

Lt. Johnson Parachutes To Safety After Flak Disables His Fortress

First Lieutenant William A. Johnson, 22, of Trucksville, has piloted his B-17 Flying Fortress on more than 20 high altitude, heavy bombardment missions over Germany and Nazi-occupied Europe. His most exciting mission was his first, when he narrowly escaped coming down behind the German lines on a parachute jump from his crippled Fort.

Lt. Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Johnson, of 34 Carverton Road, Trucksville. A 1940 graduate of Kingston Township High School, Trucksville, he attended Bucknell University Junior College before being employed by the Glenn L. Martin Co. of Baltimore, as an aircraft inspector. He entered the AAF in October, 1942, and received the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

Following is Lt. Johnson's own story of his experience:

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England.—By First Lt. William A. Johnson. On my first trip into Germany, on which I flew as co-pilot, we had no sooner dropped our bombs, on an airfield at Munster, than trouble started. A burst of flak started a fire in the left outboard engine, putting it out of commission. Two minutes later another direct hit knocked out the right outboard engine and started a fire in the right inboard engine. Far behind the other bombers, limping along on one engine and losing altitude rapidly, we realized that we had no chance of reaching our base in England. We therefore headed for newly liberated Belgium, hoping against hope that our plane would hold together until we reached the Allied lines. Our chances didn't look too good, for literally hundreds of German anti-aircraft gunners fired at us during our painfully slow journey, filling the

sky around us with flak. When it was apparent that our flak-ridden Fort had taken as much punishment as it could stand, the pilot and I looked at each other. No words were necessary, for each knew what the other was thinking; then the pilot gave the order to bail out and we all jumped. After I had pulled the rip-cord, and seen that beautiful chute blossom out overhead, I considered my prospects below. My suspicion that I was still in Germany was strengthened when Nazi riflemen shot at me during my descent.

I came down in an apple orchard, just missing a tree, some leaves of which I saw, a little old man, spoke to me in a language I couldn't understand, that I thought was German; however his manner was friendly, and I tried him in French. He switched to that language, telling me that the Germans had been driven to the other side of the River Maas, which was less than one-quarter of a mile away, and that just that morning—it was then about 1 P. M.—Canadian troops had advanced to the river. Then I realized that I was safe in liberated Belgium territory, and that the language in which the old man had first spoken was Flemish.

Since I had come down on the edge of a town, a crowd of perhaps a thousand people soon gathered around me, mostly civilians; the crowd also included some Canadian soldiers, who took me to their headquarters. Two days later at the headquarters of the Ninth Air Force, I joined six other members of my crew, the closest of whom had landed two miles from me. The remaining two members of the crew came down on the German-held bank of the river, and have not been heard from since.

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adds just that certain touch that will make her child stand out from the howling mob, and cause the future photo-audience to draw an enraptured breath of approval.

The photographer withdraws his objections.

He stands from the camera, bulb in hand and goes into his act.

Look children, look. See the nice man roll the cigarette down his nose.

Come on, kids, scintillate, can't you?

E. H. drops to her hands and knees. "Look, Mary Eleanor, see Mamma be a big woof-woof."

Mary Eleanor looks solemnly out from the shade of the frilled pink bonnet, black eyes fixed unwinking upon her incalculable parent. She has never seen her mother being a big woof-woof before, and she must consider the matter. This she does with great concentration, crossing her eyes slightly to aid the thought processes.

A nervous parent in the background stumbles over the business end of a rocking chair, and the entire line-up of sadistic infants breaks into a delighted chuckle.

The photographer presses the bulb and shot one is in the bag.

He changes plate-holders, and three mothers seize the opportunity to rearrange their offspring nearer to their hearts' desire.

The photographer struggles with temptation. There are three anxious rear elevations very much in the foreground. There is the extra plate in the camera. But alas, he has only five flash bulbs on hand, and it is not reasonable to suppose that all five exposures will be good. There must be at least four proofs from which to choose. He sighs regretfully.

The mothers withdraw, the four infants, newly arranged with their feet tucked under, look glumly at the camera.

One small boy changes position suddenly. His feet shoot out into the foreground, looking large as life and twice as natural. If the picture is snapped, those feet will be the most prominent feature of the group. His mother makes a frantic dash to tuck them under. Now the undergarments of the next little boy in line have skidded, and there is a rim of white below the dark blue jersey. His mother in her turn makes a hasty dab at the offending garments.

The little girl with the curl on top now claims the spotlight. She has been roused unceremoniously from her nap, and her plump arms crowd into a starched pink and white dimity affair with smocking around the middle where the waist ought to be but by reason of her contours, isn't.

Curly-on-top is bored with the whole affair, and she does not give a whoop who knows it. Her face crumples into a mask of woe and

she gives tongue. Her mother wrings her hands in despair.

