

WWII Veterans continued with the "V" letter of the alphabet

As we begin this week's article, again, I don't have any military pictures for one, and virtually no military information for the first two Veterans.

The pictures came from sources outside of the family...One from the Amos Rutz collection, one from the Strathman collection and the other one from the VFW collection.

Hopefully a family member or other relative will come forward and help.

If you are a friend of one of the relatives reading this article and are in contact with them please let them know about the Manning Veterans' history book project.

Even after having promoted the Manning Veterans' project for 20 years on my web pages, unfortunately most people must not be aware of this project or my web pages.

#545 Paul Volquartsen (no military pictures, 2 Monitor articles, no specific military information)

Manning Monitor article 1944 Paul Volquartsen at Great Lakes

Paul Volquartsen, 26, 111 Main street, Manning, is receiving his initial Naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

His recruit training consists of instruction in seamanship, military, drill, and general Navy procedure.

During this period a series of aptitude tests will be taken by the recruit to determine whether he will be assigned to a Naval Service School or to immediate duty at sea.

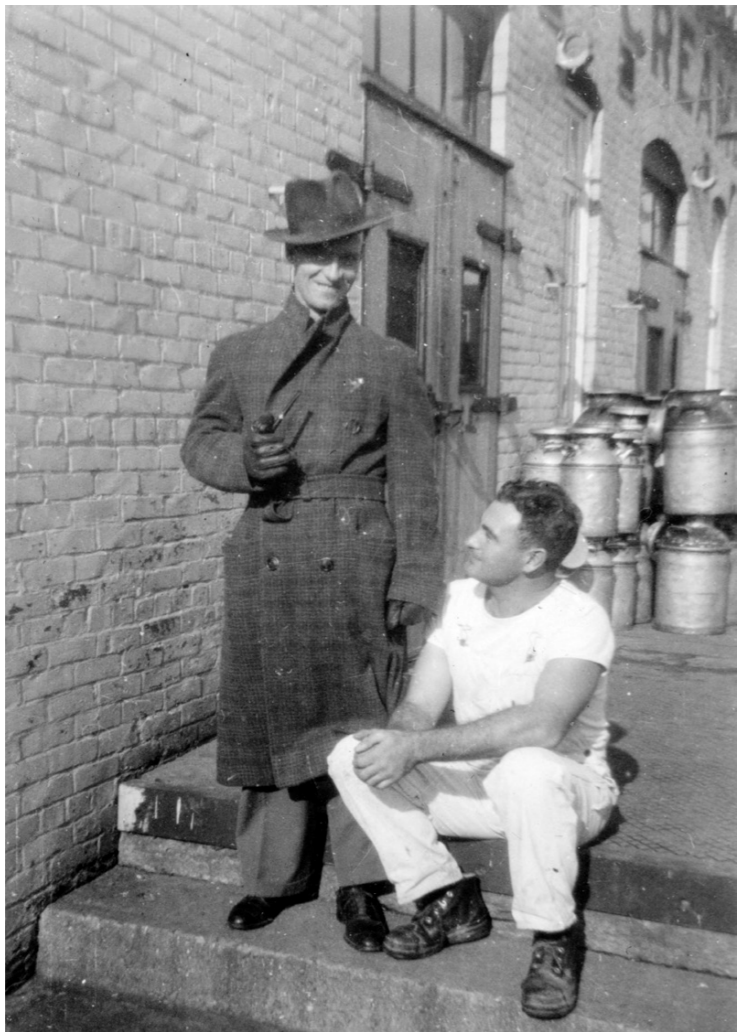
When his recruit training is completed, he will receive a period of leave.

Manning Monitor article 1945 Paul Volquartsen Receives Paper

Paul Volquartsen writes from the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Memphis, Tennessee, that he is receiving the Monitor and expresses his thanks to the Legion and the Monitor staff.



Betty Swank and Paul Volquartsen - AG Food Store June 1960



Paul Volquartsen and Faye Donaghu - Manning Creamery

#546 William Volquartsen (1 picture) Staff Sergeant Wife Hazel, they are buried in the Manning Cemetery.



#547 Merlen E. Voss (no pictures or information)

I have no source information for Merlen that proves he was a Veteran other than I have his name in my military database. I have some very old Voss family information but have no idea if/how Merlen would be related.

Eight members of the Voss family attended Manning Schools but I have no idea what their connections are: Hans, Hattie, John, Mary, Dorothy, Evelyn, Milo, and JoAnne.

