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THE SERVICE JOURNAL

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Lt. Leslie Amelang Prisoner Of War Of The Germans

First Reported as Missing in Action Over Bucharest, Rumania, Now Found as Prisoner

Lieutenant Leslie M. Amelang, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Amelang, of Louisville, who was reported as missing over Bucharest, Rumania, April 14th, is now reported in a message to the parents as a prisoner of the Germans.

The telegram was received at Louisville on Tuesday night, and informed the parents of the safety of the son who held in enemy hands. Lt. Amelang was the pilot of an American flying fortress and prior to his entry in the air service was the manager of a chain grocery store in Omaha.

The news came as a very welcome message to the parents and the many old friends in Louisville and over Case county.

Receive Interesting Pictures

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wurl of this city have received some very interesting snap shots taken in that little known section of our globe, Greenland, the great island that until this war was seldom visited, but now is occupied by American forces.

Master Sergeant Robert Wurl, is located on the island and has been there long enough to become much interested in the scenery that is so majestic as to inspire one with its grandeur. On a recent trip the American enjoyed the opportunity of visiting at one of the great glacier sections of Greenland and to get pictures of the great rugged mountains with the snow and ice formation, the marches and treks through the deep snows of the far north.

The party also enjoyed visiting with several of the Eskimo families that are settled in the bleak regions, the igloos where they make their homes and the families garbed in their best clothes, the elders especially dressed in the usual garb of the more settled areas of the world.

Calls From Virginia

A Mother's day greeting sent home was a telephone message from Bronson Timm to his wife and parents in this city. He is now stationed at Camp Allen, Virginia, awaiting his assignment in the navy. The greeting was much enjoyed by the relatives although limited to a few moments only, due to the heavy demands on the telephone lines for the Mother's day greetings.

Returns to Duty

J. J. Chovanec, radio operator 1/c, who has been here since May 4th, departed today for San Diego, Calif., to report for duty after a very pleasant visit with his mother, Mrs. Frank Chovanec, and his other relatives and friends. Joe has had a very extensive experience in the naval service and his duty has taken him to many places over the Pacific.

VSISTS IN CITY

Kenneth Jones, Seabee, who arrived in Omaha on Saturday to visit Mrs. Jones and other of the relatives, came down to this city Tuesday to visit his mother, Mrs. Edna Jones and with his brother, Murl Jones home on a furlough. They were entertained at a family dinner at the home of the mother Tuesday and later visited with the many old friends in the city.

Calls Home Folks

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Lorenz last evening received a telephone message from their youngest son, Pvt. Jack Lorenz, stationed in the air corps at Kearns, Utah, where he was transferred from the Lincoln air training center a short time ago. The message stated that he was well and liked the station very much but as to his tenure he was not certain.

RECENT WORD FROM SON

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Seomaker of Weeping Water had received no word from their son, MOMM 2/c Carl Seomaker, for several weeks. Recently they had a letter saying that he was alright but that he had been on two invasions, one to the Marshall islands and one to the Gilbert islands.

Home From California

Tech. Sgt. Elmer Yardley, who has spent the past twenty-two months in the service of Uncle Sam's army, is here to enjoy a furlough with his wife and his mother, Mrs. Alma Yardley.

Sgt. Yardley is now located at Camp Cook, California, and has the position at this time of cooking for the general officers mess at the camp, a place where the cook can do his best.

He previously had served as mess sergeant for groups at Camp Polk, Camp Barkley, Camp Avis and then to Camp Cook, his present location. His experience and excellent conduct of his work laid the way for his present position.

Sgt. Yardley made the trip from the west coast to Omaha by plane, eating breakfast at Los Angeles and the evening meal on reaching home.

Tech. Sgt. James Schafer Ready On The War Front

Completes Course That Fits Him for the Service Required In War Fronts

An Air Force Service Command Station, "Somewhere in England"—T/Sgt. James Schafer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schafer of Nelawka, Neb., is now overseas and has participated in a course designed to bridge the gap between training in the States and soldiering in an active Theater of War.

At one of the Air Service Command stations known as Control Depots, T/Sgt. Schafer was carefully processed by classification experts who made certain that he was well-fitted for the job assigned to him. Security training, personal hygiene, a talk by a Special Service Officer informing him of facilities for healthful recreation, and a lecture by the Chaplain are all in turn part of the G. I.'s preparation for his overseas duty.

His next station will be one from which America's fighting planes take off to smash the Nazi war machine.

Before entering the army, he was employed as a farmer by his father.

