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Cpl. Clyde T. Harris, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde T. Harris, Sr. of Langeloth, arrived home last Wednesday, June 27, with an honorable discharge from the Air Corps. He has 143 points. Clyde has been in service since December 8, 1941, and spent 35 months overseas in the European Theater.

Sgt. Lewis Mader of Washington, D. C. is spending a 15 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mader of Slovan.

Bill Addington, U. S. Merchant Marine, is spending a 30 day leave with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Lee M. Addington of Harmon Creek. At the end of his leave Bill will report to New York. He recently returned from a 3 month trip to Russia.

Pfc. John Tizik of Bulger, Pa., received an honorable discharge from the United States Army at Indian town Gap Military Reservation, Pa., on Tuesday, June 26.

Cpl. Hugh Pollon of Camp Maxey, Tex., spent a 3 day pass visiting with his wife and infant daughter, Bonnie Kay, of Burgettstown, and his parents of Bavington.

Richard Henry Creps, S 1/C a member of the Medical Unit, serving in the hospital at Camp Park, California is spending a 15 day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Creps of Main Street.

Pfc. Ralph Ryan of Francis Mine is spending a 30 day furlough at home. Ralph was a member of the Black Hawk Division, which recently returned from overseas duty.

Cpl. John Zibritosky of Fort Bragg, N. C., spent a furlough with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zibritosky of Raccoon last week.

Ensign William Sauser left Sunday, June 24, after spending a 10 day leave in Burgettstown. He was from Miami, Fla. and now has as his address c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

2nd Lt. Joseph Seyda is spending a 31 day furlough with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Seyda of Langeloth. He will report to Ft. Dix, N. J. at the end of his furlough. Joe has been overseas since January with the 8th Air Force in England. He completed 24 missions as co-pilot of a B-17.

Coxswain John Parko who has been stationed in England and France is home on a 60-day leave with his mother, Mrs. Katherine Parko at the Kopkozi home, Bulger, R. D.

T/Sgt. Rudolph Chastulik is spending a 30 day furlough with his mother and family of Bell Avenue. He spent the past 18 months in England with a Medical Battalion. He will report to Ft. Dix, N. J., at the end of his furlough.

Promoted



Emil Zvonik, son of Karl Zvonik of Joffre, has been promoted from First Lieutenant to the rank of Captain. He is stationed with a Field Artillery Battalion on Luzon. Captain Zvonik is a graduate of Union High School and Albion (Mich.) College. He received his commission at Fort Sill, Okla., Field Artillery Officers Candidate school in August, 1942. Emil served in the Baffin Bay and Sansapor Campaigns in New Guinea before being transferred to Luzon last January.



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Dr. and Mrs. A. O. Hindman of Main street received word Saturday that their son, Lt. Col. Audley N. Hindman, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious achievements in connection with military operations against the enemy on Saipan, Marianna Islands as executive officer, Surgeon's Office, this command from the 25 of June, 1944, to 1 June, 1945. Audley has served as surgeon with the Medical Corps of the United States Army, Western Pacific Base Command since June 29 and will continue to do so until the arrival of Col. Colby's replacement.

He stated in his letter that Dr. Walter Clark, son of Dr. and Mrs. Clark of Burgettstown arrived on Tinian about July 23 and that he hopes to see him soon.

T. Sgt. A. E. (Jack) Luttrell, who has been overseas for 10 months with the 12th Armored Division of the Seventh Army flew by plane from Germany and arrived in New York on July 28.

Having been held over in England and Scotland for 10 days, Jack was unable to take a furlough but went directly to Ann Arbor, Mich., where he will attend the Judge Advocate General's School for attorneys, the only one of its kind in the country.

Previous to his making application for officer's training, Jack had been placed in the army of occupation and he had signed up to do some teaching. His acceptance at Ann Arbor created a fortunate opportunity for him to return to the law field.

Jack attended Muskingum College, received his B. S. degree from Pitt and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh Law School.

