "outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy from 17 to 26 of December, 1944, Belgium. On December 17 at the beginning of the German Ardennes breakthrough the 291st Engineer Combat Battalion was assigned the mission of establishing and manning roadblocks south and east of Malmedy, and with the defense of the town itself. The battalion set up essential roadblocks and prepared hasty defenses. Shortly thereafter, numerically superior enemy infantry and armored columns moved in the direction of Malmedy were engaged. Through outnumbered and constantly subjected to heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, the officers and men of the 291st., Engineer Combat Battalion, stubbornly resisted all enemy attempts to drive through their positions. Repeated attacks were made by enemy armor and infantry roadblocks and defensive positions and in each instance were thrown back with heavy losses by the resolute and determined resistance.

**Pfc. John McClements, Jr.-Presidential Citation  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 21, 1945 Edition**

## In France



Cpl. William A. Donati, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Donati, Sr., R. D. 4, Burgettstown, is stationed in France with an Airborne Division. He has been overseas since January. He was inducted in August, 1943, and received his training at Camp Stewart, Ga., and Camp Mackall, N. C. Prior to his induction he was employed by the Weirton Steel Company.

**Cpl. William A. Donati**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 28, 1945 Edition**

## Coastguardsman



Coast Guardsman Oliver E. Wagner, chief motor machinist's mate, is presently serving aboard a Coast Guard-manned Army freight supply ship engaged in hauling supplies and ammunition to General MacArthur's fighting forces in the Philippines. Chief Wagner is entitled to wear the Philippine Liberation ribbon with two bronze stars for participation in Allied landings at Lingayen Gulf. The former Union High School graduate was employed in a chemical plant prior to his enlistment in the Coast Guard in 1941. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wagner, Sr., of Highland avenue, Burgettstown.

**Coast Guardsman Olive E. Wagner  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 28, 1945 Edition**



## In Germany



T/Sgt. Patsy Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mitchell of Bulger, is stationed in Germany with the Quartermaster Corps. He has been overseas for four years. Prior to his enlistment on September 7, 1940, he was a Senior at Union High school.

**T/Sgt. Patsy Mitchell**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise- July 5, 1945 Edition**

## Stewart Brothers In Service



WILLIAM STEWART



JAMES B. STEWART

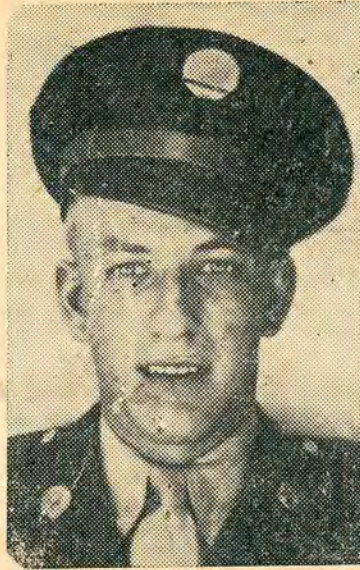
Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Stewart of Eldersville are the proud parents of two sons in service.

Sgt. William R. Stewart, formerly an electrician at an Eighth Air Force B-24 Liberator heavy bomber base, England, was among the men honored at a special review commemorating the service of those who, through faithful performance of their duties, have supported the combat fliers of the 445th bombardment group in the course of 280 bombing missions during the past 17 months in England. He was recently transferred from England to Casablanca where he is serving with the Headquarters of the North Africa Division

of the Transport Command. Sgt. Stewart was employed by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., Pittsburgh, prior to his induction on March 1, 1943. He has been overseas for 20 months and is a graduate of Union class of 1941.

James B. Stewart, S 1/C, was recently transferred from Gulfport, Miss., to Chicago, Ill. He is with the Radar Division. He enlisted in the United States Navy and left on September 28, 1944. Prior to his enlistment he was employed by the Armatur Company, Wheeling, W. Va. He graduated from Union with the class of 1944.

## Holds Several Awards



CPL. GEORGE ESNO

Mr. and Mrs. Esno of Slovan are proudly displaying several certificates of award which they received from their son, Cpl. George Esno who has spent three years with the Infantry in Europe. Prior to entering service George worked at the A. Z. and C. Co.

He has been awarded the Purple heart, March 1, 1945 for wounds received in Germany. On March 30, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster for heroic achievement in destroying a machine gun nest. The citation states that he assisted in taking 8 strongly fortified enemy pill boxes February 22 and 50 prisoners and later that month, 100 prisoners and several strongly fortified houses, during the advance into Germany.

**CPL. George Esno**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 2, 1945**

## U. S. Merchant Marine



Frank Kubas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kubas, 313 Louise Street, Langeloth, is now in Merchant Marine training at the U. S. Maritime Service Training Station, Sheepshead Bay, N. J., after having enlisted at the district Enrolling Office in Pittsburgh. After an intensive course of first aid, seamanship, sea safety, physical training and nomenclature, he will be assigned to one of the ships of our great Merchant Marine.

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**Frank Kubas**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 2, 1945 Edition**

## Lawthers In Service

Lt. Col. J. Paul Lawther and son Pvt. Robert James Lawther are former residents of Burgettstown, Paul being a former member of Union high school faculty and his son, began his education in the Burgettstown grade school.

Paul, who taught here from 1929 to 1938, when he resigned to go into the automobile business, was promoted to Lt. Col. last May, while on active duty on Okinawa. Lt. Col. Lawther was born in Bellaire, O., in 1907, the son of the late Dr. J. H. Lawther, D. D. He attended Lafayette college for two years and then transferred to Washington and Jefferson, where he graduated with the B. A. degree, and receiv-



LT. COL. J. PAUL LAWTHER

ed his M. A. in 1928. While at Lafayette he took R. O. T. C. and this resulted in his being called to Ft. Hays in Columbus, where he was commissioned a Captain in the Ordnance in June 1942. He reported for active duty July 7, 1942 at Camp Perry, O., and participated in a recruitment campaign in that state for Co. 258. In 1943 he was given command of



PVT. ROBT. JAMES LAWTHER

the Third Ordnance Bn., which included the 258th Co. He left for overseas service that same month and was stationed on Oahu Island. The Battalion he formerly commanded was sent to Europe and he was assigned to the place he now holds. He participated in the invasion of Leyte in October 1944 and the invasion of Okinawa on Easter Sunday, 1945.

Paul received his army training at Camp Perry, O., Ft. Bragg, N. C., Camp Forrest, Tenn., and Aberdeen, Md. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church and held the office of deacon at the time of his enlistment. He is a member of the Kiwanis and Masonic orders.

The Lawther family left Burgettstown in 1938 when Paul took the management of the Hazlette Motors in partnership with the late H. A. Scott. The business was sold and the partnership dissolved in 1941. The Lawther family moved to Marion, O., where Paul engaged in the Paul Lawther Oldsmobile Motor business. Mrs. Lawther and the three children, Robert, Patty and Marion reside at 297 Bellefontaine avenue.

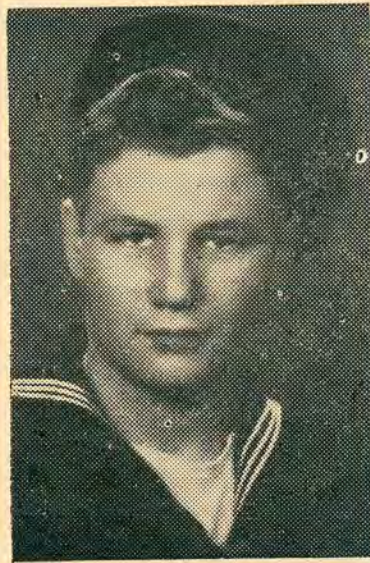
Pvt. Robert Lawther was born in March 31, 1927 in Warren, O. He graduated from Harding high school in Marion in June 1945 and was inducted into the armed forces that month. He received basic training at Camp Atterbury, Ind., and is at present stationed with Co. B. 6th Btn. 2nd. Regt., at Fort McClellan, Ala. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church was an officer in DeMolay and a member of Hi-Y at the time of his induction. As a member of Ball team he was awarded a gold basket just before leaving for army service.

## In Waves



Mildred Jean Stewart who is stationed with the Waves at the United States Naval Air Station, Ottumwa, Iowa, has recently been promoted to Seaman First Class. Jean is a graduate of Union high school and was employed at Westinghouse prior to her enlistment in the Waves. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Stewart of Center avenue. Jean planned to fly home last week end but all planes from Ottumwa were grounded because of unfavorable flying weather.

## Bluejacket



Ivan Vujanick, S 2/C, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Vujanick of Main street, Slovan, is on active duty aboard ship with his address c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, N. Y. Ivan enlisted in the United States Navy and left on December 1, 1944, to receive his 'boot' training at Sampson, N. Y. He attended Union High. Prior to his enlistment he was employed by Crucible Steel of Midland.

**Ivan Vujanick, S 2/c**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 2, 1945 Edition**

## Borsos Brothers Of Atlasburg Serve U. S. A.

Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Borsos of Atlasburg are serving the ir country in the armed forces.



S/Sgt. Stephen J. Borsos, 33, is now stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma with the U. S. Army. He entered service in Februray, 1942, and was overseas for 18 months. He was formerly employed at the Vesta Coal Co.



John W. Borsos, SK 3-α, 24, enlisted in the Seabees in June, 1942, and received his basic training at Norfolk, Va. He served one year in Dutch Harbor, and is now somewhere in the Pacific. He graduated from Union High School.



Their brother, Pvt. Michael Borsos, 21, entered the army in May, 1943, received his basic training at Camp Hood, Texas and was later transferred to Colorado. He is now stationed on Luzon. His wife, the former Marie Durko, and son live at Atlasburg.

**Boros Brothers of Atlasburg Serve U.S.A.**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 9, 1945**



## Slovan Sgt. Was Transportation Aide At U. N. Conference

First Sergeant Edmund Longevitch of Slovan, after a 3 months' temporary assignment in San Francisco, has recently returned to his duties at Fort Stevens, Ore. He was assigned to the United Nations Conference on special duty in charge of transportation for the delegations staying at the Fairmont and Mark Hopkins Hotels. Sergeant Longevitch had under his charge approximately 75 automobiles and drivers. With his headquarters in the Fairmont Hotel he was able to watch the coming and going of many world leaders. He attended two of the several committee meetings held in the Opera House and open to the general public, the most impressive of these being the last meeting in the signing of the United Nations Charter.

For his participation at the



United Nations Conference, Sergeant Longevitch was awarded the Army-Navy Coordination Group Certificate signed by Major General Nichols, U. S. Army and Captain Alger Harris, U. S. Navy, who were in command of all Army and Navy Personnel assigned to the conference. He also received a certificate of appreciation signed by Edward R. Stettinius as Chairman of the Conference and an expression of thanks on behalf of all the delegates signed by Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, China; Andrey A. Gromyko, Russia; Lord Halifax Great Britain, and Edward R. Stettinius for the United States.

Sgt. Longevitch entered the Army in December, 1939, and was assigned to duty in Hawaii. He was a member of the 98th Coast Artillery, later designated the 755th Anti-aircraft Artillery Combat Battalion, at Pearl Harbor. In February, 1944, he was transferred from Pearl Harbor to the Gilbert Islands where he saw action on Tarawa and Apemama. For these campaigns he holds the campaign ribbon with two battle stars. Sgt. Longevitch was returned to the United States in October, 1944. He has been on duty at Fort Stevens since January, 1945, a member of Headquarters Battery, Harbor Defense of the Columbia.

Holding a total of 114 points, Sergeant Longevitch will soon be released through the Fort Lewis, Separation Center, Fort Lewis, Washington. Upon his discharge he plans to return to San Francisco where he will work for United Airlines.

## Cpl. Clair Is Bride Of Cpl. Halliday



Cpl. Thelma E. Clair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clair, 14 Florence Avenue, became the bride of Cpl. Harold Ray Halliday, son of Mrs. Margaret Halliday, 3015 Glenmaur Avenue, Pittsburgh, 4, Pa., at a double ring ceremony performed in the Protestant Chapel, New River, N. C., on Wednesday, March 14, at 6 o'clock. The nuptial vows were read by Chaplain Fred Bennett. The organist was M/Sgt. Kenneth Wilson.

The maid of honor was Sgt. Jane Billingham and Cpl. Howard Overholser served as best man. Both were attired in their winter green uniforms.

Following the ceremony a reception was held for the bridal party and close friends in the lounge room of the barracks, given by friends of the bride and

groom. The centerpiece of the table was a huge wedding cake with a miniature bride and groom on it. The young couple spent a 3 day leave in Goldsboro, N. C.

The bride is a graduate of Union, class of 1940, and the Pittsburgh School of Contromoter. Prior to enlisting in the Marine Corps Womens Reserve in January, 1944, she was employed by the Standard Machinist, Pittsburgh, as a contromotist.

The groom graduated from Langeley High School, class of 1935. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in March, 1943, and is now serving as an instructor at the Motor Transport School but is awaiting overseas assignment. He was formerly employed as a mechanic for the Atlantic Refining Company, Pittsburgh.

## Awarded Bronze Star



T-5 Warren G. Baker, whose wife and daughter, Brenda Ann, reside at Locust Street, Jersey Shore, Pa., has been awarded a Bronze Star for heroic action while serving with the Ninth Army in Germany. The citation reads in part:

"For distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on April 12, 1945, in Germany. When the kitchen convoy ran into a heavy volume of fire delivered at close range from German troops that had returned to the cleared but unoccupied town, T-5 Baker jumped up, manned the .50 caliber machine gun on the truck in which he was riding. In spite of heavy small arms and machine gun fire, he stuck by his post until the enemy threat was removed, personally accounting for the German crew of the machine gun which was firing from a barn. Because of his disregard for personal safety and initiative in firing the gun, the enemy was soon routed and the kitchen convoy able to continue on its vital mission of feeding the front troops. The heroic devotion and courage displayed by T-5 Baker merits the highest praise."

T-5 Baker is believed to be enroute to the states and a deployment center where he will receive his honorable discharge from Army Service.

He formerly resided with his grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Karch of Florence, and attended grade school here. Prior to his induction on October 13, 1942, he was employed by J & L, Aliquippa. He has been overseas in the European Theater for 17 months.

## Sztukowski Brothers Serve



WILLIAM SZTUKOWSKI

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sztukowski, Sr., of Slovan are the proud parents of two sons in service.

William Sztukowski, S. K. D. 3/C, Seabee, is stationed in Manila in the Philippines. He has been overseas since October, 1944. He was inducted on March 31, 1944, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. and Davisville, R. I. Bill graduated from Union with the class of 1941 and prior to his induction was employed by the American Zinc & Chemical Company.



STANLEY SZTUKOWSKI

Stanley Sztukowski, U. S. Merchant Marine, went overseas in April and is now aboard ship somewhere in the Pacific. Stanley received his basic training at Sheepshead Bay, N. Y. and has been in service for three years making trips on the Atlantic and Pacific. Prior to his enlistment he was employed by Isolantite Inc. of Belleville, N. J. He attended Union High School for three years.

## Brothers Meet On Okinawa

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rivetti, of Slovan have received the glad news that their sons, Pfc. Anthony L. Rivetti, and S 2-C Vincent P. Rivetti, met on Okinawa on Sunday, August 5.



ANTHONY RIVETTI

Pfc. Anthony has been in service since June 11, 1943 and has served overseas with the Field Artillery for 14 months. He participated in the Philippine campaign and the invasion and battle of Okinawa. Prior to entering the service he was employed by Bov-alina's of Slovan. He attended Union High.



VINCENT RIVETTI

Vincent enlisted in the United States Navy on February 1, 1945, and received his boot training at Sampson, N. Y. He was later transferred to the Seabees and sent to Danisville, R. I. He left for overseas duty on June 8. Prior to his enlistment he was employed by Climax. He attended Union High for three years.

## Anthony and Vincent Rivetti Brothers Meet on Okinawa

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## Awarded Bronze Star



Sgt. Michael Weinch, son of Mrs. Catherine Weinch of Lange-loth, has been awarded the Bronze Star. The citation accompanying the award reads as follows:

"Michael Weinch, 33707962, Sergeant, Company "I", 349th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in combat from 25 July 1944 to 2 May 1945, in Italy. Sgt. Weinch has displayed exceptional excellence in performing his duties as machine gunner. Possessing outstanding qualities of courage, efficiency and devotion to duty he has constantly exhibited these attributes during his long combat service. At the Arno River he performed with remarkable daring when exposed in a hail of bullets, he directed accurate machine gun fire against violent enemy counter attacks. At Castel Del Rio, on 1 October 1944, when Germans were fanatically defending a house, his rocket launcher with deadly accuracy, hitting the house and driving the enemy from their strong position. At Mt. Grande on 22 October 1944, in the absence of his squad leader, he assumed command of his squad and demonstrated outstanding leadership ability in the course of the battle. During the final push across the Po Valley, this soldier performed with aggressiveness and courage, exhibiting remarkable stamina during the tiring ordeal. Consistently, during the combat operations of his country, Sgt. Weinch made a vital contribution to the success of his unit and his meritorious service reflects the finest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Avella, Pa."

**Sgt. Michael Weinch**

**Awarded Bronze Star**

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## **COMMUNITY YOUTH TO ATTEND RALLY AT WASHINGTON, SAT.**

A Youth for Christ Rally will be held Saturday, Sept. 15 in the Elks Auditorium, East Maiden street, Washington, Pa., at 8 p. m. Capt. James A. DeWeerd, Chaplain in the U. S. Army will be the speaker. Capt. De Weerd who served with the 30th and 120th Infantry Divisions, was with the first troops to land on the Normandy Beach-head. He was wounded in action and spent a year in the hospital. He was the recipient of the Purple Heart, the Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Silver Star.

Special music with two pianists and a choir of fifty voices has been planned for the evening. A bus will leave from the Westminster church at 7 p. m., for all those from this community who wish to attend.

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**Westminster Church-Youth Rally**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-September 13, 1945 Edition**

## Awarded Bronze Star



Pfc. William E. Donaldson, Co. B 253rd Infantry Regiment, 63rd Division of the Seventh Army, was awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action at Kressback, Germany, April 8, 1945, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Donaldson, R. D. 1, Bulger.

The citation accompanying the award reads as follows:

'Pfc. Donaldson contributed success to his company's mission by advancing under heavy fire 26 yards through an open field in order to assault enemy machine gun positions.'

'His courage under fire reflects great credit upon Pfc. Donaldson in keeping with the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.'

Pfc. Donaldson entered service May 26, 1943.

**Pfc. William E. Donaldson**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise- August 15, 1945 Edition**



## **D. F. C. For Sgt. Ilik With Engineers In Calcutta, India**

Calcutta--T-Sgt. Rudolph P. Ilik, aerial engineer, of R. F. D. 3, Burgettstown has been awarded The Distinguished Flying Cross, it has been announced by Brig. Gen. Charles W. Lawrence, commanding general of the India China Division, Air Transport Command.

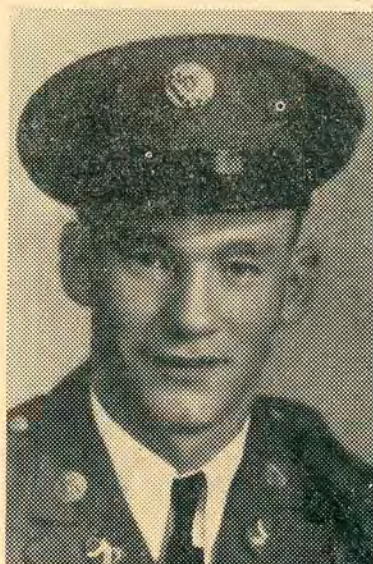
The India China Division is completing, by homeward movements of freight and personnel, its war mission of trans-India, India-China and intra-China transport. It has made air history by flying cargo and passengers in regularly scheduled day-and-night transit over routes once virtually unuseable, primarily the famed Hump. Its war contribution, say aviation leaders, has provided far-reaching portents for the future of air transport on a world-wide scale. July 1945, saw 71,000 tons cross the Hump, while at the moment of Jap surrender the rate was nearly two tons a minute.

"From a small monthly tonnage at the outset" said General Turner in a war's-end statement to his troops, "cargo to China has increased until it has been proved that whole armies could be supplied by air in China--and they were, to the distress and destruction of our enemies."

Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander of all U S. Forces in China, has said, "Through enemy fire and through all sorts of weather, over oceans, mountains, desert and jungle, these planes came, never failing. Upon their cargoes battles have been fought and victories won. Upon their cargoes China survived when there was no other contact with the world. Your fliers made the Hump the most famous mountain range in the universe."

**T. Sgt. Rudolph P. Ilik Receives The Distinguished Flying Cross  
The Burgettstown Enterprise-December 13, 1945 Edition**

## Discharged



Sgt. Chester V. Stanish, son of Mrs. Louise Stanish of Cherry Valley, Pa., was honorably discharged from the service at Indiantown Gap in September after 4 1-2 years of service. He served 22 months in the European Theater with the 38th Infantry, 2nd Division. While serving overseas he was awarded the Silver Star, the citation for which reads as follows:

"On April 1945, Company A, 38th Infantry, was defending the town of Willebadessen, Germany, from a fierce attack by SS troops and tanks. When one of the defending tanks was knocked out, Sgt. Stanish realized that unless the enemy thrust was stopped, the company Command Post and mortar section would be over-run. Demonstrating great courage, he ran across the fire swept road and, manning the 50 caliber machine gun of the knocked out tank, drove off the enemy.

The gallantry, courage, and unswerving devotion to duty displayed by this enlisted man reflect highest credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from Pennsylvania."

He also holds the Purple Heart, the Good Conduct Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the ETO ribbon with five bronze stars. He attended Union High School. Mr. Stanish is now employed by the Delfrate Packing Company, Slovan,

**Sgt. Chester V. Stanish Honorable Discharged**  
**The Burgettstown Enterprise-December 13, 1945 Edition**

# In Grateful Remembrance

Amid the joyous reunions of our first  
*Peace-Time Christmas Season*

## Climax Molybdenum Co.

Welcomes Home

 The VETERANS 

Extends Yuletide Greetings to those in Service and

***“Lest We Forget”***

Pays Tribute To Those Who Made

... The Supreme Sacrifice ...

“And they, in turn, to us, I feel are speaking  
With eloquence which we the living hear.  
They ask not to have back what they have given;  
They seek not praise, nor prize, nor earthly acclaim.  
They only ask that we who follow after  
May profit by the anguish they have borne.  
They ask for men the just peace that they fought for,  
The better world that they have died to build.”

By Archbishop Francis J. Spellman



Sgt. Warren Alexander  
Pvt. Thomas H. Fischer  
Pfc. Raymond E. Kirkpatrick  
Cpl. Joe Kucic  
M. M. 3c Walter A. Malone  
Lt. Peter J. McMahon  
Sgt. Orrin G. Miller  
Staff Sgt. Andrew Pescho  
S 1c Charles A. Wagner  
Sgt. Robert Yolton

**NEWS OF OUR  
MEN and WOMEN  
IN UNIFORM**

S-Sgt Henry Pavin, who was inducted into the army April, 1942 and who served all 6 months of his service in North Africa and Europe, received discharge from Indiantown Gap recently and is now at home.

Cpl. Manuel Martinez, brother of Bea Martinez, Langeloth, returned to the United States aboard the support carrier USS Saginaw Bay, with more than 1,300 other soldiers ready for discharge. The group, arriving at Pedro, Calif., comprised the first Army unit carried by the Saginaw Bay since the ship joined the Navy's fleet carrying Pacific veterans home.

Pfc. Samuel Hayden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Hayden, Slovan, was honorably discharged from the service of the United States Army at Camp Atterbury, Ind., on Monday, December 17, after being in the service since April, 1943. Sam spent two years overseas on Ohau, Hawaii and Saipan. He was with the Anti-Aircraft.

Sgt. Angelo M. Tucci, Slovan, arrived in the states aboard the Europa which docked at New York recently and Cpl. David A. Diaz, Jr., Langeloth, arrived in Seattle, Wash., aboard the USS Hansford.

Discharged from the Navy at Sampson, N. Y., recently were: S. F. 2c Henry C. Lonski, Atlasburg; C. M. M. Osborne C. Seagle, Burgettstown, S 1c Glenn A. Griffith, Cross Creek.

The following community boys received honorable discharges from Indiantown Gap, Pa., December 17: Pfc. William Korsopp, R. D. 1, Bulger; Pvt. Robert E. Smith, R. D. 1, Bulger. December 18: 1st Lt. Paul J. Johnston, R. D. 1, Bulger T-5 France B. Henry, 28 Main St., Burgettstown; Pfc. Jack Richardson, Box 111, Midway; T-5 William C. Sterckle, Box 201, Bulger; Pfc. John Kertesz, R. D. 1, Rea; December 19: Pfc. Benjamin Schilinski, 321 Baird Street, Slovan.

S 1-c Mildred Jean Stewart of Ottumwa, Iowa spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Stewart of Center Ave.

Cpl. John S. Durst, Albert Sprando, Joseph Bruce, Leo Kopicz and Sam Hadyn who have been in service 33 months and in the Pacific for 24 months received discharge from Camp Atterbury, Ind. December 17. Each of the boys has the Asiatic Pacific ribbon with a bronze star, a good conduct medal and the victory medal.

## Whalen To Direct County U. S. O. Drive

W. J. Whalen, Jr., has accepted the chairmanship of Washington County's final appeal for funds for the USO which will be conducted beginning the latter part of this month.

Mr. Whalen is familiar with the territory to be covered in this campaign and is well known throughout the county. He served as regional manager of the War Finance Committee for five counties during the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and Victory Loan Drives.

USO is campaigning nationally for \$10,000,000, while Pennsylvania's share of this amount is \$1,700,000. The quota for Washington County is \$30,000, all of which will go to give the boys still in service a "bit of home away from home."



"I am glad to take on this new responsibility in order to finish the job for USO", said Mr. Whalen. "There are still a lot of boys in uniform all over the world, and 6,772 of them are from Washington County.

"These 6,772 who are still in service from our county are still fighting valiantly, only this time it is the Battle of Boredom in which they are engaged. I'm willing to do my part, and I am appealing to everyone in Washington County to back this campaign to the limit."

Promptly upon taking over the county leadership, Chairman Whalen set in motion machinery for organizing the county effort to raise funds for the USO in its final year.

"I hope to have a full organization under way in a very short time, and we intend to issue an order for 'full steam ahead' in order that we may reach our goal within the time limit," Mr. Whalen said. "We will emphasize to all the county that the USO must stay on the job in 1947."

**Whalen to Direct County U.S.O. Drive**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-1946 Enterprise**

## **McKinney & Pappas Receive Treasury "Bond" Awards**

W. J. Whalen, Jr., Lee R. McKinney and "Champion Bond Salesman" Frank Pappas were accorded special recognition at a wind-up dinner of the Washington County War Finance Committee held at the Nemaquin Country Club on Saturday evening. McKinney and Pappas were given U. S. Treasury medals engraved with their names for "Patriotic service from 1941 to 1945". McKinney served during the war years as chairman of Bond drives in the Panhandle district and Pappas has the distinction of selling \$380,000 war bonds to 75 individuals during various campaigns. Mr. Whalen, district manager of the W. F. C. presided at the dinner. Awards were made to outstanding men and women of Washington county for their service in war bonds drives.

**McKinney and Pappas Receive Treasury Bond Awards  
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 18, 1946 Edition**

### With Medical Corps



T-5 Albert Garcia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Garcia, 912 Mary street, Langeloth, is stationed in Regensburg, Germany, with the Headquarters Detachment of the 1st Medical Battalion. He is a graduate of Union high school, class of 1945 where he was active in baseball and football. He was inducted on May 30, 1945. At present he is spending a furlough in Switzerland.

**T-5 Albert Garcia**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 30, 1946 Edition**

## **Teen Age Boys May Go To College “On The Navy”**

Any Burgettstown boy between 17 and 20½ meeting the necessary qualifications may go to college next fall “On the Navy”

Under the tentative plans now before Congress he will be given the privilege of choosing his own college; have books, fees, and tuition paid for by the Navy; and receive \$50 a month pay allowance.

The Navy is now accepting applications for enlistment in this proposed V-5 Program from all men now in their last semester of high school, or in their Freshman or Sophomore years of college.

Those men qualifying will receive a maximum of two years of college, about three years training and active duty with the Naval Air Corps while connected with the Program, and assistance in completing the balance of their undergraduate college education when active duty period is completed.

Two plans, embodying these features, are at present under consideration by Congress. Enlistments are being made, however, on a provisional basis until there is definite word on the new V-5 Program. Men so enlisted will be able to terminate their enlistment, if they desire, should any substantial change in the Program be caused by the final legislation.

Naval Officer Procurement, Keystone Hotel, Pittsburgh has complete details relative to the new V-5 Program. All men interested are urged to check with that office about going to college next fall “On the Navy”.

**Teen Age Boys May Go to College  
“On the Navy”  
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# FIVE GIRLS OF UNION, CLASS OF 1943, GRADUATE AS REGISTERED NURSES



**MATILDA PENSAK**

Matilda Pensak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pensak of Main Street, Slovan, graduated from the Philadelphia General Hospital, Friday, May 3.



**LOIS REED**

Lois Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reed of 16 East Market Street, graduated from the Presbyterian Hospital, Monday, May 13.



**BERTHA DODDS**

Bertha Dodds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Dodds of Langeloth, graduated from the Presbyterian Hospital, Monday, May 13.



**ANN SMITH**

Ann Smith, daughter of Mrs. Jean Smith of Center Avenue, graduated from the Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre, Pa., Tuesday, May, 14.



**MARGARET ANN DARRAS**

Margaret Ann Darras, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Darras of Bulger, graduated from the Shadyside Hospital, Friday, May 17.

**Five Girls of Union, Class of 1943, Graduate as Registered Nurses  
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**HONORABLY DISCHARGED**

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Nancy Panzica, son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Panzica of Main St., arrived home August 18 having received discharge from Bainbridge . Md. Navy served 14 months as a storekeeper 3-c in the navy and was stationed the greater part of the time in the Philippines. He plans to attend college as soon as possible.

## Langeloth Brothers Serve Overseas



**KENNETH LEE DONLEY**

Pvt. Kenneth Lee Donley, enlisted and left on January 22, 1945, for three years service with the U. S. Army Air Force. He left Monday, Sept. 2, for overseas duty in the ETO. Kenneth graduated from air chemical school, San Antonio, Texas. He attended Union for one year and was employed by the Economy Company in Langeloth.



**GEORGE DONLEY**

Cpl. George Donley is stationed in Austria with the Fifth Infantry. He was inducted and reported for active duty, July 31, 1945, and left for overseas duty January 1, 1946. He attended Union for two years and prior to entering the service was employed by Climax.

They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Donley of Langeloth.

## AIR MEDAL IS AWARDED TO Lt. C. R. MESTER

Lt. Cecil R. (Tip) Mester, US NR, husband of Marion Scott Mester, has been awarded the permanent citation for the Air Medal by Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal for the President.

During an attack against Japanese shipping at Palau, Caroline Islands, he scored a direct hit on a medium sized oil tanker, setting it afire.

Text of the citation is as follows:

"For meritorious achievement in aerial flight as pilot of a bombing plane in Bombing Squadron 10, during the attacks on the enemy Japanese base and shipping at Palau, Caroline Islands, March 30, 1944. Flying through intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire, Lt. Mester pressed home his attack and scored a direct hit on a medium sized oil tanker, setting it afire. His courage, airmanship and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Mester attended Union high school where he was a member of the varsity football squad. He is now a student at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, where he resides with his wife. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mester, Sr., of Langeloth.

**Air Medal is Awarded to Lt. Cecil R. (Top) Mester  
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 5, 1946 Edition**

## Veteran Pulls Switch That Starts Water Flowing



Distinction of turning the first water into the recipicator, starting it on its way through the filtration plant and thence into McDonald and other Panhandle homes to replace the acid-polluted water from the Bavington area, went to Joseph Hampson, left, 21-year veteran of the West Penn Water Company and operator of the Bavington plant. He will be succeeded by Earl Hampson, left, his son and a 20-year veteran. Upon his retirement in the near future.



This is a view of the new impounding dam of the West Penn Water Company, serving the Panhandle area from McDonald through Burgettstown. Located near Cherry Valley, it contains 200,000,000 gallons of water and is flowing over the spillway. The dam is slightly more than a mile in length.

**Joseph Hampson-Veteran Pulls Switch that Starts Water Flowing  
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 6, 1947 Edition**

## Stationed In Japan



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nemeth of 116 Stella Street, received a letter dated December 21, from their son, Pvt. George Nemeth, 18 1-2, who is stationed in Japan with the Hq. Co., 19th Inf. George enlisted and left for active duty in November and went straight to Japan. He is a graduate of Union, class of '46. This was the first letter his parents received in seven weeks. Excerpts from the letter follow:

"Just a few lines to let you know that I am fine and hoping the same of everyone at home. I am writing this letter from the Red Cross center in town. It's a nice place down here and I guess I'll be here on Christmas. They are going to have a big party here Christmas eve.

Boy, I was never so scared in all my life as I was this morning. About 4 o'clock we had an earthquake here and our barracks were shaking. My bunk was shaking so much it woke me up. It felt like somebody was shaking my bed. It sounded like thunder but it didn't last long, only about ten minutes. Our barracks are made so that they will stand up under an earthquake. The top is heavier than the bottom, that is, so that the building will sway when the earth is shaking.

I got a letter from Richard Nichols the other day and he is in the band at Tokyo. He will be coming back to the states in a couple of months.

Well, I'll close now and hope to hear from you soon. Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas.

A brother, John Nemeth, S 1-c, is unable to find a job. He received his discharge from the Navy in June and was last stationed at the airfield at Pensacola, Fla. Their father, Frank Nemeth, suffered a stroke seven years ago and is still sick. They have eight children.

**Pvt. George Nemeth**

**Burgettstown Enterprise-February 20, 1947 Edition**

## U. S. MARINE



Photo by Coffey

Pvt. Donald Downer, U. S. Marine Corps, is taking a Radio Technicians course in Chicago, Ill. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Downer of Langeloth. Prior to his enlistment, October 1, 1946. Donald was a student at Union high school. He is now taking the M.C.I. correspondence course to complete his high school work. Donald played second and shortstop on the American Legion Baseball team last summer.

**Pvt. Donald Downer**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 6, 1947 Edition**

*Out Of Service*



Pfc. Mario Borio, son of Ande-  
lo Borio of Slovan, received his  
discharge at Indiantown Gap,  
January 29, 1946. He served four  
years, one of which was spent  
overseas in the ETO with the 36th  
Infantry Division. He holds the  
Good Conduct Medal, two battle  
stars, and the ETO Ribbon. At  
present he is employed by the  
American Zinc & Chemical Co.

**Pvt. Mario Borio**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 13, 1947 Edition**



## Receives Foreign Award

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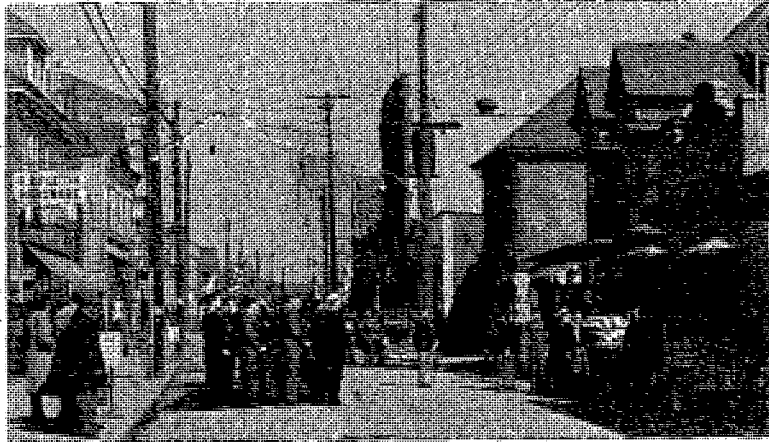


Joseph A. Balogh, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Balogh, Joffre, recently received a certificate stating that the Luxembourg Government had awarded him the Croix de Guerre, 10 September 1945. He previously received the medal while he was still in the service. He was inducted in June, 1941, and discharged in September, 1945. He served 20 months overseas with the 5th Armored Division and held the rank of 2nd Lieutenant.

He is married to the former Betty Leffel of Niles, O., and they have one son, Joseph, Jr. They are residing in Warren, O., where Joe is employed by the Allen Baking Company.

**Joseph A. Balogh-Receives Foreign Award  
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 1, 1947 Edition**

## LAST "SALUTE" TO MICKEY



Above is shown Burgettstown servicemen in a last salute to the late Allen "Mickey" Malone, whose funeral services were held from the United Presbyterian church last Thursday. Businesses in town closed during the services. Mickey was killed in the Okinawa invasion, June 14, 1945.

**Last "Salute" to Mickey Malone**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 11, 1948 Edition**

## Two Deceased Vets Of Burgettstown Returned To U. S.

Relatives were notified this week that remains of Pfc. Clyde B. Bigger and Pfc. Chester Malek arrived this week in San Francisco aboard the U. S. Army transport Walter W. Schwank.

Local veterans are planning military services in honor of the deceased upon the arrival of the bodies in Burgettstown.

Both Pfc. Bigger and Pfc. Malek gave their lives in the bitter fighting in the Pacific theater during World War II. Pfc. Bigger was the son of Mrs. Susan Bigger of Main Street. Pfc. Malek was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Malek of Francis Mine.

