

HEROISM AWARD GOES TO MORRIS

Teaneck Soldier Cited With Silver Star

Technician Fifth Grade Charles J. Morris of Teaneck, on duty with the Army somewhere in the far Pacific war zone has been decorated with the Silver Star for heroism, the War Department announced today.

The 25-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Morris of 541 Cumberland Avenue, is serving with the Field Artillery.

Official announcement of his decoration carried no details of the act which brought him the award. He has been with the Army since November 3 when he volunteered months ahead of his number.

Before that he assisted his father in promotions at Palisades Amusement Park and instructed swimming classes at the Hackensack Y. M. C. A. He himself excelled at long distance swimming and won several medals to show for it.

Morris said he received a letter from his son Saturday but the letter indicated no news of the action not of the award.

"The news makes me pretty happy," said his father, "and his mother is very happy too."

Morris was in ranks of the first American Army regiment to arrive at New Caledonia.

2-1-43

Report Teaneck Cadet As Missing In Action

With his ship almost two months overdue the Navy Department has reported Navigation Cadet **Philly George Branigan** of Teaneck as missing in action and presumably lost, in a telegram to his mother Mrs. Anthony Indelicato of 1160 Dorraine Avenue, Teaneck.

He was on his first ship since his graduation from the Great Neck (N. Y.) Merchant Marine Academy October 27. The unidentified 10,000-ton new type Liberty freighter left New York Harbor November 17, arrived safely at Halifax, proceeded to St. John's in New Brunswick, and then left for Belfast, Ireland. Last heard from this ship was November 29.

Cadet Branigan is the nephew of Mayor Martin Ferber of River Edge.

Navy Department and the Maritime Commission do not know if the ship was torpedoed.

2-1-43

Dedan To Be Commissioned

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

State College, Miss., Feb. 1—Charles S. Dedan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Dedan of 87 Shepherd Avenue, West Englewood, N. J., will be commissioned a second lieutenant and transportation officer upon graduation Wednesday from the Army's Administration Officer Candidate School on the campus of Mississippi State College.

2-1-43

Win Commissions

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Camp Davis, N. C., Feb. 2—Corporal Stanley Pachman of Teaneck, N. J., and Staff Sergeant John Nicholas Corff of Palisades Park, have been graduated here with commissions as second lieutenants from the Anti-Aircraft Artillery School of the Officer Candidate Division. Pachman is the son of Mrs. B. Pachman of 210 Carlton Terrace. Corff's mother, Mrs. Louise Corff, lives at 89 West Harwood Terrace.

2-2-43

Rates As Pharmacist's Mate

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Newport, R. I., Feb. 2—Third-Class Petty Officer Charles W. Rose, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Harry Rose of Maitland Avenue, West Englewood, N. J., has been promoted here at this Naval Training Station to rating of pharmacist's mate third class.

2-2-43

Enter Schools

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Great Lakes, Ill., Feb. 2—Kenneth B. Burtis, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Burtis of 123 Grand Avenue, Englewood, and Frank Alexander Fernandez, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Fernandez of 819 Crestview Place, Teaneck, have enrolled here at one of the Navy's Service Schools to qualify as third class petty officers. Burtis is in a school for fire controlmen.

2-2-43

Trains With Engineers

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Camp Phillips, Kans., Feb. 2—Private John F. Powers of 398 Queens Court, Teaneck, N. J., is in training with combat engineers at this Army post.

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Berk Made Sergeant

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

New York, Feb. 3—Corporal Gerald Berk, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Berk of 507 Forest Avenue, Teaneck, N. J., on duty here in the photographic division of the Army Air Force, has been promoted to staff sergeant. His father is president of Masterbilt Manufacturing Company of Hackensack. His wife is the former Miss Rita Scharf of Manhattan, a Harry Conover model whom he married last December 20.

Wahl To Be Bombardier

Big Spring, Tex., Feb. 3—Aviation Cadet Russell F. Wahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Wahl of 76 West Forest Avenue, West Englewood, N. J., is in training here as a bombardier at this Army Air Force Bombardier School. He is a 1939 Teaneck High School graduate and worked for the Western Electric Company in Kearny.

2-3-43

Ranges Commissioned As Flight Officer

Word was received here today that Robert Ranges, son of District Clerk John Ranges of Alicia Avenue, West Englewood, has been commissioned as a flight officer in the Fourteenth Battalion, Troop Carrier Transport Division, Dalhart, Texas. Ranges entered the service in November, 1941.

2-3-43

Kraft, West Englewood, Is Training In Alabama

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 3—Second Lieutenant Frank A. Kraft of 1299 Dickenson Road, West Englewood, N. J., is enrolled as a student officer here at the Army Air Force Pre-Flight School for Pilots at Maxwell Field.

Kraft studied at Columbia University, taking music school extension courses. He was on the high school track team, receiving varsity and school letters, also some medals for his outstanding participation. He entered the Army September 12.

Prior to his entry into service, he was engaged as a musician and assistant dress buyer.

2-3-43

Gaston First Lieutenant

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 3—Second Lieutenant Edward A. Gaston, 25, of 324 Hickory Street, Teaneck, N. J., on duty here with the Field Artillery, has been promoted to first lieutenant.

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Cadet Ed. Benzenberg

Aviation Cadet K. Edward Benzenberg of West Englewood, is now at the Naval Aviation Pre-Flight Training School on the University of North Carolina campus at Chapel Hill, according to announcement by the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board of the Third Naval District.

Benzenberg's home is at 1162 Julia Street. He is a 1938 graduate of Teaneck High School.

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Now Lieut. Ranges

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2-4-43

Pachman Commissioned

Corporal Stanley Pachman, son of Mrs. B. Pachman of 210 Carlton Terrace, has been graduated with a commission as second lieutenant from the Anti-Aircraft Artillery School of the Officer Candidate Division, at Camp Davis, N. C.

Charles Rose Promoted

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Now Corporal Fader

Promotion of Sigmund A. Fader, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Fader, 102 Genesee, Teaneck, N. J., to the rank of corporal was announced this week at the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School at Tyndall Field.

The newly promoted man is in one of the squadrons stationed at the field to handle the administrative and technical work connected with training young Americans to become aerial gunners.

Emma Smithers WAVE

Emma Florence Smithers, 24, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank F. Smithers, 37 Bedford Avenue, Teaneck, New Jersey, has completed a five-week indoctrination course at the Naval Training School for WAVES on the campus of Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls. She now awaits assignment to a specialized school where she will learn a navy trade so that she may relieve a man for sea duty.

Here apprentice seamen of the Women's Reserve receive medical examinations, are outfitted in uniforms, undergo physical training, attend classes to learn Naval customs, traditions and procedure, and take tests to determine the type of work they will do in the Navy.

Fahn Completes Training

Eli Fahn, 26, 1180 Magnolia Rd., West Englewood, N. J., has completed training in the Medical Administrative Corps Officer Candidate School and received a commission as second lieutenant.

Lt. Fahn attended the University of Michigan and is a graduate of C. C. N. Y. and received his Master's Degree at the New

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Johnson In Texas

First Lieutenant Arnold R. (Skid) Johnson, of Teaneck, ace Flying Fortress pilot recently returned from the southwest Pacific war area, has arrived at the Army Air Force base at Pyote, Tex., on new assignment from the Pocatello, Idaho, air base.

At Pocatello he assisted in instruction of bomber pilots. Johnson has an official bag of 10 Jay planes in the Solomon Island-New Britain sector. His extended leave ended at the turn of the year and he was ordered to Pocatello.

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