

GATHERED AT CORNER DRUG STORE IN LONDON



These U. S. service men gather for a chinfest about their home state of New Jersey—and an ice cream soda or two at the American Red Cross Rainbow Corner drug store in London with Irving Abramson, president of the New Jersey Industrial Union Council, C. I. O., and chairman of the National C. I. O. War Relief Committee. Abramson was in England recently to inspect relief and recreation projects financed by C. I. O. The soldiers shown with him are, left to right: Corporal William Herbert, of East Orange; Private Robert Walsh, Teaneck; Private First Class Ernest Johnson, New Brunswick; Private First Class Milton Reid, Wallington; Private First Class Al Kosobucki, New Brunswick; Sergeant Jack Henderson, Camden; Sergeant Walter Lucas, Trenton; Private First Class Frank Gignas, Jersey City; Sergeant David Epstein, Englewood; Corporal Isaac Gordon, Elizabeth; and Sergeant William Bayoso, Passaic.

1-17-45

Pvt. Naprstek Receives Combat Badge In Pacific

Pfc George C. Naprstek, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Naprstek of 671 Pomander Walk, Teaneck, received a Combat Infantryman Badge for passing tests demanding physical stamina and technical knowledge of weapons. He is stationed somewhere in the Central Pacific area.

1-18-45

S-Sgt. Arthur Ridley

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER STATION, ENGLAND

—The Good Conduct Medal has been awarded to Staff Sergeant Arthur P. Ridley of Teaneck, N. J. The award was presented to S-Sgt. Ridley for demonstrating faithful and exact performance of duty upon recommendation of his commanding officer.

The Teaneck soldier, a crew-chief for the 361st Fighter Group, has charge of the maintenance and repair work on one of the P-51 Mustang fighters.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenlock Ridley of 83 Forest Ave., Teaneck.

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Moich Given Preflight

SAN ANTONIO AVIATION CADET CENTER, TEX.—At the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, potential pilots, bombardiers and navigators are receiving preflight training to prepare them for aerial instruction and duties as aircrew members in the Army Air Forces.

Cadets in the present class from New Jersey include Danny Michael Moich, 186 Copley Avenue, Teaneck.

The future fliers are subjected to a rigorous 10-week program of instruction covering physical, academic and military training. At the Cadet Center, a unit of the AAF Training Command, they study maps and charts, aircraft identification, small arms and other subjects while being conditioned physically for the long training period ahead. Bombardiers, navigators and pilots receive the first five weeks of preflight instruction as a group, then are separated for specialized training.

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Lt. Alfred Anderson

15TH AAF N ITALY—Alfred R. Anderson, 20, 54 Golf Court, Teaneck, N. J., co-pilot of a 15th AAF B-24 Liberator, has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant.

Lieutenant Anderson is a member of a veteran Liberator group. The group has participated in more than 165 combat missions in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

Lieutenant Anderson holds the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activity against the enemy."

Lieutenant Anderson was graduated from Teaneck high school in June, 1943. He entered the army on Nov. 27, 1942. Lieutenant Anderson received his flight training at Spence Field, Ga., where he was commissioned a second lieutenant in March, 1944.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson, live at the Teaneck address.

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Vadillo Naval Airman

Ensign Joseph Vadillo, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erstace Vadillo of 554 Cumberland Avenue, Teaneck, was designated a Naval aviator at the Naval Air Training Bases, Pensacola, Fla. He is expected home on leave this week.

He is a graduate of Teaneck High School and Montclair Academy, where he was a member of the hockey team. Before entering service in April, 1943, he attended Stevens Institute of Technology, where he was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity.

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Posthumous Award of DFC Silver Star to Capt. Barrie

Posthumous award of the Silver Star has been approved for Captain Charles Barrie Jr., whose parents live at 260 Queens Court, Teaneck.

The citation said Captain Barrie, when his troops were pinned by concealed enemy fire, moved forward directing their attack until he himself was killed. His courageous leadership, said the citation, inspired the troops in their successful attack.

He was a Teaneck High School graduate, class of 1935, and attended the Packard School and Muhlenburg College. Prior to entering the service he was associated with the Ryerson Steel Company in Jersey City.

An excellent horseman, he rode in a great many horse shows in and around Bergen County and held several trophies. He also played polo with Essex Troop in East Orange.

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