Before entering the army he was an attorney for the Public Utilities Commission in Harrisburg.

T/Sgt. Joseph P. Moore of Box 146, Burgettstown, was discharged from the service at Indiantown Gap on Saturday, August 4.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pappas of Burgettstown, have received word that their son, Pfc. Charles Pappas, has arrived safely in Puerto Rico.

word has been received directly from Lt. George Colpo of the 552 Engineers Battalion in Germany that a furlough has been assured him soon. Lt. Colpo's mother, Mrs. Filomena Colpo of Florence avenue, has been seriously ill for several months with a kidney ailment, and the family has made constant efforts to secure a furlough for Lt. Colpo so that he may visit his mother.

Sgt. Chester V. Stanish of R. D. 3, Burgettstown, and Sgt. Raymond J. Mechtel, husband of Emma Mlatnik Mechtel of 77 Grace street, Slovan, were discharged Friday, August 3, at Indiantown Gap.

William T. Fletcher, S 2/c, returned on Friday to Bainbridge, Md., after spending a 9 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thad Fletcher of Langeloth.

Sgt. Chester Stanish of R. D. 3, Burgettstown arrived at the Miami Army Air Field by Air Transport Command recently. He will be home soon on furlough before reporting for a new assignment. Stanish who has completed 22 months of service in Germany has been awarded the purple heart and five battle stars.

Fireman First Class Edward Ralston is spending 7 days leave at his home on R. D. 2, Burgettstown having graduated from electricians school at Sampson, N. Y. He will leave for Shoemaker, Cal., on Thursday.

Pfc. Charles McMillan has returned to the states after 15 months of overseas service. He is undergoing treatment at the General Hospital, Staunton, Va., for burns received while overseas. Charles expects to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. McMillan for a few days soon.

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Pvt. Bernadine Sprando of Edgewood Arsenal, Baltimore, Md., visited over the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sprando, Sr., of Slovan.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. May of R. D. 2, Burgettstown, have received word that their son, James G. May, who is stationed with the U. S. Marine Corps somewhere in the South Pacific, has been promoted from Private to Private First Class.

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Pfc. Robert T. May, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. May of R. D. 2, Burgettstown, who is stationed in Berlin Germany, with the Military Police wears the E. T. O. Ribbon with four battle stars, the Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Citation, and the Purple Heart.

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Cpl. Walter D. Newman, son of Mrs. Ralph S. Newman of Cross Creek, was among four district men commended for the part they played in the historic series of five low level incendiary attacks on Japan during an all out offensive according to the Twentieth Air Force Headquarters on Guam.

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1st. Lt. John R. Palin, Burgettstown, served as a radar operator of the 58th Bombardment Wing, on the Island of Tinian in the B-29 Superfortress onslaught against Japan. The B-29 was the first plane to carry a radar operator as a regular member of every crew, and these men received little recognition during the war because of the "security blackout" on their activities. Effective bombing was performed by radar on 51 percent of the missions conducted by the 58th Wing from Tinian. On day light missions, when the target was obscured because of weather conditions, it was the radar operator who determined when to drop the bombs, and during the devastating night incendiary attacks, radar men in "pathfinder planes" made the first bomb releases and started fires which served as a guide to the following Superforts.

LAKE PLACID CLUB, NEW YORK, Sept. 14, 1945—Pfc. John Roulanaitis, son of Mrs. Virginia Sewasky of 1019 Henry street, Langeloth, who recently returned from overseas duty, has reported to this Army Ground & Service Forces Redistribution Station. Pfc. Roulanaitis entered the service in July, 1944, and fought overseas for 5 months with the 87th (Golden Acorn) Division in the European Theater of Operations. He participated in campaigns in France, Belgium, and Germany and wears the Purple Heart and Combat Infantry Badge.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS—After 16 months overseas service with the Army Air Forces, as a glider pilot, Flight Officer, Dallas P. Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde M. McGinnis of 24 East Pittsburgh street, is being honorably separated from the Army of the United States. Prior to entering the service he was a student.

