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THE SERVICE JOURNAL

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Local Soldier Finds Bride In English Girl

Pvt. Leonard Elton Arson of This City Married to Miss Christine Brimbee at Somerset

The word has been received here by Mrs. Walter Olson and Mrs. W. A. Dasher of the recent marriage of their brother, Pvt. Leonard Arson of Plattsmouth, U. S. Army. The letter came from the bride to Mrs. Olson and gives the good news.

The wedding took place on Saturday, April 29, 1944 at Temple Cloud Registry office, Somerset, England, the bride being Miss Christine Brimbee of Rectory Lane, Finsbury, No. Bath. The bride was attended by her friend, Miss Alice Whittier of Finsbury and the best man was Guardsman Ray North of the Welsh Guard, a brother-in-law of the bride.

The bride was attired in a two-piece black and green with a hat and shoes of two-tone.

After the war the couple are expecting to make their home in Plattsmouth. The groom has been stationed some twenty-five miles from the bride and has had the opportunity of making several visits at the home of the bride.

Mrs. Arson states that a great many English girls have married American soldiers since the troops first arrived overseas.

Sons Home From Service

The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Galloway west of this city, is the scene of a very pleasant home gathering this week, two of the sons now in service, being home for the next few days.

Pfc. Harlan Galloway, stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where he has completed his training, and is waiting further orders, arrived to visit home folks and was joyous when Cousin Galloway, a younger brother in the Merchant Marine, arrived from New York City after the completion of several trips across the Atlantic. This is the first time that the two brothers have been together since they entered the service. A third brother, Pfc. Galloway, has been in service with the army in the northwest for the past two years and has served in the Alaskan and Island forces.

Conley Galloway reports that on his last trips across the Atlantic and back he has found the weather very rough and a tough voyage both ways.

Both Harlan and Conley are looking fine and doing to the fullest extent their part in the war effort.

Goes To Texas

Lieutenant Hugo Rudolph Hennricksen, who was at Fort Crook at the army ordnance base and also at the rifle range north of this city, has been transferred to the south. He is now located at Camp Hood, Texas, one of the large army bases in that part of the south. While stationed here Lt. Hennricksen made many friends who will regret to see his departure.

Visits Home Folks

Pvt. Henry Kaffenberger has been here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kaffenberger of near this city. Henry has just been released from the hospital at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where he has been for six weeks suffering from an attack of pneumonia. He is now feeling fine and has returned to his post to await further orders as he has now completed his basic course training as an army engineer.

Enjoy Family Picnic

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Vallery of this city were guests this week at a family picnic supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Koop at Omaha, the event honoring Pfc. Wayne Gorton and Mrs. Gorton, who have arrived in Nebraska for a visit with relatives and old friends. The picnic party was most enjoyable and a very happy one for all in having Wayne Gertrude back home again.

They are visiting the Gorton family this week and expect to be here the next week to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Vallery and the host of friends.

Writes From France

Mrs. W. O. Reeves of this city has received a letter from her son, Cpl. Lester Reeves, who has been overseas for several months and is now with the forces in France. While through war regulations there is not much a soldier can tell of his experiences, a message from the boys over there is always an inspiration. The letter follows:

Somewhere in France Dear Mother and All:

There is not much I can say except I am in the best of health and feeling fine. I am sorry for the long delay in my letters, I hope you will excuse me for it. It will probably be some time before I can write again, but I will write whenever I get time. Everything is going along nicely over here for us.

Please keep writing to me. I may not get the letters right away but they will catch up with me sooner or later. Keep your chin up and don't worry, I am in the best company in the world (The American Soldier).

The next time, I'll be expecting your letters soon.

All my love, Lester Cpl. Lester H. Reeves

Departs For Navy

Thursday evening Eugene W. Burdick departed from Omaha for Plattsmouth, New York, where he will enter on his training for a commission in the United States navy. Mr. Burdick has been with the Plattsmouth State bank since coming to this city and has been serving as one of the vice presidents of the bank. In his new field of activity he will carry the best wishes of the many friends for his success.

