Officer Missing In Korea Believed Wounded POW

Lt. West's Family Hears From Captain

Tells Of Three-Party Search For GI Absent After Patrol

BALTIMORE

Undoubtedly the happiest family in this city last week end was that of E. George West Jr. of 814 Peach Orchard Lane, father of Lt. E. George West 3rd, who on Nov. 8 was reported "missing in action" on the Korean battlefront.

On Saturday, Jan. 3, the Wests received their first word from the commanding officer of Lieutenant West's company, notifying them that the soldier was probably a prisoner of war and had not been wounded seriously.

Mr. and Mrs. West, their mother, and the lieutenant's wife of less than a year, Mrs. Vera Butler West of Philadelphia, had never relinquished hope that the 22 - year - old Morgan College graduate was safe.

Prayed And Written

They had prayed so frequently for it that it didn't seem remarkable that the glad tidings should come through on the first of the year, when Vera was visiting her in-laws in Baltimore.

Mr. West, who was perturbed because his son had been plunged into action immediately upon his arrival in Korea, had written not only officials in the Pentagon at Washington seeking to learn details of his son's activity, but took a patrol into a third area in which it was possible for a man to conceal himself. We combed the area in a very thorough manner and failed to find your son.

In view of the above mentioned statements, I repeat, it is my opinion that your son is still alive today. I sincerely regret that I was unable to return your son to you, however, I would like you to know every effort possible had been made. As I mentioned previously this is my personal opinion from first hand knowledge.

Of Highest Caliber

If there are any other questions I can answer for you without divulging military information, I will be glad to do it for you. I thank you for your kind thoughts and I sincerely hope some day in the near future settlement can be arranged whereby your son may be returned to you safely.

Please be advised to accept only information from the United States Government as official and any other contracts outside of official channels should be brought to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office at once.

I should like to take this opportunity to state that your son is an officer of the highest caliber, and that it was a privilege to have him serve in this command, also to his Army pals and to his commanding officer.

Make Every Effort

The recent letter, informing the family of the soldier's present plight, dated Dec. 18, and signed by Capt. Paul J. Malarky, follows:

22nd INFANTRY REGIMENT
APO No. 7

18 December, 1952

Dear Mr. and Mrs. West:

Please excuse the delay in answering your very nice letter of 22 November, 1952.

When an incident of the type that occurred to your son takes place every effort is made to ascertain exactly what occurred and the disposition of the man concerned.

It is my opinion that your son is a prisoner of war. It is further my personal opinion that he is not wounded seriously and has an excellent chance of surviving this ordeal.

Actual Facts

In order to qualify the above statements I would like to say that the opinions and statements are all first hand, therefore I am prone to believe to be actual facts.

When we learned of your son being wounded, we immediately dispatched Lt. Malvin T. McCoy, who is a close friend of your son. Lieutenant McCoy got to and beyond the area in which your son was wounded, at great personal risk, and proceeded to comb the area thoroughly.

This action was taken within a matter of minutes so that it would be possible to remove your son from the field before further action by the Chinese.

Searched Other Areas

When this measure failed to return or locate him another patrol was formed with another officer in charge to comb an adjacent area, just in case your son had managed to move from the area in which he was wounded.

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Hope For His Safety

George West 3rd, who, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George West Jr., of Baltimore, were informed Saturday, may be a prisoner of the Chinese in Korea. Lieutenant West had been reported as "missing in action" on Nov. 8.

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Special Caps, Trappings For C.D. Workers

Col. Frank Milani, director of Civil Defense, announced receipt of shipments of Civil Defense officers' and special patrolmen caps, arm bands, whistles and expandoms which are ready to be issued to district coordinators upon requisition by their supply officers.

The caps which are blue and white, fashioned after Army fatigue caps, are to be issued immediately to district area and sector coordinators and to such officers who have completed the organization within their jurisdiction.

Col. Milani explained that when a block officer had completed the organization of his seven posts, he would also be eligible for the cap and equipment.

In downtown buildings, officers will be issued caps upon completion of the building organization.

