

## Plattsmouth Coast Guard Has Part In Invasion

John S. Slatinsky, Gunner's Mate Third Class Participated in the Luzon Invasion

ABOARD A COAST GUARD ATTACK TRANSPORT AT LUZON (Special)—The thunder of ack-ack fire pouring upward at the Jap plane sweeping over Lingayen Gulf was sweet music to the ears of Coast Guardsman John S. Slatinsky, gunner's mate, third class, of Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

Ever since the convoy sailed past Bataan and Corregidor and enemy bombers nipped at its heels and flanks, Slatinsky had been hearing his favorite symphony.

He had spent months keeping guns at his battle station tuned to concert pitch. The sights had not picked up a flying foe since the invasion of Saipan, although the ship had participated in the Leyte operation.

Now, in the embattled gulf, tracers were spitting upward intermittently from dawn until dusk. The plane which had been drawing the fire faltered in its flight, appeared to stall, then wobbled downward in the general direction of Luzon Island trailing smoke.

"That's the most rounds we ever got off at an enemy target," the local Coast Guardsman and his shipmates commented as they began picking up the shell casings. "The Nips better steer clear of these babies, because we're due to start chalking up a few."

The crew's biggest thrill of the initial assault on Luzon came in the early hours of the invasion when Jap torpedo boats invaded the gulf. In pitch blackness the enemy craft managed limited damage before a spotlight caught one in full flight. Tracer bullets converted it into a flaming torch. Two more were similarly trapped and destroyed. The rest were routed.

Slatinsky, 19 years old, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slatinsky of Plattsmouth.

## Dinner Party At Kubicka Home

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kubicka entertained on Wednesday, March 7th, at a dinner party at their home, honoring a number of out of town guests.

Those who were present included Mrs. Dorothy Chapman of Superior, mother of Mrs. Kubicka, Cpl. W. Leroy Chapman, air corps, a brother of Mrs. Kubicka, enroute from New York to Fresno, California, Mr. and Mrs. John Kubicka, Sr., of this city and Y3c Edward Kubicka, home from Bremerton, Washington, Mrs. Henry Flau, Nebraska City, daughter and grandson, Mrs. Lorraine Coates and Tommy Coates, of Nebraska City.

## Pfc Carl Miller At Hot Springs

Pfc. Carl F. Miller of Plattsmouth served 37 months combat duty in the Southwest Pacific and returned to the States last month. After spending a 25-day furlough at home, he has arrived at the Army ground and service forces redistribution station in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

One of the installations of the Army service force recently set up by the 8th Service command, the main function of the station is to reassign service men and women, returned from the fighting fronts to the United States under the rotation program. The reassignments are made after careful interviews with the returnees by specially trained interviewers, many of them overseas veterans themselves, who strive to place the returnees where their combat experiences will give the Army the greatest benefits.

## High School Workers Raise \$3,165 Fund

Plattsmouth high school students early today had turned in \$3,165 towards the total Red Cross goal of \$3,200 and Milo Price principal stated that he expected the students to complete the quota by this afternoon.

It is evident that the freshman class will be the winner in the contest for the largest amount solicited, inasmuch as they have contributed approximately one-half of the amount thus far turned in.

This amount does not include the money donated at the Cass Theater, post-office and bank or the sum from the rural districts.

## Eugene Lester Is Wounded in Action

Word has been received here by the members of the family of the fact that Sgt. Eugene E. Lester, former resident here and grandson of J. A. Edgerton of this city, had been wounded in action on February 17th, in France.

The letter was received by Mrs. Lester who was at Sioux City, Iowa, visiting with the parents of Sgt. Lester, and stated that he had been severely wounded but was at the time of writing, getting along very well but still being hospitalized.

Sgt. Lester stated he was hoping to get back on duty as he had a personal matter now that he wanted to settle with Hitler.

## Sgt. Robert Dow Prisoner in Germany

Friday morning a message was received by the Howard Dow family of the fact that Sgt. Robert Dow, reported as missing in action, December 1st, was a prisoner of the Germans at one of their camps.

This was the first information since the notice from the war department and came in the form of a card from Robert himself, dated December 12th in Germany.

The young man has been in the army two years last December and had been overseas since October 1944. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dow and his wife and little daughter are making their home with Mrs. Anna Hofacker, mother of Mrs. Robert Dow.

## Sunbonnet Garden Club Has Meeting

The Sunbonnet Garden club met on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Chester Wall with all of the members in attendance at the meeting, presided over by Mrs. Earl Shanzholtz, the president.