Aboard The USS Texas At Okinawa--Only American, Battleship to have fought in waters off three continents, Africa, Europe, and Asia the hard hitting 31-year old U. S. S. Texas prepares for its biggest role--the occupation of Japan. Among her crew who have bombarded their way across two oceans and thus helped bring about world peace are Richard J. Ramirez, S 2-C, and Charles B. Roly, S 2/c, of Burgettstown; Paul Pescho, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pescho of Burgettstown and Frank Pasquale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pasquale of Burgettstown, who joined the Navy May 11, 1944 and were assigned aboard her on September 15, 1944. Considered a "lucky Ship" since her commissioning in March, 1941, this dowager of the U. S. Fleet has participated in five invasions and emerged unmarked. Only once during the fierce three-hour shelling in Cherbourg was she tagged by an enemy shell, which claimed one life and 14 wounded. During the invasion bombardment of Okinawa this crew set a near record by remaining at battle stations for 50 consecutive days, sleeping beside their guns and chowing down at odd hours. Besides the Okinawa Invasion, the TEXAS guns reassured success of Allied troop landings on North Africa, Normandy, Provence in Southern France, and Iwo Jima.

Pete Sciamanna of Slovan spent several days in Texas last week visiting with his brother, S/Sgt. Edward Sciamanna who recently returned from the C.B.I. theater. Ed expects a discharge soon from Sheppard Field, Tex.



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S/Sgt. Joseph Bezusko, son of Mrs. Theresa Bezusko of Slovan, was honorably discharged from the United States Army at Camp Hood Tex. on Thursday, October 18. He entered the service on July 2, 1941 and served in the ETO from December 23, 1941, to November 19, 1942. He arrived in the states from the Panama Canal Zone with the 301st Barrage Balloon Battalion, Btry. "C" on December 14, 1943, after which he served at Camp Hood, Tex., for 14 months and 17 days with Company C. 152nd Infantry Bn. 91st Regt. I R T C. Altogether S/Sgt. Bezusko served 4 years, 3 months, 17 days. He has accepted a job as salesman with the New York Merchandise Company of Dallas, Tex.

Cpl. "Kim" Martinez of Camp Edison, Fort Monmouth, N. J., visited a few days with his wife, Betty Jane Russell Martinez, prior to reporting to New York for an unannounced destination.

Elizabeth Esither Bozic Luty, S 1-c. wife of Anthony J. Luty, Pittsburgh, Pa., and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Bozic, R. D. 3, Burgettstown, was discharged from the WAVES at the U. S. Naval Personnel Separation Center, Washington, D. C., on Thursday, November 8. S 1-c Luty entered the service on November 3, 1943, and last served with the Bureau of Ships, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

Major and Mrs. Wesley A. Keyson and daughter of North Camp Hood, Tex., spent several days recently with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kluchanovich of Hudson street, Slovan. Major Keyson is awaiting overseas assignment and Mrs. Keyson and daughter returned to the home of her parents in Akron, O. On Sunday, November 4th a farewell dinner party was held in his honor. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Max Alexander of Akron, O.; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Brown of New Brighton, Pa.; and Ann Kluchanovich of Pittsburgh.

Cpl. Michael Meholic Jr., arrived home Monday from Tokyo to spend an emergency furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Meholic of Hanlin Station, Pa. Mrs. Meholic is seriously ill. Cpl. Meholic has been in service for 43 months, 19 of which were spent overseas. He wears the Asiatic-Pacific Theater ribbon with 3 bronze stars, a bronze arrowhead, and a Philippine Liberation ribbon. At the end of his furlough he will report to Indian-town Gap.

Sgt. and Mrs. Monte Popovich of Clovis, N. M. arrived Friday at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Daisy Tomich of Main street, Slovan, to spend a 15 day furlough. They are also visiting with his parents of New Brighton, Pa. Mrs. Popovich will remain at home with her mother.