Home on Furlough

Pvt. Murl Jones arrived home last night to spend some ten days here with his wife and children, as well as his mother, and many friends. He has spent several days traveling from Camp Blanding, due to the heavy rains affecting roadbeds, and was over two hours late in Omaha last night. Murl was busy today in meeting the old friends who were delighted to see him looking so well and feeling in the best of shape physically. He is changing stations and on leaving here expects to report at Fort George Meade, in Maryland.

Hear from Son

On Wednesday Mrs. Clyde Jackson of this city, was very pleasantly surprised when a large and handsome bouquet arrived at her home. The beautiful gift had been sent by her eldest son, Master Sgt. Bernard Jackson, who is stationed in England. He had cabled for the bouquet for Mother's day but it was delayed in the arrival but truly appreciated.

M/S Jackson states that he plans on a trip to try and locate an old friend, Tech. Sgt. Howard Dean McFauland, who is in Europe in the air service.

NAMED AS CAPTAIN

Kessler Field, Miss., May 17—1st Lt. Merl V. Burkholder, air corps officer and former resident of Plattsmouth, was promoted this week to the rank of captain.

He is stationed at Keesler Field, Miss., where the Army Air Forces Training Command is training thousands of future ground crews to service and maintain the B-24 Liberator bombers which are helping carry the war to the axis.

Hears From Son

Sunday Mrs. William Kief, residing in the south part of the city, received a Mother's day greeting from her son, Pfc. Edgar C. Kief, U. S. A., who is stationed in England. The message came as a wonderful reminder of the day and especially from overseas.

Writes of 'Boot' Camp

The following letter from Tom Doody, son of Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Emery Doody tells very interestingly of his work at the "boot" camp at Farragut, Idaho, and the very fine showing that he has made in the swimming tests:

May 12, 1944

Tom Doody, A/S., Co. 535-44-Camp Scott, U. S. N. T. C., Farragut, Idaho.

Dear Mom, Dad and Jim: Well, we went on schedule this morning and its a five week schedule, so I should graduate in five weeks, talk about that eight-week schedule was just "scuttlebutt."

We had a little excitement last night. We were starting a fire drill and six prisoners escaped, they posted double guards at all stations. I was awakened at 2:00 this morning and had to guard around the barracks till 4:00 A. M., and then we got up at 4:30. We've been getting up at 4:00 and 4:30 every morning. I'm really tired tonight.

We took our swimming test this morning and there was a 3rd class, a 2nd class and a 1st class. There were about 15 of us that tried for 1st class, two passed the test, another kid about 20 and myself, out of 130 in our company. To pass it you had to swim 2 1/2 times around the pool which is about 220 yards, and that after you treaded water for 10 minutes. I was the fifth one to start and came in first by one length of the pool. Then we had our under water swim. We had to pretend like there was burning oil on the water and we had to swim across the pool under water, coming up for air twice, then we had to take life saving, break a hold and carry a victim across the pool, then we had to jump in the pool with a pair of pants on, take them off, inflate them and make them so you could float on them. When the rest of the company goes swimming now, as two guys will be lifeguards.

We also took our typhoid shots today and I can't even lift my arm. Some of the guys got sick and had to go to bed. We've had mostly all lectures since we've been here. Some of them are dry and some of them are interesting.

I have a "stye" in my right eye. I've had it for two days. Well, its about time to go to bed, so I'll say

Love, Tom

Following the wedding ceremony the party were entertained at a reception at the bride's home, leaving from there for Omaha.

The bride plans to leave with her husband for the west coast after his furlough which ends June 2.

The bride was graduated from the Plattsmouth High school with the class of 1942. Since her graduation she has been a beauty operator at Omaha and later employed at the Martin Bomber plant, in selective service department.

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Posthumous Award Of Purple Heart To James H. Jones

Mother of Tech. Sgt. Jones Reported as Dead in Action, Notified of the Award of Medal

Saturday, Mrs. Edna Jones, received a letter from Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, notifying her that the order of the Purple Heart had been awarded posthumously to her son, Tech. Sgt. James H. Jones, reported by the war department as dead in action over Germany.

The letter from the secretary of war extended to the mother the condolences of the government and the deep feeling of appreciation of the heroic services of the son that had given his supreme sacrifice for his country.

The award is to arrive soon and will be added to the Air Medal and its oak leaf clusters that represent the bravery of Sgt. Jones in his service in the air corps.

