

Flier's Mother Buys First Red Cross Star: Teaneck Gets \$464 Toward \$30,000 Quota

Mrs. Ethel Houghton, mother of Lieutenant Clyde Houghton, Liberator pilot still listed as missing in action after battling the Japs in the South Pacific theater, purchased the first star to be placed on the campaign service flag as the Teaneck Red Cross War Fund drive officially opened at a rally last night in the Washington Irving School auditorium.

The campaign flag, studded with 3,000 stars representing Township men and women in the armed service, will serve as a barometer in the drive. Progress of the campaign to reach a \$30,000 goal will be noted as the stars, each one worth \$10, are covered with tiny Red Crosses.

Two hundred and sixty-four dollars had already been donated before the rally opened last night, and Alvin I. Gardner, last year's drive chairman and head of the Defense Council's salvage committee, added \$100 contributed by the salvage committee and \$100 donation was made by Dr. Barnett S. Bookstaver, Township Health Director.

Phil Sneider, pharmacist's mate first class of the Coast Guard, veteran of several South Pacific en-

agements, and Technical Sergeant Davis Conley of the Army Air Forces, holder of the Air Medal and 7 Oak Leaf clusters, were the featured speakers.

Both expressed deep appreciation of the comforting aid rendered by the Red Cross.

Sneider was aboard an LST invasion ship when Bougainville was invaded. He told how a formation of Jap bombers swooped down out of the dazzling sun and let go at the ship. The first bomb hit the gasoline supply; roaring flames burst forth.

The explosion knocked the ship's doctor and Sneider to the deck. As soon as they picked themselves up they saw a Marine with half a leg blown off and half an arm gone; they carried him down into the improvised sick bay.

The second bomb struck the ammunition dump and then all Hell broke loose, Sneider related; there was danger from their own ammunition as well as the enemy's, and the ship became a raging inferno. Orders were given to abandon ship but the gunners refused to leave their posts as they continued to pound the Japs. Some of

the wounded men stubbornly turned down medical aid.

Later the Jap Zeros roared over the beachhead to strafе wounded Americans with 25 caliber machinegun bullets. The less seriously injured men rolled over on their wounded buddies to protect the bodies of their friends, Sneider said.

After they were evacuated, the boys spent 8 or 9 days leaping into muddy foxholes, with five or six boys crowded into one hole in mud oozing up to their knees. The hapless man on the bottom would yell: "Get your foot out of my mouth!"

Foxhole fare consisted of dog biscuit and canned meat, and the menu was varied occasionally by passing the meat first and then the dog biscuit, Sneider remarked.

Later the Red Cross did everything in its power for the boys, Sneider said; it provided cigarettes and shaving kits and notified the families of the boys who were safe.

There are just three things the fighting men want the folks back home to do, according to Sneider; buy War Bonds, donate blood, and keep writing. The boys faces light up and they forget how tired they are when mail call is sounded, he declared.

Sergeant Conley, a Teaneck resident home on furlough after completing 40 missions in the Mediterranean and North African theaters, As the Marauder makes the bomb run, he recounted, nervous tension mounted but once the plane heads described the routine of a dawn attack—the target, supply lines in Northern Italy.

away from the target the men relax. Hot coffee and doughnuts, served by the Red Cross girls, are a God-send on returning from night raids, Conley declared, and iced tea is welcome on completion of daylight assaults. Iced tea is doubly welcome when the men emerge from the blistering Sirocian winds which range around 150 degrees Fahrenheit and burn one in the shade.

At every post where the Sergeant was stationed there was always some type of Red Cross club, no matter how small, to provide a few moments of relaxation with books and music.

Introduced by Chairman James P. Birch of Teaneck Branch, Edmund G. Farrell, drive chairman, addressed the workers. A roll call of district captains and workers was taken by the regional directors,

Arthur A. Kron, Ross E. Hewett, Harold Schnare, and J. F. Segelke. The Coast Guard quartet, comprising Seaman First Class Allan Harrington, Robert Greason and Herbert McGreay and Boatswain's Mate First Class Don Johnson sang. A moving picture, "Seven Keys" was presented to explain effective sales methods.

All introduced were:

Mrs. Edward W. Clarke, vice-chairman of the Township Branch; E. Gerald Clark, Northben Valley Chapter War Fund chairman; Richard de la Chapelle, vice-chairman of the Chapter; the local executive committee of Mrs. H. D. Patton, vice-chairman; Mrs. Robert L. Gutzley, Mrs. William C. Rowe, Mrs. Herbert J. Stack, and Mrs. J. Vollmer; Godfrey Budin, treasurer; Martin Wright, publisher; Stanley B. Wiley, secretary and labor; W. G. West, supplier; C. L. Seewalche, display, and Mrs. J. G. Kelly, headquarters.

REVIEW LANDING IN GUADALCANAL

3 Speak At Marine Corps Night At Teaneck

The story of the Marines landing at Guadalcanal and of actual face-to-face combat with Japanese was told by three men who know at a special Marine Corps program arranged by the Teaneck Defense Council in Longfellow School last night.

Two of the men were Teaneck residents, Lieutenant Charles F. Schlenker, Marine Corps, of 129 Ayers Court, West Englewood, and Lieutenant Arthur Hill, Army, of 17 West Englewood Avenue, Teaneck. Also speaking was Corporal Richard L. Shaw, Marine Corps, of New York, who holds a Silver Star for gallantry in action while laying a vital communication line in Guadalcanal.

The Japs stubbornness and total disregard for the life of their fellows was related by Schlenker, who told how an unarmed Japanese soldier was sent down into the Marines front lines to lure the Americans into range of a machinegun nest. Stories were told of enemy men who although dying grasp hand grenades to their bodies so that when they are turned over the grenade explodes.

Township Attorney Donald M. Waesche was master of ceremonies, Paul A. Volcker, Township Manager was guest speaker, William Davis, chairman of the Local Defense Council also spoke.

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Cadets At Greensboro
Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 26—Four pre-aviation cadet candidates from Hackensack, N. J., and vicinity have arrived at Basic Training Center No. 10, of the A. A. F. Training Command.

While attached to this station they will take medical, written, and co-ordination tests to determine whether they are qualified for pilot, bombardier or navigator training.

The cadet candidates are Private Robert C. Bennett, son of Mrs. J. Bennett, 161 Main St., Hackensack; Private John C. Brennan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Brennan, 588 Oregon Avenue, Cliffside Park; Private Harold L. Schnare, son of H. C. Schnare, 486 Claremont Avenue, Teaneck; and Private Warren V. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Jones, 97 Windsor Road, Tenafly.

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LT. EDWIN N. BAUR

BAUR GETS WINGS AS MARINE FLIER

West Englewood Man Is Commissioned In Fla.

Edwin N. Baur, 24, son of Mrs. Elsa Baur of 1233 Beaumont Avenue, West Englewood, has been given his wings of gold and commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve, following completion of his flight training course at the Naval Air Training center at Pensacola, Fla.

Lieutenant Baur will be an instructor at one of the Navy's operational training centers.

Lieutenant Baur entered the service on Jan. 13, 1943, as a V-5 cadet in the Marine Air Corps. He was at Lancaster, Tex., at Athens, Ga., for his pre-flight school at University of Georgia, and had his primary training at Olathe, Kas. He was transferred to Pensacola, where he received his commission and wings on March 10.

Before entering the service, Baur was a teller at the West Englewood National Bank. He was graduated from Teaneck High School, where he was president of the Te-El Jews, and played on the basketball team.

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