

VETERANS GIVEN FREE GUIDANCE

Booklet Made Available Telling Benefits

Distribution of booklets outlining services of the Teaneck Veterans Service Committee began today when they were delivered to the Teaneck Draft Board offices by the printer.

Each returning veteran will be given one of the booklet. It has been the experience of many service men that they did not know their own needs immediately upon release from service. It was for this reason that State and Federal laws were recently enacted extending the time within which a veteran may apply for benefits. The time limit on State loans also has been extended from three to six years.

Believing that veterans were besieged with all manner of printed matter while in service, the booklet has been made as concise as possible. It consists of 8 pages, 4 by 6 inches, explaining the purpose of the Committee, procedure to be followed in applying for benefits, and the 14 subdivisions with names of the chairmen of each.

Any former service man or woman, now residing in Teaneck, whether registered from the local board or not, may have a copy by writing to Selective Service Board No. 6, 717 Cedar Lane, Teaneck.

8-3-45

Kraetsch Directed Bridge Construction

Under intense enemy fire last February 23, Lieutenant Kraetsch led his squadron of fighting Army engineers to reconnoiter a site for a trestle bridge across a river and to start construction on the bridge while being continually bombarded by the Nazis.

The engineers succeeded in constructing 120 feet of bridge into the river before it was knocked by enemy fire. At that time, the Lieutenant was wounded and had to be evacuated.

Lieutenant Kraetsch participated in the D-Day invasion on the Normandy coast and thence advanced into Belgium, Holland, and Germany, collecting a total of five battle stars on his E. T. O. ribbon.

He is a Teaneck High School graduate and, prior to his enlistment in 1940, was employed by the jewelry firm of Marcus and Company.

Sergeant Casini, 23-year-old operations non-commissioned officer in the 6th Army's 10th Division Headquarters, was decorated for meritorious service in combat during the Italian campaign.

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LAUD MAJOR FROM TEANECK

Russell's Work Aided In New Bomb

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Oak Ridge, Tenn., Aug. 8 (P)—A Teaneck major, assistant production plant head at the Oak Ridge, Tenn., plant where the utilization of atomic power was made possible against Japan, was commended today by Colonel Kenneth D. Nicholas of the Manhattan Engineer District. He is Major G. W. Russell.

Major Russell was one of two New Jersey men, members of Colonel Nicholas' own staff, who the Colonel said today, made exemplary contributions to the success of the project.

Commending also the hundreds of organizations and thousands of workers who made possible this amazing project, Colonel Nicholas explained that in normal times the research in physics and chemistry would have led to the utilization of atomic power in 15 or 20 years. "By the combined efforts of many workers and organizations," he stated, "the time required was compressed into three years."

Colonel Russell or his family could not be reached in Teaneck.

8-8-45

Posthumous Medal To Sgt. Emptage

An initial Air Medal plus two oak leaf clusters was posthumously awarded Sergeant Emptage for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from Aug. 28, 1944, to Oct. 30, 1944; Nov. 8, 1944, to Jan. 2, 1945; and from Jan. 3, 1945 to Jan. 25, 1945. These operations consisted of bombing missions against enemy airdromes and installations, and attacks on enemy naval vessels and shipping.

The third cluster was awarded for meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight to Borneo on Oct. 8, 1944. Sergeant Emptage was a gunner in the crew of a B-24 aircraft which took part in the second mass daylight raid against a heavily defended Japanese oil refining center.

After completing the necessary missions for a furlough back to this country, Sergeant Emptage was killed in March in an airplane crash on the first leg of his journey home. The C-47 in which he was a passenger crashed on a take-off from Morotai Island where he was based.

He was a graduate of Teaneck High School.

Staff Sergeant Harold L. Emptage, was the son of Mrs. Agnes E. Knapp, 845 Williams Avenue, Teaneck (3 clusters).

8-2-45

A Soldier Home From War Has Good Things In Threes

Lieutenant Graham Greets Family, Holds Higher Rank, Wears Bronze Medal

Good things come in threes for Lieutenant Merrill K. Graham Jr. of West Englewood. The best of the three, of course, was his arrival, late last week, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Graham, of 378 Winthrop Road where he found his wife and infant daughter, Linda, who had come from Nashville, Tenn., to greet him.

HAS BRONZE STAR

Secondly, just prior to his departure from Europe, where he was attached to Headquarters Company of the 13th Armored Division, he was promoted to First Lieutenant.

A red, white and blue ribbon, indicative of the fact that its wearer has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, is Lieutenant Graham's third distinction. This, too, was awarded him just before he returned to his country.

The decoration was for "heroic



LT. MERRILL K. GRAHAM JR.

achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on April 12, near Lohmar, Germany". Lieutenant Graham, communications officer, helped evacuate four seriously wounded soldiers while under artillery fire.

Said his citation: "Disregarding exploding mortar shells and small arms ammunition in a half track that had been struck by enemy fire, he unhesitatingly extricated the casualties from the vehicle, thereby saving their lives."

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