

# Hoosier Heroes: Rarridon, Bredensteiner, Reinhard Killed in Battle; 8 Are Wounded, 2 Are Taken Prisoner by Germany

## DEAD—

Pfc. Clifford A. Rarridon, son of Mrs. Hazel B. Livingston, 1922 1/2 W. Michigan st., and John Rarridon, Warren ave., died of wounds received March 2, in Belgium.

He was with a tank destroyer unit and had been overseas only four or five weeks. Before entering service in March, 1943, Pvt. Rarridon had worked at Schwitzer-Cummins Co. He was 24.

Surviving besides the parents, are two sisters, Mrs. Alleen Lott and Mrs. Maxine Gerholdt, and a brother, Leslie Rarridon, all of Indianapolis.

Second Lt. Howard Bredensteiner, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Bredensteiner, 967 Layman, and son of Mr. Ernest C. Bredensteiner, New Castle, was killed Feb. 1 on Luzon.

An infantryman, Lt. Bredensteiner entered service in 1941, and went overseas approximately two years ago.

Surviving him, besides the father and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bredensteiner, are the mother who could not be contacted, a sister, Mrs. Marie MacNeil with the WAVES on the west coast, and another aunt, Mrs. William Schmidt, 1121 Elvion st.

Lt. (j.g.) Vinson E. Reinhard, brother of Mrs. Ruth Olin, 2751 N. La-Salle st., was killed on Iwo Jima Feb. 21 where he was in command of an LST boat.

A former law partner of Frank X. Haupt, he was a graduate of the Indiana Law school and a member of Sigma Delta Kappa law fraternity.

He was 28 and entered the navy in November, 1941, going overseas in April, 1943.

Survivors besides Mrs. Olin are his father, Henry E. Upland, Cal.; a brother, Henry, Cleveland, O., and two other sisters in California.



S. Sgt. Paris Osborne Cross... prisoner of Germany.



Pfc. Clifford A. Rarridon... killed in Belgium.



Lt. (j.g.) Vinson E. Reinhard... killed on Iwo Jima.



Pvt. Alexander Katra... prisoner of Germany.

## WOUNDED—

Already back on Iwo Jima after recovering from wounds received there is Pfc. Donald H. Meyer, son of Mrs. Lorene Meyer, 625 N. Oxford st.

The 19-year-old marine was wounded by shrapnel from a Jap mortar eight days after the invasion began.

He joined the marines in November, 1943, and went overseas six months ago. Before entering service he was with the Star advertising department.

A brother, Aviation Metalsmith 3-c Charles, is on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific. Both he and Pvt. Meyer were graduated from Technical high school.

Pfc. Earl G. McCormick, an infantryman with the 1st army, is recovering in England from wounds received Jan. 8 in Belgium.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McCormick, 2144 Broadway, and has been overseas 11 months.

Pvt. McCormick is 23.

Before entering service two years ago, he was employed at Allison's.

A former Technical high school student, he has received the purple heart and the expert rifleman's badge.

A brother, Seaman 2-c Melvin, is with the navy at Farragut, Idaho.

Pfc. Joseph C. Friedman, son of Mrs. Grace Dearing, 24 1/2 N. 5th ave., Beech Grove, was seriously wounded Feb. 13 in Germany.

The 18-year-old serviceman's older brother, Pfc. Uval G. is recovering at Wakeman General hospital, Camp Atterbury, from wounds received in France last July.

Pvt. Joseph Friedman is a former employee of the Beech Grove New York Central railroad shops.

T. 5th Gr. James E. Mosier, son of Mrs. Elsie J. Scheldt, 2025 W. Morris st., is believed to have returned to duty after recovering from a frost-bitten foot incurred in January in Belgium.

Overseas seven months, he is a tank mechanic. A brother, Seaman 2-c Robert, is on Atlantic duty; a step-brother, Pfc. Delford F. Schoe-field, who was wounded in France last June, is now in Belgium, and a

sister, Mrs. Ethel Hettenbach, is a corporal in the WAC in Alamogordo, N. M.

Pvt. James Harrison Wilcox, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Wilcox, 2207 N. Pennsylvania st., was wounded Feb. 7, on Luzon.

A machine-gunner, Pvt. Wilcox was wounded in the drive to clear Japs from the mountainous terrain. He has received the purple heart. A brother, Chief Petty Officer Paul Wilcox, who is 30, is home on leave from submarine duty in the South Pacific. Pvt. Wilcox is 34.

Ship's Cook 3-c John Willis Sanders Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders, 1101 Eugene st., was wounded aboard ship, according to word received by his parents.