The members responded to the roll call by "Childhood's Vision" and was very interesting.

Two poems were read, "Next Year's Garden" by Mrs. Shanzholtz, and "Collection Plate" by Mrs. Emma Chovanec.

The program committee was Mrs. Alice Shanzholtz, Mrs. Michael Duda, Mrs. Chester Wall. Their topic covered the care of gardens and lawns in the spring.

The hostesses served a fine luncheon at an appropriate hour.

## Dwain Bethards Receives Citation

WITH THE SEVENTH ARMY, In Germany—Pfc. Dwain E. Bethards, 20, of Leon, Iowa, has been cited for heroic service in combat on the Western Front with the 42nd (Rainbow) Division. His wife, Dolores J. Bethards, lives in Leon.

Pfc. Bethards, was sent out to re-establish wire communication on the front in his company's sector near Dauendorf, Alsace, January 27, 1945. Despite enemy rifle and mortar fire he spent the entire day searching for breaks and making repairs in the telephone lines.

Bethards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emric George Bethards of Plattsmouth, Neb., was a machinist at Norfolk Packing Co., before induction in May, 1944. He received infantry basic training at Camp Robinson, Ark., and joined the Rainbow division last September.

## NETAB CAMPFIRE MEETINGS

Netab campfire group held a meeting at the library on Monday, February 12th with Mrs. Henry Donat, our new guardian. We conducted the meeting by parliamentary law. We decided not to have a Valentine party so Mrs. Donat treated us with cookies and cakes which we enjoyed very much. We also played a game. The meeting was closed by the laws.—Scribe

Netab group met at the library on Monday, February 19th for the usual meeting, during the meeting we worked on bingo cards which we made with symbols. These will be used for future parties.—Scribe

A meeting of the Netab campfire group was held on February 26th, in which we finished working on bingo cards. Mrs. Ted Akeson, our past guardian, was present at this meeting. We were very happy to have her. The meeting was closed singing the laws of campfire.—Scribe

March 5, 1945, the Netab campfire group did not hold the regular meeting. Instead we displayed some of the things we have made. They are in the window at the Iowa-Nebraska company. We spent our meeting time in arranging things in the window.—Scribe

## Senior Students To Have Chance At Scholarship

University of Omaha Offers Members of Senior Class Chance at examination.

Senior students from Plattsmouth high school who rank in the upper one-fourth of their class will now be able to compete for University of Omaha Regent's scholarships under a new scholarship plan announced this week by John W. Lucas, dean of students and chairman of the committee on scholarships and grants.

Regents' scholarships provide for free tuition and will be awarded for the first and second semesters beginning September, 1945.

Eligible students wishing to compete for these scholarships must have the recommendation of their high school principals. Winners will be those who rank highest in the competitive examinations, which are scheduled for March 28 and 29 at Omaha University. If students are not able to participate in these examinations at the university, arrangements can be made to take them at their high school.

Scholarship examinations will get under way in Room 438 of the university at 1 P. M. March 28 and at 9 A. M. and 1 P. M. on March 29. Students must be present at all three periods.

## Traffic Cases Are Heard Thursday

The police are continuing their war on traffic violations and Thursday had two arrests, both on charges of failing to stop at the stop signs as required by the city ordinances.

Kenneth L. Scharp, of Nebraska City was charged with going through the sign at 7th and Main street, and L. E. Terryberry with failing to stop at the stop sign at 7th and Pearl streets.

The cases were heard before Judge C. L. Graves and each one received a fine of \$5 and costs amounting to \$8.25.

## Cpl. Carl Hofacker Back From Overseas

Tuesday evening Cpl. Carl Hofacker arrived home from overseas and will enjoy a visit in this city and vicinity with the many old time friends.

Cpl. Hofacker has been overseas twenty-nine months being a member of one of the early units invading North Africa and had a part in this first invasion of the old world.

He has just been returned home from India where he has been serving with the American forces along the Burma road.

## James Dunbar To Midshipman School

Judge Thomas E. Dunbar was in the city Wednesday for a few hours enroute to Papillion where he will hold a session of the district court.

Judge Dunbar was accompanied by his son, James Dunbar, apprentice seaman, who is home from his V-12 training and goes on east to attend a midshipman school to study for his commission as an ensign in the navy.

## ODAHA CAMPFIRE

The Odaha campfire, just recently organized in this city, held their first meeting Tuesday at the kindergarten room of the Central building. The officers elected were: Mary Jane Harris, president; Deline Cundall, vice-president; Florence Ellingson, secretary; Frances Clinkenbeard, treasurer; Florence Reed, scribe; Betty Green, telephone girl.

