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MEMORIAL AWARD

BERNARD F. HOLLENKAMP

An award fund in memory of Lt. Bernard F. Hollenkamp, University of Dayton alumnus lost on a bombing mission over Germany, has been established at the University by his mother, Mrs. Louise A. Hollenkamp, of Dayton, and his widow, Mrs. Lucille Hollenkamp, of Santa Monica, Calif. Each year, the Mrs. Louise A. and the Mrs. Lucille Hollenkamp award will be given in memory of Bernard F. Hollenkamp for excellence in the senior mechanical engineering class.

Lt. Hollenkamp was graduated from the University in 1939 with the degree of bachelor of mechanical engineering. He was the pilot of a B-17 lost over Germany in December, 1943. His three brothers, Major Theodore, '37, Lt. Joseph, '41, and Frank, '44, are also U.D. alumni.

FRONT COVER: One of the scenes from the Christmas pageant presented by the university students was this portrayal of the Nativity. The program was presented at the student assembly Tuesday, Dec. 19, and in the evening for the general public. Pictured in the familiar roles of the beautiful story are, standing, left to right, Dolores Savino, Marian Dibley, Allen Braun, and Catherine Stich; kneeling, Norbert Walz, Ann Fitzgerald, Kenneth Trimbach, and Margaret Dierken. Mrs. Troy Sears, instructor of music and in charge of the women's physical education program, directed the pageant.
Army Reserve Unit Leaves Campus

The Army Specialized Training Reserve program at the University was closed on Saturday, Dec. 2, when the 200 students of the unit completed their U.D. courses and left the campus. The unit was activated last June and began their studies on June 12.

In commenting on the departure of the unit, Fr. Renneker, S.M., president, said, “It is with regret on both sides that the unit leaves the university campus. Because of the gradual tapering off of all Army and Navy programs in the universities, the ASTRP will hereafter be limited to state universities to economize in personnel and administration.”

Sorry To Leave

Many expressions of appreciation for the consideration shown them were tendered by the students themselves on the eve of their departure and a marked preference to remain at the U.D. rather than go elsewhere was very much in evidence.

With the closing of the Army’s program, the University enrollment now numbers approximately 400 civilian day students, 500 in the evening classes, and 700 in the government sponsored engineering, science, and management war training program.

PREPARE PICTORIAL

In the absence of two of the regular campus publications, the U.D. News and the Daytonian, which have suspended publication this year, a photogravure, consisting of views and a record of the semester activities will be ready for circulation sometime in January. Collaborating in the preparation of the publication are Bro. Louis A. Salete, S.M., who is handling the photography work, and Bro. George F. Kohles, S.M., who is editing it.

Along with the distribution of the photogravure among the students on the campus, there will likewise be a circulation of it among the alumni of the University who are in the armed forces. CABOS is sponsoring this part of the circulation.

Hilltop Happenings

FOLLOWING THE FACULTY—Dr. E. B. O’Leary served as chairman and public representative at the Ohio Bell Telephone company operators’ dispute hearing . . . Dr. James Manfredini, political science instructor, spoke to the Tawas and Pan-American clubs on South and Central American countries . . . Father Edwin Leimkuhler spoke on a panel about “Maintaining High Employment” at a meeting of the Church and Industry Council recently . . . Dr. Kenneth C. Schraut spoke at a combined meeting of the Mathematics club and the Sigma Delta Pi pre-med society on “Mathematics and Growth.”

