

16 COUNTY MEN LISTED AS CASUALTIES ON WAR FRONTS

(Continued from page One) S/Sgt. Rogus Died Nov. 28. Staff Sergeant Paul Rogus, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rogus, Sr., of Clarence, who on December 9 was reported to be missing in action, died in the Asiatic war theatre on November 28, according to a War Department message received by his parents on Friday. No details were given.

Sgt. Rogus was with the first group of B-29 Super-Fortresses to land in India and is known to have served as a waist gunner on a number of missions. He enlisted in the Air Force on November 10, 1942, and trained at Mission Field, Texas; Keesler Field, Miss.; Lowery Field, Colorado, and finally at the air base at Salina, Kan., before going overseas in April, 1944.

He was a graduate of the 1939 class at the Snow Shoe High School and attended Penn State. Before entering the service he was employed by the Packard Motor Car Company in Detroit, Mich. Surviving, in addition to his parents, are these brothers and sisters: Cpl. Edward Rogus, stationed at the Army air base at Clovis, N. Mexico; Charles, now of Detroit, Mich., who some time ago received an honorable discharge from the armed forces after six months' service; Miss Helen Rogus, anaesthetist at the Centre County Hospital, Bellefonte; Miss Mary and David Rogus, at home; Andrew, Pauline and Anne Rogus, all of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Sophie Klityka, of Plainfield, N. J.

T/4 Homan Killed In a War Department message received Sunday morning, Mrs. Eugene Homan, of State College, R. D. learned that her husband, T/4 Homan was killed in action in Belgium on December 20.

The date of his reported death is just a month to the day after he was slightly wounded in action and as a result was hospitalized for several days. Mrs. Homan was notified a few weeks ago by the War Department that her husband had rejoined his unit and had returned to action.

The last letter received by Mrs. Homan from her husband was written on December 6.

The State College R. D. soldier, who was 32 on December 24, was with the 99th Division of the First Army and had been stationed near Aachen. He landed in England about October 1 last year and a short time later was moved through France into Belgium.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Homan of Boalsburg, T/4 Homan enlisted in the service on December 10, 1942. He trained at Camp Vandorn, Miss., and in September, 1943, was sent on maneuvers to Louisiana. Following maneuvers he was assigned to duty at Camp Maxey, Texas, where he remained until going overseas.

Technician Homan was graduated from the Harris Township High School in 1931 and attended Penn State. He played soccer in high school and was pitcher for Lemont and Boalsburg baseball teams. At the time of his enlistment he was employed by the Standard Flood Company of Pittsburgh.

His wife, the former Madeline Shuey, to whom he had been married six and one-half years, is residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Shuey, of State College, R. D. In addition to his wife and parents he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Cpl. Fred Homan, now stationed in England; Blair, with the Navy in California; Paul, at home; David, of Jacksonville; Mrs. George Horner, of Oak Hall, and Mrs. William Bechtol, at home.

Pfc. Swabick Wounded Pfc. Andy J. Swabick, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Swabick, Sr., of Snow Shoe, was slightly wounded in action in Germany on December 26, a War Department telegram to his parents revealed Saturday.

Pfc. Swabick, who was serving with an artillery group, was called for service in September 1942, and after three months training at Ft. Eustis, Va., was sent with a group of reserves to work in the copper mines in Utah because of his knowledge of coal mining in the Snow Shoe area. He remained there until April of last year when he was returned to the Army and was sent to Ft. McClellan, Ala., for six months' training in the infantry. He then spent a 10-day furlough at his home following which he reported to Ft. Meade, Md. In October he left for overseas, landing in France.

The county soldier was employed for about five years by the Lehigh Valley Coal Company at Snow Shoe and before entering service was employed for a short time by the Mercury Aircraft Company in Hammondsville, N. Y.

Pfc. Fetters Wounded Pfc. Lewis L. Fetters, 25, son of Alvie L. Fetters, of Pleasant View, near Bellefonte, was slightly wounded in action in Belgium on December 18, his father was informed in a telegram from the War Department received Sunday.

Pvt. Fetters enlisted in Battery B of Bellefonte, now the 190th Mechanized Field Artillery, and left with the group in February 1941, for Camp Shelby, Miss. After several months' training there the group was transferred to Camp Sutton, N. C., and went overseas in August 1942.

The Bellefonte group remained in England until last summer when they went into France and subsequently into Germany. In a letter received by relatives just before Christmas, Pfc. Fetters stated that he was "well and getting along fine." His letter disclosed that he had been fighting with the armed forces in Germany but had been sent back into Belgium.

