

Hoosier Heroes: Pilot With 100 Missions, Three Others Reported Killed; Seaman and Soldier Missing, Nine More Freed

DEAD—

Carleton E. Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Palmer, 3050 Cold Spring rd., was killed May 5, in an airplane crash in Belgium.

The 20-year-old officer, whose father is head of the mathematics department at Park school, was a Mustang pilot with the weather reconnaissance squadron of the 9th air force.

Overseas since May, 1944, he held the distinguished flying cross and the air medal. Early in April he had been promoted to first lieutenant and was expecting to return home on leave soon.

Before entering the air force in March, 1943, Lt. Palmer was attending Purdue. He had graduated from Park where he was an outstanding athlete.

Surviving besides his parents, are two brothers, David, who has enlisted in the navy and will enter service upon graduation next month from Park and Peter, a student at Park, and a sister, Doris, a student at Tudor Hall.

According to a war department announcement S. Sgt. Martin W. Miller, whose wife, Mrs. Dorothy A. Miller, formerly lived at 1202 N. Capitol ave., was killed in action in the European theater. Mrs. Miller could not be located, however, by The Times.

Reported missing since Dec. 18, during the battle of the bulge. Cpl. Philip James Carmody, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Carmody, 4228 Park ave., is now listed as killed on that date.

Nineteen-year-old Cpl. Carmody was fighting with the 10th armored division and had also served in the Saar region. Entering the army in November, 1943, he had been overseas since last October. Mr. Carmody, former head of Kennington Post 34, American Legion, served in the same vicinity in World War I.

A graduate of Cathedral high school, where he had been active in football, Cpl. Carmody had completed one year at Indiana university and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Memorial services will be held at 9 a. m. next Tuesday in St. Joan of Arc Catholic church, of which he was a member. The Rev. Clement Bosler will officiate. Surviving besides the parents, are a brother, Pfc. John Carmody, in Germany, and a sister, Miss Frances Carmody.

Previously reported missing, since Jan. 30, 1944, Ranger Pfc. Charles L. Burton, son of Mrs. Thelma Burwell, 1228 W. 19th st., has been declared dead officially by the war department.

The 22-year-old serviceman had been listed as missing since his Ranger unit was pinned down by German artillery fire while trying to infiltrate enemy lines at Anzio. Charles Burton

Before entering the army in January, 1943, he was employed by the Excelsior laundry. Pfc. Burton had been overseas since May, 1943. Surviving besides his mother, is a sister, Mrs. Hazel Thornton, Frankfort.

MISSING—

Pvt. Basel W. Maners, son of Curtis Maners, 1035 N. Winfield ave., has been reported missing in action in Germany since April 14.

Previously wounded in Belgium on Jan. 13, Pvt. Maners has been overseas since last August, serving with an armored infantry unit. His wife, Mrs. Hope G. Maners, formerly of 1451 N. Holmes ave., is now living at Staunton, Va., with their small son, Letchard Curtis.

The 24-year-old soldier is a graduate of Washington high school and former employee of the Kingsbury Ordnance plant.

Seaman 1-c Walter J. Ballard, husband of Mrs. Velma Ballard, 836½ Lexington ave., and son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Ballard, 1048 Hosbrook st., has been listed as missing since early in May in the Atlantic theater.

Overseas 15 months, Seaman Ballard has been in the navy approximately a year and one-half. He is a former employee of The Times circulation department, and the Chevrole Motor Corp.

A brother, Marine Cpl. Ralph Ballard, is now home on furlough, after spending 14 months in the Pacific.

SAFE—

Pvt. Rex Hopkins, husband of Mrs. Virginia Hopkins, 4910 W. 24th st., who had been a prisoner of the enemy, is now home on furlough.

Three more local airmen have earned the air medal: Cpl. James

Germans since last September, was reported as liberated by the war department.

