

Obituary

Karl F. Nelson

Karl F. Nelson, 78, died Thursday, Sept. 2, 1993 at Providence Hospital, Portland, Ore. He was born June 30, 1915 in Tekamah, Neb., to Ernest and Elizabeth (Simlinger) Nelson. He was baptized into the Catholic church as an infant and remained a faithful member all his life. On Dec. 28, 1945, he married Lupe Weston. He served his country in the Army during WWII in the European Theater. After the war, he worked for PIE Trucking Co., Denver, until his retirement.

Survivors include his wife of the home, two sisters, Rose (Nelson) Miller and husband, Eugene, Plymouth, Wis.; Mary Ann (Nelson) and husband Frank Skolout of Levant; seven nieces, Marilyn (Skolout) and husband Martin Kopriva, Atwood; Pam (Skolout) and husband David Luedke, Atwood; Jeanette (Skolout) and husband Glen Hartnett, Palco; Jacqueline Skolout, Hays; Carolyn (Miller) and husband Melvin Raeder, Cedarburg, Wis.; Virginia (Miller) and husband James Payne of Sheboygan, Wis.; Anna (Miller) and husband Ron Vaughn, Eugene, Ore.; two nephews, Eugene Skolout and wife Inez, Colby; Michael Miller, Milwaukee, Wis.; and 24 great nieces and nephews. He also leaves to mourn many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one niece, Susan Elizabeth (Miller) Mueller, Plymouth, Wis.

A rosary was held in Atwood on Sept. 5. A memorial mass was held in Plymouth, Wis. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Sept. 11. Creamation followed the funeral services in Portland, Ore.



NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Friends who would like Kenneth Blanding's address may write to him at the following address: Pvt. Kenneth E. Blanding, 37715631, AG Dist. Sec. GHQ, SCAP, APO 500, APO Ech. c-o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

McClosky General Hospital, Temple, Texas.—Service men who were honorably discharged from the service at McClosky General Hospital include: Sgt. Ernest H. Epps, Atwood, Kansas, squad leader with the 102 infantry division in Germany, was wounded Feb. 26, 1945. He has been in the service three years.

Scott Field, Ill.—Sgt. Norman F. Hodek, son of Mrs. Rose Hodek of 1812 Monroe St., Twin Rivers, Wisc., received an honorable discharge from the army at the Air Force Separation base here.

He is married to the former Wally Prochazka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Prochazka of Atwood, Ks. They have a 10-month old son, Roger.

Graduated from Washington High School, Twin Rivers in 1937, Sgt. Hodek was last employed as a production assistant at the Aluminum Good Mfg. Co. to which he plans to return.

Howard Lamping received his discharge from the army in California recently, and he and Mrs. Lamping have returned to Atwood, where he is employed at the Niswonger Hay and Grain Co. Howard spent a little over a year overseas in the ETO.

Karl Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Nelson, is home from the E. T. O. He is now a civilian. Karl was in the 743 Tank Bn. and fought with the 3rd Infantry Division in the 9th Army. He wears 5 battle stars, the bronze star, and a Presidential citation.

Jack Bearley returned Monday, bringing his discharge after serving in Italy. He states that Larry Sheehan also is in the States and is awaiting his discharge.

Sgt. R. H. Bearley arrived Sunday morning and left Monday afternoon for Denver. He expects to return Friday.

Sgt. George Buk of Herndon, called last week, stating that he was in the States from the European Theatre and would be home soon.



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Lincoln Army Air Field, Lincoln, Nebr., Nov. 24, 1945—S. Sgt. Antone A. Kanak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kanak of Atwood, was honorably discharged from the Army Air Forces and returned to civilian life today at the AAF Separation Base at Lincoln. Sgt. Kanak entered the service November 21, 1941 at Fort Logan, Colo., and served with the Army Air Forces as a radio instructor, operator and mechanic.

Jack Bearley came Monday from Leavenworth, where he received his discharge from the army after 49 months of service, with 31 months overseas. Jack had the rank of T-3 and was chief clerk of the Personnel section of the 10th Port of Embarkation. He was stationed at Palermo, Sicily and Leghorn, Italy. Larry Sheehan, former Atwood boy, served with Jack for about a year.

