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4th Local Man Killed On Okinawa

Pfc. Johns Meets Death On Pacific Front May 12, His Wife Informed

Memorial Day assumed a sudden, tragic significance this year for Mrs. Woodrow W. Johns of Mamaroneck for she was informed Tuesday by a War Department telegram that her husband, Pfc. Woodrow Wilson Johns, was killed in action May 12 at Okinawa.

His death marks the fourth from this community on Okinawa within seven days.

A member of the first Marine division which landed on the island Easter Day, Pfc. Johns had been overseas since November, having entered the service nearly a year ago on June 2. He would have been 27 years old on July 20.

Pfc. Johns was born in Mamaroneck and attended Mamaroneck High School. Before entering the service, he was employed at the Chance-Vought Aircraft plant in Stratford, Conn. He received Marine Corps training at Parris Island, S. C. and Camp Lejeune, N. C. before going overseas.

His wife is the former Olga Munter, who resides with her parents at 821 Woodbine Avenue. They have a two-and-a-half-year old daughter, Colleen.

Pfc. Johns is also survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Johns of 4 East Avenue, Larchmont; a sister, Miss Doris Johns of Washington, D. C.; and two brothers, Albert Johns of Mount Vernon and Edward Johns, on duty in this country with the United States Army.

Two Patrolmen



ROBERT E. FRYE

Pfc. Frye 3rd To Die On Okinawa

Saturday was Tommy Frye's sixth birthday and as long as he lives, he'll never forget it because just as the family sat down to dinner for the celebration at their home, 34 Glen Road, Larchmont, a message was delivered with the tragic news that his father, Pfc. Robert E. Frye had been killed in action May 9 at Okinawa.

He was a member of the 1st Marine Division which landed on the island Easter Day and his death marks the third Larchmont casualty there between May 6 and May 16 when Lt. Duncan Crane and Lt. Kenneth Foster gave their lives.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Frye of 35 Maple Hill Drive, Pfc. Frye had been in the Marine Corps since May 22, 1944, and overseas since December.

He was born Aug. 17, 1915, in Canton, Ohio, and had lived in Larchmont for 14 years having

Lt. Crane Killed In Pacific War

Former Larchmont Man Dies In Action With Marines On Okinawa

2nd Lt. Duncan McLaren Crane, U.S.M.C.R., formerly of Myrtle Boulevard, Larchmont, was killed in action May 6 on Okinawa, according to information received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crane, who now reside in Pittsfield, Mass.

He was born in New York and, after moving to Larchmont, he attended the Murray Avenue School, the Mamaroneck Junior High School and the Loomis School. His family left Larchmont about six years ago.

Lt. Crane took Marine Corps training at Dartmouth College and was later stationed at Camp Lejeune and Parris Island, N. C. He had been overseas since December.

Besides his parents, Lt. Crane leaves a brother, Robert, Jr., now in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology radiation laboratory at Cambridge. His father is vice president of the Byron Weston Paper Company of Dalton.

Ensign Tells Of Landings On Iwo Jima

An account of the preparations and landings on Iwo Jima, an island "quite pretty, but hot and wet" where "everything went off like clock-work" comes from Ensign James C. Hamilton, U.S.N.R., of Larchmont, now serving on a destroyer in the Pacific. Excerpts from a letter dated May 2, to his



LT. KENNETH J. FOSTER

Lt. Foster Loses Life On Okinawa

2nd Lieut. Kenneth J. Foster of Larchmont was killed in action on Okinawa May 10, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Foster of 14 Harmony Drive, were notified last week. The 23-year old member of the 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division had been serving in the Pacific since December, landing on Okinawa on Easter Sunday.

Lt. Foster, who was married in September to the former Dorothy Dimond of Larchmont entered the Marine Corps on June 12, 1942, at Springfield, Mass., following his graduation from Holy Cross College, where he was active in intra-mural athletics and a member of the Historical Society. After V-12 training at Dart-

Larchmont Pays Tribute To Dead On Memorial Day

Lieut. Croll Killed On Air Mission

Lt. William E. Croll of Larchmont, previously reported missing in action over Germany on March 24, was killed on that date while engaged in a low flying mission dropping supplies to ground forces, according to word received by his father, Charles L. Croll, of 21 Stuyvesant Avenue.

Mr. Croll was further notified that his son, who died instantly, has been buried in a military cemetery in Holland.

The 23-year old Army Air Force pilot was born in Mount Vernon and attended Mamaroneck Junior High School before his graduation from Fairfield, Conn., schools. He enlisted in March, 1943, while associated with a dairy farm in St. James, L. I., and went overseas in November. He had been awarded the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

Following basic training at San Antonio, Tex., he was graduated in June, 1944, from Altus Army Air Field, Okla., receiving his wings and commission as a second lieutenant. Shortly before he was reported missing, he was promoted to first lieutenant.

Holding Stays

Plea For Lasting Peace Keynotes Solemn Services

The sense of personal and individual obligation to Larchmont's 57 honored dead, 49 of them World War 2 men, and one woman, to preserve a "just and lasting peace by living according to the laws of brotherhood," was the keynote of brief talks at the Village Green, concluding the exercises yesterday as Larchmonters observed their fourth wartime Memorial Day since the start of the present war.

Supervisor Owen A. Mandeville of the Town of Mamaroneck, speaking especially to the Gold Star mothers and wives and service men and women present, said "we can best show our eternal gratitude by an understanding and respect for those left behind, who have the great cross to bear."

"I have no words with which to express the debt we feel to these mothers and to those who have made the supreme sacrifice," he said.

Henry B. Zeiger, commander of Post 347, American Legion, under whose auspices the traditional parade and ceremonies were arranged, told the large audience that "we can keep green the memory of our departed dead by preserving a lasting peace, and living by the laws of man's brotherhood to man."

"We have an individual responsibility to promote peace and good will on earth," he went on, after outlining the "physical facts of