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:- THE SERVICE JOURNAL :-

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**Major Joy Vallery Writes From Far Away Pacific Isle**

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vallery of Council Bluffs Writes Nolte Family

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Nolte, of near this city, have received word from Major Joy Vallery, of Council Bluffs, a nephew, the letter coming from the far off Pacific, perhaps from the Philippines, where the Americans have struck in the past months.

"Dear Uncle Will: Received your delightful letter yesterday and certainly enjoyed the news and snap shots.

"The old Evergreen brought back many old memories. Only wish I was there this fall to enjoy the snow and hunting.

"Hope you and Dad didn't have to climb too many trees to smoke the squirrels out.

"Yes, we are having an interesting time at present. As some of the lads say, "It's rough as a cob."

"It really has been rough and the men have taken a lot. I've been in three good scraps so I know how it is.

"The people are quite different here than down below, the surroundings more like civilization. That is we have roads, cities, etc.

"I was even fortunate to find two bottles of beer early in the operation.

"The rations have been excellent so far. Much better than the last operation.

"I could go on for hours telling of different incidents, but I'm afraid will have to wait and tell about the fight later.

"By the way I took over command of the first battalion a few days ago. Had experience and headaches.

"Happy to hear Sis is enjoying her new work. The nurses here are doing a wonderful job.

"Certainly would have liked to have been present when Dick and Don Ellis were down. They are old high school pals.

"I'm sure I'll enjoy the packages on the way. Mail has been coming through fairly well, but I'm afraid class two mail will arrive a little late.

"Well I hope you got all the crops in all right and didn't work too hard. Maybe I'll be there next fall to help shuck a little corn.

"Think of you often and wonder how things are going—wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Sincerely,  
Joy"

**Young Seaman Has Short Leave Home**

Sie Gerald Hennings is enjoying a few days home with his parents and friends in this section of Cass county.

He has been in the south for a considerable part of the time after completing his boot training and had training in the Gulf of Mexico, being located at New Orleans and having several trips out in the Gulf to Cuba and other points.

Gerald was given a leave home from San Francisco and will report back to his station at the close of the leave home.

**Ensign Briggs Home From New Caledonia**

Ensign Mary R. Briggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Briggs, 625 South Eighteenth street, Omaha and granddaughter of M. S. Briggs of this city, is home from a tour of duty overseas.

Ensign Briggs is a naval nurse and has served the past eighteen months as a nurse in a base hospital in New Caledonia.

She is now enroute to a new assignment at St. Albans hospital, New York City.

**S-Sgt. Dale Dooley Back From Pacific**

S-Sgt. Dale Dooley, who has spent the past three years in the Pacific war area has arrived back in the United States, word received here by friends state. He has arrived at San Francisco and is now visiting with his mother, Mrs. H. M. Sites at Lordsburg, Oregon.

He is a brother of Glen and Edward Dooley of this city and it is expected that he may be here to visit the relatives.

**Nehawka Veteran In Hospital Unit**

PENINSULAR BASE HEAD-QUARTERS, ITALY — Sergeant Elmer R. Fitch, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Eugene Fitch of Nehawka, Nebr., is now serving with a station hospital of this base which has made an impressive record during almost two years of service overseas. During that time the total number of patients taken care of is somewhat over 3000% of the rated bed capacity of the hospital.

The hospital was activated at Fort Lewis, Washington, 15 July 1942, and reorganized 15 December 1942 at double its original size. It is literally a cross-section of America: the personnel come from all sections of the country, and included are American Indians and Chinese. The medical and dental officers are graduates of 18 different American universities and two European universities.

The commanding officer of the hospital is Colonel Frank F. Schade, M. C., who has been a Reserve Officer since 1930.

The organization sailed from the United States in March 1943, and first set up the hospital at Constantine, Algeria. It moved to Italy in January 1944, and at present occupies its second location in Italy. Although the building was not a hospital originally, it has been converted into one of the finest hospitals in this theater.