Mrs. Ernest Epps and Billy and Miss Ioline Woofter drove to Colby Sunday evening to meet Ernie who was discharged from the army on November 23 at the McClosky General Hospital, Texas. Ernie served 3 years in the army and was in the European Theatre of Operations.

Cpl. Loren Marlowe left Monday morning for Camp Bowie, Texas. Loren has been spending a 45 day furlough with his mother and sisters, Mrs. Helen Marlowe, Leona and Leta and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Donald Threlkel received a necklace made of shells from her husband who is stationed on Saipan.

Word has been received from Louis G. Solko stating that he is no longer serving in the Maritime service and is now in the Merchant Marines. He has shipped out for the S. S. Sheppard Co. His present address is: Louis G. Solko, S. S. Simon Bolegard., FPO, San Francisco, Cal.

S I-c and Mrs. Paige Simpson left Wednesday for Olathe, Kansas, where he will be stationed for temporary duty.

S-Sgt. Harold Fleckenstein arrived Monday from Ft. Leavenworth where he received his discharge. Harold just arrived in the States recently from the European Theatre of Operations.

Ed Brummer came Sunday to visit with Atwood friends. He has just received his discharge from the Air Transport Command, having served 27 months in India and a total of 37 months in the army. His home is at Tipton, Kansas.

S-Sgt. Leroy Scoby arrived home Thursday from Camp Carson, Colo., on a three day pass to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Scoby and other relatives and friends.

NEW DISCHARGES RECORDED

Following is the latest group of discharges to be recorded at the local draft board.

Schippert, Paul E., Mrs. P. E. Schippert, Ludell, Kansas.
Leinwetter, Edward M., Mr. and Mrs. Math Leinwetter, Herndon.
Kompus, Emery L., Mr. and Mrs. John Kompus, Herndon.
Howard, Charles F., Mr. F. C. Howard, McDonald.
Runge, Leonard J., Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Runge, Ludell.
Roberts, Edward, Mrs. E. J. Roberts, Atwood.
Bodger, Milton B., Mrs. B. M. Bodger, Colby.
Hill, Hervie D., Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hill, Herndon.
Olson, Cecil L., Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Olson, Oberlin.
Gosney, Truman L., Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gosney, Ludell.
Martin, Herman A., Mrs. H. A. Martin, Culbertson, Nebr.
Fleckenstein, Harold E., Mrs. H. E. Fleckenstein, Atwood.
Walker, C. A., Mrs. Walker, Atwood.
Allacher, George H., John Allacher, Herndon.
Janousek, James P., Mrs. Janousek, Atwood.
Rummel, Arlie E., Mrs. A. E. Rummel, Atwood.
Epps, Ernest H., Mrs. E. H. Epps, Atwood.



NEWS of MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM



Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Frick received word today, Sept. 27th, from the war department that their son, Harry J. Frick was ill and in the hospital and would like for his relatives and friends to write to him. His address can be obtained from this office or from his parents.

We are in receipt of a letter from Clifton J. Holste, who is stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla., informing us of his new address. Clifton also states that at present he is studying radio and telephone communications. His new address is : T-5 Clifton J. Holste 37116811, Co. A, 229th Bn., 70th Regt., Camp Blanding, Fla.

Lt. Grace Chessmore Cables of New Mexico came last week to visit her mother, Mrs. Susie Chessmore and other relatives and friends.

Capt. James McFee returned home Friday for a 30 day furlough with his wife and daughter and his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Ray McFee. Jim has made 30 missions while in England.

Chaplain Oscar H. Reinboth, former pastor at Goehrur, Nebr. who became widely known for his Easter sermon on the beachhead in Italy has been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the bronze star for heroic achievement with the 88th Infantry division in Italy. Chaplain Reinboth's sermon was heard by both American and enemy forces. He was previously awarded the bronze star for meritorious service in action May 2 to June 8. The citation said that this officer by his energy and inspiring devotion to duty has won the admiration of the entire command and represents the finest traditions of the armed forces.

The above information was given to us by Louis Neuhart of Ludell.