Gall-Parker Wedding Sunday At Christian Church

Immediate Family Witness Charming Church Wedding With Marriage Lyrics Read by Rev. Taenzler

Mr. and Mrs. August Gall announce the marriage of their daughter, Aileen, to Elmer Harold Parker, SM 2/c, at the Christian church, Sunday afternoon, May 14, at 3 o'clock with Rev. J. W. Taenzler officiating. The young couple were attended by Miss Margaret Klusak and Lee McIntyre, and the immediate families were present.

The bride appeared in black with a shoulder corsage of red roses and ferns, the gift of the groom. The bridesmaid also wore black, but her corsage was of yellow roses.

The groom was attired in his Merchant Marine uniform.

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Soldiers and God

The following poem has been sent to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lorenz of this city, from their son, Pvt. John Lorenz, now stationed at Kearns, Utah. It gives one the feeling of the men in service as they face the supreme tests on battle field or naval battle stations.

An Unknown Soldier Poet Talks to God

Look God, I have never spoken to You, But now I want to say How Do You Do; You see God, they told me You didn't exist, And like a fool, I believed all this.

Last night from a shell hole, I saw Your sky, I figured right then, they had told me a lie; Had I taken time to see things you made, I'd have known they weren't calling a spade a spade.

I wonder, God, if You'd shake my hand, Somehow I feel that You will understand; Funny, I had to come to this hellish place, Before I had time to see Your Face.

Well, I guess there isn't much more to say, But I'm sure glad God, I met You today; I guess the "Zero Hour" will soon be here, But I am not afraid since I know that you're here

The signal—well God, I have to go, I like you lots, this I want you to know; Look now, this will be a horrible fight, Who knows, I may come to your house to-night.

Though I wasn't friendly to you before, I wonder God, if you wait at your door; Look I am crying, me shedding tears; I wish I had known you these many years.

Well—I have to go now, God—goodbye! Strange, since I met you I am not afraid to die.

(This verse was found on the body of an American Soldier, after a battle somewhere in Italy. The identity of the writer hasn't been determined. The verse was sent to The Chaplain's Digest, by Father Vincent Sekulski, Ed.)

Home from Florida

Last evening two Plattsmouth young men that have been in training in the army in Florida, arrived home for a short furlough with their families and many friends. The soldiers were Pvt. Robert E. Sedlak and Cpl. Stephen Devos, from Fort Blanding, where they have been since last fall in training.

The two have been in the same camp all of these months but in the midst of the 60,000 soldiers had been unable to contact each other until going on furlough and then found each other in the same bus they continuing to make the journey home together.

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Tells of New Guinea

Letters received by Mrs. Sam Smith and Mrs. Roy Ward, of Weeping Water, sisters of Pvt. Elmer Josephson, have told some interesting things about the people and the climate of New Guinea, where he is now located as a serial spotter with the ground crew of the Air Corps. He speaks of the natives of New Guinea as being dark in color, contented and they seem like one happy family. They take great interest in the Americans and their possessions. Any kind of a mirror calls for the greatest admiration from the natives, and a flash light is another curiosity which they are very desirous of owning. Speaking of the climate there he said that it is warm and rainy. The soil is rich, but shallow. Coconuts are plentiful. Bananas are as green as those now found in the states. Pvt. Josephson has been in New Guinea for about two months.

Pleasant Surprises

Sunday brought a very pleasant surprise at the homes of Mrs. Edna Jones and Mrs. Murl Jones, in telephone messages from absent members of the family, Kenneth A. Jones, U. S. Coastguard, who has been located at San Francisco for the past several months, arriving in Omaha to greet his wife and the mother in this city. Since his return from a long campaign spent in the Aleutians and Alaska, he has been assigned to the west coast and now will enjoy a visit here and in Omaha. A telephone message was received from Pfc. Murl Jones at Fort Blanding, Florida, that he was to arrive here Monday or Tuesday for a furlough here with his wife and children and mother. This is his first visit home since he was sent to the Florida camp from Fort Leavenworth and is an event that is being anticipated with pleasure by all of the family, as well as the large circle of friends.

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Carl Ganz Named Lt. Colonel In The Armed Service

Former Alvo Banker and Attorney Receives Advancement for Work in Judge Advocate Department

Cass county friends will be interested in learning that Major Carl D. Ganz, formerly of Alvo, has been advanced to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the judge advocate's department of the U. S. Army.

Colonel Ganz was called into the armed services early in the outbreak of the war, closing out his legal and banking business to take up his work as a member of the armed forces and was assigned to the judge advocate's department of the army.

The children of the family have followed the father into service and just recently a son, Lieutenant Dale Ganz, was home to enjoy a visit with the parents at their station in Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Boyles, parents of Mrs. Ganz, are now at Omaha, also.