Pfc. Fetters attended the Pleasant View school and before entering service was employed for a time by the Highway Department in Centre county.

Pfc. Hall Wounded Pfc. Harry F. Hall, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall of Snow Shoe, was slightly wounded in action in Belgium on Christmas Day, it was disclosed in a telegram received by his parents Sunday.

In a letter he sent his mother some time ago, Pfc. Hall revealed that he had suffered "strapped" wounds in one of his legs in November but had recovered sufficiently to rejoin his company. He asked his parents not to worry about him.

The Snow Shoe soldier, who is a member of an armored division, is believed to be with the First Army. He was called for service in December 1942 and trained at Camp Beale, Okla., and took a radio course at Ft. Knox, Ky. Later he was transferred to Camp Bowie, Texas, and after spending a 10-day furlough home late last March, went overseas the following month.

Pfc. Hall landed in England and went with his division into France, Belgium and Germany, and according to Sunday's message he was back in Belgium. He attended Snow Shoe High School three years during which time he was active in football and baseball. Before entering service he was employed nearly two years by the J. H. France Refractories at Clarence.

Pfc. Cartwright Wounded Mr. and Mrs. Earl M. Cartwright, of East Bishop street, Bellefonte, have received several V-mail letters from their son, Pfc. Hassell E. Cartwright, who indicates that he has been wounded and is now in a hospital in England. To date, he has not been officially reported as a casualty by the War Department.

In a letter written on December 2, he indicated that he was on the front lines with Patton's Third Army in France. In a letter written on December 16, and received last Thursday, he reported that he was in a hospital but that his parents were not to worry since he "was not chewed up." In a subsequent letter written on December 22, Pfc. Cartwright reported that he had done a lot of traveling and that he was now in a hospital in England. He added that he is getting along all right and urged his parents not to worry about him.

Pfc. Cartwright, 20, was graduated from the Bellefonte High School in the class of 1942 and entered service March 20, 1943. He was assigned to be a radio operator in an armored division and received training at Camp Polk, La. He went overseas in May 1944 and was in England prior to being sent into France. Before entering the armed forces he was employed by the Reid Machinery Company in York.

Pfc. Cartwright has a brother, Pvt. Earl N. Cartwright, who is serving with the Signal Corps in Belgium. In a letter to his parents written on Christmas Day he reported that he was well and that he hoped to be home before another Christmas time.

Pfc. Kobularick Wounded In a War Department message received Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Kobularick, of Clarence, were informed that their son, Pfc. Frank J. Kobularick, Jr., 20, was slightly wounded in Germany in December.

Pfc. Kobularick, who trained with the Eighth Armored Division while in the United States, was transferred to the 2nd Rangers Battalion after arriving in England.

He was called for service in March, 1942, and trained at Camp Polk, La., later was transferred to Camp Meade, Md. He spent a furlough with his parents before going overseas in the fall of 1943, landing in England.

The county private attended the Snow Shoe High School for two years and was employed for about three years at the Snow Shoe Knitting Mills before entering service.

Pvt. McCloskey Wounded Pvt. Clyde Thomas McCloskey, 34, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCloskey, of Clarence, was slightly wounded in action in France on December 12, a War Department telegram informed his parents, Friday.

In a letter he wrote to relatives December 26, and received last Wednesday, Pvt. McCloskey said, "I am in a hospital in England and am getting along very well. I was wounded in the foot."

The Clarence private, who was serving with the infantry, was called into the Army January 8, 1944, and after training with the engineers four months at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., was sent to Camp Reynolds, Greenville, Pa., where he remained until being sent overseas early in July.

Pvt. McCloskey landed in England where he was transferred to the infantry before being sent into France. He attended the Clarence schools and was employed for several years by the J. H. France Refractories at Clarence at the time of entering service. His wife, the former Daisy Johnson of Lewistown, died in February 1943.

S/Sgt. Lee Missing Staff Sergeant George Ralph Lee, 28, radioman-top turret gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber, has been missing in action over Hungary since December 17, according to a War Department telegram received last Wednesday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Lee, formerly of Pleasant Gap, now of Frazier street, State College.

Sgt. Lee was attached to the 15th Air Force in Italy. The last letter his parents received from him, December 2, was written on November 15 in which he said he had been flying missions and that they were getting ready for Christmas.

Sgt. Lee enlisted in the armed forces on September 24, 1942, and from New Cumberland was sent to the American Red Cross informing them that their son, Pfc. Maurice Watson, who previously was reported missing in action, is now a prisoner of the German government.

