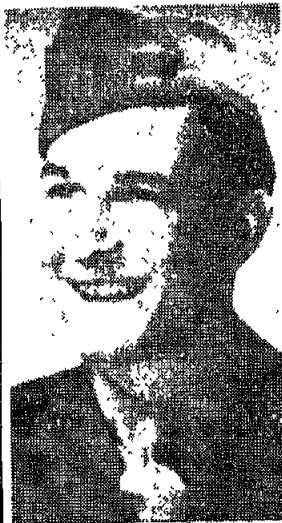


BACK FROM PACIFIC



Captain William Nicholas Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Rand Jones of Pomander Walk, Teaneck, has just returned from 2½ years duty in the South Pacific. Jones, a graduate of Berkshire Prep School, in Sheffield, Mass., entered the Marine Corps while a senior at Amherst College. A member of the First Marine Division he was at Guadalcanal in August 1942, New Guinea, Cape Gloucester in December 1943 and in September of this year took part of the invasion of Peleliu. After a 30 day leave at home he will report to Quantico, Va., for reassignment.

12-19-44

Lieut. Robert Semkin

Lieutenant Robert J. Semkin, son of Mrs. Semken and the late Harry Semkin of 68 Garden Street, West Englewood was graduated recently from the University at a communications officer in the Army Air Force and is continuing his studies at Boca Raton, Fla.

He is a graduate of Hackensack High School, class of 1939 and attended Pace Institute in New York City prior to entering the Army in November of 1942.

12-20-44

Teaneck Marines Promoted

Cherry Point, N. C. (undated) —Two Teaneck Marines have been promoted one rank at the Marine Corps Air Station here.

Staff Sergeant Ernest G. Lorenzen, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lorenzen, 601 Beverly Road, promoted from sergeant, is on duty in the assembly and repair department at this station. He was formerly employed by the Bendix Aviation Corporation in Philadelphia, Pa.

Private First Class James M. Pike, of 98 Cherry Lane, promoted from private, is on duty with the commissary department. He formerly managed a restaurant in New York City.

12-20-44

Simmons Now in Texas

BIG SPRING, TEXAS — Aviation Cadet William E. Simmons has just reported for duty at the Big Spring Bombardier School, of the AAF Training Command, it was announced by Colonel Ralph C. Rockwood, commanding officer of the school.

A/C Simmons is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Simmons, 118 Ayers Ct., Teaneck. After graduation from St. Peter's Prep. School in Jersey City, he attended New York Univ. in N. Y. City.

The Big Spring Bombardier School, one of the world's largest bombing colleges, graduates a new class of precision bombardiers every 4 weeks. The intensive 24 weeks course qualifies these airmen for their appointment as officers in the Army Air Forces. They also receive the shiny new wings of rated bombardiers.

Many hours of class room instruction in the use of the famous Norden bombsight, coupled with weeks of practice bombing over targets on the rolling West Texas range country, have fitted each graduate to become that important member of the crew upon whose ability and accuracy rests the success of each bombing mission. His performance in the many theatres of war has already earned him the title of that "hell from heaven" man.

12-19-44

Sgt. John W. Stein

Sergeant John W. Stein, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stein of 190 Park Avenue, Teaneck who has been in the Marine Corps 3 years and is a veteran of major battles on Guam and Bougainville. Entering the service shortly after graduation from Teaneck High School, he has been on overseas duty for the past year and a half.

Another brother, Edward, is serving as an instructor in the Marines at Quantico, Va.

12-20-44

Posthumous Award To Capt. Charles Barrie

WITH THE FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION ON LEYTE—Captain Charles J. Barrie, Jr., of Teaneck, New Jersey, has posthumously been awarded the Silver Star decoration for gallantry in action at Caidan on Leyte Island.

Son of Mr. Charles J. Barrie, Sr., 260 Queens Court, Teaneck Captain Barrie was awarded the medal by Major General Verno D. Mudge, commanding general of the First Cavalry Division.

The citation awarding the decoration reads: "While moving through chest deep swamps, the leading platoon of Captain Barrie's troop was suddenly fired on and pinned down by the enemy, located in a well concealed position on a hillside. Seeing the predicament of his troop, Captain Barrie, with total disregard for personal safety, moved forward to the position, and while under constant fire, organized and directed the fire of his weapons on the enemy position until he was killed.

"The courageous leadership displayed by Captain Barrie inspired his men and enabled them to destroy the enemy and permitted the advance of the squadron to its objective," the citation concludes.

12-20-44

Lieut. Lander Is Reported Missing

"A Flying Fortress, piloted by Lieutenant Marvin Lander of Teaneck, was shot down over Kaiserslautern, December 23 in a raid at the peak of the German offensive. Lander's plane was attacked by enemy fighters as it neared the target and his radio operated message the squadron leader that the craft was leaving the formation."

Thus reads the report from the Bomber Base in Europe containing information about First Lieutenant Lander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lander, 170 Sherman Avenue, Teaneck who is reported missing.

The report continues: "All crewmen are listed as missing in action except the navigator, who bailed out over friendly territory and now is recovering in a hospital. Some others of the crew were seen parachuting into Germany about 40 miles east of Luxembourg in the area southwest of Koblenz, Headquarters could not say if Lander landed among them. A bomber which crash landed a mile north of Wolfingen, Germany, has been identified as Lander's plane.

Lieutenant Lander, a graduate of Teaneck High School class of '41, entered service in March of 1943 and received his wings and commission at Columbus Army Air Field, Miss., in March of 1944. He went overseas last September and on December 4 was promoted to first lieutenant and then on December 21, two days before he was reported missing, was awarded the air medal.

Prior to entering service, Lander attended Ohio University. While at Teaneck, he was a member of the basketball team, and vice-president of the Chess Club.

12-20-44

Lt. Rose Castelli Now On Ledo Road

ALONG THE LEDO ROAD—Rose Edith Castelli, sister of Dr. Rudolph Castelli of 718 Palmer Ave., Teaneck, has been stationed overseas in India for the past sixteen months, according to information received recently from the India Burma Theater of Operations. A 1st Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps, Miss Castelli is assigned to a hospital unit located along the Ledo Road which U. S. Army Engineers are building from India through Burma toward China.

A graduate of the City Hospital School of Nursing, Miss Castelli was employed by the New York City Department of Hospitals before entering the Army. She went on active duty as a 2nd Lt. more than 27 months ago. After being inducted in New York City, she was sent to Camp Claiborne, La.

Miss Castelli and other nurses stationed in the same area along the Ledo Road are doing their jobs well under trying conditions. Their tasks are made doubly difficult by the monsoon rains which pour down for more than six months out of the year, and by the heat, mud, and malaria mosquitoes. Their living quarters are crude bamboo bashes at the edge of the jungle, without luxuries and without most of the conveniences of civilization. Despite all this, the care which sick and wounded American and Chinese soldiers receive in the hospital is among the best that the Army has to offer.

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