The photographer trips over the electric cord with a smothered yelp. The line brightens perceptibly, and another picture is snapped.

The five proofs are a record of calamity.

The first proof registers a lacerated ankle, the second a stubbed toe, the third represents the destiny which shapes our ends, the fourth and fifth, collisions of harried parents.

The parents, restored to normalcy, swoop upon their respective progeny and bear them off to lunch and nap.

The photographer limps out with his tripod under his arm forgetting his thousand watt flood-light.

LEHMAN

Merchant Seaman James Snyder, from Bethlehem, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Snyder and family.

Miss Mary Snyder spent a few days with Mrs. Kenneth Rice, of Orchard Farm, Dallas.

Edgar Harrison, of the Naval Reserve, Kingston, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Snyder and family.

Theodore Parks has returned from New Jersey, where he has been engaged in defense work for the past three months.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hendricks had as Sunday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Squier, Miss Irene Squier, and Mrs. Theodore Kunkle, of Springville.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Ruggles, of Meeker, were callers at the house of Mrs. Ella Major on Sunday afternoon.

IDETOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ide announce the birth of a son, Joseph Elliott, on Saturday, March 10th. Mrs. Ide is the former Rose Coulter. This is their third son.

Lt. and Mrs. James Agnew, who were spending a 10-day leave at the Agnews' home have returned to Trenton, N. Y. Those who spent Sunday with the Agnews were: Miss Jean Brown, of Wilkes-Barre, and Mr. and Mrs. William Trethewey, of Lehman.

Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shortkroff and daughter, Sonya, of Philadelphia, are spending sometime with Mrs. Shortkroff's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fritz.

Mrs. Elmer Hoover, Mrs. Frances Smith, Mrs. Roxie Hessler spent last Friday with their cousin, Mrs. Ida Thomas in Luzerne. Mrs. Thomas just lost her sister, Mrs. Agnes Werthman.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Boice and Lily Jane spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Boice, of Sugar Hollow.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hoover spent Sunday with relatives and friends in Endicott.

Ethel Culp, of Dallas, spent the weekend with Roxie Hoover.

Mrs. Oscar Swan is able to be

Sailor Girl Shows How



NICKNAMED "INCHES" because she is the shortest in the crew of this woman-manned British Navy boat, this girl makes a big leap ashore to tie up as the boat comes alongside. For the past three years, "Wrens" (Women's Royal Naval Service) have manned duty boats up to 60 ft. long in British naval harbors. In all weathers they take mail and stores to warships and bring sailors to shore on leave.

about after a recent illness.

Mrs. Elmer Hoover, Mrs. Emily Hadsel, and Mrs. Frances Smith spent one day last week with Mrs. Daniel Brown.

Centermoreland

Mrs. Clifford Dickinson is sick at home.

Mr. Herbert Brunges, who underwent an operation, has returned home.

Marnie Gay has improved and was taken from the hospital to the home of her niece in East Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Roderick were dinner guests of the former's brother, Stanley, and family, of Wilkes-Barre, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Small and Ida Schoonover visited friends at Johnston City on Sunday.

Nora Dymond and son were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dickinson.

Mildred Schoonover, who is working in New York State, visited her parents over the weekend.

Mrs. Walter Lamoreaux, who underwent an operation at the Nesbitt Hospital, returned home on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul LaBar and son called on Mr. and Mrs. Vic Keithline on Sunday.

CARVERTON

Girl Scout Committee Women held their monthly meeting at Mrs. Jack Dana's. Plans were made for a St. Patrick's Dance to be held tonight at the Mountain Grange Hall. Bill Thomas orchestra from Kunkle will furnish the music.

Present at the meeting were: Mrs. James Sands, Mrs. Richard Pynn, Mrs. Leon Minard, Mrs. Dana Sickler, Mrs. LeRoy Ziegler, Mrs. Lewis Harris, Mrs. Harold Dixon Jr., Mrs. George Kromelbein.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana Sickler and family spent last Sunday with relatives at Fairmount Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Newcomer of the Ira Frantz farm, Orange, announced the birth of a son, David Elwood, Saturday morning in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. Mr. Newcomer is the Luzerne County milk tester. They also have a year and a half old daughter, Ann Marie.

Miss Eleanor Earl, who is working in Newark, N. J., spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Earl of Mount Zion.

Mr. and Mrs. Alden Earl have moved into an apartment in the home of Mr. Earl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Earl, Mount Zion.

Two pairs of bluebirds have been flying around the home of Rev. Charles H. Gilbert, Carverton. They made their first appearance in the back yard pear tree Sunday morning, and have since been seen several times in the near-by orchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Robinson, daughter Peggy, Mrs. Blen Burgess and son Berle Burgess, all of Russell Hill, visited Rev. and Mrs. Charles H. Gilbert, Carverton, Tuesday evening. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Burgess attended the tomato growers' meeting at the Mountain Grange Hall.

