



Teaneck's Cocktail Kid WRITES TO 'MOM'..

Lieut. Joseph B. Boyle, now in a Nazi prison camp, is one of Teaneck's and the nation's top heroes. Pilot of the famed Flying Fortress "Dry Martini", Joe has been wounded twice, miraculously escaped death many times. He wears the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Military Order of the Purple Heart, with Oak Leaf Cluster. The letter is a photostatic copy, in part, of one sent to his mother whom he told before leaving on his last flight over Germany, "If I'm ever listed as missing, Mom, don't ever give up."

DEAR FOLKS, I TRUST ^{MAY 30th 44} THIS FINDS
YOU ALL WELL-AND UNWORRIED. I'M
IN A PHYSICAL CONDITION AND
WILL STAY THAT WAY. THE RED CROSS
KEEPS US SUPPLIED WITH ALL THE
ESSENTIAL FOOD STUFFS AND THERE
ARE MANY GOOD COOKS AMONG US
WE FIND PLENTY OF CONSTRUCTIVE
THINGS TO OCCUPY OURSELVES WITH.
I'M MORE THAN GRATEFUL FOR
YOUR FAITH IN MY SAFEKEEPING.
IT HAS SEEN ME THROUGH- WHEN MY
STRENGTH OF MY OWN FAITH ALONE
WOULD HAVE FAILED. THERE IS LITTLE
LEFT FOR ME TO DO BUT WAIT AND
PRAY THAT I MAY RETURN HOME
SOON AND FIND YOU ALL AS I LEFT YOU.

I COULD USE SOME CLOTHING IF YOU
CAN SEND ANY- UNDERWEAR- PAMAS-
HEAVY SOCKS- GLOVES ALSO RAZOR BLADES.
COMB- ETC- DRAWING TABLET- PENCILS
ONE BAR. MAG. CASING OR 100 CIGARETTES-
TELL MOM THE WATCH KEEPS GOOD TIME. ALL
MY LOVE AND TO THE LITTLE Nephew- JOE.

3-31-44

Weidner Completes 11-Week Course

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)
Chapel Hill, N. C., Mar. 30—
Naval Aviation Cadet Richard Ar-
thur Weidner, son of Mr. and Mrs.
Arthur Weidner, 1326 Princeton
Road, West Englewood, has suc-
cessfully completed the intensive
11-week course at the Naval Pre-
Flight School here, and has been
promoted to primary flight train-
ing at the Naval Air Station at
Glenview, Ill.

Cadet Weidner attended Lafay-
ette College, where he was a mem-
ber of the Sigma Nu Fraternity.

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Pruett, Teaneck, Wins Commission

Aviation Cadet Samuel Clifton
Pruett Jr., 21, son of Mr. and Mrs.
Pruett of 852 Garrison Avenue, Tea-
neck, will receive his silver pilot's
wings and bars as a second lieuten-
ant soon at Pamapa Army Air Field,
the twin-engine advanced flying
school at Pamapa, Texas.

At alumnus of Teaneck High
School and Lehigh University, Cadet
Pruett was appointed to pilot train-
ing in September, 1943, received pri-
mary flight training at Chickasha,
Okla., and took basic flight training
at Independence, Kan., Army Air
Field.

On completion of his training at
Pamapa he will be assigned to duty
as an instructor or as a combat
pilot.

His mother has just returned
home from Independence, Kan.,
where she visited him for several
days.

3-31-44

David A. Webster Signs For Air Force

David A. Webster, son of Mr. and
Mrs. David Webster, 1218 Sussex
Road, West Englewood, has just met
an Aviation Cadet Board and was
accepted as a member of the Air
Force Enlisted Reserve.

He is a student of Teaneck High
School and has been a chaplain of
the school Hi-Y and treasurer of
the Bergen County Hi-Y for more
than a year. After reaching his
18th birthday he will be called to
active duty.

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Teaneck Veteran Of Dec. 7 Lost In Liscome Bay Sinking

Finnell, Who Came Through Pearl Harbor, Fought
At Midway, Reported Missing In Action

He was a sailor who ducked bombs at Pearl Harbor, and
swore an everlasting vengeance. He fought at Midway and
then returned to the States, a flying cadet in the Naval Air
Force. After impatient months he went back—to get re-
venge.

He had his chance, but not for long. Soon word came
home: "Escort carrier Liscome Bay sunk. Aviation Machin-
ist's Mate **Second Class Henry J. Finnell**, Teaneck, missing
in action."

LITTLE HOPE

So ended the Naval career of the
22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs.
Henry J. Finnell of 315 Sherman
Avenue, Teaneck. His folks have
little hope that he is alive.

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Jones Of Teaneck Arrives In England

According to word received by
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones of 20
Argonne Court, Teaneck, from their
son, Thomas, he has arrived safely
somewhere in England and cele-
brated his nineteenth birthday on
the way over.

Private Jones, who attended Tea-
neck High School, enlisted in the
Air Force in March, 1943. He re-
ceived basic training at various
posts throughout the country, Mis-
souri, Wisconsin, California, Texas,
and Colorado. In the letter to his
parents, he wrote that he expected
to complete training as a gunner in
England.

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Granted Leave

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)
Sampson, N. Y., Mar. 30—Seaman
Second Class William J. Wrocklage,
of 288 Pleasant Place, Teaneck has
been granted a leave of absence
from this station commencing today
as he completes training here.

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