

Major's Parents Keep Secret for Five Long Months

Angelo, Wis. (AP)—This tiny village—too small to have a post office—held a military secret for five months.

The hub of this secret was the Angelo village blacksmith, Ulysses Grant Anderson, and his wife, Lena. They were entrusted with it by a U. S. army officer because a central figure was their son, 31-year-old Maj. Bernard L. Anderson. He was one of the American officers who slipped through the conquering Japanese hands at Corregidor in 1942 to rally Filipino guerrillas.

Besides helping to keep the allied offensive on the islands alive during the darkest months of the war, Maj. Anderson had a personal grudge to settle with the Japanese. He explained his feelings in a letter written to his parents on Jan. 22, 1942, from Bataan.

Wedding Date Set
"If the Nips hadn't taken Manila, or I mean if we hadn't declared it an open city and moved out before the 10th of January, I would have been married on that day. . . . She is Betty Lou Gewald, and everything anyone could want and more."

He explained further that Miss Gewald was a distant relative of Policeman Harold Hovland of Sparta, Wis., where Angelo's 100 inhabitants get their mail. The

major added that her father was with the Pacific Commercial Co. in Manila until the war started and later became a captain in an engineers' unit. A nurse who returned from the Philippines said that Miss Gewald's father was killed on Corregidor.

The war department reported Maj. Anderson missing in action on May 7, 1942, the day the western half of Corregidor surrendered to the Japanese. His parents heard no more of him until they got a letter written Sept. 20, 1944, by Lt. Col. Allison W. Ind, a friend who escaped under orders to Australia. They had met at Selfridge Field, Mich. Col. Ind told the Andersons that their son was alive, but he warned them not to tell anyone that they knew it.

Doing Valuable Service
"I can assure you," he wrote Maj. Anderson's parents, "that he is doing a most valuable and unforgettable service."

The elderly couple sensed from Col. Ind's letter that their son was a man with a mission—a dangerous mission. It wasn't easy for them to pretend that he still was classified as missing in action.

They were happy to have the pressure eased one February morning, when a neighbor, Mrs. Agnes Webster, came to their home. She said she had heard a radio broadcast that their son had reported to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in reconquered Manila. It was the first indication that they need not guard their secret so closely any more.

Their son's decision, announced in a letter Jan. 29, 1945, to stay with the guerrillas for a "fight to the finish" sounded alarming. But other passages made them feel that the death of Miss Gewald for

want of adequate medical attention to an infected appendix while she was held by the Japanese had not made him bitter permanently.

Longs for Home Meal
This, for instance: "Many times in the past months I have longed to sit down to the table and enjoy one of those delicious meals we used to have," he wrote. "Mother, I will never again complain about having to eat potatoes and bread before the desert."

Another home interest that survived in him was the Civilian Conservation Corps, which was suspended by the government after he went overseas. He had been in charge of a CCC camp at Ettrick, Wis. He asked his parents to get in touch with Jay Marshall, Sr., to ask him for a letter telling about the condition of the CCC program and its plans for the future.

Anderson was Marshall's clerk at the Sparta CCC base for four years before his induction. He went to Manila in May, 1941, as a 1st lieutenant after training at Selfridge Field, Mich. He was transferred to the air corps from the infantry.

A brother, Sgt. James, is serving with an air force unit at Camp Stewart, Georgia, a veteran of 4½ years service.

'SEES WORLD' WITH PATTON

Wallgrass, Me. (AP)—The Third army of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton moves too fast for one of its members. Pfc. Alphonse Gagnon wrote to his parents here that he "was getting tired of running from one country to another and one town to another. When I get back I'm going to stay home for a full year and not go outside at all."

Soldier and Mascot Wounded



(NEA Telephoto)

Suffering from gunshot wound in lower jaw, "Skipper," a U. S. Army war dog receives medical attention while his wounded master, T/S Frank Oliver (left), Detroit, Mich., watches anxiously. "Skipper" was with 25th Division in action at Bate Pass, near Baguio, Luzon, warned infantrymen of approaching Jap patrol. Signal Corps photo.

Referendum Due On 3 Milk Bills

Salem, Ore., April 12 (AP)—A preliminary petition asking referendum of three milk control bills of the recent legislature, will be filed in the secretary of state's office here before May 1, Henry Fruittiger, Portland, president of the milk producers-distributors of Oregon, had indicated today.

