

SHOEMAKER SAVES PILE OF RUBBER

It's His Contribution, Saved Since
December

Joseph Zitelli, West Englewood shoemaker, has saved more than 300 pounds of rubber since December, when the rubber shortage was made known. "I don't want money for this rubber. I just want to help all I can," Zitelli says. "The government needs help and I'll give all I can."

With his only son in the Army Air Corps, Zitelli, though born in Italy, proudly claims, "I am an American, and I don't care about Italy, Germany, or any other country."

His son, Paul Zitelli is doing overseas duty, and left for the Air Corps before completing a dental course. He is a graduate of Teaneck High School and New York University. He attended Bergen College.

Zitelli has had his shoemaker shop at 176 West Englewood Avenue, West Englewood, since 1914 and has been a resident of Bergen County since he came to America in 1905. He has five daughters and one son. His brother, Samuel, of Bergenfield, is also a shoemaker, and has saved rubber. The entire amount saved is from old heels and scraps.

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Livingston Commissioned As Army Lieutenant

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Camp Davis, N. C., July 26—First Sergeant Philip R. Livingston of West Englewood, N. J., has been commissioned a second lieutenant here upon graduation from the Anti-Aircraft Artillery School of the Officer Candidate Division. His home is at 327 Matland Avenue. Before he entered the service, Livingston was assistant traffic manager for J. T. Ryerson & Sons, Inc.

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32 BERGEN MEN WIN HONORS AS AIR MECHANICS

Five From Bergenfield
In Graduating Class
At Biloxi, Miss.

19 TOWNS INCLUDED

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Biloxi, Miss., July 28—One hundred and six highly trained airplane mechanics, 32 of them from Bergen County, who came here to Keesler Field from New Jersey, were graduated yesterday from the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command School.

Greatest contingent of five mechanics was from Bergenfield, Garfield, Oakland, and Rutherford, each with three, and Cliffside Park, Edgewater, and Englewood, each with two, were among the 19 Bergen communities represented in the class. Local men are:

TEANECK, Donald M. Stuart, 334 Red Road.

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4 BERGEN MEN WILL STUDY ON

Assigned To Specializa-
tion In Navy

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Newport, R. I., July 30—Four Bergen County, N. J., recruits at this Naval Training Station have completed basic training and have been assigned for specialized study at other Navy schools.

Each received instructions here in general seamanship, drills, and calisthenics to prepare him for duty at sea or ashore. Selection for study was made on the basis of aptitude tests. Local men are:

TEANECK, John Charles Bostrom, 17, of 368 Beach Street, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bostrom.

Bostrom attended high school a year and a half and left to join the Navy. Sellarole attended Hackensack High School and also left to join the Navy.

They will learn to take charge of a gun and gun's crew, assemble and disassemble guns of large and small calibre; become acquainted with all tools in gunnery and the standard markings of ammunition; hoist and handle ammunitions; and know all safety precautions involved in gunnery.

Smith will learn to align and assemble aircraft and aircraft engines; make adjustments and repairs to engines, engine parts, rigging and fabric; overhaul and adjust airplane engine accessories; operate, adjust, and overhaul internal combustion engines of the various types used in aircraft; splice aircraft wiring.

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Flier Missing In Philippines Hiding There, Mother's Sure

Mrs. Colpitts Says Walter Left Bataan With MacArthur, Now Is Safe On Sparsely Settled Island

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Colpitts of 283 Warwick Avenue, West Englewood, received word this week from the War Department that their 25-year-old son, First Lieutenant **Walter Colpitts II** of the Army Air Forces, is reported missing in action in the Philippines.

But Mrs. Colpitts is convinced that Walter is neither dead nor a prisoner of the Japanese, she said this morning. She has reason to believe, she explained, that he escaped from Bataan with General Douglas MacArthur in March, accompanied him part way on the trip to Australia, and now is hiding away in the dense foliage of some lesser-populated island in the Philippine group, possibly Mindanao.

MESSAGE FROM CEBU

The family has heard but twice from Walter since hostilities started. He telephoned reassuringly from Manila December 30, the day before that city fell into the hands of the invader. A radiogram from the Island of Cebu with a request for a

reply was received a day before General MacArthur made his trip.

It is possible, his mother stated, that the flier was evacuated with General MacArthur and accompanied him part of the way on the trip. She sent a reply to the radiogram and the telegraph company since has told her that its delivery was likely.

Colpitts enlisted in the Air Corps in July, 1939, and received his commission in March, 1940. In November of that year he was transferred to the Philippines. He was born in New York City and attended Teaneck schools. A student in economics and business administration, he was graduated from Rutgers University in 1938. While at college he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

FATHER IN WASHINGTON

His father is now in Washington as assistant director of the Office of Defense Transportation in charge of the co-ordination of railway and truck movements. He was first chairman of the Citizens School League of Teaneck when that organization was functioning in the early years of the 1930's.

Mrs. Colpitts said she frequently throws her home open to service men as a place to stay while on leave. Two Army men, stationed in Newark, left today after a visit of several days.

"I think I get more pleasure out of it than do the soldiers", she said.

Despite this activity she finds time to care for her four other children who are living at home. Mary, the oldest daughter, is now studying in the Hackensack Hospital Nurses School following her graduation from the College of William and Mary. Elizabeth Ann is in her junior year at that college and Grace, the youngest girl, was graduated this year from Teaneck High School. Robert, baby of the family, is in his eleventh year in school.

MISSING IN ACTION



First Lieutenant **Walter W. Colpitts II** (above) of the Army Air Forces who was reported missing in action in the Philippines. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Colpitts of 283 Warwick Avenue, West Englewood. His parents believe he is in hiding.

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