Richard Henry Creps, H. A. 1-c, of 56 Main Street, has been honorably discharged from the Naval service at the separation center, Bainbridge, Md.

G. M. 3-c Hugh McGrogan and E. M. 2-c Thomas E. Froats of Burgettstown, were honorably discharged from the separation center at Sampson, N. Y., under the point system last week.

USAAF ATC BASE, TEZGAON, INDIA--Returning to the United States this week after seventeen months service with the Air Transport Command's India China Division is Cpl. Rudolph P. Ilik, of Burgettstown.

Entering the service in December, 1941, Ilik served in this division as an aerial engineer flying with the huge multi-engined transport planes flying the dangerous "Hump" of the Himalayas carrying supplies to China. He accumulated over 700 flying hours on this route, boosting his total number of hours flown in military aircraft to 1200.

His father, R. R. Ilik lives in Burgettstown.

Theodore Charles Padolsky, 21, radioman, first class, USN, who served at the Naval Radio Station, Washington, D. C., for 35 months, now is a member of the Naval Occupation forces in Sasebo, Japan.

Padolsky went to sea in December, 1944, with a destroyer squadron. He participated in the assaults and occupation of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. During the latter campaign, he was aboard a ship that shot down eleven Kamikaze aircraft.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andres Padolsky, of Burgettstown Penna. He has served four years in the Navy. He has 3 brothers in the armed forces.

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Pvt. David Arthur Nunn, husband of Teenie Nunn of Avella, and son of D. A. Nunn of Langeloth, returned to Pine Camp, N. Y., after spending three days with his wife and family and friends of Avella and Langeloth. He was formerly stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

The following boys were discharged from the Army at Indian-town Gap recently: Sgt. David D. Barto, 187 Lavina Street, Slovan; T-5 Hubert G. Forester, Midway; S-Sgt. Andrew J. Churpak, Atlasburg; T-5 Frank Sabo, Jr., Burgettstown; S-Sgt. Carl Filippioni, Slovan; Pvt. Robert G. Gagich, R. D. 1; Sgt. Anthony Yakima, R. D. 3, Burgettstown; Sgt. John H. Wade, Jr., Midway; and Pfc. Chester J. Kowalski, Burgettstown.

T-4 John Zelenko of Slovan, returned to the states from overseas aboard the General Sturgis which docked at Tacoma, Wash., last week.

Cpl. Frank Sabo, son of Mrs. Bell Sabo of Burgettstown Coaz, who has been in service for three years and eight months, two years of which were spent in the European Theater, returned home with an honorable discharge which he received from Indian-venber 14.

Pvt. William B. Rupnik of Midway, was honorably discharged from the service at Ft. Knox, Ky., recently.

Discharged at the Sampson Naval Base Separation Center under the point system recently were M. M. 3-c Leon B. Bialoskurski, of Atlasburg, and S 2-c and Mrs. Nick Harris nBSsqfro Stanley J. Sarnisko, R. D. 1, Rea.

Michael Harris and Carl Harris, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Harris, R. D. 4, Burgettstown, have been honorably discharged from the Navy and Marine Corps. A third son, Pfc. Pete, is now stationed in Japan.

The following arrived back in the states last week after serving overseas: Aboard the Athos II at New Ycrk, Pvt. Ross S. Sematore, T-5 William J. Houghton, Sgt. John P. Vernillo, and T-5 George A. Saska, all of Burgettstown. Aboard the General Pope at San Francisco was Pfc. Charles Stecker, Burgettstown and aboard the General Collins at San Francisco, T-5 Chester Ginosky, Burgettstown.

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Dorothy F. Lynch, S 1c, of San Francisco, Calif., is spending a 15 day furlough with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Lynch of Dinsmore Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Galish of Slovan, have received word that their son, George, S 2c, has arrived in China.