**Pfc. Clyde B. Bigger and Pfc. Chester Malek Deceased Vets are Returned  
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 25, 1948 Edition**

## FIRST CANTEEN IS BIG SUCCESS

The first in a hoped-to-be series of Student Council Canteen dances was held on February 18, in the Union High School gym. The crowd was larger than usual. Particularly conspicuous by their presence were the freshmen; and contrary to their reputation for being "green" they seemed as much at home on the dance floor as the seniors. Refreshments were sold during the evening and pop was (im-ag-ine!) only five cents a bottle.

The dance was, of course, non-profit to the student council; and as long as the students want these dances, the council will do their best to hold them. The next canteen dance date will be announced well in advance, and a big crowd is the surest guarantee of the continuance of this student council project.

## Pfc. Clyde Bigger Interred At Robinson



Funeral services for Pfc. Clyde Bigger were held Sunday, April 11, at the United Presbyterian Church. Pfc. Bigger's remains arrived in Burgettstown Friday from Guam, where he was killed in action August 4, 1944. Full military honors were given the deceased by veterans' organizations of the Burgettstown community.

Serving as pall bearers were Jack Sloan, Willard Allison, Lee Robinson, Domenick Cody, Edward Wagner and Raymond Riddle.

Merchants and business houses displayed their flags at half mast while the body lay in state at the Bigger home on Main street and during the funeral services.

Rev. R. C. Sutton conducted the service; interment was in Robinson Cemetery.

**Pfc. Clyde Bigger-Interred at Robinson**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-April 15, 1948 Edition**

## **Lions Club Donates To Honor Roll Funds**

Burgettstown Lions heard a message from Atty. Max Applebaum, member of the Pittsburgh Round Table, at a regular session of the club Monday evening. Atty. Applebaum spoke on the "Individual Citizen's Responsibility in a Democracy, and W. P. Miller, president, reports that the message was well received as indicated by the number of members who congratulated the speaker at the close of the evening.

The Board of Directors of the club voted to pledge \$250 to the permanent honor roll in Burgettstown and \$100 to the Slovan honor roll.

## **James Lyle Wins Navy Scholarship**

James W. Lyle of 130 Roslyn Drive, Youngstown, Ohio a senior at Rayen School, has won a four year navy scholarship and expects to enter the University of Michigan next fall, where he will participate in the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Lyle the 17 year old student will graduate from Rayen in June. After taking the navy's college aptitude test last December he was chosen by the state selection committee and recommended for the scholarship at Michigan by the bureau of naval personnel.

James is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. George S. Pate of Burgettstown, R. R., and Mr. and Mrs. Robertson J. Lyle, Burgettstown, R. D. James's mother is a cousin of Mrs. R. B. Smith of Maple avenue.

**James Lyle Wins Navy Scholarship  
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 6, 1948 Edition**

## **Victory Bible Class**

The Victory Bible Class of the Westminster Presbyterian Church met Monday evening, May 3, at 8 p.m. in the church parlors. Devotions were in charge of Mrs. Oscar Harbaugh who used as her theme "Peace". Sixteen members and one guest, Mrs. J. H. Cruickshank answered roll call with a verse taken from I Kings. The President, Mrs. Carl Clair presided over the business meeting. Final arrangements were made for the annual spring Rummage sale which will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, May 11 and 12 in the Barbush Building formerly the Smith hotel recently occupied by the Maglietta Jewelry Store.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses Mrs. Lester Jackson and Mrs. Georgia Rommes.



## Poppy Day Set For Saturday, May 15

Poppy Day will be observed in Burgettstown Saturday, May 15, when members of the American Legion Auxiliary will sell veteran poppies in the business sections of town. Each member of



the Auxiliary has been requested to assist in the sale. Poppies will be distributed at the Legion home early Saturday morning, Chairman Mrs. Harold Purdy announced.

"A poppy on every coat; a remembrance in every heart" is the goal of the Legion Auxiliary.

Five school children were awarded prizes in the poppy day poster contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary to Post 698 in the Burgettstown-Smith township school district. The pupils were: Robert Froats Burgettstown; George Vranjes Atlasburg; Robert Williams, Burgettstown, Dolores Bianchini, Raccoon and Raymond Hughey, Atlasburg.

Posters are on exhibition in Petrucci's Market, Main street.

**Poppy Day Set for Saturday, May 15**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 13, 1948 Edition**

## Funeral Services For Chester Malek

Funeral services for Pfc. Chester Malek, whose body was returned home this week, will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Thursday, May 27, at 3 p.m. Pfc. Malek, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Malek of Francis Mine, was killed on Iwo Jima February 19, 1945.



His body arrived at Pennsylvania Station here Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., and was escorted to the Malek home by veterans of American Legion Post 698 and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Kucher Saska Post 6955. It will lie in state there until 2 p.m. Thursday, when the veterans will once more escort the body to Our Lady of Lourdes Church for the funeral service. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Pfc. Malek was born July 31, 1925 and attended the local schools. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps May 22, 1943 and was sent overseas in August 1944. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Pacific-Asiatic Ribbon before his death at the age of 19.

He is survived by his parents, one brother Walter at home, and three sisters: Mrs. Jeanne Towe of Detroit, Mrs. Stella Bober of Detroit, and Mrs. Marcella Ruffolo of Braddock.

**Funeral Services for Chester Malek**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise- May 27, 1948 Edition**

## Memorial Day To Be Observed With Parade And Service At Honor Roll

Memorial Day in the Burgettstown Community will be observed with a parade and a service on Main street Monday, May 31. Under the sponsorship of the American Legion Post 698 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6955, the community celebration has been designed to present as fine a program as possible in honor of those who offered their lives for their country.

A parade which will form in South Burgettstown near the former ice house or the present Davies' Farm Supply Building, Race street, has been scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. The organizations participating have been requested to assemble at 12:45. The parade will proceed down Main street to the honor roll where services will be held at 2 p.m. The program has been arranged as follows: Union high school band; Invocation by

Rev. R. C. Sutton, Introduction of Master of Ceremonies; Women's Choral of the Tuesday Music Club; Commanders' addresses: John Sloan of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Eugene Petrucci of the American Legion; Memorial Day Address by Rev. W. J. McCashin, Soloist; Military Salute and Taps; Placing of Memorial Wreath; Benediction by Rev. J. Herbert Cruickshank and Band Selection.

Among the organizations to participate in the parade are: American Legion Post 698, V.F.W. Post 6955, Slovan Veterans, Barto Post; Burgettstown Fire Department; Slovan Fire Department; Boy Scouts of Burgettstown and Slovan; American Legion Auxiliary to Post 698; Francis Mine Local and Harmon Creek Local.

Committeemen are Blake Miller, chairman; Arthur Simpson, William Craig, Alfred Bundy, and John Harshall.

## *Gold Star*

The presentation of a Gold Star Button to John J. Pinder, father of Technician Fifth Grade John J. Pinder, Jr., was made at Memorial Day services at Forbes Field, Pittsburgh, Sunday, May 30. The presentation is the first in this area of a Gold Star Button, authorized by the 80th Congress. T-5 John Pinder was killed in action June 6, 1944 during the D-Day Invasion, having accomplished a dangerous mission. His remains were recently interred at Grandview cemetery, Florence after arrival from overseas.

The presentation ceremony took place between games and Staff Sergeant Richard C. Booher, a member of Corporal Pinder's Unit-the 16th Infantry Regiment-presented the Gold Star Button.

Forbes Field was selected for this ceremony since Corporal Pinder's chief interest, during his short lifetime was professional Baseball. In 1942, the year in which he entered the military service, he was under contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers. At the age of 16, he was pitching for a Butler team, and spent several seasons with the Atlantic State League, the Texas League and others. His contract with the Dodgers terminated with his entrance into military service.

The selection of Corporal Pinder's father to be recipient of the first Gold Star Button in this area was impartially determined by Headquarters, Western Pennsylvania Military District in Pittsburgh. Although official presentations are not possible for all qualified, this ceremony stood as a memorial to those who gave their lives for the American way of life. Gold Star Buttons are available to each next of kin upon application to the Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C. Proper application forms are available at the nearest Army or Air Force installation.

**Gold Star Presented to John J. Pinder  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 3, 1948 Edition**

## Memorial Tribute

The Veterans and Auxiliary of the Skinner-Brun Post 7218 paid tribute to those who rendered the supreme sacrifice for their country, with services at the Honor Roll in Bulger, Monday, May 31, at 8 a.m.

Tribute was paid to Joseph Skinner, John Brun and Frank Hubily. Commander Leo Dellapina was in charge.

The Veterans and Auxiliary also participated in the parade and services held in Midway at the Center cemetery at 10 a.m.

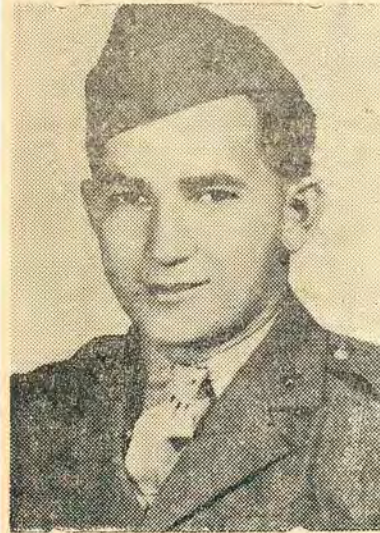
The Veterans and Auxiliary of Skinner Brun Post 7218 of Bulger, attended mass Sunday, May 30, at St. Ann's Church. A special mass was held in honor of Joseph Skinner, John Brun and Frank Hubily.

The Veterans and Auxiliary held a picnic Sunday, May 30, at Shady Lane, Bulger. The picnic was open to the public and was enjoyed by a number of out-of-town guests.

## Cpl. Joseph Kucic To Be Interred Thursday, June 17

Funeral services will be held for Cpl. Joseph W. Kucic, at Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church Thursday, June 17, at 9 a.m., with Rev. W. J. McCashin officiating.

The body arrived in Burgettstown Tuesday morning and lay in state at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marko Kucic of East Market street.



Cpl. Kucic who was a member of the 4th Marine Division 23rd Marines was killed March 6, 1945 on Iwo Jima and his body has been sent home to be re-interred in the Catholic Cemetery here.

Full military honors will be accorded the deceased by the American Legion Post 698 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6955. Flags will fly at half mast until after the interment Thursday morning. Stores will close from 9 till 10:30 a.m., during the funeral till 10:30 a.m., in Burgettstown and Slovan during the funeral services.

Cpl. Kucic was born in Burgettstown December 31, 1920, attended the local schools and graduated from Union high school in 1940. Before entering service in September, 1942 he was employed at the Climax Molybdenum Company. He left for overseas duty in December, 1943, and arrived in the midst of firing on Kaujalien. He participated in the invasion of Saipan, and spent several months in the St. Hebrede Naval Hospital after receiving wounds at Tinian June 27, 1944.

He is survived by his parents, two brothers, John and Tony Kucic, one sister, Mrs. Frances Reed all of Burgettstown.

**Cpl. Joseph Kucic to be Interred Thursday, June 17**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise- June 17, 1948 Edition**

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR  
HONOR ROLL LAG  
SEND YOURS TODAY**

If you have laid aside the stamped return envelope left at your home recently by the Burgettstown Volunteer Fire Department, get it out pronto, put your contribution for Burgettstown Community permanent honor roll inside and mail it today to Clarence Wolfe, treasurer at the Citizen's National Bank.

Members of the Burgettstown Fire Department, to date have received contributions totalling \$550. Their goal, to provide a memorial worthy of the men who served in two World Wars, from this district, is \$2500.

A generous offer has been made by Harmon Creek Coal Company officials who have promised to landscape the honor roll plot, after the Granite memorial is erected. The Memorial will be placed on the triangular borough owned plot of ground near the public library and Burgettstown grade school.

Treasurer Wolfe received a contribution from the U.M.W. of A. at Francis Mine on Wednesday, a check of \$50.

Mail those contributions, whatever you can afford, to give, large or small, today, to the Treasurer, so that the committee can proceed with this project.

**Contributions for Honor Roll Lag, Send yours Today  
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 12, 1948 Edition**

## 75 War Dead Are Re-Interred In County

Legionnaires attending the 25th District meeting at Monongahela Sunday were told that \$1,200 of the fund of \$1,600 sought had been raised by the Forty and Eight for the purchase of playground equipment at the Children's Home.

Legionnaires also heard some interesting statistics on soldier burials in Washington County which were presented by James Reardon, Frederickstown, in charge of the Graves Registration Bureau.

There are a grand total of 4,906 veterans of all wars interred in public cemeteries of the county as follows: Revolutionary War, 214; Civil War, 2,555; War of 1812, 163; Mexican War, 28; Indian, 20; unknown, 81; Spanish, 222; World War I, 1,270; World War II, 294. In private cemeteries: Revolution, 17; Civil, 21; War of 1812, 10; Mexican, 1; unknown, 6; Spanish I, World War I, 2; World War II, 1.

Registrar Reardon reported 143 applications for headstones had been received from January 1, 1948 to Aug. 5, 1948; World War II, 100; World War I, 38; Spanish War 5. All but sixteen have been erected he stated.

He said that his records showed 75 bodies of Washington County soldiers returned from overseas reburial.



## Andrew Pichora War II Veteran Dies In Baltimore



Funeral services for Andrew Pichora, 35, who died of malaria, Monday, August 9 in Baltimore, Md., will be held from his brother's home, Joseph Pichora of Francis Mine, Thursday, August 12 at 4:30 o'clock. Rev. W. J. McCashing will officiate and burial will be in the Catholic cemetery.

Pichora died after a long illness of malaria in Baltimore, where he had been employed for the past two years since his discharge from service. He contracted the disease while serving with the Observation Battalion of the Army in the Pacific area. He served for three years and was stationed at Japan, Iwo Jima, and the Leyte Islands.

He was born in Burgettstown in 1913, the son of the late Nicholas and Nellie Pichora. He had lived here and worked at Francis Mine until his call to army service. Surviving are one brother, Joseph and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Broney of Ellsworth and Mrs. Catherine Budny and Anna Pichora of Baltimore.

**Andrew Pichora**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 12, 1948 Edition**

## Services Held For T-Sgt. John E. Costa

The body of T-Sgt. John E. Costa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Costa, of Burgettstown, R. D. 3, who died from wounds received during a buzz bomb strike Jan. 8, 1945, at Antwerp, Belgium, was buried Sunday, Dec. 19, in the Catholic Cemetery at Burgettstown.



The Skinner-Brun Post, 7218, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of Bulger, conducted the military rites at the grave. The funeral service was conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church at Cherry Valley with Rev. W. J. McCashin officiating.

The soldier was awarded the Croix de Guerre by the Belgium Government.

Sgt. Costa was interred in Henri Chappelle Cemetery in Belgium prior to removal to the United States. His body arrived in Burgettstown Friday.

The soldier was born Jan. 9 1924, at Cherry Valley and graduated from Union high school in 1942. He entered the Army April 6, 1943, and trained at Camp Edwards, Mass., with the Anti-Aircraft Corps. He was a height finder operator at the time his unit was activated with the Ninth Air Force. He was sent overseas in July, 1944.

Prior to entering the service Sgt. Costa was employed by the Continental Steel Corp., Coraopolis. He had been awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart and Military Decoration Medal.

It was while guarding the ports of Antwerp that he was wounded on January 7, 1945, by a direct hit of a buzz bomb. He died the following day in a hospital.

Sgt. Costa was a member of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church of Cherry Valley.

Besides his parents he leaves two brothers, Anthony Spada of Hickory, and Albert Costa, a t

## **Community Kiddies To Receive Movies Treat From Vets**

Children of the Greater Burgettstown Community will be treated to a free movie at the Keith and Mary Ann theatres in Burgettstown, Wednesday, December 29 at 1:30 p.m. The treat is sponsored by the Kucher Saska Post 6955 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and arrangements are being made by Commander William Craig and Mike Kranak. The same movie will be shown in both theatres. All children from the Greater Burgettstown area will be admitted free.

SGT. DONALD DOWNER  
TO RECEIVE DIPLOMA



Sgt. Donald Downer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Downer of Langcloth, will receive his diploma in absentia at the Union high school commencement exercises June 2. Sgt. Downer is stationed at Philadelphia. His brother Kenneth will accept the diploma.

Sgt. Downer plans to enter Rensselaer Polytechnic at Troy, N. Y., in the fall.

**Sgt. Donald Downer to Receive Diploma  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 2, 1949 Edition**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*

## Frank Pasqualini To Be Buried At Richmond, Va.



The body of Cpl. Frank Pasqualini, who was killed in action in France with a tank battalion, will arrive at the memorial battlefield, Richmond, Virginia, Friday, June 3. The burial service will be there at 10 a.m.

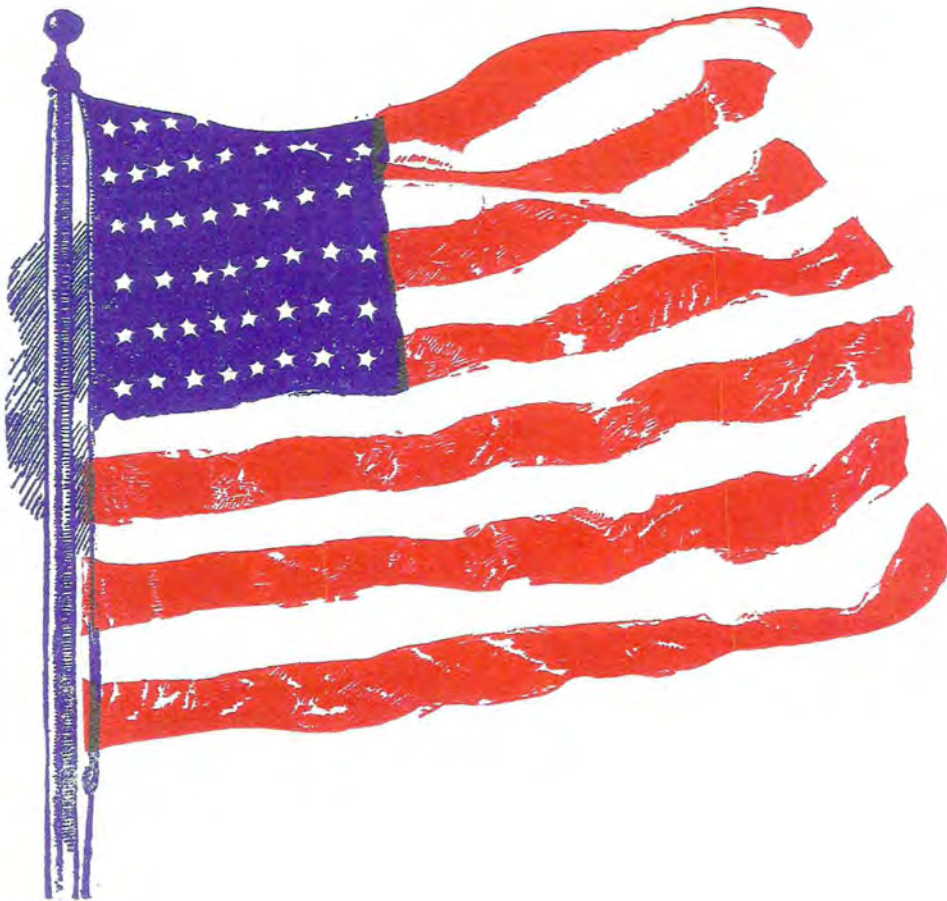
Cpl. Pasqualini was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ettore Pasqualini, former residents of Francis Mine. He was employed at Greensburg-Connellsville Coal and Coke before his enlistment April 24, 1942.

Those planning to attend the service besides the deceased parents are his wife, Mrs. Rose Pasqualini, his son Robert, and his mother-in-law Mrs. Nello Betti of Kittaning; Also the following brothers and sisters: Bernard and Edward of Broughton; James of McKees Rocks; David of Detroit; Sam of Burgettstown; Mrs. Josephine Yauch of Broughton and Mrs. Ben Cipranic of Burgettstown.

**Frank Pasqualini to be Buried at Richmond, Va.  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 2, 1949 Edition**

# Dedication

## Mt. Pleasant Township Honor Roll



JULY 4, 1949, 10:00 A. M.  
MT. PLEASANT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
HICKORY, PENNSYLVANIA

# Program

DEDICATION OF THE HONOR ROLL  
MT. PLEASANT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
JULY 4, 1949, 10:00 A. M.

Invocation.....Rev. B. M. Wallace  
Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church

Music.....Hickory Men's Community Chorus  
Mrs. Edward H. White, Accompanist

Dedicatory Address.....Roy I. Carson, Charleroi, Pa.  
Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County

Music.....Hickory Men's Community Chorus

Announcements

Un-veiling of the Honor Roll by Mothers of Service Men

FLOWER CEREMONY

In memory of the men who made the Supreme Sacrifice

Benediction.....Rev. C. S. Thomas  
Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church

TAPS

John C. McIlvaine Post No. 902  
The American Legion of Houston

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:** The Mt. Pleasant Township Honor Roll has been erected through the combined efforts of persons from all parts of the township who have given freely of their time, talents and money for the success of the project. The Committees in charge desire to express appreciation for this help. Their appreciation is also expressed to those from outside our community who have helped with this project and in this dedication ceremony.

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## Honor Roll

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### IN MEMORIAM

BAWOLAK, STEVE	KARGLE, LOUIS	MORRIS, MICHAEL
DINSMORE, MALCOLM	KERSTEN, EARL	RAMACKER, HAROLD
DOTTS, CHARLES	MANION, JOSEPH	SCOTT, WAYNE
GORDON, DONALD	McDOWELL, JAMES	STORRICK, ROY
GOULD, GROVER	MERCIER, JOSEPH	WILLIAMS, JOHN
KAISER, ERNEST	MERIAGE, NICHOLAS	McANANY RICHARD

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# Honor Roll

Ahrns, Henry	Carl, Arthur	Dinsmore, Glen
Ahrns, Leonard	Carlisle, Robert	Dire, Albert
Alexander, Camille, Jr.	Carlisle, William	Dixon, Louis
Allison, Jay	Carter, Calvin	Doehre, Elmer
Alrutz, Ralph	Carter, George	Druga, Andrew
Anderson, Boyd	Casper, Julius	Druga, George
Antosh, Stanley	Cass, Charles	Druga, John
Arcure, Catherine	Cass, Harold	Druga, Joseph
Ashbrook, Merle	Cass, Joseph	DuBois, Amil
Atchison, Robert	Cenderelli, James	DuBois, Raymond
Atchison, Roy	Cherenko, Michael	Edward, L. G.
Atchison, Thomas	Chiff, Donald	Elder, Walter
Bartolich, Charles	Chiff, Earl	Engel, John
Bedillion, Glenn	Chiff, Jules	Fehl, Carl
Bedillion, John, Jr.	Christ, Robert	Fehl, Harry
Bish, William	Cogniet, Charles	Filius, Nicholas
Bitz, Frank	Cogniet, Norman	Findling, John
Boone, Lawrence	Cole, Clarence	Findling, Lester
Bower, James	Cole, Paul	Findling, Raymond
Bowland, Alex	Coleman, Harry	Finley, Cloyce
Bowland, Milford	Coleman, Paul	Finley, Wilford
Bowland, Ross	Conklin, Reed	Flon, Henry
Brady, Edgar	Cooke, Raymond	Frye, Albert
Brautigam, Clarence	Cornelius, Murray	Frye, David
Brautigam, Clyde	Cowden, Alvin	Frye, James
Brautigam, Earl	Cowden, Erwin	Frye, Leman
Brautigam, Elmer	Cowden, James	Frye, William
Brautigam, George	Cowden, John	Furlin, Louis, Jr.
Brautigam, Kenneth	Cowden, Lawrence	Gilbert, Eugene
Briggs, Robert	Cowden, Raymond	Gima, Andrew
Brindak, Andrew	Cowden, William	Gima, George
Brower, George	Crawford, Clarence	Gima, John
Brown, Frank	Criquellion, Elsie	Gima, Joseph
Brown, John	Criquellion, Julius	Gima, Michael (a)
Browning, William	Cummins, Roy	Gima, Michael (b)
Burgoon, Earl	Daley, Hugh, Jr.	Gordon, LaRoy
Butler, Thomas	Dami, Joseph	Graham, John
Byers, James	Davidson, Clyde	Grechnowsky, Nicholas
Cairns, Charles	Davis, Daniel	Greeley, Bernard
Caldwell, Donald	Davis, Richard	Greeley, Robert
Caldwell, James	Demnyan, Paul	Grivetti, Louis
Caldwell, John, Jr.	Dhans, Earl	Grivetti, Peter
Caldwell, Mildred	Dhans, Herman	Grivetti, Valentino
Campbell, Clark	Dias, Ralph	Gross, James
Campbell, George	Dias, William, Jr.	Growden, Donald



Growden, Merle  
Hainaut, Frank  
Haught, Dale  
Haught, Howard  
Haught, James  
Haught, John  
Haught, Wayne  
Hensel, Mary  
Hensel, Robert  
Hensel, Sheldon  
Hensel, William  
Herman, John  
Hete, John  
Hicks, Alfred  
Hicks, Glenn  
Hinerman, Melvin  
Hoop, George  
Hoop, Wendel  
Hoop, Willard  
Hulick, Elmer  
Hulick, John  
Hulick, William  
Hunter, Abraham  
Hunter, Samuel  
Jeffrey, Kermit  
Jemison, Joseph  
Johns, Alexander  
Kachnycz, John  
Kachnycz, Theodore  
Kalan, Joseph, Jr.  
Kaste, Kenneth  
Kendo, Leonard  
Kendo, Robert  
Kennedy, Clark  
Kennedy, Ralph  
Kerekes, William  
Kersten, Harold  
King, Floyd  
Kler, Joseph  
Klinsky, Alexander  
Klinsky, John  
Kraeer, Thomas  
Krese, James  
Kumer, Alex  
Kupstas, Joseph  
Lavine, George  
LaSavage, Michael  
Leibert, Joseph

Leibert, Leonard  
Lewton, William  
Libert, John  
Loffert, John  
Loffert, Robert  
Lugaila, John  
Lugaila, Michael  
Lyle, Donald  
Machek, Frank  
Machek, Ferd  
Machek, Vera  
Mahoney, Frank  
Mahoney, Victor  
Malone, LeRoy  
Maltony, Aldo  
Maltony, Cerafino  
Maltony, John  
Markish, John  
Markovich, John  
Marquis, Milton  
Marshall, Gerald  
Martin, Claire  
Martin, Donald  
Martin, Lester  
Matelliano, Frank  
Matelliano, Jules  
McAllister, Donald  
McAllister, Raymond  
McAllister, Willard  
McAnany, Howard  
McBride, Betty  
McBride, Harry  
McBride, John  
McCarrell, James  
McCarthy, Anthony  
McCartney, Charles  
McGugin, James  
Meneely, George  
Meriage, Lawrence  
Merigo, John  
Mgrdichan, Charles  
Mick, Stanton  
Michalka, Cyril  
Miholic, Frank  
Miller, Everett  
Miller, James  
Milligan, Samuel  
Morris, Andrew

Morris, Charles  
Morrison, Glenn  
Moss, Harvey  
Mrenak, Edward  
Mulshen, Joseph  
Mulshen, Louis  
Myers, Thomas  
Neil, William  
Noble, James  
Novak, Edward  
Novak, Martha  
O'Bryon, Virginia  
Openbrier, Adolph  
Openbrier, Wililam  
Ozenbaugh, John  
Parks, Elden  
Partozoti, Albert, Jr.  
Partozoti, James  
Patnesky, Andrew  
Patnesky, James  
Patnesky, Joseph  
Patnesky, Philip  
Pattison, Samuel, Jr.  
Pawlosky, Frank  
Perenic, Fred  
Perenic, Joseph  
Piazza, Felix  
Pilkington, A. D.  
Plance, Edgar  
Plumeret, Seraphine  
Pollard, Glenn  
Prevost, Ronald  
Rargle, Louis  
Reboul, Felix  
Reedy, Lester  
Rettinger, Herbert  
Rettinger, Howard  
Rettinger, Leonard  
Rettinger, Wilbert  
Retzer, Walter  
Rockovich, William  
Rossi, Ernest  
Rupar, Emil  
Rupar, Frank  
Salansky, Alexander  
Salansky, Paul  
Salansky, Peter  
Salansky, William

Schmidt, Rudolph	Stamy, Abram	Vincenti, James
Schmidt, William	Stamy, Keller	Vincenti, John
Schmit, Albert	Stamy, Marshal	Vincenti, Joseph
Schmit, Reedy	Stanowski, John	Vincenti, Lawrence
Schweinebraten, Elmer	Staudt, David	Walchuck, George
Schweinebraten, Herbert	St. Clair, Martha	Walchuck, John
Scott, Paul	Stewart, Edward	Walchuck, Joseph
Scott, Walter, Jr.	Strain, George	Walker, Fred
Semple, John	Stumpf, Joseph	Walker, LeRoy
Sethman, Albert	Stumpf, William	Walker, Raymond
Sethman, William	Swartz, David	Walker, William
Shaffer, Clyde	Swartz, Louis	Warne, Theodore
Shannon, Paul	Swartz, Samuel	Washington, George
Shannon, Richard	Swihart, Rollon	Watson, Oliver
Sickles, Kenneth	Szczerbienski, Joseph	Weaverling, David
Sickles, Norman	Szczerbienski, Manuel	White, Albert
Sickles, Ralph	Tacchino, Louis	White, Alvin, Jr.
Silveus, Fred	Theiss, Charles	White, John
Simon, John	Theiss, Ernest	White, Robert
Simonelli, Albert	Todd, Robert	White, Robert R.
Simonelli, Jay	Tornabene, Guy	Wilkinson, Andrew
Simonelli, Joseph	Toth, Joseph	Wilkinson, Donald
Simpson, Alvin	Tozser, John	Wilkinson, Maxwell
Simpson, Denny	Trefnoff, George	Williams, Clifford
Simko, George	Tustin, Carl	Woods, James
Skrtich, John	Tustin, Clifford, Jr.	Woods, John
Skrtich, Samuel	Tustin, Donald	Wussick, Nicholas
Small, Alexander, Jr.	Tustin, Marshall	Yanosky, Charles
Smith, Arthur	Tustin, Woodrow	Yates, Paul
Smith, Robert	Tutin, Theodore	Yuhas, Joseph
Smith, Vance, Jr.	Ulanich, John	Yuhas, Steve
Snedeker, Andrew	Ulanich, Louis	Yuroskey, Albert
Snedeker, Donald	Urbanic, Frank	Yuroskey, Andrew
Snedeker, Samuel	Urbanic, Theodore	Yuroskey, John
Snedeker, Thomas	Valentine, James	Zapotosky, Charles
Speer, Lee	Vance, Robert	Zapotosky, John
Spillman, Russell	Vermeulen, Camille	Zarnick, Albin
Sray, John	Vermeulen, Clementine	Zemaitis, Charles
Sray, Thomas	Vermeulen, Herman	Zeno, Carl
	Vicker, Robert	

**PRIVATE GEORGE BONI  
STATIONED IN JAPAN**

Private George Boni, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boni of Burgettstown, has recently been assigned to the 48th Field Artillery Battalion of the 7th Infantry Division, and is stationed at Camp Younghans, Jinmachi, Honshu, Japan.

Pvt. Boni enlisted in the Army on January 5, 1949 and received his initial training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. After completion of his initial training, Pvt. Boni was shipped overseas to the unit in which he is now serving. Pvt. Boni's present duty in his organization is a survey computer.

**Pvt. George Boni Stationed in Japan  
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 1, 1949 Edition**

## **Plan American Day**

At a meeting of the Gold Cross Ladies' Society of Slovan in the home of Mrs. Alex Kluchanovich last Wednesday evening, plans were made for the group's annual observance of "I Am An American Day". Ceremonies will be held in front of the Slovan honor roll on May 21, with a speaking program planned. That evening a dance will be held in the Union Hall at Francis Mine.

## **Pfc. Salvador Pusateri First Local Casualty In Korean War**

Pfc. Salvador J. Pusateri, 20, who was with the 1st Calvary Division in Korea, was evacuated from there on July 20. He was flown to the Fairfield Air Base in California and proceeded from there to the Fitz-Simmons hospital in Denver, Colo., where he is now a patient.

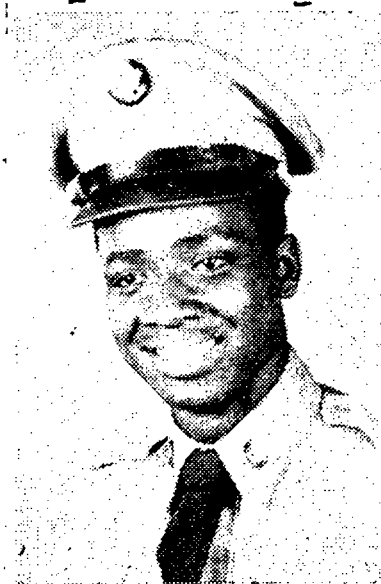
No official word has been received from the government but it is believed that he is suffering from vision fatigue.

Salvador was a member of the graduating class of UHS, 1947, and is a member of the Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Lourdes church. He was formerly employed by the G. C. Murphy Company in Burgettstown as a stock boy.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pusateri.

**Pfc. Salvador Pusateri First Local Casualty in Korean War  
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 17, 1950 Edition**

## At Fort Knox, Ky.



Pvt. Thomas Lee King, son of Mr. and Mrs. John King of Francis Mine, visited his parents recently on a 40-hour pass. Pvt. King, a graduate with the class of 1950 from Union high school, was stationed at Fort Knox, Ky. He is now attending a Cleveland, Ohio school where he will complete a 6 week course on office duties.

**Pvt. Thomas Lee King**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-September 14, 1950 Edition**

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## **M-Sgt. Bell Is At Randolph Field**

M/Sgt. Ralph H. Bell, a former resident and son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Bell of 57 Highland avenue, has recently been assigned to the world's largest aerial training center, Randolph AFB, Texas. He was transferred from Lowey Air Force Base, for an assignment with the B-29 Combat Crew Training.

Randolph, known world-wide for its basic pilot training activities since its establishment in 1931, has expanded its mission since the beginning of the Korean conflict to include the training of combat crews for the Nation's giant B-29 Superfortresses.

M/Sgt. Bell, who entered the service in October 8, 1940 attended Union high school here.



## Lt. Tony Assigned To Korea Duty

First Lieutenant Nicholas Tony, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tony of 14 Bridge street, Burgettstown, is scheduled to leave Japan in the immediate future for reassignment in Korea. His wife resides at 79 Sayers avenue, Waynesburg.

Lt. Tony is currently assigned to Headquarters Fifth Air Force in Japan. The Fifth Air Force, occupation air force of Japan, has bases throughout Japan and an advance base in Korea.

Commissioned upon graduation from flight training school at Pecos Air Force Base, Texas, Lt. Tony is rated a pilot. From January to August, 1947, he served in the European Theater of Operations. Prior to his assignment in Japan he was on duty as an instructor at Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado.

Lt. Tony is a graduate of Union High School and Waynesburg College. Lt. Tony's wife, Mrs. Dayle M. Tony will remain at her home in Waynesburg until restrictions are lifted on dependent travel to the far east.

**First Lieutenant Nicholas Tony Assigned to Korea Duty  
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 30, 1950 Edition**



**Gilbert Yukevich-1951**

# Charles Richard Lange

Korean War  
Photos

I was drafted into the army at the age of twenty-one. It was tough and a lot harder than I ever expected it to be. I became a corporal with a seal # of 52106763. My company home was second division US Military and the men call it "second to none". It was a career that was an honor to serve my Country. During my military career I received the Purple Heart, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the National Defense Silver Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge. The Korean War was a turning point in my life being away from family and depending on people other than friends and family and in turn having them depend on me. This experience at the 38th parallel "helped shape me into the man I would become and am today".