STUDENT ACTIVITIES—Officers of the freshman class are “Knobby” Walz, president, Bob McMahon, vice-president, Mary Beth Wood, secretary, and Bob Oppenheim, treasurer . . . Newly elected officers of the Immaculate Conception sodality are Edgar Moore, president, Richard Nose, vice-president, John Schuler, secretary . . . A novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception for peace was held Nov. 29-Dec. 7 . . . George Igel, president of the Mathematics club, addressed the members on the Hatchet Planimeter at a recent meeting . . . The Campus Activities Board of Service (CABOS) sponsored the sale of religious Christmas cards during the month of December . . . Nelson Sabin, American baritone, was featured on a recent assembly program . . . The women students held a party for the girls of the St. Joseph’s Orphanage at the Loretto Dec. 16 . . . The annual coeds’ Christmas party took place Dec. 18 in the lounge. Phi Chi, the women’s science group, sponsored the party. Dorothy Zaenglein was general chairman. Betty Ann Behringer ’44 is faculty adviser of the group.

U. of D. SPONSORS CHORAL CONCERT

THE TRAPP FAMILY SINGERS COMPRISED OF AN AUSTRIAN BARONESS AND HER SEVEN TALENTED DAUGHTERS, will give a concert under the conductorship of the family’s priest, Father Franz Wasner, Wednesday night, January 17, in Memorial Hall. Here the Dirndl-clad Tyrolean songstresses and their priest-conductor are grouped around the ancient spinet or virginal (predecessor of the modern piano), one of several seventeenth-century instruments which the Trapps have restored to modern concert use. U.D. is sponsoring their appearance for the people of Dayton.
“PRO DEO ET PATRIA”

PFC. HARRY W. THEIS

Pfc. Harry W. Theis, U. S. Infantry, reported missing on Oct. 22, was killed in action in France on Nov. 20, 1944. A native of Pittsburgh, Harry was called for service in May, 1943, and left for France last September. He would have graduated in 1946.

PFC. CHARLES G. LEAP

Pfc. Charles G. Leap, U. S. Marines, was killed in action on Peleliu Island, Sept. 19, 1944. "Giffy," a native of Dayton, enlisted in the Marines on Dec. 8, 1941, and was engaged in his 7th major battle at the time of his death. He would have graduated last spring.

TWO GOLD STARS ADDED TO MILITARY HONOR ROLL

With the stepping up of activities on all fronts of the war, further casualties among former University men were reported since the last issue of the ALUMNUS.

Pfc. Charles "Giffy" Leap of the Marine Corps died in action on Peleliu Island on Sept. 19. "Giffy" had enlisted in the Marines on the day following Pearl Harbor and was participating in his seventh major campaign when death came. He entered the University in September, 1941, and played a line position on the Flyer Frosh squad of that season. Surviving are his parents, two brothers, both in the services, and two sisters.

The 31st death reported among University men in the armed forces was Pfc. Harry W. Theis, of Pittsburgh, Pa. Several weeks ago, Harry was reported as missing in action on the European front but the War Department more recently announced his death on Nov. 20. He enrolled at the University in September, 1942, finished his freshman year under the accelerated schedule in April, 1943, and was underway in his sophomore year when called to service in May. A student in the civil engineering department, Harry is survived by his father and sister of Pittsburgh, and an uncle, Bro. Charles Belz, head of the civil engineering department of the university.

Reported Wounded

In addition to the two new gold stars added to the service flag of the University, several other men have been listed as casualties. Lt. Mathias Glaser, of Dayton, was recently awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received while on active duty in France on Oct. 21. A machine gun bullet struck his arm but he has recovered sufficiently to return to combat duty.

Word has been received also by the parents of Pvt. Richard Alexander, ex '46, of Osborn, that their son was wounded in the battle of Metz on Nov. 9. Dick was a student in the engineering college of the University before his enlistment in the army reserves in 1943. He was called to active duty in May of that year.

Pvt. Edward Wack, ex '46, of Dayton, located with the 320th Infantry in Germany, was wounded in action, Nov. 12. He has been awarded the Purple Heart.

Lt. Eugene W. Placke, '41, of Dayton, who was listed as missing in action in the last issue of the ALUMNUS, has recently been announced a prisoner of war in Germany. He was serving as a glider pilot and has been overseas since May, 1943.

