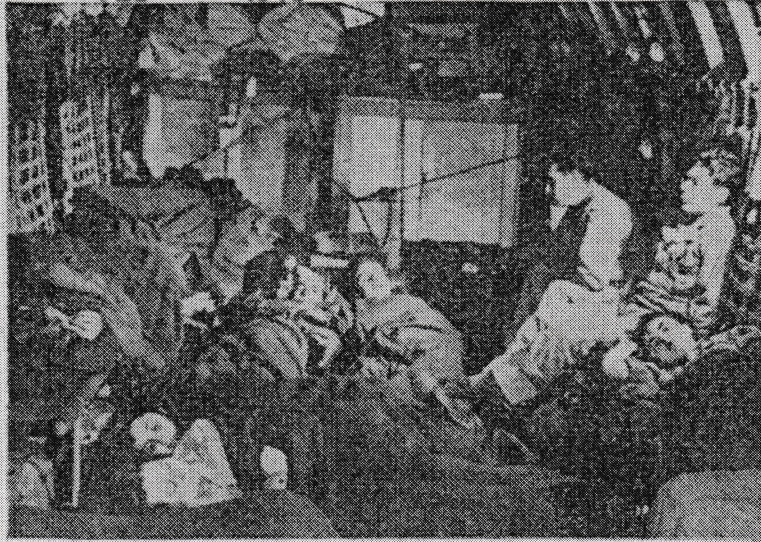


# Local Casualty Wings Pacific

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Out and back between Hickam Field, Hawaii, and Leyte Island in the Philippines, planes of the Air Transport Command ferry over the Pacific taking personnel and bringing wounded. Here are interior views of an Army C-54, showing passengers in mid-flight to Leyte, among whom is Private Charles V. Reusch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Reusch, 74 West Elizabeth Avenue, shown in bottom photo (upper

bunk) being ministered to by Nurse Victoria Pavlowski of Norrisport, Wis. Private Reusch who enlisted in the U. S. Army in July 1942, completed basic engineer training before transferring to the Paratroops at Fort Benning, Ga. in 1943. Since going overseas in March, 1944, he has seen action in many South Pacific Island invasions and in the fighting in New Guinea, East Indies and Philippines.

In a Hawaiian hospital at pres-

ent, Reusch suffered a severe ear infection and was operated upon in the front lines on Leyte. Here he contacted pneumonia and battle fatigue and was sent to hospitals on Leyte Island and Saipan.

Upper photo shows Flight Nurses Victoria Pavlowski, and Jo Nabors, Youngstown, Ohio, asleep on the floor and Flight Nurse Lorraine Benoit, New York asleep on a seat at right. Smiling soldier in lower bunk on photo with Reusch is unidentified.