Fluckiger Boys in Battle at Iwo Jima

Both Are With Marines; Fourth Major Battle For Cpl. John Fluckiger.

Corporals John S. Fluckiger and Pvt. Albert Fluckiger, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fluckiger of West Road, Ellington, and John, members of the 3-R Marine Corp, are at Iwo Jima. The former is with the Fourth and the latter, with the Fifth Marines.

No word has been received from

Corporal John S. Fluckiger

the boys since going to Iwo Jima, but in a letter received here dated February 13th, Cpl. Fluckiger stated that he had just been at a rest camp. While there, he had an opportunity to look up his younger brother, Albert. It was the first time that the boys had met since June, 1943 and they found plenty to talk about.

Relatives of the boys are hoping that they are near each other at Iwo Jima. The present campaign is John’s fourth major battle.

Another brother, Corporal Walter Fluckiger is in the Army and at Savannah, Ga. Before entering the service, John was employed by F. W. Woolworth Company and Walter at the Tip Room. Albert enlisted soon after leaving school.

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Fred Fluckiger, a member of the Merchant Marine, is home on a 30 day leave, following a four month's trip, in which he visited Africa, Italy, and France. During the trip, he did get ashore in France for a week, visiting a number of places of interest, and being glad to get his foot on land for a period.

He has three brothers in the service, Cpl. John Fluckiger, and PFC. Albert Fluckiger, both of whom are in the Marines; and Sgt. Walter Fluckiger, who is in the Army. The three brothers are all believed in the South Pacific. John has been in the service 2½ years, and has been overseas a year; Albert has been in the service for a year and a half, and overseas five months; while Walter has been in the service two years and four months, and overseas about a year. The four are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fluckiger of West Road.

“In the Service: Four Brothers Are in Service” article
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Word Received From Fluckiger Boys

Both Sgt. John Fluckiger and Pfc. Albert Fluckiger of the Marine Corps were safe on Iwo Jima on March 5th according to a letter of that date received at their home in this city. The brothers see each other each day and wrote that they were all right.

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Map of Pacific Ocean featuring Maui among the Hawaiian islands
Map of Pacific Ocean featuring both the Marianas and Philippine Islands
This program is dedicated to the memory of
Capt. Steven Perakos
who made 5 landings
with the 3rd Marine Division
in the Pacific in World War II

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50th Anniversary of the
Battle for Iwo Jima

Dedication and
Eighth Annual Reunion
February 21, 22, 23, 1995

Hartford Marriott Hotel
Farmington, Connecticut
HISTORY

In February 1945, more than 60,000 American fighting men locked in battle against a garrison of Japanese soldiers defending Iwo Jima, the first invasion of Japanese soil Americans set foot on in World War II. Hundreds of ships and their crews were lying off-shore providing bombardment and supplying men, materials and supplies necessary to move forward in battle.

Among the ships were aircraft carriers supporting the ground troops with air attacks and cover. Coastguardsmen and Navy men were bringing in the men and supplies with amphibious vehicles.

It was a total, combined American effort.

On February 23, although progress had been slow and the Japanese resistance fanatical, members of the Fifth Marine Division planted the American Flag atop Mount Suribachi. By this time, after only four days of combat, many units were reduced to half their normal numbers because of heavy casualties.

In thirty-six days of the fiercest fighting of WWII, three divisions of the U.S. Marine Corps captured the island of Iwo Jima. At the end of the battle, 6,821 Americans lay dead. An additional 21,865 Americans were wounded or suffering from combat fatigue.

Iwo Jima was won by men who earned 27 Congressional Medals of Honor, the largest number won by Marine and Navy men in one battle. Admiral Nimitz stated that it was won by men who possessed "an uncommon valor that was a common virtue."

Reunion Banquet
February 22, 1995

-PROGRAM-

Cocktails, Reception..............................................6:00 p.m.
Welcome.......................................................... 6:45 p.m.
Presentation of Colors______________________________USMC Color Guard
4th Mar. Div. Reserve Unit
C-1-25
Plainville, CT

Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthem.............................................. Led by Survivor Bill Bloxsom
Master of Ceremonies........................................ Phil Callan, WDRC Radio
Invocation.................................................. Rev. Thomas Berberich Brig. Gen.
USA (Ret.)

Dinner....................................................................7:00 p.m.
Remarks.........................................................Dr. George Gentile, President
Guest Speaker..............................................Iwo Jima Survivor, Maj. Gen. Fred Haynes
USMC (Ret.)

God Bless America................................................ Led by Bill Bloxsom
Retire the Colors
Entertainment, 76th Division Band, U.S. Army............ 9:00 p.m.
Colonel Barnum Guest Speaker

He was the fourth Marine to be awarded the Medal of Honor for Heroism in Vietnam. The 56-year-old Barnum retired from the Marine Corps in 1989 after nearly 28 years of service.

His many assignments included two tours of Vietnam with the Third Marine Division. The Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with gold star and Purple Heart are just a few of his personal medals and decorations.

As an artillery lieutenant with Co. H, 2nd Bn., 9th Marines of the Third Division on 18 December 1965 at Ky Phu in Quang Tin Province, Vietnam, Barnum’s gallant initiative and valorous conduct beyond the call of duty earned him the nation’s highest honor.

With complete disregard for his own safety, Barney gave aid to a mortally wounded rifle comrade, assumed command of that unit and rallied his forces, leading the attack on enemy positions.

Moving fearlessly through enemy fire, he engineered a successful counterattack and directed the evacuation of dead and wounded Marines.

The program ended with a memorial performance by Native American singers and drummers, "The Heartbeat of the Land Singers."

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VETERANS HONORED

Survivors, friends and family gather at the Iwo Jima monument off Ella Grasso Boulevard in Newington Sunday to honor 100 men from Connecticut who died in the battle on the South Pacific Island in 1945. Survivors (top) included, from left, Vinny Thomas, Bradford; Sam Giannulli, West Haven; Alfred Cialli, Avon Col.; Harvey Barnum, Cheshire; and John Fleishiger, Ellington. At left, are Sgt. Stoughton, Sgt. Neely, Sgt. Burgess and Cpl. Barney, of the 4th Marine Division Reserve Unit from Plainville.
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Gener. James N. Mattis  
Commander, United States  
Joint Forces Command

General Mattis serves as commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM), located in Norfolk, Va.

The command focuses on supporting current operations while shaping U.S. forces for the future.

General Mattis has commanded at multiple levels. As a lieutenant, he served as a rifle and weapons platoon commander in the 3rd Marine Division. As a captain, he commanded a rifle company and a weapons company in the 1st Marine Brigade.

As a major, he commanded Recruiting Station Portland. As a lieutenant colonel, he commanded 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, one of Task Force Ripper’s assault battalions in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. As a colonel, he commanded 7th Marines (Reinforced).

Upon becoming a brigadier general, he commanded first the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade and then Task Force 58, during Operation Enduring Freedom in southern Afghanistan. As a major general, he commanded the 1st Marine Division during the initial attack and subsequent stability operations in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In his first tour as a lieutenant general, he commanded the Marine Corps Combat Development Command and served as the deputy commander for combat development.

Most recently, he commanded the I Marine Expeditionary Force and served as the commander of U.S. Marine Forces Central Command. From 2007-09, he served as both NATO’s Supreme Allied Commander Transformation and commander, USJFCOM.

General Mattis, a native of the Pacific Northwest, graduated from Central Washington State University in 1972. He is also a graduate of the Amphibious Warfare School, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and the National War College.

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