David Perry Jr. and Kermit Sickler, Carverton, left this week for military service.

ORANGE

Fuller Dymond has finished his boot training at Sampson, N. Y. and is spending a week with Mrs. Nelson Dymond.

Miss Grace Evans, Dallas, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Mabel Evans.

Mrs. Nora Dymond and son Lee spent Sunday with the Tom Dickinson family, Centermoreland.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Baird and children Sandra and Barry, Orange, and Miss Ruth Baird, Kingston, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weeks of West Pittston.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nolan of West Pittston visited the Ben Eaton family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton Bell, daughter Gladys, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Evans spent Sunday with Mrs. Bell's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Love, Mehoopany.

Pvt. Joseph M. Perry Jr. has returned to Fort Meade, Md., after spending the weekend with his aunt, Florence Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Henshall of Scranton visited Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brace Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hine of West Pittston were Sunday callers at the Brace home.

John Scooble of Carverton was guest speaker at the Orange Methodist Church Sunday night. He spoke on the responsibilities of Christian laymen to the community.

TRUCKSVILLE

The many friends of "Ernie" Smith are wishing him a speedy recovery. He is a patient at Mercy Hospital where he is convalescing after a heart attack.

Byron Ide spent the weekend with his parents on Church road. He had as his guest, Freddie Ness, of Philadelphia. Byron and Freddie are training for the Maritime Service at Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Pvt. Evan Evans is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Evan Evans, of Carverton road. Pvt. Evans has been in Alaska for the past nine months. Mr. Fred Boote, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Houghwout and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Post attended the funeral of Mrs. Albert Boote at Corning, N.Y. Mrs. Boote was a sister-in-law of Mrs. Post and Mrs. Houghwout.

Pvt. G. Wilbur Nichols, of Ft. Meade, Md., spent the weekend at his home on Mt. Greenwood road. Miss Julia Montanye, Mrs. Mabel Bachman and Miss Helen Montanye, of Wilkes-Barre, visited friends in Trucksville on Sunday.

A beautiful basket of flowers, a loving tribute to the memory of Charles A. Reese, adorned the chancel of The White Church on the Hill on Sunday. They were presented by members of his family on the 20th anniversary of his death.

Miss Marian Gregory and Miss Ruth Culp spent the weekend with Mrs. Anthony Maurs of Kingston. The following servicemen attended services at the Methodist Church on Sunday morning: G. Wilbur Nichols, Byron Ide, and Frederick Ness.

Carl J. Dykman was graduated with a class of aviation cadets at Columbus Army Air Field and has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces.

2,000,000 STARVING
More than two million civilians in Budapest are starving.

SHOP Pomeroy's FIRST IT'S EASY TO GET TO!

Henry M. Franke Buried Saturday

Former Naval Inspector Retired Two Years Ago

The funeral of Henry M. Franke, retired inspector of the United States Naval Ordnance Department in Washington, who died Wednesday afternoon at his home in Holcomb's Grove following an illness since Thanksgiving Day, was held Saturday afternoon.

Services at the home were in charge of Rev. Herbert E. Frankfort of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, with further services at Westmore Church of Christ, Kingston, in charge of Rev. George Massey, pastor, assisted by Rev. Felix Zaffiro of Shavertown Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Franke had made their home here since his retirement from the Navy Ordnance Department in December 1943. Born in Reading, Mr. Franke as a young man took his training and learned his trade in the Navy Ordnance Department in Washington, D. C. During World War I he was assigned to many different naval bases throughout the country as a Naval Inspector and at the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, he and Mrs. Franke had their trunks packed ready to leave for that Pacific base. Ill health, however, prevented his departure, but he was asked to remain on duty in Washington. After a period of intense work during which he was on duty seven days a week and without holidays of any kind, his health broke and he asked for a leave of absence after 32 years with the Department.

Active in church work from his youth, Mr. Franke was an elder and deacon in the Ninth Street Christian Church of Washington. Devoted to young people, he and Mrs. Franke were sponsors of the Junior Society for Better Citizenship under the Federation of Churches in the Northeast section of Washington. He was also a member of Potomac Lodge F.&A.M. of Washington and the Junior Mechanics.

Upon taking up his residence here he became a deacon and elder at Westmore Church of Christ where he also taught a Sunday School class.

He enjoyed nothing more than association with young people and was deeply interested in their problems; and those who advocated the establishment of a Teen-Age Center had no more ardent supporters than he and his wife.

A profusion of floral tributes attested to the esteem in which he was held both here and in Washington.

Besides his wife, the former Julia Kendig of Plymouth, he leaves a brother, George of Reading and two sisters: Malilda, Reading and Catherine, Forty Fort.

