

## SECOND BROTHER GOES INTO NAVY

### Kilmurray Graduated To Join Hero Kin

The second of the three Kilmurray boys of Teaneck has passed boot training at the Sampson, N. Y., Naval Training Station, and the third is itching to join his brother bluejackets just as soon as can be.

This 19-year-old graduate of Sampson's School of the Recruit is Seaman Second Class Eugene J. Kilmurray of 1290 Beaumont Avenue, now enrolled in a 16-week course for radiomen, a brother of Second Class Petty Officer Joseph J. Kilmurray, 21-year-old gunner on the once badly smashed heavy cruiser U. S. S. San Francisco.

The lad who wants to join his brothers is Robert Kilmurray, 17 years old and a junior at Teaneck High School.

Petty Officer Kilmurray was a member of the only gun turret still blazing away at Jap ships the night of November 12-13. When the smoke of the battle lifted in the Solomons, the San Francisco limped away from one of the greatest sea battles of all time, a badly wounded but proud flagship of victorious American sea forces that sped in lanes between three lines of Jap warships to thwart a probable landing operation on Guadalcanal.

#### WANTS TO JOIN NAVY

In this battle, Rear Admiral Daniel J. Callahan was killed 3 minutes after his shouted orders that his fleet get the big ones first in one of the most unusual and daring strategies in history.

The flagship sank two Jap warships and watched a third sinking as it steamed away from the battle, most of her own officers lying killed on the bridge.

A month after this battle, the ship steamed into San Francisco Bay for repairs, and Kilmurray and the crew were given leave. The Teaneck tar returned home on a 15-day pass.

When he left home, he had all he could do to dissuade his brother, Robert, from joining the Merchant Marine.

"Tell Pop," he wrote his mother, Mrs. Joseph F. Kilmurray "to square off Bob as to the idea of quitting school and joining the Merchant Marine. He'll probably get into it without quitting school."

Kilmurray probably squared off his son for now, Robert is determined to finish school, forget about the Merchant Marine, and join the Navy instead.

#### FATHER HELPS

He wants to do this in July. He has his father's support. Mrs. Kilmurray wants to delay this enlistment until November.

Robert said, "Guess she wants to keep me home long as possible."

And with him as with the other boys the war is serious business. The San Francisco veteran wrote home, as the ship steamed out to the war zone again, "All that playing around and having a good time is all over with."

In another 4 weeks Seaman Kilmurray may be graduated at Sampson as a petty officer and radioman for active sea duty.

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#### J. R. Mick Promoted

John R. Mick, 21, of 310 Fabry Terrace, Teaneck, has been promoted to a corporal at Topeka Army Air Base, Topeka, Kas.

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Four days before this some miles away, the other Bergen County reunion already had taken place among Seaman Second Class William B. Heckman, of Bogota; Seaman Second Class Jack McKim of Teaneck; and Seaman First Class Donald Mountain of Maywood. The day was Heckman's twenty-second birthday. Last time the boys had been together was just a year before this at a house party.

The sailors had a whale of a time before they entered boot training and then orders split them. Day of their meeting, two of these three Construction (Seabee) Battalion sailors already were based on the island. Heckman and McKim were these two. Orders took Mountain there and the three had their party in a dramatic meeting. Each of the boys is 22 years old.

In Bogota High School the boys took leading parts in the drama. Besides this, Heckman excelled at football, and McKim at baseball.

Heckman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Heckman of 252 Eastview Place, Bogota. McKim lives on Hickory Avenue, Teaneck, and Mountain on Garden Street, Maywood.

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## BOYLE IN RAID

### Teaneck Resident Joins In Attack Over France

Lieutenant Joseph E. Boyle of Standish Road, Teaneck, participated in an American Air Forces attack over France yesterday, the Associated Press reported, but he saw none of the action which previously won for him a citation for heroism.

Members of his crew said they encountered practically no opposition from the Germans.

"I don't think it was sporting today at all," Boyle said with a laugh.

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## 4 BERGEN MEN ASSIGNED

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

New York, Mar. 15—Marine Corps Recruiting Headquarters here at 299 Broadway announced today assignment to training of four Bergen County enlisted men. They are Merrill Tucker of 61 Franklin Road, West Englewood; Frank Guerra Jr. of 128 East Main Street, Bergenfield; Harold Varney of Pleasant Street, Haworth; and Victor Bruno of 340 New Milford Avenue, Dumont.

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## Roth Is Promoted

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

New York, Mar. 15—U. S. Fifth Army headquarters announced today promotion of Second Lieutenant David J. Roth of West Englewood, N. J., to rank of first lieutenant. He is an officer in an infantry regiment which went ashore in North Africa with American units in the November 8 operation. Roth's wife lives at 118 West Forest Avenue, West Englewood. His mother, Mrs. Nina E. Roth, lives at 5455 Delmar Boulevard, St. Louis, Mo.