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Pfc. Swatworth Missing Pfc. Estel Swatworth, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Swatworth of Willowbank street, Bellefonte, has been missing in action in Belgium since December 18, his parents learned in a telegram received from the War Department Saturday.

The Bellefonte private who was serving with the 39th Infantry division of the First Army was called for service July 31, 1942, and trained at Camp Fannin, Texas, and then spent six months at the State University of Louisiana. About April 1, 1943, he was sent to Camp Maxey, Texas, and in December of that year spent a furlough at his parents' home.

He then returned to Camp Maxey, where he remained until being sent overseas last August, and early in October was sent into Belgium.

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Cpl. Lucas Missing Mrs. Mary A. Walker, of Howard, R. D. Monday received a War Department message informing her that her brother, Cpl. David Lucas, 21, has been missing in action since December 7 in Belgium.

Cpl. Lucas entered the service in January 1943 and was assigned to the field artillery. He has been overseas since August 1944.

Prior to entering the armed forces he was employed on the Raymond Coakley farm at Yarnell. He has three brothers in the service, Pvt. James, overseas; Pfc. Lewis, who recently returned to Texas after overseas duty, and Pvt. Eugene, in North Carolina. In addition to the sister, Mrs. Walker, of Howard, R. D., there are an elder sister and a brother, Mrs. Olive Houdeshell and Charles Lucas, both of Howard.

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Income of Library At Pre-War Level

(Continued from page One) 25 per cent during the past few years, and the shortage of funds makes it quite difficult for the library to obtain employees in competition with higher wages being paid elsewhere.

Library officials have asked the County Commissioners to increase the county appropriation for 1945 to \$4,000 instead of \$3,000 which was paid in 1944. It is pointed out that the State matches one-half of any county appropriation to the library, so that a \$1,000 increase from the Commissioners would also result in a \$500 increase from the State.

Bellefonte Borough Council has been asked to appropriate \$500 to the library in 1945, instead of \$250 appropriated in 1944. A study of library costs, in relation to circulation, indicates that Bellefonte borough's pro rata share of costs on this basis would be approximately \$630, officials say.

Neither Council nor the Commissioners have taken definite action on the library appropriations for 1945.

The county library makes a specialty of children's books and there are on hand a large number of the best in this type of books.

The library welcomes contributions from individuals, clubs and other sources, and in a permanent way, legacies bequeathed in trust to the library could aid materially in providing a steady increase in the annual income.

BROTHERS SPEND CHRISTMAS TOGETHER Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Merritt, of Osceola Mills, have received word from their son, Pfc. Darrell Merritt, with the U. S. Marines, that he has arrived safely somewhere in the Pacific area.

He had only been on the island a few days until he met his brother, Clair, S 1/c, with the Navy Seabees who is stationed on the same island.

This is the first they had seen each other since Darrell entered the service on June 1, 1943. Clair entered the service March 17, 1943, going overseas in September 1943. He has been stationed at Pearl Harbor, Canton Island, Ellis Island, Tarawa, Kewalein and Guam. The two boys spent the 24th and 25th of December together.

PORT MATILDA (R. D. 1) Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Beckwith wish to announce the marriage of daughter, Dorothy Gertrude, to Pvt. Earl Stewart, at Georgia, on December 8th.

Mrs. Blanche Dewey of Bald Eagle, visited with her old friends at Dix.

Mrs. Susie Strassick spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Morningred, of Tyrone.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller spent Christmas with their son in Altoona.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wiser and son, spent Sunday at Mrs. Wiser's home in Roaring Spring.

Miss Lettie Dick is visiting with her sister, Mrs. James Wiser.

Bake Sale, Saturday The Kings Daughters class of the Evangelical church of Bellefonte will hold a bake sale at the Republican headquarters, North Allegheny street, Saturday, Jan. 20.

TWO MORE CENTRE COUNTY MEN WOUNDED IN ACTION



Pfc. Ralph E. Chambers



Pfc. Donald E. Korman

Two additional Centre county soldiers have been wounded in the European war, it was announced yesterday. They are Pfc. Ralph E. Chambers of Milesburg, who suffered his second wound in battle, and Pfc. Donald E. Korman, of Bellefonte.

Pfc. Chambers, 25, husband of the former Louise Dyke of Milesburg, wrote his wife of his injuries on December 22 and 23, and the letters were received by her during the weekend.

