

CITY MERCHANTS PLAN PROGRAM FOR NAVY DAY

**Cadet Brewster, Lost
Last June, Honored;
Committees Chosen**

WILL PUSH BONDS

Hackensack merchants will celebrate Navy Day October 27 with a program including War Bond promotion, a luncheon, and a patriotic demonstration at night. Preparations for the celebration are being completed this week by members of the Retailers for Victory campaign committee of the Hackensack Chamber of Commerce in co-operation with the War Service Committee of Hackensack Lodge 658, B. P. O. Elks.

The day has also been designated as John Paulsen Brewster Day by the Chamber of Commerce, in honor of a local man who gave his life in the service of his country. John Brewster was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Fred Brewster of 274 Sherman Avenue, Teaneck. His father is owner of the C. Fred Brewster Company of 408 Main Street, Hackensack, gas and electrical appliance house.

Brewster, 23-year-old engineering cadet with the Merchant Marine, was reported missing in action in June by the Navy Department. He enlisted in the maritime service and was called to sea last January 20. The youth was graduated from Teaneck High School and from Mount Hermon Preparatory School. He attended New York University and studied engineering before his enlistment.

LUNCHEON ON PROGRAM

He was a native of Ridgefield Park where his family lived until 15 years ago when they moved to Teaneck. A brother, Lieutenant O. Fred Brewster Jr., is believed to be with an infantry regiment in Hawaii.

All stores co-operating with the Retailers for Victory have promised to redouble their efforts to sell War Bonds and Stamps that day.

A luncheon honoring Cadet Brewster, arranged by a special committee of the Chamber headed by Herman Grossman, will be held at 12:15 P. M. in the Elks Club, on Union Street. John Borg, publisher of the Bergen Evening Record and a Commissioner of the Port of New York Authority, has been invited as local guest speaker and an officer of the United States Navy will also speak. Charles Gaige will play the organ and Paul M. Oamada, Deputy State Administrator of the Treasury's War Savings Staff, is expected to bring the Coast Guard quartet to Hackensack for the occasion. Members of the local unit of the Sea Scouts have also been asked to participate.

10-12-42

BEGINS BASIC TRAINING

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)
Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., Oct. 15—Private Victor Daniel Abruzzo, son of Mrs. Dolores Abruzzo of 157 Park Avenue, Teaneck, N. J., has begun basic training in Army finance at this Finance Replacement Training Center. Before his induction he worked for Pogson, Pellubet and Company, certified public accountants, in New York City.

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TO BE HONORED



John Paulsen Brewster (above) will be honored by the Hackensack Chamber of Commerce and the local B. P. O. Elks October 27 as the City celebrates Navy Day. Brewster, a cadet with the Merchant Marine, was reported killed in action in June. He was 23.

Oct. 12-42

SON OF TEANECK DISTRICT CLERK RECEIVES WINGS

**Ranges Becomes Staff
Sergeant in Army
Air Forces**

IN ARMY 11 MONTHS

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)
Dothan, Ala., Oct. 12—Robert P. Ranges, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ranges of 1285 Alicia Avenue, West Englewood, N. J., has received silver wings as a pilot in the Army Air Forces and a warrant as staff sergeant. His father is the clerk of the Teaneck Board of Education.

In an impressive ceremony here at Napier Field, the enlisted flying students received their warrants as Staff Sergeants and later marched in formation, along with American and British Cadets, to the Post Chapel, where the major services were held. Here they received their wings and the diplomas of the Advanced Flying School.

Ranges, a graduate of Teaneck High School, was employed as a Laboratory worker by the Ardyce Corporation in Fair Lawn, N. J. before he entered the armed service on November 3, 1941. Accepted for aviation flight training last January, he has completed the primary training at the Mississippi Institute of Aeronautics in Jackson, Miss., and the basic training at the Greenville (Miss.) Army Flying School.