Masonic services at the grave in Evergreen Cemetery, Shavertown, were conducted by Kingston Lodge No. 395, F.&A.M. Pallbearers were Charles Hankey, Daniel Reese, John Pittman, Fred Malckemes, Allen Dungan and Osborne Morgan. Funeral arrangements were by Richard H. Disque whose former employer in Washington was a close personal friend of Mr. Franke's.

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SWEET VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Holcomb, Clifford Hontz, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wallace visited Mr. and Mrs. David Culver of Carverton on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Klineb, Bess Klineb, Mrs. Hattie Edwards, Roy and Sam Bronson attended services at Loyallville Church Sunday morning. Joseph Dele-Kanic of Trucksville delivered a wonderful address on Alaska.

Seaman 2/c Earl Kittle Jr., spent a fifteen day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kittle Sr. of Mooretown. He returned to his base last Thursday.

Thomas Jones is a patient in the General Hospital.

Mrs. Eva Major spent Friday with her sister Miss Mae Smith of Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Hosier of West Pittston and Mr. and Mrs. William Rennie and Walter Rennie of Pittston attended services in the Christian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Hosier sang a special number and called at the church parsonage after service.

JACKSON

Members of W.S.C.S. of Jackson Methodist Church will serve a ham and egg supper in the church hall in the evening of March 28th. Public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Ashton entertained their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Lowerts. Mr. Lowerts was recently discharged from the Navy because of disability. He was formerly serving in the South Pacific area.

John Sholtis has returned to his job in a Baltimore shipyard. Corporal Norman Franklin, of Camp Swift, Texas, spent Sunday with his wife and little daughter. Mrs. Jennings Steele has returned.

ed to her duties as teacher at Ceasertown School.

T/Sgt. Richard Swelgyn is now permanently stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga. after serving in the South Pacific for the past four years.

Nurse Cadet Audrey Ashton has been assigned to a U.S. Naval Hospital on Long Island.

Grange Meeting

Jackson Grange will hold a meeting in the Grange Hall Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. A St. Patrick's Day party including games and songs is being planned. Refreshments will be served by the Wilkes-Barre group following adjournment of the business meeting.

I bought good chicks and they deserve good care so I disinfect my brooder house with Dr. Salsbury's PAR-O-SAN often. It's such a pleasant disinfectant no dippy odors, no head-aches and no trouble—in fact, I disinfect with PAR-O-SAN with the chicks right in the house. Poultry profits demand constant sanitation.

KEEP AT THAT SANITATION CONSTANTLY

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Next to the Luzerne Post Office

THIRD — BIG HORSE SALE — THIRD MONDAY, MARCH 19, 1945

Two more car loads are coming. One from Ohio, one from North Dakota. Both cars are due to arrive here Friday of this week. They range in age from 4 to 8 years old. Weight from 1200 to 1800 lbs. A lot of real mated pairs. I have never sold horses so good with prices so low as I am selling this spring. Sale starting at 12 o'clock on shipped horses. 3 o'clock on 25 good second-hand horses.

New team harness at private sale.

All horses delivered free.

Don't forget the date of this big sale—Monday, March 19.

Terms same as usual.

Runyan, auctioneer.

ELMER SHAFFER, BERWICK, PA.

AUDITORS REPORT, 1944

COUNTY, LUZERNE; TOWNSHIP, KINGSTON

From first Monday in January, 1944, to first Monday in January, 1945.

CASH BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR

Cash in Bank, Securities and Reserves	\$ 6,520.44
Light Fund	48.93
Sinking Fund	2,382.60

Totals \$ 8,951.97

RECEIPTS

Taxes Collected in Cash during Year	\$18,206.90
Taxes Collected on Old Duplicates during Year	2,273.71
Amount Received from County on Unpaid Taxes or Liens Filed	2,933.08
Amount Received from Other Sources (a) to (i) Form 905	2,994.51

Total \$26,408.20

EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$ 1,789.15
Protection to Persons and Property	2,365.36
Highways	14,742.09
Miscellaneous	1,436.49
Light Fund	1,798.82
Sinking Fund	1,983.97

Total \$24,115.88

CASH BALANCE AT END OF YEAR \$11,244.29

RESOURCES

Cash, Securities and Reserves	\$ 6,584.32
Sinking Fund	3,271.01
Due from County on Taxes Returned and Liens Filed	14,824.47
Value of Township Machinery and Township Buildings	900.00
Light Fund, \$1,516.98; Unpaid 1944 Taxes, \$5,364.75	6,881.73

Total \$32,461.53

LIABILITIES

Outstanding Township Bonds	\$ 9,000.00
Unpaid Bills and Payrolls, Luzerne County Gas	1,165.45
Outstanding Vouchers	128.02

Total \$10,293.47

Signed,
HERMAN SANDS,
ERNEST M. JOHNSON,
DAVID SCHOOLEY,
Auditors.

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