

Kin of Captives Organize Clubs And Share News

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(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Chicago (AP)—Next of Kin clubs, composed of families of Americans interned in enemy prisoners of war camps, are now operating in over 100 American cities under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian association.

The first Next of Kin club was started two years ago in San Francisco by Delmar Branch, the secretary of the Frisco Y.M.C.A. Branch was a guest at a meeting of the San Francisco Press club addressed by Dr. Tracy Strong, general secretary of the association's world committee. Strong told of loneliness and pathetic conditions in prison camps and of the lack of news from home. Branch decided to do something about it and called a meeting to which families of American war prisoners were invited. He induced Strong to return and address this group. As a result, the first Next of Kin club was formed and rapidly spread to other parts of the nation. The group named Branch as its secretary and Mrs. B. B. Brunn, whose son, Ray, is a war prisoner, as its president.

Largest in Chicago
When the San Franciscans met, they found that most of their relatives were confined to Stalag Luft No. 3, a camp for captured allied air officers, in Germany. At that time, there were nearly 8,000 Americans and a large number of British and Canadians confined to this particular camp.

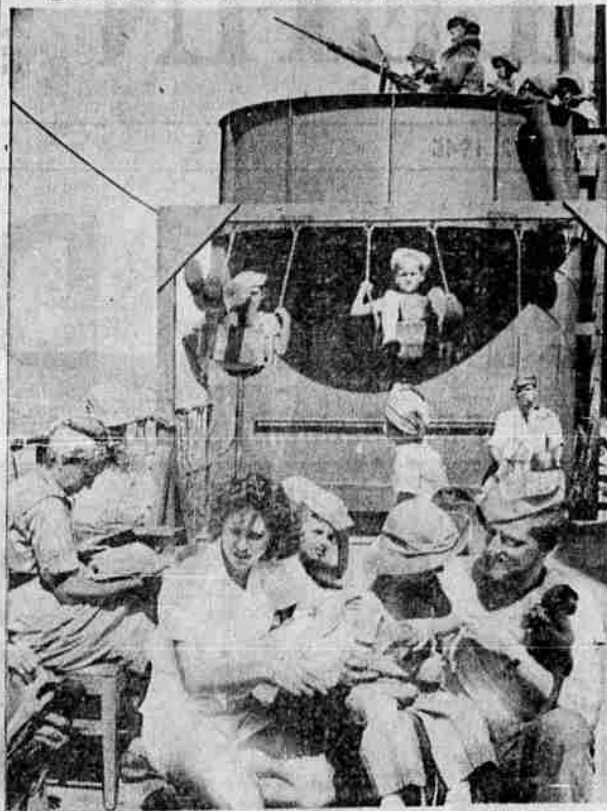
Chicago now has the largest Next of Kin club membership with over 3,000 families enrolled in 17 community units. Other cities chiefly have only one unit. There are over 400 families in the San Francisco club. Pittsburgh and Boston are also listed among the larger clubs of the country.

The 17 community units of the Chicago club meet each month and there is an occasional city-wide meeting. Attendance at the smallest unit meeting is 20 persons and the largest unit draws over 300. All are under the direction of Mrs. Harriet Hester, director of the Next of Kin division of the War Prisoner Aid service maintained by the Y.M.C.A.

Letters Can Be Shared
When a family first learns where a relative is imprisoned, usually through the Red Cross, they notify the Next of Kin club which obtains additional information for worried parents, wives and sweethearts.

By checking correspondence

Santo Tomas Was Never Like This



(NEA Telephoto)
Freed from long months of imprisonment in the Philippines, these American youngsters frolic aboard transport that returned them to the United States. Coast Guardsmen stand at their gun lookouts as Coast Guardsman in foreground entertains youngsters with his pet monkey. Others enjoy themselves on improvised swings rigged on deck. U. S. Coast Guard photo.

and interviewing repatriated prisoners, "Y" workers learned that only about one letter in every three sent to and from prison camps gets to its destination. This explained why some prisoners got very little mail and certain relatives have never heard from war prisoners.

Next of Kin club members pool their information for the benefit of all prisoners from their community. When each member writes, he or she usually mentions bits of news about other people whose kin are confined in the same camp. The prisoners then share their letters with the others from their home community and in this manner keep informed about home folks.

Group Photos Sent
When families meet for photographs, every family mails one of the group pictures to their prisoner in the hope that at least one boy will receive one of the pictures. If he does, he shows it to all the other Chicago boys in the

9th Nearing Berlin

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visions crossed the Saale river at several points in the Jena-Naumburg area. They pressed on and reached the rim of the Berlin plain at undisclosed points.

Since Patton resumed his march yesterday morning, the fourth armored had gained 30 miles and the sixth armored 45 miles.

A nazi radio commentator said the allies might mass for a concentrated push through the Leipzig area in an attempt to link up with the Russians.

MRS FRANKS TEACHING
Redmond, April 12—Mrs. L. W. Franks, substituted in high school, Tuesday p. m. and Wednesday, for Mrs. J. C. Line. She will substitute on Thursday and Friday for Mrs. Della Nance in her absence.

GRENADES FOUND
Vancouver, B. C., April 12 (BUP)—Kenneth Chandler, a shipyard electrician, today claimed he found two hand grenades planted in an ocean-going freighter in harbor here.