Colonel Milani said "most cities are using helmets lined, or steel helmets, but we feel that the majority of Civil Defense officers in the discharge of their duties will not need a heavy cover—for those who do (rescue workers, equipment operators, etc) a commercial hard helmet will be provided. A limited quantity is on order now."

Where, Oh Where, Can That Heat Be?

Mrs. Charlotte Jordan, second grade teacher at Jordan School No. 138, tries to conduct class in her cold class room while pupils leave their coats on to keep warm. Similar sights were seen in schools throughout the city while city laborers attempt to settle a strike dispute. Several schools were closed because of lack of heat.

Local Service Man Wins $500 Prize On CBS Show

A Baltimore Regular Army Sergeant, scheduled for overseas duty for the third time within his nine years of active service, broke the CBS sponsored quiz program "Break the Bank" for $500 in New York Sunday.

The lucky serviceman, S/Sgt. James F. Thomas, 27, of 1620 E. Chase st., now home on a 30 day furlough, won the prize money along with a companion, Airforce Sgt. Joseph Simpson of New York City.

The two were selected from the audience to appear on the Radio-TV program, to answer six questions dealing with the number nine.

Missed Two

Out of the six the duo missed two questions but were still entitled to split the $500 prize money.

Son of Mrs. Gertrude Thomas, and brother of Mrs. Mildred Tinson of this city, Sgt. Thomas, a veteran of World War II, was in New York on a pleasure trip over the week-end.

He received the ticket to the program from a USO club he said but almost decided not to go at the last minute.

Plugs 11,000 Question

In a try for the $1,000 jackpot, the Baltimore soldier and his companion were unable to answer the question.

Upon his return home Monday day morning, Sgt. Thomas stated that he was going to put his portion of the prize money, $250 in the bank as soon as possible.

In World War II, he saw service in both the European and Pacific theatres. At the conclusion of his 30 day leave he stated, he would go to the West coast for another overseas assignment.

Sgt. Thomas formerly attended Dunbar High School here.

Talks, Music On Library Schedule

Public programs scheduled for the week at Enoch Pratt Library include two afternoon talks and one evening of recorded music appreciation.

Dr. Samuel Glasner, director of Reformed Jewish Education, will speak on "Social Pressures and Family Life," Jan. 7, 12:30 p.m. in the Central Hall.

At 4 p.m., Dr. Earl R. Wasserman will discuss Keat's poem, "Grecian Urn," in the Poe room.

Baltimore Chamber Music Society will sponsor a recorded concert of contemporary music with recordings from the collection of Randolph Rothschild, Jan. 9, 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Couple Argues Over Feeding Of 4 Kids

An argument over who was going to buy food for their four children brought Leo Coleman, 37, and his wife, Mrs. Thelma Coleman, of the 1700 block Warwick ave. into court Sunday.

"The whole thing wrong with him is money," Mrs. Coleman told Magistrate E. Everett Lane. "He doesn't come in and give me five cents. He like to walk around with all the money in his pocket."

'Heavy Bills'

Coleman explained that both he and his wife had to work because of "heavy bills."

"I owe a hundred and twenty dollars back rent. I was going to pay that with my money," he said.

Magistrate Lane suspended a fine of $15 and costs against Coleman on a charge of striking his wife, and suggested that the couple put their heads and money together on the family budget.

Woman Shot In Throat; Boy Friend Arrested

A 24-year-old man was arrested Thursday in the shooting of his 24-year-old girl friend, Northwestern district police reported.

Miss Floretta Forrester of the 900 block Argyle ave., is recovering in University hospital with a bullet wound in her throat. She was shot in bed at her home about 5 p.m. Thursday, after her boy friend discovered her in the company of a soldier, it was reported.

He Took Comics And Left Wife

Beautician Claims Mate Deserted Her

Charles Owens became angry because she worked late and packed his comic books and left, Mrs. Elizabeth Owens charged, this week, in testimony that won her a divorce.

The wife, who said that she lives at 1881 Pennsylvania ave., is a beautician. She added that she had only been married to Mr. Owens 15 months when the desertion occurred. Her maiden name, Curry, was restored.

Unnursed Persecutor

It's usually the male who goes to look for work, and keeps on looking. But Mrs. Elizabeth Brooks turned the tables, according to her husband, John.

