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THE SERVICE JOURNAL

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Joe Noble Stars In Iowa Cyclones Game Saturday

Local Young Man Is Quarterback of the Cyclones and Stars in the Win

Joe Noble, former Plattsmouth high school athlete, was a star of the football game Saturday at Ames, Iowa, in his scoring and passing for the Iowa Cyclones against Gustavus Adolphus college at Ames.

The final score was 49 to 0 for Cyclones with Noble being in on the successful scoring plays of the game. From the thirty-five yard in the opening quarter a Noble to Wagner pass, hit pay dirt for the lowans, while in the dying moments of the first quarter Noble again passed and this time to Howard, left half for the score. In the second quarter Noble hit the line for another of the Cyclones markers and later in the quarter Joe plowed over from the visitors thirty for a counter. In the last quarter of the game Warner, full back of the Cyclones had the show.

Young Warrior Home

First Lieutenant Tom O. Brizendine arrived in Plattsmouth a few days ago to spend a leave of twenty-one days with his wife and children and mother, Mrs. Teresa A. Brizendine, 1209 Lincoln avenue, Mrs. C. D. Shupp, 117 North 3rd street.

He has finished a tour of combat duty of thirty missions over Germany as a first pilot on a B-24 of the 8th air force in England. He has received decorations of the air medal with three oak leaf clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross and E. T. O. ribbon with two bronze stars, one for the battle of Europe and one for D-Day.

All members of Lt. Brizendine's crew returned safely to the states with him by air.

From here Lt. Brizendine will go to Miami Beach, Florida, for an additional twenty-one day rest and re-assignment.

Completes Training Course

Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. -Marine Pvt. Francis R. Slavicek, USMC (956952) son of Mrs. Anna Slavicek of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, has been graduated from the Infantry and Browning Automatic Rifle Section School at Training Command here.

Graduates of this school have completed thorough training with the B.A.R., M-1 Garand and Carbine rifles, Hand Grenades, Anti-tank Grenades and are exceptionally well versed in the use of the bayonet and knives for jungle warfare.

Marines graduating from this school will be assigned to Infantry Battalions and their training has prepared them for amphibious landings and establishing and securing beachheads.

Private Slavicek, born April 4, 1919 at Plattsmouth, was graduated from Plattsmouth High school in 1937.

Prior to enlisting in the Marine Corps last March, he was employed by the Glenn L. Martin company.

Spends Leave Here

Harley Minniear, who is stationed at the Great Lakes, Illinois naval training station, was a visit here over the week end with his wife and little daughter, who are here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Grassman, parents of Mrs. Minniear, as well as his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Minniear.

S2C Minniear is attending a basic engineering school at the naval station and preparing himself for his rating at the conclusion of the special training.

On arrival from the east he was met at Omaha by the wife and Mr. and Mrs. John Sander, old friends.

Returns to Duty

Leroy Covert, Jr., who has been home for a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Covert, has returned to San Francisco, to report for duty with the navy. Leroy has just recently returned from the Pacific service and recuperating from a serious illness and is now ready to resume active duty.

Brother and Sister Home

Pvt. Anna Harris, Woman's Army Corps, and brother, Gilbert Harris, water tender first class, are here for a stay until Friday at the home of their mother, Mrs. Anna Harris in the south part of the city.

The two are doing their part in the armed services, the sister stationed at Aberdeen, Maryland as a part of the armored forces, while the brother is stationed at the navy yard at Philadelphia.

WTIC Harris enlisted in the navy three years ago and has had an extensive experience in this branch of the service and on his return to his station is expecting further assignment in the first front line of the national defense as represented by the navy.

Pvt. Harris enlisted in the Woman's Army Corps seven months ago and was trained at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, from where she was graduated and sent to the Maryland post for additional training.

On the return of the brother to the east he is planning on being married to Miss Helen Bunchalk of New York City, they planning on being married in Maryland in order that Pvt. Anna Harris may attend the wedding service.

Since their arrival here they have been busy visiting with old friends in the community.