According to word received by his mother, First Lt. Claude M. ("Pete") Ecabert, ex '42, of Versailles, received shrapnel wounds in the leg and shoulder but is recovering satisfactorily. He was with the infantry forces in Germany.

BRO. SCHUETZ ILL

Bro. John Schuetz, S.M., professor of education at the University over a long period of years, is recuperating in the school infirmary from a recent heart attack. Taken to the hospital several months ago for observation, Bro. Schuetz was returned shortly after with orders for a complete rest which did not, however, prevent his relapse. Faculty and students wish him a complete and speedy recovery.

DEC. 7 OBSERVED

Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7, was fittingly commemorated at the University with solemn services in the Chapel at 8 a.m. Celebrant of the Mass was Fr. George Renneker, president; Fr. Henry Kobe, dean of arts and sciences, and Fr. Edmund Baumeyer, dean of the graduate school, were deacon and subdeacon respectively. The sermon was delivered by Fr. Michael Hinsen, chaplain at the Veterans Administration in Dayton.

Special honor was paid to the 31 University men who have made the supreme sacrifice to date. At the end of the sermon, taps were sounded while Fr. Edwin Leimkuhler, head of the department of religion, read aloud the names of the University's heroes. Parents and friends of the deceased, as well as several hundred students, attended the ceremonies.
Marian Library
Sets Up Branches

The Marian Library inaugurated last year at the University is progressing steadily towards its goal of becoming the reference library for material on the Blessed Virgin, according to a recent announcement of its director, the Rev. Edmund J. Baumstei, S.M.

In the near future, a printed book-list of approximately 2500 titles will be available for circulation. Faculty and student committees of the university, as well as a local high school committee, have made the compilation of this list possible.

A national staff of branch directors is being organized to act as agents of the Marian Library in various parts of the country and while approximately 30 persons have already volunteered their services in this regard, many more are still needed.

Since the Marian Library has been operating solely on the voluntary offerings of services and funds from loyal clients of Mary, any contributions in the form of services, books and other donations are gratefully appreciated.

HONOR U.D. SERVICEMEN

Dear Dr. Molz:
We are resting for a day or so and this is a good opportunity to answer your letter of some time ago.

I'm sorry to hear of the death of your mother. My mother sent me the newspaper clipping.

At present my work is far from malaria and tropical medicine. We are in Germany and the problem is moving my aid station so that I can maintain an intact hide on myself and my men and at the same time provide for rapid and efficient removal of casualties from the battlefield. What Sherman said about war is quite correct. And as they say here, there are no atheists in fox-holes. We also say that the German 88's convert more men to Christianity than all the army chaplains combined.

For a few days of rest, I quartered my men in a very nice insane asylum run by the Sisters in Leur, Netherlands. The hospital was at a definite disadvantage since the Germans destroyed their electrical, water, and heating equipment before they left.

Last night it snowed for the first time and the snow is still on the ground so I guess winter is really here. Poor place for malarial or tropical medicine work!

Yours,
Capt. Thomas A. Moorman, '36
European theater

SHERMAN WAS RIGHT

Dear Jim:
You probably will be somewhat surprised to hear from me. I have been overseas for some time and I just received the notice in the Alumni magazine that my membership payment was overdue. I am enclosing eight dollars ($8) and I hope that will bring my dues up to date for '43 and '44. If I still owe I wish that you would kindly inform me. Please send the forthcoming issues to me at the above address for I expect to be here for some time to come.

I am working in a department whose head is Brig. Gen. Whitlock who is a Miami U. graduate. I have not talked to him personally but I have those Miami-Dayton football scores pretty handy if it comes to a head. I could sure go for a good football discussion anytime around here.

Well Jim, I guess that is about all from me. I also hope that this letter finds everyone at old U.D. in good health. Say "hello" to Harry Baujan and the faculty for me.

Yours very truly,
Paul M. O'Rourke, '43
Southwest Pacific area

BROWN WITH B.B.D.O.

