

The Pie He Dreamed About



There's nothing like Mom's butterscotch pie and that's what Mrs. Lester Moreland Sr. will serve tonight at the homecoming dinner for her son. Shown in the inset are Lt. Lester Moreland Jr., a German prisoner for nearly two years, and his wife Martha, the "honored" guests.

Lt. Moreland, Freed Airman, Pays Family Surprise Visit

By MILDRED KOSCHMANN

That good old family dish, baked beans and cornbread, and a delicious home-made butterscotch pie will be on the menu for dinner tonight at the Moreland home.

And the meal will be prepared in the best way ever by Mrs. Lester Moreland Sr., Indianapolis' best authority on war prisoners.

The occasion is the long-awaited homecoming of Lt. Lester Moreland Jr., who surprised his wife and parents at 1 a. m. yesterday, arriving home after nearly two years in a German prison camp.

But Lt. Moreland really didn't come to the Moreland home at 42 S. Ritter ave. first. He was afraid he couldn't find it.

Broke Speed Records

Before he was captured July 28, 1943, and even before he went into the air forces, he had known of "home" as 235 W. 36th st.

Yesterday, however, he went first to see his wife, Martha, at 5875 Broadway, called his folks and eagerly waited until they drove out.

"I never saw such fast driving from Irvington to Broad Ripple in all my life," Mrs. Moreland Sr. said.

Lt. Moreland, who was liberated from Stalag 7-A, has "grown up" while he was in Germany, in his mother's opinion.

"He's gone from boy to man and is more serious," she said. "He has lost a little weight, too, but Martha and I can take care of that."

Wounded Twice

One thing his mother and father learned when he came home was that the lieutenant had been wounded twice, once before he was captured and the second time when he was forced to jump from his plane on July 28, 1943.

In June when he was navigating to its base a crippled Flying Fortress which beat off a swarm of German fighter planes over St. Nazaire, France, he was hit in the head with a bullet.

When he parachuted from his plane in July, he injured his ankle and again was hit by flak. At first he was interned in Stalag Luft 3, but later was transferred to Stalag 7-A.

The young airman, a graduate of Technical high school and former Butler university athlete, said he was fed well at the first camp, but "got awfully hungry" at Stalag 7-A. Shortly before his liberation, it was believed that the men would be moved into Berchtesgaden, but Gen. Patton got there in time to stop that.

Lt. Moreland will be home for 60 days and then will report to Miami Beach, Fla., for reassignment. His wife will go along to take a "secretary" job.

SUICIDE' PLANE HITS DESTROYER

77 on U. S. Warship Are Killed or Missing.

By BORUFF SMITH

United Press Staff Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO, June 15.—A Japanese suicide pilot crashed his explosive-laden plane into the veteran destroyer U. S. S. Hazelwood off Okinawa April 29, smashing and setting afire the bridge and superstructure.

Ten officers and 67 men were killed or missing and 35 wounded, the navy revealed today.

The 210-ton Hazelwood, commissioned June 18, 1943, steamed into San Francisco bay yesterday, on its way to Mare Island navy yard for reconditioning.

Among those listed as dead or missing were Cmdr. V. P. Dow, of Abingdon, Md., and his relief, Lt. Cmdr. Walter Hering Jr., of Atlanta, Ga.

The Hazelwood saw almost every action in the Pacific from the Gilberts to the Philippines. The day of the attack she was escorting a fast carrier striking force 100 miles northeast of Okinawa.

SENATE CONFIRMS CLARK

WASHINGTON, June 15 (U. P.)

The Senate yesterday confirmed the nomination of Tom C. Clark of Texas to be attorney general. Clark is scheduled to take the office July 1, succeeding Francis Biddle.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TODAY

Display of captured Nazi photographs. Block's auditorium, Indiana agricultural conference, Coliseum. Indiana Grand guardian council, Order of Job's Daughters, Claypool hotel. Indianapolis council of the Navy League, meeting, 8 p. m., World War Memorial auditorium. Indianapolis employment security division, meeting, Hotel Washington. Phi Delta Theta, Columbia club. State Drivers' council, meeting, 1:30 p. m., Claypool hotel.

