

March 9, 1944
**50 Accepted
 For Army And
 Navy Service**

45 Transfers Among
 128 Ordered To Marquette
 For Physicals

Fifty Schoolcraft county draft registrants were accepted for army and navy service, three of them for limited army service, at the Marquette induction center where they reported Saturday for pre-induction physical examinations.

Of the 73 other registrants who were ordered to report to Marquette Saturday, 45 were transferred to other boards, three failed to report, 23 were rejected. Four among those rejected, however, will be called back next month and cases of a few are pending for further information.

Accepted for the navy were the following:

Alan J. Robertson, Russell H. Middaugh, Harley H. Nelson, Clio L. Brown, George D. Tull, John G. Konti, William E. Morden, John F. Johnson, Douglas J. Pelon, Harold A. Bouchard, Carl L. Carlson, William A. Sheldon, Claud G. Taylor, Conrad E. Anderson, Oswald F. Smits, Thurman J. Skarritt, Russell J. Chevrette, James W. Gillingham, Russell J. Vanderville and Richard Vertz.

Accepted for the army were:

Bert T. Gemmill, Shirley C. Boursaw, Leevy O. Johnson, Benjamin J. Lockwood, Raymond L. Derousha, Harry H. Anderson, Charles E. Belanger, Alfred J. Nelson, Allen B. Deuparo, Russell C. Johnson, Ivan Erickson, Kenneth Jones, Alfred L. Allen, Joseph J. Van Dyck, Earl J. Bower, Ellis W. Erickson, Dorwin R. Bonhan, Abraham Robere, Louis S. Monosso, John V. Girvin, Francis G. Lynts, Lyle W. Settegrin, Clifford L. Lambert, Edward R. Cook, Dean P. Deloria, Harry E. Swartstrom, Robert J. Leonard, Harvey K. Tufnell and Howard Deneau.

Accepted for limited services were:

Stanley W. Gill, Russell L. Williams, and John C. Peterson.

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**MILES STANLEY
 IS KILLED IN
 ACTION IN ITALY**

Former Thompson Soldier,
 29, Slain On Feb. 5,
 Message Reveals

Pvt. Miles O. Stanley, Jr., formerly of Thompson, has been killed in action in Italy, according to a report received by relatives Friday from the War Department. His death occurred Feb. 5, the message said.

Pvt. Stanley, 29, was born and reared in Thompson and graduated from Manistique high school in 1932. For some time he operated a locksmith agency in this area, and before entering the service was employed in an ordnance plant in LaPorte Ind. He lived at Cut River previous to going to LaPorte.

He entered the service in June, 1943, with a Mackinac county draft group, and went overseas last November. He was stationed for several weeks in North Africa but moved up to the Italian front in January.

Survivors are his wife, Dorothy, and two children, Wayne and Gloria, of Pontiac; his father, Miles O. Stanley, who is expected this week end from California; a sister, Mrs. William Arnold, Manistique; one brother, Lieut. Frank Stanley, in New Caledonia, and two sisters in lower Michigan.

Memorial services for Pvt. Stanley will be held Sunday at 10:30 a. m. at the Zion Lutheran church, Rev. Palmer S. Nestander officiating. Mrs. Stanley arrived in Manistique this week to make arrangements for the service.

St. John N. Neff, of Kingman, Ariz., is spending his furlough here with his wife and son and other relatives here and in Newberry.

March 16, 1944
**Sgt. Louis LaMourie, Veteran
 Marine Raider, Back From
 22 Months In South Pacific**

"Manistique Is Paradise,"
 Says Youth Who Fought On
 Guadalcanal, Bougainville

"Manistique is paradise. It may be a little dead right now, but it's still paradise. I can't wait to get back for good."

So says Marine Sergeant Louis LaMourie, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Omar LaMourie, 320 Weston avenue, who has been home on leave after 22 months of service in a highly-touted peacetime paradise which has seen some of the bitterest fighting of this war—the swamp ridden island jungles of the South Pacific.