M.M. 2-c Robert Frick arrived in Atwood Saturday evening to spend a 20 day furlough with friends and relatives. Bob has been with the ship U. S. S. Nevada for about two years.

Rev. Ray Connelly of Las Vegas, Nevada came Saturday for a fifteen day furlough with his wife and daughter and with other relatives and friends.

Lt. Lynn Cochran, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cochran spent a few days here last week while enroute to Sedalia, Mo. where he is being transferred from Advanced Flying school at Douglas, Ariz. He was instructor to the Airborne Troop Command for instruction for overseas duty.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bearley received the following letter from their son, Lt. W. R. Bearley who is stationed somewhere in Italy with the medium tanks.

Hello All:

9-7-44

Folks I am just resting up from a trip to Rome. I had a wonderful time and really saw most of the town. Major Thompson was also on leave from his outfit so we spent our time together. I will send you some pictures of a few of the things I saw.

I first went over our course thru the town many months ago. It was surprising to see it so calm and so peaceful again. I spent my next morning resting and cleaning some 96 days dirt out of my hide. Sure was nice to crawl into a bath tub and soak as long as you liked. In the afternoon I went out to the Caticombs and followed a guide some ten miles around and around under the ground as much as 250 feet. Really was interesting and the time went quickly. I drug my tired old carcass into the dining room about 7:00 and had fried chicken. After switching from one table to another I managed to come into contact with three helpings. Pretty full, I was, but oh so content. We had a few drinks in the Majors room and went down stairs for the floor show. It was pretty good (a few more drinks would have improved it some.) The next morning was spent in luxury again. Had a shave and several more baths and a short nap. In the afternoon we took a touring bus to the coliseum and on out to Vatican City. The Vatican itself held very little interest for me, but I wish you could see the Church of St. Peter. God it is beautiful. I saw Micheal Angelai's work and I might add I never expect to see any achievement so great in my lifetime again. It was marvelous. In one of his Masoals he used 34,000 colors and 8,000 shades of blue alone. The tiny little places he used were about 1/4 inch square and the picture was about 24 feet by 12 feet and the horses looked like they would just walk right out of the picture. We then went to the Pope's domain and he came in and blessed

all of us, also made a short talk, of which I could understand a very few words. By this time it was dinner time agin so we made our way home.

The next morning we visited all the Old Roman Ruins. Saw where Romas and Remus were thrown over the wall. We climbed the tower Nero was supposed to have stood on and played his fiddle while Rome burned and as I told Kay "If the place was on fire when he started to climb it was pretty well burned before he got started playing." Boy,

help us get around but a Ginnie Red Cross girl offered to guide us so we took my peep. She really knew Rome and the history behind it. We all took turns shoving her up Nero's Tower. Anyway we could look all over Rome from there and she pointed out spots where we had been and places where we could not go. We wound up at the Hotel for dinner and I had another bath. Ha.

I am well and hope you are all the same. Hope to see you soon. Chins up. Your loving son, W. R. Bearley.

Karl F. Nelson Receives Distinguished Unit Badge

Tec. 4, Karl F. Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Nelson, of Atwood, who is a member of a tank battalion, has been awarded the Distinguished Unit Badge for action in France on D-Day. Excerpts from the citation are as follows:

"It is with the deepest gratification that I present you the Distinguished Unit Badge. It has been a deep source of pride to me knowing that you, the men who make up the Tank Battalion, have done and are doing a splendid job.

"Your achievements have been justly commended upon by the various generals under whom we have fought. You have met the best units that the Germans have put into battle and you have hit them hard, driven them back, and continued to drive them back in a manner that has been outstanding.

"For the courageous and successful landing on D-Day, this battalion has received the Distinguished Unit Citation. It is a very high honor to all who have participated in the planning and execution of a very great and difficult task."

Quoting from the Stars and Stripes, army newspaper, concerning the tank battalion of which Karl is a member:

"The Tank Battalion, which headed the assault on the Normandy Beach, fought for sixteen hours against overwhelming enemy fire at the risk of being engulfed by the rising tide. Attached to the First Infantry Division, the battalion was briefed to lead the attack on the beach."

T-4 Nelson's outfit was one of six to be awarded the above honor for action on D-Day.

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