10-12-42

WINS HIS WINGS



SERGEANT ROBERT P. RANGES

Dr. Prandoni Is Made Medical Corps Captain

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)
Washington, Oct. 16—Dr. Andrew G. Prandoni of 1290 The Strand, West Englewood, N. J., has been commissioned a captain in the Army Medical Corps and is on station here at Walter Reed Hospital. A graduate of Fordham University in 1934 and of Long Island College of Medicine 4 years later, he interned at St. Mary's Hospital in Hoboken and served as assistant resident at Hudson County Tuberculosis Hospital, chief resident at Columbia University Division of Welfare Hospital in New York City and has been research fellow in Internal Medicine at Post Graduate Hospital in New York City. Most recently he had been assistant physician at Post Graduate.

In December 1941, Prandoni married the former Miss Florence Hardisty of Baltimore and New York. She has taken up residence here with her husband.

10-15-42

Teaneck Pilot Wins Battle In Clouds, Blows Up Bridge

**Lieut. Johnson's Flying Fortress Bags Two Jap
Zeroes Amid Sky Full Of Whirling Planes**

First Lieutenant Arnold R. (Skid) Johnson of Teaneck is notching a name for himself as one of the most daring Army fighter pilots whirling Flying Fortresses over South Pacific areas.

GARFIELD FLIER IN RAID

Today comes word by way of new association teletype that this red-head dived and dived from the gunfire of three Zero fighters over New Guinea, played hide and seek in the clouds with the Japs for half an hour and then manouvered the Fortress so its crew shot down two of the Zeroes and eluded the third over Rabaul in New Guinea.

Johnson's solo rush over Rabaul hours after Fortresses had swept away was described by Carmichael as one of the most daring feats performed in the raid.

Earlier this year Johnson was decorated with the Order of the Purple Heart and commissioned as first lieutenant.

In the great Coral Sea naval and air engagement, Johnson slid his plane toward a Jap seaplane 100 miles offshore and brought down a Jap fighter in a burst of flame. The Jap bailed out and was drowned.

Johnson's navigator described the battle this way:

"The sky seemed full of planes—whirling, diving, fighting. It was an awesome sight. I wouldn't have missed it for anything. A blast from our turret gunner got the Jap's rear gunner who slumped forward while the plane burst into flames."

Then the pilot bailed out. For this assignment, Johnson got the Purple Heart and about the same time, his promotion. Some time before this, Johnson's plane smashed a Jap submarine in a geyser of steel and water.

On February 27 he wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nels A. Johnson of 572 Knollwood Place, Teaneck, that his bombardiers had destroyed the sub but that is, all he wrote.

The 27-year-old former Teaneck High School football player and student at Bergen College sprouted wings at the old Teterboro Airfield in Bendix.

He enlisted in the Army Air Forces on Lincoln's Birthday 2½ years ago. His father is a Teaneck fireman.

When his parents heard of his latest joust with the Jap, it was the first they knew he was at a New Guinea base.

About his exploit they said in one voice, "That's great."

This redhead is one of the first graduated from the Teaneck High School flying course. He was a student seven years ago when students used a glider instead of their present light plane.



T. ARNOLD R. (SKID) JOHNSON

10-12-42

Amrheim Commissioned

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Chandler, Ariz., Oct. 16—Bombardier Cadet John Amrheim of 505 Queen Anne Road, Teaneck, N. J., has completed the Army Air Forces Advanced Flying School training here at William Field and received his silver wings and commission as second lieutenant at ceremonies last Saturday.

10-16-42

Young Guthrie Joins Army Air Forces

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Yaphank, N. Y., Oct. 16—William E. Guthrie Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Guthrie of 201 Selva Avenue, Teaneck, N. J., joined the Army Air Forces today and left for a 3-day stay here at Camp Upton. Then he will be shifted to San Antonio, Texas, for training. He is a graduate of Teaneck High School, class of 1940, and attended Bergen College.

He was employed at Eclipse Aviation, Bendix, prior to entering the Army. His father is a former County Commander of the American Legion, and clerk of the First District Criminal Court.

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