LaMourie, a veteran of Guadalcanal and Bougainville where he fought with the famous Carlson's Raiders, came home unscathed. He is husky and strong now, several pounds heavier than he was during those weeks on Guadalcanal when he and the rest of the Raiders existed mostly on rice and bacon. There is no longer any visible sign of the gaunt boy he must have been during those days of nerve-racking jungle fighting, when the Raiders marched by day and crawled into foxholes by night to wait for the Jap, strung to the highest pitch of intensity by the Nips' "war of nerves."

Like most men who have seen the death and degradation of battle, LaMourie is reluctant to talk about it. But from the few off-handed remarks he does make, much of the whole bloody picture can be reconstructed.

Wanted For Japs

The nights in the foxholes became a succession of endurance tests between the Japs and the marines who stalked them to their last defenses. "We used to dig in and wait," LaMourie said. "Then would come the bag of Jap tricks to get us to betray our position. They pulled a lot of Fourth of July stuff. They would scream and holler, or throw mud balls hoping

we'd mistake them for hand grenades and run. We never did—we made 'em come out after us. Yeah, you can live a long time in one night."

LaMourie was an 18-year-old high school boy when he joined the marines back in January, 1942. To-day he's a man with a stack of experiences behind his blue eyes which probably no one but his buddies will ever share. "It bothers you to kill at first, but you get used to it. Now it doesn't bother me at all—another Jap is just another Jap to get before he gets me. You feel toward them almost like they were animals," LaMourie admits that the marines took few captives. But here his face closes up. "What happened to them?" he repeats. "They just died."

For Carlson and another famous Raider, Jimmy Roosevelt, Sgt. LaMourie has the most glowing praise. "Carlson saved our lives a good many times on Guad," he said. "Why, he knows more about what the Japs are going to do than they know themselves. He's a master at guerrilla warfare. Once he marched us right down between two rows of Japs—hundreds of 'em—and got us out. There's nobody who can give a man a dressing down like Carlson, but he's a real guy. He was right in with us all the time, sharing the same rations and the same dangers we shared. Boy, there's nobody like him. And Roosevelt—he's swell—he'll do anything for you, and he'll give you anything. He's not afraid, he goes right in where it's toughest. He's a right guy."

Attack On Jap New Years

Sgt. LaMourie was on Bougainville from last Nov. 1 (the attack was made on the Japanese New Year's) to Jan 12. The fighting there was virtually a repetition of that on Guadalcanal the year before. During the days at the front there was again the sleeping in the jungle, where night fell quickly, the intermittent fighting in the rain and mud, and

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 the awful smell of decaying foliage. Then, and in the present campaign for Bougainville, however, there is more food for the men and the enemy no longer controls the sea and air as he did during the August, September and October 1942, fighting on Guadalcanal. Malaria, a scourge on Guadalcanal, has abated considerably and the great advance in medicine and surgery has saved lives of many men there who would have died on Guadalcanal.

Sgt. LaMourie's more than two years of service with the marines

dates back to Jan. 9, 1942, when he enlisted during his senior year in high school. He trained at San Diego and was later assigned to Camp Elliott, Calif. On May 9, he was on his way overseas.

It was at Pearl Harbor in May, that LaMourie volunteered for service with the Raiders. Then followed weeks of intensive training for the dangerous Raider assignments that were to make history in the Pacific war. In June, Carlson's battalion went to Midway, where Admiral Halsey defeated a strong Jap task force, and from there they went back to Pearl Harbor. He missed the Makin attack—"They took A, B, and C Com panies. I was in Company E." For about a month they trained at a base in the New Hebrides, and on Oct. 25, they were ready for Guadalcanal. LaMourie's Raider outfit left "the Guad" on Dec. 17, and for the next several months were in the New Hebrides, New Zealand and New Caledonia. They went back to Guadalcanal in October, 1943, (the island had been ours for months then) and on Nov. 1 moved in to attack Bougainville. LaMourie took part in the battle of the Empress of Augusta Bay, and in many local engagements which followed. He left Bougainville on Jan. 12 and reached San Diego Feb. 16. He was released from quarantine and granted his furlough Feb. 24.

Back To San Diego

Sgt. LaMourie left Manistique Wednesday on his return to San Diego. He expects to be in the states about four months before being reassigned to foreign duty.


One of a family of 12 children, all of whose initials are L. J., Sgt. LaMourie has only one brother in the service. He is Staff Sgt. Leonard LaMourie, now with an armored division in England.