"Jim" Brown, '34, whose resignation as Alumni Secretary was announced in the last issue, is now located in New York City and is a copy writer in the Batten, Barton, Durstine, and Osborn Advertising Agency, 383 Madison Avenue. He has been assigned to the Continental Can Co. account which will sponsor the "Report to the Nation" show (Saturday, 1:30 P.M., EWT), starting the first of the year. Jim will write the commercials. The best wishes of the Alumni Association go out to him in his new work.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE MILITARY PROGRAM DEDICATED TO THE UNIVERSITY SERVICE MEN ON PEARL HARBOR DAY were, standing, left to right, Fr. Florian Enders, S.M., chaplain of the Army unit that recently left the campus, Fr. Michael Hinssen, chaplain of the Dayton Veterans Administration and speaker at the Solemn High Mass, and Fr. Edwin Leimkuhler, S.M., head of the department of religion, in charge of the Pearl Harbor Day program.
COMES LET US ADORE HIM

THE ANGELS AT THE NATIVITY, A SCENE FROM THE UNIVERSITY'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, presented by the women's chorus and dance group on Tuesday, Dec. 19. Pictured here are, left to right, Lorraine Winckelman, Jean Warman, Rosalee Simopoulos, and Joan Sides. These girls were featured in vocal solos of traditional Christmas hymns.

Letters (continued)

FOXHOLE CONVERTS

Dear Bro. Rose:

Your prompt response to my last letter was indeed welcome. Since then, many hundreds of miles have rolled under my jeep tires and a myriad of experiences have become but a memory. It has been my good fortune to have been selected one of a party of three with reconnaissance as our mission. We have been racing around Europe on a series of exciting ventures. We have captured twelve German soldiers at bayonet's point, escaped from a Nazi paratroop division, slept overnight in a German-held town right under their very noses, penetrated 18 miles into enemy territory to take and hold a large broadcast transmitter with a party of five men, and many other sorties.

At present we are comfortably ensconced in a hotel waiting our chance to move on. We are greatly indebted to the fleeing German army for their solicitude and hospitality. You see these were a Nazi officer’s quarters and I might say his selection of foods and liquors was excellent. Not only do we have hot water and all the luxuries of normal civilian life, but he was kind enough to leave us his car in perfect running order. Outside of the fact that I don’t trust the population of this city, that it rains every day, that artillery fire is not conducive to the slumber that my cozy bed in its glory of box springs and silk comforters suggests, nevertheless it will grieve me to forsake all of this for my pup tent and the elements of nature.

But not all has been pleasure. We have three months of combat time and needless to say, it wasn’t pleasant. I’ve prayed many a hazardous hour in a foxhole. There is no such thing as an atheist in combat troops and many has been the foxhole convert. Rosaries are worn around the neck along with the dog tags by Catholics and Protestants alike, all of whom feel they need something more powerful than human courage and inspiration. The chaplains are doing marvelous work.

I believe with a little decent weather, we can polish off the Hun by Christmas. We are about to enter into the last and most difficult battles of the war. The fight will be a hard one and the casualties high but the ultimate outcome is assured. Why and how the German army continues to fight is beyond me. The Luftwaffe is for all purposes, extinct.

Well, Bro. Lou, I’ll have to close now. Give my regards to Doc Wehrle, Doc Haas, Bro. Bill Bellmer, and the rest of the faculty. One of these days I’ll break in on you but till then, hold the circuit breakers closed till I tune this final stage.

As always,

Lt. Eugene Roterman, ’43
Somewhere in Germany

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Father Renneker:

I’m sorry I missed you when I was in Dayton on my last leave but I hope you enjoyed your well-earned vacation. Your present position probably won’t permit another for quite some time. I’d like to offer double congratulations, Father, on your Silver Jubilee and on your assumption of the presidency of the University. In my humble opinion, the old Alma Mater couldn’t be in better hands, although it really hasn’t been out of your hands for quite a few years.