Now In Mississippi

Plattsmouth friends of Cpl. Steven Devore, will be interested in learning that he is now at Camp Vandeventer, Mississippi, being transferred there a short time ago from Fort George Meade, Maryland. Cpl. Devore previously was going to Meade as Camp Blanding, Florida, and the change now takes him back into the deep south.

Now On East Coast

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Knorr and Jean were very much pleased last night when they received a call from their son and brother, Bill Knorr, seaman second class, U. S. Coast Guard. The last word from Bill was that he was at a west coast post but was unable to get leave to come home owing to shortness of time and distance. The message last evening informed the family that he was at Norfolk, Virginia, and was hoping that he might be able to secure a leave to come home and visit for a few days. The family are hoping that he may secure the leave and be here while the sister, Jean, is here.

Writes From Pacific

Charles C. Clarke, who is in service with the Merchant Marine in the southwest Pacific, writes that he has the opportunity of being at New Caledonia, one of the French islands used by the allied forces. He has enjoyed his stay there a great deal and had the pleasure of meeting Sgt. George J. Stoll, who is in the MP service, criminal investigation department. The two Plattsmouth men had a very pleasant visit with the interchange of news from the home front and about the old friends.

Visiting In City

Cpl. and Mrs. Paul Duelling and two children of Brooks, Iowa, were visiting Mrs. Duelling's father, George Swain. Cpl. Duelling has been in the hospital in Vancouver, Washington, with an injured knee cap and was given a short sick leave to visit home.

From Doody Home

Tom Doody, son of Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Emory Doody, came in Sunday evening from Farragut, Idaho, where he has been taking his "boot" training at the U. S. naval station. Tom has enjoyed the training period and is looking fine and is now down to 120 pounds and feeling fine in every way.

Louie Puls Is Home For Thirty Day Leave

Visits in Plattsmouth Today With Relatives and Old Time Friends

Louis Puls, MO MM 1/c, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Puls, of west of Murray, was in the city today for a short time visiting with the relatives and the many friends the young man has in the city.

Louie is a veteran sailor as he has put in four years in the service of the nation on the high seas, three years of this being on the Atlantic service. He is feeling fine and is a splendid example of the fighting men than man Uncle Sam's ships on the seas.

He is being transferred to service at the naval training station at Corpus Christi, Texas, and after a thirty day leave will be stationed on the Texas post instead of on the ocean. He reports on July 19th at the new station.

With his long service at sea he has not been in combat and has no fear of the duties that he might be called upon to face.

He has had the opportunity of visiting many of the foreign countries and in England and Iceland where he had made frequent calls.

Home For Few Days

Robert C. Grassman, S 2/c, arrived home last evening from Farragut, Idaho, where he has been stationed the past four months in Ship's Co.

The young sailor has been appointed to a college course under the V-12 program and will attend Denison University at Granville, Ohio.

He was fortunate in receiving four days delayed orders which will enable him to enjoy a short time at home with his family and friends.

Home On Short Leave

S/lt Herbert W. Johnson, who has just recently returned to the United States from a two months cruise on the high seas, arrived in the city last night for a visit here with Mrs. Johnson, as well as his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson and the other relatives. Herb is feeling fine and in service as a member of the crew of an aircraft carrier has had a great deal of active duty. He will be able to enjoy a four day leave here at home and then must return to active duty.

Visit New Granddaughter

Mrs. Edna Jones of this city has been at Omaha where she was called to visit her new granddaughter, infant daughter of S-F 3-c Kenneth Jones and Mrs. Jones. The little one has been christened Evelyn Mae, and with the mother is doing well. S-F 3-c Jones is located on the west coast at this time. Mrs. Jones is the former Flossie Lamphere, daughter of Henry Lamphere, former resident of this city.

To Locate in Kentucky

Mrs. Clarence Favors, Jr., and children are to leave Wednesday for Fort Knox, Kentucky, where they will join Pvt. Clarence Favors, stationed there in the armored training center. They are planning to remain at Fort Knox as Pvt. Favors is detailed there as a part of the training units bringing the family together again after a long separation since the husband has been in service.