Mrs. Winkle and Miss Frances Buell, guardians of the campfire led the singing and also directed the games.

The members of the campfire comprise Jacqueline Schubeck, Charlotte Wantoch, Florence Duda, Katherine Reed, Deline Cundall, Mary Phyllis Troop, Janet Leitschuck, Marie Bashus, Lois Schroeder, Helen Fox, Norma Favors, Joan Phillips.

## Mrs. Frank Rebal Goes to Hospital

Mrs. Frank Rebal departed this morning for Omaha where she entered the St. Catherine's hospital for a minor operation.

The operation took place this morning and it is hoped the patient may soon be recovered sufficiently to return home in a few days.

## Child Suffers Broken Leg

Creighton Johannes, 5-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Creighton Johannes, Sr., of Nebraska City, sustained a broken leg Thursday morning when he was struck by a car. The child was on his way to the second avenue school kindergarten at Nebraska City at the time.

The child had ridden part way to school with W. D. Kirtley, getting out to continue on the way to school and scampered into the street in front of the car.

The child is the son of the owner of Joe's New Way store in this city, Louisville, and Nebraska City.

## Blue Devils Lose To Tecumseh In Tourney 27-25

Tournament Hopes of the Local Boys Dashed in a Hard Fought and Close Game

With Duellier and Pluta setting the pace with nine and eleven points, Tecumseh earned its ticket to the state tourney at Lincoln Friday night when they toured back the Blue Devils 27 to 25.

Both teams played heads up ball but the Platters were cold, Sterling Cole, captain and standout for the locals was held to two free throws for the evening, while Joe Gradoville set the pace with seven points, followed by Reckard and Livingston with six and Welever with four.

Outside of being cold at the basket the boys played their best game of the season and we may well be proud of every one of them.

The box score of the game:

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Cole	0	2-2	1	2
Gradoville	3	1-1	4	7
Reckard	2	2-2	1	6
Livingston	1	4-11	1	6
Welever	2	0-0	0	4
Eaton	0	0-0	0	0
	8	9-16	7	25
Tecumseh				
Duellier	4	1-2	3	9
Pluta	5	2-3	5	12
Lane	1	0-2	2	2
Yoder	1	0-1	1	2
Logsdon	1	0-0	2	2
Neukirch	0	0-0	2	2
	12	3-8	15	29

## Russell Nielsen Returns to Duty

Pfc. Russell Nielsen, who has been here visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nielsen at their farm home and with the many old friends, departed Friday morning for Florida where he is stationed in the armed forces.

Russell is one of the specialized members of the air corps and since completing his training at Chanute Field, Illinois, has been in the south.

## Visitors In City at the Courts

John S. McCarty, county attorney of Hall county, was in the city today, from Grand Island, to spend a few hours at the court house looking after the interests of clients.

Attorney Guy L. Clements of Elmwood was a visitor in the county court Friday morning to look after some estate matters in which he was interested.

Walter J. Wunderlich, Nehawka banker, was a visitor in the city Friday to attend to some matters at the county court.

## Sells Property In West Part of City

The sale of the residence property of Mrs. Frances Kalasek in the west part of the city, to Hector Balthazor has been completed.

Mr. Balthazor has sold his residence property in Louisville to Gail Meisinger and he will move here to make his home as soon as possession of the new property is given.

The property purchased in this city embraces an excellent house and a half block of land, located on Maiden Lane between Locust and Oak street.

## Robert Sitzman Wounded in Action

Word has been received by Mrs. Robert Sitzman that her husband, Pvt. Robert Sitzman, has been wounded in action on the German frontier and is now at an English hospital.

Pvt. Sitzman suffered a wound in the right thigh being later brought to England where he has been treated. He is feeling better now and will soon be over the effects of the injury.

He was awarded the Purple Heart for the wound received in action.

## Nehawka Man Member Of Oversea Unit

Pvt. Ralph C. Pender Member of 19th Combat Engineer Regiment in Italy

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—Pvt. Ralph C. Pender, bulldozer operator of Nehawka is a member of the 19th combat engineer regiment, Mediterranean theater veterans now maintaining roads, bridges and trails for the Fifth army in rugged mountain terrain before the Po valley in Italy.

The 19th has maintained or rebuilt more than 4000 miles of road and built or repaired more than 200 bridges in the Italian campaign and has served in combat for more than 550 days, including action at Kasserine Pass, Tunisia, and Cassino, Italy.

