

Amateurs, Police Speed GI's Message to Mother

An amateur-police radio network reached halfway around the world Wednesday to tell Mrs. Anna K. Bill, of 4307 W. Eighth street, that her son, Marine Pfc. Gordon Leahy, 20, is safe but wounded in a Navy hospital in Japan.

Mrs. Bill knew that her son was fighting with the trapped First Marine Division in north-east Korea. She knew from a letter he had been wounded in the right arm and had suffered frozen feet and frozen legs.

Then Wednesday night a District Three patrolman came with a message from Gordon.

"Am safe in a hospital in Japan," it said. "Letter follows." It was signed "Gordon."

An amateur radio operator in Kokasuka, Japan, where Gordon is hospitalized, started the message on its way. A Pacific coast amateur, monitoring Japanese frequencies, received it.

The Pacific coast man tried to call Cincinnati or Ohio ama-

teurs, but when unable to reach them, transmitted the message to an amateur in Swarthmore, Pa.

The Swarthmore operator finally roused Robert C. Higgy, director of Ohio State University's station, WOSU. Mr. Higgy phoned the message to the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

The highway patrol station relayed it to KQA 387 (Station X) in Cincinnati, and it was telephoned to District Three, in which Mrs. Bill lives.

Mrs. Bill has two other sons, both wounded in World War II. Douglas Leahy, 26, of 2532 Alexandria pike, Ft. Thomas, was in the Marines and was wounded on Iwo Jima. Thomas Leahy, 24, of 3612 Montgomery road, was wounded in Germany, where he served in the Army.

None Hurt in Crash

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