

Lieutenant On Leave
Having been commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Armored Tank Forces, Merrell K. Graham Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Merrell K. Graham Sr., of 378 Winthrop Road, West Englewood, is home on a 10-day leave from Fort Knox, Ky.

Lieutenant Graham, a graduate of Teaneck High School and Peddie School of Hightstown, N. J., enlisted in the Army during his first year at Colgate University in January, 1942. He began his training with the Signal Corps and was later transferred to the Armored Tank Division. On Sept. 27, 1943, he was sent to Officers' School at Fort Knox where he received his commission.

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Messina Raised In Navy
Michael V. Messina, 18, of 700 Chestnut Avenue, Teaneck, has been promoted to seaman first class and is now home on a short leave. He will be assigned to active duty upon completing his visit. Messina is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael V. Messina Sr.

His brother, Machinist Mate Second Class Frank Messina, is stationed with the Navy at Norfolk, Va.

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Kirchoff Is Raised To First Lieutenant

Lieutenant William Augustus Kirchoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Kirchoff of 130 Griggs Avenue, Teaneck, has been promoted from a second to a first lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers at Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida, where he is stationed with the amphibious training forces.

Lieutenant Kirchoff is married to the former Helen Zues of Trenton and is the father of a son, William John IV, who was born on January 7. On the same day, Lieutenant Kirchoff was made company commander of his battalion. He is a graduate of Teaneck High School, where he was awarded a football scholarship to Bergen Junior College and entered the service in January, 1941.

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WORK IS PRAISED



Master Sergeant William J. Zimmerman of Teaneck has received special commendation from his detachment commander, Lieutenant Rudolph Vranich, Engineer Corps, for conditioning and maintenance of electrical equipment, defying both adverse conditions and Aleutians weather. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Zimmerman of 855 Maple Avenue.

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COL. ROHR LEADS FORTRESS WING AGAINST REICH

Teaneck Officer Tells Of
Gigantic Attack On
Schweinfurt

SECOND COMMAND

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(Former Bergen Evening Record Reporter)
London, Feb. 26 (By Mail)—

When B-17 Flying Fortresses of the United States Army Eighth Air Force attacked the Schweinfurt, Germany, ballbearing works for the third time last Thursday, a Teaneck man, Lieutenant Colonel Louis W. Rohr, of 844 Queen Anne Road, led for the second time a Fortress combat wing against that important Nazi target.

Thursday's raid, which maintained an almost continuous assault against the Nazi aircraft industries for the fourth day of the same week, was the second co-ordinated attack in three days from the west and south by heavy bombers of the 8th A. A. F. and the 15th A. A. F., the latter operating from bases in Italy.

The important ME 110 aircraft factory at Gotha was bombed successfully by Liberators of the Eighth A. A. F., while Fortresses of the 8th A. A. F. struck an almost simultaneous heavy blow at rebuilt plants and heretofore undamaged areas at the Schweinfurt ballbearing works. Schweinfurt had previously been damaged severely by Eighth A. A. F. bombers on August 17 and October 15, but had been partly restored and was producing an approximate 40 per cent of its original capacity.

"It was undoubtedly the most successful mission I've flown," said Colonel Rohr. "Everything clicked. Fighter support was beyond description. There were about 100 of our fighters in sight at all times, going in and coming out. The targets were definitely hit, and hit hard."

The bombers were escorted by A. A. F. Lightnings, Mustangs, Thunderbolts and by R. A. F. and Dominion Spitfires, Mustangs, and Typhoons. The American fighters shot down 38 and the R. A. F. shot down one enemy aircraft. Forty-nine Eighth A. A. F. bombers and 10 fighters were missing from this attack.

3-2-44

3 Enlist In Waves

New York, Mar. 2—Three Bergen County residents have been sworn into the Waves as apprentice seamen in the service's enlisted quota and will soon be assigned to the Naval Training School at Hunter College, the Bronx, for indoctrination.

WEST ENGLEWOOD — Miss Veronica Marie Malone, 1095 Alicia Avenue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Malone.

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Lieutenant Leo C. Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Francis of 293 Hickory Lane, Teaneck, and pilot of the 8th A. A. F. Flying Fortress Terry and the Pirates, has been awarded the Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for courage, coolness and skill displayed while participating in 5 separate bomber missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe.

Lieutenant Francis, whose wife, Hilda T. Francis, is also a resident of Teaneck, was employed as a lifeguard at Arcola swimming pool before entering the A. A. F.

3-3-44

2 Teaneck Fathers To Go With Service Contingent

Roy Goddin, Former Bogota Banker, C. W. Miesmer, Tennis Ace, Go Into Armed Force Tomorrow

Two fathers head the list of inductees from Teaneck who enter the service of the Army and Navy tomorrow. They are Roy C. Goddin of 521 West Englewood Avenue, and Charles W. Miesmer of 246 Cherry Lane.

WAS A TELLER

Goddin, well known in Bogota where he was employed at the Bogota National Bank for 6 years as a teller, has lived at the West Englewood Avenue address in Teaneck for 7 years. He has one son, Bruce, who is 12 years old.

Goddin, who has been chosen for Army service, more recently has been the treasurer of a mortgage company in Newark.

Miesmer, who is a construction estimator, is the father of an 18-month-old son, Jackie. The Miesmers have lived in Teaneck for 5 years.

A well-known tennis player in Bergen, Miesmer was at one time No. 1 man at Leola Tennis Club and in recent years was a member of the tennis team at Orland Field Club in Hackensack.

Miesmer is to serve in the Navy. The other inductees from Teaneck's Selective Service Board No. 6 entering service tomorrow are:

Navy

FRED NICEWICZ, 976 Aline Drive.

JOHN HENRY JOHANNSEN, 72 Fairview Avenue.

JOHN HENRY FISCHER, 543 River Road.

BERNARD FRANCIS POWERS, 76 Shepard Avenue.

Army

OLE MYHREN, 48 N. Prospect Terrace.

ROBERT WILLIAM KOCH, 69 Shepard Avenue.

PATSY PATRICK GARRIPOLI, 68 Elton Street.

3-3-44

Klein Commissioned

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

New Haven, Conn., Mar. 4 — Eugene W. Klein, son of Eugene Klein of 49 Cranford Place, Teaneck, has been commissioned a second lieutenant and received his gold bars at the Army Air Forces Training Command School at Yale University. He is now prepared for duty at an advanced flying field where he will be in charge of a crew of enlisted men who are specialists in maintenance.

3-4-44

Zellweger Passes

Course In Army

Private Eugene Ernest Zellweger, the husband of Ruth Clare Zellweger of 35 West Edsall Boulevard, Palisades Park, has been graduated from the Telephone Communications School at the Fort Rustis, Va., antiaircraft Replacement Center.

Private Zellweger, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Zellweger of 25 Intervale Road, West Englewood, is a graduate of Dumont High School and was employed by the Aluminum Company of America, Edgewater, before his induction into the Army last October. He has a 6-month-old daughter.

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