Charles receiving the Silver Star from Major General Robert Young; Four-Star General Fall of 1952





Myself in Korea



Roberto Vega and Bazooka  
March 31, 1952 North Korea On Line



Tucker, Worley, Vega and myself  
March 31, 1952 North Korea On Line



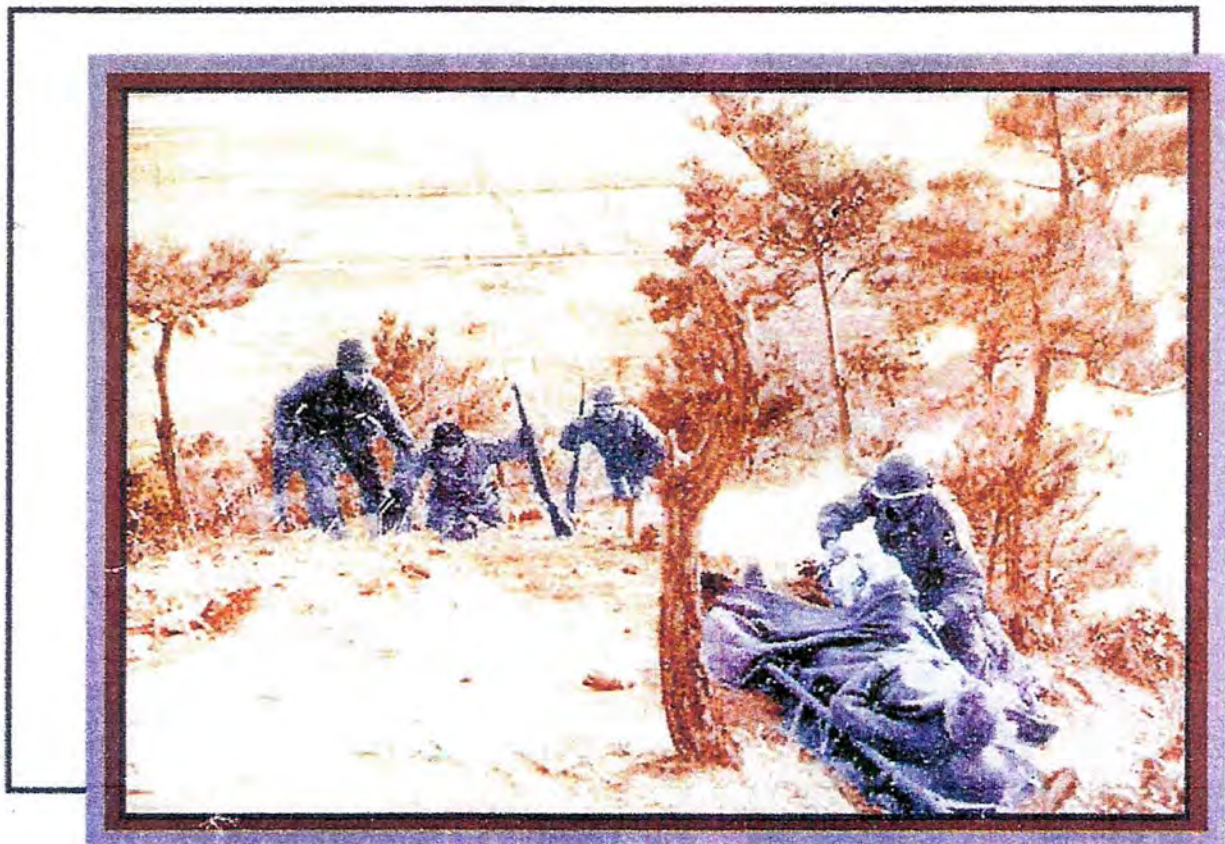


Private Charles R. Lange  
Army

G Company, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division  
Korean War  
Allegheny County



Awarded the Silver Star Medal in 1951 for action above and beyond the call of duty. Private Lange observed a wounded comrade lying exposed to enemy fire; he left his cover and crossed the field of enemy fire to the wounded soldier. After rendering first aid and improvising a splint for the wounded soldier's broken leg he then moved him to a safe area and had the man evacuated to safety behind the American lines. Private Lange's disregard for his own safety and life saving first aid to a fellow soldier and saving his life brings great credit to himself and the United States Army.





**AWARD . . .** Pvt. Charles R. Lange (left), of Carnegie, is shown as he received the Silver Star from Maj. Gen. Robert Young (right) for heroism in combat for saving wounded comrade in Korea. Maj. in center is unidentified.

## Carnegie GI Cited For Valor

A 23-year-old Carnegie soldier, Pvt. Charles R. Lange, today had the Silver Star, the nation's third highest award for heroism in combat, for saving a wounded comrade in Korea.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lange, who live on McMichael Rd., just outside Carnegie, have had five of their seven sons in military service.

One, Lawrence Jr., who saw service in the Pacific with the Army in World War II, and his father, are stereotypes for the Sun-Telegraph.

Charles won the Silver Star while fighting with the Twenty-third Infantry Regiment of the Second Division.

Observing a wounded comrade lying exposed to enemy fire, he left cover and crossed the fire-swept area to the wounded man. After improvising a splint for the man's broken leg, Lange moved him to safety and directed a litter team in evacuating him safely behind the American lines.

### IN KOREA 8 MONTHS

Charles entered the Army last March after attending Robinson Township High School. He has been in Korea for eight months and was once wounded.

One of his brothers, Joseph, is now in Japan after seeing service as a paratrooper in Korea with the 101st Airborne.

Another brother, Louis, has just arrived home after completing an enlistment in the Army. Louis re-enlisted after World War II service in Germany and France.

Andrew, the fifth brother to see military service, was with the Marines in the Pacific during World War II.

**Pvt. Charles R. Lange, Carnegie GI Cited for Valor  
Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph-March 13, 1952 Edition**



**NEWS OF OUR  
MEN and WOMEN  
IN UNIFORM**

Seaman 1st Class Charles Kittle, son of Mrs. Margaret Kittle Denny, Whitaker ave., recently completed one year with the U. S. Navy. "Chuck" enlisted August 13, 1951 and underwent basic training at Great Lakes Naval Base where he played on the football team. On completion of his basic, Kittle was transferred to Charleston, S. C., his home port, and is finishing his second cruise this summer. He will return to Charleston September 6, having been in Norfolk, England, Ireland, Cuba and the Canal Zone on this latest cruise.

Kittle passed his Seaman's test July 1 with a high score which entitled him to that welcome extra pay and extra stripe. "Chuck" has taken an active role with the base wrestling team while stationed in Charleston.

A 3/c James L. McNally has completed basic training at Parks AFB, Calif. He is stationed at Reese AFB, Texas, awaiting assignment to a cadet training school.

Airman McNally is a graduate of Union high school and a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McNally, former residents of Harmon Creek, now of Salt Lake City, Utah.

**News of Our Men and Women in Uniform**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 21, 1952 Edition**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*





Pvt. Joseph L. Barish, above, has returned to his base at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., following a week end pass spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Barish of Bulger. He was drafted in November, 1952, and completed basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood where he is stationed with the engineer corps. Barish attended Union high school and was formerly employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

**Pvt. Joseph L. Barish**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 26, 1953 Edition**



Private William E. Bender, son of Mrs. Helen Bender, of 217 Charles st., Langeloth, recently arrived at the Engineer Replacement Center, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

There he is undergoing 16 weeks of basic training to qualify him as a soldier of the Corps of Engineers.

**Pvt. William E. Bender**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 26, 1953 Edition**



**ROBERT BONGIORNI**

Pictured above is Pvt. Robert Bongiorno, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bongiorno of Atlasburg, who recently arrived at the engineer replacement training center, Fort Belvoir, Va. Robert will undergo 16 weeks of basic training to qualify for the Corps of Engineers.

**Pvt. Robert Bongiorno**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 26, 1953 Edition**



Pvt. Harry G. Phillis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle Phillis of R. D. 3, Burgettstown, has just been assigned to the 503d Military Police Battalion, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Prior to that transfer, he completed his basic training with the 11th Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and will now undergo Advanced Individual Training to qualify him as a Military Policeman.

**Pvt. Harry G. Phillis**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 26, 1953 Edition**



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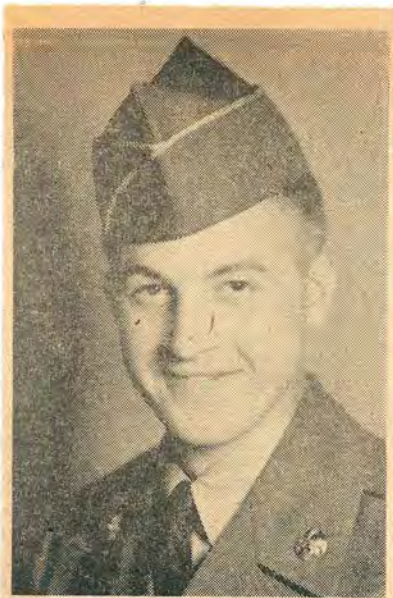
**Pvt. David Slopek**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 26, 1953 Edition**



Pvt. Jay D. Smith of Burgettstown, son of Mrs. Virginia Smith of 1220 N. W. 5th St., Miami, Fla., has just been assigned to the 503d Military Battalion, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

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**Pvt. Jay D. Smith**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 26, 1953 Edition**



Pvt. Robert L. Verbanic, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Verbanic, Box 295, Burgettstown, has just been assigned to the 503d Military Police Battalion, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

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**Pvt. Robert L. Verbanic**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 26, 1953 Edition**

### Stationed In Korea



Sgt. Andrew Enos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Enos of Langeloth, is expected home soon after serving 10 months in Korea. Andrew, who completed basic training at Camp Breckinridge, Ky., is a graduate of Union high school and was formerly employed by the Wheeling Steel Company.

**Sgt. Andrew Enos Stationed in Korea  
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 9, 1953 Edition**





Pictured above is Pvt. Robert Bruce at Lakehorn, Italy, where he has been stationed with the Army as truck driver since January. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bruce of Bulger.

**Pvt. Robert Bruce**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-April 23, 1953 Edition**

## THE PEOPLES' FORUM

### FORT DILLOW

The articles recently published in "The Enterprise" concerning the early history of Burgettstown and surrounding communities have been very interesting. No doubt they have caused other readers, as well as myself, to recall some of the historical facts connected with a particular community. I was especially interested at the mention of Fort Dillow and was tempted to write about some incidents connected with it that may not be recorded in any book.

"My mouth shall speak in parables  
Of hidden truths of old  
Which, handed down from age to age  
To us, our fathers told".

Psalm—78: 2

Fort Dillow stood on what is now known as the Coventry Farm. A large willow tree that weathered the storms of many decades was supposed to mark almost the exact site of the old fort. The tree was standing not so many years ago but I doubt if it could be located now. I have often heard the following story about the old tree. During one of the frequent Indian raids, a young lady rode to the fort, dismounted, and before entering the fort, stuck her willow riding whip into the ground. The whip grew and became the large willow tree of historical note. I cannot vouch for the authenticity of the story, but it was told to us as it had been handed down from age to age."

Another of the "hidden truths of old" was that of a small boy whose home was quite a distance from the fort. I think the family name was Bigger. One day the alarm came that the Indians were approaching. The boy heard the warning, and although very young, knew the meaning and the custom of his family when those warnings came. While the family gathered together a few belongings, the little fellow, unnoticed by any one, started to the fort alone. When the family was ready to start, the boy was missing. They searched every where but he was not to be found. They waited until they thought the Indians might be upon them any minute and left reluctantly for the fort. When they reached their destination, to their great joy and amazement, they found their boy.

The fact that this locality was a real Indian country has been established by the large number of arrow heads that have been found by farmers as they worked their fields.

I have never heard that there were any descendants of the Dillow family. While the name has not been perpetuated by posterity, it has been retained in that locality through other mediums. The stream that drains the surrounding territory is known as Dillow Run. For almost one hundred years Fort Dillow School has been located on the Savage farm which joins the Coventry Farm. Before that time the school for the community was located on the Dunlap farm, but I cannot say that it was known as Fort Dillow School.

Through the years the "w" has been dropped in the spelling of the word. In recent years the "Fort" has also been dropped from the name of the school. It is now known only as Dillo School.

The Enterprise the past week carried a notice of the sale of the abandoned schools of Hanover Township, which includes Dillo School. In a few weeks it, too, will have passed into that era of events known as "History".

## Fort Dillow

Burgettstown Enterprise-August 6, 1953 Edition

## Gold Star For Slovan Marine



Marine Corporal Ralph James, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles James, of Slovan, recently was awarded a Gold Star in lieu of a second Bronze Star Medal by Brigadier General Robert E. Hogaboom, Assistant Division Commander, Second Marine Division, at ceremonies at Camp Lejeune, N. C. According to the citation accompanying the award, Cpl. James showed great courage and devotion to duty in addition to outstanding leadership and bravery under intense enemy fire while serving as a squad leader with the First Marine Division in Korea. A 1947 graduate of Union High School, Burgettstown, Cpl. James enlisted in the Marine Corps in August, 1951. At Camp Lejeune he is serving as a member of the 1st. Battalion, Second Marines, an infantry regiment of the Second Marine Division.

**Marine Corporal Ralph James-Gold Star for Slovan Marine  
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 6, 1953 Edition**

# List of U. S. Prisoners Freed in Korea

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**PRICE**, Cpl. Eugene H., Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, Twenty-third Regiment, Second Division; father, Harry Price, 2311 Tiebout Ave., the Bronx.  
**PUCCIARELLI**, Pfc. Felix J., Company K, Nineteenth Regiment, Twenty-fourth Division; brother, William Pucciarelli, 204 St. Mark's Ave., Brooklyn.  
**RAMATOWSKI**, Sgt. Alexander T., First Airborne Ranger Company, Second Division; mother, Mrs. Leokadia Ramatowski, 920 Longwood Ave., the Bronx.  
**YACKO**, Pfc. Peter, Company A, Fifth Regimental Combat Team, Twenty-fourth Division; mother, Mary Yacko, 8 Mygatt St., Binghamton.

## CONNECTICUT

**KREIZER**, Pfc. Alexander, Company L, Nineteenth Regiment, Twenty-fourth Division; cousin, William Lebowitz, 64 Garfield Ave Danbury.

## OTHER AREAS

**ADAMS**, Sgt. Ralph S., Third Reconnaissance Company, Third Division; mother, Mrs. Garfield Adams, Auburn, Me.  
**AUSTIN**, Pfc. Julian H. Jr., Company L, Thirty-eighth Regiment, Second Division; wife, Ann Elizabeth Austin, Elizabeth City, N. C.  
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**CUTHBERTSON**, Pfc. Bernard R., Company G, Seventh Regiment, Third Division; father, G. Dawson, Norman, Okla.  
**DAY**, Pfc. John W., Company L, Thirty-eighth Regiment, Second Division; sister, Birtie Campbell, Arlington, Tex.  
**Robert Cuthbertson**, St. Clair Shores, Mich.  
**DYER**, Sgt. Robert M., Company K, Ninth Regiment, Second Division; sister, Mrs. Max West, Fresno, Calif.  
**ELLISON**, Sgt. James R., Company F, Twenty-third Regiment, Second Division; mother, Lillian Ellison, Kenosha, Wis.  
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**FERGUSON**, Pfc. Charles E., Battery B, Forty-ninth Field Artillery Battalion, Seventh Division; father, Donald Ferguson, Toledo, Ohio; mother, Hillary Schack, Lowville, N. Y.  
**FREEMAN**, Pfc. William D. Jr., Company A, Thirty-eighth Regiment, Second Division; wife, Barbara A. Freeman, Atlanta.  
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**KEWALEWSKI**, Cpl. Richard, Sixty-ninth Transportation Truck Company, Fifty-second Truck Battalion; mother, Mary Kewalewski, Milwaukee.  
**KIMBRELL**, Sgt. Johnnie W., Company H, Twenty-third Regiment, Second Division; mother, Polly Shirley, Oakman, Ala.  
**KOJIMA**, Pfc. Robert Y., Medical Company, Thirty-eighth Regiment, Second Division; brother, Toshiyuki Kojima, Hilo, Hawaii.  
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**MC CONAHA**, Cpl. Emery Jr., Company B, Thirty-eighth Regiment, Second Division; mother, Rosie McConaha, Logan, Ohio.  
**MCDONOUGH**, Cpl. Martin F., Company I, Twenty-third Regiment, Second Division; aunt, Mary McDermott, Brighton, Mass.  
**MCCRAW**, Sgt. Charles W., Company L, Thirty-eighth Regiment, Second Division; wife, Mildred L. McCraw, St. Louis.  
**MCGOVERN**, Cpl. Edward L., Headquarters Company, Thirty-eighth Regiment, Second Division; mother, Mrs. David A. Wiedeman, Bellingham, Wash.  
**MEDLIN**, Pfc. John W., Company L, Thirty-eighth Regiment, Second Division; father, E. D. Medlin, Mena, Ark.  
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**ROWLEY**, Sgt. Arden A., Company A, Second Engineers Combat Battalion, Second Division; mother, Rosella Tenney, Mesa, Ariz.  
**RACHEL**, Pfc. Leonard, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Thirty-eighth Regiment, Second Division; mother, Tillie Rachel, Monroe, Wash.  
**REA**, Cpl. Vernon S., Service Company, 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team; mother, Gertrude Schrage, Glen Burnie, Anne Arundel County, Md.  
**REMUS**, Pfc. William W., Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Twenty-third Regiment, Second Division; mother, Mrs. F. W. Remus, Detroit.  
**RIVERA-GUZMAN**, Sgt. Ramon, Medical Company, Fifth Regiment, Third Division; wife, Mrs. Uberlina Caban de Rivera; Camvy, P. R.  
**ROOSA**, Pfc. William F., Company N, Nineteenth Regiment, Twenty-fourth Division; father, Ruben F. Roosa, Middletown, Ohio.  
**SEAY**, Cpl. Gary M., Company A, Thirty-eighth Regiment, Second Division; mother, May F. Seay, Buchanan, Va.  
**SERISH**, Sgt. Gregory M., Company E, Eighth Regiment, First Cavalry Division; mother, Elizabeth Serish, Buryettstown, Pa.  
**SETTLES**, Cpl. Robert Welby, Company B, Thirty-eighth Regiment, Second Division; mother, Katie Brvant, Horse Cave, Ky.  
**SHEPARD**, Sgt. Robert E., Service Battery, Fifteenth Field Artillery Battalion, Second Division; mother, Mrs. Robert L. Shepard, Brazil, Ind.  
**SISSON**, Pfc. Marlyn K., Company H, Seventh Regiment, Third Division; father, Walter R. Sisson, Chancellor, S. D.  
**SORENSEN**, Sgt. Elmer E., Company H, Thirty-eighth Regiment, Second Division; mother, Martha L. Sorensen, Central City, S. D.  
**SOUTH**, Cpl. Jimmy, Twentieth Signal Air-Ground Liaison Company, Eighth Army; mother, Clelia South, Fayette, Ala.  
**SPERBECK**, Cpl. Clarence G., Company F, Thirty-fifth Regiment, Twenty-fifth Division; mother, Rosemary M. Sperbeck, Gillett, Pa.  
**STALLINGS**, Cpl. Joseph E., Company E, Thirty-eighth Regiment, Second Division; father, J. S. Stallings, York, Ala.  
**STANLEY**, Cpl. George A., Company A, Fifth Regimental Combat Team, Twenty-fourth Division; mother, Estella D. Stanley, Poulisbo, Wash.  
**STORY**, Sgt. Roy, Headquarters Service Company, Second Engineers Combat Battalion, Second Division; mother, Mrs. Bessie Hughes, Jonesboro, Tenn.  
**SWENSON**, Pfc. Russell Lyman, Company E, Thirty-eighth Regiment, Second Division; father, Swen Swenson, Watertown, S. D.  
**TYLER**, Cpl. John L., Headquarters Company, Thirty-eighth Regiment, Second Division; mother, Sylvia Tyler, Moundsville, W. Va.  
**VERINAKIS**, Cpl. Michael, Company A, Thirty-eighth Regiment, Second Division; mother, Mary Verinakis, Baltimore.  
**WARDEN**, Cpl. Bill G., Company K, Fifth Cavalry Regiment, First Cavalry Division; mother, Mrs. Vennie Blevins Warden, Abington, Va.  
**WHELLER**, Cpl. Homer L., Jr., Battery A, Thirty-eighth Field Artillery Battalion, Second Division; father, Homer L. Wheller, Ranger, Ind.  
**YOH**, Cpl. Herman L., Company D, Fifth Regiment, First Cavalry Division; mother, Edna Yoh, Bethel, Pa.

Sgt. Gregory M. Serish  
 New York Times-August 19, 1953 Edition

# RECEIVE FIRST VIEW OF THE ARMY AT FT. MEADE



PVT. STANLEY BOKOSKI



PVT. LEROY BENNETT



PVT. DELBERT FULLUM

Fort George G. Meade, Md. Local boys, pictured above, have arrived at the 2053rd Army reception center at Ft. Meade, where they will receive initial indoctrination into the Army.

Pictured above are: Pvt. Stanley V. Bokoski, 26, son of Mrs. Anna

Bokoski, Cherry Valley; Pvt. Leroy H. Bennett, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett of R. D. 2, Burgettstown; and Pvt. Delbert A. Fullum of 37 Center ave.

Here they are classified as to skill and aptitudes, and will be

selected for that branch of the Army for which they are best qualified. They will be sent to an Army installation for basic training after which assignments will be made either to advanced training or the Army Field Forces.

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**ROWLEY, Sgt. Arden A.,** Company A, Second Engineers Combat Battalion, Second Division; mother, Rosella Tenney, Mesa, Ariz.  
**RACHEL, Pfc. Leonard,** Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Thirty-eighth Regiment, Second Division; mother, Tillie Rachel, Monroe, Wash.  
**REA, Cpl. Vernon S.,** Service Company, 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team; mother, Gertrude Schrage, Glen Burnie, Anne Arundel County, Md.  
**REMUS, Pfc. William W.,** Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Twenty-third Regiment, Second Division; mother, Mrs. F. W. Remus, Detroit.  
**RIVERA-GUZMAN, Sgt. Ramon,** Medical Company, Fifth Regiment, Third Division; wife, Mrs. Ubertina Caban de Rivera; Camvy, P. R.  
**ROOSA, Pfc. William F.,** Company N, Nineteenth Regiment, Twenty-fourth Division; father, Ruben F. Roosa, Middletown, Ohio.  
**SEAY, Cpl. Gary M.,** Company A, Thirty-eighth Regiment, Second Division; mother, May F. Seay, Buchanan, Va.  
**SERISH, Sgt. Gregory M.,** Company E, Eighth Regiment, First Cavalry Division; mother, Elizabeth Serish, Burgettstown, Pa.  
**SETTLES, Cpl. Robert Welby,** Company B, Thirty-eighth Regiment, Second Division; mother, Katie Ervant, Horse Cave, Ky.  
**SHEPARD, Sgt. Robert E.,** Service Battery, Fifteenth Field Artillery Battalion, Second Division; mother, Mrs. Robert L. Shepard, Brazil, Ind.  
**SISSON, Pfc. Marilyn K.,** Company H, Seventh Regiment, Third Division; father, Walter R. Sisson, Chancellor, S. D.  
**SORENSEN, Sgt. Elmer E.,** Company H, Thirty-eighth Regiment, Second Division; mother, Martha L. Sorensen, Central City, S. D.  
**SOUTH, Cpl. Jimmy,** Twentieth Signal Air-Ground Liaison Company, Eighth Army; mother, Clelia South, Fayette, Ala.  
**SPERBECK, Cpl. Clarence G.,** Company F, Thirty-fifth Regiment, Twenty-fifth Division; mother, Rosemary M. Sperbeck, Gillett, Pa.  
**STALLINGS, Cpl. Joseph E.,** Company E, Thirty-eighth Regiment, Second Division; father, J. S. Stallings, York, Ala.  
**STANLEY, Cpl. George A.,** Company A, Fifth Regimental Combat Team, Twenty-fourth Division; mother, Estella D. Stanley, Pouisbo, Wash.  
**STORY, Sgt. Roy,** Headquarters Service Company, Second Engineers Combat Battalion, Second Division; mother, Mrs. Bessie Hughes, Jonesboro, Tenn.  
**SWENSON, Pfc. Russell Lyman,** Company E, Thirty-eighth Regiment, Second Division; father, Swen Swenson, Watertown, S. D.  
**TYLER, Cpl. John L.,** Headquarters Company, Thirty-eighth Regiment, Second Division; mother, Sylvia Tyler, Moundsville, W. Va.  
**VERINAKIS, Cpl. Michael,** Company A, Thirty-eighth Regiment, Second Division; mother, Mary Verinakis, Baltimore.  
**WARDEN, Cpl. Bill C.,** Company K, Fifth Cavalry Regiment, First Cavalry Division; mother, Mrs. Vennie Blevins Warden, Abington, Va.  
**WHEELER, Cpl. Homer L. Jr.,** Battery A, Thirty-eighth Field Artillery Battalion, Second Division; father, Homer L. Wheeler, Ranger, Ind.  
**YOH, Cpl. Herman L.,** Company D, Fifth Regiment, First Cavalry Division; mother, Edna Yoh, Bethel, Pa.

Sgt. Gregory M. Serish  
 New York Times-August 19, 1953 Edition

## "GREG" SERISH COMES HOME



Shown above in the Enterprise photo is Sergt. Gregory Serish with his parents, as he rode onto the field at Hill Stadium, Friday night, when more than 2000 friends and residents gathered to welcome his return from 3½ years in a Communist prison camp in Korea.

**"Greg" Serish Comes Home**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-September 24, 1953 Edition**

## Cross Creek To Dedicate Plaques



The village of Cross Creek's attractive Community Honor Roll arch is enhanced by this memorial plaque at the base. It commemorates the deeds of soldiers of the community who served in all wars and will be dedicated Saturday at a program at the church nearby. Cross Creek Lodge 32, IOOF has given the plaque to the community.



Observer Photos

This large boulder and plaque at Cross Creek commemorates the site of the Cross Creek Academy, 1828 to 1896, and the township rural high school, 1896 to 1929. It will be dedicated tomorrow at 8 p. m. at a program in the Presbyterian Church. A dinner will follow the unveiling. The plaque is a gift of the Academy and High School Alumni Association.

Plaque to  
Commemorate  
Cross Creek Academy  
Erected by alumni  
1954



**CPL. EDWARD L. PETREL  
WITH AIRBORNE REGT, JAPAN**

Beppu, Japan—Army Cpl. Edward L. Petrel, son of Mrs. Dale Petrel, Eldersville, is now serving in Japan with the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team.

Veteran of two combat jumps into Korea, the 187th "Rakkasans" fought as infantry with nearly every UN division. It is now stationed in Japan as a security force.

Petrel, a motor pool specialist in Company A, entered the Army in January 1951 and was stationed in Korea before joining the 187th last July.

**Cpl. Edward L. Petrel with Airborne Regt. in Japan  
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 4, 1954 Edition**



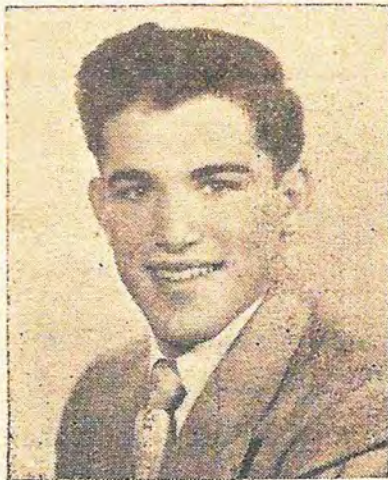
Cpl. Donald (Dean) Davis  
March 12, 1954

#### RETURNS FROM JAPAN

M/Sgt. and Mrs. Walter Russell and son Walter "Topper", Jr., arrived at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Webster, Center ave., Thursday, July 1, after spending the past two years in Tachikawa, Japan where Sgt. Russell was stationed with the U. S. Army. Mrs. Russell, the former Connie Webster, will remain with her parents for some time after her husband reports to Fort Hood, Texas, August 3.

**M/Sgt. and Mrs. Walter Russell Return from Japan  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 8, 1954 Edition**

## ENLIST IN UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES



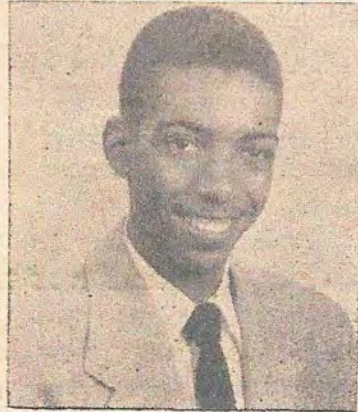
RAYMOND BOLOGNA FRANK KRIZNIK MICHAEL MAJERNIK

A group of local young men have enlisted in various branches of the United States armed forces. The four pictured enlistees have reported to their respective bases for initial training.

Raymond Bologna, son of Mrs. Susan Bologna of Eldersville road reported to Pittsburgh Army headquarters for placement in the service. His enlistment is for three years. Raymond graduated from Union high school with the class of

1951 and managed the family farm near Eldersville prior to enlistment.

Michael Majernik, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Majernik, Sr., of Slovan, and Frank Kriznik, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kriznik, Sr., of Slovan, reported to Sampson Air Force Base, Geneva, N. Y., for training. Michael graduated from Union high school last June. Frank graduated from Union high school in 1953 and completed his freshman year at Waynesburg College.



RICHARD P. HAMPTON

Richard Paul Hampton, a U.H.S. graduate of June 1954 and son of Mrs. Evelyn Jones Hampton of Raymond street has enlisted in the United States air force for four years. Richard Paul left August 31 for Sampson, N. Y. airbase where he will be stationed.

Richard was interested in athletics in high school and was a member of the Hi-Y Varsity and the Varsity basketball team. He hopes to continue his education after his air force period and major in physical education.

**Richard P. Hampton Enlists U.S. Air Force  
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 9, 1954 Edition**

**PFC. FULMER IN EXERCISE  
BARRACUDA I AT FT. KOBBE**

Fort Kobbe, Canal Zone—Army Pfc. Harry M. Fulmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fulmer, 943 Mary st., Langeloth, recently participated in Exercise Barracuda I, a field training maneuver at Fort Kobbe, Canal Zone.

The exercise was a movement by air of a 105 mm. howitzer battery to an air strip. The battery helped friendly forces defend the air strip from a mock attack by a large aggressor force.

Private First Class Fulmer, an assistant battery clerk and mail clerk in Battery B of the 504th Field Artillery Battalion, entered the Army in October 1954 and completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

He is a 1954 graduate of Waynesburg College and a member of Delta Sigma Phi and Phi Alpha Theta fraternities.

# CANNING EXPOUNDS RACCOON VALLEY'S SOCIAL STANDARD

Following is the text of Burgess J. R. Canning's address given at the Memorial Day ceremony Monday afternoon at the Honor Roll and War Memorial, Main street:

"We are gathered here to honor Those Who Died, that we who live may do so in peace and in a Democratic way.

A year ago we gathered here for the same purpose, and a year hence we will repeat the operation. What do we do the other 364 days in the year to perpetuate the cause for which these men made the supreme sacrifice?

Lets take a brief inventory of what we have done in the past: Raccoon Valley composed of all the towns in Smith Twp., and Burgettstown has gone from a rich industrial area to one that is sick and feeble. We have only two industrial operations that employ more than 100 people each. Our rich source of labor supply is migrating rapidly to areas of employment. Store rooms, buildings and houses are standing empty. Business is on the downgrade and due to get worse. Our social standard is being lowered as our good stock of laboring people are moving nearer to their jobs. This is the picture of what we have done in the past to protect the very thing for which these men gave their life.

If they could see our situation as it is today, I doubt if they would be very proud of what we have done.

Now—what are we going to do to correct this situation in the future? Are we big enough to put our personal desires to the side, throw off our selfish attitudes and join hands in one solid block to do a job that will require the help of everyone and the criticism of none. It is time to eliminate the saying of "WHAT are THEY doing?" or "WHAT have THEY done?" Now is the time to say "What are WE doing" and "What are WE going to do?"

We have an organization which is in its first year of existence that has dedicated itself to this job. In its first year they have done a tremendous job, but they have only scratched the surface. The big job is in front of them. I am speaking of the Raccoon Valley Chamber of Commerce. I feel that if our district is to improve—this organization is our last hope.

They have secured pledges of \$20,000 over a 3 year period from people in this district who still have faith. This money along with the dues from Membership is to finance a full time office and man for Industrial Planning & Development.

The Committee has recommended a man for this position whom they feel will do the job. Now what does this mean to you? It means this—The Raccoon Valley Chamber of Commerce needs every gainfully employed person in the Raccoon Valley as a member. Individual Memberships are ten dollars per year—83 1/3c per month for a cause to improve and protect our very homes. How much of a sacrifice is this to you compared to the sacrifice of these men who died for their Raccoon Valley?

83 1/3c per month—compared to death. Will we do the job? Or have these men died in vain?"

**Canning Expounds Raccoon Valley's Social Standard  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 2, 1955 Edition**



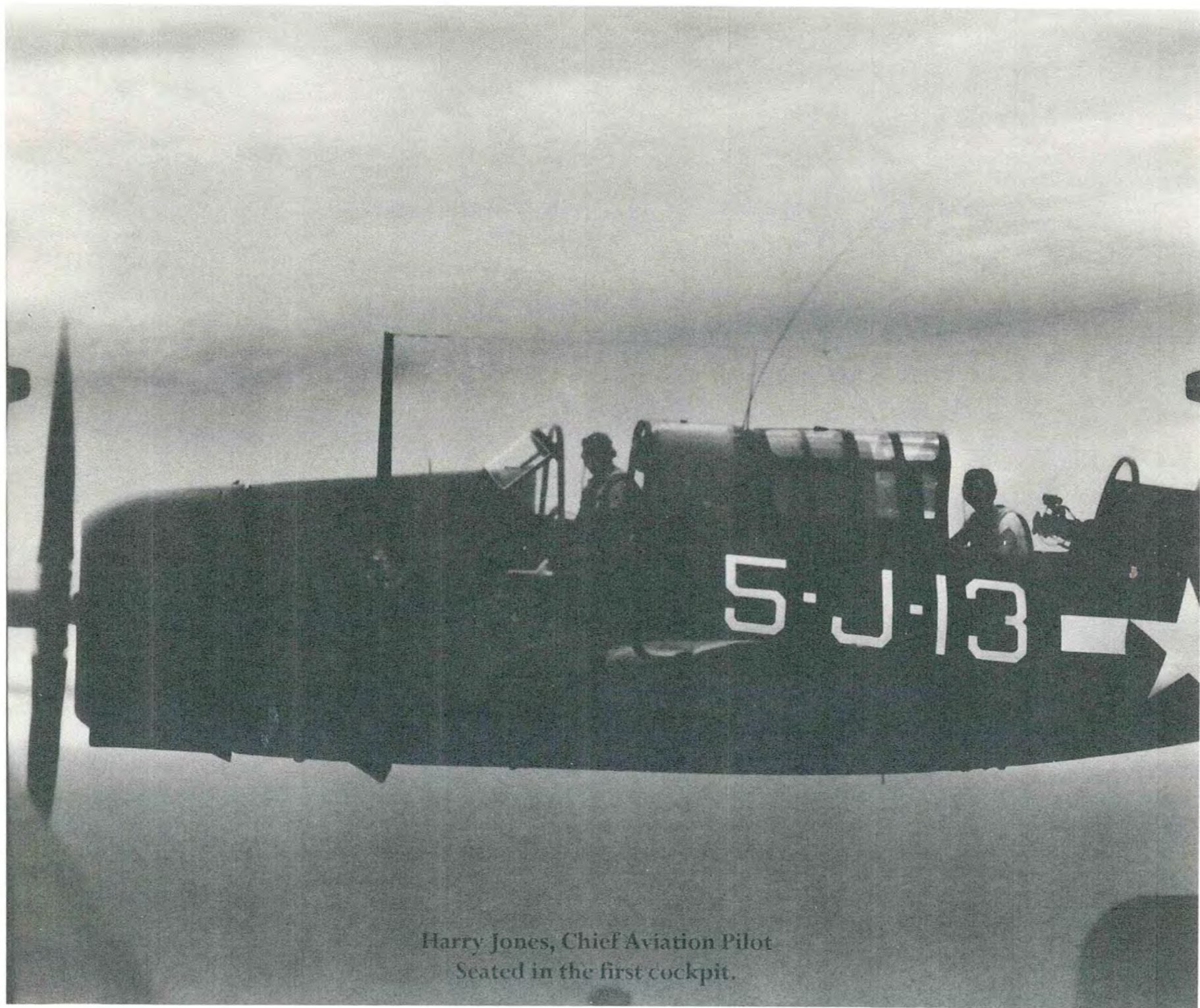
**Harry Charles Jones**  
Chief Aviation Pilot-Top row, third from the left





TO MOTHER --  
MAY GOD ALWAYS  
YOUR SON  
Bless You.  
Harry

Harry Charles Jones



Harry Jones, Chief Aviation Pilot  
Seated in the first cockpit.



**Blue Angels**

Harry Jones, second row, second from the right



Harry Jones



**Henry Bruno Advances to Major Rank  
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 29, 1956 Edition**

## Henry Bruno Advances To Major Rank



Colonel Allen F. Rice, Commanding Officer of the 3d Training Regiment, Infantry, at the United States Army Training Center, Armor, Fort Knox, Kentucky, pins Major's gold oak leaf insignia

on collar of newly-promoted Captain Henry A. Bruno. Major Bruno is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marco Bruno, 197 Center avenue, Burgettstown.

## 14 Years In Service

Captain Henry A. Bruno, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marco Bruno of 197 Center avenue, has been promoted to the rank of Major at the United States Army Training Center, Armor, Fort Knox.

A veterans of fourteen years of service, Major Bruno participated in World War II campaigns in Africa and Italy with the 34th Infantry Division. Later he served in Korea with the 95th Military Police Battalion, which supervised prisoner of war operations. He wears the Bronze Star and Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Major Bruno graduated from Union high school and the Army's Officer Candidate School. He is currently assigned as Supply Officer of the 3d Training Regiment, Infantry, at the Fort Knox Training Center and lives on post with his wife, Eva; a son, Henry A., 6; and a daughter, Veta A., 9.

**Henry Bruno Advances to Major Rank**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-November 29, 1956 Edition**

### ON 15-DAY LEAVE

Marine Private Philip Joseph, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Joseph, Sr., of R. D. 1, Avella is spending a 15-day leave with his parents and friends. Private Joseph enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps on March 26, 1957. He has completed 12-weeks of Recruit training at Parris Island,, S. C., and four weeks of Advance training at Camp Lejeune, N. C. His leave terminates August 24, at which time he will report to Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va., for duty.

Prior to his enlistment, Philip was a student at Avella District Joint High School.

**Private Philip Joseph Jr.**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 29, 1957 Edition**

### **COMPLETES BASIC TRAINING**

Fort Knox, Ky. — Army Pvt. William Koval, 22, whose wife, June, lives at 55 Florence ave., Burgettstown, recently completed eight weeks of basic combat training under the Reserve Forces Act program at Fort Knox, Ky.

Koval is a 1957 graduate of Findlay, Ohio College.