Discharged from the United States Navy at Sampson, N. Y., recently were EM 2-c Emil D. Louder of Burgettstown, and F 1-c Robert Cox, Midway.

Roy Struwing, Seabee, C.M. 3c, husband of Geneva Bamford Struwing, Linden Avenue, was honorably discharged from the Service at Bainbridge, Md., on Monday, December 3, after serving for 2 years, 2 months, and 4 days. He spent 21 months of that time overseas in the Pacific. Mr. Struwing, who has been on military leave, plans to return to his former position at Union high school.

Sgt. Willard E. Allison of Archer Lane, who served with the Army Air Corps as a mechanic since November 13, 1942, was honorably discharged on Monday, November 26, from Sheppard Field, Tex.

Pfc. Lawrence H. O'Hara, Burgettstown, and Pfc. Marshall Cuervo, Langeloth, were aboard the Mexico Victory which docked at New York recently.

Pfc. Paul Francis Rhoades, son of Mrs. Adam Galish of Slovan, was discharged at San Diego, Cal. from the Marines in November after 1½ years of service. He spent about one year in the Pacific and is now employed by the

American Zinc & Chemical Company. His wife and three children who have been residing in Weirton, will move to Slovan soon.

Pearl Harbor, T. H.

Pfc Arthur L. Taucher, husband of Mrs. A. L. Taucher, of 41 Stella St., is on his way home.

Taucher is one of 1,200 high-point Marine veterans who the "Magic Carpet" is bringing back to the States aboard the U. S. S. KALININ BAY.

The U. S. S. KALININ BAY — one of more than 250 carriers, battleships, cruisers, and attack transports in the Navy's famed "Magic Carpet" fleet — left Pearl Harbor, Tuesday, November 27, and is scheduled to arrive in San Diego about Monday, December 3.

Passengers will go directly to the Separation Centers nearest their homes to complete the formalities of obtaining their discharges before returning to civilian life.

Pfc. Louis A. Bingiel, Jr., Atlasburg, was discharged from the service at Indiantown Gap, Pa., recently.

The following were discharged from the service of the United States Navy at Sampson, N. Y., Bainbridge, Md., and Norman, Okla., recently: S 1c Oscar I. Camp, R. D. 3, Burgettstown; William L. Starr, R. D. 1, Bulger; SMM (L) Tony Scariot, Joffre; S 1-C Andrew Fuller, R. D. 3, Burgettstown; Cox Leroy H. Jantz, Burgettstown; B. M. 2-C Romeo Garritano, R. D. 3, Burgettstown; S 1-C Harry C. Dennis, Burgettstown; and S 1-C Lawrence Bain, Midway.

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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.



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**KOREAN BOY EXPRESSES
PERSONAL THANKS IN
LETTER TO PFC. LAWSON**

The following letter was written by a South Korean boy, Kim Hak Soy to Pfc. Charles Lawson while he was serving with the infantry in Korea. The boy is 16 years of age and has learned to read and write three languages: English, Japanese and Korean, by studying magazines and papers he finds.

"I pay my respect and thanks to you who are fighting so courageously for our country in the front line of war. We Korean people are glad to have met the new year in freedom by your meritorious services in war and rise up to increase and to support the strength of war. I hope that you will take

care of your health and will be the triumphant warrior of the holy war. Signed, Kim Hak Soy."

Pfc. Lawson sent the above letter to his grandmother, Mrs. Thomas Rowland of Erie Mine for publication in the Enterprise. He explains that the Korean boy is assigned to kitchen duty near the front line and made several copies of the letter which he gave to each cook in the Company.

West Point, N. Y.—Cadet Charles D. Beaumont, son of Mr. and Mrs. Beaumont, 806 John St., Langeloth, was recently appointed to the rank of corporal in the Cadet Brigade at the United States Military Academy. With this rank, Cadet Beaumont assumes the duties of either a squad leader or assistant squad leader. This promotion came as a distinct honor as command positions are determined by standing in aptitude for service, based on semi-annual ratings of each cadet by every other cadet in his company, by his instructors, and by his company tactical officer. This is the highest rank that it is possible for a second classman at the academy to attain.

