

Pvt. Gingras Convalescing

Fort Thomas, Kentucky — Pvt. Wallace E. Gingras, the son of Eugene Gingras, of Brockton, and husband of Mrs. Grace Gingras, 806 Red Road, Teaneck, N. J., has arrived at the Army Air Forces Convalescent Hospital, Fort Thomas, Ky., for a period of rest, recreation and therapy.

A specialist on Lockheed aircraft he served as an aircraft engine mechanic with an AAF unit in Ireland.

Before he entered the Army on January 4, 1944 he served as an engine mechanic with the Wright Aeronautical Corporation, of Paterson, N. J.

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Sgt. Bob Spearing Wounded In France

Staff Sergeant Robert Spearing, husband of Mrs. Lillian Spearing, 414 21st Street, Union City, formerly of Teaneck, was wounded in action January 28 in France, according to the telegram received by his wife, the former Lillian Gustavsen of Bogota, recently. The message from the Government stated that he had been wounded seriously. In a letter from Sergeant Spearing, Mrs. Spearing learned that he had been hit in his left arm and hip. "The bomb exploded so close to me," he wrote, "that my wrist watch was ripped off my arm." Sergeant Spearing has received the Purple Heart and is now in the Hospital in England.

The son of Mrs. William Schlemm of Union City, Sergeant Spearing was graduated from Steven's Academy in Hoboken and attended Upsala College in East Orange. He entered the Army two and a half years ago and received his basic training at Camp Crowder, Mo. He later taught basic training at Crowder for two years and then went overseas last November.

He and Mrs. Spearing have two sons, Robert, two and one half and William, 8 months.

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Sgt. Alan Babitts Is Given Oak Leaf Cluster

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England.—An oak leaf cluster to his air medal has been awarded to Sergeant Alan Babitts, 22, Teaneck, New Jersey, for "meritorious achievement" while participating in bombing missions to German military and industrial targets.

Sgt. Babitts is the ball turret gunner on an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress in the 386th Bombardment Group commanded by Col. George Y. Jumper, Natoma, Calif.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Babitts, 43 Bogert Street, Teaneck, he graduated from the Jamaica, N. Y., High School in 1939. Prior to entering the AA in March, 1943, he was employed as an instrument mechanic at the Rome Air Depot, Rome, N. Y. He received his aerial gunnery wings at Las Vegas, Nevada, in May, 1944. Two brothers, Edward and Morton, are in the services, Edward in the Army and Morton in the Navy.

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Lt. D. Averill Is Killed In Action

Father of a seven-month son he never saw, First Lieutenant Denniston Averill, former resident of Teaneck and well known Teaneck High School athlete and student was killed in action in Belgium on December 20 according to a notification received by his wife the former Dorothy George of West Englewood. He was recently awarded the Bronze Star and the Medal of Verdun.

Lieutenant Averill, 29, was reported missing in action in a telegram received by his wife from the government on January 25. Lieutenant Averill enlisted in 1940 with the 102nd Cavalry and was commissioned a second lieutenant at Fort Knox, Ky., in 1942. He served as a company commander in the Seventh Armored Division of Patton's Third Army and fought in Metz, with the British Second Army in Holland, in Aachen, Antwerp, and St. Vith, Belgium. Prior to entering service he was with Johns-Manville in New York.

A graduate of Teaneck High School, class of '34, Lieutenant Averill was president of his sophomore, junior and senior year and was a member of the Honor Society. He also played football and baseball.

He is one of five children, one of whom is Master Sergeant William Averill, serving with the Marine Air Corps in the Philippines.

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Pvt. R. Rutherford Killed In Action

Private Robert Rutherford, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Rutherford, 414 Beverly Road, Teaneck, was killed in action January 5 in Belgium, according to word received by his parents. A member of the 501st Paratroop Infantry, Private Rutherford had been overseas for over a year and had been in action in all the invasions on the Western Front since D-Day.

Born in Teaneck on August 15, 1924, Private Rutherford attended Teaneck High School and was inducted into service in March, 1943. He received basic training at Camp Croft, S. C., and Fort Bragg, N. C., and went overseas in January, 1944.

His brothers in service are Sergeant John, on Palau Island; Private First Class James, with the Army Air Force in Texas; Aviation Cadet Henry, who will be commissioned a lieutenant in the Air Corps this week, and Alfred with the Infantry overseas.

He also has a brother-in-law, Sergeant Frank Kievet in the South Pacific.

