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THE SERVICE JOURNAL

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Lieutenant Mauzy Awarded Air Medal In Foreign Service

Plattsmouth Young Man Participant in Missions Over Europe—Groups Has Presidential Citation

Mr. and Mrs. James G. Mauzy of this city have received word from their son, Lieutenant James Mauzy, now in service with the 8th bombing command in England, that he had been awarded the air medal, one of the high honors of the air forces. The recognition came as the result



of the excellent service of Lt. Mauzy in his missions over Germany and the war fronts in occupied Europe. The group with which Lt. Mauzy was in service received the presidential citation for their service, that ranks with the D. S. C. The citation expressed the appreciation of the nation for the gallant action of the air forces in the war against the enemy.

Here from Fort Benning

Pvt. Louie Lloyd McKenna is the guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Wetenkamp, Sr., and daughter, Mary Kay. He is a qualified graduate of the U. S. Paratroop school at Fort Benning, Georgia, and received his wings and boots August 12. Pvt. McKenna arrived in Omaha at 9:30 a. m. Friday morning. He is here on a 17-day furlough and expects to visit his parents at Plainview.

Has Car Stripped

Deputy Sheriff Emery Doody was called out this morning to south of the city where a car parked along Highway No. 75 was reported as being stripped of the tires and contents of the car. The car was the property of Flight Officer W. J. Koepsel of Lafayette, Indiana, who was enroute from the air field at Alliance, Nebraska, to George Field, Lawrence, Illinois. The car had stopped when near the Glenn Perry farm and the officer left the car parked while he sought help in getting the car under way. On his return he found that two of the tires had been taken and also his bag and papers that he had left in the car.

Receives Sad News

Perry Graves, better known as Kid Graves, former welterweight champion of the world has received a message from a daughter in the west announcing that his son, James had been killed in action. The brief message did not state where or when the death had taken place. The young man had been in action in the Pacific and was wounded twice before the last report. James will be remembered here where he resided for a time and was a student at the local school when making his home here with the father.

Home from Kentucky

Pvt. Clarence Favors, Jr., who is stationed in the great training center at Fort Knox, Kentucky, is home for a visit with his family at Weeping Water and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Favors, Sr., in this city. He is feeling fine and is kept very busy at this great training center for armored troops.

Recovering from Wounds

Pfc. Raymond Leonard Rhoden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gaillen Rhoden of this city, is now recuperating at a southwest Pacific hospital where he has been since being wounded. Pfc. Rhoden was wounded in the



battle for Saipan island on June 30th and from the word received here his wounds have been of a serious nature and will require his hospitalization for some time. Raymond enlisted in the army at the same time as his brother, George and was shifted at once to the Pacific war area where he has been stationed. He has been in the service a year and a half and most of this has been in combat areas. The family have received word of the condition of the young man from the war department. Mr. and Mrs. Rhoden have received the Purple Heart award to the son for his service that resulted in his being wounded and this is very highly prized by the members of the family circle.

Captain Fred McGirr Killed

The information has been received at Beatrice of the death of Captain Frederick H. McGirr, in action in France, the message coming to his wife and his father, Dr. John R. McGirr, who reside in Beatrice. After graduating from the Beatrice high school, he entered Doane college and later came to Plattsmouth as a teacher in the high school, teaching English during the 1940-41 term. He enlisted in the army two years ago and recently captured two German prisoners. Beside the wife and father, a brother and sister also survive.

Returns to Duty

Louis Eaton, Sic, who has been here visiting his sister, Mrs. Howard Kennell and Mr. Kennell, has returned to report for duty at San Francisco. Seaman Eaton has been in service on one of the airplane carriers for the past eight months and his service has taken him into extensive naval action in the southwest Pacific. He had a fifteen day leave that he enjoyed here and at Union with the relatives and old time friends.

Former Resident Injured

Word has been received at Nehawka of the injury of S. Sgt. Matthew Lloyd, member of the 134th Infantry, in action in the Normandy invasion, the young man was injured or wounded on July 28th and is now being hospitalized. The young man as a son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lloyd, who reside in California, and made his home here when a young boy. He is a grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Jirousek, long time residents here and the uncle of Sgt. Matthew Jirousek, for whom he was named, died enroute to France in 1918.