Six Local Boys Take Army Tests

Six Bend high school boys today took a qualifying test for the army specialized training reserve program, in conjunction with similar examinations being held in high schools throughout the nation under the auspices of the war department. Those who qualify must enlist in the army enlisted reserve corps before being assigned to college under the ASTRP program, it was said. The boys were not required to enlist before taking the test.

Successful applicants will receive from two to four terms of college training, according to information received from the war department by Howard W. George, superintendent of schools. Those taking the tests here today, under the guidance of Paul Smith, were: George Chase, Bob Conklin, Ed De Groot, Evan Johnson, Gall Sigmund and Doug Wirtz.

BERLIN DISTANCES
(By United Press)
The nearest distances to Berlin from advanced allied lines today: Eastern Front—31 miles (from Zaackrick). Western Front—60 miles (from Magdeburg). Italian Front—56 miles (from near Comacchio).

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TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

5:00—Sam Hayes	9:15—Songs by Morton Downey
5:15—Superman	9:30—Rationing News
5:30—Tom Mix	9:35—Old Family Almanac
5:45—Night News Wire	10:00—Glenn Hardy News
6:00—Gabriel Heatter	10:15—Luncheon With Lopez
6:15—Real Life Stories	10:45—News of Prineville
6:30—Treasure Hour of Song	11:35—Lady About Town
7:00—Grange Reporter	11:40—News
7:15—Lowell Thomas	11:45—Lum 'N Abner
7:30—Red Ryder	12:00—Four Belles
8:00—Bulldog Drummond	12:10—Sports Yarns
8:30—Bob Strong's Orchestra	12:15—Charles Magnante
9:00—Glenn Hardy News	12:30—News
9:15—Rex Miller	12:45—Farmer's Hour
9:30—Wings Over the Nation	1:00—Johnny Pineapple
10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.	1:15—Ask Jane Porterfield
10:15—Tommy Dorsey's Orchestra	1:30—George Olsen's Orchestra
	1:45—Handy Man
	2:00—News
	2:15—Melody Time
	2:30—Author Meets the Critic
	3:00—Griffin Reporting
	3:15—Concert Hall
	3:45—Johnson Family
	4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
	4:15—Rex Miller
	4:30—Tommy Harris Time
	4:55—Central Oregon News
	5:00—Sam Hayes
	5:15—Superman
	5:30—Tom Mix
	5:45—Night News Wire
	6:00—Gabriel Heatter
	6:15—Real Life Stories
	6:30—Double or Nothing

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

7:00—News
7:15—Tommy Reynolds' Orchestra
7:30—Spotlight on Rhythm
7:45—Morning Melodies
7:55—News
8:00—John Kirby's Orchestra
8:15—News
8:30—Take It Easy Time
8:45—Today's Bulletin Board
8:50—Cote Glee Club
8:55—Lanny and Ginger
9:00—William Lang and the News

- 6:55—President Roosevelt—Jefferson Day Talk
- 7:00—Evelyn Tyner's Orchestra
- 7:15—Lowell Thomas
- 7:30—Lone Ranger
- 8:00—Boxing Bouts
- 9:00—Glenn Hardy News
- 9:15—Cecil Brown
- 9:30—Freedom of Opportunity
- 10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
- 10:15—Russ Morgan's Orchestra

KUPPER NEW PRINCIPAL
Madras April 12 (Special)—Charles P. Kupper of Portland has replaced H. B. Stephens as principal of the Madras Union high school for the rest of the semester. The latter has accepted a position at the Puget Sound naval academy on Bainbridge Island near Seattle.

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Pink Salmon No. 1 can 27c

Mushroom Soup 3 pkgs. 10c

Strained Baby Food 4 cans 25c

Durkee's TROCO BLEND MARGARINE 2 lbs. 49c

- Kerr's Apple Butter 28 oz. jar 23c
- Orange Marmalade No. 6 jar 79c
- Staley's Starch, cr. or cube 3 pkgs. 25c
- Aunt Dinah's Pancake 5 lb. bag 53c

PARD 3 cans 29c Pint 25c

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COLUMBIA FOOD MARKET

Food Savings for Friday Saturday

CHECK COLUMBIA'S VALUES for Friday, Saturday

- Golden West COFFEE 1 lb. 33c 2 lb. 63c
- Sunshine Krispy Crackers 2 lb. pkg. 31c

- Tang Salad Dressing pt. 23c
- H. O. Oats, quick pkg. 26c
- Pep 2 pkgs. 19c
- Softasilk Cake Flour pkg. 29c
- Milk, all brands 4 for 39c
- Kraft Dinner 2 pkgs. 19c
- Zee Tissue 4 rolls 19c
- Colonial Syrup bot. 23c
- H&D Kernel Corn can 19c
- Merrimac Peas can 15c
- Staco String Beans can 15c
- Rinso pkg. 24c

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RAISINS 2 lb. pkg. 27c

Best Foods MUSTARD 2 jars 17c

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- Beef Steak, Swiss, for Broiling lb. 40c
- Pork Loin End Cuts for Roasting lb. 36c
- Heavy Colored Hens, Roasters lb. 45c
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