

(Taken on New Years Eve, 1945 in Belgium).

PFC. OTHO BRANT REPORTED DEAD

Parents Receive Word Wednesday

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brant received a message Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock from the war department informing them that their son, Pfc. Howard Otho Brant, died in Germany May 6. The telegram did not say he was killed in action and no details were given concerning the cause of his death.

Pfc. Brant was born in Clarence August 24, 1916. He attended the Clarence schools graduating in 1934 and in 1935 he graduated from the Chillicothe Business College.

For about seven years he was in the trucking business here. On October 1, 1943 he entered the service of his country and was sent to Camp Fannin, Texas, for his basic training. Upon completing this training he spent an eight day furlough with his parents and sisters. He was then sent to Fort Meade, Md., and from there left for overseas, landing in Northern Ireland. After a few weeks there he went to England and on to France. Serving with the infantry in General Hodges First Army he advanced to Belgium and on to Germany. For several months he had been driving a half track.

Even though he had seen heavy combat duty, he had written often to his parents, describing the various countries always asking them not to worry about him. Their last letter written April 27 and received by Mr. and Mrs. Brant on May 12, is being published in this edition of The Courier.

In addition to his parents he is survived by two brothers, Pvt. Clyde Vernon Brant, now serving in the South Pacific, having been in the service four years, three and one-half years of which have been overseas. Another brother, Pfc. John Brant, is in the India-Burma-China Theatre, serving as a radio operator with more than two years service to his credit. Two sisters, Mrs. Gail Rash and Mrs. Earl Richards, both of Shelbyna, one nephew, Jerry Rash, and one niece, Peggy Ann Rash, survive.

Lucas and family. Sunday from Denver, Colo., where he had visited his brother, Pvt. Herbert Stewart, who is convalescing in a hospital there. Pvt. Stewart served overseas in Germany and was first hospitalized in England after having been wounded before coming to the states six weeks ago.

Sgt. Stewart is now visiting his sister, Mrs. N. E. Williamson, at Oakwood.

NEW GROCERY STORE TO OPEN

WILL BE SERVE-YOURSELF TYPE

Announcement is being made in this issue of The Courier concerning a new grocery store that is being opened here by John H. Cox and Harry J. Naylor.

This will be Clarence's first serve-yourself-store and will be located one door east of the Cox Variety Store in the building that formerly housed the Kroger Grocery Co. The store will be known as "Clarence Nationwide Store," the owners being affiliated with Nationwide Stores in operation over all the United States.

A full stock of groceries has been purchased and will be on sale as soon as the building is completed, which is being thoroughly modernized.

SGT. HOWARD MAUPIN IS HONORED AT PARTY

Monday evening a party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Maupin and daughter, Miss Frances, honoring their son and brother, Sgt. Howard C. Maupin, who is spending a furlough here.

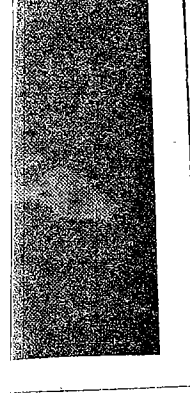
Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, pie and coffee were served to the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stow and son, Jimmy, Mrs. Dale Stow and daughter, Diana, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Schwada, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Oliver, Mrs. Vern Boyd, Mrs. Edgell Callaway and son, Johnny, Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver and son, Dick, Arthur James and daughters, Aubrey Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maupin and daughter and the honoree, Sgt. Maupin.

JUNIOR HOWELL CELEBRATES SECOND BIRTHDAY SATURDAY

Junior Howell celebrated his second birthday Saturday afternoon with a party at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Howell.

Guests included Roxey and Janet Walker, Barbara June and Jo Ann Walker, Ruthie and Ruthie L. Shoush



FURNISHES HELP FOR UNCLE SAM

SON COMES HOME AFTER FOUR YEARS

Mrs. Ethel Maddox, a widow living in Clarence, has a high record by way of her contribution to the war effort inasmuch as she has five sons, two grandsons, an only nephew and one son-in-law in the service. All six of her sons have been in the service, however, one son, Claude, was released in 1943.

Sunday night she received a call that her son, Cpl. Lloyd Maddox, had arrived in San Francisco, Calif., enroute home.

He entered training June 21, 1941 and since that time has never had a furlough home. He has been overseas since April, 1942, first going to Australia and then to New Guinea. For several months he has been in the Philippines.

His four brothers in the service are: Cpl. John H. Maddox and Pfc. Clifford Earl Maddox, both in Germany, Cpl. Francis Maddox, who is also in the Philippines, however, he had never seen his brother, and Pvt. Wilbur E. Maddox, who is stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark.

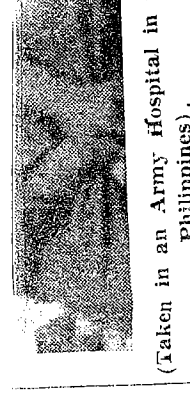
A letter received by Mrs. Maddox from Pfc. Clifford Earl, states that he is now living in a German castle with wonderful beds and accommodations, quite different to what he was accustomed to as he had been on the front lines for many weeks.

Mrs. Marrox has also received word that her son, Cpl. John, has been awarded the purple heart since receiving two wounds. She also received from him some German paper money that is on display in the window of The Courier.

The two grandsons, Forest Ivan and Weldon Maddox, are both in the navy, Forest Ivan being in the South Pacific and Weldon is stationed in Mississippi.