Graduates in California

Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. -Marine Private Donald L. Harriger, USMC (957639), son of Fay Harriger of Plattsmouth, Nebr., has been graduated from the Infantry and Browning Automatic Rifle Section School at Training Command here.

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Private Harriger was born in Goner, Nebr., in 1925. He was employed at farming prior to his enlistment in the Marine Corps in Omaha, Nebr., June 1, 1944.

Stationed at Marianas

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Grosshans have received word from their son, Pfc. Charles Grosshans, that he is now stationed in the Mariana group of islands that the Americans have wrested from the control of the Japanese. Among the other islands in this group is Saipan, scene of some of the toughest fighting in the Pacific campaign.

Charles states that he has been in the hospital suffering from tropical fever but is now getting along all right and feeling very good, being able to leave the hospital.

He is a member of the aviation engineers and one of their tasks is to get the flying fields in shape for the air force that is now blasting the Japs on a wide front.

This is the first letter received by the family in some time and brought a great cheer to the home folks.

Here from Virginia

Cpl. Harold Stewart, who is stationed at Newport News, Virginia, is here to spend a two weeks furlough at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Perry, the latter an aunt, and with whom Harold made his home for a number of years.

Cpl. Stewart is a member of the transportation corps and likes his new station very much. He has been in the army three years and two years of this was spent in service in the Panama Canal Zone. The rainy weather that we are experiencing here at this time is a reminder of the Canal Zone as far as rain but lacking the heat of the tropics.

Receives Promotion

Manford Biggs who is in the U. S. army, stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, has just been promoted to the rank of corporal. He has just arrived back in the camp from field maneuvers with the outfit. He has been at Leonard Wood since the early part of the summer.

Lieutenant Richard Eppings Reaches Home Today

Murdock Young Man Who Had Been Forced Down in Adriatic Sea and Rescued by Partisans Home

One of the Cass county young men that has been serving his country gallantly in the air corps in Europe, arrived this morning for a thirty day furlough.

The young officer is First Lieutenant Richard Eppings, son of Mrs. John Eppings, of Murdock, and with the mother he was in the city today to visit his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lancaster.

Lieutenant Eppings has served as a pilot on a B-24 bomber of the 15th AAF, based in Italy, and in August was returning from a heavy raid over the German manufactures in Austria, when it was found that they would be forced down but were able to clear Austria, and while over the Adriatic sea near Yugo-Slavia the plane was forced to make a landing on the waters of the sea that separates Italy and Yugo-Slavia.



The crew fortunately were rescued by the partisan troops of the Yugo-Slavian army, and taken to the mainland where they spent a short time and later were taken by the friendly Partisans to the small island of Vis, then held by the allied troops. The plane crew were later taken back to the Italian mainland to rejoin their flying comrades.

Lieutenant Eppings was later sent to Naples and from where he took off for the United States and home September 13th. He reports Naples is being rapidly repaired after the destructive demolitions of the Germans in their retreat.

Lieutenant Eppings reached the United States and after a short rest in the east was sent on his way home.

He has completed over fifty missions over Europe and had the air medal with three oak leaves and has been recommended for the distinguished flying cross.

Archie Still In France

The relatives of Archie Stull, now a member of the Engineers Treadway Bn., USA., have received word from him that he is now in France and one of his complaints is that they have moved up so fast that the mail orderly has a hard time bringing up the messages from home. Archie states that he received recently seventeen letters in one bunch, a fine array of messages from the family and friends back home.

Archie has been in service since May 1942 and has been overseas since January and spent six months in England in training. He was one of the army of fighting Americans that made the trip from England to France on D-Day and has since been with the fast moving army sweeping onward to the German frontier.

Now in New Jersey

T-5 Fred Knieke, of this city, who has been in training in the signal corps of the United States army, located at Camp Kohler, California, has been transferred to the east coast. He is now stationed at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, principal signal corps training school. Fred arrived in New Jersey about the time of the hurricane on the east coast and in letters home to his mother, Mrs. Carl Knieke, enclosed pictures of the damage that had been suffered in and near Ashbury Park, popular east coast resort.