#548 Robert Wailes (no pictures, 2 Monitor articles, no specific military information)

Manning Monitor article 1944 Bob Wailes To Trade School

Bobby Wailes has been assigned to a Trade School at the Navy Yards, Mare Island, Calif. Bob met Lavern Schroeder who is attached to the hospital staff there.

Manning Monitor article 1945 Bob Wailes Now On China Coast

TSINGTAO, CHINA Robert Wailes, Metalsmith, 3-c, of Manning, Iowa, served on the USS Jason, now anchored off Pagoda Pier here, providing headquarters for the senior officer present afloat in this area.

The Jason is a repair shop and some of the large carriers repaired by its crew include the Essex, Bennington, Bunker Hill, Enterprise, Franklin, Lexington, Saratoga, Shangri-La, Ticonderoga, Wasp, Yorktown, Hancock, Hornet, and Intrepid.

Bob Wailes went to school with the MHS class of 1938 but did not graduate with them. Other than the Monitor articles, I only have an obituary that gives me some clues into a Wailes family in Manning but I don't know how they are related to Bob.

Steven Wailes was born in Manning in 1953 and his parents were William and Deloris (Lindholm) Wailes. Steve's siblings are Kathy, Jean, and John (Wailes), and Craig, Mark, and Curt (Lindholm).

#549 Harold Walsh (no pictures, Templeton history book)

From the military section of the Templeton Centennial book.

Corporal Harold J. Walsh

Harold Walsh was inducted into the United States Army at Fort Des Moines on February 7, 1941, and was assigned to Co. E, 66th Regiment (Armored).

He served overseas two years, six months and eleven days and took part in action in Algiers, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe, for which he was awarded seven Battle Stars and five Overseas Bars. He was discharged July 2, 1945 and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Medal, and European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Campaign.

#550 Louis W. Walter (1 picture, 6 Monitor articles, no formal military write-up)

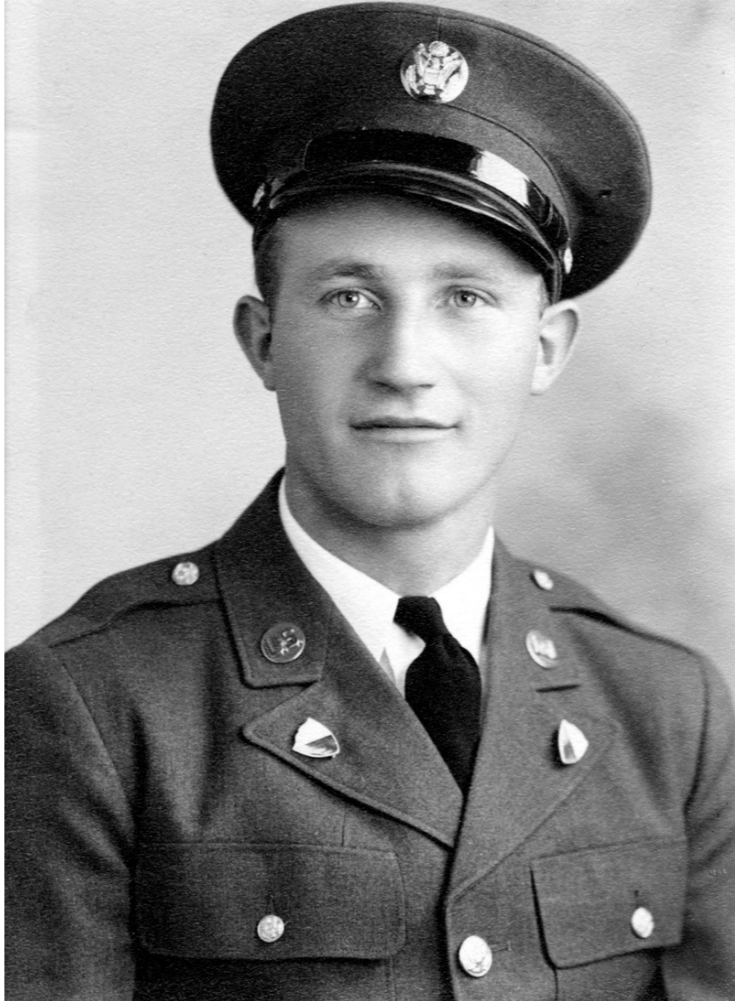


Photo above/below of Louis from Phyllis (Pfaltner) Callender.

I'm also in contact with another relative, a niece of Louis, who has sent me photo copies of the three Walter brothers who served during WWII. I'm hoping she will be able to find more information and pictures for this Walter family.