Graduates in WAVES

Dorothy Marie Jorgensen, 21, seaman second class, daughter of Mr. Henry Jorgensen, Avoca, Neb., has completed her basic training and indoctrination course at the Naval Training School for WAVES, the Bronx, New York, and is proceeding to the U. S. Naval hospital Corps School, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, for further instruction. Before she entered the Naval service, Seamon Jorgensen was employed as junior typist at the Regional Station Hospital, Santa Ana, California. She attended Grand Island Business College.

Tech Sergeant James Schafer Is Reported Missing

Cass County Young Man That Has Brilliant Record in Air Force Departed Down Over France

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schafer, of near Murray, have received word that their son, Tech. Sgt. James Schafer, U. S. air corps, is missing in action since August 3rd. The young man with his squadron were sent on a mission over France and his ship has failed to return to its base.



Sgt. Schafer has been overseas since in February and has had a very brilliant record in his missions performed against the enemy bases in Germany and sections of occupied Europe that has won him the air medal and citation from his superior officers and the war department. Just recently he completed a mission over Munich in which his ship and crew suffered a heavy attack from the defending nazi batteries, the ship bearing many marks of the flak but was able to return safe to England.

The friends will anxiously await further report on the missing man as he may have safely landed in enemy territory and being held as a prisoner of war.

Home From Service

Harry Richardson, Sic, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richardson of this city, arrived in the city last evening from the west coast for a visit with the parents and the many friends. Harry has been in the navy several months and this is his first visit home since his active service, he having just returned from a cruise.

Young Marine Home

Pvt. Donald Harringer, U. S. marines, arrived Tuesday evening from the west coast for a visit with the parents and relatives at the farm west of Mynard. Pvt. Harringer has been in training at San Diego, California, and has just completed his "boot" training and on his return will be ready for a new assignment.

Flight Officer and Mrs. Reginald Jorgensen are the parents to a daughter, Sandra Jane, born Saturday, August 12, at St. Elizabeth's hospital in Lincoln. The father is stationed in Corsica at present. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wiseman and Mr. and Mrs. John Jorgensen.

Somewhere in the middle Pacific while some sailors were preparing a meal in the galley, Art Berthold, our popular Hamburger Inn owner, was asked, "In what state do you live?" "In Nebraska," was his reply. At this another sailor said "I am from Plattsmouth." His name was Royer. Needless to say that those two men had a good visit and found many interesting things to talk about.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jorgensen had a short visit with their son, Captain Gerald Jorgensen, of Delhart, Texas, last Monday, when he was there for a short time, having brought a plane crew to Lincoln Air base.

Robert Wolcott, who has been in the hospital at Ft. Leonard Wood, since June 6, on account of a broken ankle, writes that he is now able to resume his training.

Major Albert Lusttarter of Fort Leonard Wood, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson and their daughter, Margaret, last week.

Bob Hallstrom Home

Robert Hallstrom, Sic, of Avoca, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hallstrom of Avoca, is home for a short leave with the relatives and old friends. Bob has been stationed on the west coast for the greater part of the time since his enlistment in the navy and the members of the family were greatly surprised a few nights ago by a call from the young sailor from New York City. He stated he had been transferred and would be in Omaha Sunday evening, making the trip by plane and was greeted at the airport by the members of the family and then onto home with a short stop here to visit his grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Hallstrom. This is his first leave home since his enlistment in the navy and it is needless to say is one all of the family is enjoying.

Church Wedding Joins Lives Of Young People

Miss Mary Kay Wetenkamp Becomes Bride of Pvt. L. Lloyd McKenna Last Evening

A very pretty wedding took place on Monday evening at 7:30 at the First Methodist church, when Rev. T. Porter Bennett, the pastor, united in holy matrimony, Miss Mary Kay Wetenkamp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Wetenkamp of this city, and Pvt. L. Lloyd McKenna, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis McKenna of Plainview.

The beautiful double ring ceremony was used in the plighting of the marriage vows. Preceding the wedding ceremony, Mrs. E. H. Wescott sang "I Love You Truly" and "Because," Mrs. J. M. Roberts being the accompanist. The bride was given in marriage by her father, W. S. Wetenkamp. The bride was attended by her sister, Frances Wetenkamp Carneal, as matron of honor, while William W. Wetenkamp, brother of the bride, served as the attendant for the groom.

