

Joins Women Marines

Charlotte Grace Gordon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gordon of 45 Jasper Avenue, Teaneck, was sworn in as a member of the United States Marine Corps on April 17. She will report for basic training at Camp Lejeune, New River, U. C., within the next few weeks. Miss Gordon is a graduate of Teaneck High School and was employed by the Mutual Life Insurance Company before her induction into the Marines.

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Bogota Athlete Shot Down In Fight Over Dodecanese

War Department Says His Plane Was Strafing Nazi Convoy When Hit—One Motor Burst Into Flames

Second Lieutenant Dudley Thorne of West Englewood, bombardier navigator of a B-25, has been reported by the War Department as missing February 1 over the Dodecanese Islands off the Coast of Turkey. According to word from other men in his squadron, Thorne's plane was strafing a German convoy as they entered Port Alargo Bay on the Island Leros. One motor burst into flames and his ship dropped

down.
THORNE, Second Lieutenant D., 25, husband of Mrs. Marilyn M. Thorne of 398 North Forest Avenue, West Englewood. (Mediterranean Area)

Mrs. Thorne, the former Marilyn Maxwell of Teaneck, still holds hope that her husband is safe. "He has too much to live for," she said. The couple have a seven-weeks-old daughter, Barbara Lynn.

Thorne enlisted in the Army in April, 1941, and trained with the Tank Destroyers at Camp Livingston, La. He was later transferred to the Army Air Force. He received his commission and wings at Roswell, N. H., where he was married to Miss Maxwell in February, 1943. Thorne received advanced navigation and combat instruction at Greenville, S. C. He has been overseas since September, 1942.

A graduate of Bogota High School and Horace Mann, N. Y., Thorne also attended Syracuse University. During school he was active in all sports and is a well known athlete in Bergen County.

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Missing in Action

FRANCIS, First Lieutenant Leo C. Jr., 21, husband of Mrs. Hilda Francis of 168 Prospect Avenue, Maywood. (Over Germany).

In England Since '43

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Francis of 293 Hickory Street, Teaneck, received the word that their son is missing over Germany. He was a Flying Fortress pilot and had been stationed in England since July, 1943.

On August 18, 1943, Francis, who was then pilot of the Terry and the Pirates, was confined to a base hospital with pneumonia when his ship was lost. Five of the plane's crew members are prisoners of war.

Francis holds the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. He has 21 combat missions to his credit. A graduate of Teaneck High School, Class of '40, he enlisted in the Army Air Force in January, 1942, and received his commission at Moody Field, Ga., the following December 18.

His wife, the former Miss Hilda Rosner, lives with her parents at 168 Prospect Avenue, Maywood. The couple have a 4-month-old daughter, Leslie.

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PINCE BOYS JOIN FATHER IN MARINES



Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo
Lieutenant William Pince of the Marines, who worked in the composing room of the Bergen Evening Record until he went into service back in 1917, is shown here with two of his sons, William and Frank, who just joined the Marines. Lieutenant Pince is brother of Frank Pince of West Englewood. This picture was taken at the Naval Hospital at San Diego, Calif.

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Hatch, Teaneck, Moved To Kansas

Francis J. Hatch, son of Mrs. Marie A. Hatch, 311 Queen Anne Road, Teaneck, recently commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces, spent a short leave at home before going to Dodge City Army Air Field, Kansas, for a 9-week postgraduate course at the B-26 Marauder pilot school of the Army Air Forces Training Command.

Lieutenant Hatch was employed at a Wright Aeronautical Company plant in Paterson and was a student at Bergen Junior College until December, 1942, when he enlisted in the Army Air Force.

Lieutenant Hatch's wife, the for-

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