**Cpo Arley Griffin Home from Service**

CPO Arley Griffin, one of the veteran Plattsmouth sailors, is home for a visit with his mother, Mrs. E. M. Griffin and his sister, Mrs. Geo. O. Winscott of this city and his brother, H. M. Griffin at Union.

Arley entered the navy some sixteen years ago and in this period has a service that has taken him over a great deal of the sea and to many lands.

For the past three years and a half his service has been in the Pacific, filled with plenty of action.

He arrived in Omaha from the west coast by plane and will visit here until January 27th with the relatives and many old friends.

**Local Young Men Enter Naval Service**

Two more of the young men of the community have chosen the naval service the past week, and now are awaiting their call to report at Omaha for transfer to the training center.

The young men are Dale Rhoden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gailen Rhoden and Bernard (J. C. Coffee) Ulrich of this city.

The boys have passed their physical examination and expect to leave about the 22nd of January for their training center.

Ulrich was a graduate of the high school here in 1943 and Rhoden a senior of the class of 1945.

**SC 1-C Ralph O. Timm Home from Naval Post**

SC1C Ralph Timm, who has been stationed at the naval receiving station at Bremerton, Washington, arrived home Wednesday evening to give the members of the family and his friends a very pleasant surprise.

Since completing his training course at the Great Lakes, Illinois, station, Ralph has been stationed at the Bremerton receiving station, being in charge of the feeding of the men passing through the station en route for service or on leaves.

This is his first visit home in a great many months and most pleasant to the many old friends.

**Kenneth Armstrong Home for Week End**

Cpl. Kenneth Armstrong, of the army air corps, was home for the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Armstrong.

He was on flying duty from the field at Roswell, New Mexico, and on Saturday evening arrived at Fort Crook to come down for a few hours stay with the parents and old friends.

He had the opportunity of a visit with Ralph Timm, home from the naval receiving center at Bremerton, Washington. Cpl. Armstrong returned Sunday noon to his station at Roswell, being taken to Omaha by Mr. and Mrs. Timm.

**Noble Buell Awarded Bronze Star Medal**

WITH THE U. S. FORCES IN FRANCE—Major Noble E. Buell, Special and Information Services officer of Channel Base Section, Communications Zone, in France, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in England during the several months preceding D-Day.

Major Buell whose family resides in Nebraska, was Special Service Officer of the Western Base Section in England prior to the movement to France and as such supervised the distribution of recreational and athletic equipment among combat forces taking part in the initial assaults on France.

The major continues to supervise distribution of recreational and athletic equipment and information pertaining to orientation of troops.

Major Buell, graduate of the University of Nebraska, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Buell, Murdock, Nebr. His wife, Mabel H. Buell, and their children, Sandra, Cynthia and Bradford, live at Wisner, Nebr. Prior to entering the service in 1941 as a reserve officer, Major Buell was employed by the U. S. Department of Interior at Sacramento, Calif.

**Capt. W. S. Eaton Goes to New Post In South**

Captain Wilbur S. Eaton, U. S. medical corps, who has been home on furlough from Camp Ellis, Illinois, departed last night for the south to take up his new duties at the base hospital at Charleston, South Carolina.

The transfer to the south is very pleasing as it will give Captain Eaton the service in a modern and permanent base hospital that he has not enjoyed in his army service.

Captain Eaton has been home for several months from a tour of duty of some three years in the islands of the south Pacific and also in Australia. He was among the first outfits that were sent overseas in the Pacific war.

**Bernard Kubicka Writes from Pacific**

Mr. and Mrs. John Kubicka of this city were very happy today to receive a letter from their son, Cpl. Bernard Kubicka, U. S. Marines, who has been stationed in the southwest Pacific where he is a veteran of many of the major actions.

Bernard writes that he has received a great many Christmas cards from the friends back home, and was deeply appreciative of them. He also sends greetings to all of the friends that he cannot find time to write.

The marines have been in the forefront of the island invasions and Bernard has participated in a number of these.

The pleasure of the Kubicka family was marred by the fact that another son, Edward Kubicka, who has been home for the past two weeks, is leaving Sunday for the west coast to resume active duty.

