

WOUNDED



CORP. RAYMOND STRALL

Strall, an infantryman, was wounded in action in North Africa March 28. His parents say he left for overseas duty last October, and that he was in the first group of Americans who invaded North Africa. One of his buddies was the second American to land on African soil during the war, he parents said.

Strall wrote a letter home which was received April 26, telling his family he was wounded and 20 days later on May 16 they received the Department telegram notifying them their son was wounded in action. Another letter advised Mr. and Mrs. Strall their son had been awarded the military order of the Purple Heart medal for being wounded in action. He described the medal in a short sentence and assured them he was all right.

His letters repeat he is recuperating but his mother is not calmed by it, because as she says, "He would say he is all right no matter what happened to him. He's been that way since he was a little boy. He always says not to worry."

His brother, Corporal Felix F. Strall is with the Signal Corps in India. Following a custom they started when they were small, the two brothers sent their mother a bouquet of flowers for Mother's Day this year, although they were both overseas. His two older brothers, Benjamin and Stephen Strall served with the Army in the last World War.

Strall entered the service in January, 1941, and received his training at Fort Bragg, N. C., with the Rangers.

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CAMP LEE GIVES QUARTERMASTER BARS TO 3 HERE

Tuite, Teaneck; Cuttillo, Garfield; Britting Of Park Commissioned

23 FROM NEW JERSEY

Three Bergen County men were among the 763 officers commissioned today at the Quartermaster School, Camp Lee, Va., according to an announcement by Brigadier General George A. Hovnan.

They were William Augustus Tuite, 181 Sherman Avenue, Teaneck; Thomas Cuttillo, 225 Harrison Avenue, Garfield, and Howard Victory Britting, 37 Ridgely Avenue, Ridgely Park.

There were 23 other men from New Jersey on the list.

Hoffmann Promoted

To Tech. Sergeant
Technician Corporal Clarence J. Hoffmann of 1100 Anna Street, West Englewood, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hoffmann from somewhere in Africa that he has been promoted to technician sergeant in the maintenance corp. of the armored regiment to which he is attached.

Sergeant Hoffmann has been with the regiment since December, 1942. He received his training at Fort Knox, Ky., and Fort Bragg. His brother, P. F. C. Elmer Hoffmann, is with our forces in England.

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At Navy School

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Chicago, Ill., June 29—Two Bergen County, N. J., bluejackets are here at the Navy Pier school learning ground crew duties for the Navy Air Force. They are:

WEST ENGLEWOOD — Wallace W. Cornelius, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Schurenke of 1343 Pennington Road.

They are being instructed in repair and maintenance of aircraft and will qualify for petty officer rating.

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At a U. S. Bomber Station in England, (AP) June 23—Twenty-four-year-old Major Louis W. Rohr of Teaneck, N. J., pilot of the American Flying Fortress "Pappy", brought in his crew and ship safely here after bombing the synthetic rubber plant of the Germans at Huls yesterday. Their bombs sent up columns of gray smoke 6,000 feet in the air.

The major said that the going had not been so rough but that the anti-aircraft fire had been heavy. His co-pilot, Maj. Eugene Lavier of Rochester, N. Y., made his first raid on the trip. "We got our target all right," he reported. "The flak ahead of us looked like a wall."

Rohr has been in the Army Air Force 3 years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Rohr of 844 Queen Ann Road, Teaneck. He graduated from Teaneck High and Bergen Junior College. He has a wife and a 7-month-old son.

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Esslinger Trains

At Florida Post

Lieutenant Junior Grade, Robert A. Esslinger of the Coast Guard, son of Mrs. C. A. Esslinger of 943 Prince Street, Teaneck, left for St. Augustine, Fla., today, to attend an advanced training school of the Navy. He had been in service on the Pacific coast and was home on a 10-day furlough.

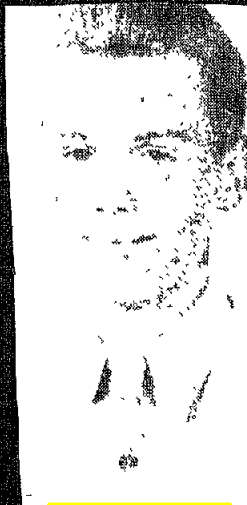
Another son, Captain Arthur C. Esslinger of the Army Aviation Ordnance Corps has been in Puerto Rico for more than 2 years. He was a reserve officer, having been a member of the R. O. T. C. at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Bucknell Student

Leaves For Fort Dix

Frank William Strickland, son of Councilman and Mrs. Arthur Strickland of Teaneck, left today for Fort Dix. He was a student at Bucknell University, for 3 years when he enlisted on June 4. He was a member of the R. O. T. C. and the reserve corps. At college he was a member of the boxing and wrestling teams and won his letter as a soccer player.

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ROBERT P. RANGES

RANGES, 24, DIES IN SOUTH PACIFIC

Teaneck Pilot, School Clerk's Son, Killed

A West Englewood troop transport pilot and a Lyndhurst veteran of the fight for Attu are the latest to be named today in War Department casualty lists, the one as killed in action in the southwest Pacific and the other as wounded.

Killed In Action

RANGES, Flight Officer Robert Paul; 24, son of District School Clerk and Mrs. John H. Ranges of 1295 Alicia Avenue, West Englewood.

Wounded In Action

TIRGRATH, First Lieutenant Howard L.; 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myrteer Tirgrath of 321 Page Avenue, Lyndhurst.

Also reported as killed in action is Staff Sergeant Clement Frantz, Flying Fortress gunner of North Bergen, and great grandson of the late Captain Clement Frantz of Dumont, where the gunner's great-aunts still make their home.

Advice the gunner died came Monday to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Frantz of 1311 Forty-third Street, North Bergen.

Frantz enlisted in the Army Air Force in October, 1941, and had been overseas 11 months serving for a period in Palestine. His parents believe he was on duty in the south Asia area when he died.

Ranges was serving with the Southwest Pacific Troop Carrier Transport Service when he died May 12. His family has not heard how he died. The flight officer enlisted in November, 1941, and came into rank as flight officer last October at Napier Field, Ala.

Ranges left for overseas duty in March. His letters home had been postmarked from New Guinea.

A brother, Private First Class John W. Ranges, is with the Army Air Force Bombardier School at Pyote Field, Tex.

Tirgrath's family first disclosed last Monday their officer-son had been wounded in battle, and today came through with information indicating he might have led a 16-man detail in storming intrenchments on Attu.

He wrote his mother about his experiences. "Some of them were good, some bad but all interesting and I haven't regretted any of them."

Tirgrath had been in Alaska since April. Before that he was in Ireland and as he awaited passage to North Africa he was recalled home for officer training.

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J. J. Moones' Two Sons Completing Training

Two Teaneck brothers, Merchant Marine Cadet Robert Moone and Private Donald Moone, are serving with the armed forces. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Moone of 975 Teaneck Road.

Cadet Moone, who has just returned to his training center at Sheepshead Bay, N. Y., after a 2-week furlough, has completed his basic training and has qualified for the rank of purser. He expects to leave for active duty soon.

Private Moone is near the end of basic training in the Army at Camp Croft, S. C., and has volunteered for paratroop duty.

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Wurtmann Commissioned

Arthur Wurtmann, 269 Edgemont Terrace, Teaneck, the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Wurtmann, received his commission as an ensign in the Navy. Ensign Wurtmann was graduated from Teaneck High School 1939 and attended Nichols College, Dudley, Mass. for 2 years. He was holding a Government position in Washington when he entered the Navy.

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