

Teaneck Marine Is Wounded at Iwo

Private Passantino, 23, a member of the Fourth Marine Division, was wounded in the battle for Iwo Jima on February 26, his parents have been notified. Recently they received a letter from their son with this news.

According to his letter, he was just fine and as well as ever, but his biggest concern was for those back home. Then he added, "Oh, before I forget, if you haven't received a telegram as yet you will in the near future telling you I was wounded, or words to that effect. Don't pay too much attention to it because it wasn't anything serious. A bullet went through my back and shoulder and came out. So you see it wasn't much . . ."

Private Passantino, a graduate of Teaneck High School, class of '41, enlisted in the Marine Corps in August 1942. At Teaneck High, he was active in many school activities, but was outstanding in art work. He did a great many cartoons for the school paper and also drew many of the pictures for the year book. He was also a member of the V. F. W. Drum and Bugle Corps in Teaneck.

2-22-45

S-Sgt. Harold Emtage Gets Air Medal For Achievement

Staff Sergeant Harold L. Emtage, aerial gunner of Teaneck, has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific Area from August 28, 1944 to October 30, 1944.

Sergeant Emtage took part in sustained operational flight missions during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These flights included bombing missions against enemy bases and aided considerably in the recent success of the Southwest Pacific Theater of Operations.

Sergeant Emtage, a graduate of Teaneck High School, has been overseas for the past 2 years and has been in the service for 3 years. He is the son of Mrs. Agnes E. Knapp of 845 Williams Avenue, Teaneck.

2-22-45

Hartmeyer in Finance Dept.

Walter A. Hartmeyer, husband of the former Miss Marjorie Fernandez of 819 Crestview Place, Teaneck, is stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Ind., where he is with contract termination in the fiscal section of the Finance Department of the Infantry.

He entered the service in May of 1943. A graduate of Newton, L. I., High School and Columbia University, Mr. Hartmeyer was a Certified Public Accountant in New York City prior to entering the service. He was also a member of the Kiwanis Club in Jamaica, L. I.

A brother, Harold, is serving with the Army somewhere in the South Pacific area.

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More Laurels For S-Sgt. T. Anderson

15TH AAF IN ITALY—Staff Sgt. T. C. Anderson, 25, of 283 Pleasant Place, Teaneck, N. J., has been awarded the Bronze Star for "meritorious service in direct support of combat operations"

The citation further reads, "As Ordnance Section Chief of this squadron, his technical ability and leadership has been of outstanding value to the organization. Arriving in this theater, Sgt. Anderson found that there were no shop facilities to properly maintain the ordnance equipment which was so sorely needed for successful combat operations. By his own initiative Sgt. Anderson set out to build an ordnance shop. Within a short time the shop was completed and he was able to carry on the ordnance maintenance work efficiently."

Formerly employed at a Hoboken shipyard, Sgt. Anderson enlisted in the Army in April of 1941, and was graduated from the ordnance school at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland.

For the past 32 months the Sergeant has been overseas serving with the oldest heavy bombardment group in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. The first Flying Fortress group over Europe, this unit recently became the first heavy bombardment group in the Army Air Forces to have down 400 combat missions.

Sgt. Anderson has earned the European-African-Middle East Theater Ribbon with six battle participation stars and also wears the Distinguished Unit Badge.

2-24-45

Captain Hurrle Receives Fifth Oak Leaf Cluster

B-17 Flying Fortress "Lady Anne", Captain Robert P. Hurrle, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hurrle, 80 Johnson Avenue, Teaneck, has had a combat career of more than 25 missions. The 22-year-old flier has been presented with his fifth Oak Leaf Cluster for achievement during bombing attacks on Nazi military and industrial installations. He is a member of the 94th Bombardment Group which was cited by the President for bombing the Muhlentbau aircraft assembly plant at Brunswick, Germany.

Captain Hurrle is a graduate of Teaneck High School. Before enlisting in the Army Air Forces in August, 1942, he was employed as a bookkeeper for a chemical company in New York.

2-24-45

Pvt. Von Spreckelson Is Seriously Wounded

According to the word received by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Von Spreckelson, of 174 West Street, West Englewood, their son, Private Fred Von Spreckelson Jr. was seriously wounded in action in the European Theater of Operations. Private Von Spreckelson, a graduate of St. Cecilia's High School, trained with the infantry at Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Ark., and was sent overseas last December. The telegram from the War Department was received Friday.

2-27-45

Lt. Greco In Italy

Pasquale G. Greco, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Greco of 186 Hillside Avenue, Teaneck, is serving with an ordnance company of Peninsular Base Headquarters in Italy, service and supply organization for the Fifth Army and for ground forces of the U. S. Army Air Forces and Navy in Italy.

2-27-45

Award Meritorious Plaque To Private Philip Lins

WITH THE DIXIE DIVISION ON MOROTAI—(Special Release)—For outstanding devotion to duty in operating supply dumps under combat conditions, the 31st Infantry Division Q M company of which Pfc. Philip Lins of Teaneck, N. J., is a member has been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque. Lins, a supply man, has been overseas more than a year, seeing action at Wakde-Sarmi and Morotai.

2-27-45

Air Medal Presented To Mother Of Lt. Houghton

The Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters was recently presented to Mrs. Ethel D. Houghton of 258 Schley Place, Teaneck, for her son, Lieutenant Clyde A. Houghton, who has been reported missing in action.

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