**Capt. and Mrs. Warren Bollmeier In City**

Captain and Mrs. Warren Bollmeier, of Oklahoma City, arrived in the city Monday afternoon for a visit here at the home of Mrs. Bollmeier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Petersen.

Captain Bollmeier, who had a long service in the air force in India, had been back in the United States for the past few months and is now at the air field at Oklahoma City.

Captain Bollmeier and wife have been visiting at Lincoln and Tecumseh for the past several days as the mother of Captain Bollmeier has been operated on at a Lincoln hospital and the father of the captain is ill at the Tecumseh hospital.

**SGT. BENGEN RETURNING**

Sgt. Russell Bengen, Cass county young man who has been in the armed service since the early part of the war, is returning home on furlough. He has served thirty months overseas with the fifteenth air force. This is the first visit of the young man back home since his first training and he is expected here this week to visit with the old time friends and associates.

**Cpl. Harry Dwyer Receives Discharge**

Cpl. Harry Dwyer arrived in the city late Tuesday afternoon from Daytona Beach, Florida, where he received his honorable discharge from the United States army a few days ago.

Cpl. Dwyer was returned to the United States a short time ago from overseas, where he has spent the last year and since the invasion, with the troops in France and the German front. He was ill since early fall and was sent home to be discharged.

He expects to be here with his father, Attorney D. O. Dwyer, for some time at least until entirely over his recent hospitalization.

**Cpl. Joe Phillips Is Now In Belgium**

Friends here will be interested in learning that Cpl. Joe Phillips, former Plattsmouth high school baseball and football star, is now in the front of Belgium.

Cpl. Phillips, who was home for a furlough the past summer, has been overseas for some time and has been at the front where he is serving with a medical unit.

Joe spent his training period in the south and was a member of the championship baseball team at Camp Butler, North Carolina.

**Young Sailor Goes Back to Active Duty**

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew V. Stander, well known residents of the vicinity of Manley were in the city Friday on business and to visit with John Palacek and daughters, father and sisters of Mrs. Stander.

Their son, Herbert, who has been in the naval service for the past two years departed Tuesday for the west coast to resume his service.

This was the first visit home for Herbert in twenty-two months as he has been overseas all of this time.

**Kenneth Cottingham Home from the Pacific**

Kenneth Cottingham, who has been stationed in the Pacific for the past year, is now home for a visit with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cottingham, of near Murray.

Kenneth has been a member of the L.S.T. force since his graduation from the training school at Norfolk, Virginia. His service in the Pacific has been a strenuous one and covered a great many of the engagements of the fleets.

**Here from Service In The Air Forces**

T. Sgt. B. A. Schwartz, who is home for a short furlough with his family in Lincoln, was in the city today to visit with the many old friends and acquaintances.

Ben was for a number of years a resident of Platts-mouth and has many old friends that are delighted to see him home and in excellent health.

He is stationed at the Municipal airport at VanNuys, California in the U. S. air force.

**Elmwood**

By Journal Field Representative

The project leaders of the extension clubs in this vicinity met with the county leader at the home of Mrs. Melvin Miller on Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary Alice Quellhorst is now working in the Federal office at Weeping Water.

School was dismissed on Monday because of the morning blizzard.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson moved on Saturday to their new quarters in the post office building.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Reeve of Colorado visited relatives for several days in this country, after being present at the funeral of his brother-in-law Henry Monning.

Lyman Cromwell, while being laid up with his broken ankle suffered another misfortune when one of his good horses died this week, apparently having been wounded.

An all church meeting is scheduled to be at the Methodist Church for Monday evening Jan. 22, when the District Superintendent, Dr. B.L. Story, along with some helpers, is to be here to explain more fully the Crusade plan for the next four years.

The churches of Alvo and Eagle are to be represented also by as many as can come.

Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Clements attended the funeral at Lincoln recently, of Mr. Bedson, who was the father of her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Turner. He was also the father of Al Bedson, who was formerly connected with a store in Elmwood for a good many years.