**William Koval**

**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 29, 1957 Edition**



### **ENDS TRAINING**

John F. Staschiak, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Staschiak of Atlasburg, has completed six weeks of officer training at the Marine Corps School, Quantico, Va. As a member of the Platoon Leaders Class, he will be eligible for appointment as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps upon completion of college. This was his second and final summer of training at Quantico.

**John F. Staschiak Ends Training**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 29, 1957 Edition**

PROMOTED



Airman William M. Jorn, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Jorn of Midway, has been promoted to the rank of Airman Second Class.

Jorn attended Union high school. He has a total of eleven months' service and was assigned to the United States Air Force Academy for a three year period of duty in May of this year.

**Airman William M. Jorn**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 31, 1957 Edition**



**Robert B. Tucci SP5**  
**RA 15 762 790, Tuba**  
**U.S. Army Field Band, Washington D.C.**  
**Hometown-Burgettstown, Penna,**

## AREA MEN STATIONED AT TEXAS AFB



STANLEY P. ESNO

Lackland AFB, Tex.—Three Burgettstown men are being assigned to Amarillo AFB, Tex., to attend technical training courses following completion of United States Air Force basic military training here.

Two of the men will attend



JAMES TEPsic

the aircraft maintenance specialist course. They are:

Airman Basic Stanley P. Esno, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Esno of R.D. 2, Eldersville road.

Airman Basic James Tepsic, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Tepsic of R.D. 2.



WILLIAM DANIELS

Attending the base fuel supply specialist course is Airman Basic William F. Daniels, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Daniels, West Pittsburgh st.

All three airmen are graduates of Union high school.

**Area Men Stationed at Texas AFB  
Burgettstown Enterprise-1961**

## I'm In The Army Now

Dear Enterprise Folks—

The University of Louisville's Cardinals almost pulled the upset of the year in college basketball in an attempt to defeat Ohio State in a semi-final contest at NCAA mid-east regional tournament. The Buckeyes from Columbus, featuring All-America Jerry Lucas, were expected to have more trouble with Kentucky than with Louisville in an attempt to keep an undefeated season intact with a second straight NCAA championship.

A tremendous triple-team effort on Lucas paid off in that he committed eight floor errors and only scored nine points, lowest total in his career. Louisville, leading by five, with 2½ minutes to play, appeared headed toward one of the greatest upsets of all times.

Ohio State went into an all-out press and the Cards committed two errors resulting in Buckeye baskets. With 30 seconds to go, Louisville held a one-point lead and possession of the ball. But Ohio State's John Havlicek intercepted a pass and hit on a jump shot and free throw to lead with four seconds to go.

The ball was tossed to the Cards' John Turner, who was fouled by Larry Siegfried. Turner fired in the first free throw. The ball bounced back, Turner grabbed the ball and shot at the basket as the horn sounded. The ball rolled around the rim, and slid off to deny Louisville the victory.

In the final round, Ohio State blasted Kentucky 87-74, to win the mid-east title. The Buckeyes go to Kansas City against St. Joseph's, Cincinnati and Utah for the last two games of the season. Many people here, including coach Peck Hickman, believe Cincinnati offers a major hurdle in the path of a second straight Ohio State title. Others think Utah can prove a tough one.

First odds out of Reno have the Yankees and Pirates listed as favorites to win their respected pennants in the baseball season. Milwaukee and Chicago were second choices, at an informal poll taken by people assigned to my company.

The City of Louisville is beginning to wear that Easter look. Spring fashions being dis-

played and shopping brisk the past month. This week end, with the NCAA tournament in town, hotel rooms were hard to get, and the downtown district more crowded than since last years' Kentucky Derby.

Ashland high school won the state interscholastic tournament knocking out Seneca of Louisville, by over 25 points in a semi-final game at Lexington. The title was the fourth for the Tomcats in the past twenty years.

Sports fans in Kentucky are beginning to look forward to the "Run for the Roses" at Churchill Downs in Louisville to be seen May 6.

**I'm in the Army Now-Jim Dallara**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 30, 1961 Edition**

## Pvt. Ben. F. Mader Completes Course In Supply School

Murnau, Germany — Pvt. Benjamin F. Mader, Jr., 19, whose father lives in Slovan,

recently completed the three week direct support supply course at the Army European Engineer-Ordnance School in Murnau, Germany. Mader was trained in the use of Army supply forms and stock numbers, storage of spare parts and warehouse and storage procedures.

He is regularly assigned as a construction specialist in the 94th Engineer Battalion in Nellingen. Mader entered the Army in June 1960 and received basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. He arrived overseas in December, 1960.

Mader attended Union high school.

**Pvt. Ben F. Mader Completes Course in Supply School  
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 30, 1961 Edition**



**M/Sgt. E-8, John Durain, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. ORRF.** and family poses before the M.A.T.S. flight that took them back to the states. His wife Donna Kristoff Durain holding John Jr. and their daughter Dawn. On his family's left are Mrs. J.C. Samples and daughters, wife of Capt. Samples, former launch control officer for ORRF.

Fort Churchill-Manitoba, Canada-Signal Rocket Support Activity (Artic)  
September 14, 1961



## **Valenti Promoted**

Anthony Valenti of Atlasburg was promoted to Captain Wednesday, October 11, in the active reserves of the U.S. Army.

Capt. Valenti is assigned with the 437th Civil Affairs Company in North Charleroi.

He is employed as a chemical engineer with the Climax Molybdenum Company.

## **Marine John Baudin Ends Basic Training**

John Baudin, Jr., son of Mrs. Lucy M. Baudin of Avella, was graduated from recruit training April 1, at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. The graduation exercises marking the end of nine weeks of "boot camp", included a full dress parade and review before military officials and civilian dignitaries.

**Marine John Baudin Ends Basic Training  
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 16, 1961 Edition**

## Selectees Named For Draft Call

The following Selectees from Local Board No. 164, Washington, will leave for induction into the Armed Forces November 16.

Duan e Earl Fowler, David Mark Choman, Burgettstown; Victor Anthony Kraszewski, Hickory; John Lee Jones, John Orenich, Richard Franklin Donaldson, John Miller France, Canonsburg; Montford Allen Erwin, Joffre; Salvatore Secreti, William Edward Dillon, McDonald; Vernon Homer Roach, Angelo Anthony Comfort, Harry James Tau, Jr., Melvin John Burchak, Washington.

Peter Carozza, Yonkers; Raymond Joseph Hutton, Venetia; William Walton Ruhl, Jr., James Lee Meek, Finleyville; Gary Dale Ainscough, Houston; Daniel Edward Lujetic, McKeesport; Henry Bernard Norquist, Bentleyville; James Vendell Colbert, Lawrence; Joseph Vanhorenbeck, Cecil.

**Selectees Names for Draft Call**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-November 16, 1961 Edition**

## **Marianne Vizyak To Enter Air Force**



Marianne Vizyak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Vizyak, Burgettstown R.D. 2, will enter the Air Force March 1 and will be stationed at Edwards Air Force Base, Muroc, Calif., as a Second Lieutenant. Miss Vizyak is a nurse at the Ohio Valley hospital, Steubenville, where she received her training and was graduated in 1959. She is a graduate of Avella high school, class of 1956.

**Marianne Vizyak to Enter Air Force  
Burgettstown Enterprise-1962**

## In Guided Missiles



Joseph Bogo, Highland Avenue, Avella, who entered the Air Force April 22, has received orders that he will attend a Nuclear Guided Missiles School at Chinook, Ill. for the next year. At present he is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex.

Joseph, 21, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bogo, Sr., Avella, and is a graduate of Avella high school, class of 1960. Before entering the Air Force he was employed as a gas attendant at Daley's Restaurant, Hickory.

### **Phillis Promoted**

Word has been received that Earl Phillis of McDonald, RD 4, has been promoted to the rank of Private First Class recently while stationed with the U. S. Army at Kaiser Lautren, Germany.

Pfc. Phillis is working as a mechanic with the 147th Ordnance Co., which is on a temporary six-month overseas duty, stationed in Southern Germany. The Company's permanent home location is Ft. Benning, Georgia, to which they'll return in September.

Earl, a graduate of Union high, entered the Army in October, 1961, and received his basic training at Ft. Jackson, So. Carolina. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Phillips of Burgettstown, RD 3. His wife, Jane, is now residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Doumont of McDonald, RD 4.

**Earl Phillis Promoted**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-July 19, 1962 Edition**

## John Miller To Serve With AF In England



A/3c John Miller of Avella recently spent a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, before being sent to England with the Air Force. John received training at Lackland Air Force base, Tex. and was graduated from the School of Engineering at Fort Belvoir, Va. He is now stationed with the Transportation Squadron at RAF at Weathersford, England. He is a graduate of Avella high school, class of 1961.

**A/3c John Miller**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-July, 19, 1962 Edition**

## Donald Koraido Is Commissioned

7-26-62



Donald L. Koraido, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Koraido, RD 3, Burgettstown, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

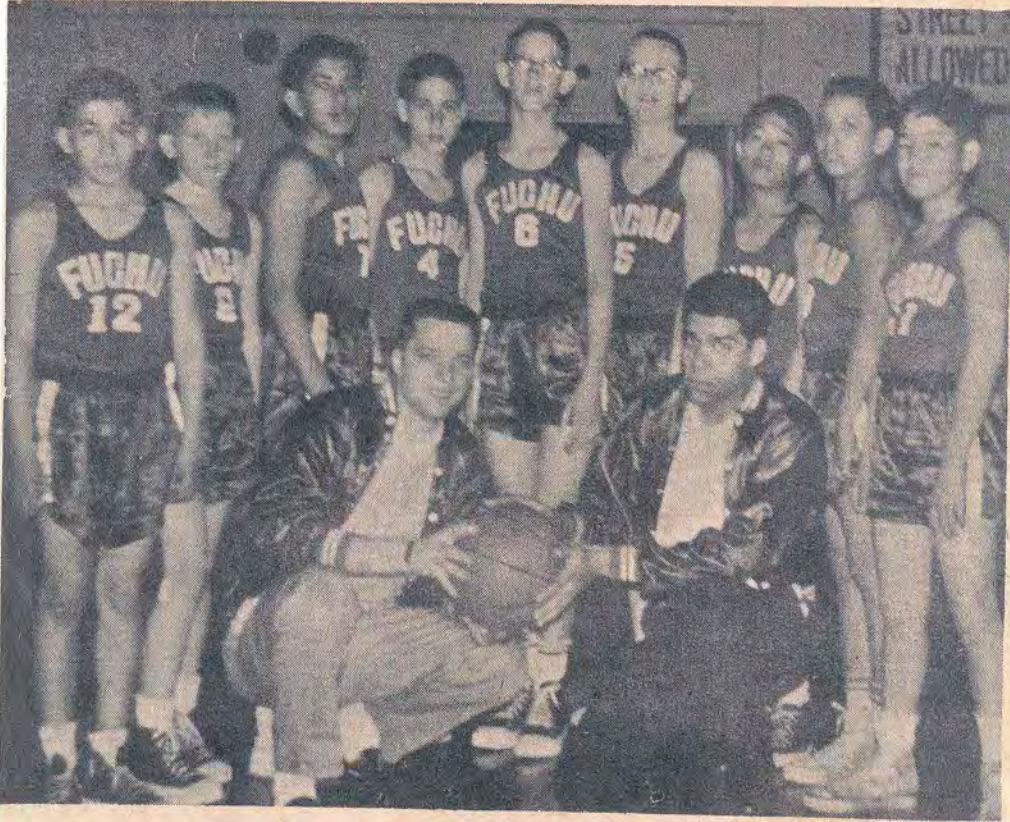
Lieutenant Koraido was selected for the training course through competitive examinations with other college graduates. He received his B. S. degree from Pennsylvania State University, State College, prior to entering the Air Force. The lieutenant is being reassigned to James Connally AFB, Texas, for navigator training.

The lieutenant is a member of Delta Theta Sigma. He is married to the former Nancy R. Headley, 74 Broadhead Road, RD 4, Coraopolis.

**Lieutenant Donald Koraido**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-July 26, 1962 Edition**



# AVELLA GRAD PILOTS BASE CHAMPIONS



A/1c Kenneth Rohr

A/2c Herbert Rohr is shown with the basketball team of which he was manager the past year. Herbert has been stationed at Fuchie Air Force Base, in Japan, since July, 1961. In his spare time he is active in sports, and is currently playing on the Fuchie AFB Varsity basketball team. The team shown in the picture is from the Base Youth Center, and won the championship while Herbert was their manager.

A/1c Kenneth Rohr, Herbert's twin brother, is with the OSI at Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is now home on 25-day leave.

The twins are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rohr, Carnegie, former residents of Avella. They were 1959 graduates of Avella high school, and were active in football and wrestling. They entered the Air Force in September, 1959, and will complete their enlistment in September, 1963.



A/2c Hebert Rohr

**Avella Grad Pilots Base Champions**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 17, 1963 Edition**

## Midway Youth Joins U. S. Marines



John Gerald Shimon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jules Shimon, of Midway, left Tuesday, January 8, for Parris Island, South Carolina, where he will receive basic training with the Marine Corps.

**John Gerald Shimon Joins U.S. Marines**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 17, 1963 Edition**



**L-R: Mrs. Jane Slack, Sfc Andrew Slack and  
Colonel Robert H. Douglas, Deputy Commander, XXI US Army Corps,  
during presentation of Army Commendation Medal  
to Sgt. Slack upon retirement at IGMR, PA.  
January 30, 1963**

## Ronald S. Graff Receives Discharge



Ronald S. Graff, son of Frances Graff, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kanzius, Sr., of Langeloth, was discharged from the Army in March, with a Good Conduct Medal and Letter of Commendation.

He is now employed by the Allstate Insurance Co., Stokie, Illinois, as an IBM operator, and resides in Elgin, Illinois.

**Ronald S. Graff Receives Discharge**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 8, 1963 Edition**

## Frank Chastulik Completes ROTC Jet Flight



(U.S. Air Force Photo)

Falmouth, Massachusetts--Frank Chastulik, of Burgettstown, pauses before the jet aircraft in which he completed his orientation flight as part of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) summer encampment recently conducted at Otis Air Force Base, Massachusetts.

Cadet Chastulik, a member of the AFROTC unit at Pennsylvania State University, completed four weeks of indoctrination in various phases of operations at this Air Force Defense Command Base. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Chastulik, of 8 Pine street, Burgettstown.

The 20-year-old cadet will be eligible for a commission as an Air Force second lieutenant upon completion of AFROTC training and graduation from college.

**Frank Chastulik Completes ROTC Jet Flight**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-September 16, 1964 Edition**

Airman Harry J. Hoberek, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Natch Hoberek, of Burgettstown, is visiting Cannes, France, aboard the U.S. Sixth Fleet attack aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Saratoga.

Cannes, in the heart of the French Riviera, recently hosted the International Film Festival.

While in the Mediterranean, he also had an opportunity to attend the Grand Prix of Monaco, one of the world's most famous and colorful auto races.

**Airman Harry J. Hoberek, USN**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 9, 1965 Edition**

## Returns From Duty In Viet Nam



A/1c William A. Ralston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ralston, of Bulger, R. D. 1, has returned to stateside duty at Elgin Air Force Base, Florida, after completing five months' duty at Viet Nam.

Ralston, who recently spent a 30-day leave at home, was an ammunitions supply specialist at Viet Nam.

He entered the Air Force December 11, 1961, and is the holder of the Good Conduct Medal, the Vietnamese Service Medal and the Presidential Citation.

**Airman First Class William A. Ralston**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 27, 1965 Edition**



## USS "Coral Sea"

Airman Joseph M. Campos, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Panfilo Campos, of 12 Pine street, Burgettstown, is serving aboard the 63,000-ton attack aircraft carrier USS Coral Sea, currently deployed to the Western Pacific with the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

Coral Sea has been in the Western Pacific since last December. In early February, the carrier launched the first retaliatory air strikes against North Viet Nam. For the post-World War II vessel, it was her first engagement in combat operations.

Since then, the Coral Sea has engaged in the most extensive combat operations since World War II --well over 10,000 combat sorties.

**Airman Joseph M. Campos USN-USS Coral Sea  
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 3, 1965 Edition**

## **Bulger Recruit Begins Training**

Seaman Recruit John R. Hermes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hermes, of Bulger, has begun seven weeks of Navy basic training at the U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, California.

In the first weeks of his naval service, he will study military subjects and live and work under conditions similar to those he will encounter on his first ship or at his first shore station.

In making the transition from civilian to sailor, he will be taught and supervised by experienced Navy petty officers. They will teach him the basic skills of seamanship as well as survival techniques, military drill and other basic subjects.

On completion of his recruit training, he will be assigned to a school, shore station or ship, according to the results of his Navy classification tests, his own desires and the needs of the Navy.

**Seaman Recruit John R. Hermes**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-November 17, 1965 Edition**

## **Farewell Party**

A farewell party was given in the IOOF Hall, Eldersville, Sunday evening, for David Slasor, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Slasor, who left Monday morning for duty in the Armed Forces. Over forty relatives and friends attended. Games were played throughout the evening, and lunch was served, consisting of beef and chicken sandwiches, cake, cider and coffee.

Guests were present from Eldersville and surrounding community, as well as from New Cumberland, Warwood, Weirton, and Chester, West Virginia, Alliance, Ohio, Hookstown and Burgettstown.

**David Slasor-Farewell Party**  
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## Slovan Soldier Boasts Great Boxing Record



Pfc. Samuel G. Matesic, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Matesic, of Slovan, who is with the 83rd Engineer Battalion based in Chinon, France, for the past seventeen months, has been recognized for his outstanding ability in the sport of boxing. With his action in the lightweight class, he has placed his battalion on top in the sport.

Pfc. Matesic has boxed in seven different counties in France, with nineteen bouts. His record is seventeen KO's and two TKO's. He competed with his opponents at Chaumont Air Force Base, with four bouts, three resulting in KO's and one TKO.

He also carries the Presidential Citation, and was awarded the expert badge for outstanding marksmanship in the 200 to the 500 yard line. His total was 224 hits out of 250. He will soon be competing in Germany against other top firing marksmen.

He was trained in the field of Heavy Equipment and is an operator of a 75-ton Rock Crusher.

**Pfc. Samuel G. Matesic-Boasts Great Boxing Record  
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 15, 1965 Edition**

## **Bohner Named Co. Civil Defense Chief**

Charles O. Bohner, 26-year veteran of the Pennsylvania State Police, assumed his duties on November 1 as the Executive Director of the Washington County Civil Defense unit.

Bohner's appointment was recently made by the Washington County Board of Commissioners.

Bohner explained that his plans are to "improve the existing Civil Defense set-up in the county." He said the first step is to establish an effective county unit in order to carry out an efficient operation among the local political subdivision organizations.

Bohner replaces H.W. Minnemeyer, III, who recently resigned as Civil Defense Executive Director.

Bohner, 47, resides at Washington with his wife, Mary Carman. The Bohners have four children.

Bohner's experience in Civil Defense activities were through the Army Reserves and the State Police. He attended Army schools at Fort Gordon, Georgia; Fort Lee, Virginia; Fort George G. Meade, Maryland; and Indiantown Gap Military Reservation.

He has served with the Pennsylvania State Police in Washington, Uniontown, Waynesburg, Belle Vernon, Carnegie and Bedford.

## With NATO's Striking Fleet In Atlantic



Communications Yeoman Russell J. Orenchuk, Jr., husband of the former Rosemary Montequin, of Linn avenue, Burgettstown, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell J. Orenchuk, Sr., of R.D. 4, Burgettstown, is serving on the staff of Vice Admiral Kleber S. Masterson, USN, Commander of the powerful U.S. Second Fleet, and Commander of NATO's Striking Fleet in the Atlantic, on board the heavy cruiser USS Newport News, the admiral's flagship.

Navyman Orenchuk, a 1962 graduate of Union high school, is currently participating in Exercise Straight Laced, a NATO exercise, involving 31 ships and about 15,000 men from four NATO nations—France, Norway, the Netherlands and United States—in the Northern and Eastern Atlantic.

Orenchuk is directing the exercise from the Newport News.

The flagship will return to her homeport at Norfolk, Virginia, on September 16, following the exercise and port visits to Oslo, Norway; Copenhagen, Denmark; Hamburg, Germany; and Portsmouth, England.

## Russell Orenchuk On 'Newport News'

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Orenchuk, of Burgettstown, R.D. 4, spent a week with their son, Russell, U.S. Navy, and his wife, Rosemary, at Norfolk, Virginia. Dorothy Orenchuk, of New York City, also spent a few days in Norfolk.

Russell left August 5 on the Second Fleet flagship Newport News on a European cruise for six weeks.

U.S.S. Newport News is named in honor of the shipbuilding city in Virginia, where she was constructed. Her role of preserver of the peace has taken her to many parts of the globe.



**Russell Orenchuk**

## Joseph Was Named VFW Aide-de-Camp

Andy Borg, Superior, Wisconsin, Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, has announced the appointment of Joseph A. Was, Jr., 17 Linn Avenue, Burgettstown, as a National Aide-de-Camp.

In announcing the appointment, Commander-in-Chief Borg said, "The V. F. W. is writing an ever-lengthening record of accomplishment in preserving and liberalizing veterans' benefits, as well as conducting programs fostering good citizenship among the nation's youth and bettering the communities in which we live. It is heartening to know that we have men of the caliber of Mr. Was, who is experienced in handling problems facing our nation's veterans, their widows and orphans, and who is especially qualified for this high honor. I know that in all projects sponsored this year by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, I can rely on Mr. Was' judgment and recommendations and I congratulate him on this appointment."

Was is Commander of the Kucher-Saska V.F.W. Post, Burgettstown.

**Joseph Was Named VFW Aide-de-Camp  
Burgettstown Enterprise-1966 Edition**



## Back From Vietnam



Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dugas, Sr., of Slovan, have received word from their son, Lt. Col. George A. Dugas, and family, that he has returned to his home at Vandenburg Air Force Base, California, after spending a year's tour of duty in Vietnam.

Lt. Col. Dugas was with the Advisory Group at Saigon. While there, he met Bob Baronick, of Slovan, and Joseph Fernandez, of Florence.

Lt. Col. Dugas will leave Vandenburg A.F.B. on November 10 en route to his new assignment at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. He and his family will spend some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dugas, of Slovan, and Mrs. Johanna Debelak, of Avella, mother of Mrs. George Dugas.

## **Raymond A. Beard On USS Aldebaran**

Seaman Raymond A. Beard, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beard, of 5 Erie street, Burgettstown, is serving aboard the refrigerated storeship USS Aldebaran, a unit of the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

The Aldebaran was launched in June, 1939, and is capable of transporting over 7,000 tons of cargo to ships of the U.S. fleet.

## **Hickory Sailor On USS Douglas H. Fox**

Seaman Apprentice Amos A. Shrum, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos A. Shrum, of Hickory, is serving aboard the U.S. Sixth Fleet destroyer USS Douglas H. Fox in the Mediterranean.

The Norfolk, Virginia, homeported destroyer was one of two American destroyers which participated in a North Atlantic Treaty Organization exercise. The exercise took place in the Mediterranean with submarines, aircraft and surface units from France and Italy.

**Seaman Apprentice Amos A. Shrum on USS Douglas H. Fox  
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 3, 1968 Edition**

## **Marine Private Viet Graduate**

Marine Private First Class Frederick P. Caleffie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis L. Caleffie, of 702 Plum Run Avenue, Burgettstown, was graduated from the Combined Action School at DaNang, Vietnam.

He received instruction in the language, customs and religions of the Vietnamese.

The school assigns graduates to Combined Action Platoons throughout the northernmost provinces of South Vietnam. These platoons become integral parts of Vietnamese villages, working, living and fighting alongside village forces.

**Marine Private First Class Frederick P. Caleffie  
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 27, 1968 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

## Bronze Star For Robert LaPosta

Army First Lieutenant Robert H. LaPosta, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert LaPosta, of Burgettstown, R.D. 2, received the Bronze Star Medal May 17 during ceremonies at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

Lt. LaPosta received the award for outstanding meritorious service in combat operations against hostile forces in Vietnam from March, 1967, to March, 1968.

LaPosta, a student at the U.S. Army Ordinance Center and School at the proving ground, entered the Army in June, 1966, and was last stationed with the 4th Infantry Division in Vietnam. The lieutenant holds the Combat Infantry Badge.

His wife, Barbara, is with him at the proving ground.

The lieutenant is a 1962 graduate of Burgettstown Union high school and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1966 from Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Virginia. He received his commission through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at the institute.



**First Army Lieutenant Robert LaPosta**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 26, 1968 Edition**

## **John N. Phillips With Honored Unit**

Staff Sergeant John N. Phillips, son of Mrs. Justine Phillips, of 148 Center avenue, Burgettstown, is a member of a unit that has earned the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

Sergeant Phillips, an electrician in the 21st Composite Wing at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, will wear the distinctive service ribbon to mark his affiliation with the unit.

His unit was cited for compiling outstanding records in both combat readiness and training in severe weather to meet the urgent requirements for direct support of the Southeast Asian effort. The 21st was also cited for its participation in insuring the defense of Alaska and the North American continent.

The sergeant attended Union high school and completed requirements for his diploma after entering the service.

His wife, JoAnne, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Unangst, of Montague avenue, Trenton, New Jersey.

**Staff Sergeant John N. Phillips**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 26, 1968 Edition**

## **LaPosta With USS Long Beach**

Electronics Technician Second Class Eugene F. LaPosta, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert LaPosta, of Burgettstown, R.D. 2, is serving aboard the nuclear-powered guided missile cruiser USS Long Beach in the Gulf of Tonkin.

As a crewmaster, he plays an important role in helping to maintain Long Beach's effectiveness as a PIRAZ station ship.

PIRAZ is Positive Identification Radar Advisory Zone and maintains surveillance of all aircraft, enemy and allied, flying over the Gulf of North Vietnam.

## **David W. Scott Sent To Vietnam**

Army Private First Class David W. Scott, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Scott, 360 South Main street, Burgettstown, was assigned July 2 to the 4th Infantry Division near Pleiku, Vietnam, as a shop office clerk.

His wife, Susan, lives at 6317 Williams avenue, Mira Loma, California.



## **Veterans Day Parade In Midway**

A Veterans' Day parade will be held in Midway on Saturday, November 9, at 10:20 a.m. The parade will form at the old bank building in Midway. Services will be held at the honor roll at 11 a.m. Rep. John L. Brunner will be the guest speaker.

All organizations in the area are invited to participate.

## BEGINS BASIC TRAINING



Norman C. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Williams, Sr., of Burgettstown, R. D. 3, has begun basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Upon completion of basic training, Pvt. Williams will go to the U. S. Army Unit and Organizational Supply Procedures School at Fort Lee, Virginia.

After completion of school, he will be assigned to the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii.

Pvt. Williams attended Burgettstown Area High School.

**Norman C. Williams Begins Basic Training**  
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 13, 1972 Edition

## **William Connors In Army Exercise**

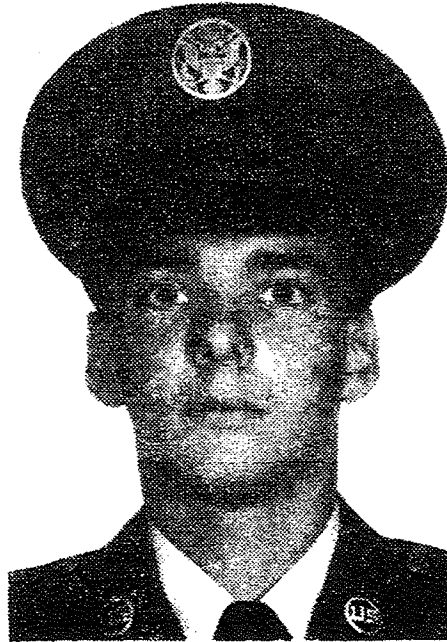
Army Spec. 4 William S. Connors, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Connors of Hookstown Grade Road, Clinton, has participated in Team Spirit '85. This is the largest joint, combined field training exercise in the free world this year, on the mountainous peninsula of South Korea.

The exercise involved members of all services of both the Republic of Korea and the U. S. Under the auspices of the ROK/US Combined Forces Command, 200,000 participants from forces currently stationed in Korea and from other locations within the Pacific Command and the U. S. put their best foot forward.

Team Spirit '85 was the 10th annual exercise of its kind and involved the deployment, reception and employment of U.S. and Republic of Korea forces responding to possible contingencies in the Korean theater.

Connor is an armor crew member with the 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Casey, South Korea. He is a 1980 graduate of Washington and Jefferson College in Washington. His wife, Linda, is the daughter of Virginia Goodman of Rochester, Pa.

***Jeffrey K. Dowler***



**JEFFREY K. DOWLER**

Airman Jeffrey K. Dowler, son of Richard D. and Geraldine R. Dowler of 405-A Walnut Street, Midway, has been assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, after completing Air Force basic training.

During six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Dowler studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special training in human relations.

He will now receive specialized instruction in the aircraft maintenance field.

Dowler is a 1985 graduate of Fort Cherry High School.

**Jeffrey K. Dowler**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 16, 1985 Edition**

**Christopher C.  
Freeman**

Army Spec. 4 Christopher C. Freeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Freeman of Clinton, R. D. 1, has arrived for duty with the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

A tank systems mechanic, Freeman was previously assigned in West Germany.

He is a 1983 graduate of South Side Beaver High School, Hookstown.

## ***Amy J. Kramer***

Air National Guard Airman First Class Amy J. Kramer, daughter of Michael S. Kramer of McDonald, R. D. 1, and Mary Ann Kramer of Bulger, has graduated from the U. S. Air Force administrative specialist course at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Graduates of the six-week course learned how to prepare Air Force correspondence and reports, and earned credits toward associate degrees in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

Kramer is scheduled to serve at the Greater Pittsburgh International Airport.

She is a 1983 graduate of Fort Cherry High School.

### **Mark A. Hand**

Army Sgt. Mark A. Hand has participated in the NATO-sponsored exercise, Return of Forces to Germany '88 (REFORGER).

The exercise was designed to evaluate plans and support agreements between NATO member nations, to exercise West Germany's ability to support deploying forces and to test the ability of European-based units with their pre-positioned equipment.

Hand is the son of Ruth M. Hand of Clinton, R.D. 1, and Randy Hand of 2552 Lesly Drive, New Kensington.

He is a motor transport operator with the 2nd Transportation Company in West Germany.

The sergeant is a 1982 graduate of South Side High School, Hookstown.

His wife, Kelly, is the daughter of Lynn Berkley of 515 Park Avenue, Newburgh, N.Y.



Friends, hospital workers, gather at the medal award ceremony

## Stanley Mucha, World War I Veteran, Finally Receives Medal; He's 100 Years Of Age And Still Going Strong!

*(Reprinted from a recent edition of The Herald, Sharpsburg).*

After almost 69 years, Stanley Mucha finally has received a World War I Victory Medal for his efforts in battle.

A medal and lapel pin were presented by Aspinwall Veterans Administration Medical Center Director Thomas Gigliotti to Mucha, a patient at the hospital, at a small ceremony Dec. 22 at 2 p.m. The ceremony was small, with Gigliotti, Mucha and several of his nieces and nephews, along with some hospital workers, present.

Before the ceremony, Mucha said he is glad finally to be receiving the medal. The Victory Medal is awarded to anyone who served the country during wartime, assistant chief of voluntary services Dave Tomayko said.

"Why he (Mucha) didn't get one at this point, I don't know," Tomayko noted, adding he was checking into the matter.

Besides being the recipient of a long-overdue medal, Mucha enjoys the distinction of being the oldest patient at the hospital. He is 100, according to his niece, Anne Strongosky, who attended the ceremony.

She said her uncle was born Sept. 18, 1887, in the western part of the Ukraine, which then was Austria-Hungary.

After arriving on Ellis Island in New York in 1911, Mucha worked in a coal mine in Windber, Pa., Strongosky said, and paid for her mother and aunt's trip to America.

Mucha said he served four years and six months in the Austrian Army before coming to America. Although hospital records indicate he served the U.S. army from April 6, 1917, to June 28, 1919, Mucha said he actually served for four years and three months beginning in 1914.

Tomayko explained Mucha may very well be right, since many of records from that era are inaccurate.

A resident of the VA hospital since 1981, Mucha lived in Burgettstown for much of his life. He never married, but lived with his sister until she died in 1964 and then with her daughter, Strongosky.

For his livelihood, Mucha owned a confectionary in Lyndora, said nurse Geri Stanford, L.P.N. He sold medicines, ice cream, pop, candy and more.

"My own business...lots of money, too," Mucha recalled.

The veteran retired in 1931, after operating the store for five or six years.

A violinist, Mucha said he does not play anymore.

"I believe I was pretty good," he said, adding that his father also played and taught him.

"He (Mucha) used to play beautifully," Strongosky remembered. "You could hear it all over the village, es-

pecially at night, when he sat on the porch and played."

Strongosky said in Mucha's younger days, he enjoyed the outdoors and had a special fondness for gardening and animals. He once carried a sick dog home on his back, she recalled.

Another interest Mucha had was education.

"Education was so important to him," Strongosky said. "He used to make my cousin read to him every night and tell him what she learned in school."

At 100, the blue-eyed Mucha admitted that his memory is not what it used to be. He may remember tomorrow what he can't remember today, he said.

In fairly good health, the "God-father," the name social workers Howard Young uses for Mucha, walked until about two months ago. Although the veteran still can walk short distances, he sits in a wheelchair because he sometimes experiences dizzy spells.

In his spare time, Mucha enjoys watching television, playing bingo, talking with other veterans and participating in off-station trips.

According to the Veterans Administration, Albert Zamberian, director of the Great Lakes Medical Region, who is also a native of Burgettstown and a friend of the Mucha family, was most instrumental in obtaining the Victory Medal for Mucha.

### Stanley Mucha

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**Dale J. Doumont, Jr.**

Airman Dale J. Doumont, Jr., son of Dale J. and Shirley B. Doumont of Hickory, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force security police specialist course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Graduates of the course studied systems security operations, tactics and weapons training, and earned credits toward associate degrees in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is a 1987 graduate of Fort Cherry High School.

**Dale J. Doumont, Jr.**

**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 13, 1988 Edition**

### **Charles King**

Marine Lance Cpl. Charles King, son of Jennie A. and Charles King, Jr., of Burgettstown, R. D. 4, recently participated in the exercise, Spanish Phiblex 2-87, while serving with the 22nd Marine Amphibious Unit, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

During the exercise, King participated in joint air and surface assaults, followed by cross-training ashore with Spanish Naval infantrymen. He also participated in small unit training, along with crew-served weapons live-fire exercises.

King is currently participating in a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea, conducting operations with NATO allies.

He is a 1984 graduate of Burgettstown Area High School.

### **Robert H. Thomas**

Air Force Sgt. Robert H. Thomas, son of Robert H. and Evelyn G. Thomas of Georgetown, R.D. 1, has arrived for duty with the 355th Component Repair Squadron, David-Monahan Air Force Base, Ariz.

Thomas, an electronic warfare systems specialist, is a 1981 graduate of South Side High School, Hookstown.

## **Robert M. Baker**

Marine Pfc. Robert M. Baker, whose former guardian is Gerald F. Heitger of Burgettstown, R.D. 1, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

During the 11-week training cycle, Baker was taught the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment, and he studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

A 1987 graduate of Burgettstown Area High School, he joined the Marine Corps in September 1987.

**Robert M. Baker**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 20, 1988 Edition**

## **Jody J. Camp**

Spec. 4 Jody J. Camp, son of Rena M. Camp of 210 Charles Street, Langeloth, has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal at Fort Campbell, Ky.

The Achievement Medal is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage or other accomplishments.

Camp is an artillery fire-direction specialist with the 320th Field Artillery.

He is a 1984 graduate of Burgettstown Area High School.

**Jody J. Camp**

**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 20, 1988 Edition**

## **Craig A. Hennequant**

Pfc. Craig A. Hennequant, son of Richard H. Hennequant of McDonald, R.D. 4, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

During the 11-week training cycle, Hennequant was taught the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment, and he studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

He joined the Marine Corps in December 1986.

**Craig A. Hennequant**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 20, 1988 Edition**



**HAROLD A. GARREN**

### **Harold A. Garren**

Air National Guard Airman Harold A. Garren, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Garren of Georgetown, R.D. 1, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward associate degrees through the community college of the Air Force.

He is a 1982 graduate of South Side High School, Hookstown, and a 1987 graduate of the University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

**Air National Guard Airman Harold A. Garren  
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 25, 1988 Edition**



**ERIC C. SMITH**

**Eric C. Smith**

Airman Eric C. Smith, son of Carol J. Williams of Clinton, R.D. 1, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special training in human relations.



### **Joe C. Williams**

Navy Petty Officer Joe C. Williams, son of Joe C. and Dorothy M. Williams of Burgettstown, R.D. 1, has reported for duty aboard the battleship USS Iowa, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

A 1977 graduate of Burgettstown Area High School, he joined the Navy in October 1977.

**Navy Petty Officer Joe C. Williams  
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 25, 1988 Edition**

### **David A. Barley**

Pvt. David A. Barley, son of Patricia A. Barley of Hookstown, R.D. 1, has graduated from the U.S. Army armor crewman course at Fort Knox, Ky.

Students learned the duties of a tank crewman, including the firing of armament and small weapons. They were also taught field radio operation, map reading, and repair and maintenance procedures of the tank.

His wife, Diane, is the daughter of William P. and Mary M. Skarupa of McDonald, R.D. 1.

He is a 1986 graduate of South Side High School, Hookstown.