The engineers took up defensive positions against a possible Japanese incursion of California early in the war when a Japanese submarine shelled Santa Barbara.

While serving in support of a Ranger battalion in the Tunisian campaign, the 19th Engineers removed more than 15,000 mines from a single minefield at Sened.

The 19th sailed overseas in August, 1942, served in Northern Ireland, Scotland and England and landed on African D Day, November 8, 1942, at Arzew, Northern Algeria. They went up to secure the left flank of the 1st Infantry Division. When the Algerian fight ended, part of the 19th went to work unloading supplies at the Arzew port.

The regiment entered the Tunisian campaign in January, 1943. In Kasserine Pass, the engineers held the right flank for 72 hours, harassing German armored columns with 37-millimeter antitank guns and small arms, while American troops withdrew. They again provided cover for the withdrawal at Gafsa. They supported the 1st and 34th infantry divisions and the 1st Armored Division in the concluding phase of the African campaign.

The outfit entered the Italian campaign in October, 1943, and backed up the 34th and 36th divisions in the push to Cassino. The engineers ferried doughboys across the Rapido River through intense German machinegun, mortar and artillery fire in January, 1944, cleared mines, built and maintained footbridges and held open approach routes to the water barrier.

They supported the First Special Force and the 85th "Custer" and 88th "Blue Devil" divisions in the spring offensive to Rome and continued to serve in support of the 88th divisions as they bridged the Arno River and pierced the Gothic Line.

## Students Aid In Red Cross Drive

Approximately \$2500 had been turned in by high school solicitors for the Red Cross drive Monday. This drive is being conducted through the cooperation of Principal Milo Price, Red Cross chairman in Plattsmouth, and the War Activities Committee, of which Nick Kavakich is chairman, and Miss Jessie Whalen is sponsor.

The drive will last until Friday, and the class which turns in the largest amount of donations by that time will be favored with some special reward. At the moment, the freshman class claims the lead with close to a thousand dollars.

Mr. Price urges all who have not been solicited to give their donation to a neighbor boy or girl, who is in high school. In case this is not possible, donations are also accepted by the bank and post office.

In response to a suggestion of the War Activities Committee, 79 students have volunteered to give a pint of blood to the Red Cross blood bank. Students under 18 can do this only with the permission of their parents.

## Returns Home From Omaha Hospital

Mrs. John E. Carmack, returned home Sunday from the Methodist hospital at Omaha where she has been for the past few weeks.

Mrs. Carmack was suffering from a fractured pelvis sustained by a fall during the icy conditions of the streets a few weeks ago.

## SPEND SUNDAY HERE

Mr. and Mrs. James Tilson of this city and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Jennings of Omaha, spent Sunday at the Robert Morris home in this city.

## Murdock

The lumber office phone No. 2182 has been disconnected for the time being, or until a new location has been secured. In the meantime call No. 2331.

Howard Brunkow and family were in Lincoln Sunday calling on his father who is in one of the hospitals of that place. They found Mr. Brunkow feeling fairly well.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gillespie were Lincoln visitors Tuesday afternoon.

Frank Melvin of Bellevue was a business visitor in Murdock Monday. H. E. Carlson and Louie Wendt were in Lincoln last Thursday night to see E. Brunkow, A. D. Zaar and Paul Kupke, all of whom are in the Bryan Memorial hospital.

The lumber yard got in 100 squares of R. C. shingles the first of the week.

Mrs. Fred Buell is teaching in the place of Miss Resmussen, for a short time.

Mr. Joe Gilmore of Lincoln was a business visitor in Murdock Thursday.

Paul Stock was in Lincoln Wednesday on business.

W. H. Zable was in Omaha Thursday looking after business.

For a short time there will be no regular lumber office and though the manager will be around town most of the time, customers will have to lock him up. They will likely find him at the elevator office.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lundell were shopping and visiting friends in Lincoln Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Luetchens were business visitors in Lincoln Monday.

Mr. A. D. Zaar was taken to the Bryan Memorial hospital Sunday for treatment for arthritis.

Mr. Paul Stock was in Lincoln Thursday on business.

O. B. Lupardus was engaged the fore part of the week building counters in the Paul Stock office. L. Rase made a business trip to Kansas City the first of the week. Ray Gamlin was in South Omaha Thursday with stock.

Mr. H. A. McCully of Lincoln who represents the Nebraska Cement Co., in this district, was in Murdock Thursday looking after the interests of his company.