Before being appointed to the Military Academy by Representative Thomas E. Morgan, 24th District of Pennsylvania, he attended Union high school from 1945 to 1949, and then went on to finish one year of study at Washington and Jefferson College.

Pete Mudre, an 18 year old half-back, is allowing Coach Don Renninger of Findley college to get his sleep at nights. Pete, a 5' 11", 170 lb. freshman, has been steadily improving all year and last Saturday against Ashland college he showed that the faith Coach Renninger had in him was not to be wasted. The ball game was tight through most of the first quarter until Pete broke loose from scrimmage and raced 60 yards down field to set up the first touchdown. From then on it was all Findlay with Ashland scoring late in the game when Findlay's reserves were finishing out the game. Findlay won 31-20 to gain their second Mid Ohio League win and take the lead for the title that they had won last year.

With the 1st Cavalry Div. in Japan—Pfc. Wayne C. Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Stewart, W. Pittsburgh st., Burgettstown, has arrived in Japan for duty with the 1st Cavalry Division after serving five and one-half months in Korea.

Part of the security forces for Japan, the 1st Division was rotated from Korea last year after 17 months of combat duty. It is now taking intensive field training.

Stewart served in Korea with the 7th Infantry Division's 32d Regiment and was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge and the UN and Korean Service Ribbons.

Before entering the Army in September 1951 he was employed by Kimberland Dairy.



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**KEYSON COMPLETES COURSE
IN INFANTRY TECHNIQUES**

A 15-week associate infantry company officer course was completed by 1st Lt. John A. Keyson at Ft. Benning, Ga., Oct. 16. The course is designed to produce company grade officers well grounded in the basic fundamentals and techniques of all Infantry units with emphasis on the development of capable company commanders.

Lt. Keyson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kluchanovich of Slovan and has been in the Army since his enlistment on April 28, 1943. He has been re-assigned for overseas duty. Mrs. Keyson and their children Dianne and Richard are residing with her parents at Waco, Texas.

Parris Island, S. C.—Woman Marine Private Mary C. Zablocki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kazimir Zablocki of Atlasburg, has recently completed her recruit training here at the 3rd Recruit Training Battalion.

During basic training, Pvt. Zablocki was instructed in basic Marine Corps History, Interior Guard Procedure and other closely related subjects found in Marine training.

Prior to enlisting in the Marine Corps, she was employed by the Delfrate Packing Co. Zablocki's new duty station will be Norfolk, Va., where she will work in the personnel administration field. Mary recently spent a leave at home.

Seaman John Bosick, USN, returned to Boston, Mass. after spending a five day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bosick and family of Slovan. Bosick will leave on a cruise to Cuba upon his return.

FRANKFURT, GERMANY — Army Pfc. Bert H. Ingram, son of Mr. and Mrs. Quinn Ingram of 428 E. Fourth ave., Langeloth, is a member of the carbine drill platoon which placed first in Army competition in Frankfurt recently.

Teams from throughout the 4th Infantry Division competed in the event, which was part of an Organization Day program commemorating the division's 35th anniversary.

Private First Class Ingram, who entered the Army in February 1951, is assigned to an intelligence and reconnaissance platoon in the 4th Division's 8th Infantry Regiment.