Pvt. Paul D. Smallwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smallwood, 1738 Howard st., who had been a prisoner of the Germans since last September, has been freed and is now at Percy Jones general hospital, Battle Creek, Mich.

Cpl. Harvey L. Ogden Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ogden, 2145 S. High School rd., was liberated from Stalag 7-A and is en route home, his parents have been informed.

Taken prisoner on Anzio beach-head, Cpl. Ogden has been in service three years and overseas two years. His wife, Ruth, resides in Linton, Ind.

The 28-year-old soldier formerly attended Technical high school.

Cpl. Emil C. Kerner a paratrooper captured by the Germans on D-day, has been freed from Stalag 4-B according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Emil C. Kerner, 3600 Bluff road.

Sgt. Lester Schuld, husband of Mrs. Marjorie Knapp Schuld, 1221½ N. New Jersey st., has been freed from Stalag 4-B. Sgt. Schuld was captured by the Germans in December, while serving with a tank destroyer unit.

Word from a Red Cross clubmobile girl, who served doughnuts to freed prisoners, told Mr. and Mrs. Shirley A. Rogers, 3707 Boulevard pl., that their son, Pvt. Jackson A. Rogers, had been freed April 29 from Stalag 7-A.

Pvt. Rogers, who was wounded at Anzio, was captured Sept. 12 in Southern France while fighting with the 7th army. He is 22.

Pfc. Morris H. Kelly, son of

Joseph R. Kelly, 2235 N. Meridian st., who was captured by the Germans last September, has been freed and is now in a hospital in France for a check-up.

Chaplain George A. Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Curtis, 4435 Evanston ave., has been freed from the German prison camp at Moosburg near Munich.

Word of Chaplain Curtis' liberation was received today by his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Curtis of McCordsville, formerly of 1802 N. Talbot ave. Captured Dec. 21, he was with the 106th division.

Flight Officer Bruce D. Gribben, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Gribben, 4828 N. Illinois st., was freed April 29, by the 3d army from the German prison at Moosburg, according to a cable received by his parents.

Pilot of a B-26, Flight Officer Gribben was captured on Aug. 22, 1943, when his plane went down in the Mediterranean after a bombing mission over Salerno. He is 25.

WOUNDED—

Wounded April 21, in Germany, Sgt. Bernard A. Welch entered a hospital in France the next day on his 25th birthday. He is now improving according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Lula M. Welch, 1106 N. Ewing st.

Sgt. Welch, who has been in service since Feb. 1, 1940, and overseas 15 months, holds the combat infantryman badge. He is a graduate of Technical high school and former employee of the Indiana Bell Telephone Co. Sgt. Welch's wife, Mrs. Mae Welch, lives at Ft. Worth.

HONORED—

Bronze stars for heroic achievement have been awarded three local men, one of whom was taken prisoner the day after he had earned this honor.

Pfc. Kenneth E. Dickey, 20-year-old son of Mrs. Margaret J. Dickey, 2022 Ruckel st., was awarded his medal when he volunteered to return through heavy enemy fire to bring up badly needed allied tanks. This was on Jan. 5. Jan. 6, he was reported missing in action from his infantry regiment of the Rainier division.

According to word received by his mother last week, however, Pfc. Dickey is presumed to have been freed from Stalag 4-B after the German surrender.

Pfc. Guy W. Oliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest W. Oliver, 1515 S. Belmont ave., and Capt. Floyd T. Romberger Jr., husband of Mrs. Margaret Romberger, 2604 Sutherland ave., also received bronze stars.

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Charles L. Moore, Ft. Harrison; Bonnie W. 9th st.

DEATHS

Owen T. Krug, 48, at 1039 Congress, chronic myocarditis, 2328 N. Meridian, cerebral hemorrhage, 19.

Anthony McRoan, 73, at 3603 Washington, arteriosclerosis.

Elmer Westfall, 65, at 2019 N. Meridian, arteriosclerosis.

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