The bills, which call for the pasteurization of milk from non-certified disease-free herds, are objectionable to many producers and distributors, Fruittiger said, particularly those dealing in raw milk.

Fruittiger said he would take the action after a conference yesterday with Sen. W. E. Burke, Yamhill county, one of the opponents of the bills at the recent session, and Attorney General George Neuner.

He particularly objected to the bill granting the department of agriculture power to set standards for fluid milk and cream, he said.

Completed petitions bearing at least 14,442 signatures, must be filed with the elections division here before June 15 to put the bills on the 1946 general election ballot.

Ex-Bend Resident Wins U. S. Medal

Madras, April 12 (Special)—Captain George H. Chilson, stationed at the Madras air base, presented the air medal to Mrs. Ray Ballantyne at her home in Madras Saturday afternoon in recognition of the meritorious service under enemy fire performed by her son, Second Lt. Glenn Ballantyne. Lt. Ballantyne, 21, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ballantyne. He was born in Bend, but the family moved away from that city later. He graduated from high school in Spokane. His father is an employee of the Warm Springs Lumber company.

Young Ballantyne was a bombardier on a Flying Fortress.

While flying high over the target at Munich enemy fire destroyed the plane's oxygen transmission. Forced to low level flying the pilot called for fighting support as he dropped out of formation. The escort protected the bomber until he was pretty close to the German border. When the plane was forced down at Stuttgart all the crew members except Staff Sgt. Thomas Marshall, Fla., parachuted to safety but were taken prisoners. They are now being held in a prison camp north of Stettin.

War Briefs - - -

(By United Press)
Western Front—American vanguards reported across Elbe, last water barrier before Berlin.
Eastern Front—Red army columns reported 20 miles west of Vienna in drive aimed at Hitler's Berchtesgaden fortress.
Pacific—Large B-29 fleet blasts Japanese war plants in Tokyo area and at Koriyama; battle of

southern Okinawa stated fourth day; Americans gain on Luzon.
Italy—American Fifth army storms into Carrara, 12 miles from La Spezia naval base; British force Santerno river at east end of front.

Rhoda Is Named Madras Principal

Madras, April 12 (Special)—Carl Rhoda of Halfway has been elected principal of the local high school replacing Dennis W. Patch of Adrian who was unable to accept because of his wife's illness. Rhoda has been on the Adrian high school faculty for the past eight years. He is a graduate of Willamette university and has been principal in the Adrian school for the past two or three years. He will bring his family here the first part of June.

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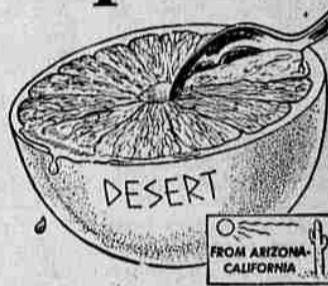


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Hospital Finds G.I.'s Interested In Art Studies

Van Nuys, Cal. (AP)—GI Joe who thought with most Americans that art was for the favored few, has discovered he was wrong. And doctors at the Birmingham general hospital here are capitalizing on his interest in things artistic to recondition war wounded soldiers.

More than a dozen prominent Hollywood portrait painters, cartoonists and commercial artists are contributing their time to teaching 300 students in hospital classes.

One teacher, Dolya Goutman, in ceramics, drawing and painting, Russian-born painter, comments, "The false doctrine that art was for 'sissies' kept these men from expressing themselves artistically in childhood. If the much-publicized era-of-the-common-man is at hand, certainly the

common man should be permitted to enjoy the arts as part of his daily life."

GIs interested in expressing themselves packed the first art class when it was announced the model would be started Jinx Falkenberg, in person. They weren't scared off by the announcement that they'd be drawing such pin-up cover girls as Dusty Anderson, Chill Williams, Karen Gaylor, Eileen McClory and Marguerite Chapman from first-hand observation.

The Red Cross supplies the semi-weekly classes with materials, easels and drawing boards.

Sgt. William Willard, former Hollywood sculptor stationed at the hospital, originated the art school. He was rewarded when a war bond poster contest sponsored by a Los Angeles department store was won by a recently discharged veteran of five Pacific campaigns.

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