John Tobin, radarman seaman, USN, of R. D. 3, Burgettstown, arrived at Longbeach, Calif., Nov. 2, aboard the anti-aircraft cruiser USS Juneau from the Korean combat zone. The Juneau was the first American warship to take part in Korean action, reporting for duty on June 27, 1950, and supporting US ground troops defending South Korea. Tobin plans to be home on furlough for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Mary Jane Walker spent a week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Walker and her brother Gaylord of R. D. 2, Burgettstown. She returned Saturday to Indianapolis, Ind. where she is employed with the Bell Telephone Company. Pvt. Gaylord Walker arrived home Sunday, Oct. 26 to spend a furlough with his family. He will report to Camp Stoneman, Calif. for overseas transfer with the Far East Command, Nov. 13. Gaylord was stationed at Arizona



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Frank Muscaro, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Muscaro of Bell ave. left Nov. 20 for Sampson AFB at Geneva, N. Y., where he is stationed following his enlistment in the air corps. Prior to enlisting, Frank was employed by Christy's Fruit Company. He graduated from Union high school with the class of 1950.

COUNTY SOLDIERS ARE ENROUTE TO JAPAN

Pvt. Harold C. Riggle, husband of Jay Ullum Riggle, and son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Riggle of Claysville, and Pvt. David A. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. David F. Miller of Hickory, spent a furlough recently at their homes. They reported to Camp Stoneman, Calif., and have sailed for Japan. Both young men entered service April 10, 1952, and are graduates of Mt. Pleasant Township high school, Hickory, in the class of 1948.

Sgt. Robert H. Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sonover Bennett of Francis Mine, is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad following a discharge from the U. S. Army last month. Bennett was stationed overseas in Germany for nine months.

Pvt. Robert Bruce returned Monday to Camp Kilmer, N. J., for overseas assignment after spending a 23-day furlough with his wife, Alice Bruce at Imperial, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bruce of R. D. 2, Bulger. Pvt. Bruce was formerly stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

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Pvt. Bernard Wysocki writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Wysocki of Langeloth, that he is taking training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., after being inducted into the U. S. Army. His address is: U. S. 52248119, Company C, fifth Hq. Tk. Battalion, C.C.R., second platoon, sixth armored division.

Pvt. Wysocki graduated from Union high school with the class of 1949 and prior to induction, was an apprentice for 2½ years at St. Joe's Lead Company.



LOUIS DUGAS

Louis Dugas, above, has enlisted in the U. S. Air Force and left Saturday for Sampson Air Force Base, Geneva, N. Y., where he will undergo basic training. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dugas, Slovan, he graduated from Union high school with the class of 1950 and was employed by his father in the Panhandle Distributing Company of Slovan.

With the U. S. Army in Alaska—Army M/Sgt. Andrew Schilinski, whose wife, Anne, lives at 10720 S. Cimarron, Los. Angeles, Calif., recently arrived in Alaska and has been assigned to the 4th Regimental Combat team at Eielson Air Force Base near Fairbanks.

His unit is receiving intensive field training while providing security for the northern approaches to Canada and the United States.

Schilinski, a veteran of more than eight years Army service, holds the Good Conduct Medal, the Korean Service Ribbon, the Philippine Presidential Unit Emblem, and several campaign ribbons.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schilinski, 84 Hudson st., Slovan.

First Lt. John A. Keyson writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kluchanovich of Slovan that he has arrived in Tokyo, Japan for assignment. Enroute Tokyo by plane, Keyson stopped at Hawaii and visited his brother, Lt. Col. W. A. Keyson.

S/Sgt. Vernon Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bailey of Langeloth was honorable discharged from the U. S. Army Dec. 10 after serving 41 months. He is residing at Denver, Colo. His brother, Cpl. Gerald Bailey, has arrived in Korea and is stationed with the motor transport of the first Marine Division.



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Two local young men recently joined the 25th Infantry Division in Korea: Pvt. William A. Knisley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Knisley of Burgettstown, and Pvt. Paul Wasik, son of Mrs. Katie Wasik of Cross Creek.

Pvt. Knisley is a rifleman in Company I of the 35th infantry regiment and entered the Army last December. Pvt. Wasik is a rifleman in Company C of the same regiment. He was an employe of the Pennsylvania railroad, Weirton, W. Va., previous to entering service.

