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**Hero's Love Story Told in Letters; Death Takes Toll**

**Grieving Mother Has Hard Task of Shattering Girl's Dreams.**

CHICAGO. — A grieving mother whose son died a hero's death at Tarawa figured a letter from a New Zealand girl and wondered how she could tell her that the boy she loved would never return, despite her prayers for his safety. She is Mrs. Theresa Hoffman, Chicago, and the girl whose dreams she must shatter is Miss June Sinclair, Wellington, N. Z.

Mrs. Hoffman, who operates a beauty parlor at 2325 N. Central avenue, didn't know about June until she received a letter from her. That was after the navy department reported that Mrs. Hoffman's son, Marine Lieut. W. L. ("Mike") Hoffman, was dead and a buddy of the fallen hero had written how "Mike" had "cleaned out one fubhole in a hurry" before he went down.

The story is best told in the letters which Mrs. Hoffman received. The first letter was from "Mike," aboard ship somewhere.

"Dear Mom, Dad and all... he wrote.

"... This is going to be a big operation—the biggest I've seen. Mom, I want you to know that you and Dad mean more to me than anything else in the world. I have gone to mass and communion and I'm not afraid of anything that might come up.

"Please don't worry about me." The second letter, written after the navy department had reported "Mike's" death at Tarawa, was from Marine Lieut. J. L. Favoret of Paris.

"Dear Mrs. Hoffman: I've been wanting to write you but I couldn't until you were officially notified... On Tarawa it was hell, Mrs. Hoffman. Mike was in the first wave. His outfit hit the roughest, toughest part of the beach. Mike jumped out with the rest of the men in his command. Then the Japs got the range. Mike was hit in the hip. His gunner was killed, and that left his boys without any protection.

General Got Feedback. "Mrs. Hoffman, I was right behind Mike. I saw him jump up, wound and all, and run back to his boat. I saw him pick up the gun and, standing there, open fire on those Japs. He cleaned out one fubhole in a hurry. But they opened up with an anti-boat gun. The first shell was wild. So was the second. The third got Mike in the chest. He toppled into the water and he was dead when I reached him.

"They're trying to get a medal for Mike, Mrs. Hoffman, but he doesn't need a medal to the marines who saw him on Tarawa... The last letter Mrs. Hoffman received, written before the other two, was from Miss Sinclair.

"I have known Mike since last May," she wrote. "Lately we have been together every time he had liberty, every sixth day at least. I think a lot of Mike and I believe he likes me... Please do not think me rude, Mrs. Hoffman, writing when I don't know you, but I would like to hear from Mike's mother and I would like you to know that I, too, am praying he will return... Mrs. Hoffman hasn't answered June's letter. But she knows she must come day, after her own grief for her son has subsided a little and she can offer some measure of comfort to another woman who also loved Mike.

**Pulled Off Rebar Job To Get a 'Better Job'**  
 LANCASTER, Wis.—In the hope that it be "pulled off something better and doing" it would be sent to a bigger institution where he would stand a "better chance of getting a better job," a 25-year-old Pottsville boy stole a car the night of January 20 and used it in robbing three banks in three towns.

That was the explanation he gave Sheriff A. H. Klans for running away from the state industrial school for boys at Wausau. It was his second escape from the institution, officials said. He has been appearing in juvenile and other courts in this vicinity since he was eight years old, authorities added.

The sheriff told Circuit Judge A. W. Hays of the boy's laps. The judge sentenced him to the state reformatory at Green Bay for from one to five years.

**Two Wounded Navy Airmen Rescued After 41 Days**  
 ADVANCED SOUTH PACIFIC BASE.—A rescue plane picked up the crew members of a navy transport bomber February 3 after they had spent 27 days afloat in a rubber boat and an additional 14 days on a tiny island off New Ireland.

Lieutenant G. J. E. C. Cady, pilot, and C. A. Hoffman, gunner, survived a crash landing after their plane was disabled during a carrier raid at Honiara, New Ireland, on Christmas day.

They clung to the raft for 41 days before the rescue plane came and they appeared to be in excellent physical and mental condition, and were recovering rapidly.