Louis Walter Writes from France 1944

Mrs. Henry Vinke of Manning received a letter from her brother, Louis Walter, from France, stating that he is with the fighting forces in France and has been right up in it since the invasion. He also took part in the North African campaign, Sicily and other places before coming to England from which the invasion started. He wishes to express his sincere thanks and appreciation to the American Legion and the Monitor force for sending him the Manning Monitor. He states he really cannot express in words how much he appreciates this favor. Pvt. Walter has been overseas for about two years.

Manning Monitor article 1945 Purple Heart to Pvt. Walter

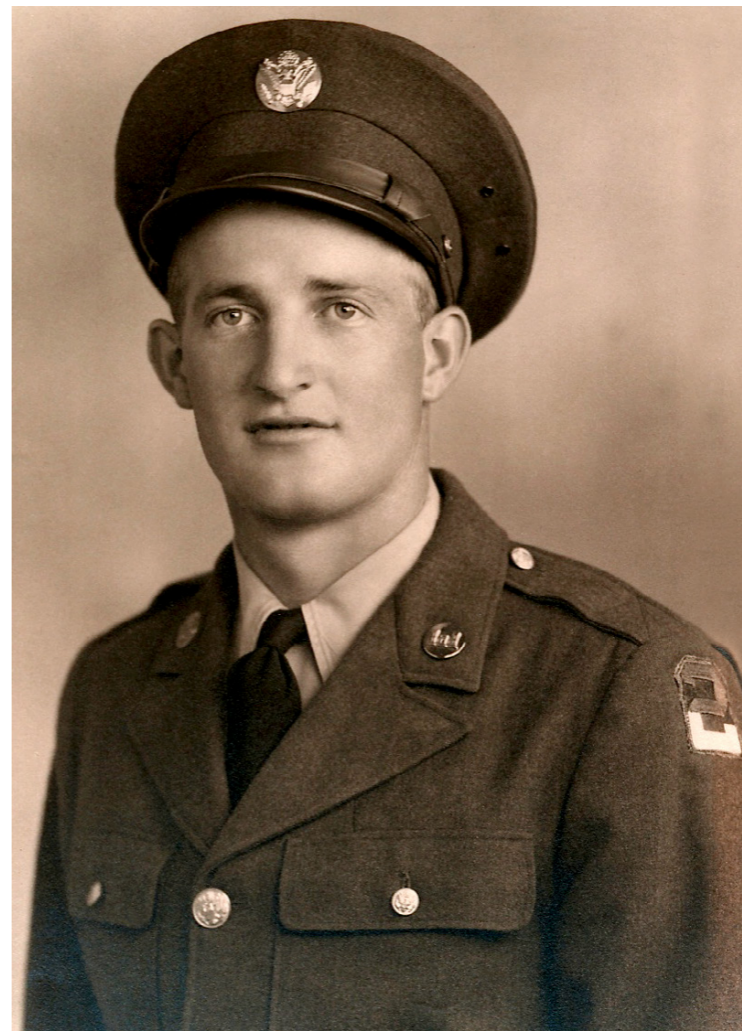
Mrs. Juel Vinke has received the Purple Heart medal awarded to her brother, Pfc. Louis Walter who was slightly wounded while in German territory some time in January. Louis is back at the front and has been overseas 30 months.

He has seen action in Africa, Sicily, France, Belgium and Germany, with the 9th army.

He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Walter.



#551 Ivan G. Walter (1 picture, 2 Monitor articles) Serial Number 37662560; Enlisted Camp Dodge February 20, 1943



Ivan Walter - photos above/below from his niece

Manning Monitor article 1943 Pvt. Ivan Walter at Ft. Jackson

Pvt. Ivan Walter of Ft. Jackson, South Carolina is spending a 15 day furlough here with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Vinke and other relatives and friends.

He says he enjoys getting the paper each week and wants to thank the Legion and Monitor for the courtesy.

Manning Monitor article 1945 2-Year Engineer Vet Is Discharged

Ivan G. Walter, who served two years with the 414th engineers, has returned home with an honorable discharge and is again making his home with his sister, Mrs. Julius Vinke and husband, in Manning.

During his tenure in service, Ivan participated in the first landing on New Guinea and later took part in the invasion of Leyte and Luzon in the Philippines. Just before returning stateside he spent three months on Honshu Island, Japan.

He reported receiving The Monitor quite regularly and expressed his thanks to the Legion and the paper for making this possible.



1940 Walter brothers: Louis, Alfred, William, Ivan

#552 William Harry Walter (1 picture, no other information)



William Walter



Ed Hageman, Amelia Walter, unknown, unknown, Emma Vinke, Alva Steiner holding Ronald

WWII continued next week with Walters.