Overseas 15 months, he was employed by the Gulling Electric Co. before entering the navy Feb. 1, 1943. He attended Shortridge high school.

S. Sgt. Eugene F. Helms, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Helms, 3603 E. 22d st., was wounded in Germany Feb. 9. He is in a hospital in England.

An infantryman with the 3d army, he has been overseas eight months and was employed by the W. M. Steck Plumbing and Supply Co. before entering the army two and one-half years ago. He attended Technical high school.

Marine Cpl. George R. Vanstan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Vanstan, 615 Madison ave., Apt. 40, was wounded in the third day of fighting on Iwo Jima.

A member of the 5th marine amphibious forces, he is 19 and has been overseas 12 months. He also participated in the Saipan and Tinian campaigns. His parents re-

ceived a letter from him yesterday in a hospital in the Marianas. Cpl. Vanstan attended Manual high school and was employed by the Stewart-Warner Co. when he enlisted in the marines Sept. 14, 1943.

He has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Cross of New Castle, from a German prison camp. Sgt. Cross, who is 29, has four children, Hershel-Ernest, 6; Betty Jean and Bobby Dean, 4-year-old twins, and Paris Osborne Jr., 2, living at 29 W. 9th st. Sgt. Cross is formerly of 709 N. Emerson ave.

Listed as missing in France since Nov. 14, Pvt. Alexander Katra, a paratrooper, today was reported a prisoner of Germany.

The war department telegram came today to his wife, Mrs. No-rene Katra, 25 N. Richland st. Pvt. Katra's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Katra, live at 1523 W. Ohio st.

Overseas since April, 1944, he served in Italy before going to

southern France. Pvt. Katra is 28, and a former employee of Kingan & Co. He has a 15-months-old son, Larry.

A brother-in-law, Pfc. Harry Brown, also a paratrooper, was reported missing after D-day. No further word has been received concerning him.

For killing an entire German crew and neutralizing their strong-hold, Pfc. Lawrence H. Poland, husband of Mrs. Dortha Poland, 1415 Churchman ave., has received the silver star.

He is a rifleman with the 91st "Power" division of the 5th army in Italy.

"Crawling through intense enemy fire which had held up his company's advance, Pvt. Poland struck out to a position from which he could fire his rocket launcher at the hostile emplacement," the citation reads.

"Then, although in full view of the Germans and under constant machine-gun fire, he calmly took aim and with one round annihilated the enemy."

Pvt. Poland, who is 31, entered the army in Jan. 1944. He was a polisher in civilian life.

## NEGROES ASSIGNED TO INFANTRY UNITS

PARIS, March 20 (U. P.).—Negro and white troops are fighting side by side—for the first time in American history—in the infantry companies of the U. S. 1st and 7th armies. It was disclosed yesterday in a front-line dispatch by the army newspaper Stars and Stripes. The Negro infantrymen were picked from the thousands of applicants who had been working as service and supply troops. They volunteered after a special appeal by Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, who told them:

"It is planned to assign you without regard to race or color to units where your assistance is most needed. Your comrades at the front are anxious to share the glory of victory with you."

## FRENCH CROSS RHINE; CAPTURE 400 NAZIS

BASEL, Switzerland, March 20 (U. P.).—A raiding battalion of French troops crossed the upper Rhine three miles north of Basel yesterday, captured more than 400 prisoners and withdrew before the Nazis could organize a counter-attack.

The French raiders made the crossing near Markt in motor boats after a heavy artillery barrage. They pushed almost four miles east of the river as far as Binzen and Rummelingen.

## Hoosier Lawmaker Missing in Action

PRINCETON, Ind., March 20 (U. P.).—Staff Sgt. Gene Eckerty, a member of the Indiana house of representatives in 1943 and 1945, was reported by relatives today as missing in action in Germany since Feb. 25.

Eckerty was the only member of the lower house unable to attend the 1945 session because he was in service.

A letter he wrote Jan. 5 from the Western front was read in the legislature March 1. It was an appeal for the passage of G. I. benefit bills and for prayers for homesick Hoosiers in combat.

Eckerty, a Republican, was elected to the house from Gibson county in 1942 and 1944. He was an attorney here before he entered the service.

His mother is Mrs. James Eckerty, Princeton. He was serving with an infantry unit in the 3d army.

## MAJ. K. F. VALENTINE ON INACTIVE STATUS

MAJ. Kenneth F. Valentine, 5950 Central ave., has been appointed assistant to the president of the Pittman-Moore Co. following his release from the air corps March 1 for inactive service with a critical industry.

Before he entered the army in June, 1942, he was assistant sales manager there.

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