From talking to Dr. Wehrle I find the civilian enrollment has decreased during the past couple of years but I can certainly understand why. I’ve seen more American boys in foreign lands in the past three years than I saw during the six months I spent in the States recently. When the world situation gets back to normal I know U.D. will “go over the top.”

Please give my regards to the faculty and personnel of the University, Father, and the best of luck in your new job.

Sincerely yours,

Dan Hobbs, ’38
Somewhere in France
Seek Complete Information On U.D. Servicemen

CABOS (Campus Activities Board of Service) members are at work compiling a complete list of the U.D. men in the services with their military and home addresses, and other necessary information useful in keeping up contacts between the men and the University. As one of many projects sponsored by CABOS under the direction of Bro. Vincent Wottle, S.M., cards have been mailed out to relatives of hundreds of the men during the past month and a generous response has already been made to the request for information. It is hoped that those not heard from to date will respond in the very near future.

One of the first uses to be made of the list of names and addresses will be for the forwarding to every U.D. man in the service of a copy of the photogravure which is being prepared at present and which will be ready for circulation in January. Those not contacted to date are requested to send in their rank, citations, and home and military addresses as soon as possible.

ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP STILL GOING UP

Although the record for contributing memberships in the Dayton Alumni Association was long ago broken (this year) by the hearty response of old and new members, the figures continued to mount steadily during the past month.

Over 650 former students have to date contributed $3,651.00 to the Alumni Association for an average payment of $5.51 and these totals represent new high marks in each case. Close to 20% of our total membership of 3,350 are now listed officially and it is still the fond hope of the office that at least a fair proportion of the remaining 80% will be heard from in the near future. Members who have contributed since the October ALUMNUS went to press will receive due recognition in the January issue of the Alumni magazine.

For your convenience, fill in the form below and return to the University:

(Name and rank)  (class)

(Home address)

(Military address)

(citations)
Class Notes

1914—Faculty and alumni extend their sympathy to the Boesch family, Horace, William '20, Lt. Robert '31, Major Charles '34, and Catherine '37, on the death of their mother Dec. 5.

1915—Sympathy is also extended to the family of A. A. Moeller who died recently, and Willis Lynch’s family. The son of the late Clement Yamashiro, James Yamashiro, was a recent campus visitor.

1928—Sympathy is extended to Herbert Hart upon the death of his father in September. Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Somsel announce the birth of a daughter December 6. Mrs. Somsel is the former Rita Kessler, sister of Robert Kessler ’43. Major Paul M. Spahr is stationed at Middletown, Pa.

1930—Maj. and Mrs. James T. Cline announce the birth of a son Nov. 30. Lt. Col. Francis Gabel is in France. We extend our deepest sympathy to Capt. and Mrs. George Iwashita upon the death of their six year old son. Lt. Vincent Castrop is with the Industrial Hygiene section in Baltimore.

1931—Walter J. Smyth is now overseas.

1932—Capt. Thomas Hayes was wounded slightly by a buzz bomb explosion near the German border.

1934—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wall, Jr., announce the birth of a daughter.

1935—Tom Hoban has been promoted to major. Lt. Michael Genter has been transferred to Dayton. The poem “Today’s Children” has been set to music by Maurice Reichard and was performed by a full band and chorus in Cleveland Nov. 22.

1936—James Carlin and Alice Guilfoyle were recently married and are living in Miamius.

1937—Major Joe Fletcher is confined to a hospital in Assam, India, suffering from malaria. Lt. Col. Robert Schellman is in England. Dr. Wilbur Stinson in the medical corps in the Mediterranean area has been promoted to captain.

1938—Lieut. Eugene Brands, USNR, has been awarded the British Empire medal for gallantry, skill and coolness in helping to clear and recover enemy mines off Nova Scotia.

He is the third American officer to receive the award during this war. Lt. John Gerald McLaughlin, USNR, received an official letter of commendation for outstanding performance of duty as assistant head master at a U.S. naval base on the English channel coast.

