

Brennan Returns From Burma Front

Some idea of the weather conditions that confront air-fighters in the China-Burma area were disclosed this week by First Lieutenant William J. Brennan, Jr., holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster as well as a group unit citation.

Lieutenant Brennan, who claims no ill effects from his experiences, was a member of the Fourteenth Air Force (Flying Tigers) serving as a bombardier in the crew of a B-24 bomber named the Trouble-maker, whose gunners have three Zeros to their credit.

An idea of the dangers involved is gained by the officer's statement that the crew of his bomber was the only one in the squadron which had not been forced to bail out at least once. He said one man bailed out twice in 9 days.

"Fighting is different than on most of the other fronts as we had to make our own supply line. Often we would spend 2 weeks bringing in supplies before going on a mission."

The missions, he said, are long, often 8 hours over water at a stretch, while sometimes he was flying 18 hours in the course of a day.

"Our base was at 6,400 feet elevation and any time we went up we didn't know if we would be able to reach our base on the return as it often would be obscured by clouds. In that case all we could do was to cruise around and try to find an opening over some other base."

His wife is the former Miss Margaret Hoffman of 215 Johnson Avenue, Teaneck.

Now Lt. Mc Inerney

Aviation Cadet Anthony, McInerney, brother of Patrick McInerney, 365 Morningside Terrace, Teaneck, N. J., on Oct. 14th became a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Forces after completing bombardier training at the Carlisle (New Mexico) Army Air Field.

Report Local Seaman Killed In South Pacific

The wife of Petty Officer Third Class Joseph Paznick of West Englewood has been informed by the Navy that it is believed that her husband was killed during the invasion of Peleliu.

Paznick entered the Navy in April, 1943, and received his training at Camp Peary, Va. and Camp Parks, Calif. He was sent overseas last October. The last letter from him, received by Mrs. Paznick, was written about two weeks ago. In it he said that he was in Hawaii waiting to be shipped out.

Besides his widow, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Paznick of Lincoln Park, and three sisters, Mrs. Edward Flizewski of New York and Mrs. Ray Battistoni and Julia of Lincoln Park.

Thrun Given Air Medal

15th AAF in Italy—1st Lieutenant Alvin A. Thrun, 24, formerly of 501 Martense Avenue, Teaneck, New Jersey, has been awarded the Air Medal. It was announced by 15th Army Air Force Headquarters.

In the words of the citation, Lt. Thrun was awarded this decoration "for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy." A pilot, Lt. Thrun is stationed in Italy with a 15th AAF Liberator bombardment group which has been bombing German held targets in Europe.

Prior to entering the Armed Forces, Lt. Thrun was employed by the New York Central Railroad Company at Weehawken, New Jersey. He received his commission at Waco, Texas on September 30, 1943.

Wheeler Gets Degree

George C. Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Charles Wheeler, of 230 Rutland Avenue, West Englewood, received his B.S. degree in metallurgical engineering at the Lehigh University Founders' Day commencement at Bethlehem, Pa., Sunday. Dr. Fraser Metzger, Dean of Men at Rutgers University, was the speaker at the exercises at Parker Memorial Chapel.

Wheeler, who attended Teaneck High School, is a member of Delta Sigma Phi, social fraternity.

Teaneck Nurse Plans Army Meals In France

A U.S. ARMY HOSPITAL IN FRANCE—A specialist in scientific food preparation, Second Lieutenant Winifred G. Riely, daughter of George N. Riely, 541 Maple Ave., Teaneck, New Jersey daily helps plan the 2,000 individualized meals for soldier-patients of a U. S. General Hospital, where she is staff dietitian.

With medical officers ordering what patients need most, four general classifications of meals must be prepared. However, many patients need special diets, which must be individually planned and prepared. Hospital dietitians plan the diets and supervise their preparation by trained Army cooks.

"We plan meals as part of patients' treatments," Lt. Riely says. "Regular Army rations are supplemented by extra hospital allowances, so patients get what they need. Every meal is carefully planned as we try to keep a variety of menus."

One recent breakfast included pineapple juice, wheat cereal, French toast with jam, bacon, butter and coffee. For dinner the same day, there was creamed chicken, buttered potatoes, green beans, sliced tomatoes, bread and butter, pears and coffee.

Regular ration allowances have been increased by gifts of Brittany farmers as tokens of appreciation for their liberation.

Lt. Riely a graduate of New York University, did post-graduate study in "Foods and Nutrition" at the University of Chicago. Prior to entering the Army in February 1944, she served as dietitian at Grace Hospital, New Haven, Conn., Sinai Hospital, Baltimore, Md., and for E. I. duPont de Nemours, Hartford, Wash.

Lt. McLaughlin Killed In Italy

First Lieutenant John F. McLaughlin died on October 5, his parents Mr. and Mrs. James J. McLaughlin of Teaneck were informed this week, as the result of wounds received on the Italian front.

Lieutenant McLaughlin was wounded June 26 in the fighting for Cassino, and after a 6-week convalescence was assigned as acting intelligence officer on his battalion staff and promoted.

He wrote his parents on September 28 that his unit was engaged in mountain fighting against the Germans in North Italy and was losing great numbers of the mules it had drafted as supply pack animals.

"The ledges are terrible," he said; but then he added that, as for the war, he could see it all but wound up.

The War Department said that it would amplify the circumstances of his death in a later message.

Born in Weehawken, he attended Holy Trinity School in Hackensack, and was graduated in 1935 from St. Cecilia High School, Englewood. He was called to the service in 1940—and that time he was employed by the North American Insurance Company—and underwent basic training at Fort Bragg, N. C., and officer training at the infantry candidate school at Fort Benning.

S/Sgt. Clayton Killed

Staff Sergeant Clayton, a tank commander and a platoon sergeant in charge of 26 men, with the Third Army, was killed in France on September 27. He would have been 36 years old on October 4.

A resident of Teaneck for 16 years, Sergeant Clayton entered the Army in May, 1941 and was sent overseas in December, 1943. He entered France a short time after D-Day and according to his last letter, dated September 23, he had been through some tough fighting the last few days before he was killed. He was formerly employed by Kidder, Peabody and Company in New York City.

Besides his parents, Sergeant Clayton is survived by a twin brother, Staff Sergeant Walter A. Clayton Jr., Army Air Force, stationed at Seymour Johnson Field in North Carolina, and two sisters, Anna M. Clayton and Mrs. Dorothy C. Lawrence of Teaneck.

Memorial services were held in the Community Church on Elm Avenue on Tuesday, Rev. W. Carman Trembath officiating.

Lt. Taylor, Formerly Missing, Now a Prisoner

Second Lieutenant Herbert E. Taylor, formerly of 149 Morrison St., Teaneck, who was previously reported "missing in action" is now reported to be a prisoner of war in Germany, according to a letter recently received by his wife whose home is now in Ohio.