James Schafer Promoted

The Eighth AAF Bomber station in England is reporting the promotion of James R. Schafer from the grade of staff sergeant to that of technical sergeant, announced recently by the commanding general of the U. S. Army eighth air force.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schafer of Nebraska and prior to the war he was engaged in farming with his father, in fact the farming is still "Otto Schafer & Sons," awaiting the time when James may return from overseas.

James following his attendance at the home schools attended the Weeping Water high school. In the armed service he attended the radio school at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and his gunnery instruction at Harlingen, Texas.

Cpl. Lester Reeves Writes From The French Front

Has Suffered Slight Wound and Received Purple Heart and Is Still at Battle Front

Cpl. Lester Reeves, of this city, who is a member of a mechanized outfit in the French invasion has written to Miss Margaret Davis, his thirteen, a most interesting letter from the front in France.

France June 17, 1944

I am writing this letter from a spot as close to my fox hole as I can get. It is by far the softest place over here. The sun is out in full bloom. That makes it very warm and comfortable.

I hope you won't mind sharing this letter with my Mother. I was wounded slightly. I received a slight wound in the face and jaw. It was nothing serious or nothing to get worried about. I am back with the boys. The pill rollers are doing a swell job over here. They fixed me up so in two days I was back with the gang.

We just got through shaving, boy, what a swell feeling to get the whiskers of your face after a week. As for clean clothing that is out of the question. That comes under the heading of luxing.

I hope this mess winds up as soon as possible. It is no longer a dry run or child's play. Everyone here means ruff business. We are coming along nicely and as for food we eat regular. Of course, it is not steak or chicken, but something that will do what we can get some. The chow we have now is a million times better than they ever had the last time the Yanks were in France.

Tell everyone "hello" for me and I'll be seeing them when this mess is over.

I received the Purple Heart, which I'll be sending home the first chance I get. It beats me—Gaiety in two invasions and never hit once. Me in one and get it right away. I hope I never get the Oak Leaf cluster to the needle.

I'll close now, hoping to hear from you soon. Loads of love, Lester

P. S. Show this letter to Mother—she has one for you I wrote on the Eleventh.

Editors Note: The Gayle referred to in the letter is Cpl. Norman G. Mackey, who was in recruit school at Fort Crook with Cpl. Reeves and they have been separated for many months only to meet in the battle lines.

Captain Case Back In U.S.

The many friends here of Captain Joe Case, U. S. Air Corps, will be pleased to learn that he is back in the United States after a tour of duty that has taken him to many of the South American countries.

Captain Case had the opportunity of flying as far south as Cape Horn, the southernmost point of the South American continent on one trip.

Captain Case is now at Buckley Field, Colorado, near Denver, and states that the evenings are nice and cool at the post and one can sleep with blankets. He is feeling fine and hopes to be able to get home for a short visit before being sent elsewhere. He is at the Colorado field to receive special training for a short time.

Wins A Promotion

In the announcements of promotions in the officers at the Lincoln air base, made by Col. Frank W. Wright, commanding officer, is that of Jane G. Fricke, daughter of Mrs. Maude Fricke, 1524 G street, Lincoln. She has been promoted to the grade of first lieutenant. Lieutenant Fricke, a graduate of the University of Nebraska school of nursing is surgical supervisor at the station hospital and has been in service two years.

Lieutenant Fricke is a former resident of this city and the many friends will be very happy to learn of her recognition. The lieutenant is a niece of Miss Dora Fricke and F. A. Fricke, Mrs. C. C. Westcott and Mrs. F. L. Cummins of this city.

Sheriff Rounds Up Deserter And Stolen Truck

Soldier Deserting in Indiana, Steals Car in Kansas and Ends in Capture Here

Sheriff Joe Mrasek was busy Friday in rounding up the theft of an army truck from near Union, finally culminating in finding the truck and in the arrest of an army deserter that had come from Indiana to the middle west, eluding officers until reaching this section.

It seems that the man, Pvt. George W. Killin had, in company with another soldier, stolen a car in Kansas and together they had driven the car to Auburn, from where Killian had started hitch hiking north, while the other soldier has remained in the Nemaha county city.

