

CADETS ADVANCE TO FLIGHT NEXT

3 From Bergen County Complete Course

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)
Chapel Hill, N. C., Apr. 1.—Three Bergen County cadets have been advanced to primary flight training at the Naval Reserve Aviation Base at Peru, Ind., after completing the 3-month course here at the Navy Pre-Flight School. There are:

WEST ENGLEWOOD — William P. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett W. Brown of 641 West Englewood Avenue.

If they successfully complete this second phase and 3 additional months of advanced flight training, they will be eligible for commissions.

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ROBERT RUDIN JR.

Robert Rudin Jr. Studying Photography

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Pyle, Tex., Apr. 5.—Robert Rudin Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudin of 1311 Sussex Road, West Englewood, is studying advanced aerial photography with the 19th Bombardment Group, 83rd Squadron of the Army Air Force at this Air Base. A 1940 graduate of Teaneck High School, Rudin also was graduated from Bergen College last June. He entered the Air Force in November. After a short time at Atlantic City, Rudin was stationed at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., for a 8-month course in photography, which he completed in March.

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REPORTED KILLED



LT. NEIL TAKALA

4-1-43

2 FLIERS KILLED, 1 IN AUSTRALIA

Takala Dies In Action, Park Youth In Crash

Lieutenant Neil Thomas Takala of Teaneck, well known in athletic circles in the County, died in action in Australia, March 28, according to word received yesterday by his family from the War Department at Washington, D. C.

Takala, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas V. Takala, 224 Elm Avenue, Teaneck, left his position as a teacher at Bloomfield High School to enlist in the Army Air Corps in March, 1941. He received his commission at Selma, S. C., Dec. 12, 1941, and a few days later was transferred to the Pacific Coast. He boarded a transport bound for Australia during the Christmas holidays.

Only 3 weeks ago his family received a cablegram which reads: "Still enjoying Aussie hospitality. Everything O. K. Feeling fine."

Takala started his athletic career at Teaneck High School, where he played all three major sports. He also played semipro football with the Teaneck Red Devils, and caught for a number of the County's semipro baseball teams. Before he enlisted, he worked as a referee in a number of high school football and basketball games and as umpire in baseball games.

He was graduated from Montclair State Teachers College in 1938 after a brilliant athletic career. He was catcher for the school's baseball team, and fullback and captain of the football team. In addition, he was cocaptain of the wrestling team.

At the College he was also a member of the Senate, men's discussion society, and the Psychology Club. Upon graduation, he began his duties as a teacher at Bloomfield High School. After enlistment more than a year ago he received his training at air fields in Camden, S. C., and Craig Field in Alabama.

He observed his 28th birthday March 22.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas V. Takala; seven sisters, Lorraine and Anna of the Teaneck address; Mrs. Gertrude Olsen of Bogota, Mrs. Minnie Forante of Morsemere, Mrs. Mary Bell of Bogota, Hilda Takala of New York City, Mrs. Mabel Moore of Connecticut, and one brother, Walter, of the Teaneck address.

From The Men At The Front

Gentlemen:

Received a copy of the Defense News, Vol. 1, No. 3 and certainly enjoyed it. Was surprised to see the number of men in the service from Teaneck, Guess it's increased considerably since then. Nice to read about the sincere and extensive work being done at home. Just know that everyone is pitching in. Well after all that's Teaneck.

My best to all of you and would certainly appreciate hearing from you again.

A proud Teaneckite
Fred J. Aeschback AMMI-G
V. C. Fleet, Post Office,
New York

Fellow Townsfolk:

Thanks a lot for my copy of "Teaneck Defense News." It is a welcome sight to see the name of Teaneck in print after you have been away from it a while so I am hoping that you will keep me on your mailing list.

I have made several moves since original location at Hamilton Field, Calif. and consequently the "News" did a little traveling also before it caught up with me, so I had best give you my latest address. Thanking you again, I am,

Sgt. A. J. Lahmann
913th Engineers, A.F. Hdq. Co.

4-1-43

PROMOTED



Promotion to Lieutenant (junior grade) for Charles J. Alfke Jr. (above), 2 years in United States Navy service, has just been announced from North Africa. Graduate of the Wharton School of Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania, Lieutenant Alfke is the son of the executive vice-president of the Hackensack Water Company. His home is in Teaneck.

4-4-43

Armed Forces Get 475 More

Arthur D. Egan of Teaneck's Honor Roll Committee reports that 475 men and women have joined the armed forces since Nov. 8 when the honor roll on the grounds of the municipal building was dedicated, and that a total of 1987 were in the services of their country on April 1, 1943.

Egan said that a new list to include the 475 is being printed for the octagonal Honor Roll in accordance with the plan to make revisions periodically. The names of the five who have died in the service of their country will be given the position of honor on a separate panel.

Only names of men and women who actually were themselves residents of Teaneck at the time they entered actual service are included on the Roll. Names are not added until active service has begun. Reserves are not included.

4-3-43

This might come under sports, because Campbell "Soup" Stevenson was in the list, but it's general news because it's Teaneck's latest draft list. Soup, who made All-County football and baseball teams, and Ken Schmalenberger, another Teaneck High athlete, a student at William and Mary College this year, left last week for Newark and induction in the Army.

Others included Elmor Behrens, David Caughlan, Charles Currey, William Graham, Jr., Michael Halligan, William Kloeber, Walter Lynch, Fred Stafford, Angelo Cafarelli, Joseph Calabrese, James Gambella, Robert Hall, Allen Hensell, John Hooks, William Jeanig, Theodore King, Kenneth Massstrom, Alfred Podesta, Harold Stiltzman, John Stuart, Edward Zucchi, George Holler, William Murphy, Walter Salminen, John Powers, Srd., George Myles, and Ted Thompson.

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