Pfc. Joseph N. Zilich, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Zilich of Raccoon, arrived home Monday for a 15-day furlough from the Marine Corps. Joe is stationed at Memphis, Tenn. and recently graduated from the Marine Corps school of aviation electronics, a 21 week course in radio, television and radar. This school is considered one of the finest in the U. S. Navy. Joe will return to Memphis where he will attend an eight week instructor course.

Birthday Greetings to—

Paul Rodriguez, USN, August 2, stationed in Japan; Shirley Roman, Langeloth, August 2.



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Master Sergeant Raymond J. Moran, Washington County United States Army and Air Force Recruiting Officer, has reported that 46 of his 400 enlisted young women and men are from the Burgettstown area. M/Sgt. Moran, a Korean veteran, served with the First Cavalry (Infantry) Division during the first year of the Korean War from July 1950 until June 1951. During the past two years he has been assigned to the Washington Recruiting Station.

Of the 16 boys who enlisted in the United States Army, two graduates of Union high school, Raymond G. Dellapina and George E. Martin, Jr., have been accepted into a Special Security Branch of the United States Army. Listed below are the names of young men who enlisted for three years:

Paul E. Verbanic, Richard L. Stiffler, John A. Stewart and John M. Meerdo, Burgettstown; Thomas J. Sokolowski, Joseph Loncaric, Slovan; William E. Clemmens, August Baudwin, Jr., Avella; Louis Mitchell, Raymond G. Dellapina, George E. Martin, Jr., and Homer A. Donaldson, Bulger; Samuel L. Capagrec, Atlasburg; Jules D. Lefebvre, Midway; Glenn R. Woods Hanlin Station; and John Durain, Joffre.

All of the boys serving with the U. S. Air Force have either been assigned to Technical Schools or Specialized Training. A/3c Charles Duffey of Atlasburg, who is presently home on leave after completing Tech School, has been re-assigned on a Military Mission for one year to Arabia. A/3c Benjamin A. Schilinski of Slovan has been assigned with a Tech School training as a Munitions Specialist at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colo. Following are names of the other boys enlisted with the U.S. Air Force for four years:

Francis S. Delprato, James L. Morra, Jr., Anthony D. Campos, Joseph A. Russell, Raymond McChancey, Hugh Orrison, John R. Cook and Robert L. Orison of Burgettstown; Melvin L. Shaeffer and Marlin Shaeffer, Robert M. Anderson, Joseph H. Baudwin, Avella; Donald Allen, Eldersville; James H. Wakefield, Gene G. Gillespie, Hanlin Station; Benjamin A. Schilinski, Jr., Louis C. Dugas, Emre F. Sedlak, Jr., Slovan; Charles L. Duffey, III, Atlasburg; Raymond W. Wysocki, Langeloth; Donald S. Rutkauskas, Bulger; Milton B. Loffert, Midway; Donald K. Kristoff, R. D. 1, Rea.

M/Sgt. Moran reports that six girls have enlisted in the WAC and WAF: Shirley and Edna Strobe, R. D. 3, and Ora Mae Peterson, Burgettstown; Sally Schilinski, Slovan; Celia Mendez, Langeloth; and Josephine Kisla, Francis Mine.

Fort Lee, Va.—Private Alice C. Linkesh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Linkesh, R. D. 3, Burgettstown, has just completed basic training at the Women's Army Corps Training Center, Fort Lee, Va.

Private Linkesh, a Union high school graduate, who enlisted in the WAC in October at Pittsburgh, has been transferred to Leaders' Course here on the WAC Center for further training as a potential non-commissioned officer.

The WAC Training Center at Fort Lee, Va., is the nucleus of the Women's Army Corps. Here all new members of the WAC are received, processed, interviewed and trained for Army life. There are three major training units at the Training Center: basic course, which initiates the transition from civilian to military life; Leaders' Course, which develops the potential leaders; and the WAC School, which conducts all officer training programs. From this center, the WAC personnel receive their assignments for all parts of the world as secretaries, clerks, laboratory technicians, and many other interesting and vital jobs.

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