The bride was beautifully gowned in a white floor length dress with black bodice, made with a sweetheart neckline. Her hair ornament was a white gardenia. Her jewelry was a beautiful gold locket and bracelet, a gift of the groom. The bride carried a prayerbook belonging to her aunt, Miss Helen Warner. The costume of the bride was completed by silver sandals.

The matron of honor wore a brown flowered silk street dress with matching print pumps. Her jewelry was a silver bracelet.

The groom wore his army uniform and the best man a dark blue business suit.

Mrs. McKenna is a graduate of the Plattsmouth high school in the class of 1944 and is at the present time employed at the local exchange of the Lincoln Telephone company.

Pvt. McKenna is now stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he graduated from the U. S. Parachute training school and received his wings and boots on August 8th.

Following the wedding service there was a reception held at the home of the bride's parents, attended by the members of the bridal party and friends.

Pvt. and Mrs. McKenna departed for Plainview where they will visit at the home of the groom's parents for a short time before the groom reports for active duty. All good wishes of the friends in the community go to the young people in their future for happiness and success.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt received a letter from their son, Sgt. Meryl Hunt, last weeks saying that he is in a rest camp in India. He described this rest camp as being most unusual, as it is on a high mountain. The roads reaching up the side of this mountain are so steep that a dairyman, who is located on the mountainside, has to lay gunny sacks on the stone paved roads, so that their cows will not fall down the hillside. He says that the weather is delightfully cool there, so cool that fires feel good in sharp contrast to other parts of India.

Sends Trophies Home

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Bashus have had a real thrill at a package just received from their son, Pfc. Edward E. Bashus, who is serving in the 6th Marines, an outfit that has now made history in the southwest



Pacific and is still adding to the story of American youth and its bravery. Eddie was in some of the hardest fighting in the Pacific, was wounded at Tarawa, hospitalized in Hawaii and has been back in active duty for some time.

He has sent a package home filled with trophies that tell of the conquest that boys have made in the Pacific. One of the articles is a Jap battle flag captured from the enemy, a box of Japanese chevrons and decorations with stars that indicated the owners had seen a great deal of service.

The package also contained a great many pictures showing the young Jap as a member of the armed forces and several pictures in the civilian clothes, family groups and also several military groups, no doubt companies and battalions of which the owner of the pictures was a member. The Japanese was evidently a judge of Japanese beauty as he had a whole handful of pictures of the Jap pinup girls. Several views were enclosed of Japanese cities and towns that the former owner of the pictures no doubt had called home.

Approve Patton Advance

Washington, Aug. 15, (UP)—The Senate Military Affairs committee today unanimously approved the promotion of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., to the permanent rank of Major General.

Has Visit with Family

Arthur Lepert, seaman second class, who has just completed his boot training at Farragut, Idaho, is home for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Lepert and the other relatives and friends for a few days. On his way home he stopped at Miles City, Montana, to visit his sister, Mrs. Rumph, and then onto Fairbault, Minn., where his mother, Mrs. Lepert, was making a short visit with her parents while enroute home from Rochester, Minn., where she has been having a checkup. Arthur came home with the parents for a short visit here.

Returns to West Coast

Pvt. Robert Slavicek, who has been here from the Marine training station at San Diego, California, departed Saturday evening in company with Mrs. Slavicek to report back to duty. Bob will report to the training station at Oceanside, California and Mrs. Slavicek will remain there as long as he is stationed in that section.

Return from Ohio

Mayor and Mrs. Robert B. Hayes, who have been visiting near Cleveland, Ohio, for the past week with their son, Ensign Robert H. Hayes and wife, returned home this morning. They had a pleasant visit with the son and wife as Bob had a week's leave from his duties at sea.

Spends Week-End Here

Cpl. Paul Ruffner, who is undergoing treatment at the army hospital at Topeka, Kansas, was here over the week end to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Ruffner at their farm home. Paul was returned home some months ago from Italy where he was wounded in action.

Leland Frank Hogue Killed In Action Over France Aug. 6

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hogue of Near Murray and Engaged in Reconnaissance Service

Another of the fine young men of Cass county has been recorded as paying the supreme sacrifice for his country. Sgt. Leland Frank Hogue, a member of the U. S. air force. The message was received Saturday by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hogue, of near Murray, that the



son had been killed in action on August 6th, over France, where the air force was supporting the American advance.