**PARTIAL LIST OF HORSE SHOW ENTRIES**

Listed below is a partial list of the entries for the Kings Mountain Lions Club Horse Show held Monday afternoon in the new stadium. The list was complete up to Saturday noon. The list shows 42 horses, but the final count of entries totaled 85 horses:

**CLASS No. 1 Pony Class**

No.	Name	Owner
1	Fin	Max Craig
2	Shippy	Max Craig
3	Shippy	W. H. Smith

**CLASS No. 2 Local Horsemanship**

No.	Name	Owner
4	Red Head	W. F. Logan
5	Bucky	Geo. Bridge
6	Charlie	Ashby Henny
7	Bonnie Bess	Betty Grantham
8	Doris Taylor	Syren Koster
9	Bettler	Syren Koster
10	Kentucky	F. S. Summers
11	Finale	F. S. Summers
12	Barley Dawn	Mrs. Tom Fulton
13	Carolina Frank	H. F. McGill, Jr.
14	Duke	W. H. Henny, Jr.
15	Duchess	W. H. Henny, Jr.

**CLASS No. 3 Model Class**

No.	Name	Owner
16	Don-De-Doo	Harvey J. Ingher
17	McArthur	E. H. Cline
18	Bucky	Geo. Bridge
19	Dark Night	H. M. Gray
20	Doris Taylor	Syren Koster
21	Bonnie Bess	Betty Grantham
22	Kentucky	F. S. Summers
23	Finale	F. S. Summers
24	Barley Dawn	Mrs. Tom Fulton
25	Wally Simpson	J. D. Campbell

**CLASS No. 4 Pair Classes**

No.	Name	Owner
26	McArthur	E. H. Cline
27	Bucky	David Fisher
28	Bonnie Bess	Betty Grantham
29	Duke	J. H. Dillinger
30	Kentucky	F. S. Summers
31	Finale	F. S. Summers
32	Blackout	Geo. W. Wray
33	Midnight Strider	Geo. W. Wray

**CLASS No. 5 Ladies' Horsemanship**

No.	Name	Owner
34	Mrs. Fawcett King	Miss Bridget Gettye
35	Red Head	E. H. Cline
36	Traveler	E. D. Moore
37	Hard Charlie	W. T. Long
38	Dark Night	H. M. Gray
39	Play Boy	A. L. Nivens
40	Fawcett Sylvia	Lena McArthur Smith
41	Kentucky	F. S. Summers
42	Finale	F. S. Summers
43	Blackout	Geo. W. Wray
44	Midnight Strider	Geo. W. Wray

**CLASS No. 6 5 Gaited Hares**

No.	Name	Owner
45	Don-De-Doo	Harvey J. Ingher
46	Wally Simpson	John D. Campbell
47	Spring Breeze	John D. Campbell
48	Fawcett Sylvia	Lena McArthur Smith

**CLASS No. 7 Gentlemen's Horsemanship**

No.	Name	Owner
49	Bucky	Geo. Bridge
50	McArthur	E. H. Cline
51	Hard Charlie	W. T. Long
52	Doris Taylor	Syren Koster
53	Strutting Major	D. H. Cline
54	Kentucky	F. S. Summers
55	Finale	F. S. Summers

**CLASS No. 8 Racking Class**

No.	Name	Owner
56	Bucky	Geo. Bridge
57	Charlie	Ashby Henny
58	Hard Charlie	W. T. Long
59	Spring Breeze	John D. Campbell
60	Fawcett Sylvia	Lena McArthur Smith
61	Prince	John Butler Finch
62	Dan	H. F. McGill, Jr.
63	Duke	W. H. Henny, Jr.
64	Duchess	W. H. Henny, Jr.

**CLASS No. 9 5 Gaited Stallions & Geldings**

No.	Name	Owner
65	Bucky	Geo. Bridge
66	Charlie	Ashby Henny
67	Dark Night	E. H. Cline
68	Mrs. Fawcett King	Bridget Gettye
69	Traveler	E. D. Moore
70	Hard Charlie	W. T. Long
71	Play Boy	A. L. Nivens
72	Silver	Geo. W. Wray
73	Dan	C. J. Smith, Jr.
74	Prince	John Butler Finch
75	Traveler	E. Stewart Dillinger
76	Duke	J. H. Dillinger
77	Dan	H. F. McGill

**CLASS No. 10 Pleasure Classes**

No.	Name	Owner
78	Red Head	W. F. Logan
79	Bucky	Geo. Bridge
80	McArthur	E. H. Cline
81	Babe's Red Velvet	A. H. Clifford
82	Fawcett Sylvia	Lena McArthur Smith
83	Strutting Major	D. H. Cline
84	Doris Taylor	Syren Koster
85	Shippy	W. H. Smith
86	Bonnie Bess	Betty Grantham
87	Fawcett Sylvia	Lena McArthur Smith
88	Black Gold	H. B. Weiler
89	Kentucky	F. S. Summers
90	Finale	F. S. Summers
91	Carolina Frank	H. F. McGill
92	Duke	W. H. Henny, Jr.
93	Duchess	W. H. Henny, Jr.