Mr. Brooks, in court this week testified that Mrs. Brooks went to Atlantic City in 1948 to obtain a job, and she hasn't returned yet. The court agreed that that is desertion and awarded him his freedom.

Joe Kennady, 1217 Division st., pool room operator, divorced Mrs. Elsie Kennady on grounds of desertion.

Went To Parents

He testified that they were married in 1942, and that in 1944 she left, without cause, and returned to the home of her parents. The husband was represented by Roy S. Bond, attorney.

Mr. Bond also represented Mrs. Marie Steeple of 930 Rutland ave., who divorced John Steeple.

Along with the divorce went a court order for $37 every two weeks for support of the couple's three-year-old son.

Lewis Pinkney of Highland Park, N.J. divorced Mrs. Eleanora Pinkney of 907 N. Arlington ave. He testified that they were legally separated a year after their marriage on [illegible] 940. Mr. Bond also represented Mr. Pinkney.

Man Charged With Theft Of Television Set

Edward Ball of the 1500 block W. Lanvale st. was ordered held in $1,500 bail for action of the grand jury Saturday in Northwestern police court on charges of stealing a $295 television set from Mrs. Martha Haril of the 800 block N. Carey st.

Mrs. Haril told police that the set was taken on Dec. 22.

New Library Plans Open House, Jan. 14

Public To Tour Building At Pennsylvania, North Aves.

Open house will be held at Enoch Pratt Free Library's newest branch at Pennsylvania and North ave. on Wednesday, January 14.

The period from 3 to 5 p.m. will be reserved for children. Adults and teen-agers will inspect the building from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Brief, formal exercises are scheduled for 8 p.m. when Mayor D'Alesandro and Miss Amy Winslow, Pratt director, will speak.

Open Jan. 15

The Pennsylvania library, last of the three branches constructed with loan funds voted in 1947, will be open for use, Jan. 15.

The building is a multi-level brick and limestone, modern in design, with extensive glass decoration. All book-lending routines will center in the spacious entrance lobby. Special quarters for boys and girls are located half a flight down from the lobby, while half a flight up is the reading room for young people and adults.

A novel feature of the building is that visitors may view activities, on all levels from the main floor.

In addition to the children's room, the lower section also has book stacks and an attractive auditorium which can be divided into two smaller units by means of a folding partition. Adjoining the adult section are the librarian's office, a work room and periodical storage room.

The color scheme is in soft tones of blue, pink and yellow. The furniture, to be installed next week, and the shelving are of light wood similar to those installed in the new Pimlico and Edmondson branches.

Air-Conditioned

Due to its location at the intersection of two busy, noisy thorofares, the library has been equipped with an air-conditioning unit. This will permit the windows to remain closed throughout the year. Acoustical ceilings are designed to reduce interior sound.

The initial book stock will approximate 35,000 volumes. Nearly half of this total will derive from the Pratt's Easterwood branch at 2217 W. North ave., slated to close, Jan. 10. New books will make up the balance.

The Pennsylvania library will open for book-lending and reference service on January 15.

Those named to the staff are: Miss Janet Stevens, librarian; Miss Jean Bickle, administrative assistant; Miss Flora Starr, young people's assistant; Miss Lois Northorn, reference assistant; Mrs. Thelma Bell, children's librarian;

Miss Anita Quentmeyer, children's assistant; Mrs. Mildred Ferkler, desk supervisor and the Misses Marrian Washington, Rosalyn Chandler, Virginia Sacey and Mrs. Sarah Minter, desk assistants.

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Mystery Death Of Aged Man Probed By Police

The mysterious death of a 66-year-old man, whose rain-soaked body was found lying face down in the 1100 block of N. Calhoun st. early Saturday morning, is being investigated by Northwestern district police.

Taken to a hospital, John W. Johnson of the 1300 block W. Mosher st. was pronounced dead on arrival, due to natural causes. However, when his body was later taken to the city morgue stab wounds were discovered in his back.

Sgt. William Dickerson and Officers Fred Johnson and Charles Reuling found Mr. Johnson's body about 6:50 a.m.

Robbery Unlikely

Police considered a robbery motive unlikely because $22 and a set of keys were found on the dead man.