Writes from Saipan

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rosenow, of Alvo, have received a very interesting letter from their nephew, Pfc. Charles R. Clark, now in service in the Pacific where he is a member of the 165th infantry, writing from Saipan:

Saipan, Sept. 13, 1944 Dear Aunt, Uncle & Roy:

I got your letter Sunday. I was sure glad to get it. We value our mail here more than anything else. It sure makes me feel good to get a letter from home. It makes my morale go way up, and that's something that's none too high here. So it helps a lot to get a letter.

Today I am Latrine Orderly, Thats G. I. talk so maybe I had better put it this way—"Outhouse cleaner." Now don't laugh for here we all want to be that. For it don't take very long to do it and then we have the rest of the day off. And its a lot better than going to the field. I also washed out some of my clothes this morning with a G. I. brush. So now the rest of the day is mine to do anything I want. So I am writing letters.

You should see the noise we live in. I and two buddies of mine. Oh, its not much but its better than living in pup tent or fox hole. We had a hard time finding any wood to build it with. The Japs never had much wood in their houses so there isn't much wood on the island. And of course everyone here looking for wood to build their cne. But we grade every piece of board, big or small, and pieced it together. Its lots cooler than a pup tent. It seems almost like living again. We also made us beds. We build wooden frames and stretch machine gun belts across it. You would be surprised what a comfortable bed it is. Well anyway it feels darn good to us after sleeping on the ground.

I see some company doing close order drill a little way from here. I am sure glad I am not doing it. I bet they are really hot. Boy, is he ever pouring it on them. I don't like to do close order drill at all. Let alone where it is so damn hot. Boy I bet the us to death. I know how it was when we got back from Makin.

You see the reason Ray's address changes is because they are attached to different units or islands. So they change their address to the unit or island they are attached to. We or I am a unit so ours don't change. Anyway not unless I am transferred to a different division. There is much of that of me getting out of the 27 div, so my APO doesn't change.

We are allowed to tell our own personal experiences as long as we don't mention other people or army doings. There are lots of things I would like to tell but can't. And would be quite interesting to most any one.

I think there is nothing like little kids. I sure like them and enjoy them. Some day I hope to have a couple of my own. Now maybe you think thats funny coming from me. But I always had a soft spot in my heart for little kids. Even for the Jap kids. And even if they would throw a hand grenade at you if they could. I am no baby killer. Can't even help liking them.

You know, Japs are funny. They will do anything while you are fighting them. But just as soon as you capture them they kneel clear to the ground in front of you, then ou are master and they act and follow you like a puppy. They don't even want to leave you. They want to stay with you. Funny, isn't it?

You ask what I want for Xmas. Well I have always wanted the Plattsmouth paper. But never did ask for it. I don't know why, but I didn't. But if you will have that sent to me I would sure like it. Can't think of anything else I would enjoy more. I would like to know the county's gossip. Now I bet you think I am getting like a gossiping old man. Ha Ha. Write Soon, please Lots of Love to all,

Junior

Murray Friends Meet

A letter received from Lieutenant Brendel, U. S. Medical corps, dated September 19th, tells of having the pleasure of meeting an old friend from Murray, somewhere in England. The friend was S. Sgt. Philip Keil, son of Mrs. Philip Keil, Sr., of this city. The visit was one the two will long pleasantly remember and gave them a chance to discuss the news from home.

Hope Entertained That T-S Schafer May Be Alive

Other Members of Plane Formation Report Members of Crew Seen Leaving Injured Plane

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schafer of the vicinity of Nehawka, who a short time ago were informed by the war department that their son, T. Sgt. James R. Schafer, was missing in action over Europe since August 3rd. They have in the past few days received additional information that leads to the belief that the Cass county young man with other members of his crew may have made a successful parachute landing in enemy held territory and may be alive. The report states:

"Tech. Sgt. James R. Schafer, member of a B-17 Flying Fortress bomber, departed from England for a bombardment mission to Merk Willer, France, on August 3rd. Full details not available but reports indicate that during the mission at 5:15 p. m. plane encountered hostile aircraft over northeast France and in ensuing engagement the plane of Sgt. Schafer sustained damage and left



the formation. "The report further indicates that six parachutes were seen to emerge from the disabled craft. Intensity of enemy action prevented further observation of the plane. "Will conduct continuing search by land, air and sea to discover whereabouts of missing personnel as armies advance over occupied territory. Special troops have been assigned to task and all aid in getting information will be employed. Lt. C. A. Oakley, Notification Branch."