Kilian had reached Union where he discovered an army pickup truck and proceeded to take the truck and drive north to a side road where he turned off, removing the canvase top of the truck and the seats. He had driven out again on the highway and was picked up by Sheriff Mrasek and brought on into this city.

The man when arrested was wearing an army shirt with a sergeant's chevrons.

Questioned here by Sheriff Mrasek and Deputy Sheriff Doody and members of the M. P. from Fort Crook, he denied any knowledge of the theft of the truck and it was not until Sheriff Mrasek had driven back to the vicinity of Union to find the top and the seats from the truck that the man broke and confessed.

He faces a charge of violation of the Dyer stolen car act, stealing government property, desertion, and impersonating a non-commissioned officer.

Mine Sweeper Lost

Cuttyhunk, Mass., June 30. (UP)—Seven members of the 14-man crew of a mine sweeper were lost last night of the Vineyard Sound Island, when their ship collided with a destroyer-escort, the First Naval District reported today.

Announce Engagement

At a one o'clock luncheon yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Brown announced the engagement of their daughter, Renee, to Midshipman Allan White, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. White.

The engagement was revealed when the guests opened tiny parchment scrolls containing the announcement in rhyming verse.

Renee received her engagement ring at the Ring Dance during the June Week festivities at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

The couple plan to wed following Allan's graduation next spring.

Invited guests were: Alice Jane Grosshans, Gertrude Cloidt, Alice Zatopek, Betty Jo Libershal, Bernice Halmes, Shirley Jacobs, Rose Mary Steppat, Helen Steinkamp, Mary Helen Ray, Aileen Rice.

Out of town guests were: Dorothy Sorrell of Lincoln, Dorthea Duxbury of Lincoln, Marcella Bauer of Omaha, Mary Jane Peterson of Mora, Minn., Mrs. A. A. Peterson of Mora, Minn., and the guest of honor Renee.

Mrs. M. D. Brown, Mrs. H. E. White, and Mrs. A. A. Peterson, sister of Mrs. Brown, served the luncheon.

Brothers Have Meeting

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cottingham at Murray was the scene of a most joyful gathering on Sunday as their sons, both in the armed service, had the opportunity of being home. Kenneth Cottingham, who has just completed his basic training at the Great Lakes station, came home a few days ago, then Sunday A/C Harley Cottingham, in the naval air service at Corpus Christi, Texas, arrived home for a fifteen days stay with the home folks.

Neither of the sons were aware that the other was home and as the result it was a real surprise all around and a most joyous one at that. Kenneth is leaving Thursday to report back at the Great Lakes for assignment while Harley will be at home to assist the parents for the two weeks.

Sgt. Jim Quinnett Writes Of Work Of Making Soldiers

Busy In Southern Camp In Preparing Infantry Forces For Service—Misses Old Buddies

Camp Rucker, Ala. June 27, 1944

Dear Folks: Received your fine letter; sure glad to hear from you. And say, Mom—THEM COOKIES WERE GOOD! Yes, they arrived fresh and nice, and boy we enjoyed them. Thanks a lot. Still have some left up on my shelf and mine on them when the days work is done.

Really enjoyed your clippings a lot. Boy, that Guy Williams sure is a comic. Always did have a good column.

In my last letter, which you probably had, I'm back in the groove now and feel like my old self. Sure feels good to have lots of life again.

Yes, Paul, Farrell and Robert, and Cyr have all left. Only a couple of the old boys here. I agree, they should get along okay—really a nice bunch of boys.

Hope you and Dad are okay. I imagine Sally and the boys are too. Thanks for the letters boys; sure glad to hear from you—same to you Sally dear!

Sounds like you kids are having a lot of fun—so keep it up.

We've been pretty busy—so many new men coming in (replaced all the old boys overseas). So now I've got to train me a new bunch of machinegun men. They seem eager to learn and I think they'll do alright. I've got classes all week and Friday the men fire the machine gun for qualification. So I'm getting them right in the old groove.

It's been pretty warm here but it looks like rain tonight. Maybe she'll blow over and fool us.

