SGT Kenneth L. Johnson

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Mrs. Anna Johnson, 200 Western avenue, has received word from her son, Pvt. Kenneth L. Johnson, telling of his honorable discharge at Amchitka in the Aleutians and of his immediate reenlistment in the regular army for three years. He is expected home on furlough soon.

Pfc. Kenneth L. Johnson is home on a 90-day re-enlistment furlough visiting his mother, Mrs. Anna Johnson, 200 Western avenue. Private Johnson, who been in service three and half years, has returned three and one-half months in the Aleutians, and is entitled to wear the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon, American theater ribbon, the victory medal, and the good conduct ribbon. At the completion of his furlough he will go to Europe.



Kenneth Lloyd Johnson, son of James Lewis Johnson and Ana Theresa (Dryer) Johnson was born July 6, 1923 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Kenneth served in the United States Army during World War II. He became the first Caucasian to join a black Army unit. During his service years, he island hopped setting up radio communication equipment. Kenneth was always an adventurer; an example of his courage was when he volunteered to try an experimental drug-Penicillin.

In February of 1951, in the town of Racine, Wisconsin, Kenneth was united in marriage to Carrie Lunsmann. To this union two daughters, Sandy and Patty were born.

Kenneth continued his love for electronics and communications by making it his life long career. He was very proud of the fact that he was a HAM radio operator over 65 years.

Kenneth departed this life at 1:43 A.M. Friday, March 18, 2005 at St. John's Breech Medical Center, Lebanon, Missouri at the age of 81 years, 8 months and 12 days.

Mr. Johnson is survived by two daughters: Sandy Hurley of Phoenix, Arizona and Patty Morgan and her husband, Marty of Dixon; one sister: Ion Johnson of Amarillo, Texas; six grandchildren; seven great grandchildren and several other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and three sisters.

