

Teaneck Marine Is Killed on Iwo Jima

The first Bergen County Marine to lose his life in the battle of Iwo Jima was reported this week.

He is Staff Sergeant Henry W. Wolber of Teaneck, 24, husband of Mrs. Kay Wolber, 78 Ayers Court, Teaneck, a member of a Marine Corps demolition squad, who, according to word received by his wife, the former Kay Neumuller of Teaneck, died of wounds received February 23. Sergeant Wolber, holder of a Presidential Citation, was a veteran of Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Vella Levella and New Caledonia.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Wolber Sr. of Utica, N. Y., Sergeant Wolber, prior to his enlistment in the Marine Corps in January, 1942, served a previous 4-year enlistment and spent 1 year in the Hawaiian Islands and three years at West Point, N. Y., attached to the Military Police. For the 3 months he was out of service, before he re-enlisted, he was employed by the Bendix Aviation Corporation in Teterboro as a guard. His death occurred 2 years and seven months to the day he and Miss Neumuller were married.

Sergeant Wolber upon re-entering service in 1942, was stationed at Washington, but was later transferred to the paratroops and trained at North Carolina. He was overseas 14 months, having participated in Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Villi-LaVilli, New Caledonia, and had been awarded the Presidential Citation, when he was sent back to the United States to train with the demolition squad. He went overseas again last July.

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Lt. Erickson In France

Lieut. Albert J. Erickson, 26, husband of Grace Bracker Erickson of 1081 Trafalgar Street, West Englewood, is serving with a Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron somewhere in France.

Lieutenant Erickson entered the service in July of 1942 and received his commission in the Cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas, in March of 1943. He was stationed in Kansas, Texas, Louisiana, and California before going overseas in February of last year with a mechanized cavalry unit which arrived in France shortly after D-Day.

Lieutenant Erickson was wounded while on reconnaissance patrol near Brest, France on September 9 when a sniper's bullet hit his canteen, causing it to explode and driving steel fragments into his hip and leg. He was flown to England the same day and hospitalized here for several months. He rejoined his outfit in December and has been in combat since.

Lieutenant Erickson is a graduate of Teaneck High School and Bergen Junior College. He is the father of a 3-year old son, Albert Jr.

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REV. EMIL BAYER OF TEANECK NOW FIELD CHAPLAIN

Former Methodist Pastor Assigned To Eagle Pass Army Post In Texas

HIS 3RD LOCATION

Captain Emil G. Bayer, former pastor of the Teaneck Methodist Church, has been made Protestant Chaplain of the Eagle Pass Army Air Field, Texas, it was announced today.

Captain Bayer served as chaplain at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., and the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center before being sent to Eagle Pass, Texas.

A graduate of the Army Chaplain's School, Harvard University, he won a B. A. degree from Weylan College. His Bachelor of Divinity degree came from Drew University where he also received an M. A. degree in theology. He entered the ministry in 1920 and served as a Seaman First Class in the last war. His wife, Mrs. Eleanor Bayer, lives at 122 Ayers Court, West Englewood.

Jones In Arkansas

Marine Staff Sergeant Everett R. Jones of Teaneck, veteran of nine months of service in the South Pacific, has now been assigned as an Aviation Mechanic with the service squadron at Newport, Ark.

Sergeant Jones participated in battles in Guadalcanal, Samoa, New Hebrides, New Caledonia, the Fijis, and New Zealand.

He wears the Presidential Unit Citation for the First Marine Air Wing, having been in combat on Guadalcanal from October 9 to Dec. 13, 1942, the Purple Heart for wounds received when an enemy shell exploded nearby and shrapnel entered his left leg and right foot. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Halbohn of 764 Cedar Lane, Teaneck.

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Corp. Lloyd Kennedy Arrives In England

Corporal Lloyd E. Kennedy, of West Englewood has arrived at an English Air base in England recently according to a letter received by his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Kennedy of 443 Maitland Avenue, West Englewood.

Corporal Kennedy, a radio-gunner on a Flying Fortress entered the service in July, 1943. He is a graduate of Teaneck High School and attended Radio Technical School in New York City.

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S/Sgt. Christensen

Staff Sergeant Arthur H. Christensen of West Englewood, recently returned from the E. T. O. Theater of Operations, has reported for duty with the Army Air Forces Training Command at Langley Field, Va.

Sergeant Christensen wears the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Christensen of 120 Tryon Avenue, West Englewood.

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IN SERVICE NEWS



CAPT. EMIL G. BAYER



S/SGT. E. R. JONES

Lt. Richard Habel Given Air Medal For Bombing

For operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific with the 13th A.A.F., Second Lieutenant Richard T. Habel, son of Mrs. Frank K. Habel, 179 Johnson Avenue, Teaneck, has been presented with the Air Medal. The presentation took place at an advanced 13th with the Air Medal. The present-Liberator base in the Moluccas.

A bombardier on a B-24 Liberator, Habel participated in Bomber Baron (5th Group) strikes that supported the Philippine liberation forces through heavy bombardment of enemy supply and bivouac areas, and neutralization of air-dromes, and the destruction of Japanese shipping. Overseas since July of 1944, he was flown strikes against targets in Palau, the Celebes, and Borneo.

Lieutenant Habel entered the A. A. F. November, 1943. He attended aerial gunnery school at Tyndall Field, Florida, and bombardier school at Victorville, California.

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"Skid" Johnson Graduates From General Staff School

Major Arnold R. (Skid) Johnson, the Teaneck ace who earned the Silver Star in one hour of combat back in 1942, has been graduated from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Johnson was a pilot in the 19th Bombardment Group which pounded Japanese air and naval bases in New Britain early in the war. He himself accounted for 13 Jap planes, a submarine, a cruiser, and three transports. Besides the Silver Star, he wears the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and a four-citation Presidential streamer.

Major Johnson will be stationed at Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Lt. Iglesias Is Given Oak Leaf Cluster Award

An Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal has been awarded to Lieutenant Victor D. Iglesias for meritorious service in aerial flight while serving with a P-51 Mustang fighter station in England.

Lieutenant Iglesias has destroyed one Focke-Wulf 190 during aerial combat. He received his wings and commission in January, 1944. He lives at 1268 Longfellow Avenue, West Englewood.

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Lt. McLaughlin Awarded Air Medal For Missions

Lieutenant James J. McLaughlin, veteran of more than 20 combat missions over German-held Europe, was recently awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight." Lieutenant McLaughlin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James P. McLaughlin, 866 Estes Avenue, Teaneck. He is stationed with the 15th Air Force in Italy.

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