BIRTHDAY PARTY SATURDAY HONORS JANE ANN SHOUSH

Honoring Jane Ann Shouse, whose 3rd birthday was Sunday, a party was given from 10:30 to 12:00 Saturday morning at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Cox. Jane Ann, who is the daughter of Pfc. Robert L. Shoush



LIEUT. VICKERS IS ENROUTE HOME

WRITES LETTER FROM FRANCE

Saturday morning Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Vickers received a telegram from the government confirming the fact that their son, Lieut. Robert J. Vickers, has been liberated after having been a German prisoner since September 12, 1944.

Prior to receiving this message the parents had a telegram from the American Red Cross informing them of their son's liberation.

On Monday the following letter which is thought to have been written about May 16, was received by the family directly from Lieut. Vickers.

Dear Folks: At last I am in a good old U. S. army camp and eating good chow again. Am I the happy one. Surely feels good to be on the other side of the barb wire and see some Jerry prisoners. If only they were getting the treatment and poor food we did, things would be perfect.

The Russians reached our camp May 1, and we flew here to France May 13. Will be here for about a week then hit the road home.

Mother, your birthday certainly was a lucky date, we will have two events to celebrate now. I haven't heard from you for so long. I am anxious to hear some news. I received two letters from you, two from Helen, one letter and a card from Edythe.

Hope to be home soon. Couldn't ask for a better time of year. Much love—SON.

Spend Week End Here

Mrs. Naoma Aliensworth of Kirksville and Mrs. Stanley Aliensworth and son, Larry, of Shelbyna visited Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kimball several days last week.

Returns to Kansas City

Miss Nell Hogan of Kansas City returned to her home there Sunday after having spent Friday here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hogan and family.

Spends Vacation

Cadet Marjorie Spencer, who is receiving nurses training at St. Jo-

forces since January, 1942 going overseas June 4, 1942. During his service in Europe he participated in the Anzio Beachhead, invasion of Southern France, Tunisia, Algeria, French Morocco, Southern Italy, Germany, Belgium and Holland. During his overseas duties he was wounded in the left arm by machine gun bullets. He has returned to his home here.

SGT. R. DORREL IS LIBERATED

WAS PRISONER SINCE FEBRUARY, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dorrel have received word that their grandson, Sgt. Ray Dorrel, son of C. I. Dorrel, of Kansas City, has been liberated after having been a prisoner of enemy troops since in February, 1943.

Sgt. Dorrel wrote his father on May 7, V-E Day in Europe, that he had been liberated and hoped to be home soon.

Sgt. Dorrel was first taken prisoner of the Italians and was interned in a prison camp near Rome, later he was taken by German troops and was sent to a camp north of Berlin. Before being liberated he was moved to another German camp and after that time his family knew nothing of his whereabouts until after his liberation.

Sgt. Dorrel has two brothers in the service, Frank Dorrel, serving with an air corps division in Italy, and Clyde Dorrel, serving with the army located in North Carolina.

Are Here From Iowa

Miss Fleeta Copenhaver and Sheryl Crawford of Burlington, Iowa, came Saturday night and are visiting at the home of Mrs. Shellie Copenhaver and other relatives.

Go to Barnes Hospital

Mrs. John L. Meisner, who has been ill at her home here for several weeks, went to St. Louis Sunday morning where she entered Barnes hospital for examination and treatment. She was accompanied there by her sister, Mrs. Eula Watson, of near Atlanta, who is also receiving treatment at Barnes.

Is Here From Kansas City

Mrs. T. C. Lukens of Kansas City arrived here Sunday night to visit relatives and friends. Before returning home Mrs. Lukens will visit her grandson, Jack Lukens and family, in Hannibal.

Are Dinner Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Swisher and Mr. and Mrs. Barbara Jean, of daughter, and Mrs. Frank his daughter,

PVT. ROY DEAN IS DROWNED

Accident Occurred in The Philippines

According to an official message from the war department received by Mr. and Mrs. John Dean of near Jacksonville, their son, Pvt. Roy Leo Dean, 22, was drowned May 13 while serving somewhere in the Philippines.

Pvt. Dean was born in Randolph county, near Levicks Mill on September 27, 1922. When he was a small child the family moved to the old Dean home place south of Clarence, later moving to Moberly and then to Jacksonville.

Pvt. Dean was graduated from the Macon high school with the class of 1940 and attended Missouri University at Columbia two years. Prior to entering the service he was engaged in farming with his father. He was inducted into the service October 18, 1944 and received his basic training at Camp Hood, Texas. Following the completion of his basic training Pvt. Dean spent five days in March with his parents and then went to Fort Oard, Calif., where he received reassignment.

In April he left California for overseas duty and at the time of his death he was serving with an infantry casual company. After his arrival overseas his parents received only three letters from him.

Besides his parents he is survived by a brother, Theo Dean, assistant county agent of Randolph county.

He is a nephew of Mrs. Edgar Botkins, south of Clarence, and Chas. Dean of Macon.

Anne Downing

Announcement has been made here that First Lieut. and Mrs. John Downing have named their baby daughter, Anne.

Anne was born Tuesday afternoon, May 22, in Blessing hospital in Quincy, Ill. She is the couple's first child and is the second grandchild of Mrs. A. M. Eberhard.

Anne's mother was formerly, Miss Marion Eberhard. The Eberhard family resided in Clarence before going to Quincy.

Lieut. Downing has arrived in Quincy to make the acquaintance of his daughter. He is serving with