



CORP. WARREN G. ESCHER

WARREN ESCHER GETS PROMOTION

Other News Of County Men In Services

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

San Diego, Calif., Dec. 15—Private Warren G. Escher of West Englewood, N. J., has been promoted here at this Navy base to rank as corporal. He is with the Marine Corps Aviation Detachment as an aviation machinist's mate.

Escher was inducted into service last February 22 and saw service at Parris Island, S. C., and Quantico, Va., before he was assigned to the Jacksonville, Fla., Naval Air Station and then to this base.

The Marine is 21 years old and the son of Mrs. Marie A. Escher of 1371 Walden Street, West Englewood. He was graduated from Teaneck High School four years ago and worked in the Edgewater plant of the Aluminum Company of America.

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WILLIAM G. CURTIS
West Englewood
Second Lieutenant

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W. R. Walther, Teaneck, Home On Leave

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New York, Dec. 15—Wilbur R. Walther, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walther of 260 Harding Avenue, Teaneck, N. J., has enlisted in the Army Air Force as an aviation cadet and is home awaiting assignment to some training station. He is 21 years old.

Walther is a graduate of Teaneck High School where he studied aviation soon after this course was instituted in the school curriculum.

He is an aircraft electrician for the Brewster Aeronautical Corporation.

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Somers, Teaneck, At Camp Polk

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Camp Polk, La., Dec. 15—Private Peter Somers, son of John Somers of 181 Park Avenue, Teaneck, N. J., has been assigned here to duty with Company A of the Supply Battalion in the 11th Armored Division.

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Rotund Teaneck Cop Takes It Off, Qualifies For Berth With Seabees

The Mr. Five-by-Five of the Teaneck police department, Patrolman John Michels, is today a member of the United States Navy.

Michels, whose weight is unofficially estimated in the neighborhood of 240 minus police equipment, is said to have lost considerable blubber within the past week to meet stringent Navy requirements.

Some reports of Michels' reducing feats have quoted losses of as much as 40 pounds, but this is unofficial, Michels having issued no communiques.

Michels, who lives at 90 Rycko Lane, was sworn in to the Seabees as a gunner's mate, second class, yesterday, and now awaits call, expecting to report for duty in about 2 weeks, during which he will try to build himself up for active duty.

He has been a member of the force since May 1, 1930, and is the tenth member to join the services. Patrolman Robert P. Fitzpatrick has already been sworn in for the same type of post as that which Michels has entered, and Fitzpatrick likewise is awaiting call.

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LT. LEO C. FRANCIS JR.

Teaneck Man Commissioned

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Valdosta, Ga., Dec. 16—Leo C. Francis Jr. of Teaneck, N. J., received his silver wings as a pilot and commission as second lieutenant here at graduation exercises of the Army Air Force at Moody Field, Sunday. His parents live at 293 Hickory Street, Teaneck.

Francis who recently passed his twentieth birthday was the youngest member of his class by 2½ years and was among the first cadets accepted in the Second Corps Area when the age limit was lowered.

He was graduated from Teaneck High School in June, 1940, and entered the service last January 22.

Francis had four months pre-flight training at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala. He took primary training at Douglas, Ga.; basic at Cochran Field, Macon Ga., and advanced at Moody's Twin Engine Advanced Flying School.

He has orders to report for additional instruction on the B-17 Boeing 4-engine Flying Fortress at Sebring, Fla.

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West Englewood Boy, French-Born, Trains In England To Free France

French-born Henry Jolivet of the high seas, a member of the American Merchant Marine. The mother, Henriette Jolivet, is a maid in Manhattan. Their home is at 43 Stuyvesant Road, West Englewood. Last word from their son came about four months ago.

Gallagher reported that scar-faced Foreign Legionnaires fight side by side with 17 and 18-year-old university students. Dark Senegalese march shoulder to shoulder with American youths brought up in New Jersey and Chicago.

They have one thing in common. If Laval's Vichy Government uncovers their identity, they are sentenced to death by a special court, sentence to be carried out if and when Vichy can lay hands on them.