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S-Sgt. John Ranges

Staff Sergeant John W. Ranges has reported to the A. A. F. redistribution station at Atlantic City after 7 months active duty in the European Theater of operations.

Sergeant Ranges, an armorer gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress participated in 27 combat missions and wears the Air Medal and the ETO campaign ribbon.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ranges of 1295 Alicia Avenue, Teaneck.

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Lt. Charles J. Morris Is Given Silver Star

Charles J. Morris, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Morris of 541 Cumberland Avenue, Teaneck.

Lieutenant Morris holds the Bronze Star, Silver Star, and a Presidential Citation for 30 months of active duty with the Field Artillery in the South Pacific. He is a veteran of the battles of Guadalcanal and Bougainville.

Lieutenant Morris is a graduate of William L. Dickinson High School, Jersey City and entered the armed forces on Nov. 3, 1941.

Lieut. J. Ziegler Killed In Action

First Lieutenant John W. Ziegler of Teaneck, reported missing last May, was killed in action, the War Department reported this week. Lieutenant Ziegler, pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress, was killed on his way to Karlsruhe, Germany on May 27.

Lieutenant Ziegler, husband of Mrs. Shirley L. Ziegler, 1009 Garrison Avenue, Teaneck, and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Keller Ziegler of the Garrison Avenue address, had completed 18 missions before he died and had been awarded the Air Medal and an Oak Leaf Cluster.

Lieutenant Ziegler, 26, was graduated from Teaneck High School in 1936 and prior to enlistment in the Air Corps in September, 1942, was employed by the Eclipac Aviation Corporation in Teterboro. He received his wings and commission as a pilot at William Field, Ariz., on August 30, 1943, and went overseas during March of last year. He was based in England with the Eighth Air Force.

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Pfc. William Commons In English Hospital

Pfc. William H. Commons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Commons, 311 Queen Anne Road, Teaneck.

Private First Class William H. Commons, 20-year-old paratrooper, was wounded by shrapnel in leg, arm, and hip on January 8 in Belgium and is now in a hospital in England. He is a veteran of the D-Day, Holland, and Belgium invasions.

A former Teaneck High School student, Private Commons entered service 2 years ago and trained at Camp McCall, N. C., and Fort Benning, Ga. He went overseas during December, 1943.

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Teaneck Soldier-Artist Wins Prize For GI Art

A picture titled "Friday Night," which he painted before going overseas, won Pfc. Stephen Raffo of 29 Werner Place, Teaneck, first prize recently in the Fort Dix army-sponsored arts contest. Raffo's painting won first prize in the oil painting and tempers class. His award was a \$10 GI War Bond.

After a 5-day exhibition at the Trenton New Jersey State Museum, Private Raffo's painting and other prize-winning creations will be shown in the New York City exhibit where they will compete in the Second Service Command phase of the national, all GI arts contest. If the paintings from Fort Dix come out on top with honors there, they will then go on to the grand competition in the nation-wide contest, with their entries being judged on the walls of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C.

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Latest Draft List

Local Board No. 6, Teaneck, N. J. The following registrants were inducted into the armed forces on March 1, 1945:

Frederick J. Henning, 349 E. 153rd Street, Bronx, N. Y.; Donald J. Disher, 294 Hickory Street, Teaneck, N. J.; Robert H. Nattross, 893 Edgewood Ave., Teaneck, N. J.; Warren Witham, 506-80th Street, North Bergen, N. J.; David Yeaton, 305 Edgewood Ave., West Englewood, N. J.; Crescenzo Miele, 256 Englewood Ave., W. Englewood, N. J.; Donald Metzler, 608 Teaneck Rd., Teaneck, N. J.; Richard Brown, 103 Lafayette Ave., Englewood, N. J.

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Pfc. William Kornfield Discharged From Hospital

Pfc. William J. Kornfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel D. Kornfield, 24 Garden Street, Teaneck.

Private First Class William J. Kornfield, 20, suffered frost bite and trench feet in Belgium on January 5 and after 6 weeks of hospitalization, was discharged from the hospital and sent back with his company. He has been overseas since last October.

A graduate of Teaneck High School, class of '42, Private Kornfield entered the Army in July, 1943 and trained at Camp Cook, Calif.

He studied under the Army Specialized Training Program for a while but when this program was dissolved, he transferred to Camp Robert, Calif., and then sent overseas last October.

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