Today I fired a grenade launcher (firing a grenade off the M1 rifle). Boy! that has a kick! I wish the boys could have seen that. It would make a mule look sick. It knocked a couple of the smaller fellows down. We all got a kick out of that. We also fired the famed "bazooka." You've probably seen pictures of it.

Well, how's everything at the cemetery, Dad? I suppose it's still pretty quiet out there (shaw, haw).

The war situation looks like things are really going over there—I suppose something bigger will happen soon. You know—those big shots have probably got it all figured out. Well, I see the Lt. wants to see me, so I'll close for tonight. It's almost 10:30 now. Well, good-night. Tell all hello, and I think you and Dad again.

All my love, Your son,

Promoted to Captain

Plattsmouth acquaintances and school friends of Joe Hendrix, will be pleased to learn that he has just been promoted to the rank of captain from first lieutenant. Captain Hendrix is a member of the signal corps and received his first commission as 2d Lieutenant at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, the training center for this corps. Captain Hendrix is now stationed at Camp Pickett, in Virginia.

Returns to West Point

Cadet Corbin J. Davis, who has been spending his vacation here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Searl S. Davis, has returned to his duties at the military academy. The academy allows a certain per cent of the cadets home at a time for a short visit and then to resume their training work. With the war conditions the cadets are given their four year course in three years to sooner prepare them for active service.

Funeral of Child

The burial services for Susan Ruth Hadlik, 2, were held this afternoon at the Oak Hill cemetery, the body of the little one with the members of the family driving here from Omaha, where services were held at 2 o'clock at the Dworak-Chapman chapel.

The little one was daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hadlik, Jr., the father being in the naval service, and a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hadlik, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ourda of Omaha.

Corbin Kalina of this is a great uncle of the child.



Cpl. Arnold Buechler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buechler, now in service with the American forces in the European area. Arnold was trained at Camp Bragg, North Carolina, and was one of the members of the first group of troops sent abroad for the North Africa invasion. For his services in guiding the landing barges near Oran, he was decorated with the Silver Star for bravery. He has been in England assisting in training invasion forces.

Civilian Defense Workers to Aid In War Bond Drive

Air Raid Wardens and Fire Watchers to Be Used as Solicitors Over the City for Drive

Wednesday evening a meeting was called at the district court room by the local chairman of the 5th War Loan, Walter H. Smith, to which the air raid wardens and fire watchers of the Office of Civilian Defense were invited.

John J. Cloidt, commander of the Civilian Defense and Fred H. Vincent, chief air raid warden, were present to preside over the meeting.

The meeting, as Mr. Smith explained, was to enlist the services of the air raid wardens and fire watchers in the 5th War Loan by taking over the task of solicitation of the community for the purchase of bonds as this city has a quota of \$123,000 to raise.

The selection of the Civilian Defense workers was made because of the fact that in the earlier days of the war, they had been organized and trained and had stood ready to do their part in time of national or local disaster. Due to the work of the boys in service, the nation has been spared the horrors of air raids and destruction of lives and properties in the cities of the nation. Now the workers can have the opportunity of doing their part by solicitation of the funds to keep the war activities moving and seeing that the fighting men of the nation are fully supplied with material needs.

The senior wardens will be contacted and the junior wardens and fire watchers assigned to the territory that they had charge of during the operation of the Civilian Defense.

Be ready to greet your air raid warden as cheerfully as in the days of the blackouts as their work now is equally important to the cause of the nation.

Young Sailors Home

Don McBride, GM 2/c, Plattsmouth youth serving in the naval service of the United States, is back home on a thirty day leave with the relatives and the old school friends. Don in his service has had a real thrilling experiences on the seas and seen a great deal of the war and its most serious sides in combat and action. His service bars bear recognition of the fact that he has really been into the most of the scrapping.

Don has just recently returned to the United States from service on the "Block Island," carrier recently sunk in the Atlantic.

Don is a guest here of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Ofc.

Appointed Lieutenant

Washington, July 1—(UP)—The War Department announced today the appointment of 2nd Lt. Paula Barbara Kearns, ANC, Rushville.