The father, Maxime Jolivet, is on

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Lieut. Skid Johnson Says Fighting Japs Is Tough, But Not More So Than This Round Of Home Socials

Lieutenant Arnold (Skid) Johnson, Teaneck Army air ace, yesterday told Teaneck Rotarians confidentially that while the Pacific fighting is tough, he'll soon be glad to get back to it for a good rest. Skid reviewed briefly his social calendar since he arrived home a

week ago, and it seemed to include virtually everything but sleep. But the end is not in sight.

Fireman Nels A. Johnson, Skid's father, announced today that he will hold a blowout for his boy at Kenwood Place Firehouse tomorrow night, with neighbors and friends invited for a social gathering.

Plans were also announced for a big dinner in Skid's honor, backed by the entire Township, to be held at the Swiss Chalet December 29.

This affair will be under auspices of Schoonmaker Post 1429, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of Teaneck, assisted by a committee of Teaneck citizens. The committee promises solemnly that speeches will be few, good and brief.

Among those expected at this affair are Congressman Frank C. Somers, Congressman-elect Harry L. Towe and Assemblyman Roscoe P. McClave.

The dinner committee is slated to meet tonight at Town Hall to

perfect plans; the citizens committee personnel to date includes:

Senator Lloyd L. Schroeder of Teaneck; Mayor Milton G. Votie and Councilmen Samuel S. Poulin, Karl D. Van Wagner, Clarence W. Brett and Arthur E. Strickland. Health Director Dr. Barney S. Bookstaver, Dr. C. L. Little, William J. Byrnes and F. J. Duffy of the Draft Board; Eliot, Balestier, Donald, M. Vanden, president of the New Jersey Board of Tax Appeals; Township Manager Paul A. Volcker; former County Legion Commander William E. Gubriert; Commander Clyde Halstead of Teaneck Post 125, American Legion; August Hamblett Jr., Teaneck U. S. O. chairman; Mrs. Edythe Whipple, Arthur R. Stern, Henry Oetjen, Mrs. Jessica Witham, Police Chief Cornelius J. Harris, Fire Chief Francis A. Murray, Assessor Edward M. Young, head of the New Jersey Tax Assessor's Association, Edith School Principal Charles L. Skid, Dr. Lester A. Neulen, supervising principal of Teaneck schools; John Sullivan, chairman of the Democratic Municipal Committee; School Board President Harry A. Baker; Roy Sent Executive P. F. Buschman; Mrs. Julia Kleiber; Commander Fred Klepper of Schoonmaker Post; Francis J. Kelly, Alfred Martin and Thomas J. Savers, Schoonmaker Post officers; George Seitz, Thomas J. McCallister, former commander of Schoonmaker Post; H. H. Wertz, Oscar Anderson and James Whalen.

In general charge of arrangements is Carl H. Kallgren, chairman of the citizens committee. Ticket reservations should be made with any member of the committee.

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Schoonmaker Post 1429, V. F. W., of Teaneck, last night inducted 13 new members, including Lieutenant Johnson.

Inductees included nine other men in the current war, and three veterans of the First World War.

The nine men now in service are Joseph Kleiber, Edward Stein, Jack Court, William Carr, Joseph Kilmurray, a crew member of the cruiser San Francisco, John Collins, Harley Hesson, John Morris and John Donovan. Veterans of the First World War include R. Todd, Morris W. Carey and Oscar B. Olson.

Testimonial: When better piano motors are made, Wright Aeronautical will make them.

First Lieutenant Arnold R. (Skid) Johnson of Teaneck told war plant executives at their meeting in Hackensack last night that he has a warm spot for this motor.

"As a matter of fact," he told the Bergen County Executives and Foremen's Club, "my B-17 Flying Fortress has run 500 hours in a clip without changing the spark plugs and you mechanics ought to know that's going some."

"You fellows do your part; I'll sure enough do mine. Give us the machines and we will win."

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