

Wednesday, December 23, 1942

Pfc. Carl Reinhard Meets Sister Alice in New Caledonia

The most unusual story of friends meeting friends or relatives meeting relatives in the armed forces of the nation, perhaps yet to be heard in these parts, was received here yesterday by Miss Ruth Reinhard, from her brother, Pfc. Carl Reinhard, stationed in New Caledonia, a south Pacific island.

Still almost too excited to write, he told of a telephone call for him at his quarters recently. He hesitated to go to the phone when he was told the ring was for him. Surely no one that far from home would know him there. Assured that he was not being kidded, he answered and to his shock and astonishment he was talking to his own sister, Second Lieutenant Alice Reinhard. She was stationed on the same island and what is more they were at locations not far apart.

Through the courtesy of their superiors and because of the most unusual incident, Carl was furnished transportation and in a few minutes after the call he was standing face to face with his sister.

Miss Reinhard was on the island before her brother and how she got onto the clue that her brother had arrived there, is not known. She evidently knew the number of his company and tried to make the contact on the strength of that.

It is stated that she was not to be stationed there long and the likelihood is that they have again been separated.

Enroute to New Caledonia, Miss Reinhard also had the unusual experience of meeting persons from her home community. One was James Stucky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stucky of Syracuse, formerly of this place. On the boat it is said she also met Frederick Bixler, son of Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Bixler of Decatur.

Thursday, December 3, 1942

Contingent Leaves for Active Service

36 Men Leave for Army Service Today

Thirty-six men left Adams County this morning for active service with the U.S. Army. They went to Toledo, Ohio where they will enter Camp Perry.

Walter H. Gilliom, as acting corporal, was in charge of the contingent, which left about 11:30 am. There were 35 in this group, which was accepted at Toledo on November 21.

Hugo Death, who was held for the day at Toledo, and then accepted, left half an hour earlier and was sent to Fort Benjamin Harrison.

Those who went to Camp Perry, besides the acting corporal: William Harrod, Charles F. Cook, Benjamin Kruetzmann, Keith Hunt, Clarence Williams, Roger Neuenschwander, Ralph Peterson, Howard Brandyberry, Elmer Kiefer, Earl T. Hamrick, Dale Baumgartner, Richard Noll, Aniseto Cancino, Ivan Reynolds, Freddie Moser, John Dierkes, Lee Nussbaum, Robert Koeneman, Dale Morningstar, Frederick Douglass, Robert Nyffeler, Howard Elzey, Raymond Miller, Lester Worker, Chester Stevens, Dailey Fogle, Erwin Kiefer, Robert Bieberich, Elmo Lengerich, Richard Meyer, Fred Brokaw, Orval Roop.

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