Engaged to a girl from Escanaba, Sgt. LaMourie and his fiancée have postponed their wedding plans until after the war.

**Soldier Gets Home
 In Time To Be His
 Brother's Best Man**

When Pfc. Arthur R. Losey, of Germfask, came home several days ago from 28 months' service in the South Pacific area he immediately began making plans for his wedding to Miss Marjorie Rupright, also of Germfask. He didn't know that his brother, Pfc. Edmond Losey, was on his way home from the China-Burma-India theater, from where he had also been granted a rotation furlough after 32 months overseas.

About a week ago, Pfc. Edmond alighted from the bus at Germfask.



New recruits at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Ill., include the following men from Manistique:

Victor J. Lasich, 31, husband of Mrs. Beatrice Lasich, 140 Elk street; John F. Davis, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Davis, 209 North First street, and Burnette D. Greene, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Greene, Manistique avenue.

Sgt. Raymond Vassau has arrived at his station in New Guinea, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vassau, learned this week. Sgt. Vassau was stationed at Tinker Field, Okla., as an army air corps ground crew repair man before being assigned to the west coast and later to overseas duty. So far, he writes he has seen no jungles any denser than our own northern Michigan woods.

Lieut. Donald Southard, son of Dr. and Mrs. T. R. Southard was on his way to a bomber station in the European theater when he wrote from Brazil, March 8. A

bombardier on a Liberator, Lieut. Southard had been stationed at Charlottesville, N. C., before receiving orders to go overseas. His wife, the former Jacqueline Taylor, of this city is visiting at the Southard home here.

Also enroute to the European theatre via Brazil early in March was Staff Sgt. John O. McLaughlin, who is chief armorer aboard a Liberator. Before leaving for overseas, Sgt. McLaughlin was stationed at Langley Field, Va., and left with his squadron from Mitchell Field, N. Y.

Lieut. Edward C. DeGraaf is now serving with an engineering unit at Camp Clairborne, La. It has been learned here. Lieut. DeGraaf, former forest ranger on the Manistique district, was employed by the U. S. Forest Service on the east coast before entering the service. He was commissioned following his graduation from officer candidate school several months ago.

Bruce Nicholson, who is enrolled in the Navy's V-12 program at Dartmouth college, where he was a student before entering the service, recently spent some time on

leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Nicholson, in Chicago. Nicholson is a medical student.

Pfc. John H. Orr, who was home on furlough last week after completing special training at Georgetown university, has been assigned for further training at Camp Ritchie, Md. He is in an army intelligence unit.

Sgt. Walter LaFreniere is now in Italy with an army railroad battalion. His wife, the former Ruth Mortensen and their daughter, Dolores, reside at Germfask. Sgt. LaFreniere is the son of Mrs. Emma LaFreniere, Arbutus avenue.

Mabel Slough, WAVE storekeeper, 3/c, arrived Wednesday from Milledgeville, Ga., for a few days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Slough. She will leave Saturday for her new station at Norfolk Va.

Pvt. Francis J. Hoholik, now in England with an anti-aircraft unit has written to Mrs. Lottie Weber, Home Service chairman of the Schoolcraft county Red Cross chapter to tell her that Red Cross

is doing a fine job for the servicemen. Wrote Pvt. Hoholik: "What I wanted most to tell you is that the Red Cross is doing a splendid job here, and sure do take care of servicemen. I know you will be glad to hear that." Pvt. Hoholik's wife, the former Gertrude Smith, of this city, is in Los Angeles.

First Sgt. Harrison LaFoille has arrived in New Guinea, his mother, Mrs. Malvina LaFoille, learned this week. Sgt. LaFoille left for overseas service in September. He is serving with an anti-aircraft unit.

Capt. Carlton Passenheim, who has been stationed in Iran for the past several months, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Passenheim, that he is to be moved to another station. Capt. Passenheim is serving with an engineer unit.

Staff Sgt. Howard Oliver writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oliver, that he is sending a Jap rifle home to his father. Oliver, who is stationed in the South Pacific, has been awarded a bronze Campaign Star. He has been in the Pacific area for several months.

Melton Edwards, MM 1/c, has arrived from New York to spend a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Edwards, of Gulliver.