The friends over Cass county will deeply regret to learn of the death of this fine young man and will extend to the family their deepest sympathy. Sgt. Hogue grew up on the farm and when completing his grade school work came to Plattsmouth to attend high school, graduating in the class of 1932 of the local school. He enlisted in the air corps four years ago and has served since that time. He was in the reconnaissance service and was given high commendation for his excellent work in the field in the Eighth air command.

There is surviving his passing, the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hogue; one brother, Roland, at home; four sisters, Mrs. Roy Englekemeier, Murray; Mrs. Jack Lindsay, Union; Mrs. John Kettelhut, Nehawka; Mrs. Joseph Pleuller, Omaha.

Young Sailor Here

Louis Tritsch, MM2c, who is home on leave at Sidney, Iowa, was in the city Saturday to visit with relatives and friends. He has just returned from a cruise in the Pacific and had the opportunity of coming home for a few days. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Tritsch, the family being former residents of this section. The young sailor has had a great deal of experience in the Pacific war and he has participated in many of the offensives.

Leave for Service

This afternoon a group of the local young men called for induction in the armed forces left for Fort Leavenworth to report for assignment for service. The only member of the group from this city was Wayne Dasher, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dasher. Ivan Allason Simpson, Rt. 1, Grand Haven, Mich.; Rolland Lewis Aldrich, Rt. 1, Arlington, Neb.; Marvin Wade, 7128 Francis St., Lincoln, Neb.; Elmer John Genette, Murray, Neb.; Cecil Amos Beck, Weeping Water; Orval Troy Buskirk, Louisville and Wayne Lawrence LeRoy Dasher, Plattsmouth.

Larry is the son of Mrs. John Hoyt of Omaha and a graduate of Technical High school. He is now stationed on the U. S. S. Jason, in the southwest Pacific.

Mrs. J. H. Epping is expecting her son Richard, a pilot in Italy, to be home on a furlough in the not too distant future.

Mrs. Dewey Boedeker has received a letter from her brother, Herman Dixon, saying that he had reached England all right. Herman is stationed in the state of Washington, and he is in the medical corps.

Calls from Washington

This morning Mrs. Joe Mrasek received a treat when the youngest son of the family, Howard Mrasek, Sic, called from Bremerton, Washington, for a few words with the family. Howard stated that he was feeling fine and had a day of lib-



Sic Howard Mrasek

erty in port with several of his buddies. His ship was in for a few slight repairs and was soon to leave on a cruise. Howard is hopeful that on his return from the next trip that he may secure a leave that will permit his coming home to Plattsmouth.

Entertain Veteran

Mr. and Mrs. Max Bowman had as a guest Sunday, Clarence Woods, one of our boys back from overseas, in Africa and southern Italy.

The afternoon was spent in hearing of some of the many experiences he had while over there. Mr. and Mrs. Doran Bowman and DeWayne were also dinner guests. The hostess served a lovely fried chicken dinner which was enjoyed by all.

Reports Son Doing Well

Mr. and Mrs. William Kief of this city received Monday afternoon more reassuring news of their son, Pfc. Edgar C. Kief, who was wounded in the first invasion days in France and is now at an English hospital. The letter was from the adjutant general of the U. S. army and stated that Pfc. Kief was showing normal improvement. The adjutant general assured the parents that his office would keep the family informed of the progress of the wounded man.

Coach is Here

Merle Stewart, coach of the athletic department of the high school, who has been spending the summer in the west part of the state, is here to look over the organizing of his work for the year. Coach Stewart will meet the boys that are to be in school this year and get the plans for football season outlined.

Mr. Stewart reports that his father, ill at Barndon, Nebraska, is still in critical condition.

Rev. Zock, a former minister of the church located two miles north of town, was in the vicinity last week calling on his former friends and relatives. He is now a chaplain in a large war prison camp in Texas and reports that the older German prisoners are quite reliable and good workers but that the young men are very different, not inclined to work or obey rules.

Honoring Miss Wanda Steinkamp, who has joined the WACs, and who was formerly employed at the AAA office, Mrs. Frederick Lindgren entertained a group of young ladies at a dinner Sunday evening, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Cook and Mrs. Ray Tomes of Lincoln.

Mr. J. H. Buck received word the first of the week that a nephew of his had been killed in France. His home was in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Parson received a letter from their son, Lynn, Friday, saying that he had arrived in England.