**CLASS No. 11 Walking Horses**

No.	Name	Owner
94	Red Head	W. F. Logan
95	McArthur	E. H. Cline
96	Red Head	E. H. Cline
97	Babe's Red Velvet	A. H. Clifford
98	Six Mads	E. Stewart Dillinger
99	Doris Taylor	Syren Koster
100	Strutting Major	D. H. Cline
101	Barley Dawn	Mrs. Tom Fulton
102	Blackout	Geo. W. Wray
103	Midnight Strider	Geo. W. Wray

**CLASS No. 12 5 Gaited Steaks**

No.	Name	Owner
104	Charlie	Ashby Henny
105	Don-De-Doo	Harvey J. Ingher
106	Mrs. Fawcett King	Bridget Gettye
107	Traveler	E. D. Moore
108	Hard Charlie	W. T. Long
109	Wally Simpson	John D. Campbell
110	Spring Breeze	John D. Campbell
111	Prince	John Butler Finch
112	Dan	H. F. McGill

**Mail Xmas Packages Early To Soldiers**

ATLANTA. — "Do your Christmas shopping early," has long been a cry made to the public, but this year the plea is, "Mail your overseas soldiers' Christmas packages early."

Lt. Col. Hartley E. Dean, Fourth Service Command postal officer, points out that soldiers' Christmas packages will be accepted for mailing as early as August 15 and no later than October 15, and he states, "People are advised to mail their Christmas packages as soon as possible and not wait for the deadline. With millions of men overseas and with more millions of gifts which will be sent to them — getting all parcels to their proper destinations in time for Christmas is going to be a tremendous task. The sooner the post office receives these packages the better the chances are for the soldiers to enjoy Christmas on December 25."

Col. Dean called attention to the regulation that overseas Christmas parcels "for members of the Army personnel leaving base stations en route for overseas shortly before or subsequent to October 15, will be accepted after October 15, up to and including December 15, upon presentation by the sender of a change of address notification from the address received prior to Sept. 15, provided the parcels come within the prescribed limits of weight and size and endorsed 'Christmas parcel.' Only one such parcel will be accepted from any one person to any one individual having an overseas APO address."

The War Department ruling on Christmas greeting cards is that these sent to soldiers overseas must be sealed and prepaid first class mail.

Due to the urgent need to conserve shipping space, Christmas parcels may not exceed the current limits of 5 pounds in weight or 25 inches in girth combined. Packages must be boxed in metal, wood, rigid fiber board or strong double-faced corrugated fiberboard with strong gummed paper tape or tied with strong twine or lark.

Perishable matter will not be accepted and mailing of fragile articles is discouraged. Absolutely prohibited are offensive materials (including matches and lighter fluid), poisons, or explosives which may kill or injure animals, or damage the mail.

Col. Dean stressed "Addresses must be legible — typed or written in ink. It is desirable that the complete address be shown on a sheet of paper inside the package in the event

the outer wrapper becomes torn, mutilated or destroyed in transit." It is suggested that local post authorities be consulted on any Christmas package information which is not clear.

**Local Purchases By Army Restricted**

ATLANTA. — Local purchases by Army posts, camps and stations are being restricted in order that civilians may obtain the supplies allocated to them, according to Major General Frederick E. Uhl, Commanding General, Fourth Service Command, comprising the seven southeastern states.

General Uhl explained that the War Production Board has made allocation of available materials and supplies to meet requirements of the Army and other government agencies, including lend-lease, leaving the civilians a definite proportion to be channelled to them through wholesalers, jobbers, distributors and retailers.

Under the new ruling, the general public can buy Army post canteen, through the post's contract officer, go into the civilian market to purchase goods, materials or supplies if the items required are stocked in Army depots. They cannot buy as items by local purchase to be placed in Army stock, nor can such purchase be made if any suitable substitute is available in Army depots.

Before any local purchase can be

made by an Army Service Force post, the officer must show that the item is not available, that there is no suitable substitute for it, that it is required to meet the needs of a real emergency and that a definite harm would result at the post if the item were not procured immediately.

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