EVENTS TOMORROW

Display of captured Nazi photographs. Block's auditorium. Indiana Grand guardian council, Order of Job's Daughters, Claypool hotel. Delta Theta Tau, secretary, council meeting, Hotel Lincoln.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harold Louis Albertson, U. S. marine corps; Gertrude Evelyn Sandefur, 278 N. Adelphi, Indianapolis. James Richard Arnold, U. S. army; Mildred Frances Boyer, 1044 Dawson Willard Colburn Carlson, Anderson; Betty Jean Johnson, 1044 Dawson. Domenic M. Corgiat, Camp Aeternus; Ingard Machtul, 2728 Napoleon. Gladys Lee Ladd, 1025 N. Harrison; Vesta Mae Price, 244 E. 21st. Russell H. Dickson, U. S. army; Virginia Marie Roth, 1011 Koehne. Kenneth D. Goodwin, Aeternus; Juanita Caroline Tookes, 1214 Bacon. Marvin O. Heaton, West Cook Airport. Donald M. Hough, Wellington. William Kenneth Hubbard, 212 Avondale. Doris Pauline Osburn, 2705 N. Dearborn. Robert Louis Holdeman, 1928 N. Meridian. Donald L. Johnson, 1025 N. Harrison. Harold Lee Lane, 1025 N. Tecumseh; Betty Jean Wade, 875 Middle Drive. Woodburn. Elmer Wilmer Newman, 22 N. Richland. Virginia Ruth Scott, 341 N. Lynn. Esther Thomas Oliver, 819 E. 11th. Elsie Estelle Palmer, 903 E. 11th. George Beverly Owens, 1035 Hadley. Elouise Chastain, 7102 N. Pennsylvania. Roberta Lee Harrison, 1025 N. Harrison. Gladys Mae Schuman, U. S. army; Marie Howard. Robert English, 1831 W. Washington. Payne Jean Lones, 69 S. Whitecomb.

DEATHS

Fernie K. Sinclair, 7 months, at Long bronchopneumonia. Thomas J. Russek, 85, at 2226 S. Delaware, cerebral hemorrhage. John H. Hines, 65, at 512 Woodlawn, cerebral hemorrhage. Bessie Beck, 56, at 317 E. St. Joe uremia. George B. Asbury, 52, at 2945 Brookside. Peri Doriman, 49, at 2153 N. Alabama, cerebral hemorrhage. Katherine McAfee, 64, at City, intestinal obstruction. May Elizabeth Moore, 79, at Methodist cerebral hemorrhage. Lester L. Baskin, 69, at 2542 N. Delaware, carcinoma. Enda Klemmer, 80, at 3727 Salem, coronary thrombosis. Helen Belle Mull, 72, at Methodist cerebral hemorrhage.

30 SCHOLARSHIPS WON BY '45 CLASS

Scholarships or grants have been awarded to 30 members of the Washington high school class of 1945.

Indiana University scholarships were given to David E. Wheeler, Anna Mae Mohr, Virginia Reilly, Patricia Clester, Betty J. Brown, and Naida Petranoff.

Those receiving Purdue University scholarships are George Armenoff, Betty Nan Cox, Virginia Cox, and Raymond Allen. Those who got grants to attend Indiana University extension are Idella Arbogast, Florence Bernath, Leona Short, and Joan Ellis.

Butler University scholarships were awarded to Shirley Lines, Jacqueline Smith, Shirley Smotherman, Patricia Main, Jeannette Yoran, William Bernhard, Norma Ward, Esther Kremer, Betty Gully, and Mary Alice Kaiser.

Others honored by grants and the schools in which they may enroll are, Constance Kakavacos, Franklin college; Mary Lou Burns, John Herron Art Institute; Alleen Hart and Jacqueline Smith, Arthur Jordan School of Music and Fine Arts; LaVena Valant, Marian college, and Dorothy Beck, Peabody Teachers college.