Mrs. Anna Beck is spending several weeks in the homes of her daughters at Omaha and Louisville.

A prayer service was held on Wednesday evening at the Christian Church parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Dennis have

**Local Young Man Completes Training**

Pvt. Russell H. Nielsen, who has been in training at Chanute Field, Illinois, in the army air force training command, has completed his work at that station.

He will now be sent to other points for further instruction in the lines of the air force technical training. His course just completed was in electronics.

Pvt. Nielsen is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nielsen of near this city and has many friends that will be interested in learning of his success in his training.

**Lt. E. W. Burdic Writes From Ney York City**

The family has received word from Lt. (jg) E. W. Burdic that he was back in port at New York after a trip out to an unnamed destination. He states that the stay was brief as he was expecting to be sent out at once on another trip.

**GOES TO CALIFORNIA**

Lieutenant L. J. Snell, CEC (S) USNR left this morning for Omaha where he entrained for Ft. Ord, Monterey, California, after a weeks visit here.

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**named their new girl who arrived this month Jacqueline Kay.**

Mrs. Thessie Kelly is able to be about again after several days of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Charling, and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Charling attended the funeral at Ashland of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher who were killed in the auto-truck accident. Mrs. Fisher was a sister of the husband of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Charling's daughter.

The Charles Fleischmann sale on Tuesday was attended by a large crowd, and things sold well. The Elmwood Methodist Church ladies netted a nice sum from lunch servings.

Mrs. Lois Cape and two daughters of Neligh, Nebr. were visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lean this week.

The P. N. G. Circle met with Mrs. Emma Cleanents on Thursday of this week.

Mrs. Emily Gonzales received word that she has a new granddaughter in Dothan, Alabama, born on Jan. 11, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gonzales.

Lyman Cromwell was able to go to the home of his sister, Mrs. Dora Quin, at Papillion, on Friday. After a week there he plans to visit other sisters in and near Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Charling called at the Bryan Hospital on Thursday to see the little Fisher sisters, and Mrs. Eva Baily. The girls seem to be improving rapidly and on their recovery are to live with an aunt in Omaha. Mrs. Baily was not feeling as well as usual that day.

Miss Jeanette Young of Weeping Water is visiting her cousins Mr. and Mrs. Harmond Beck this week.

Odd-fellows and Rebekahs held joint installation ceremonies and social evening last Tuesday. Orville Miller is now Noble Grand of the men's lodge, and Mrs. Effie Elliot is head officer of the Rebekahs. Guests from Weeping Water were present.

The next meeting of the Bluebird Club is to be with Mrs. Nat Newlin, Jan. 17.

Mrs. Frank Buell and Mrs. Virginia Keckler are preparing to start next week to visit relatives in California.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met on Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Orley Clements with a nice crowd present. Mrs. Harry Lannin was devotional leader, and Mrs. Harry Linder lead an impressive pledge service. Mrs. Emmett Cook, the new president, in behalf of the society, presented to the outgoing president, Mrs. Howard Capwell a life membership pin expressing in well chosen words appreciation for her four years of capable leadership.

**Louis and Ernest Hollenbeck visited on Thursday at the home of their sister Mrs. Rilla Shellhorn in Louisville, Another sister Mrs. Anna Spangler of Custer County was also present. Mrs. Shellhorn is not feeling so well these days.**

Mrs. Jay Stanton received the message that her son Darrel Pyle has arrived safely on the west coast after his service in the Pacific zone.

The American Exchange Bank is a busy place these days with people making income tax reports.

Betty Clements visited home folks a few days this week.

**League baseball**

CHICAGO, Jan. 22. —(AP)— Major and minor league baseball clubs, anticipating a possible player shortage this spring, were ready today to tap a player source previously unavailable to professional baseball — junior American league players.

Leslie M. O'Connor, chairman of baseball's three-man advisory committee, announced yesterday that clubs could sign junior American League players, provided the negotiation for the youths' services are made on or after Feb. 5 and before June 1.