Boy Friends Meet

When in the service of their country in far flung fields or on the seas, one of the happiest times is when a soldier, sailor or marine can meet up with someone from his old home, school or neighborhood. The large number of local boys that are in the naval service in the Pacific brings quite a few of these happy meetings and talks over the old home town.

Just recently Johnny Statsinsky was able to meet and visit with an old friend and neighbor, Charley Kozak, at one of the rest spots in the Pacific. The two had been on boats in the same locality but were unable to get together until their leave.

Matthew Sedlak, who is one of a gun crew from the coast guard, attached to the transport service, has also had the pleasure of meeting pals as they were crossing the Pacific. On one of the trips he ran into a cousin, Raphael Toman, bound westward to the Pacific and who had a most delightful visit. On a recent trip Matthew was on deck of the transport and heard a hail from the army section. "Hey Matt" and here was Jerry Konfrst, a former neighbor boy and school chum.

Hear Good News

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jahrig of this city were greatly thrilled this morning by a letter from their son, Pfc. Paul Jahrig, who is now in the southwest Pacific, notifying them that they should not write until they heard from him, he being taken out of his company and regiment. The change was made in the first steps of allowing his return to the states and he was hoping in the next month to be home. Paul has been in the Pacific combat areas for the past twenty-eight months and was in one of the first units in the New Guinea campaigns.

Returns from Service

One of the happy homes of the city in the past few days has been that of Mrs. William Highfield, Sr., who has three sons, all of whom have been in the armed services, home for a few wdays stay. S. Sgt. William G. Highfield, U. S. air force, came from Florida a few days ago to visit his family at Ceresco, and the past week Joe Highfield, come from the west coast for a leave after a service with the fleet in the south Pacific.

Sunday Sgt. Jack Highfield arrived home from Washington, D. C., where he was given his honorable discharge a few days ago as the result of physical disability. Jack has served in the army for the past two and a half years, being stationed for some time at the anti-aircraft training center at Fort Bliss. He was taken ill at the Texas station and later sent east to Washington, D. C., for special treatment for a heart ailment. His condition has improved so that he was able to be discharged and to come on home for a visit with the mother and the host of old friends. It was a great pleasure to the friends to have this opportunity of having Jack home again. He is planning on returning to the east later where he is thinking of making his home.

Returns from West Coast

Mrs. Ralph O. Timm returned Saturday from a very pleasant outing on the west coast where she has been with her husband, SC1c Timm. Since completing his boot training at the Great Lakes station and his schooling as cook, he has been assigned to the "galley" of the naval reception center at Bremerton, Washington.

At Bremerton she had the pleasure of having dinner at the training station where the young sailors were being fed and states that the food was fine and lots of it for the young sailors.

While Mr. and Mrs. Timm were enjoying a dinner at Seattle they had an unexpected and pleasant surprise when glancing up they discovered nearby at a table, Charles Farris, formerly of Nebraska City and Plattsmouth. The old friends had a real get together and visit. Charles was returning after twenty-seven months service in Alaska and the islands. He was planning on going to Texas and also paying a visit here in Nebraska to the relatives and old friends.

Mrs. Timm also had the pleasure of a very fine visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chandler, who have just recently moved from Bremerton, to Seattle, Washington, and settled in a very attractive home.

Captain Eaton Home

Captain W. E. Eaton, who is at the present time stationed at Camp Ellis, Illinois, arrived home Thursday for a short visit with Mrs. Eaton and the family. He is expecting to be assigned to a new station in a short time as Camp Ellis is one of the army posts that is expected will be closed soon.

