# Teaneck Officer Reported Killed Abroad June 26

Captain Richard Philbrook Varnum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon E. Varnum of Sherman Avenue, Teaneck was killed in action in France on June 26 while in command of a unit of the 79th Division of Combat Engineers, it was learned last Thursday.

On Sunday last a daughter was born to his wife, the former Betty Blood of 173 Merrison Street, Teaneck and in his last letter dated June 17 the Teaneck officer expressed his concern over his wife and the coming child. He gave his daughter, who was born at the Holy Name Hospital, the name of Diane Elizabeth.

Captain Varnum was born in Jersey City and moved to Teaneck more than 18 years ago with his parents. He was graduated from Teaneck High School in 1936 and attended the Newark School of Engineering and later Pace Institute. He entered the Army with the 104th Engineers at the Teaneck Armory in September, 1940, and was commissioned a second lieutenant at Fort Belvoir, Va., in May of 1942. He was married to Miss Betty Blood in Alexandria, Va. at that time.

In September, 1942, he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant and on August 7, 1943 he was made a captain. He was sent overseas in April of this year.

Besides his wife and daughter and his parents, he is survived by a sister, First Lieutenant Ruth E. Varnum, Army Nurse's Corps, stationed at an evacuation hospital in France and a brother, Dr. Alden Varnum of Teaneck.

## Teaneck Boy Scouts At Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco

The following Teaneck Boy Scouts arrived at Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco on Sunday, July 30:

Allen Barnstorf and Ernest Spengler, Troop 90; L. Muller, Peter, E. Cauharou, Carl Stern, Allan W. Maloney, D. Sproul, R. Peters, Stanley Cook, John D. Reilly, Donald Lee, Bruce Wein, Allen Burrows, Fred Buttler, Willard L Reed and John W. Madison, Troop 92.

The only Teaneck Scout returning from the camp that day was Peter L. Oliver of Troop 94.

## Protin Gets Cluster

15TH ARMY AIR FORCE IN ITALY—T/Sgt. John E. Protin, 28, of 360 Whitelaw Pl., Teaneck, N. J., gunner on a B-24 Liberator Bomber, operating from Italy, has been awarded the second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal, according to an announcement by the 15th Air Force.

In he words of the citation, the award was made, "for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against he enemy."

Sgt. Protin was inducted into the army, Feb. 27, 1941. He is now stationed at a 15th Air Force heavy bomber base in Italy, in a group, commanded by Col Thomas W Steed, of Etowah, Tenn.

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# To Hold Services For Lieut. Dobrow

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dobrow, the parents of Lieutenant Irwin Dobrow, of 17 West Englewood Avenue, West Englewood, have been informed by the War Department that their son has been killed in action over Germany.

Lieut. Dobrow was recently awarded the Air Medal for his moritorious service in combat. His father has conducted a stationery store at 1364 Teaneck Road for over 10 years.

Rabbi Samuel Geffen, spiritual leader of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center, will conduct the special memorial services and deliver a eulogy in memory of the officer. Traditional Hebrew Memorial prayers will be recited at the service, to which have been invited all members of the Jewish Community and friends of the family. The services will be conducted in the synagogue of the Jewish Community Center, 1075 Queen Anne Road, Friday night at 8:30 o'clock.

Rabbi Geffen said: "Lieutenant Irwin Dobrow represented the finest type of American youth brought up in the religion of Judaism. He was a devoted son, who showed the greatest honor to his parents; he was a cherished friend of all who knew him, Jewish and Christian alike; he was an American, who understood his obligation to his beloved country to the extent that he was prepared to, and did, offer his life that the principles of democracy and freedom might be preserved in this world. All members of the community should feel privileged to honor the memory of Lieutenant Irwin Dobrow.

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# Lieut. Nurse Kelley Home From O'seas

Lieutenant Lorraine M. Kelley, Army Nurse Corps has returned to Teaneck after service overseas in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. She entered the service in October, 1942, after graduating from the Medical Center in Jersey City. Her first assignment was Fort Monmouth. From there she received assignment aboard a hospital ship.

While in North Africa Lieutenant Kelley met her brother Stuart J. Kelley Jr. whom she hadn't seen for over a year. They met by accident in a city in North Africa and after a few hours together parted for duty in their respective posts. Lieutenant Kelley was one of the first nurses to land on the Anzio beachhead.

While on furlough lieutenant Kelley stayed at the home of her sister, Mrs. Raymond Nolan, livington Place, West Englewood. She had as her guest Lieutenant Alice Casswell, A. N. C. of California.

Private First Class Joseph G. Kelley, Marine Corps, brother of Lieutenant Kelley, is also home on a 30-day furlough, his first time home in over 28 months of overseas service. Private Kelley served with the first Marine division in the Cape Gloucester campaign, Guadalcanal. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart J. Kelley of Teaneck and is visiting his sister, Mrs. Raymond Nolan. Private Kelley is a graduate of St. Paul's Prep School in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he played on the football team. He joined the Marines one month after Pearl Harbor attack, Jan. 7, 1942 and has spent 26 months in the South Pacific.

## Lieut. W. R. Walther

Lieutenant W. R. Walther, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walther of 250 Harding Avenue, Teaneck, has completed flight training at George Field, Ill., and is now prepared to enter a transitional flying course before bing assigned to an overseas combat flight squadron.

Lieutenant Walther entered training last January attending schools at Jackson, Tenn., and Newport, Ark. He is a graduate of Teaneck High School and was employed as an aircraft electrician by the Brewster Aeronautical Corporation in Long Island before entering the Air Force.

Also graduating from twin engine advance flight training at George Field was Lieutenant Ed-

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## Holland Naval Reserve Lt.

C. Whitney Holland Jr., husband of Mrs. Catherine Holland, of 209 Herrick Avenue, Teaneck, has been promoted to full lieutenant, in the U. S. Naval Reserve and is now home on a 20-day leave.

Having finished serving 21 months in the Carribean Area, he anthas been transferred to the Navy Yard at Portsmouth, Va. Mrs. Holland is the former Katherine Scudder of Teaneck.

Lieutenant Holland, a graduate of Bogota High School and Cooper Union in New York, entered service in May, 1942. He is the son of Mrs. C. W. Holland, of 147 Gray Street, Bogota.

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## Corporal Louis Jacobs

An Eighth A. A. F. Fighter Wing, England—Along with other members of his unit Corporal Louis Jacobs of 975 Teaneck Road, Teaneck, has earned the commendation of his commanding general for diligence and attention to duty during March and April.

In the commendation, which was issued to units of his fighter wing headquarters Brigadier General Jesse Auton of Covington, Ky., pointed out the importance of every job including such routine duties as guard, clerk, and KP.

Corporal Jacobs, is a teletype operator in the communications section of this unit.

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