To prevent indiscriminate signing of the youngsters, O'Connor said, the clubs must retain them at least 30 days of the playing season.

The bulletin, which O'Connor is sending to all clubs, added that "this modification of the commissioner's 1944 bulletin which prohibited such relations with American League players is made with the consent and cooperation of the American Legion baseball officials and solely because it is desired to aid the minor leagues in the present emergency."

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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26th, 1945**

<b>25</b>	<b>HEAD OF LIVESTOCK</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>HEAD OF HORSES</b>	<b>3</b>
1—Gray Team, smooth mouth, mare and horse, wt. 3100. 1—Bay saddle mare, gentle.		
<b>22</b>	<b>HEAD OF CATTLE</b>	<b>22</b>
1—Guernsey Milk Cow, 4 year old, 6 gal cow 2—Holstein Milk cows, 2 year, 5 gal cows 1—Roan milk cow, 4 year, fresh in 3 mo. 1—Guernsey milk cow, 3 year, fresh in May 1—Red shorthorn milk cow, 3 year, fresh May 1—Red shorthorn milk cow, 4 year, fresh May 1—Guernsey milk cow fresh in February 1—White Durham Bull, 14 months old. 2—Guernsey heifers, 8 months old.		
1—White steer, 14 months old. 1—White Heifer calf, 4 months old. 1—Red bull calf, 4 weeks old. 7—Guernsey heifers, some freshen soon, some in the spring. 1—Guernsey Bull, out of State Farm Herd. Also one Collie Cattle Dog, very good worker and one Collie Pup, 3 months old.		
<b>FARM MACHINERY, ETC.</b>		
1—Hinnan milking machine, 2 units, new. 1—'38 John Deere 'B' tractor, rubber front 1—John Deere Power lift, used one season. 1—'32 Chevrolet pick-up truck, good tires 1—Bailer Cultivator, built to mount tractor 1—Deere 2-row lister, with new International large boxes, built to mount tractor. 1—Deere 17-n. tractor plow, like new. 1—International Burr feed grinder, with Elevator. 1—Deere Hand corn sheller, like new. 1—Hay Rack with running gears. 1—Low wheel wagon with good box 1—Road Drag 1—Snow Plow 2 Wagon Boxes 1—Hay Rake 1—16 ft. Hog Trough. 2-8 ft. Hog Troughs 5—Steel Barrels 1—Tank Heater, oil burner, like new 3—Rolls of wire cable, about 50 ft. each 1—Roll wire cable, heavy, about 100 ft. 500-ft. 3-8th Steel Rod 150 ft. 3-4 in Steel Rod 1—Pipe threading tool, will thread 1 to 2 in. 1—King Press Drill, 12 hole 1-3 section Harrow 1-2 section Harrow 1-8 ft. Disc. 1-walking Cultivator 1-Bailer 2-row Riding Cultivator		
1—Corn Press 1—Iron-wheel Trailer 1—Single row horse drawn Lister 1—McCormick Deering 5-Ft. Mower 1—Electric Fence Charger, battery type. 10 Tons first cutting Alfalfa Hay in stack 1-5 in. rubber belt, 32 ft. new. <b>GARAGE TOOLS</b> 1-1/2 in. Electric Drill, Goodell Pratt 1—Garage Car Jack 1-1 in. Micrometer 3—Calipers, Wrenches, Bits, Screw drivers Wheel knock out pullers, different sizes 1—Valve grinder, Valve seat cutters, assorted 20—Reamers, different sizes 1—Spark Plug tester, will test from 1 to 8 cylinder engines. 1—Electric Tube Vulcanizer. Other tools too numerous to mention. <b>CHICKENS</b> 300 Austra-White pullets, in laying production, culled, and wormed. 1—Electric brooder, 500-chick size Chick waterers and feeders <b>HOUSEHOLD GOODS</b> 1—DeLaval Electric Cream Separator, size 6, used 1 year. Milk Buckets and strainers. 1—Charter Oak Range, A-1 shape 1—Davenport Other articles		
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