His wife, Mrs. Alice Johnson, told police that it was her husband's custom to leave the house around 6 p.m. each evening and return about 4 a.m. in the morning. She could not account for where he spent his nights, however.

At least two persons had been questioned by police Sunday, one of whom was reported to have argued with Mr. Johnson some time ago.

No Clues Offered

Mr. Johnson's family could offer no clues to his death.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Ames Methodist church, Carey and Baker sts., and burial will be at Mt. Auburn cemetery.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Johnson is survived by eight children: John Jr., George, James W., and Daniel Johnson, and Mrs. Molly Smith, Mrs. Corine Parson, Mrs. Mary Johnson and Miss Ruth Mae Johnson; and four sisters and four brothers.

Fellowship Meeting Set For Wednesday

The Baltimore Fellowship will hold its first monthly meeting for 1953 on Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 8:30 p.m. at Fellowship House, 21 W. Preston st.

There will be a showing of the new film "The Toy Maker," a modern movie on human relations; followed by a brief discussion period. Members of the new Executive Board will be introduced to the membership, after which there will be a business session.

Refreshments will be served by the hospitality committee, Mrs. Anna Mathanson, chairman. Mrs. Mae Gellman, executive director, will outline the program for the new year. Clarence Roberts, co-chairman, will preside.

Gun-Toter Draws 1-Year Jail Term

Leroy R. Allen of the 1500 block W. Lafayette ave. was sentenced to a year in the House of Correction Saturday on charges of larceny and carrying a deadly weapon.

Allen was found guilty by Magistrate E. Everett Lane in Northwestern police court of stealing $99.50 from Mrs. Beatrice Huges, 700 block W. Lafayette ave., on Dec. 31, and also having a .38-caliber pistol in his possession.

Magistrate Lane sentenced him to six months on each count, the terms to run consecutively.

Pvt. Herbert Laster Serving In Germany

Pvt. Herbert R. Laster, son of Mrs. Sophie Laster of 1704 Cairo st., is now serving with the 26th Infantry division in Germany.

A 1944 graduate of Booker T. Washington Junior high school, Private Laster entered the Army in December, 1950.

His division is now in Bavaria, Southern Germany, receiving intensive field training under simulated combat conditions, as part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization army guarding western Europe.

Holidays Show Less Births, More Deaths

The birth rate dropped during the holiday season while the death rate increased.

Out of 377 residents born during the week of Dec. 27, 122 were colored and of the 209 persons who died, 50 were colored. Only seven out of 18 infant deaths were colored.

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Germany's Most Popular Child Movie Star

Elfi likes to play the accordion and loves to be with her "Papa" the happy giant, off in the middle. She is shown with her friend, Mitzi, a Busch Circus performer.

By GOLF DORNSELF

Elfi Fliegert, a colored German war baby, has become the most popular child actress in Germany.

After her starring role in "Toxi," reviewed recently in the AFRO Magazine! five-year-old Elfi captured the hearts of German movie fans and will now star in a feature movie about circus life to be filmed in India.

If you will recall, "Toxi," was a movie about a colored German occupation baby who won the love of both good-natured folk and those who still kept the bitter racism of the Hitler days in mind.

Now, the colored American boxer who came to Germany to fight and remained to be a movie actor, says of Elfi:

"She's the most remarkable kid, I've ever met. I love her so much, I would like to have her for my own little girl."

That, of course, is impossible but Elfi would be happy to receive mail from colored children in America. Her parents say she likes the mailman and his bag very much.

Thus goes life with Elfi, the orphan who became Germany's sweetheart.

Elfi Fliegert, the most popular child movie actress in Germany, is shown with her friend, Mitzi, a Busch Circus performer. A friend gave her the baby doll. Elfi likes mechanical dolls best.

Elfi watches the dancers in Munich, while her friend, Mitzi, talks with Jacob Sarr, a Star, Mr. Morris von Osten-Sacken, of right.

COMING IN THE AFRO MAGAZINE

- Elfi Fliegert, the most popular child movie actress in Germany, is a colored war baby.
- Elfi's father is a German soldier.
- Elfi's mother is a German.
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