Home for Short Furlough

Sgt. Wilmer Covert, who has been stationed in the east for some time, arrived home Monday for a visit with his relatives and while enroute to a change in station. He was first at Camp Meade, Maryland, then to Camp Reynolds, Pennsylvania, and later ordered back to Meade. He is now enroute to Camp Ord, Calif.

Here from Texas

First Sergeant and Mrs. John Tubken and Mrs. Tubken arrived Wednesday from Hearnel, Texas, (A German Prison camp) for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Epler and Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Fitzgerald and family. They expect to visit here about ten days.

Called Home by Illness

Mrs. Everett Daniels, Jr. has just returned to her home in Wichita Falls, Texas, after a short visit with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Daniels, Sr. Mrs. Daniels visit was not very long as she was called home on account of her father's illness.

Her husband, Sgt. Daniels has been in Italy for over two years until recently when he was sent to southeastern France where he is now.

Plattsmouth Dumps Ashland, 6 To 0

Wolver Dashes 82 Yards in Muddy Field for the Marker—Gradoville Plays Great Game

By Porky (J. C. Coffee) Ulrich

On a field that was better suited to raising corn, Plattsmouth and the Ashland Bluejays battled it out Friday afternoon on the Ashland rain drenched football field before a scant crowd.

Altho the score was 6 to 0 Plattsmouth was probably more superior than the score indicates. Altho they drove the ball into scoring territory more than once, it remained for quarterback "Lindy" Wolever to put it across. As six minutes were left in the game and the fans thinking of a scoreless tie, Wolever took a punt on his own twenty, fumbled and recovered on the eighteen. He started wide to the left, being hemmed in, he reversed his field, went right down the middle outrunning the Ashland defense for eighty-two yards and touchdown jaunt. Meyers, Bluejay end was "Lindy's" last barrier, but an energetic Plattsmouth blocker quickly erased him. The try for point failed so that was the scoring.

While Ashland never penetrated deeply on Platts soil, the Blue Devils threatened in the first quarter advancing to Ashland's eleven yard line before losing the ball on downs, then seeing the Saunders county eleven successfully punt out of danger.

Ashland had their backs to the wall in the third quarter when Captain Joe Gradoville heaved a spiral to Sterling Cole on the eighteen but on the succeeding play Cullen fumbled the yet pigskin.

With one minute remaining in the game and after Wolever's run, Cole blocked a pass Paul Wild pulled and Bill Howland grabbed the ball out of the stratosphere and raced to the Ashland seven before he was tackled from behind and fumbled.

Plattsmouth was without the services of Duane Sack and Ray Beverage, regular tackle and wingback respectively, but Bob Wood and Terry Cullen erstwhile end filling in nicely.

Gradoville of course was all over the field and his steady influence upon underclassmen kept Plattsmouth moving.

Plattsmouth tackles the tough Tecumseh team next Friday on the Johnson county gridiron.

Table with 3 columns: Platts, Pos., Ashland. Lists players like Eaton, Schlieski, Conis, Krejci, etc.

Changing Stations

Pvt. Paul Deiter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Deiter, is home for a few days visit with the parents and the old time friends, Paul has been taking his basic army training at Little Rock, Arkansas, and is now enjoying a change in station furlough. He is to go to Camp Gruber, Oklahoma where he will receive special training.

Former Teacher Here

S2C Leland W. Flora with Mrs. Flora and Terry Lee drove over last evening from Glenwood to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Heinrich. S2C Flora has just completed his boot training at Farragut, and is home on furlough, reporting back for assignment next week. The Floras are announcing the arrival of a daughter Merry Jill born Sept. 19th.

Home on Leave

Joseph Chovanec, Ic radio man, U. S. navy, is home for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Frank Chovanec and the other relatives and old friends. Joe has been having a most pleasant time in the past few days with the old friends and looking over the country. He has recently returned from the northwest where he was in the Aleutians for some time.