

McCluskey Jr., Frank P.

## Corp. McCluskey Tells Of Action On Guadalcanal

A member of the first division of Marines to land on Guadalcanal, Corporal Frank P. McCluskey, Jr., son of President Judge and Mrs. Frank P. McCluskey of 130 Pennsylvania ave., Easton, is home on furlough, after actually coming face to face with those "termites of the Pacific."

Corporal McCluskey saw action, in fact he said it seemed he had more than one man's share.

One incident that remains clear in McCluskey's mind is after the first encounter with the enemy. "When it was over, you could hardly pick up a handful of sand on the beach. It was covered with the bodies of dead Japs."

He referred here to the battle of the Tenaru River. Out of 1200 Japs who tried to storm the American position, 18 were wounded, two were taken prisoners and the rest were killed.

In describing the Japs, he said, "I got a close look at some of the prisoners. They always grinned when you passed by, and I smiled back a couple of times, but that was enough. They gave you the impression that they weren't being friendly, but that they knew they were safe while you had to go out and risk your neck again."

McCluskey praised the Navy's part in the fight for the Solomons, and expressed a very great appreciation of the work that the Red Cross was doing in providing the hundreds of little things that the military departments had no time for, in filling in the smaller gaps which help in the way of morale.

Corp. McCluskey is returning to duty sometime this month, although it would seem that he has had more than one man's share of fighting. Through his efforts and those of his fellow Marines, and through the co-operation of American agencies like the Red Cross, it would seem that the Guadalcanal situation is, according to the tradition, well in hand. The corporal and the organization to which he belongs have their eyes on new fields to conquer.

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