

## Lieut. Richard McDowell Reported Missing In Action

Second Lieutenant Richard R. McDowell, son of Mrs. Bessie McDowell of 447 Beverly Road, Teaneck, missing in action over Roumania since June 24, had been stationed in Italy with the Fifteenth Air Force for but 3 weeks and was on his eighteenth mission as a bombardier on a Liberator when reported missing.

He began active service with the Army Air Force on Dec. 7, 1942, and received his bombardier's wing and commission at Midland (Tex.) Army Air Field in December, 1943. He was graduated from Teaneck High School with the class of '41 and had been senior class president, president of the student Council and a member of the Playcrafters. He attended New York University.

## Corp. Max Blochwitz

AT A 12TH AAF B-25 BASE—Corporal Max Blochwitz, 27, son of Mrs. Catherine Blochwitz, 304 Teaneck Road, Teaneck, N. J., is a sheet metal worker with a Twelfth Air Force B-25 Mitchell medium bombardment group—, which recently set a record of having flown 500 combat missions over enemy territory. This is the largest number flown by any group in the Mediterranean theatre of operations.

Corporal Blochwitz has served with his squadron in Africa, Sicily and other places of fierce battle with the enemy. He holds the European-Middle East-African ribbon along with three battle stars for his participation in the Tunisian, Sicilian and Italian campaigns.

As a civilian, he worked as a machinist with a machine shop at Paterson, N. J.

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## Ensign Wolpert Qualifies

Hutchinson, Kans.—Ensign Robert Louis Wolpert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. Wolpert, 114 Griggs Ave., Teaneck, N. J., has completed a refresher course at the Hetchinson Naval Air Station and is now qualified as a co-pilot of a Navy PB4Y Patrol Bomber.

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## James Bell Is Promoted

James Bell of 578 Catalpa Avenue, Teaneck, was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant on the day of his birthday, July, 23, it was learned this week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Bell, from a letter received from the Lieutenant who is stationed with the Army Engineers somewhere in Italy.

Lieutenant Bell entered the service with the 165 Field Artillery of the New Jersey National Guard the day war was declared in 1941, and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in February of 1943 after completing a prescribed course at Officer's Candidate School, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Shortly after, he left for overseas and was on active duty in North Africa before participating in the Italian campaign.

Bell is a graduate of Teaneck High School, class of 1939 and was employed by the American Fore Company in New York City before entering the armed forces.

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## Late Lt. Irwin Dobrow Given Posthumous Award

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England:—2d Lt. Irwin L. Dobrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dobrow, 17 West Englewood Avenue, Teaneck, New Jersey, has been awarded, posthumously, an Oak Leaf Cluster to his previously awarded Air Medal, while serving as bombardier of a Flying Fortress.

The citation accompanying the award reads: "For exceptionally meritorious achievement, while participating in sustained bomber combat operations over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this officer upon these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

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## Tremble Earns Cluster

Second Lieutenant Roland S. Tremble, 23, navigator on a B-24 Liberator bomber with the 15th Air Force in Italy, was awarded a third Oak Leaf Cluster in the words of his citation for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy.

Lieutenant Tremble, who enlisted in June of 1942, is stationed with a group commanded by Colonel Thomas W. Stead of Tennessee. Since entering the Italian campaign six months ago, he has participated in repeated aerial assaults against strategic targets in the network of German industrial centers throughout southern Europe.

He is the husband of Mary Jane Tremble of 572 Sunderland Road, West Englewood.

## Teaneck Bombardier Mentioned in Dispatch

A story from Headquarters of the 13th AAF in the Southwest Pacific received by the Teaneck Post this week reveals that Second Lieutenant John J. Costa of 865 Beach Street, Teaneck, bombardier gave his pilot Second Lieutenant Vernon G. Woodard, 3418 "A" Street, Southeast, Washington, D. C. first aid on a recent mission flight to Yap Island in the Carolines.

The item pays tribute also to Staff Sergeant Charles D. Burden of Detroit who is known around his squadron as "Pinch Hitter Burden", who assisted the co-pilot

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## Teaneck Air Hero Saves Crew With Daring Pilot Work

A trail of wreckage has been left by Flying Fortresses throughout Germany and northern France under the guidance of Captain Raymond W. Wild, 153 DeGraw Avenue, Teaneck, which has earned for the local pilot the Purple Heart, an extra Oak Leaf Cluster for his Air Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation.

Wild, who is at Atlantic City awaiting assignment, told of some of these raids in a statement this week.

"It was after we had dropped our bombs that we saw enemy tracer bullets sneaking by the nose of our ship," Captain Wild recalled.

"We were blinded by the sun and could not see the JU-88 that was firing on us. Both the bombardier and I were nicked by bullets from the Nazi guns. We were buffeted around by heavy winds, and with our hydraulic system shot out we went into a vertical dive, but I got the ship under control, and led the rest of the squadron back, because our lead plane had been knocked down."

Captain Wild brought his group into an emergency field because bad weather had closed in and they could not make it back to their home base.

When Captain Wild led his Wing he flew as the lead pilot, and as group leader, he served as Air Commander.

"Our raid on Schweinfurt was another tough one," the veteran pilot related. "We were hit by 580 German fighters that day, and we all were shot up pretty bad. My plane alone had more than 150 holes in it. We came back on three engines and again had to land at an auxiliary field."

Captain Wild's first combat mission took him over Frankfurt. Again his plane was shot up, and his radio man was wounded. It was on his eleventh raid that Captain Wild was hit.

The returned pilot was over Berlin five times, and also took part in the bombing raids on the robot installations on the Cherbourg Peninsula.

Captain Wild entered service in 1942, and at that time was serving as superintendent of parks in Teaneck. He is a graduate of Teaneck High School and played football, baseball and basketball there.

He won a football scholarship, and though he was never able to use it, he did play semi-professional ball for a time. He studied at Springfield, Mass., College, taking courses in park management and public recreation.

He makes his home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Wild of the Teaneck address. His father saw service in the Spanish-American and Mexican Border Wars and won his captaincy in World War I.

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