**Pvt. David A. Barley**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 12, 1988 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

### **Robert J. Bartlett III**

Airman Robert J. Bartlett III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Bartlett Jr. of Hookstown, R.D. 1, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force cable and antenna system installation and maintenance specialist course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

During the course, students were taught pole climbing, fundamentals of electrical current and outside power plant construction, and to install, test and maintain antenna and cable systems. They also earned credits toward associate degrees through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is a 1987 graduate of South Side High School, Hookstown.

**Airman Robert J. Bartlett III**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 12, 1988 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

### **David B. Daniels**

David B. Daniels, son of Beecher and Doris A. Daniels of 2234 Erb Road, Verona, Wyo., has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of Captain.

Daniels is a strategic systems analyst at Fort George G. Meade, Md., with the 6940th Electronic Security Wing.

His wife, Linda, is the daughter of William T. and Wanda L. Perkins of Burgettstown, R.D. 1.

The captain is a 1973 graduate of Verona High School. In 1985, he received a master's degree from St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas.

### **David B. Daniels**

**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 12, 1988 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

### **William R. Naill**

Marine Pfc. William R. Naill, son of Albert R. and Mary Margaret Naill of Bulger, recently completed the motor vehicle operator course.

During the five-week course at Marine Corps Service Support Schools, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C., Naill received classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction on the operation and capabilities of Marine Corps vehicles, defensive driving techniques, "rules of the road" and user-level preventive maintenance.

A 1985 graduate of Burgettstown Area High School, he joined the Marine Corps Reserves in October 1986.

**Marine Pfc. William R. Naill**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 12, 1988 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

### **Juanita L. Walker**

Juanita L. Walker, daughter of George and Juanita Postlethwait of Hookstown, R.D. 1, has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of private first class.

Walker is a psychiatric specialist at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.

She is a 1987 graduate of South Side High School, Hookstown.

**Juanita L. Walker**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 12, 1988 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

### **Robert T. Sterling**

Marine Lance Cpl. Robert T. Sterling, a 1984 graduate of Avella Area High School, has been awarded a Meritorious Mast while serving with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, S.C.

A Meritorious Mast is an official recognition from a Marine's commanding officer for superior individual performance. It is issued in the form of a bulletin published throughout the command, and a copy is entered in the Marine's permanent service records.

He joined the Marine Corps in February 1987.

**Marine Lance Cpl. Robert T. Sterling**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 19, 1988 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

### **Seth A. Vernon**

Navy Fireman Apprentice Seth A. Vernon, son of Joe C. and Martha J. Vernon of Burgettstown, R.D. 4, recently participated in a historic event while serving with the Precommissioning Unit battleship Wisconsin, based at Pascagoula, Missi.

After more than 30 years, the battleship sailed under its own power while performing routine equipment tests in the Gulf of Mexico. As the last of the Iowa-class battleships, the USS Wisconsin will be recommissioned in October.

A 1987 graduate of Burgettstown Area High School, he joined the Navy in June 1987.

**Navy Fireman Apprentice Seth Vernon**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 19, 1988 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



### **Richard A. LaRue**

Army Spec. Richard A. LaRue has participated in the NATO-sponsored exercise, Return of Forces to Germany '88 (REFORGER).

The exercise was designed to evaluate plans and support agreements between NATO member nations, to exercise West Germany's ability to support deploying forces and to test the ability of European-based units to quickly link reinforcing units with their pre-positioned equipment.

LaRue is the son of Charles J. and Mary B. LaRue of Hookstown.

He is a tank systems mechanic with the 34th Armor at Fort Riley, Kans.

### **Peter D. Duni**

Navy Seaman Recruit Peter D. Duni, son of Peter and June R. Duni of Burgettstown, R.D. 4, has completed recruit training at the Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During Duni's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Duni's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in physical education and hygiene.

He is a 1988 graduate of Burgettstown Area High School.

**Navy Seaman Recruit Peter D. Duni**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-November 16, 1988 Edition**

### **Melissa Strohmeyer**

Army Spec. Melissa S. Strohmeyer has participated in the NATO-sponsored exercise, Return of Forces to Germany '88 (REFORGER).

The exercise was designed to evaluate plans and support agreements between NATO member nations, to exercise West Germany's ability to support deploying forces and to test the ability of European-based units to quickly link reinforcing units with their pre-positioned equipment.

Strohmeyer is the daughter of Thomas G. and Patricia G. Law of Burgettstown, R.D. 4.

She is an administrative specialist with the 197th Support Battalion at Fort Benning, Ga.

The specialist is a 1986 graduate of Burgettstown Area High School.

Her husband, Thomas, is the son of Charles and Lyda Casto of Avella.

**Army Specialist Melissa Strohmeyer**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-November 16, 1988 Edition**

### **Seth A. Vernon**

Navy Fireman Apprentice Seth A. Vernon, son of Joe C. and Martha J. Vernon of Burgettstown, R.D. 4, recently participated in acceptance trials with the Precommissioning Unit Battleship Wisconsin, based at Pascagoula, Miss.

The trials completed the final testing of the ship's system before it is officially accepted by the Navy from the reactivating shipyard in Pascagoula.

A 1987 graduate of Burgettstown Area High School, he joined the Navy in June 1987.

**Navy Fireman Apprentice Seth A. Vernon  
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 16, 1988 Edition**

# Cross Creek Presbyterian Church

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## Dedication of Monument

Memorializing  
Veterans of the Early American Wars who are buried in  
Cross Creek Graveyard

June 25, 1989  
2:30 PM

Opening Remarks	A D White
Presentation of Monument	James N Simpson
Presentation of Memorial to Leonard Lyle Cooke	A D White
Acceptance	James C Brown
Greetings from Sons of The American Revolution and Genealogical Society of Southwestern Pennsylvania	Dr B G Lauda
Greetings from Washington Presbytery	Dr Nathaniel C Roe
Greetings from Presbyterian Historical Society of the Upper Ohio Valley; Prayer of Dedication	Dr William R Johnston
Recognition of Descendants	A D White
Greetings from Fort Vance Historical Society	Edith Clark Jones
"The Origin of Taps"	Gertrude Motte
Military Salute	American Legion Veterans of Foreign Wars
Taps	Miss Anderson Miss Bittner
Benediction	Dr John E Adams

*The Sponsors of the Monument wish to thank Cross Creek Presbyterian Church, Cross Creek Cemetery Company, Gaydos Monument Company, Alex E Paris Construction Company, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Buglers, and all organizations who have participated in this program.*

Veterans of the Early American Wars who are buried in

Cross Creek Graveyard

War of the Revolution

Jonas Amspoker  
Benjamin Bebout  
James Boggs  
Abraham Berkaw (Brokaw)  
Charles Campbell  
John Campbell  
William Campbell  
James Cook  
Robert Curry  
John Dagon  
John De France  
James Edgar  
James Fleming  
Robert Fleming  
John Gardner

Moses Hays  
Thomas Hays  
Henry Graham  
John Johnston  
Peter Linville  
Aaron Lyle  
David Lyle  
John Lyle  
Adam Martin  
John McCalmont  
Robert McCready  
John McKibben  
Samuel McKibben  
Hughey Newell  
William Patterson  
Stephen Perrine

Samuel Ramsey  
James Reed  
Joseph Reed  
William Rennolls (Reynolds)  
Andrew Ritchie  
James Stephenson  
John Stephenson  
John Stevenson Sr  
John Stevenson Jr  
John Sutherland  
Isaac Van Ordstrand  
Joseph Vance  
William Vance  
Moses Wallace  
John Wilkin

Margaret Andover, Army Nurse

War of 1812

Aaron Buxton  
Walter Cragg  
Abraham Croner  
Robert Campbell  
Joseph Corbin  
Paul Cummins  
Archibald Curry  
Robert Curry, Sr

James Edgar  
Humphrey Fullerton  
Robert Futhey  
John Griffin  
Hugh Lee  
Moses Lyle  
David Paschal  
James Patterson

William Russell  
John M Smith  
Jessee Spencer  
Thomas Stephenson  
James Stevenson  
John Vance  
William Vance  
John Marquis

Indian Wars

Jacob Buxton Sr  
Jacob Buxton Jr  
Christopher Bable  
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GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER - SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
47 REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS BURIED IN CROSS CREEK CEMETERY

LAST NAME	1ST NAME	RANK	BORN	DIED	GRAVE MARKER	SPOUSE MAIDEN NAME	1ST NAME	BORN	DIED
AMSPOKER	JONES		1740	1796	YES				
ANDOVER	MARGARET	NURSE	1743	1849	NO				
BEBOUT	BENJAMIN		1759	1858	YES	MORLETT (MARLETT)	HANNAH	1764	1830
BOGGS	JAMES	CAPT	1730	1805	YES	BROWN	SARAH	-?-	1819
BROKAW (BERKAW)	ABRAHAM		1728	1810	NO				
CAMPBELL	CHARLES		1751	1819	YES	RANKIN	ABIGAIL		
CAMPBELL	JOHN		1744	1807	YES	HAMMOND	MARY	1753	1817
CAMPBELL	WILLIAM		1739	1802	NO	EVANS	ELIZABETH		
COOK	JAMES	CAPT	1757	1830	YES	(1ST) GARRATT (2ND) MC COMBS	ESTHER MATILDA	1744 1777	1793 1833
CURRY	ROBERT		1754	1838	YES	MC KENZIE	ISABEL	1760	1856
DAGON	JOHN				NO				
DE FRANCE	JOHN		1760	1838	NO	(1ST) GARRATT (2ND) RAMSEY	JANE MARTHA		
EDGAR	JAMES		1745	1814	YES	(1ST) SMILEY (2ND) STEVENSON	MARTHA MARY	1774 1738	1856 1806
FLEMING	JAMES		1760	1830	YES	GLENN	JANE		
FLEMING	ROBERT		1706	1802	YES		JANE (JANNETT)	1710	1805
GARDNER	JOHN		1757	1821	YES	CLARK	ELIZABETH	1758	1855
HAYS	MOSES		1760	1837	YES	PETERSON	JEMIMA	1765	1837
HAYS	THOMAS		1745	1828	YES		MARY	-?-	1790
HENERY (HENRY)	GRAHAM		1740	1827	YES		MARY	1744	1814
JOHNSTON	JOHN	CAPT	1721	1821	NO		MOLLY	1760	1855
LINVILLE	PETER		1749	1834	NO				
LYLE	AARON		1759	1825	YES	MOORE	ELEANOR	1758	1849
LYLE	DAVID		1761	1791	NO				
LYLE	JOHN	CAPT	1752	1826	YES	HAYS	ELIZABETH	1756	1849
MARTIN	ADAM		1746	1816	NO				
MC CALMONT	JOHN		1745	1817	YES	LIVINGSTON	MARY	1748	1814
MC CREADY	ROBERT		1752	1846	YES	LEVINS	ANN	1759	1836
MC KIBBEN	JOHN				NO				
MC KIBBEN	SAMUEL		1759	1836	YES		MARY	1760	1835
NEWELL	HUGHEY		1744	1810	YES				
PATTERSON	WILLIAM	CAPT	1732	1818	YES	(1ST) SCOTT (2ND) BROWN	ROSANNA ELIZABETH	-?- 1747	1769 1826
PERRINE	STEPHEN		1759	1847	YES	WORTMAN	ANNA MARY	1772	1861
RAMSEY	SAMUEL		1753	1813	YES				
REED	JAMES		1766	1817	YES	REED	ELIZABETH	1774	1858
REED	JOSEPH		1757	1832	NO	REED	AGNES	1770	1813
RENNOLLS (REYNOLDS)	WILLIAM		-?-	1800	NO				
RITCHIE	ANDREW		1753	1838	YES	CAMPBELL	ANN	1755	1834
STEPHENSON	JAMES		1738	1813	NO	MC KEEVER	RACHEL	-?-	1788
STEPHENSON	JOHN		1746	1821	YES	HUSTON	MARGARET	1755	1839
STEVENSON	JOHN SR.		1729	1819	YES	MC COMBS	JANE (JEAN)	1735	1821
STEVENSON	JOHN JR.		1761	1847	YES	MC COMBS	MARY	1761	1834
SUTHERLAND	JOHN		1751	1842	YES	NORRIS	SUSAN	1758	1835
VAN ORDSTRAND	ISAAC		1757	1834	YES		ANN	1770	1810
VANCE	JOSEPH	COL	1750	1832	YES	(1ST) (2ND) (3RD) MOORE	ANNE MARY	1751 1783	1788 1851
VANCE	WILLIAM	MAJOR	1718	1788	YES	WILKERSON	MARY		
WALLACE	MOSES		1730	1792	NO				
WILKIN	JOHN		1756	1818	YES	(1ST) ARMITAGE (2ND) EDGAR	REBECCA CATHERINE	-?- 1766	1787 1841

## **Memorial Day Parade Line-Up**

**May 26, 1990**

**10:30 a.m. on Shady Avenue**

1. Burgettstown Police, Fire Department, Ambulance
2. Burgettstown Area High School Band
3. 25th District American Legion, Burgettstown and Washington, American Legion Vehicles
4. Burgettstown VFW, Atlasburg VFW, Washington VFW
5. Slovan VFW and Vehicle with Past Commanders
6. McDonald American Legion
7. Peters Township American Legion
8. Canonsburg-Mariani American Legion
9. Monongahela American Legion
10. Knights of Columbus Color Guard
11. Gold Star Mothers of Washington County
12. Colonial Color Guards USAR
13. Mon Valley USMC Retired
14. Vietnam Vets of Washington County.
15. National Forget Me Not, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia
16. USA 99th ARCOM HQ. - Oakdale
17. National Guard 28th Infantry
18. Happy Squares Float
19. Honorary Parade Chairlady - Edith Jones
20. Slovan Volunteer Fire Department, Billy Boy's Fire Truck
21. Jefferson Township Fire Department
22. Pennsylvania State Police Cadets and Motorcycle Patrol
23. Burgettstown Mayor and Burgettstown Council
24. Memorial Community Day Float
25. Uncle Sam, Huggie the Bear, Rainbow the Clown, Clipper the Clown
26. Luanne's School of Dance
27. Tin Lizzie Patrol
28. Sen. J. Barry Stout
29. Mt. Pleasant Township Fire Department
30. Hanover Township Fire Department
31. Rep. Victor J. Lescovitz
32. Our Lady of Lourdes Float
33. Midway Fire Department
34. McDonald Fire Department
35. Burgettstown Community Task Force Against Drugs and Alcohol Float
36. Boys Baseball, Cadet Wrestlers, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies
37. Avella Volunteer Fire Department
38. Cecil Volunteer Fire Department
39. Horse Carriages and Riders
40. Recruiters - All Branches
41. All Other Fire Departments

**Memorial Day Parade Line-Up**  
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**By Colleen Bente**  
For the Observer-Reporter

"Where there are troops, there must be nurses."

These words spoken by a quiet Washington County woman on the day President Lincoln issued his call for volunteers, would propel this virtually unknown local resident to the top of the Union Army's corps of nurses.

From April 1861, when the first 75,000 men rushed to answer President Lincoln's call for volunteers, until the battle of Appomattox four years later, Mary Vance would follow the Union armies and serve diligently at the front.

### **Born to pioneer family**

Born June 1, 1821, to a fighting and patriotic pioneer family, she was the daughter of William Vance of Cross Creek Township.

Her grandfather, Joseph Vance, had crossed the mountains from Winchester, Va., in 1774 and built Vance's Fort.

Her father served as a captain in the War of 1812 and was a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature in 1815-1816.

It was after her father's death in 1856 that Mary set out to make her way in the world.

Deeply religious, she turned her attention to missionary work among the Indian tribes in Kansas, Nevada and later even further into the Western wilderness.

When the war began, Mary returned to Western Pennsylvania and decided she would offer her services at the front.

It was a brave decision, since at that time there was strong prejudice among military authorities against women ministering to wounded soldiers on the battlefield.

Because of that prejudice, Mary would be forced to spend the first two years of the war serving with Dorothea Dix, chief of all Union military nurses, in military hospitals in Washington and Baltimore.

The "hospitals" in those early years were a far cry from what we perceive today.

The theory was that each of the volunteer and militia regiments that arrived in Washington, D.C., would bring with them surgeons, medical supplies and hospital tents.

No one had given much thought to the fact that civilian doctors in uniform could not be expected to understand the special problems of military medicine or the organization and sanitation of camps.

Also, no one was quite sure how far the authority

of the War Department extended over the states' individual militia or their "hospital."

### **Medical officers on their own**

Not wanting to step over undefined boundaries, the Army left medical officers more or less to their own devices. This lack of authority and jurisdiction would eventually contribute to the deplorable condition of the medical assistance given the wounded.

### **Nurses take over**

In an endeavor to remedy this situation somewhat, the Medical Department created a system of general hospitals in Washington and through the North. They would care for cases the regimental hospitals were not equipped to cope with. These general hospitals were placed under the organization of Dorothea Dix and her newly organized nurse corp.

At first, the corps was to be composed of unpaid volunteers, but that plan was soon abandoned and it was decided to pay the nurses \$12 a month, with Army rations and free travel at the discretion of their superiors.

To fill the need for these nurses, appeals were read from the pulpit and printed in the press. A press release written by Miss Dix described her requirements: "No woman under thirty years need apply to serve in government hospitals. All nurses are required to be very plain-looking women. Their dresses must be brown or black, with no bows, no curls, no jewelry and no hoop skirts."

To these requirements she added a personal preference for Protestants, for she believed they would be less likely than Catholics to try to convert their patients. Her requirements did not include nursing ability or experience. This was fortunate for Mary Vance, whose sole nursing experience consisted of nursing an ailing relative.

### **Mary Vance rises to top**

It is not known how Miss Vance achieved so high a position in the nursing corps, but some time after arriving in Washington, Mary was made Dorothea Dix's first assistant. She would serve in that capacity for the next four years. "She would know the horrors of war, the terrible toll of suffering and death that it exacted better than any other woman of her time." (*The Morning Observer*, May 1935)

The hospitals Mary served in were places of filth, confusion, disease and death. Louisa Alcott described her first day at a general hospital in Washington: "The first thing I met was a regiment of the vilest odors that ever assaulted the human nose. . . . Everyone assured

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*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

me it was a chronic weakness of all hospitals, and I must bear it. . . . I then progressed slowly until I reached the main hall where there were "our brave boys" as the papers call them, and justly so, for no cowards could hardly have been so riddled with shot and shell, so torn and shattered, nor have borne suffering for which we have no name, with an uncomplaining fortitude. . . . In they came, some on stretchers, some in men's arms, some feebly staggering. . . . All was hurry and confusion, the hall was full of these wrecks of inhumanity, for the most exhausted could not reach a bed and there were stretchers each with its legless, armless or desperately wounded occupant. . . . They admonished me that I was there to work, not to wonder or sweep; so I corked up my feelings and returned to the path of duty."

### **Hospitals overcrowded**

The hospitals were especially overcrowded after large battles, such as Fredericksburg. Every attempt was made to accommodate the influx of wounded, but under such difficult conditions many soldiers could not rally. Battle wounds too often received inadequate attention, while illnesses spread easily in the crowded quarters. Death by disease grew as the war continued. Typhoid, malaria and dysentery were the leading problems.

As grim as these surroundings were, the nurses would find the battlefields to be even worse. It was during General Lee's invasion of the North in 1863 that the military finally admitted to the fact that women could minister to the wounded on battlefields much better than men.

### **Time for the battlefields**

After two years, Mary Vance would get her chance to serve on the battlefield. She was hurried to the front with General Meade's army that was sent to repel Lee's invasion.

"She had known all the horrors of war as were revealed in hospitals, but war was brought home to her with all its brutality and suffering at Gettysburg during those first days of July 1863 where she had charge of six field hospital wards. During three terrible days of carnage she worked tirelessly. She was everywhere at once, assisting at an operation, giving medicine or water to the wounded, and listening to the last message that some dying soldier wished sent to his loved ones whom he would never see again. Then she would gently close his eyelids and pass on to the next. She was aptly named "The Angel of the Battlefield," and she scarcely took time to eat and sleep until the news came that Lee was in full retreat" (*The Morning Observer*).

From Gettysburg she went with the Army into Virginia. Living the life of the camps, she ate the meager rations or went hungry with the rest of the Army. She weathered the disease, the mud and rain and the lack of supplies, both medical and personal.

### **Work as war nurse ends**

After Appomattox, her work as a war nurse came to an end. She had been on duty constantly and had served more time than any other woman in the federal service. It is very doubtful if many men saw as much service or as much of the war's horror as Mary Vance.

Yet, Mary continued to serve the Union soldiers. For five years, Mary served as chief nurse at a national hospital for insane soldiers and sailors that had been established by Miss Dix in Washington. But the suffering and hardships she had endured during the war years had taken their toll of her health, and she was finally compelled to retire.

### **Life has sad ending**

Mary's life of service took a sad ending. She went to Georgia to live with a married sister and her husband for several years, but when both of them died, leaving her without a home, Mary was forced to return to nursing. She went to Knoxville, Tenn., where she was welcomed by the people of the South with open arms. It was well known that this ministering "angel" had never recognized the North or South in her patients and had treated both alike.

A few years later, Mary was stricken with cancer and decided to return to her home in Washington County. While living with her niece, she refused to allow her to submit her name to the G.A.R. for recognition of her service. "No, my work is done now. I want no notoriety. Leave that for the women who couldn't make a bowl of broth or a cup of coffee for a sick soldier. They have all forgotten me in my old age. Don't send my name in. Just let me die here quietly" (*The Morning Observer*).

On April 21, 1895, Mary Vance died at her niece's home. Her remains were taken to Cross Creek, and she was laid to rest in the village cemetery.

As we recognize the 125th anniversary of the end of the Civil War, brave women such as Mary Vance go unknown, unremembered.

Robert Southey could provide a fitting epitaph for Mary Vance — "What will not woman, gentle woman dare?"

(Sources: "Women of County Serve As Nurses," *The Morning Observer*, May 31, 1935; "Civil War Nurse," John R. Brumgardt; "The Women and The Crisis," Agatha Young)

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### **Named outstanding military educator**

Air Force Captain Dennis E. Daley has been named outstanding military educator for the year.

Selection was based on the individual's exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant self-improvement and other accomplishments.

Daley, an assistant aeronautics professor, is the son of Rose Daley of Bulger R.D.1.

**Air Force Captain Dennis E. Daley Named Outstanding Military Educator  
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## **Commendation medal for Sgt. Van Duser**

Air Force Sgt. John D. Van Duser has been decorated with the Air Force Commendation Medal.

The medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Air Force.

Van Duser, an aircraft fuel systems mechanic, is the son of Dottie T. Landphair of Wallingford, Pa., and Peter D. Van Duser of Clinton. His wife, Yvonne, is the daughter of John D. and Marian Stariwat of Kansas City, Mo. The sergeant is a 1984 graduate of Oak Park High School, Kansas City.

**Commendation Medal for Sgt. John D. Van Duser  
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## **Dunn participates in 'Roving Sands'**

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class David A. Dunn, nephew of George F. and Lorraine F. Henderson of McDonald R.D.2, recently participated in exercise Roving Sands with Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 113 (VAW-113), Naval Air Station Miramar, San Diego, Calif.

During the two-week exercise at White Sands Test Range, N.M., the Black Eagles of VAW-113 performed the battle management role for the largest pure air defense exercise held to date, it was announced.

Working in temperatures that were in excess of 100 degrees, the Black Eagles, flying E-2C Hawkeye aircraft, operated as the controllers for coordinated strikes of more than 60 participating combat aircraft.

Roving Sands provided for the interoperability of all branches of the armed forces in a high intensity desert environment. The success of Operation Desert Storm is attributed to this type of training.

Dunn joined the Navy in December 1987.

**Navy Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class David A. Dunn  
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## **Myers returns from Mediterranean**

Marine Lance Cpl. Robert J. Myers, son of Robert V. and Mary C. Myers of Florence, recently returned with 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C., following a six month deployment to the Mediterranean.

The Marines were embarked aboard the ships of the USS Inchon Mediterranean Amphibious Ready Group. He participated in various operations and training exercises, including Operation Dragon Hammer '92, held off the coast of Italy.

During this large scale NATO exercise, the five amphibious ships of the MARG joined forces with other Spanish, British, Italian, Portugese and Greek amphibious ships to form the largest amphibious task force assembled in the Mediterranean in the past decade.

Historic port visits were made to several places throughout the Black Sea such as Constanta, Romania; Samsun, Turkey; Burgas, Bulgaria; and Rota, Spain.

**Marine Lance Cpl. Robert J. Myers**  
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## **District sergeant receives medal**

Sgt. Jerald Bauduin Jr. has been decorated with the Air Force Achievement Medal.

The medal is awarded to airmen for meritorious acts of courage or other outstanding accomplishments.

Bauduin, a fighting vehicle infantryman, is the son of Jerald and Joyce Bauduin of Georgetown R.D.1.

**Sgt. Jerald Bauduin Jr. Receives Medal**  
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## **Avella soldier completes training**

Army Reserve Pvt. David M. Campbell has completed basic training at Fort Leonard E. Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is the son of Bill C. and Marlene L. Campbell of Avella R.D.1.

**Army Reserve Pvt. David M. Campbell  
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### **Completes Air Force basic training**

Airman Angila D. Littell has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward associate degrees through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is the daughter of Duane and Cathy Littell of Clinton.

The airman is a 1992 graduate of South Side High School, Hookstown.

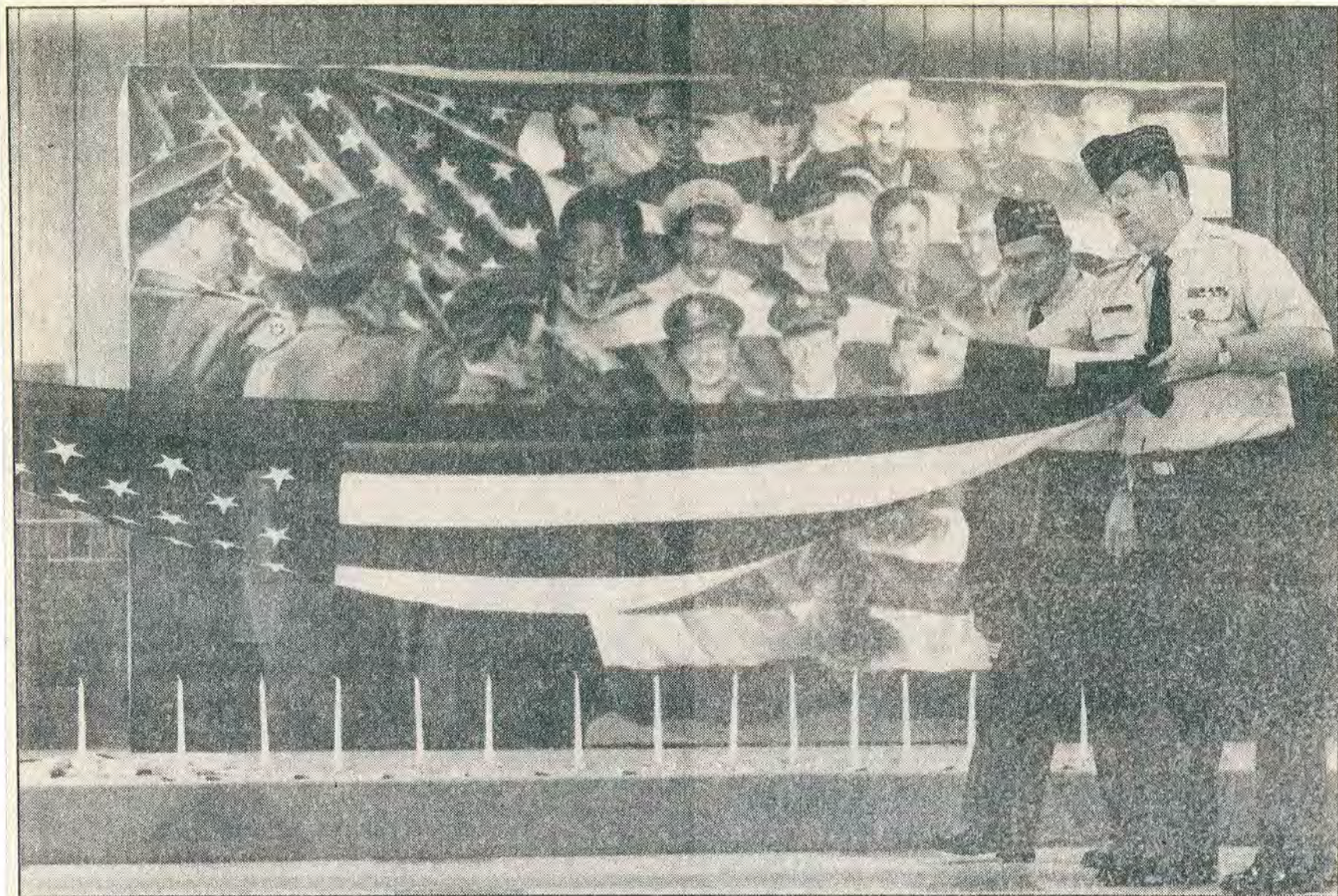
**Airman Angila D. Littell**  
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### **Nuss completes specialty training**

Airman Jason R. Nuss has successfully completed nine months of Air Force specialty training at Corry Station, Pensacola, Fla.

He was reported for duty with Air Force Intelligence at Misawa, Japan.

A 1991 graduate of Burgettstown Area High School, Jason is the son of Richard and Dawn Nuss, who reside at Burgettstown R.D.1.



THE ENTERPRISE / STAN DIAMOND

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**Mural Honoring War Dead Unveiled**  
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## Faces on the mural

The list of Slovan's fallen heroes:

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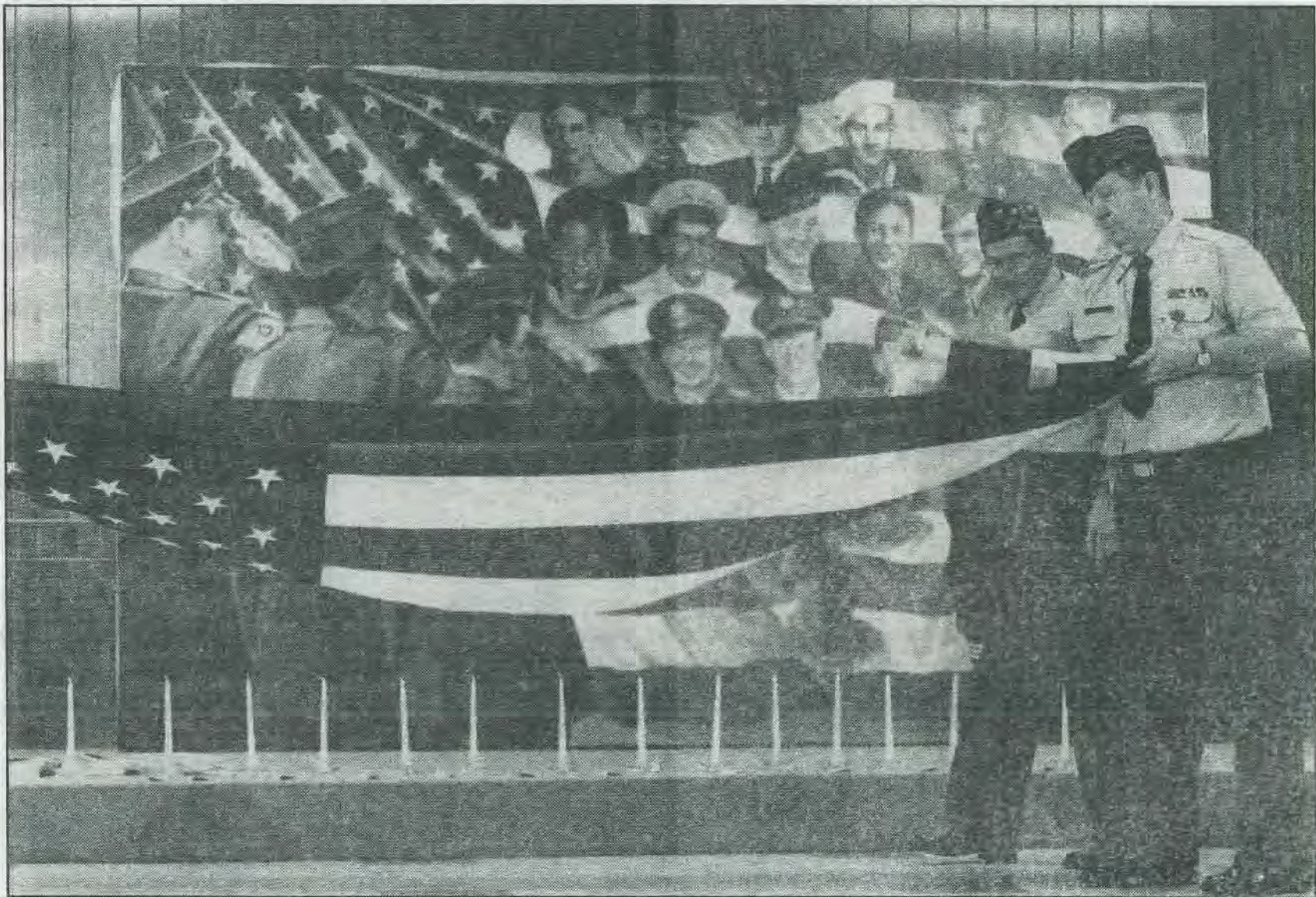
### ■ WORLD WAR II

- **Pfc. Peter Vladich, 28**. Army. Killed May 1942 while a prisoner of war on a Japanese ship. Ship sank, all hands lost. Survived by brothers Robert and Joseph.
- **Seaman 2nd Class Marko Yaksic, 20**. Coast Guard. Killed Sept. 25, 1942, while making an invasion on Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands, on LST # 167. Buried in Hickory Cemetery. Survived by brothers Michael and Nick, sister Mildred.
- **Sgt. Fred Barto, 30**. Air Force. Killed Jan. 5, 1944, in B-17 crash on return flight to base at Great Salt Lake, Utah. Buried in Marianna. Survived by brother David, sisters Ann, Nellie, Reepa and Vera.
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- **Pfc. Samuel Plate, 30**. Army. Killed by German artillery at Battle of the Bulge Jan. 21, 1945. Buried in Belgium National Cemetery. Survived by wife Mary, son Samuel, daughter Marilyn, brothers Dom and Frank, sisters Clara, Janette and Amy.
- **Pfc. Thomas H. Fisher, 27**. Army. Killed in Battle of the Bulge Jan. 23, 1945. Buried in Belgium National Cemetery. Survived by brothers Harry and Roy.
- **F/O Albert J. Dugas, 20**. Air Force. Killed Feb. 10, 1945, while making a bomb run on a bridge in Burma. His B-25 was hit with small arms fire. Plane crashed into a mountain, killing all five crew members. Buried in Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery, Burgettstown. Survived by brothers George, Bill, Ed, Tony, Steve, Lou and Martin, and sisters Pauline, Theresa, Bernie, Martha and Frances.
- **Pvt. John Barto, 25**. Air Corps. Killed April 18, 1945, in action in Germany with infantry. Buried in Belgium National Cemetery. Survived by brother David and sisters Ann, Nellie, Reepa and Vera.
- **Pfc. John Matula, 32**. Army. Killed April 18, 1945, in action in Germany with infantry. Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Erie Mine.
- **Staff Sgt. Hobart J. Medved, 20**. Marines. Killed in an auto accident awaiting discharge May 11, 1946. Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Erie Mine. Survived by sisters Margie and Helen.

### ■ VIETNAM

- **Cpl. Richard Windsheimer, 28**. Marines. Killed July 30, 1969, by "friendly fire" in Vietnam. Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Erie Mine. Survived by sisters Shirley, Jean and Iris, and brothers Kenneth, Ronald, Arthur and Robert.

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- **Carpenter's Mate 1st Class Mike Burish, 24**, Navy. Died in New Guinea April 8, 1945. Buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Survived by sisters Mary and Anne Mae.
- **Pfc. Samuel Piate, 30**, Army. Killed by German artillery at Battle of the Bulge Jan. 21, 1945. Buried in Belgium National Cemetery. Survived by wife Mary, son Samuel, daughter Marlyn, brothers Dom and Frank, sisters Clara, Janette and Amy.
- **Pfc. Thomas H. Fisher, 27**, Army. Killed in Battle of the Bulge Jan. 23, 1945. Buried in Belgium National Cemetery. Survived by brothers Harry and Roy.
- **F/O Albert J. Dugas, 20**, Air Force. Killed Feb. 10, 1945, while making a bomb run on a bridge in Burma. His B-25 was hit with small arms fire. Plane crashed into a mountain, killing all five crew members. Buried in Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery, Burgettstown. Survived by brothers George, Bill, Ed, Tony, Steve, Lou and Martin, and sisters Pauline, Theresa, Bernie, Martha and Frances.
- **Pvt. John Barto, 25**, Air Corps. Killed April 18, 1945, in action in Germany with infantry. Buried in Belgium National Cemetery. Survived by brother David and sisters Ann, Nellie, Reepa and Vera.
- **Pfc. John Matula, 32**, Army. Killed April 18, 1945, in action in Germany with infantry. Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Erie Mine.
- **Staff Sgt. Hobart J. Medved, 20**, Marines. Killed in an auto accident awaiting discharge May 11, 1946. Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Erie Mine. Survived by sisters Margie and Helen.