Mr. Ed Wagner was in Friend a part of this week visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Craig went to Lincoln Monday to spend a few days. Mrs. Henry Heineman was home over Sunday from her work in Lincoln.

Mr. J. A. Boyd has been busy this week painting the interior of the building he recently bought from John Buck.

The Journal representative was out of town the first part of the week and has not had an opportunity to keep posted on local happenings this week.

Marq K. Platt visited with her mother, Mrs. McHugh, during the week on her way to Grand Island, where she will work as a professional nurse in their Public Health Department. The past month she was working with the Public Health Unit in Bellevue, Nebr.

Mr. Frank Melvin of Bellevue was looking after business matters in Murdock Friday.

Wesley Rieke spent a few days this week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Rieke, but left Saturday for the west coast and expects to be sent overseas from there.

Murdock Basketball team lost out in the first game in the Elmwood tournament.

## Receives Awards Of Heroic Son

Mr. and Mrs. James G. Mauzy of this city have received from the war department the awards that had been won by their son, Lieutenant James Mauzy, Jr.

Lieutenant Mauzy was a member of the squadron manning the famous bomber, "Chain Gang" that was reported as lost on August 16th 1944 over enemy territory. All of the crew with the exception of one have been reported as dead, the pilot being a prisoner of war.

The trophies won by the heroic Plattsmouth young man included the air medal with oak clusters, the purple heart and Lt. Mauzy and the crew had also received the presidential citation.

Ten per cent of the 1942 farm production of the entire United States was produced in California.

North Caroline's Symphony Orchestra is the only one in the country supported with state funds.

## W. C. Rathke Is Speaker At The Rotary Luncheon

Former Prominent Resident of Glenwood and leader in Iowa Veteran Circles

William C. Rathke, prominent resident of Glenwood, former past state commander of the American Legion of Iowa and at the present time with the Neraska Power Co., at Omaha, was the speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Rotary club Tuesday.

Mr. Rathke has as his topic, "Swords to Plowshares," presenting a very interesting story of the problems that will face the post war world and how it must be met. The speaker told of attending the National Association of Manufacturers meeting and from the meeting he had gained the impression of the need of slow action on the reconversion of the plants to their pre war activities.

There were a number of visiting Rotarians present, W. E. Brown, publisher of the Glenwood Opinion, E. G. Johnson, Glenwood barber and president of the Rotary, Paul Cheney, Glenwood insurance man and Edward Rebal, retailer of Montebello, California.

The boys who will be Rotarians for the month of March were presented they being Norman Perry, senior and Robert Grant, junior.

Dr. Leonard Fitch was the program chairman.

## ENTERTAINS CLUB

Tuesday evening the members of the Shuffle and Deal card club was entertained at the home of Louis Ward Egengerger. After the cards Mrs. Egenberger served refreshments.

## High Typographical Recognition Given Fremont Paper

The Fremont Guide and Tribune, published by Journal Publisher Lester A. Walker, Fremont, has been named as third place winner in the Inland Daily Press association sixth annual typographical excellence contest for daily newspapers with circulations of 5,000 to 10,000.

Scoring in the competition, conducted by the Northwestern university chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity, was based equally on head dress, body dress, advertising typography, general make-up, and press work of the newspapers.

Members of the Inland Daily Press association, leading daily newspapers from coast to coast, were eligible for the contest. Competing papers each submitted their issues for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Nov. 14, 15, and 16, 1944. Issues used for judging were selected by lot and were not announced until Dec. 19.

Only papers scored higher than The Guide and Tribune were the Iron Mountain, Mich., News and the Idaho Falls, Ida., Post-Register. Two Michigan newspapers, the Midland Daily News and The Daily Mining Gazette, Houghton, were given honorable mention.

Contest judges were Charles L. Allen, director of research, Medill school of journalism, Northwestern university; Joseph A. Brandt, director of the University of Chicago Press; and Otto M. Forkert, director of design and typography, the Cuneo Press, Chicago.

Award certificates are given the winners by the Medill school of journalism at Northwestern university.

## Sgt. Bengen Is Waiting Orders

SANTA ANA, CALIF., March 9—Sgt. Russell M. Bengen, son of Mrs. Irene C. Monson of Tallahassee, Florida is currently assigned to the AAF redistribution station No. 4 at Santa Ana army air base.

Sgt. Bengen, a clerk with the 15th Air Force in the European, African and Middle Eastern Theaters, entered the service on December 18, 1941 and went overseas in August 1942. He is entitled to wear the European