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## Hackensack, Teaneck Boys Are Air Force Instructors

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

San Marcos, Tex., Mar. 15 (AP)—Second Lieutenants Joseph Kwamnik Jr. of Hackensack, N. J., and Robert E. DeWitt of Teaneck, both pilots in the Army Air Force, have arrived here for duty with the A. A. F. Navigation School.

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## Teaneck Flier Is Prisoner Of Japanese

First Lieutenant Walter W. Colpitts, 26, of 283 Warwick Avenue, West Englewood, is a prisoner of war of the Japanese in the Philippines.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Colpitts, received this wired advice over the week-end from Army headquarters in Washington with a promise that details would follow in a letter.

In late July the name of the flier appeared on Army casualty lists. He was reported missing in action.

Information that he is a prisoner first had to clear through the Geneva Conference and was slow in moving.

Colpitts was in charge of plane movement of the Army Air Force from Nichols Field near Manila in the Philippines when Pearl Harbor was bombed Dec. 7, 1941. He served the A. A. F. as dispatching point officer.

The day Manila fell, Colpitts phoned his parents from his air base and just a year ago on March 16 he advised them he was then based on Cebu, one of the Philippines.

When Mrs. Colpitts received notice from the War Department last summer her son was then among the missing, she refused to believe he had been killed or was a prisoner.

She thought he escaped from Bataan with General MacArthur and accompanied him part of the way to Australia and to seek refuge on one of the lesser-populated islands fringing the Philippines.

Colpitts enlisted in the A. A. F. in July, 1939, and was commissioned the next March. That November he was sent to the Philippines. He is a 1938 Rutgers graduate. His father is assistant director of the Office of Defense Transportation in charge of co-ordinating truck and railway movement.

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## Completes Training Phase

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Montgomery, Ala., Mar. 15—Aviation Cadet John Eric Johannessen of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johannessen of 20 Franklin Road, West Englewood, N. J., has completed the second phase of his Army Air Force flight training here at Gunter Field. He has been in training since June 19 and before his arrival here took courses at Orangeburg, S. C.

## Go To Advanced School

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Pecos, Tex., Mar. 15—Aviation Cadets Thomas J. Tilson, of Teaneck, N. J., and Alfred A. Vesikian of Cliffside Park, have been graduated here from a basic flying school of the Army Air Force and have

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## Larsson Promoted

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Gulftport, Miss., Mar. 15—Corporal Ernest George Larsson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Larsson of 490 Beverly Road, Teaneck, N. J., has been promoted here at this Army Air Force base to rank of sergeant. He is an instructor with the A. A. F. ground forces mechanics school. Larsson is a graduate of Teaneck High School and before entering the service was club champion at the Phelps Manor (Teaneck) Golf Club.

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## Bergen Boys Study Mechanics In Texas

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Amarillo, Tex., Mar. 15—Kenneth Kaye, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kaye of 36 Niehaus Avenue, Little Ferry, N. J., has completed studies here as aviation mechanic in the Army Air Force Technical Training Command school. Four other Bergen County men have been enrolled in the course. They are as follows:

TEANECK—Dominick Castelluccio, son of Mrs. Anna Castelluccio of 287 Queen Anne Road; and Thomas Gillick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Alboth of 1125 Cooper Avenue.

WEST ENGLEWOOD—Howard George Greaves, son of H. J. Greaves of 126 Ayers Court.

Each of these men will spend several months at this mechanics' school and upon graduation will be assigned to an Air Force base to tend flying fortresses.

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Second Lieutenant Norman J. Orbe of 167 Norma Road, Teaneck, an instructor in field artillery at the Fort Bragg, N. C. Army base, has been promoted to first lieutenant.

His wife, the former Miss Marjorie Jane Adair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Adair, also of Teaneck, is making her home at nearby Fayetteville.

Orbe enlisted February, last year and after a period of training at Fort Dix, was sent to the Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Okla., where he qualified as a second lieutenant. Since last September he has been at the Fort Bragg reservation.

He is 27 years old and a Princeton University graduate. He was a member of the Cannon Club at Princeton.

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## Two Naval Recruits

Two Teaneck men are being trained for duty with America's sea forces at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. The Teaneck recruits are: Hugh J. Fagan, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Fagan, 291 Carlton Terrace; and William L. Gibbs, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bradford C. Gibbs, 827 VanBuren Avenue. They will receive 12 weeks of instruction in the fundamentals of seamanship, Naval customs and procedure, and physical hardening upon the completion of which they will be given a nine-day leave.

An important feature of their program will be a series of tests and a personal interview to determine the type of work which they will be assigned upon completing "boot" training. This may result in their assignment to one of the Navy's 51 trade schools for special training or direct assignment to duty at sea or ashore.

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