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- **Cpl. Richard Windshelmer, 28**, Marines. Killed July 30, 1969, by "friendly fire" in Vietnam. Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Erie Mine. Survived by sisters Shirley, Jean and Iris, and brothers Kenneth, Ronald, Arthur and Robert.

**Mural Honoring War Dead Unveiled**  
**Barto Veterans Post 6553 Pays Tribute to Its Fallen Comrades**  
**The Burgettstown Enterprise-June 9, 1993 Edition**

# Memorial stone honors 9 Wasik brothers who served in two wars

By Katherine Pyle  
Staff Writer

A very moving ceremony took place on the Wasik Farm on Vance's Road, Cross Creek, Saturday, Nov. 12. A memorial stone was unveiled to honor the nine sons of the late John and Katie Wasik who served in World War II or the Korean Conflict. It also honored the parents as well as the family members who were part of the home front during the war.

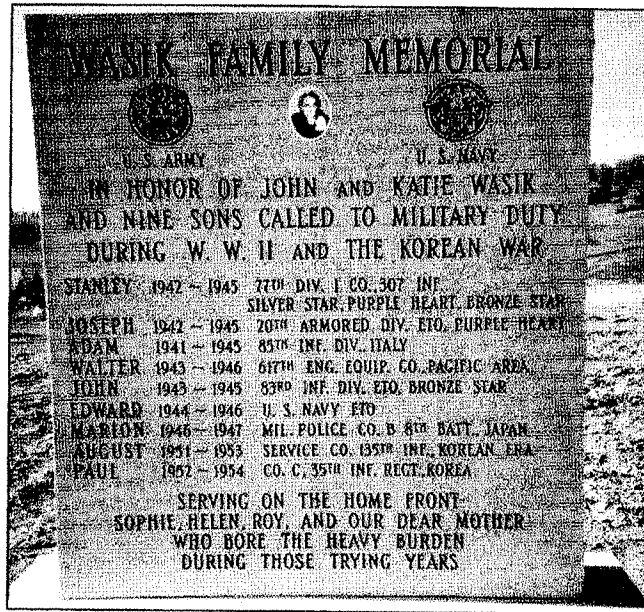
About 75 persons, mostly relatives, attended the ceremony held at the memorial site where a granite stone had been erected by Stanley Wasik on a beautifully landscaped area of the farm. An honor guard of the Barto Post 6553 of the VFW at Slovan was present to fire salutes.

Mike Wasik, grandson of August Wasik, and son of Ron and Joan Wasik, raised the stars and stripes that will fly over the memorial.

Wreaths and small flags were placed near the stone by members of the family to honor the parents and their 12 children. Participating in this part of the ceremony were Frances, Mary, Wendy, Lena, Marcella, Helen and Lillian Wasik, Carolyn Wysocki, Mae Lauro and David Wasik. The two daughters of the late John and Katie Wasik, Sophie Kotouch and Helen Wasik, placed the wreaths in honor of their parents.

Presiding at the ceremony was Stanley Wasik, a son who lives in Harwick and was largely responsible for initiating the event. During the program he named each of the persons honored, citing special data relating to their contribution to the war effort.

Buglers Carrie Huggins of Langeloth and Erin Casey of Cherry Valley played taps at the close of the ceremony, which was



The Wasik family memorial stone.

followed by prayer offered by Stanley Wasik.

Five of the nine sons who were veterans are now deceased, although none was killed in battle. They were Joseph, Adam, Marion, Walter and Edward. All served in World War II. The four living sons, Stanley, John, Paul and August, were in World War II or the Korean Conflict. One son, Leroy, who was on the home front, has since passed away. A daughter, Helen, lives with her brother, John, on the farm, and Sophie Wasik Kotouch resides nearby.

David Wasik of Findlay Township, a son of Adam, was instrumental in having employees of

Southwest Construction and the Avella True-Value Lumber Company, of which he is owner, help with the landscaping of the area. Assisting also were Tom Wasik of Hickory and Paul of Cross Creek. Billy Wasik was responsible for putting up the flag pole. A white fence was erected between the memorial stone and the road, and a footer for the 2,200 lb. granite stone was constructed. The stone bears all the family names together with appropriate data.

Following the ceremony, a covered dish dinner was served on the lawn of the Wasik Farm, to which



Stanley Wasik was master of ceremonies.

everyone present was invited.

The late John and Katie Wasik came to America from Austria in the late 1800's. They were married at Cherry Valley and lived for a time at both Bavington and Cedar Grove. John Wasik died at the age of 47 in 1932. In the Forties Katie Wasik and her family moved to the former Hugh Lee Farm on Vance Road. August Wasik, who was then very young, quit school to work on the farm while most of his brothers were in service. He did the plowing with a team of horses, and he and his mother started a dairy farm. Katie Wasik lived to be 90 years old, passing away about 13 years ago.

Tribute was especially paid to her for her fortitude during war time when she saw one son after another leave for service. Her picture is engraved at the top of the memorial stone.

**Memorial Stone Honors 9 Wasik Brothers who served in Two Wars**  
**The Enterprise-November 23, 1994 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



## HERE AND THERE

Katherine Pyle 947-5600

# Local man's canteen found in Guam

Marie Malardie Bigger was surprised, to say the least, when she answered the telephone late one evening recently to learn that the call was coming from Guam. Neither Marie nor her husband, Thomas C. Bigger, who live near Murdocksville, knew anyone in Guam. But the caller identified herself as Frances L. Siguenza of the Veterans Affairs Office at Agana, Guam.

She was endeavoring to locate the next of kin, or a relative, of Clyde Bigger, a soldier from Burgettstown who was killed on the island of Guam during World War II over 50 years ago. Why was she interested? Because a surveying team working in the wild terrain at the base of Mt. Alifan in Guam had found a canteen with Clyde Bigger's name distinctly marked on its base. Perhaps a relative would be interested in having the canteen which, though somewhat rusty with age, was still very much intact.

The Veterans Affairs Department had searched the files and learned that Clyde Bigger had served with the Army's 77th Infantry Division attached to the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade and that he had landed at Agat, Guam, on July 21, 1944. Only about two weeks later he was killed on Aug. 3, 1944, at Mt. Barrigada, several miles distant from Mt. Alifan. How the canteen had got there "is anybody's guess," Ms. Siguenza said. It had been found by John Fulcher of Ridgeway, Va., who was on active duty with the Navy at the time the surveying team was at work.

Learning that Bigger's hometown was Burgettstown, Pennsylvania, Ms. Siguenza consulted the phone directory and found Tom Bigger's name.



**LOCAL FRIENDS PICTURED** in Florida: Raymond Riddile, Willard Allison and Clyde Bigger.

**Local Man's Canteen Found in Guam**  
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 22, 1995 Edition



He was able to tell her that he was a cousin of the late Clyde Bigger and that his (Tom's) aunts had resided across the street from Clyde Bigger's home when he lived in Burgettstown. Since the soldier had no surviving family, Tom explained, he would be interested in having the canteen.

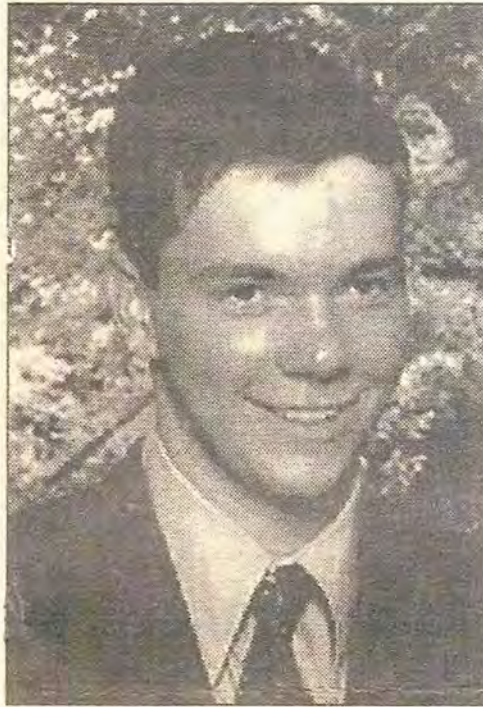
~~It arrived at Tom Bigger's~~ Bulger address a week later together with a letter from Ms. Siguenza, maps of Guam showing where Pfc. Bigger had landed, been killed and where the canteen had been found. In the box was also a booklet about the 50th anniversary of Guam's liberation held in 1994.

As one fingers the canteen, which has a stopper that still screws into the neck of the bottle, one can only wonder if Bigger lost the canteen during a long trek through the jungle before reaching Mt. Barrigada. Or, when his body was retrieved, did someone carry the canteen back to Mt. Alifan? Whose lips last drank from the canteen? How could it possibly be in such good condition after lying for half a century in the thick vegetation of the island? These questions will forever be a mystery.

But much of Clyde Bigger's life is not a mystery. He was born Nov. 3, 1910, the son of Richard and Susan Burford Bigger. Richard Bigger died when Clyde was still young, and the boy and his mother are remembered as living together on South Main Street in the house now occupied by Dan Castellino. Mrs. Bigger was a nurse and Clyde was used to helping her at home. He attended Union High School in Burgettstown and graduated June 12, 1929. He was a blonde, fun loving fellow. He enjoyed playing basketball and tennis, and he and his cronies frequently "hung out together" at a little lunch room owned by the late Clarence and Anna Cowan near the intersection of Main and Church Streets. Clyde often did odd jobs for the Cowans. He worked for Jack Sloan at his service station on North Main Street, and he delivered parcel post in Burgettstown Borough for a time. He and Willard Allison were friends and made trips to Detroit, Florida and California together.

Clyde entered the Army March 27, 1942.

After his death on Guam in 1944, his body was interred on the island but, at his mother's request, it was sent home in 1948. Visitors were invited to view his casket at his home on Main Street, and a funeral service was then held on April 11, 1948, at the First United Presbyterian Church (now Westminster) with the Rev. Richard Sutton officiating. Clyde is buried in Robinson Church Cemetery. Pallbearers at his funeral included Jack Sloan, Willard Allison, Lee Robinson, Domenick Cody, Ed Wagner and Raymond Riddle. Business men and residents along Main Street kept flags at half mast at the time of the service. Mrs. Bigger, who was considered a Gold Star Mother, continued to keep a flag in her window for many years.



### **Jerry Ramsey**

Jerry Ramsey, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ramsey of County Line Road, Burgettstown, left Aug. 10 for Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., having been inducted into the U.S. Army Reserves. He will be in basic training for six months.

He is locally stationed at Chippewa, Pa. Ramsey graduated from Burgettstown Area High School in June.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Ramsey of Burgettstown and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stratton of Enon Valley.

### **Jerry Ramsey**

**The Record-Enterprise-September 13, 1995 Edition**



**Command Sgt. Major George Davis  
McDonald**

The Memorial Day parade in McDonald will begin at 11:30 a.m. Featuring the Fort Cherry High School band, it will begin on Grant Street, follow to Third Street, down West Lincoln Avenue to East Lincoln to the honor roll.

A brief ceremony will be held at the honor roll and flowers will be placed by ladies auxiliary members Lura Rettinger and Mrs. Gene Lewis, wives of former commanders.

Command Sgt. Major George W. Davis, 99th Regional Support Command, US Army Reserve, will be guest speaker at Robinson Run Cemetery.

He has been awarded numerous combat medals including Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star and Meritorious Service Medal.

Sgt. Major Davis assumed his present post with the ARCOM in Oakdale in 1994.

**Command Sgt. Major George Davis  
Record- Enterprise-January 20, 1998 Edition**

# Burgettstown veterans now seeing things differently

By Bridgette B. Nofsinger  
The Record-Enterprise

Art Taucher and Joe Lanczak have seen a lot over the years.

At ages 76 and 77, respectively, they each witnessed Burgettstown transform from a booming trade center in the 1940s to an industrial stopover in the 1970s and finally to a musical haven in the 1990s.

As veterans of World War II, their eyes were permanently scarred with the bloody scenes from the battles at Normandy and Omaha Beach.

Both were honorably discharged back to Burgettstown to work and raise families.

They watched as their children took their first steps, and blinked back the tears as each one journeyed off on her own.

Taucher and Lanczak now suffer from macular degeneration; a disease affecting their eyesight. Visions of their town, their homes and their families remain in their memories, unscathed by the loss of sight.

Life details, such as reading the newspaper, driving a car or writing a letter, however, are affected by their inability to see.

Macular degeneration affects one out of five people older than 60. "The vision loss starts as a pigmentary problem in the retina," said optometrist Dr. Leon Pendracky. "These patients often lose the ability to see colors first."

There are two strains of the disease. The more severe of the two is referred to as "wet" macular degeneration. It is caused by broken blood vessels that leak fluid under the retina.

Dr. Pendracky said the bleeding can be stopped through laser surgery but that the damage to the eyesight is irreversible.

Taucher's left-eye sight began to fail in 1989.

After his right eye became affected, doctors told him that he needed laser surgery.

"If I didn't have the operation, I would be blind," he said. "Even if I went through with it, they told me I had only a 5 percent chance of keeping my vision."

Taucher opted to have the procedure done and enjoyed its temporary success.

Today, he has lost that vision and sees only what he calls "images" of people.

Lanczak suffered a traumatic injury to his right eye during World War II. His left eye did not become affected until 1994 when he developed macular degeneration.

"I have some peripheral vision but the fine detail of my sight is gone," he said.

From the very start, the course of their lives have run parallel to one another. Now, they add to that link the benefit of a seven-week training program.

The goal is to help veterans use the vision they have left with the equipment that is available to enable them to live independent lives.

Taucher was first introduced to the program during a March 1997 health fair sponsored by Veteran Affairs.

By July, he was on a plane, heading for a training center in Connecticut. Seven weeks later, he returned, "a new man," according to his wife.

"He was very depressed after he lost his sight," said Ginger Taucher.

Taucher was disgusted because he could no longer do things around the house.

The low vision training helped him to deal with his loss and feel good about himself again.

Mrs. Taucher was told that she was "crippling" her husband during a three-day family training session the VA invited her to attend.

"I was doing everything for him because he could not see," she said.

Blind rehabilitation specialists taught her how to help her husband help himself.

Mrs. Taucher said that she now feels safe leaving him alone.

"I would feel comfortable dropping him off in downtown Pittsburgh," she said. "I know he will find his way."

Taucher is enrolled with the VA and receives their regular mailings. "A veteran who is not listed with the VA is not aware of the programs we offer," said John Ciak, VA coordinator of Visual Impairment Services.

Ciak interviewed the Tauchers and determined he was eligible to receive low vision training.

Eligible veterans are placed on a waiting list to participate in the training sessions.

Ciak said there are approximately 10 hospitals across the country that pro-

vide this service.

Veterans from Western Pennsylvania are, typically, sent to the Hines Blind Rehabilitation Center in Chicago or the West Haven Center in Connecticut.

Specialists taught the veterans how to use the senses of touch and sound to compensate for their vision loss. Ciak said there is training for each aspect of their lives.

A mobility specialist instructs vets how to use a cane to cross a crowded street.

"They blindfolded us and told us to cross the road using only our ears to determine the flow of traffic," said Lanczak.

He added that they were escorted by a sighted guide.

Other programs taught them to cook safely, dial the telephone and listen to tape recordings.

The VA provided comprehensive medical treatment to the veterans during their stay.

"We were covered from head to foot," said Lanczak, joking he saw every physician from a psychiatrist to a podiatrist.

The VA provided magnifying glasses, special rulers and check writing guides. Both gentlemen agreed

Closed Circuit television, which enlarges print up to 25 times its original size, was the greatest aid.

"Reading the newspaper is possible for me again," said Lanczak.

Not many veterans with low vision take advantage of this training. According to Ciak, only about 25-30 people participate each year.

The VA offers the low vision training to any veteran, regardless of whether the impairment is service related.

Generally, there is no cost to the veteran unless he exceeds the income guidelines.

Ciak said it is rare for a veteran to be required to make a co-payment for the training.

"I want people to know that there is help for veterans who are legally blind," said Taucher. "They left nothing to chance. There is no situation that I could not handle now."

For more information on how to sign up with Veteran Affairs or how to participate in a low vision training session, call John Ciak at the Veterans Hospital in Oakland, (412) 688-6847.

**Burgettstown Veterans (Taucher and Lanczak) now seeing things Differently**  
**The Record-Enterprise-May 20, 1998 Edition**

# Memories of Army friend brought back yearly

## Annual visit to cemetery honors his comrade

By Judy Chestnutt  
The Record-Enterprise

It's a warm, spring day and George Bennett stands on top of the green, rolling hill with the sun beating down on him.

As he has done each year since 1946 around Memorial Day, the 82-year-old man has traveled from Greensburg to Robinson Run Cemetery in Sturgeon.

He goes to the gray granite stone that bears the name Steve Bawolak.

He brushes off the dirt, pulls a few weeds and pauses.

Memories.

The year was 1943.

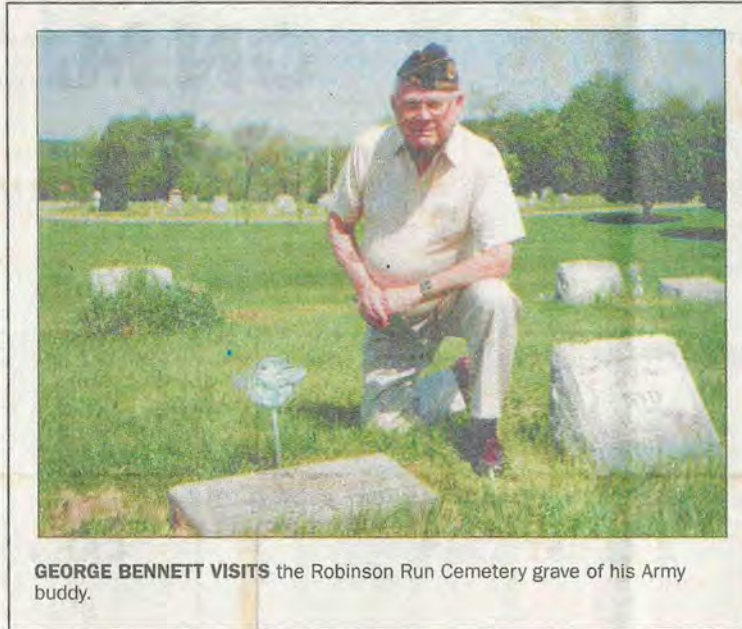
Bennett and Bawolak had been drafted into the World War II battle. Although they were both from McDonald, neither knew the other until being inducted into the U.S. Army in October of that year.

By November, they were shipped out of Canonsburg to Fort Meade, Md. They were both sent to Fort Knox, Ky. for basic training and then to Fort Ord, Calif., where they were assigned to the 727th Amphibian Tractor Battalion.

The pair became inseparable.

"During these programs, Steve and I were always assigned to the same companies, same barracks," Bennett said. "Where one was, the other was there. We had leaves together, and we were always in one another's company."

When they would come home, Bawolak would visit his wife, now Gladys Zombeck, and Bennett would



GEORGE BENNETT VISITS the Robinson Run Cemetery grave of his Army buddy.

visit his first wife, Aileen.

After a furlough to visit their hometown, the pair was ordered to New Guinea, where they shared the same tent.

"That was just the Army way of doing things," Bennett said. "His name started with B and so did mine. I guess that's why we were always paired together."

A short time later, the battalion was reorganized and the pair was split.

Bennett, who was 28 at the time, was assigned to Company B.

Bawolak, a few years younger, was assigned to Company A.

Bawolak was ordered to combat duty in the Invasion of Leyte, Philippine

Islands.

Meanwhile, Bennett was assigned to the Invasion of Luzon, also in the Philippines.

It was Christmas Day, 1944.

After securing the area, Bawolak, with a group from his battalion, decided to attend Christmas services in the next town.

"While going around the end of the airport on a LVT landing craft, one of our dive bombers was taking off and could not get up high enough to clear the LTV," Bennett said. "Steve and four others were killed."

He was 26.

Bennett didn't learn of the tragic news about his friend until the compa-

nies joined after the Invasion of Luzon.

"I was very shocked because he was such a close friend," Bennett said.

Bawolak's wife, Gladys, didn't receive word of her husband's death until that January.

When hearing the news, she immediately remembered her husband's last Christmas present to her.

"He died on Christmas day," she said. "For Christmas, he sent me a dozen red roses. But there were 13 in there. Ever since then, I've been a little leery of 13."

When Bennett was discharged in 1946, Bawolak's wife brought the body home for burial. Bennett served as an Honor Guard and pall bearer at the funeral conducted by the American Legion Post 485 from McDonald.

"Steve served his country and gave his life to preserve our freedoms," Bennett said. "He has probably been forgotten by all but a few of us - Gladys and I."

Gladys had only been married to Bawolak for two years when he died. Those two years were full of tragedy.

The couple's son, Steve, died within a week of his birth. Bawolak died the next year.

Bawolak was the last of his family. Gladys re-married seven years after his death. Her second husband, Henry Zombeck, was also a WW II veteran. He was on the same island when Bawolak was killed.

"I always think about it on Memorial Day," Gladys said.

For the past 14 years, surviving members of the 727th Amphibian Tractor Battalion have gathered for a reunion to share memories and comradeship. The most recent was hosted by Bennett and his second wife, Alice, in Greensburg, where Bennett now lives.

"Along with the entertainment, we devoted one complete afternoon to remembering those members we lost in



Steve Bawolak

combat and those who have passed away during the last 52 years," he said. "It is our desire to always remember our fallen comrades until the end of time."

Approximately 55 years after they first met, Bennett can still recall the day before he and Bawolak left for basic training.

The two decided to make their rounds to the merchants in town, Bennett said. As they were going around town, Bennett noticed something odd.

"I always said so long, but Steve said good-bye," Bennett said. "I said, 'Steve, why are you saying good-bye? I'm coming back.' Steve said, 'I'll never be back.'"

Memories of Army friend, Steve Bawolak Brought back Yearly by George Bennett  
The Record-Enterprise-May 20, 1998 Edition

**Airman graduates from  
Air Force basic training**

Air Force Airman Michael A. Yanek has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Yanek is the son of Michael and Karen L. Yanek of 735 Joffre Cherry Valley Road, Burgettstown.

He is a 1999 graduate of Burgettstown High School.

**Michael A. Yanek Graduates Air Force Basic Training  
PA Focus-January 15, 2000 Edition**

# Bulger veteran headed to Hall of Valor

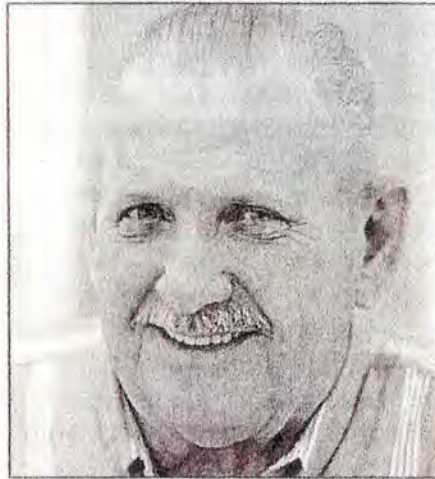
BY SYLVIA CAVALLO

*For the Observer-Reporter*

Charles R. Lang has some unbelievable stories about his days in combat during the Korean War, but the day he earned the Silver Star remains especially vivid in his memory.

As a corporal in the U.S. Army's 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Division, Lang was on a combat mission near the 38th parallel when he risked his life to save a wounded comrade who had been exposed to enemy fire. Lang says the soldier, whom he didn't know, was wounded in the leg. Lang entered the fiery area where his comrade lay incapacitated, splinted the soldier's leg and evacuated him safely behind American lines.

"That kind of moment is one that you never forget," Lang said. "It is



**Charles R. Lang**

one of those experiences that gets your adrenaline pumping. ... You don't have time to be afraid; you just try to help in the best way you can."

On Memorial Day, Lang will be inducted into the Hall of Valor at Soldiers and Sailors Hall in Oak-

land for the Silver Star he earned on that cold, bitter day in 1951. In the military, the Silver Star is the third highest medal for valor.

Lang will be accompanied to the ceremony by family and friends, and he will receive a plaque that will be displayed in the museum.

The 77-year-old Bulger resident was born on Pittsburgh's West End and lived most of his life in the Carnegie area. When he was 21, he was drafted into the Army, underwent basic training in Kentucky, and was deployed to Korea for one year. Three of his eight brothers also served in Korea, and three others fought in World War II.

Lang said he knew nothing about combat and was thrown into deplorable weather and combat conditions along with countless other soldiers who fought in what is often referred to in history as the "for-

gotten war."

The Korean War came on the heels of World War II, and much like Vietnam, was part of the Cold War to stop the advancement of communism in Southeast Asia.

"I am so proud to receive the honor because it took place during a time in my life that I can never forget," Lang said. "Those memories stay fixed there. You play them back in your mind."

Like the "Ice Cream March."

"On one particular day, we were sent over the hill and only 11 of us came back down. The rest of the regiment was either wounded or killed. We called it the Ice Cream March because the 11 of us who survived got ice cream when we got back," said Lang, who was also awarded a purple heart for his service in Korea. He was wounded in the thigh during combat.

**Charles R. Lange-Bulger Veteran headed to Hall of Valor**  
**Observer-Reporter-May 21, 2006 Edition**

# Coal Miner's Son in the Battle of the Bulge

Entering the Army at 17, Don Burgett spent time in the cold Ardennes Mountains on the Western front

BY TAMMY CHEEK  
STAFF WRITER, July 1-2, 2009

Growing up active in the outdoors of rural west Pennsylvania helped Don Burgett when he fought during World War II, but he recalled, "I don't think anything can prepare you for what was going to happen."

What would happen is Burgett would be fighting at the Battle of the Bulge, or the Ardennes Offensive of December 1944 through January 1945.

Burgett, 83, a Tellico Village resident for 17 years now, grew up in the coal mining areas of Pennsylvania, his family following the coal mines town to town. His father was a coal miner, his grandfather was a coal miner, and his uncles were coal miners.

In 1943, he was 17 when his father told the youth he got Burgett a job in the mines.

"My dad called me after I'd graduated from high school and called me to come to the house and talk to my new boss," he recalled. "I didn't quite understand what he was talking about because I had been delivering papers and didn't have a job as such.

"And it turns out, there was a straw boss in the mine, and my dad had talked to him and told him I was old enough to go into the mine and he had a job for me," Burgett said. "I told dad that I couldn't because I had enlisted in the Army."

Burgett admitted his enlistment was a lie. His father told him he couldn't because Burgett was not old enough, but Burgett countered by telling his father he forged his father's signature.

"And he said, 'You know you can go to jail for something like that,' and I said, 'Well, not if I'm in the army.' He said, 'Well, you have a point.' So that was the end of that discussion."

The next day Burgett enlisted, lying about his age, in the U.S. Army.

He would turn 18 three months later.

Burgett entered the Army at a time when patriotism ran high. The attack on Pearl Harbor occurred only two years before.

"I was gung-ho," he recalled. "I just felt we ought to kick the Japs."

Ironically, though, he would be sent to Europe to fight against Germany. His ancestors came from Germany to America and fought in the American Revolution.

"They couldn't speak English," he related with a laugh.

Burgett trained in Indiantown Gap, Penn., and Fort Meade, Md., as an infantryman.

"As an infantry, you're really not trained for anything except firing a weapon," Burgett said. While he admitted the training was tough, it was also familiar to him.

"I was brought up with weapons," he explained. "I had camped and trapped and hunted as a youngster. I ran a trap line before I went to school in the morning."

"I felt very comfortable," he added. "I was a good shot, and it just came natural to me."

Burgett would take that training with him to the forested Ardennes Mountains region of Belgium on the Western front, where the Battle of the Bulge was being fought.

The battle was a major German offensive launched through the Ardennes Mountains region of Belgium and more specifically of Wallonia; France; and Luxembourg. The "bulge" was the initial incursion Germans put into Allies' line of advance. While the offense took the Allies by surprise, the Allies prevailed. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army in the south, centered around Bastogne, attacked north and British Gen. Bernard Montgomery's forces in the north struck south, and the two forces met at Houffalize.



Burgett was 18 when he was shipped to Belgium that January, just before the battle was over. He went there as a replacement rifleman.

"I went in right after the bulge had started," he said. "The Bulge started in the middle of December, and I didn't get there, thank goodness, until January."

He said he remembered being cold and scared ... "something that I would not want any of our kids to be involved in, but it was something that you took care of your friends and your friend took care you."

He observed war is like TV, when one see whole war. He said remembered he couldn't see the enemy or battleground. He could only see his buddy standing next to him and feel the cold and snow.

For Burgett returning to civilian life was not difficult.

"I think back about the way we were treat as veterans and the way many of the ex-GIs have been treated," from other conflicts like Vietnam observed, he observed.

"They fought just at as we did, had just as much in the way of hardship etc., and yet we received, if you will, a hero's welcome.

Burgett served between, 1944 and 1950 in the U.S. Army with Fox Company, 110th Battalion, 28th Infantry Division; the 689 Anti-Aircraft Artillery; 708th Anti-Aircraft Artillery; 1st MSL Battalion, 176th Artillery; and Co. B, 167th Quartermaster Battalion. After serving in Europe, he would serve in Korea and become a lieutenant.

He would serve 14 more years in the Army Reserve and become recalled, serving with an anti-aircraft outfit. After the war, veteran, Burgett received an opportunity to go school with the GI bill.

"I went to pharmacy school and worked as pharmacist after I got out," he related. He then got job with the pharmaceutical company, Parke-Davis.

"I had a very good 30-year career," he said.

While overseas Burgett met a man who was in the 109th Infantry while I was in the 110th.

"That's the 28th Infantry Division," he said. "I ran into him in Pittsburgh. He was the chief resident of surgery at West Penn Hospital, and I was a hospital man for Parke-Davis.

We wound up reminiscing about old times and became very good friends, and he introduced me to a gal who was chief X-ray technician. Her name was Joan Theresa Jochum."

She happened to be the woman he would be married to for 48 years.

"If it hadn't been for the association with Andy I don't think I would have ever met Joan," he said.

Joan was well-known in the Tellico Village community for her involvement in boating and the Pontoon Picnics. She passed away five years ago. The couple have three children — Bill Burgett, 52, who is serving in the U.S. Navy; Lee Ann Burgett, a teacher at Fort Loudoun Middle School; and Rick Burgett, 45, an engineer in Chicagoland. The Burgettes also have two grandchildren.

Even now, Burgett continues to serve his community. He is active with the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1733 in Knoxville, sergeant-at-arms with American Legion Post 256 for Tellico Village and Rarity Bay. He is also a life member with VFW and the American Legion. He also serves as sergeant-at-arms with Loudon County Honor Guard, which consists of different posts of the American Legion and VFW.

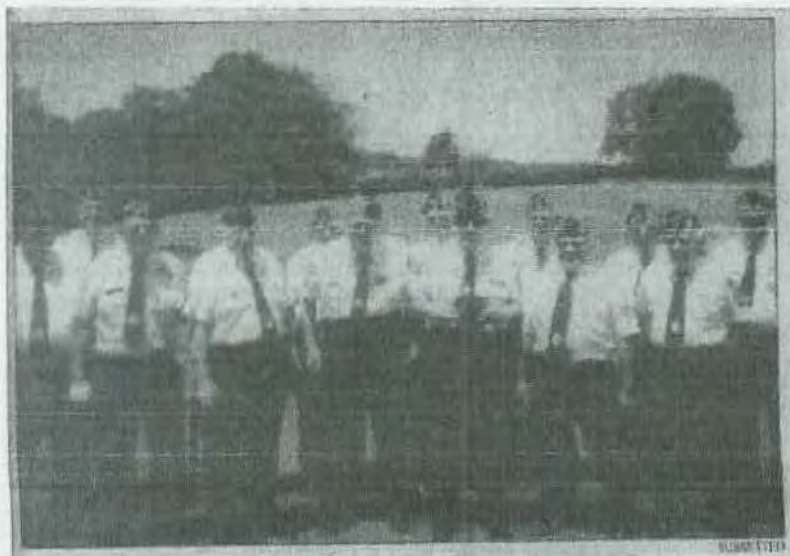
Besides his veteran service affiliations, Burgett is an active member of Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, and he founded the Tellico Boaters Assistance Response Team (T-BART), which assists stranded boaters on Tellico Lake.



**For Don Burgett, a Tellico Villager for the past 17 years and a World War II Veteran, serving his country extends to serving his community through his involvement in veterans' and other organizations.**



**In 1944, Don Burgett (left) was in the 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Fox Company, of the U.S. Army when the photo was taken with a fellow infantryman.**



**Don Burgett (fifth from left) serves on the Loudon County Honor Guard, which consists of American and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) members.**

# Family link to Civil War hero found

## Reader locates document detailing connection to Washington County

By BARRARA S. MILLER  
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During a summer when the 150th anniversary of the Civil War looms large, there has been much published about the conflict. An *Observer-Reporter* story published Memorial Day weekend focused on the Battle of Vicksburg and an Ohioan who took part in a pivotal assault on the Confederate bastion that held the key to control of the Mississippi River, which functioned in those days like a superhighway.

Uriah H. Brown, a Medal of Honor winner who was among a group of 150 volunteers known as "forlorn hope" when storming the Confederate stronghold, is buried in Paris Cemetery, Hanover Township, but what brought him to Washington County remained something

of a mystery when the story appeared May 26.

A reader, Becky Carson of West Finley, was able to find a document on the Internet that answered that question.

Brown's wife, Sarah Elizabeth Greer Brown, was from Washington.

Carson found an online copy of the death certificate of Sarah Brown on the website of the West Virginia State Department of Health, Division of Vital Statistics.

Uriah H. Brown died Jan. 24, 1927, at age 87 while living in Holliday's Cove, W.Va. The widowed Elizabeth Greer Brown died later that same year of nephritis, a kidney dysfunction she had had for three to four of her 83 years.

Uriah Brown's sketchy biography, preserved for posterity in part because of his Medal of Honor, indicates he was born in Covington, Ohio. He joined the



Uriah H. Brown

30th Ohio Infantry, and his headstone shows his rank was that of private.

He and his wife lived in Washington County in 1900 and 1910, according

to U.S. Census records.

What brought them to this area may have been Sarah Greer Brown's family connections.

Her death certificate gives her birthplace on Jan. 13, 1844, as Washington, Pa., listing her father's name as William Greer and her mother's maiden name as Elnor Taylor. Their birthplaces are also recorded as Washington, Pa.

How Uriah and Sarah Greer Brown met remains as another piece of their puzzle, but they apparently married after the Civil War.

One blogger, Eric Wittenberg, in "Rantings of a Civil War historian," noted that when Gen. William T. Sherman called for volunteers to serve as a storming party on Vicksburg, he allowed only unmarried men to join in the effort because the risk of death was so great. The volunteers, Wittenberg wrote, would build a bridge over a ditch and plant their scaling ladders against an embankment. The main body would follow behind and would use those scaling ladders to attack the Confederate fort.

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# Hero

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Nearly 85 percent of the “forlorn hope” volunteers were either killed or seriously wounded in the attempt to capture the point above the Mississippi River that some have called “the Gibraltar of the West.”

In 1894, Brown’s Medal of Honor citation stated, “Despite the death of his captain at his side during the assault, he continued carrying his log to the defense ditch.

“While he was laying his log in place he was shot down and thrown into the water. Unmindful of his own wound he, despite the intense fire, dragged five of his comrades from the ditch, wherein they lay wounded, to a place of safety.”

Brown’s final resting place might go unnoticed except for a marker along

Steubenville Pike in Paris Cemetery that alerts passersby that a Medal of Honor recipient is buried there.

Joanne Weish also added a bit of information about Paris Cemetery and the 230-pound granite marker bearing Brown’s name.

In a letter postmarked Orlando, Fla., she wrote, “It was very emotional for my dear friend Ersilio (Bill) Marsella as he set the marker at the Paris Cemetery. Bill lived all of his life in Burgettstown except for years of service to our country as a Marine. He worked at Paris Cemetery from 1970 to 2010, when he moved to Florida.

Bill was a heavy equipment operator and was assistant caretaker of Paris Cemetery. He has dug many of the graves and set many stones at Paris Cemetery.”

Attempts to contact Marsella for this update were unsuccessful.

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KATIE ROUPE / OBSERVER-REPORTER

Monongahela Cemetery has a special section for Civil War veterans. Each headstone commemorates their service with an American flag, and the section is set apart by three Civil War cannons.

**Historic Monongahela Cemetery Turns 150**  
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# Cemetery

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All of the cemeteries in Monongahela at the time were privately owned, and the city needed one that would be secular and nondiscriminatory.

The cemetery's first board of directors sold grave subscriptions to earn the money to hire Pittsburgh architect John Chislett, who designed a park-like setting for Allegheny Cemetery as its first superintendent, to design a similar setting for Monongahela.

Chislett was given just two instructions: Give Monongahela Cemetery a fountain square and a circular drive name Prospect Circle. He gave the city a Gothic setting for burials, a quaint stone chapel and planted a large variety of trees in a design that would earn the cemetery a listing on the National Registry of Historic Places in 2001.

"He saw rapid encroachment on rural areas and he preserved a parklet setting for Pittsburgh and repeated that here," Cattaneo said.

When the older section began to fill in the early 1900s, Hare & Hare of Kansas City was hired for an expansion project that would give the upper section of the cemetery a lawn park design with wider roads to accommodate the automobile. Today, less than half of the 173-acre cemetery is filled with 35,909 graves.

Earlier, the cemetery established an impressive sec-



Members of the military conduct a memorial service circa 1895 for Civil War veterans buried in Monongahela Cemetery.

tion for the burials of Civil War veterans guarded by three Parrott rifles, muzzle-loading pieces of artillery with barrels that were notorious for exploding when fired, Cattaneo said.