Sgt. Alvin L. Hastings can't say what went on during his 17 months as a Jap prisoner, but his release was "just like something in the movies."

"It was spectacular." We thought we were going to get something to eat and instead we were freed. We were the happiest bunch of guys in the movies."

The sergeant still is in a happy frame of mind. Whisked back to the United States in time to be a June bridegroom, he'll be married tomorrow to Miss Helen Harness, 1906 S. Belmont ave., the girl who was still waiting for him.

"I wasn't sure she'd wait. I hadn't been able to write to her since November of '43 and I was darned worried."

Captured Dec. 1, 1943, on his 52d mission, Sgt. Hastings was held in a prison camp in Rangoon until April 24. That evening the Japs told them they were being moved to another prison and started them marching.

"They told us we could take all the food we could carry and started 412 of us marching, guarded by 50 Japs." About 100 American airmen and British, Indian and Chinese captives were included in the group.

The men marched for four days, and were forced to lie in the weeds in the daytime to hide from allied strafing attacks, pushing on at night.

The prisoners lost their scanty supplies on the third day, when allied planes strafed and dive-bombed the group. We tried to signal them that we were prisoners, but the pilots thought it was a Jap trick and gave it to us double," Sgt. Hastings said.

Exhausted and hungry on the fourth day, the captives began planning a revolt against the guards. "I think they were beginning to get scared," Sgt. Hastings remarked, "because they gave us clothes and split their tobacco rations with us."

Prisoner Conference

A few hours before the revolt was to come off, an English general who was one of the prisoners, was called in conference with the Jap commanding officer. As soon as the conference broke up, the general summoned the allies together and the Japs began to disappear.

"The general called us together saying he had something to tell us. We all got really excited, thinking we were going to get some food to eat. When he said, 'We've been

freed,' we all looked at each other and started crying."

The group now was trapped between allied and Jap lines, more than 40 miles away from Rangoon. After several more strafing attacks, they convinced Indian troops of the 14th British army of their identity and were taken to allied hospitals.

Sgt. Hastings is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hastings, former Indianapolis residents now living in Martinsville.

Honeymoon in Miami

In service three years and overseas 26 months, he holds the distinguished flying cross with an oak leaf cluster, the air medal with one cluster, the purple heart, presidential citation and three battle stars.

He was captured after participating in the biggest air battle ever staged in Burma. His plane, which already had two Zeros and 460 combat hours to its credit, took down five more Jap planes in his last few hours.

In addition to his wedding, the sergeant will observe several anniversaries this month. June 13 will mark his third year in service. He'll be 27 on June 27.

Then the allied planes flew over and spotted our Jap clothes and began strafing.

"We all dropped down and stayed safe. The general was in a hut, supervising the feed, and he got it through the back, killed just four hours after he was freed."

PRESBYTERIAN GROUP INSTALLS OFFICERS

Mrs. Ralph J. Hudelson today consecrated Mrs. Edward H. Mayo as the new president of the Indiana Woman's Society of the Indiana Presbyterian synod.

At the ceremonies in the Y. W. C. A., other officers also were consecrated by Mrs. Hudelson. These include Mrs. H. A. Vermilye of Brownstown, first vice president; Mrs. George Hitchcock of Terre Haute, second vice president; Miss Grace Wright of Franklin, third vice president; Mrs. Garland Haley of Lafayette, treasurer; Mrs. Ralph John of Indianapolis, youth secretary; Mrs. Irvine Carr of Marion, secretary for spiritual life and stewardship; Mrs. J. F. Wheeler of Fort Wayne, secretary of literature and missionary education; Mrs. Alva Hesler of Plymouth, secretary of sewing; Mrs. John Gossman of Terre Haute, historian, and Mrs. Carl E. Smock of Southport, member of the nominating committee.

The new officers were elected yesterday in the synodical meeting at the Y. W. C. A. The women also decided to aid the synod in raising a fund of \$1,000,000 in Indiana for post-war needs. The sum will go toward a national campaign.

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