One of the letters stated that he was wounded in France in October, for which he was awarded the Purple Heart, which he was sending to her. These wounds were suffered when he was struck above the left eye by shrapnel. The second letter stated that his left foot was crushed early in November when an angle iron fell from a bridge which he was helping to build, causing the injury. Because of this injury he spent eight weeks in the 100th General Hospital in France and was only recently discharged.

Pfc. Chambers, who is serving with the Army Engineers, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chambers of Clarence. He entered basic training at Ft. Meyer, Va., was moved to Washington, D. C. as a guard in the Navy building until being transferred to the A. P. Hill project in Virginia.

Later he was sent to Ft. Benning, Ga., and then to Ft. Meade, Md., until being sent overseas, landing in France early last June. His wife and daughter, Nancy, eight months old, live with her parents in Milesburg.

The county soldier has two brothers also in service. They are Cpl. Merrill A., with the paratroopers now in New Guinea, and Pvt. Geo. H., now in a hospital in England receiving treatment for "trench foot" after being in action for a short time in Germany.

Pfc. Korman, of Bellefonte, 24, son of Mrs. John Granite of Niagara Falls, N. Y., formerly of Bellefonte, was wounded in action in Germany on December 24, it was learned in a recent telegram to his mother. The message, relayed to Bellefonte relatives, stated that he was hospitalized in France and that a letter would follow.

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Pfc. Korman attended the Bellefonte High School and was employed on highway construction jobs in the county before entering service. His sisters are Mrs. Edward Gordon and Mrs. Franklin Rhoads, both of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Oliver Walters, of Curtin.

17 MEMBERS INITIATED INTO LOCAL EAGLES LODGE At initiation ceremonies held on Sunday by the Fraternal Order of Eagles of Bellefonte, 17 candidates were admitted to membership.

A degree team made up of officers and members of the local lodge was in charge of the work. Chief speaker during the ceremonies was Charles Guenther, of Kansas City, Mo., grand secretary of the national chapter, who outlined the work the order has been doing to aid returning servicemen acclimate themselves to civilian activities.

Those who were received into the order were: Jay Shively, Frank Carl, Randall Wilkins, Lester Gill, Sidney Wilbur, Paul M. Shawley, Edward Bunce, William Kern, William Boldin, Ray Ammerman, Warren Stewart, Jonas A. Emel, Ben S. Rosenblatt, Stephen J. Meter, Homer Gummo, Homer J. Young and James H. Mitchell.

Becomes 1st Lieutenant Lt. Kenneth Harris, who for more than two years has been serving with General MacArthur's forces in the South Pacific, and who is now in the Philippines, has been promoted from 2nd Lieutenant to 1st Lieutenant, according to word recently received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris, of Lamar.

Advertisement for Wolf Furniture Co. featuring the slogan 'If You're Satisfied... TELL OTHERS!' and 'If You're Not Satisfied... TELL US!' It includes a list of products like 'WE'LL MAKE IT RIGHT!' and 'Satisfaction Guaranteed'.

Advertisement for 'Household Scrapbook' containing various household tips such as 'Waterproofing Shoes', 'Hiccoughs', 'Singeing Fowl', 'Polished Metals', 'Wetery Eyes', 'Ink Stains', 'When Cleaning', 'A Starch Substitute', 'Green Peppers', and 'Hot Food'.

Advertisement for Shaffer Stores featuring a list of products and prices: 'LA GRAGNANO MACARONI - 1 lb 12c', 'SPAGHETTI - 1 lb 12c', 'NOODLES - 1 lb 19c', 'POT PIE BOWS - 1 lb 20c', 'LIMA BEANS - 1 lb 16c', 'NAVY BEANS - 1 lb 9c', 'PASTRY FLOUR - 25-lb sack 1.15', 'CAKE FLOUR - 32c', 'SALAD DRESSING - 18c', 'MILK - 10 cans 89c', 'SPLIT PEAS - 15c', 'PENN ALTO BUCKWHEAT FLOUR - 5 lbs 38c', 'YELLOW CORN MEAL - pkg. 10c', 'POST TOASTIES - pkg. 10c', 'MOTHER'S OATS - With China - 38c', 'NU-MAID MARGARINE - Table Grade - 1 lb 22c', 'BREAD - 11c', 'CHOC. CAKE - 29c & 37c', 'ORANGE JUICE - 46-oz. 48c', 'GRAPEFRUIT JUICE - 46-oz. 32c', 'BLENDED JUICE - 46-oz. 44c', 'SAUER KRAUT - 2 lbs 25c'.