"I've always referred to them as silent sentinels," he said.

Just 102 of them cannons are known to have survived the war, and the cemetery is home to the third one out of the production line.

Joe Mason was probably the most famous person to have been buried here among common folk and members of the area's wealthier families, including the Bentleys and Finleys, whose names were attached to the nearby towns

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of Bentleyville and Finleyville.

Another grave, though, still sparks controversy 150 years

after it was created for Civil War veteran Lt. Henry W. Clark of Monongahela, whose massive tombstone indicates he death resulted from injuries he suffered in July 4, 1863, while harassing Confederate wagon trains during the Battle of Gettysburg.

That battle, though, officially ended July 3, 1863, but history was still being written when Clark died while serving with the 1st West Virginia Cavalry, Cattaneo said.

The cemetery will celebrate its 150th anniversary with a weeklong schedule of events during the last week of June, including tours, a picnic, band concerts and a recognition of Penn State.

## 'Copperheads' accused as troops face fire in Washington County

By Len Barcoucky  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Alcohol played a role in a skirmish between federal troops and suspected Southern sympathizers in Washington County in August 1863.

Two companies of U.S. Cavalry, commanded by Capt. H.B. Hays, had been ordered to leave their camp at Connellsville "to take a circuit through Washington county," according to the Aug. 10 edition of *The Daily Pittsburgh Gazette*. Allegations were circulating that "the copperheads were threatening to resist the draft in various sections of that county." "Copperheads" was the name given to Northern residents believed to be supporters of Confederate secession. Washington County, right on the Mason-Dixon Line, was home to many people with Southern ties.

Following the lead of the Confederacy, the U.S. Congress had recently passed an unpopular "Enrollment Act" that set troop quotas to be filled by conscription if not enough volunteers signed up. That legislation led to unrest in many communities and deadly riots in New York City.

While the initial report was that Union soldiers "were generally well received" by residents of Washington — then a borough — when they arrived on Aug. 5, a follow-up report described a stormier scene.

One of the two cavalry companies was known as the Negley Scouts, and the *Gazette's* source for its Aug. 15 story was "a gentleman who served" with that unit. The *Gazette's* unnamed observer told the newspaper he had been "an eyewitness of the disturbances both in Washington and Burgettstown."

After arriving in Washington, as many as 15 of the troopers "got out through the borough and some of these were soon under the influence of liquor," the story said. "A guard was sent out under Lieut. McKelvey and Orderly Sergeant (now Lieutenant) James Littell, to gather up the

stragglers." Night was falling while the soldiers rounded up their drunken colleagues.

"While engaged in this duty, the guard was hooted at and insulted in various ways, by parties whose conduct clearly indicated their political status," the story said. The *Gazette* was a Republican newspaper that backed the Lincoln administration. Many Washington residents, its story suggested, were Democrats and of dubious loyalty.

"No attention was paid to these miserable creatures, so long as they refrained from violence, and they were permitted to hoot and sneer," the report said.

But then a "large man" in the crowd ran up to the Union soldiers and jostled Lieut. Littell "for the sole purpose of picking a quarrel." After he shouted "hurrah for Jeff. Davis," the offender, "named Woods, we believe" was arrested. "This raised quite a hubbub among the copperheads, and an unsuccessful attempt was made to rescue Woods."

"Rowdies," gathered behind a lumber pile, fired "a volley of pistol shots ... followed by a shower of brick bats," the story said. "As many as a half dozen shots were fired, but none of the soldiers was injured." The troops fired back, but their attackers were protected momentarily by their wooden barricade. "There was not a man of them to be seen half a minute later — all having disappeared in the darkness."

Woods and an unknown number of other prisoners were marched to the cavalry camp and kept under guard all night. All "were discharged in the morning — not because they could not have been held, but for the reason that the officer in command did not wish to encumber himself with them."

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## Civil War draft debate heats up Washington Co.

By Len Barcoucky  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Burgettstown was a nest of "Copperheads" in 1863, according to The Daily Pittsburgh Gazette.

United in their opposition to a new federal draft law and Lincoln's Republican administration in general, they "have a secret organization here, and the members boldly display the 'copperhead' and 'butternut' pins," the newspaper reported on Aug. 10. "Even the minister of the village has gone so far as to preach in opposition to the so-called 'unconstitutional laws of the administration.'"

"Copperheads" and "Butternuts" were the names attached to Northern Democrats who expressed or were suspected of Southern sympathies. While most would have rejected the label of "secessionist," they likely would have admitted to favoring a negotiated settlement to the Civil War that would have protected slavery.

On the afternoon of Aug. 6, a group of U.S. Cavalry, including the Pittsburgh-based Negley Scouts, arrived in Burgettstown. They had been ordered to make a circuit through Washington County, looking for signs of illegal opposition to conscription. They already had been involved the previous day in a skirmish with draft opponents in nearby Washington, the county seat.

"The appearance of a formidable body of loyal soldiers in such a large community of traitors, would naturally create excitement and alarm," the newspaper said of the cavalry's arrival in Burgettstown. "Copperhead and butternut pins were torn from lapel and shirtbreast and thrown away as though they were so many adders."

When the federal troops, commanded by Capt. H.B. Hays, set up camp for the night, the community's "loyal citizens" showed their support, "furnishing all kinds of dainties and luxuries for the officers and men."

"When it became evident that the soldiers were not going to 'hurt anybody,' the copperheads began to crawl out from their hiding places, one by one," the Gazette reported. "During the night, a party of the more bold and daring enemies of the government concentrated at Cross Creek village, where they were armed and mounted and then started to Burgettstown, — evidently bent on mischief.

"No attention, however, was paid to them, until one of their number attacked a picket and fired a pistol at him — the ball passing close to his head," the story said.

"The picket called upon his assailant to halt, but he rode on, when the picket fired and shot him through the arm."

While the group galloped off and dispersed, the cavalry captured six of them, including W.O. Stevenson, the wounded man identified as the first shooter.

The local Democratic newspaper, the Washington Examiner, gave a different version of the night's events. An Aug. 14 story in the Gazette quotes a reporter for the Examiner as writing that "a number of young Democrats went over to see the army" that night. One of them, the Examiner said, "thoughtlessly fired a pistol in the air."

The Gazette called that explanation dubious. "If those young Democrats were paying a harmless visit to the camp, what need had they for loaded fire arms?" the newspaper asked. "The truth is, they were bent on mischief, but they waxed up the wrong customer when they undertook to play the fool with Uncle Sam."

In a follow-up story Aug. 15, the Gazette reported that the six men, including Stevenson, "were kept in custody for a few days and released upon condition that they would not hereafter interfere with the draft."

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# In Gettysburg, Medal of Honor winners celebrated

## AP MEMBER EXCHANGE

By BRANDIE KESSLER  
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*The (Hanover) Evening Sun*

GETTYSBURG – Deep within the archives of the Gettysburg Museum and Visitor Center, nestled between historical documents and archeological battlefield treasures, four Medals of Honor are tucked away.

Recently, museum specialist Paul Shevchuk – one of three people at the museum who handle the artifacts in the collection – brought the medals out to breathe.

His hands swathed in white cotton gloves, Shevchuk carefully pulled a small leather box from its case and placed it on a metal examining table. Inside was one of the first Medals of Honor in its original design.

The bronze was slightly tarnished and the ribbon was frayed. Almost 150 years ago, in October 1864, President Abraham Lincoln presented it to Color Sgt. Daniel P. Reigle.

The medal was awarded to Reigle for his actions at the Battle of Cedar Creek, but Gettysburg is an appropriate home for it because Reigle was born in Adams County and lived in Littlestown after the war. He is buried in Mount Carmel Cemetery in Littlestown.

The other medals in the Gettysburg Museum and Visitor Center collection were awarded for action in the Battle of Gettysburg. In less than two weeks, as many as 79 other medals may make their way to Gettysburg when the annual Medal of Honor Convention is held at the Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel from Sept. 18-21.

All 79 living recipients of the medal are invited, and about 50 are expected to attend, said Bob Monahan, president and CEO of the convention.

Several events will be open to the public, though they will require tickets, Monahan said.

However, the National Park Service's collection of

Medals of Honor will remain locked away in the archives during the convention.

In addition to Reigle's medal – donated to the museum as part of the Rosensteel collection – medals awarded to two other Civil War veterans are in the collection.

Sgt. Wallace W. Johnson, Company G, 6th Pennsylvania Reserves, was awarded the medal for actions July 2, 1863. He and five others charged on a number of enemy sharpshooters concealed in a log house, captured them and brought them back to the Union lines. Johnson's medal was issued in 1900.

Lt. James J. Purman, Company A, 140th Pennsylvania Infantry, was awarded the medal for actions July 2, 1863, when he voluntarily assisted a wounded comrade. According to the citation, Purman was wounded while helping the soldier, and his left leg had to be amputated. Purman's medal was issued in 1896.

In 1904, the Medal of Honor was redesigned, and those who had received the medal previously were presented with the newer version. Both versions of Johnson's medal are in the collection at the Gettysburg museum.

Shevchuk said Purman's and Johnson's medals were donated in recent years, and they have not been on display in the museum. Reigle's medal was on display for several years until 2012.

There are no plans to put them on display for the Medal of Honor Conference.

"They're on vacation," Shevchuk said, explaining that artifacts need time to rest, much like people do. Exposing objects to light and other elements when they're on display in a museum setting can hurt the medals. It's important to rotate objects and collections on display at the museum, he said.

Plus, Katie Lawhon, management assistant for Gettysburg National Military Park, pointed out that those attending the Medal of Honor conference will be bringing their own medals with them.

**In Gettysburg, Medal of Honor Winners Celebrated**  
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Hershel W. Williams shares a laugh with a conference attendee during the autograph session in Gettysburg. Williams was a corporal in the Marine Corps at Iwo Jima during World War II.



Associated Press

Clarence E. Sasser signs autographs alongside his girlfriend, Patricia Washington, Thursday in Gettysburg. Pfc. Sasser served in Vietnam as a combat medic.



Associated Press

Major Leo K. Thorsness gets ready to sign a book for a Thursday at the Gettysburg conference. Thorsness, a Medal of Honor recipient, served in the Air Force in Vietnam. Left is State Senior Vice Cmdr. Gary R. Smith of Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars.

# War hero 'groupies' follow trail to Gettysburg

By MARK SCOLIFIRO  
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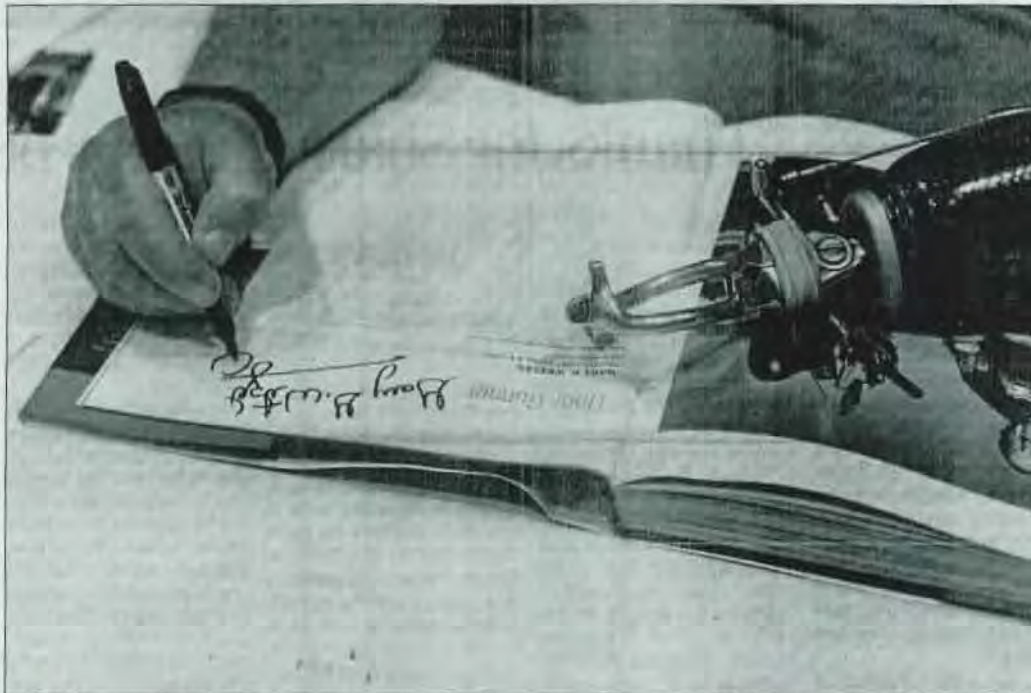
GETTYSBURG — The autograph hounds waiting expectantly in a hotel lobby weren't drawn by actors, musicians or politicians, but by a few dozen men whose rare and distinguished achievements have earned them the nation's highest military honor.

Nearly half of the 79 living recipients of Medal of Honor are attending the gathering in Gettysburg, where some of its first recipients fought 150 years ago.

The Medal of Honor Society annual convention gives the public an opportunity to collect the signatures of the men who have been honored by Congress for risking their lives beyond the call of duty in combat, and dozens of people waited Thursday for them to return from a luncheon at a nearby farm once owned by President Dwight Eisenhower.

Dave Loether, 62, a computer analyst from Pittsburgh, was hoping to add to the 55 signatures of Medal of Honor recipients he has collected on a U.S. Army flag. Loether knows many of their faces by sight — and their stories by heart.

"It's a piece of cloth with some ink on it — it's worthless," Loether said. "On the other



Associated Press

Medal of Honor recipient Gary G. Wetzel signs an attendee's Medal of Honor book during the convention in Gettysburg Thursday. Pfc. Wetzel was serving in Vietnam as a door gunner on the day his helicopter was shot down and he and other survivors came under heavy enemy fire.

hand, it's priceless."

The recipients' autographs sometimes end up on public auction sites, but Loether said he collects them as a hobby that began as a way to honor his sons in the military.

Recipients sat at tables

ringing a hotel ballroom, including Clinton L. Romesha, of Minot, N.D. President Barack Obama presented him with the honor in February for bravery in defending an Army outpost in Afghanistan four years ago.

Now working in safety for a construction company, Romesha, 32, said he tries to remind himself that he's still the same person he was before, a man who has to take out the trash himself.

"I never thought in a million

years I'd ever meet a recipient, let alone be one," said Romesha, who was attending his first convention.

Eight soldiers died in the daylong barrage by the Taliban in the mountains near Pakistan, and Romesha was

one of 22 wounded among badly outnumbered Americans. He helped lead others to safety and retrieve the bodies of the U.S. dead.

Donald E. Ballard, the society's treasurer, became a member for his bravery while serving as a Navy corpsman in Vietnam. He threw himself a grenade while directing Marines to carry a wounded comrade to safety. The grenade did not detonate.

Ballard, who now owns a funeral home in Grain Valley, Mo., said being a Medal of Honor recipient means being a role model, like it or not.

"There is no Hero 101 book I didn't take the course," Ballard said. "I have to live up to their expectations, or my own expectations of what they expect."

Ballard said a major focus of the organization these days is its character development program for middle and high school students promoting values like courage and sacrifice. Recipients were scheduled to meet Friday with local students.

Other scheduled events included a town hall forum at Gettysburg College and a concert on the Gettysburg battlefield with the U.S. Marine Band Friday and an award dinner Saturday. Next year's convention will be in Knoxville, Tenn.

# WWII aviator's Purple Heart returns to Pa.

By MICHAEL RUBINKAM  
*Associated Press*

Gordon H. Yates was a tall, skinny redhead who joined the Navy during World War II when he was 17. Two years later, the young aviator was dead, beheaded by the enemy after his patrol bomber was shot down in waters off southeast Asia.

Saturday, Purple Hearts Reunited presented the medal he was awarded decades ago to his sister in southeastern Pennsylvania. Yates' family had lost track of the medal at least as far back as 1979 when his father died.

Yates' 80-year-old sister, Alva Brickner, now afflicted

with Parkinson's disease, can't communicate very well, but her son said her reaction was unmistakable when he told her the medal had been found.

"She teared up," Daniel Brickner said. "She just kept writing, 'Thank you.'"

Yates was aboard a patrol bomber flying its 36th mission when it was shot down, according to an account provided by Purple Hearts Reunited. The crew made it to shore and hid in the jungle - aided by French Resistance fighters - but Yates and his mates eventually fell into Japanese hands.

While some of Yates' comrades were shot, Yates was beheaded April 27, 1945. He was 19.

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Daniel Brickner said he believes the Purple Heart - a combat decoration awarded to those wounded or killed in action - was likely in the possession of his grandfather, then inadvertently sold at an estate sale following his 1979 death.

The medal wound up with a woman in Ashland, Va., who had it for more than 30 years. The woman recently told the adjutant of the Richmond

chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart that she couldn't remember where she got it, but had always planned to find its rightful owner.

At some point, the Purple Heart was misplaced. But the woman recently located it in her home again and turned it in, according to Fike, whose nonprofit has returned 60 lost or stolen medals. Fike presided over Saturday's ceremony in Narvon, Lancaster County, where Alva Brickner lives in a nursing home.

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# Navajo Code Talker dies at 90 in N.M.

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) – A Navajo Code Talker, whose words are inscribed on congressional medals given to his group and who fought to have a World War II comrade recognized for his service, died Thursday in New Mexico.



**Billey**

Wilfred Billey died at his home in Farmington following a short illness, said his daughter, Barbara. He was 90.

He was one of hundreds of Navajo Code Talkers who stumped the Japanese during World War II by relaying messages in their native language.

But Barbara Billey said her father never considered himself a hero.

"Whenever he talked about the military during that time, he always told people that heroes were the ones he left behind, that he was not a hero," she said. "That everybody pitched in, including the people in the states, the people in the military."

After the war, Billey worked with New Mexico's congressional delegation to come up with the words appearing along the bottom of the medals: "Dine Bizaad Yee Atah Naayee' Yik'eh Deesdlii" or "The Navajo language was

used to defeat the enemy," his family said.

Billey and others stepped in when a former Code Talker, David Tsosie, was taken off the list of honorees in 2001 because his discharge papers did not note he was part of the group. They notified government officials and provided documentation.

When former Sen. Jeff Bingaman called Tsosie at a nursing home to tell him he would receive the belated medal, Billey was there. "Both of them just about jumped out of their seats with joy," said James Preminger, who covered the story for the *Farmington Daily Times*.

"He's one of those guys that you meet who is older, who you say, 'Boy, I wish that guy was my uncle.' He was such a humanitarian," said Preminger, now a spokesman for a northwestern New Mexico school district where Billey worked.

Billey's path to becoming a Code Talker started while he was attending the Navajo Methodist Mission School. The superintendent learned that the U.S. Marine Corps was looking for Navajo radio-men to follow in the footsteps of 29 other Navajos who had developed a code based on their native language. Billey volunteered in 1943 because he wanted to be with friends who were enlisting, Barbara Billey said.

**Wilfred Biley-Navajo Code Talker Dies at 90 in N.M.  
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*Capt. William Catlin of Monongahela was among first black National Guardsmen to serve in Civil War*

# Veteran avowed

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Capt. William Catlin of Monongahela was known for holding sit-ins at businesses that excluded black people like him five decades before the civil rights movement got under way.

There is one story about the Civil War veteran sitting down about 1905 to block the entrance to a Mon Valley movie theater that wouldn't allow black people inside, said Beaver County native Kenneth C. Turner, an author and historian.

"People couldn't get past him. This was far ahead of his time," said Turner, adding Catlin also was among the first black men to be allowed to serve in the National Guard in the United States.

"We doubted this (National Guard) story, to be honest," Turner said.

So did the archivist at the state Historical and Museum Commission who searched a large volume of handwritten records looking for the dates Catlin served in the Pennsylvania National Guard.

The states of New York and Delaware had been in an ongoing battle over each's claims to have been the first in the country to allow black men into their guard units, Turner said.

"Turns out Pennsylvania beat them by 20 years," Turner said, citing records the PHMC found confirming when the state allowed black men to

join its National Guard.

Turner and other black men were allowed to serve in an all-black Pennsylvania National Guard unit in 1871 by then Gov. John White Geary, who was a general in the Civil War and attended Jefferson College in Canonsburg.

"As governor he was known for inclusion because he witnessed what



A photograph of Capt. William Catlin from "The Civil War in Pennsylvania: A Photographic History," available at the Sen. John Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh



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The entrance to Monongahela Cemetery, where Capt. William Catlin was buried in 1930 at the age of 84.

black troops had accomplished in the Civil War," said Turner, adding the decision to allow black man into the Guard worked against Geary politically.

Catlin's obituary published in *The Daily Republican* in Monongahela cited his service in Company F, 10th Regiment, 17th Division of the National

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## Veteran

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Guard, which was disbanded in 1878, five years after Geary left office.

Catlin had tried twice to enlist in the Union Army during the Civil War only to be denied entry because of his skin color. Eventually, the Army formed the 32nd Regiment of the U.S. Colored Infantry and allowed him into the unit.

Following the war, Catlin led efforts in 1899 to secede from the Afro-American Republican League to co-found a new group in Western Pennsylvania "to pressure Republican politicians for civil rights measures," according to the book "Organizing Black America," by Nina Mjagkij.

Catlin, a barber, was born in West Newton Sept. 22, 1846, to free black parents whose relatives had been in Monongahela before 1834.

He died Oct. 10, 1930, at age 84, and was buried in a family plot of unsegregated graves in Monongahela Cemetery, a nonprofit organization that was unaware of Catlin's contributions to black history until after Turner in 2012 co-published a book, "The Civil War in Pennsylvania: A Photographic History." The book includes a photo of Catlin and discusses his story.

"We were unaware of his importance," said cemetery board member Jack Cataneo.

He said the city pays "great homage" to its veterans and that he wants to "stimulate interest" in having an historic marker somewhere in town to honor Catlin.

# Several with local ties to be inducted into Hall of Valor

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From the Civil War to Italy, the D-Day invasion in Normandy to the Persian Gulf, three military men from Washington County and one from Pittsburgh's South Hills will be enshrined later this month in the Hall of Valor at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh.

The name most familiar to Washington County residents is likely that of U.S. Army Retired Lt. Gen. William "Gus" Pagonis, a Charleroi native. Although he was awarded the Silver Star Medal during the Vietnam War, he attained a three-star rank and is known more recently for working behind the scenes to supply more than 500,000 U.S. Army troops during the first Gulf War.

He is the author of "Moving Mountains: Lessons in Leadership and Logistics from the Gulf War." In it, he describes his mission, which was likened to relocating the entire population of Alaska to the other side of the globe. He retired from the Army in 1993 and returned to his hometown five years later for a Veterans Day observance.

Three others from this area will be honored:

- U.S. Army soldier Wil-



William "Gus" Pagonis

liam J. Carson of Fallowfield Township received the Medal of Honor for his actions in the Civil War. According to "Medal of Honor Recipients of Washington County, Pa.," by Ed Snarey, Carson enlisted as a musician in Company E, 1st Battalion, 115th U.S. Infantry, which was organized in Wheeling, Va., in 1861.

He was awarded the Medal of Honor Jan. 27, 1864, for his actions at Chickamauga, Ga., Sept. 19, 1863. According to his citation, Carson, "during a critical stage in the battle when the 14th Corps' lines were wavering and in disorder, Carson, on his own initiative, bugled 'To the Colors' amid the 18th Infantry who formed by him, and held the enemy. Within a few minutes



A view of Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum

he repeated his action ... This bugling deceived the enemy, who believed reinforcements had arrived, thus, they delayed their attack."

He was one of 22 musicians who received the Medal of Honor for their bravery during the Civil War.

- U.S. Army First Sgt. Michael J. Roth of Denbo, Centerville Borough, was awarded the Silver Star Medal for his actions during the U.S. Army's Italian Campaign in World War II.

Roth served with Company F, 168th Infantry Regiment,

34th Infantry Division. On April 16, 1945, after Roth's platoon had advanced 600 yards, he observed three enemy soldiers moving into a draw. After he had notified his men to assume firing positions, Roth crawled to the edge of the draw to within 50 yards of the enemy positions. The enemy was moving into a position to ambush Roth's platoon.

Roth laid a trap for the enemy by deploying his men to the rear and both flanks of the enemy's route. When the enemy forces had advanced far enough into the trap, Roth

"raked them with furious bursts from his Browning Automatic Rifle, killing five men and forcing the remainder to withdraw in great confusion," according to his medal citation provided by Casey Patterson, senior staff assistant at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum Trust Inc.

While the platoon was consolidating its position, an enemy machine gun fired on them. Roth worked his way forward, under direct observation of the machine gunner, to within 50 yards of the machine gun. He then leaped

to his feet and opened fire, killing the two enemy manning the gun.

- Also singled out for his service in World War II was Silver Star recipient U.S. Army Pvt. Michael J. Hluhan of Coverdale Village in Bethel Park, Allegheny County.

Hluhan, who served with the 12th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division, U.S. Army, was noted for his gallantry in action against the enemy in France on June, 12, 1944. "The initiative and courage displayed by this enlisted man reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States."

*The induction ceremony, open to the general public, is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, March 23, in the Joseph A. Dugan Jr. Hall of Valor at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial, Fifth Avenue, Oakland. There also will be a dinner reception at 3 p.m. at a cost of \$35 per person. Reservations are due March 15. Soldiers and Sailors Hall of Valor was dedicated in 1963 as part of the military history museum to honor veterans, living and deceased, for valor above and beyond the call of duty while in action against the enemy. More than 600 veterans have been inducted. Applications are available online at soldiersandsailorshall.org*

## Civil Defense officials seek more to scan skies

By Len Barcoucky  
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Sixty years ago a Civil Defense supervisor named Joseph Mushinsky pleaded for more Pittsburgh residents to keep their eyes peeled for the approach of Soviet warplanes.

"As I write this letter, I am looking out over the City of Pittsburgh," Mushinsky said in a letter published Feb. 19, 1954, in *The Pittsburgh Press*. From his perch he could see industrial plants, refineries and electrical substations belonging to Koppers Co., Jones & Laughlin, Gulf Oil and Duquesne Light.

Think "of what a group of enemy bombers would do if they came upon such a prize as this," he wrote. He urged residents to join the "Ground Observer Corps," the Cold War successor to a similar volunteer organization whose members had scanned the skies above the city during World War II.

His request was heard. "Citizens Watch Over Pittsburgh" was the headline on a Pittsburgh Post-Gazette story that appeared July 16, 1956.

Almost 1,700 volunteers were observing the sky above Pittsburgh by then, the newspaper story said. Working from isolated "skywatch" towers, they phoned in information on "the progress of every plane in district air space on a giant map board at the downtown Filter Center in Sherwyn Hotel." The Sherwyn Hotel, located at the Boulevard of the Allies and Wood Street, is now Point Park University's Lawrence Hall.

Volunteers working around-the-clock shifts had put in an estimated 35,000 hours of observation since July 1952, *Post-Gazette* reporter Albert W. Bloom wrote. "Their mission [was to use] human sight alongside radar's electronic finger-eyes to protect us all against attack."

On the night that Bloom and photographer George Bower visited the Filter Center the volunteers on duty included Angela Kaczon, a 22-year-old immigrant from Poland. The story cited her as an example of "new Americans with a motivation and

dedication to [their] country's service that can't be matched by folks who take their citizenship for granted."

She had been 5 years old in 1939 when Soviet forces overran eastern Poland. She and her family were exiled to Siberia. "I think that anyone who is a Communist in this country should be sent to Siberia for one week without any food, just like we were sent," she said.

The end of World War II was followed by reduced emphasis on civil defense. That situation changed with the Soviet development of an atomic bomb in 1949 and the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950.

City leaders saw Pittsburgh as vulnerable to sabotage and attack from the air.

"The steel city of America is reportedly listed in Moscow as the number one target of Russian aerial invasion," Judge Michael A. Musmanno wrote in his 1954 biography, "Across the Street From the Courthouse." An attack on Pittsburgh would not only hit the steel industry but "the huge Westinghouse and other electrical plants [that] manufacture the delicate equipment and machinery for submarines, radar and air engines."

The *Post-Gazette* story appeared as the Filter Center was getting an upgrade. A tabletop map for marking the positions of aircraft above Pittsburgh was being replaced by a "new vertical plotting system using big plexi-glass plotting boards," Air Force Capt. Lloyd W. Brown told the newspaper.

Even as the Filter Center's plotting system was going higher tech, the need for the Ground Observer Corps was ending. In 1958 the Defense Department shut down the human eyes-on-the-skies program as the Air Force assembled a network of giant IBM computers that could gather aircraft data far better than human volunteers.

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# These Pennsylvania veterans inducted this year

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Since 1963, Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall has inducted nearly 700 Pennsylvania veterans into its Hall of Valor, including these inductees this year:

## Civil War

• **James Bronson**, Indiana County. Born a slave, he entered the war in Ohio with the 5th U.S. Colored Troops. After his company's officers were killed or injured on Sept. 9, 1864 at Chapin's Farm, Va., the sergeant led the unit, earning the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military decoration. He is buried in Chartiers Cemetery in Carnegie.

• **William Carson**, Fallowfield, Washington County. A bugler in the war, he received the Medal of Honor for bugling "to the colors" during the Battle

of Chickamauga in September 1863, deceiving the Confederates into believing that reinforcements were arriving and rallying Union troops.

## WWII

• **Thomas Cullison**, Brookline. The late lieutenant, a platoon leader in Europe, helped evacuate his men across the Moselle River in September 1944 using assault boats. Electing to swim so that more men could use the boats, he drowned and was posthumously awarded the Silver Star.

• **Michael Hluhan**, Bethel Park. The late private earned the Silver Star while serving with the Fourth Infantry Division in France in June 1944.

• **Arthur Nagy**, McKeesport. The last survivor of the Mon-Youth chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Asso-

ciation, he died last year at 90. A member of the 25th Infantry Division, he was at Schofield Barracks when the Japanese attacked on Dec. 7, 1941. The infantryman saw combat in several Pacific campaigns and earned the Soldiers Medal for saving a Japanese native from drowning on Guadalcanal in 1943.

• **Lucian Plotrowski**, Aliquippa. While on reconnaissance in a Philippine jungle on May 10, 1945, the late Army private's patrol was ambushed. He took out the enemy machine gun and killed three Japanese soldiers. He received the Silver Star.

• **Michael Popichak**, Carnegie. On Saipan on June 16, 1944, the late Marine private took a machine gun from a dead crew member and used it to counter a Japanese counter-attack, earning the Silver Star

for repulsing the advance.

• **Guerrino Prola**, Blairsville. A technician in the 99th Infantry Division in Belgium in January 1945, he made his way under heavy fire to rescue a wounded soldier and later entered a minefield to carry another wounded soldier to safety. He was awarded the Silver Star.

• **Michael Roth**, Washington County. The late sergeant received the Silver Star after setting a trap for enemy soldiers in Italy in April 1945. He killed five and forced the others to retreat. Later, under fire from a machine gun, he crawled forward and then leaped to his feet, killing the two soldiers manning the gun.

• **William Sweeney**, Cumberland County. At Normandy on June 7, 1944, the late sergeant braved machine-gun fire to save a wounded soldier and

received the Silver Star.

• **Richard Waldron**, Emsworth. An Army machine-gun squad leader in Luxembourg in January 1945, the late sergeant crawled to an advancing 10-man German patrol and threw a hand grenade, killing three and wounding four. Three others surrendered. He won the Silver Star.

## Korea

• **James Stadelmaier**, Kittanning. The late corporal, a medic, ran through enemy fire on June 14, 1952, to attend to the wounded and was shot in the shoulder but kept helping until all had been treated and evacuated.

## Vietnam

• **Robert Cervi**, Aliquippa. An Air Force C-130 loadmaster in Vietnam, the airman received the Distinguished Flying Cross

for twice unloading cargo from the plane under heavy fire during an emergency resupply mission in December 1967.

• **William Pagonis**, Evans City. A retired Army general from Charleroi in charge of logistics in the Gulf War, he received the Silver Star while serving with the 9th Infantry Division in Vietnam. In 1968, while commanding the 1097 Transportation Company during a tactical move of an artillery unit down a canal, boats moving artillery barges came under fire. When he learned that one was dead in the water, he turned his around to rescue the disabled boat, weaving through friendly and enemy fire to reach it and get the column moving again. During the action, he remained calm while exposed to fire on the quarterdeck, from which he directed his boats' gun crews and returned fire himself.

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## Pittsburgh gives thanks to Knap's Battery crew

By Len Barcoucky  
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The "irregularity of the trains" meant that members of Knap's Battery were a day late arriving on furlough in Pittsburgh in 1864.

Their hosts at a welcome-home banquet in Allegheny City, however, made sure they were not a dollar short in funding the delayed festivities for the combat veterans. "The table fairly groaned with the substantial and elegant dishes," The Daily Pittsburgh Gazette reported on Jan. 18, 1864.

Two months later the men from Battery E of the Pennsylvania Light Artillery were still talking about the warm reception they received during their leave. "Many incidents, which occurred in Allegheny and Pittsburgh, are rehearsed nightly to attentive listeners," a soldier-correspondent wrote in a letter to the editor published March 24.

"We are incapable of returning our thanks to the many friends at home in suitable language, but they may rest assured that we all feel grateful to them for the excessive kindness which was showered upon us from every quarter," the letter said. "[The] only manner in which we can repay them is to do our duty to our country, so that neither Allegheny nor Pittsburgh need ... be ashamed of the record of Knap's Pennsylvania Battery."

The letter was signed "R.A.H." The author might have been Cpl. Richard Henry, whose first and last initials match.

Knap's Battery was named for its first commander, New York native Joseph M. Knap. It had been formed in 1861 with soldiers mostly recruited in Allegheny County by local residents Charles A. Atwell and James D. McGill. The new unit elected its first officers in Washington Hall on Rebecca Street in Allegheny City, which is now the North Side of Pittsburgh. Washington Hall was also the site of the banquet given for the members of the battery after many of its veterans re-enlisted in 1864.

By that time its gun

crews had seen action in multiple battles including Antietam, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. The unit's service at Gettysburg is honored with two battlefield monuments.

When Knap left the unit to become superintendent of Pittsburgh's Fort Pitt Foundry in 1863, Atwell was promoted to captain. He was in command when the battery fought in Alabama and Tennessee. The Jan. 18 Gazette story reported that he was one of seven members of the unit killed or mortally wounded during fighting at Wauhatchie, Tenn., in late October 1863. Atwell, 22, was buried in Allegheny Cemetery. McGill then became captain.

When soldiers from Knap's Battery returned to active duty, they were sent south, first by train and then by foot, to Bridgeport, Ala., on the Tennessee River. Their comrades were glad to see them. "As we gazed on the familiar faces of our old companions ... we felt that we were home again," the letter to the editor said. The "old companions" were more recent recruits to the battery who did not qualify for the home furlough granted the veterans who had joined in 1861.

R.A.H. wrote that the men had no complaints about the warm weather in Alabama, "which is quite in contrast to the weather at home." Camp entertainment included "some beautiful selections from the Ethiopian masters, by Jackson and his brother contraband, Henry, whose performances on the banjo and tambourine throw Ole Bull and his violin into the shade." Ole Bull was a Norwegian musician and a founder of a failed immigrant colony in Potter County.

Knap's Battery took part in the battle for Atlanta, and its soldiers marched with Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman across Georgia to the sea. The artillery unit was disbanded on June 14, 1865.

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# Confederate heroes have their own medal of honor

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HANCOCK, Md. — The Medal of Honor, created by Congress during the Civil War as America's highest military decoration for valor, was never meant for Americans who fought for the South. They were the enemy, after all.

But there's a Confederate Medal of Honor, little known yet highly prized, that the Sons of Confederate Veterans bestows on those whose bravery in battle can be proven to the private group's satisfaction.

The silver-and-bronze medal is a 10-pointed star bearing the Great Seal of the Confederate States and the words, "Honor. Duty. Valor. Devotion."

It has been awarded 50 times since 1977, most recently to Maj. James Breathed, a native Virginian buried in Hancock. He was honored last year for his bravery as an artillery officer in the 1864 Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse in Virginia.

The number of recipients is tiny compared to the 3,487 on the U.S. Medal of Honor roll, including more than 1,500 who fought for the Union in the War Between the States.

Members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans say their medal is given less freely than those the Union awarded during the war.

"The SCV created their own Confederate Medal of Honor simply because there were some incredible acts of valor that had received little or no recognition during and after the war," said Ben Sewell III, executive director of the 29,000-member group, based in Columbia, Tenn.

The medal has Civil War-era origins. Confederate President Jefferson Davis signed a law in 1862 authorizing medals for courage on the battlefield, but none was issued. The U.S. Army Center of Military History says Gen. Robert E. Lee refused to award individual citations for valor, mentioning noteworthy performance in his dispatches instead.

The Confederate Medal of Honor recipients are largely low-to-middle-ranking figures. Perhaps best-known is Lt. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest of Tennessee, who tormented Union commanders with lightning raids, reportedly had black Union soldiers executed after their surrender at Fort Pillow,

Tenn., and was for a time a post-war member of the Ku Klux Klan.

The first medal recipient was Pvt. Samuel Davis of Smyrna, Tenn. Davis was captured by Union troops and hanged as a spy in 1863 at age 21. His statue graces the grounds of the state capitol in Nashville, along with those of presidents Andrew Jackson and Andrew Johnson. Other recipients include the eight crew members of the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley who perished in 1864 while attacking the federal war sloop USS Housatonic near Charleston, S.C.