1939—Jack Alter was a campus visitor Nov. 27.

1940—Capt. Christopher Barret is at Lincoln Field, Nebr. Capt. George Humm is overseas. Lt. and Mrs. Joe Thomas (Kay Herold) announce the birth of a son, Joe, Jr., recently.

1941—Lt. Clarke Kirby, recently returned from operations against the Normandy coast as commander of a sub-chaser, was a campus visitor Dec. 4. He reports to destroyer escort command school in Miami, Fla. Ens. “Woody” Dryden is on an LST in the European theater. Kirby and Dryden met in Le Havre.

1942—Lt. Robert Doti is serving with the Air Service Command in England. Lt. (j.g.) Paul Jacobs was a campus visitor Nov. 18. Paul was stationed in Hawaii where he served on the plotting board for the major Pacific campaigns. Ens. Paul Boeke was a campus visitor Nov. 28. He is on a destroyer escort vessel. Sgt. Billy Knapp is with an engineer utility company in the Pacific. Mr. and Mrs. Blaz Scott announce the birth of a daughter December 7.

1943—Lloyd Rensel is stationed at Ft. Jackson, S. C. Faculty and alumni extend their sympathy to Lt. Harold Raybould upon the death of his father Nov. 5. Joe Overwein is in the chemical warfare service at Camp Sibert, Ala. Jack Jones is at Sheppard Field, Tex. Bob Heidkamp was a campus visitor Nov. 30. Charles Frokin and Myra Charek were recently married in Cincinnati. Lt. Jack Murphy, recently graduated from advanced pilot training school and awarded his wings, was a campus visitor Nov. 28. Murphy is now going to B-24 school at Courtland Field, Ala. Lt. Jerry Herzog, also a campus visitor recently, is a navigator on a troop carrier plane and stationed in Texas. Lt. John Hoban has been awarded his pilot’s wings at graduation from the Napier Field, Ala., single engine pilot training school. Lt. John Kussman has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action. Marine Tech. Sgt. Joe Roland has been awarded the presidential unit citation ribbon for outstanding gallantry in the Solomons campaign. Lt. Richard Christie is the pilot of a Mustang in the Mediterranean theater. Capt. Kay Shearer, pilot of a Liberator bomber, has been awarded the DFC. First Lt. Charles Lause is in Germany. Lt. Jack Stang sent three German books on the application of mathematics to physics to the Mathematics club from Germany. Lt. and Mrs. Fred Wells announce the birth of a daughter, Anne Karen, Dec. 5.

1944—Louise Collins, now teaching grade school in New Castle, Ind., was a campus visitor Dec. 2. Bette Rogge is at Columbia university studying for her master’s degree in speech and drama. Lt. Jerry O’Grady is stationed at Ft. Meade, Md. Ruth Driscoll and Philip Hallman were married Nov. 12. Virginia Tuwell is now clinical instructor and supervisor at St. Elizabeth’s hospital, Dayton. L.t. Don Hoelle, pilot of a B-24, was a campus visitor Nov. 27. Bill Berry is a waist gunner on a B-17 and has been promoted to staff sergeant. Mrs. Eldon Zink (Pat Orten­gren) was a recent campus visitor. Lt. Lee Schmidt is overseas. Marjorie Wehner is working at the Metropolitan Housing Authority.

1945—Petty Officer Third Grade Sylvia Hayes is an instructor in Link trainers at Pensacola, Fla. Ens. Lloyd Weeks is at Harvard for naval communications training. Albert F. Lemmel has received his ensign’s commission. Tom McGuire recently graduated from bombardier’s school and was commissioned a second lieutenant. Tom “Red” Harvey is in the south Pacific with the Signal corps. Jack McAvoy is with the navy on Saipan. Ed Lum is at Northwestern medical school. Ralph Rohner is at midshipmen’s school at Camp Endicott, R. I.