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Lt. Edward Ruess Dies of Wounds

Marine Officer
Fatally Wounded
On Okinawa Isle

Marine, First Lt. Edward Ruess, who formerly played left end with the New York Yankees died of wounds received in action May 13 at Okinawa, the navy department has informed his wife, the former

Florence Peters, 1735 Granville court south.

Lieutenant Ruess, a native of Englewood, N. J., was a veteran of action at Eniwetok, Saipan, Tinian, and Guam during which engagements he served with the Sixth Marine division.

Prior to entering the service in January, 1942, Lieutenant Ruess played professional football during the 1940 season. He and Mrs. Ruess, who resides here with her parents were married Dec. 31, 1941 at St. Mary's church.

The lieutenant won his commission in September, 1942, following graduation from O. C. S. and had been overseas 16 months. He was graduated from Shippensburg State Teachers' college, Pa.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Ruess, Englewood, N. J., Lieutenant Ruess is survived by three brothers in the service, all of whom are on overseas duty.



Lieutenant Ruess

OUR TOWN

In the News Parade

Lt. Melvin F. Slicker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Slicker, 686 Newton avenue, has completed his training at the four-engine pilot school at Courtland, Ala., and has been transferred to another assignment, as yet unannounced . . . his wife, the former Eisle L. Sellers, lives here with his parents.

The third battle star has been awarded Pfc. Elton F. Renney, 12969 Gulf lane, who is still on duty in the European theater, an announcement from his company headquarters states . . . the local man participated in Normandy, north France, and German campaigns. His awards also include the Combat Infantryman's badge . . . First Lt. Richard H. Hinton, son of Mrs. G. L. McClintock, 205 Tenth avenue northeast, has been assigned to the Pope field base of the First troop carrier command at Ft. Bragg, N. C.

With the 23rd corps in Germany —Lt. Col. Julian B. Lane, formerly with the Firestone Tire and Rubber company in Jacksonville and the Lane Brothers dairy here and in Orlando, is now assistant G-4 for the 23rd corps, stationed in Germany. The corps is part of the new 15th U. S. army commanded by Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow. The 23rd corps has control of the southern Rhine provinces, one of the most highly developed areas of Germany. This territory includes the industrially important Saar valley and the Moselle valley, from which much of the world's finest wine comes. Colonel Lane's wife is residing at Tampa, for the duration.

formerly of Nebraska, the Norenbergs, and son, Dick, came here three years ago.

On Leave From Pacific

Lt. (J. G.) Harry Arthur (Art) McQuillen Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McQuillen, 1141 23rd avenue north, is back in the states and in Our Town on leave after 21 months duty in the south Pacific . . . with him here, and planning to accom-



LT. (J. G.) ART MCQUILLEN
... skipper of navy L. C. 1.

pany him to Miami June 24, is his wife, the former Margaret Carey, who spent the winter here with her husband's parents.

Lieutenant McQuillen, commanding officer of an L. C. 1, group flagship of a navy flotilla, saw action in the Green Islands and at Lingayen gulf and other points in the

Unity in Pacific Lauded by British Naval Commander

By Hamilton W. Faron—Aboard H.M.S. King George V, May 23—(Delayed)—R-Co-operation in the Pacific between British and American forces is forging a new link toward permanent peace, Vice-Admiral Sir Bernard Rawlings, second in command of the British Pacific fleet, said today.

"At the bottom of everybody's heart," he said, speaking for the fleet at a news conference, "is the feeling that if the Americans and us stick together our children and grandchildren will not face another war like this.

"When you learn to be good fleet mates, the stage is set for peace.

"The root of all trouble (in the Pacific) lies in the Japanese military. If we can break them and discredit them, we will go very far. I dislike them intensely."

Asked how the pilots of the British fleet compared with the Japanese fliers they have been knocking down off Okinawa, Sir Bernard commented, "You can't compare kamikaze (suicide pilots) with trained pilots and the Americans removed the best of the Japanese pilots before we had a chance for comparison with them.

"The Japanese pilots now are not particularly skillful."

The kamikaze technique, however, has forced some change in the method of operations of the fleets' air defense.

"Kamikaze takes much more hitting" than the dive bombers which were the principal hazard in the Mediterranean, he explained, adding:

"We have not to tackle kamikaze.

Assessment Total May Be Given To Council Tuesday

Total of assessed valuation of property in St. Petersburg, on which the new year's tax rate will be based, may be presented to city council at its meeting next Tuesday, City Manager Carleton F. Sharpe said today. He proposes to submit his budget recommendation at the same time the assessment total is given. In the office of Tax Assessor Phil Lang the whole force is working hard to get the figures for submission Tuesday and it was the opinion today that the work would be completed in time.

Until the budget has been submitted and the total assessment has been reported, council cannot start figuring on the tax rate that will be in effect in the next fiscal year starting Oct. 1. Council has not yet even intimated what will be the tax rate for the next fiscal year, but it is hoped by city officials that it will not be necessary to raise the rate.

Sharpe and Ralph Henry, director of finance, put in nearly all of today working on the budget and have it in good shape. The budget this time will be submitted in new form, much simpler and more easily understood, Sharpe said. After council gets the budget recommendations of the manager, a committee will go over it and can make changes.

Grazier Service Award To Be Made At Meet Tuesday

The first annual presentation of the Dolly Posey Grazier award for outstanding service to the youth of the community will take place Tuesday noon at 1:30 o'clock at the

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