Military historian Gregg Clemmer researched Confederate medal recipients for his 1996 book, "Valor in Gray." He cites Sgt. Richard Kirkland of South Carolina, honored for actions in the 1862 Battle of Fredericksburg, Va. Kirkland, moved by the cries of dying Union soldiers, reportedly brought them water on the battlefield during a firefight — an account doubted by some historians.

"People don't know these stories," Clemmer said. "They need to know these stories."

## Local Fremont supporters back challenge to Lincoln

By Len Barcousky  
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**B**efore Abraham Lincoln could face Democrat George B. McClellan in the presidential election of 1864, the incumbent president had to beat back a challenge from within his own party.

"The friends of Major General John C. Fremont ... assembled on Thursday evening, in the third story of Wilkins Hall, for the purpose of organizing a campaign club," The Daily Pittsburgh Gazette reported on Friday, April 8, 1864. Wilkins Hall stood on Fourth Avenue, between Wood and Smithfield streets.

Fremont, an ex-soldier and Western explorer, had been the newly formed Republican Party's first candidate for president in 1856. His supporters eight years later believed the Lincoln administration had not been radical enough in efforts to abolish slavery.

Fremont was commander of the U.S. Army's Department of the West in August 1861 when he issued a military order that anticipated Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation by 16 months. He placed Missouri, a border state with split loyalties, under martial law. More significantly, he said he would confiscate and free slaves held by anyone in rebellion against the federal government.

Fearing that Fremont's actions would shift the focus of the war away from preserving the union and encourage secession in border states, Lincoln had the order rescinded and replaced the man who issued it.

Three years later Fremont's supporters in Pittsburgh argued that their candidate's goals had ultimately been shown to be correct, with Lincoln himself swayed. "A good many people were opposed to his action in Missouri, but time had proved to all there the necessity of standing upon the identical platform which

he then stood upon," William F. Johnson told the crowd.

Fremont backers offered another strong argument for their candidate among the resolutions and principles they approved that evening. "We are in favor of the one-term principle," their statement said. No president had been elected to a second term since Andrew Jackson in 1832. While "we have high regard for President Lincoln, we conceive a re-nomination would be destructive of the principles for which we have heretofore contended," their statement continued.



Fremont

While the Gazette reported at length on the Fremont camp's meeting and official positions, the story contained some subtle signs that the future did not look bright for the dissidents. The

anonymous reporter at the event wrote that while several speakers were greeted with applause, a mention of Present Lincoln alone drew "marked applause."

Organizers of the meeting also may have forgotten the show-biz adage about leaving the audience wanting more. As Pittsburgh factory owner Nathaniel P. Sawyer read "a very dry biographical sketch of Gen. Fremont ... many persons left the hall," the story said. "Mr. Sawyer then moved that the meeting adjourn, with three cheers for Gen. John C. Fremont ... but the response was feeble — painfully feeble."

"A brass band was in attendance during the evening," the story concluded. "And the music was excellent."

While Fremont became the candidate of the Radical Democracy Party, he withdrew from the race before the November election. Lincoln, running with Democrat Andrew Johnson under the National Union Party banner, went on to defeat McClellan decisively.

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# Grant buttons his lip on Pittsburgh visit

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When Ulysses S. Grant arrived in Washington to take command of the Union Army in 1864, no one was there to greet him. "Inconspicuous and unrecognized, a travel-stained linen duster hiding most of his uniform, he made his way to the Willard Hotel," Jean Edward Smith writes in his 2001 biography of the Civil War general.

When President Grant arrived in Pittsburgh five years later, something similar happened. The president's train was late, and many people in the crowd gathered at Union Station began to "scatter," according to the Sept. 15, 1869, edition of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

A few minutes later, "the special train came thundering into the depot," the newspaper said. "The President stepped out alone and was not recognized by anyone until he had passed nearly through the depot." At that point, U.S. Rep. James K. Moorhead, spotting Grant, "quietly took charge of him and conducted him to a carriage.

Newspaper accounts disagree on what kind of reception Grant received as he rode from the station on Liberty Avenue to the Monongahela House on Smithfield Street.

The Pittsburgh Daily Post, which billed itself as "The Only Democratic Daily Paper in Western Pennsylvania," claimed that Grant, now identified with the "Radical" Republicans, was snubbed by most local politicians and ignored by the general population. "He must have felt humbled yesterday on his entrance to this ... city," a brief story in the Sept. 15 edition of the Post said. The president's party filled only two carriages, the Post's reporter wrote, and he claimed he had not heard even a single cheer "of welcome from the depot to the Monongahela House."

The Pittsburgh Evening Chronicle and the Gazette, both friendlier to the GOP in their editorial policies, reported that once Grant had been located, 12 carriages were needed to ferry the president, his family and local dignitaries to the hotel. "The crowd at the depot was very large and enthusiastic, and the President was loudly



While he was still a Union general, President Ulysses S. Grant sat for this portrait with famed photographer Mathew B. Brady.

cheered along the route," the Chronicle reported on Sept. 14, the day of Grant's arrival.

The Post also made fun of Grant's shortcomings as a public speaker. On the day of his arrival, the Post provided a mock version of what Grant would say: "Gentlemen of the Committee I thank you for your cordial reception. I came to see your people and stay with you a short time. I like Pittsburgh ..."

The Post's prediction was pretty close. Speaking from the balcony of the Monongahela House to the crowd gathered on Smithfield Street, Grant offered brief thanks for the noisy reception and ended with a joke: "It is unnecessary for me to say more, as many of you cannot hear what I am saying."

The next morning Grant and his family left by carriage to visit relatives in Washington, Pa.

The day after Grant's departure, the Gazette ran a short story based on a familiar trope: that the president had gone unrecognized once again.

As the Grant family headed south, they came up to a "tall lank fellow" who asked when the president was expected to pass by. "Mrs. Grant quickly said, 'This is the president.'" The man by the road was skeptical. "Get along Missus ... that man's good enough, but I'll wait a little longer to see our President. That little fellow won't pass for him just this time."

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# World War II veteran recognized for heroism

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He fought the Nazis and helped liberate the Buchenwald concentration camp, so there was no way Clarence Brockman, 94, was going to be deterred by a snowstorm that coincided with his trip to the French Embassy in Washington, D.C., where he was scheduled to receive a medal that has enshrined heroes since the days of Napoleon Bonaparte.

The Legion of Honor, France's highest distinction, singles out those who risked their lives fighting on French territory.

Those who are appointed are known as "chevaliers," the French word for knight.



Barbara Brockman points to the Chevalier of the Legion of Honor medal the French government awarded to her father, Clarence Brockman, earlier this month in Washington, D.C.

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The Washington County commissioners took note of Brockman's honor Thursday morning.

"Thank you for everything from Washington County. That's all I can say," the World War II veteran told the audience.

"He is Sir Clarence Brockman," daughter Barbara Brockman pointed out, eliciting a chorus of awe from the crowd gathered at Courthouse Square.

Thursday's gathering was a bit more informal than the one the Brockman family attended earlier this month at the French Embassy, where Brockman received the medal which features a five-armed cross and a green laurel wreath.

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Barbara Brockman recalls Consul General Olivier Serot Alméras fighting back tears as he said, "I can never express to you what you have done for my country."

After the medal ceremony, the guests enjoyed a champagne-and-pastry reception while a pianist played music popular in the 1930s and '40s.

Fighting the snow, son James Brockman, his wife, Lynn, Barbara and Clarence Brockman headed back to McDonald, winding up a 17-hour day.

The father and daughter

also traveled to a reunion at Buchenwald in 2010. A story at the time in the *Observer-Reporter* described the scene: "As Clarence H. Brockman of McDonald walked through the gates of the Buchenwald concentration camp several weeks ago, a man in a striped prisoner's uniform joyfully threw his arms around him. Although Viktor Savvitskyi from Ukraine does not speak English, what he was conveying was obvious. He was thanking Brockman and other American soldiers who liberated the Nazi camp 65 years ago. According to Barbara Brockman, Savvitskyi 'saw my dad's commander's cap and the 80th (insignia) and just went crazy.'"

Barbara Brockman said the Associated Press photo of her father embracing the man in striped prison garb was published in 9,000 newspapers.

In addition to his honor from the French, the World War II veteran has two Bronze Stars. Although he suffered frostbite during the Battle of the Bulge, he declined to be treated and, therefore, he does not have a Purple Heart among his medals.

Of the 13,000 members of Brockman's 80th Division, he is one of just a handful to receive the Legion of Honor. Brockman joins Generals Dwight D. Eisenhower and Douglas MacArthur as those who received this token of gratitude from the French.

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ceremony at Robinson Run Cemetery in South Fayette Township.

While the day is one to honor those veterans and their families who made the ultimate sacrifice, Saveikis said it is a national disgrace that homeless veterans live in the community.

"They are the ones who provided us with this country of liberty," Saveikis said.

Saveikis urged those gathered to support their local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War posts.

"Help them out, even if it is just to buy a fish sandwich during one of their fish fries," the district judge said. "They are the fabric of support for our veterans."

Special recognition and a citation was given to 88-year-old Charles R. Smith Sr. of McDonald during the ceremony at the honor roll. Smith enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943 after graduating from high school. Following basic and advanced training in heavy equipment, Smith was sent to the European Theater Oct. 14, 1944, and was attached to the 9th Air Force in the Battle of the Rhine and Central Europe.

Smith served in Germany, France, Italy, Holland, Switzerland, Luxembourg and Belgium. He received the Central European Medal with two bronze stars, the American Theater Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the European Occupational Medal and the World War II Victor Medal with cluster.

## McDonald honors 'spirit of sacrifice'

### Ceremony marks Memorial Day

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The residents of McDonald and surrounding communities took time away from picnics and other plans for Memorial Day to remember the veterans who served in the military and to the ones who gave their lives for our nation's freedom.

"Today, we gather here to honor the men and women who sacrificed their lives in order that we may live with peace in freedom," said Patrick Powell, a member of McDonald Veterans Association during a ceremony Monday at the McDonald Honor Roll on East Lincoln Avenue outside the Ernest Phillips American Legion Post 485. The veterans association, which includes members of the legion as well as the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 587, sponsored the parade and ceremonies.

The Rev. Barry Givner, pastor of First McDonald Baptist Church, told those gathered that they were brought together in great and sacred trust.

"We are here to remember those who gave their lives in all that American stands for," Givner said. "We remember their spirit of sacrifice and valor."

District Judge Anthony Saveikis, whose area includes the Allegheny County section of McDonald, said the residents of this community continue to serve and bleed for this nation.

"We have some of the most



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Barbara Sarells, right, of the American Legion Post Ladies Auxiliary, and Jaymie Stevens, president of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary, place a wreath at the veterans memorial in Robinson Run Cemetery near McDonald.



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McDonald Veterans Association stands at attention during the ceremony at Robinson Run Cemetery.

patriotic folks," Saveikis said to the group gathered for a

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## Obama pays tribute to fallen

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE  
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — President Barack Obama on Monday saluted Americans who died in battle, saying the country must "never stop trying to fully repay them" for their sacrifices. He noted it was the first Memorial Day in 14 years without U.S. forces engaged in a major ground war.

Speaking under sunny skies to some 5,000 people in an amphitheater on the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery, Obama said the graveyard is "more than a final resting place of heroes."

"It is a reflection of America itself," he said, citing racial and religious diversity in the backgrounds of the men and woman who paid the ultimate sacrifice to preserve "the ideals that bind us as one nation."

His appearance is an annual rite for presidents at the cemetery nestled among verdant hills overlooking the Potomac River. It came months after the end of the U.S. combat mission in Afghanistan, where the number of stationed troops was reduced to about 10,000 from a peak of more than 100,000.

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# A soldier of the Revolution



John Thomas McCall is one of 24 named Revolutionary War veterans buried at Oak Spring Cemetery in Canonsburg. The grave was dedicated by the George Washington Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution May 30.

## Man buried in Canonsburg served with Pa. Continental Troops



Shown from left during the May 30 grave dedication are Glenn White, a descendant of John Thomas McCall; Larry Ridgway, president of the George Washington Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution; Michael Merryman, who performed the national anthem; bagpiper Patrick Coughlan; and Kenneth Gorton, who gave the invocation and benediction.

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For most people, any connection with the War of Independence is tenuous at best. It might be the stuff of lectures and tests in American history class, or it could be the setting for a video or television show.

But on a Saturday in late May, a small group gathered at Oak Spring Cemetery, Canonsburg, to dedicate a flat stone marker so anyone who reads it will know a Revolutionary War soldier is buried there.

"John Thomas McCall was my fifth great-grandfather," said Glenn White of Wheeling, W.Va., a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

"I researched him for about

nine years, and it's opened up a whole new world of my ancestry to me. One thing the government does well is maintain good military records."

Through the Internet, White delved into the background of McCall, discovering the man was born in 1726 in Glasgow, Scotland. He married Jane Childs Young, who was born in 1738. Their children were John, Thomas, James, Matthew, Nancy, William and Alexander.

During what would be his final month on Earth, McCall drew up a will. He died Nov. 15, 1810, in Canonsburg, and was buried in what is now Oak Spring Cemetery. His wife outlived him by nearly 12 years, also dying in Canonsburg.

Gina Nestor is vice president of the Oak Spring Cemetery board of directors.

"Anything about Oak Spring Cemetery, she's a walking encyclopedia," White said.

Nestor downplayed her role in shedding light on a person who died nearly 205 years ago.

"I just confirmed what he had," Nestor said of White's information about his ancestor. "I did not know he was a Revolutionary War soldier until about four years ago. We have 24 Revolutionary War veterans buried at Oak Spring that are named and one unknown Revolutionary War soldier."

The records about the unknown soldier "were either

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# Revolution

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burned or lost in a flood," Nestor said.

On Independence Day, it's appropriate to briefly review some background on the American Revolution:

Freedom fighters in the 13 colonies formed an army and actually began waging war long before the Declaration of Independence was given a final stamp of approval July 4, 1776.

On May 10, 1775, the Second Continental Congress convened in Philadelphia and, June 15, the Congress unanimously voted to appoint George Washington general and commander-in-chief of the new Continental Army, according to the University of Washington Department of History website.

The Keystone State seems to have been an exception in bellicosity. According to Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, "at the beginning of 1775, Pennsylvania, founded under Quaker auspices, differed from other American colonies in being totally devoid of military organization. Early in that year, as tension mounted, there appeared spontaneously in certain localities volunteer companies of 'Associators' patterned essentially upon groups which existed briefly from 1747 to 1748 and again after Braddock's defeat (in the French and Indian War) in 1755.

"These volunteer companies made up the Military Association, a civilian reserve designed to repel invasion. In 1775, the Provincial Assembly recognized associators and grouped their companies into battalions." Those who served ranged in age from 16 to 60 years. Thousands of Pennsylvanians served in New Jersey, according to a Revolutionary War records overview. During the winter of 1776-77, the association collapsed and the assembly replaced it with a militia system.

According to White, McCall served in both the French and Indian War and Revolutionary War with the Pennsylvania Continental Troops as third corporal from 1775 to 1783. Each Continental Army unit had six corporals, and he was the third corporal of his unit.

A history of strife between the Scots and English that goes back many centuries may have fueled his patriotism in the conflict with the Crown. "He probably had a natural dislike of the British, and it was an easy choice to join the fight," White said in remarks he prepared for the graveside dedication of the cemetery stone.

He also posed the question of why we should honor Mc-



The combined color guard that took part in the grave dedication.

Call, and others like him, today.

"Without the selfless volunteering for his adoptive country, and for like-minded men and women who risked their lives and material possessions, we might never have become the exceptional and free country we have today," White said. "It is our sacred duty to hold fast to the principles of John Thomas McCall and all the men and women who served this infant democracy.

"I am humbled to think that he may have stood with General Washington at Valley Forge and the Battle Of Trenton, events that proved to be the turning points in our battle to be free."

The Battle of Trenton was fought Dec. 26, 1776, after Washington's famous boat trip across the Delaware River. The University of Washington website fills in the details:

"On Christmas, George Washington takes 2,400 of his men and recrosses the Delaware River. Washington then conducts a surprise raid on 1,500 British Hessians (German mercenaries) at Trenton, N.J. The Hessians surrender after an hour with nearly 1,000 taken prisoner by Washington, who suffers only six wounded. Washington reoccupies Trenton. The victory provides a much-needed boost to the morale of all American patriots." With Washington was Maj. Gen. Nathanael Greene, a Rhode Islander who is the namesake of Greene County. The next winter, Washington and the Continental Army set up winter quarters at Valley Forge.

For those who view Valley Forge as simply an exit or service plaza on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Washington and his army camped there during the bitterly cold winter of 1777-78 after British troops occupied Philadelphia. The downtrodden, freezing and hungry Continental Army seemed to be

fighting a lost cause. According to the U.S. History website, about 12,000 Continental Army troops were with Gen. Washington at the start, but "death claimed about a quarter of them before spring arrived. Another thousand didn't enlist or deserted."

A paycheck was scarce or non-existent, so the fledgling country compensated soldiers with land on the frontier.

McCall's story is interwoven with the congregation of which he was a member.

The history of what's now known as Oak Spring Cemetery pre-dates both the nation itself and Washington County. Nestor said it was founded in 1775 as a burial ground for what she called the Chartiers Meeting House, also known as Chartiers associate Presbyterian congregation in a history written by James T. Herron.

"Canonsburg didn't even exist. It was Chartiers Township," Nestor said.

Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church at 112 West Pike St. traces its history back to this congregation.

The cemetery's oldest tombstone, that of James Ross, dates to the 1780s.

In 1797, trustees of the associate congregation of Chartiers Township purchased "four acres, two roods and 15 perches of land of John Canon, for which they paid 45 pounds. On this land the congregation erected their first meeting-house and buried their dead. The house was built of round logs daubed with clay, some of the logs having been cut to give light. The seats were of round poles laid on blocks. It had no fireplace, stove nor chimney. There the congregation would sit for two sermons, in cold winter days, without fire, and no glass in the windows."

Because Boyd Crumrine's "History of Washington County, Pennsylvania" lists John McCall as an elder of the

congregation in 1799, it's safe to assume he and his family attended church in these spartan conditions.

"They met for six hours on a Sunday," Nestor said. "The ones who came out here were staunch Presbyterians. These people went to church for six hours on Sunday. The kids went, too. They were a pious family, hard workers."

Nestor also found documentation McCall donated a British pound toward a circuit-riding minister's salary. Although it might not sound like much today when a British pound equals about \$1.60, "That was a lot of money back then," she said, estimating the value of the pound at \$97 in today's purchasing value.

White said the federal Department of Veterans Affairs would not provide a stone for McCall, so he purchased one from his own pocket.

"I checked with the National Cemetery Administration (one of the three administrations under Veterans Affairs) and we have no record of such an application for a headstone," wrote Randy Noller, from the VA Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs in Washington, D.C., in response to an email inquiry.

"However, the veteran's gravesite is marked, so by law we can't provide a headstone."

He cited information on the VA cemetery website that states, "The Department of Veterans Affairs furnishes upon request, at no charge to the applicant, a government headstone or marker for the unmarked grave of any deceased eligible veteran in any cemetery around the world, regardless of their date of death."

According to Noller, "A denial would have nothing to do with budgetary cutbacks ... but simply that, according to the law, we can't provide a government headstone because the grave is marked."

# Fort Cherry grad building bridges, roads in war zones

By NAVY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH, PUBLIC AFFAIRS

GULFPORT, Miss. – A Midway native is building bridges and roads around the world as a member of the U.S. Navy's Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1, based in Gulfport.

Petty Officer 1st Class Justin Jordan is an equipment operator with NMCB 1, a unit that specializes in building structures in areas of conflict.

Sailors attached to NMCB 1 and other similar units are nicknamed "Seabees," and they are a unique group in the Navy whose motto is "We build, we fight."

Seabees are trained as builders and fighters. They not only build bridges, roads, runways and other structures in war zones, but they also defend those structures after they've built them.

Jordan, a 2005 graduate of Fort Cherry Junior/Senior High School, operates heavy construction equipment, such as cranes and backhoes.

Jordan and the rest of the sailors assigned to NMCB 1 are part of the Navy's construction force that has been around for more than 70 years.

Seabees have built entire bases and bridges, plus bulldozed and paved thousands of miles of roadway and airstrips for the U.S. military all over the world, playing a vital role in every major conflict the United States has been involved with since World War II.

"I like that I can help people with construction needs and get the job done well," Jordan said.



**Justin Jordan, a 2005 graduate of Fort Cherry Junior/Senior High School, is building bridges and roads around the world with the U.S. Navy's Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1, based in Gulfport, Miss.**

With nearly 600 personnel assigned to the battalion, jobs are highly varied, and every job plays an important role in keeping the battalion ready to deploy around the world whenever needed.

Jordan's commanding officer said he's proud of the hard work and dedication from the battalion over the past 12 months as the sailors prepare for their next deployment.

"This battalion works extremely hard," Cmdr. Kemit Spears said. "They are ready to execute missions in any environment, in areas all over the world."

By working with NMCB 1 and serving in the U.S. Navy, Jordan said is he learning about himself as a leader and a person.

"Being a Seabee has expanded my professional knowledge in construction and strengthened my skills overall," he said.

**Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Justin Jordan  
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## Clarence H. Brockman

*Decorated WWII veteran was Buchenwald liberator*



Clarence H. Brockman, 95, of McDonald, passed away peacefully Tuesday, November 17, 2015, in his home, surrounded by his many World War II, Steelers, Pirates and Penguins items, and his dog, Beni, and daughter Barbara, by his side.

He was born June 26, 1920, in Midway, a son of the late Clarence and Ruth Welch Brockman.

Mr. Brockman was a 1940 graduate of Midway High School. He entered the U.S. Army in July 1942, where he served in the 80th Infantry Division, 317th Regimental HQ Company, Communications Team and received an honorable discharge in October 1945. During World War II, he received the first of two Bronze Stars for valor for holding his position during the Moselle River Crossing, he fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and on April 11, 1945, he was part of the liberation of Buchenwald Concentration Camp.

In January 1946, he began a 38-year career with Consolidation Coal Co., Preparation Plant, in McDonald.

On April 11, 1947, he married Naomi Jackson, who died March 24, 2014. They enjoyed traveling to Europe with other World War couples, attending 80th Division Veterans Association functions and Caribbean Cruises.

Besides being an avid photographer and attending Jamboree in the Hills for 30-plus years, he was a life member of American Legion Ernest

Philips Post 485, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 520 of Midway, United Mine Workers of America District 2, McDonald Presbyterian Church, Teutonia Mannerchor Club in Pittsburgh and 80th Division Veterans Association, where during his 57-year membership, he served three times as national reunion chairman and twice as national commander.

Mr. Brockman received the French Legion of Honor Knighthood at the French Embassy in Washington, D.C., March 2015. He also received another honor from the Washington County Commissioners and was honored in 2010 by Covenant Life Fellowship.

In April 2012, he and a Buchenwald Concentration Camp survivor, Sol Lurie, spoke to a group of 700 people at Washington & Jefferson College. He returned to Buchenwald Concentration Camp with his daughter in 2010 for the 65th anniversary of the liberation. At that time, WQED produced a program, "Return to Buchenwald," and later that summer, he was interviewed at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial and Museum in Washington, D.C., where his interview is preserved on a DVD. There are several books with brief stores of his World War II experiences, "The Liberator" and "They Say There Was a War."

In April 2014, he was honored by Pittsburgh Penguins, where he received his own personalized jersey and they honored him again this past Veterans Day. In June 2014, on military appreciation night at a Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game,

he was honored as "Fan of the Game." On September 8, 2015, he was honored by the NFL and Pittsburgh Steelers during their "Salute to Service" presentation.

He was a direct descendent of Col. John Canon, founder of Canonsburg.

Mr. Brockman leaves behind a son, James (Lynn) Brockman, and a daughter, Barbara Brockman, both of McDonald; a granddaughter, Jennifer (Rob) Guidice of New Brighton; three nephews, Scott (Carol) Albertini of McDonald, John (Kay) Covode of Hayesville, N.C., and Robert (Trish) Covode of Cincinnati, Ohio; four great-nephews; five great-nieces; and eight great-great-nephews and nieces.

Deceased are two sisters, Mary Brockman Covode and Ruth Brockman; a brother, Staff Sgt. Robert J. Brockman, KID, May 10, 1945; and a niece, Mary Covode Berry.

Friends will be received from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 10 to 11 a.m., the time of service, Friday, November 20, in Nation Funeral Home Inc., 220 East Lincoln Avenue, McDonald, PA 15057, with Pastor Justin Amsler of McDonald Presbyterian Church and Rabbi David Novitsky of Beth Israel Synagogue of Washington officiating. Burial will follow in National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Cecil Township. Military rites will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home by American Legion Ernest Philips Post and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post of McDonald and Midway.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made on behalf of the family to the funeral home.

**Clarence H. Brockman**  
**June 26, 1920-November 17, 2015**

# Daddy's home

Alivia Howell, center, reacts to seeing her father, Tech. Sgt. William Howell, walk through the door to her kindergarten classroom at Fort Cherry Elementary Center earlier this month. Howell surprised Alivia and her twin brother, Nicholas, who is in the striped shirt behind her. The family was stationed in California when Howell relocated his wife, Melinda, and children four months ago back home to Hickory before his upcoming one-year deployment. He has been an aircraft mechanic for the U.S. Air Force for 13 years and will be helping to maintain the F-16 fleet in Korea. At right, kindergartners watch as Alivia and Nicholas hug their dad. Howell poses with his children following his surprise trip home.



**Tech Sgt. William Howell, Daddy's Home  
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John Boliver Jr.



Joseph Bongiorno III



Anthony Madison



Mary Rhoads

# In honor of sacrifice



SCOTT BEVERIDGE/OBSERVER-REPORTER

A photo featured in the book, "13 Soldiers: A Personal History of Americans at War," shows Mary Rhoads of California Borough returning home in March 1991 shortly after a Scud missile crushed her barracks during the Persian Gulf War.

## Service to mark 25th anniversary of Iraqi Scud missile attack

By SCOTT BEVERIDGE  
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The nightmares return for Persian Gulf War veteran Mary Rhoads every time the anniversary of the Feb. 25, 1991, Iraqi Scud missile attack that killed 13 of her comrades, including two from the Mon Valley and another from Hickory, draws near.

The bad memories experienced by the former California Borough meter maid intermingle with the those of the good times she shared with other members of the 14th Quartermaster, a Hempfield Township-based water-purification unit that suffered the worst casualties during the brief war.

"I still miss them every day," Rhoads, 59, said Thursday, a week before a memorial will be held at the Hempfield base to mark the 25th anniversary of the attack that also injured 43 members of her unit.

"It's nice to let the KIA (Killed in Action) families know that we haven't forgotten them," she said.

**"IT'S NICE TO LET THE KIA FAMILIES KNOW THAT WE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THEM."**

**MARY RHOADS, SURVIVOR OF THE FEB. 25, 1991, IRAQI SCUD MISSILE ATTACK**

A U.S. Patriot missile that day failed to intercept the Scud, which decimated the unit's barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Rhoads left the building shortly before the Scud landed and killed her best friend, Spc. Beverly Sue Clark, 23, of Indiana County.

Also killed were Spc. John August Boliver Jr., 27, of Monongahela; Sgt. Joseph Phillip Bongiorno III, 20, of Hickory; and Spc. Anthony Erik Madison, 27, of Monessen, Westmoreland County.

Rhoads later became a symbol of the physical and emotional wounds veterans of that war suffer. She was among the first vet-

erans of the conflict to win a disability case for having undiagnosed illnesses associated with Persian Gulf syndrome. There also is a chapter about her in U.S. Sen. John McCain's 2014 book, "13 Soldiers; A Personal History of Americans at War."

"I stirred up the pot," Rhoads said when the book was released in November 2014.

Discovering last year that the monument to the 14th Quartermaster had been neglected and was in disrepair made matters worse for some of its veterans and those of other military conflicts.

The U.S. Army apologized for its condition, and it invested \$197,000 in approach of the 25th anniversary to refurbish the monument at 900 Armory Drive, where the memorial service will be held at noon Thursday.

"It broke my heart," Rhoads said.

The public is invited to attend the memorial program, said Maj. Julius D. Penn, public affairs officer for the 316th Expeditionary Sustainment Command in Coraopolis.

**In Honor of Sacrifice**

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# Preserving history

## *S. Fayette resident publishes book on local Civil War regiment*

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Christopher George knows a thing or two about perseverance.

After spending almost 20 years researching his family's genealogy, George recently published "Day-by-day with the 123d Pennsylvania Volunteers: A Nine-month Civil War Regiment from Allegheny County," a book about what life was like for the common soldier during the Civil War.

George, who lives in South Fayette, said while learning about his family's history, he became captivated with understanding the context in which his ancestors lived. But when researching his great-great-grandfather, John Armstrong George, who fought during the Civil War in Company E of the 123rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and died in 1921, very few family documents or photos documenting his life survived.



**Christopher George**

To gain a better understanding about John Armstrong George's life experiences, Chris George turned to the letters and journals of his grandfather's contemporaries and stories from Pittsburgh newspapers.

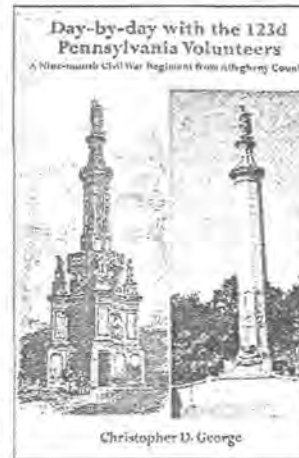
During his research, George discovered what life was like for soldiers during the Civil War from 1862 to 1863, and what life was like for the families back home waiting for news of their loved ones.

George explained that

during the summer of 1862, Pennsylvania was expected to raise about 21,000 soldiers to fulfill its obligation to President Lincoln's call for additional troops. Knowing that this would be a difficult task because of the normal three-year term of service, Gov. Andrew Curtin received permission to raise some of Pennsylvania's recruits for a nine-month term of service.

The 123rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry was one of the 16 nine-month regiments formed throughout the state that summer. During a war meeting held in the basement of Second United Presbyterian Church of Allegheny, the Rev. John Barr Clark encouraged the men of his congregation to enlist, signing his own name at the top of the list. Within a week, almost 1,000 men had enlisted, with Clark as their colonel.

"What is unique about the story of the 123d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry is the fact that it truly is an Allegheny County story," George



said. "Over 900 soldiers in this regiment resided in the county at the time of enlistment."

The book gives a sense of what life was like for the common soldier during this dark period of the country's history, George said. Many soldiers wrote almost every day, and many were well-spoken.

Included in the book is a glimpse of what it was like for the families at home, waiting for word about their friends and relatives. Using the local

newspapers from that period, George attempts to discover how families received news about the location and condition of their loved ones.

"This book has really come about because others took the time to record and preserve the thoughts and deeds of their lives," George said. "The letters, journals and memoirs that are sadly missing from my family tree have luckily been kept and shared from other family trees."

George, a teacher in the Upper St. Clair School District, is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and the University of Pittsburgh. He lives with his wife and three children in South Fayette Township.

"Day-by-day with the 123d Pennsylvania Volunteers" is available on Amazon. George also will be selling copies of his book with the Allegheny City Society at the Old Allegheny Victorian Christmas House Tour Friday and Dec. 10.

**Preserving History-South Fayette resident publishes book on local Civil War regiment**  
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*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

**U.S. Air Force Airman Amelia Baldwin** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Baldwin is the daughter of Dana and Tim Motte of Burgettstown. She is the wife of Brian Baldwin. The airman is a 2015 graduate of Fort Cherry High School.

**U.S. Airman Amelia Baldwin**  
**Observer-Reporter-April 8, 2018 Edition**

## MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND EVENTS

### Amwell Township

The 13th annual service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday on the lawn of the Lower Ten Mile Presbyterian Church. A parade will precede the program. Refreshments will follow. For more details, call 724-228-1031.

### Burgettstown

Monday:  
7:45 a.m. – Paris Cemetery  
8 a.m. – Chestnut Ridge Cemetery  
8:20 a.m. – Granview Cemetery  
8:40 a.m. – Langeloth Honor Roll  
9 a.m. – Eldersville Honor Roll  
9:20 a.m. – Cross Creek Cemetery  
9:30 a.m. – Atlasburg Honor Roll  
10 a.m. – Slovan Honor Roll  
10:20 a.m. – Fairview Cemetery  
10:35 a.m. – Cherry Valley Honor Roll  
10:50 a.m. – Bulger Honor Roll  
11:05 a.m. – Joffre Honor Roll  
11:20 a.m. – Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery  
11:35 a.m. – Burgettstown Honor Roll

### Carmichaels

Carmichaels Honor Guard and Greensboro VFW Post 6303  
Sunday:  
11:30 a.m. – Garard Fort Cemetery

1 p.m. – Greensboro VFW Honor Roll  
Monday:  
10 a.m. – Nemaclin Honor Roll  
11 a.m. – World War II Monument/Crucible Honor Roll  
1 p.m. – Laurel Point Cemetery  
1:30 p.m. – Lunch at the Carmichaels American Legion Post 400

### Fredericktown

Hanson-Cole Post 391 American Legion  
Monday:  
8:40 a.m. – Buckingham Cemetery, Deemston  
8:55 a.m. – Fredericktown Hill Cemetery  
9:15 a.m. – Honor Roll in Vestaburg  
9:30 a.m. – World War II Honor Roll, Main Street, Fredericktown  
9:45 a.m. – World War I Honor Roll, Newton  
10 a.m. – Mildred Terrace Cemetery  
10 a.m. – Honor Roll, Clarksville  
10:45 a.m. – Municipal parking lot, Riverside in Fredericktown, which will include the placing of the wreath on the Monongahela River honoring those lost at sea  
11 a.m. – Municipal parking lot, Main Street in Fredericktown, where services

will conclude at the Veterans Memorial

### Jefferson

Filer-Sadlek Post 954  
Monday:  
11 a.m. – Mather Honor Roll/Post Office  
11:30 a.m. – Jefferson Cemetery  
12 – Service at the Veterans Section of the Greene County Memorial Park

### Marianna

American Legion Post 744  
Sunday:  
8:15 a.m. – Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Cemetery  
8:45 a.m. – Franklin Cemetery  
9:15 a.m. – Dunkard Church  
10 a.m. – Highland Ridge Church  
10:30 a.m. – Lone Pine Cemetery  
11 a.m. – Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
11:30 a.m. – North Ten Mile Baptist Church  
Noon – Marianna Catholic Cemetery  
12:30 p.m. – Horne Cemetery  
12:45 a.m. – Russian Cemetery  
1:30 p.m. – Ceremony at the Marianna Legion

### McDonald

Monday:  
10:30 a.m. Flag raising/

salute – Robinson Township Honor Roll

11:15 a.m. Parade, flag raising/salute – American Legion Memorial  
12 Services at Robinson Run cemetery

### Midway

Monday:  
9:30 a.m. Flag raising/salute – Primrose Honor Roll  
9:30 a.m. Veteran Naming Ceremony – Midway Honor Roll  
9:45 a.m. Flag raising/salute – Midway Honor Roll  
10 a.m. Service at Center Cemetery, Midway  
In case of rain, services will be held at the Midway Fire Department

### Mt. Morris

James R. Maxon American Legion Post 992  
Sunday:  
11 a.m. – services at Kiger Cemetery  
11:20 a.m. – Claughton Chapel Cemetery  
Monday:  
10 a.m. – Service at Mt. Morris United Methodist Church  
11 a.m. – Parade from Mt. Morris United Methodist Church to the creek where a salute to the Navy will take place.  
12 – Ceremonies at Cedar Grove Cemetery

### Mt. Pleasant Township

There will be a Memorial Day program at 10 a.m. Monday in the Bud Allison Memorial Auditorium, to honor 28 men from the community. There will be special music provided by a bagpiper, a soloist and the Fort Cherry Junior/Senior High School band. Guest speaker will be retired Maj. Loretta Kendall. Refreshments will follow the program.

### Monongahela

Monday:  
9 a.m. – Parade beginning at 4th and Main streets  
9:45 a.m. – Memorial Day program at Monongahela Cemetery, Veterans Section at top of hill  
11 a.m. – Victory Hill Honor Roll  
12 – New Eagle Honor Roll  
12:30 p.m. – Sacred Heart Cemetery  
1 p.m. – Van Voorhis Honor Roll  
1:30 p.m. – Ginger Hill Grange  
2 p.m. – Hazelkirk Memorial  
3 p.m. – Formal opening: Monongahela Veterans Time Capsule

### Rices Landing

Brooks-Crago American Legion Post 816

Sunday:

1:30 p.m. – Assemble for the parade at Post 816  
2 p.m. – Parade will begin at Post 816 and proceed to the Honor Roll located between the Hewitt Cemetery and Hewitt Presbyterian Church. Following the service, another program will be held at the Crucible/St. Mary's Cemetery Honor Roll. Light snacks will be provided at Post 816 following the service.

### Washington

American Legion Post 175  
American Legion Edwin Scott Linton Post 175, 168 Park Ave. in Washington, will hold its annual Memorial Day ceremony, beginning at 10 a.m. Monday in the American Legion parking lot. The honor guard will then proceed to Washington Cemetery for a ceremony at 10:45, the Washington County Courthouse (11:05), Immaculate Conception Cemetery (11:25), Beth Israel Cemetery (11:45) and conclude at the Polish Cemetery (12:05 p.m.). For more information, call 724-222-9912.

### Waynesburg

Waynesburg Honor Guard  
A service at will be held the Post home at 11 a.m. Monday on Lincoln Street. A light lunch will follow.

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