

Teaneck Soldier Cartoonist Draws Cards For Buddies

A Teaneck service man, who used to run his family's electric bill sky high when he stayed up all night perfecting himself in cartooning, now sits up nights somewhere in England, designing special V-mail greeting cards for his buddies.

DID 200 OF THEM

When Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Botyos, parents of Technical Sergeant Leo Botyos, received delayed Easter cards from their son this week-end, they learned also that he has been designing all types of cards for the other men in his Signal Corps outfit, who find it difficult to buy any kind of greeting cards in England.

In a letter to his family, Sergeant Botyos explained that when the men saw the first card he designed for himself they requested copies for their own use and he now finds that he has to stay up all night to draw his cards. He drew more than 200 cards on V-mail stationery before he thought of mimeographing them to save time. Now he designs several types of cards and mimeographs them for his buddies.

His first attempt, the Easter card for his mother, caricatured himself with a bouquet of flowers for his mother in his hand. Below him were rabbits, one held a sign saying "Happy Easter from Somewhere in England".

It was this card that made the hit. When he saw it, Lieutenant Colonel Eugene Moodispaw, his

commanding officer, requested five cards for his children at home in Silver Springs, Md.

One card to Colonel Moodispaw's daughter, Jean, showed a rabbit broadcasting over a microphone, saying "Overseas Flash — Happy Easter". On the inside of the card, Colonel Moodispaw wrote:

"Dear Jean, Sergeant Botyos, my chief clerk, deserves credit for this drawing."

Of all the praise he received, this comment meant the most to Sergeant Botyos, his mother said.

Sergeant Botyos, whose home is at 531 Spring Street, Teaneck, is a graduate of Teaneck High School, and was employed with the International Nickel Company of New York until several months before he entered service. He became a Teaneck fireman and served his probationary period at Headquarters Company before he left for the Signal Corps in August, 1941.

His brother, George, a member of the Teaneck Police Department, said that he liked cartooning so much that he took night courses in commercial art. He only did it as a hobby, and never tried his hand at commercial cartooning.

6-9-43

15 Complete Course In Signal Corps

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

New Brunswick, June 9—The second group of Teaneck High School Army Enlisted Reserve Corps men completed its prescribed Signal Corps course today and reported at once for active duty.

In this class, there were 15 Bergen County men as follows:

WEST ENGLEWOOD—Robert C. Flickman.

Those Signal Corps trainees are a section of the 2,000 being instructed by the Rutgers University Engineering, Science and Management War Program.

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Lt. Dieckman Arrives For Training As Pilot

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Greenville, S. C., June 11—Recently commissioned Second Lieutenant Bernard C. Dieckman Jr., of 187 Larch Avenue, Teaneck, N. J., has arrived here at the end of furlough, for operational training as a pilot in the Army Air Force. He won his wings at Freeman Field, Seymour, Ind., May 28.

A brother, Private Donald F. Dieckman, has been assigned from Fort Dix, N. J., to Camp Croft, S. C. He attended Georgetown University and served in its Reserve Officer Training Corps.

6-11-43

Three From Here Enroll For Carnegie Tech Study

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Pittsburgh, Pa., June 11 — Three Bergen County, N. J., soldiers are enrolled here at Carnegie Institute of Technology in the basic engineering course of the Army Specialized Training Program as follows:

TEANECK—William H. Byrnes of 303 Carlton Terrace.

Byrnes has been named A. S. T. P. representative in charge of publications on the Army-Civilian Activities Committee. He attended Washington and Lee College for 1½ years before entering the Army.

6-11-43

Finn Promoted

To P. F. C. At Keesler

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Elizabethtown, Miss., June 11—Private

Robert T. Finn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Finn of 540 Cumberland Avenue, Teaneck, was promoted to the grade of private first class this week and enrolled at Keesler Field's huge B-24 Liberator mechanics school of the Army Air Force.

6-11-43

Holmer Raise To Corporal

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Camp Carson, Colo., June 18 — Private First Class Warren Lee Holmer of West Englewood, has been promoted to corporal in the field artillery here.

6-16-43

Blackledge Advances

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Chapel Hill, N. C., June 25—Naval Aviation Cadet Lloyd Richard Blackledge, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Blackledge of 756 Cedar Lane, Teaneck, N. J., has completed pre-flight training here and has advanced to primary flight training at the Glen View, Ill., Naval Air Station. He attended Bogota, N. J., High School and Bergen College.

6-25-43

PRISONER



CORP. RAYMOND E. JOHNSON

JOHNSON, Corporal Raymond E., 25 son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson of 127 Hillside Avenue, Teaneck.

Johnson's parents learned yesterday in a telegram from the War Department of their son's whereabouts. They believe from the address provided that he is in Germany.

They heard also unofficially through letters, telephone calls, and post cards from people throughout New Jersey who heard a short-wave broadcast May 15, that Johnson is either a prisoner of the Germans or has been moved to Germany.

Mrs. Johnson said she first received a telegram from the War Department March 22. This declared Johnson to be missing in action. A month later she received a telegram saying that he had been taken a prisoner of war by the Italians. She heard nothing further from the War Department until yesterday.

During the past few weeks she has received 15 cards, letters, and telephone calls from people who heard the broadcast which said he was now in Germany.

No word has come from Johnson since he was taken a prisoner. Father Quigley of St. Anastasia's R. C. Church of Teaneck, brought Mr. and Mrs. Johnson one message from the Vallean in Rome, informing them that their son was in a transit camp in Italy and they were permitted to send him a cablegram of 25 words.

Johnson is 25 years old, a graduate of the Dickinson High School of Jersey City and the New York School of Banking. He was employed by Chase National Bank until he entered the service in January, 1941. He trained with the Infantry at Fort Bragg, N. C., and landed in North Africa with the first invasion.

His letters home never told much about the fighting he saw, his mother said, but he did say he lost everything he owned on his trip across, indicating his ship had been torpedoed.

One brother, Andrew A. Johnson, is training with the Navy at Camp Peary, Va.

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