

Captive of Japs Asks Dad to Pray for Him

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Three months after Pearl Harbor, Corp. Rudolph G. Pfeifer, an ex-history teacher, was in a region of the Philippines never before inhabited by white men.

There were head-hunters in the vicinity but the American troops as yet hadn't made their acquaintance. Banana and coconut trees were just outside the tent but our boys "got sick of the fruit after awhile."

On the quiet Sunday that Corporal Pfeifer last wrote home to Teaneck, N. J., the natives gathered at noon and after much banter entertained the soldiers with a cock fight.

Saw Cock Fights.

"They put a four-inch spur on the leg of each contestant and then let them go to work on one another."

After the fight, Corporal Pfeifer had a "little snooze" and then saw the movie, Sky Pilot.

Summing up, life in this area in March, 1942, was to Corporal Pfeifer, water purifier with the engineers, "what might be termed a quiet vacation in the summer."

For 19 months after receiving this letter, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Pfeifer of 317 Teaneck Rd., Teaneck, had no more news. When Corregidor fell, they were informed that their son was missing.

Then on Sept. 20 came two postcards from Japan. Mr. and Mrs. Pfeifer were informed by the Japanese Imperial Army that their son is safe, not wounded, and a prisoner in the Philippines.

Asked for Prayers.

The Corporal added a postscript and signed his name in longhand to each card. He asked his mother "Let Florence (his girl friend) know that I am well. Write through Red Cross." He asked his father "to pray that we may see each other soon."

The 28-year-old youth is one of 244 soldiers held prisoners of war by Japan whose names are released by the War Department for the first time today. He is a graduate of Syracuse University and taught history and physical edu-

cation at Binghampton, N. Y., High School before induction.

Mrs. Antoinette Moralo of 2254 Crotona Ave., the Bronx, who hasn't heard from her son, Private Louis, in two years, first learned that he is a prisoner of the Japs through a short wave broadcast from Tokyo received here on July 13. A local listener who picked up the news about Private Moralo called his family and relayed the information.

The International Red Cross has recently confirmed the fact that he is in a prison camp in Manchukuo.

1-1-44

5 Army Officers Win Higher Posts

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)
Washington, Jan. 3—Promotion of five Bergen County Army officers was announced here today by the War Department as follows:
TEANECK—Robin D. Richter, 150 Jessner Avenue

1-5-44

Williams Flexible Gunner
(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)
Laredo, Tex., Jan. 5—Corporal Dean M. Williams of 100 Washington Place, West Englewood, N. J., has qualified here as a flexible gunner in the Army Air Force.

1-5-44

Rouault in Training
(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)
Athens, Ga., Jan. 5—Naval Aviation Cadet Robert Rouault of Teaneck, N. J., has reported here to the Navy Air Force Pre-flight School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rouault of 915 Prince Street. Rouault was graduated from Teaneck High School in 1941 and attended Villanova College for 3 years. He completed Naval flight preparatory school at Hamilton, N. Y., and was transferred here from the C. A. A. War Training Service School at Conway, Ark.

1-5-44

Lieut. Ethel Penney At North African Base

Second Lieutenant Ethel M. Penney, 24-year-old Teaneck nurse, is on duty with the Army Nurse Corps at a station hospital somewhere in North Africa.

The daughter of Henry A. Penney of 102 Grayson Place, Teaneck, she was graduated from Teaneck High School in 1937. After 4 years' training at the Lenox Hill Hospital, New York City, she was at the Holy Name Hospital on private duty.

Lieutenant Penney was sent overseas during May of last year and in a recent letter home told of an enjoyable holiday season.

1-5-44

Benning Promoted
(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)
Yuma, Ariz., Jan. 5—Joseph F. Benning Jr., of 275 Van Buren Avenue, Teaneck, N. J., has been promoted here to corporal and has qualified as flexible gunner in the Army Air Force.

Kanthaack Promoted

Irvin H. Kanthaack, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kanthaack of 26 Argonne Court, West Englewood, has been promoted from private first

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BECOMES CAPTAIN



Recently promoted Captain Norman J. Orbe, 27, of 167 Norma Road, Teaneck now at home has orders to stand by for assignment to a Fort Sill, Okla., Field Artillery battery of the Army. His wife is the daughter of former Jury Commissioner Harry Adair of Teaneck.

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IN PACIFIC AREA



Lieutenant Theodore Morgan, U. S. C. G. R., sent Christmas greetings to John Borg, publisher of the Bergen Record, in the form of the above photograph. A former member of the Teaneck Police Department, Morgan was commissioned soon after Pearl Harbor and has been in the South Pacific for many months.

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IRVING AWARDED A FLYING CROSS

Teaneck Lieutenant Cited In Pacific Area

First Lieutenant William Irving, 28, of 631 Albin Street, Teaneck, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroic effort in completing more than 50 air transport missions in southwest Pacific war area.

A delayed dispatch of the Associated Press related the award had been made by Lieutenant General George C. Kenney, commander of Allied Air Forces in that area, for air transport of supplies and troops to advanced positions often at low altitudes and over mountains in bad weather to destinations within a few miles of the enemy. The dispatch was written last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gordon Irving said their son had been overseas since August, 1942. They read a letter from him December 12 but he made no mention of the honor if it had then been bestowed.

He held a civilian pilot's license. The family moved from Ridgewood Park 17 years ago.

1-6-44



LT. CLYDE A. HOUGHTON

HOUGHTON, First Lieutenant Clyde A.; 20, son of Mrs. Ethel Houghton, 258 Schley Place, Teaneck.

Houghton, a bomber pilot, is missing in action since January 1 somewhere in the southwest Pacific.

The pilot is a graduate of Teaneck High School and entered the Army Air Force in April, 1942 in his senior year. He returned during June to receive his diploma.

Houghton was graduated from the Aloe Air Field School, Victoria, Texas, and was awarded his pilot wings last April. Four months later he was sent overseas. He was commissioned a first lieutenant December 14.

1-6-44

Johannessen Tells Of Nazi Encounters

Second Lieutenant John E. Johannessen, 22, of 20 Franklin Road, West Englewood, copilot on the 8th Air Force Flying Fortress Coy De-Coy, recently returned to his base somewhere in England from a sharp encounter with German fighters over the target city of Emden, key Nazi seaport, to comment on the Luftwaffe.

"You can't take much away from the German fliers," he said. "If those boys are all washed up, as a lot of people are saying, I'd have given a lot to see them in their prime. But don't get me wrong; with our planes and guns, we can take them any day of the week. All the men will tell you that."

Recounting the Luftwaffe fighter attack on his formation at Emden, he told how twin-engine Nazi rocket planes roared from out of the sun and sprayed the Fortresses with cannon, machinegun, and rocket fire.

"We brought back a few holes," Johannessen reported.

One of the strangest experiences he has had during 23 missions against Nazi Europe was at Emden.

"We glanced over at the ship on our wing where the pilot had been seconds before, there was an empty seat. The copilot had a strained look on his face and the ship was sliding off and down," Johannessen said.

Johannessen holds the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters. He is the son of George J. W. Johannessen of West Englewood. He was formerly an expert shipper with Standard Vacuum Oil Company,

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