

# Captive of Japs Asks Dad to Pray for Him

By CABOL TAYLOR,  
World-Telegram Staff Writer.

Three months after Pearl Harbor, Corp. Rudolph G. Pfeifer, an ex-history teacher, was in a region of the Philippines never before inhabited by white man.

There were head-hunters in the vicinity but the American troops as yet hadn't made their acquaintance. Banana and coconut trees were just outside the tent but our boys "got sick of the fruit after awhile."

On the quiet Sunday that Corporal Pfeifer last wrote home to Teaneck, N. J., the natives gathered at noon and after much banter entertained the soldiers with a cock fight.

## Saw Cock Fights.

"They put a four-inch spur on the leg of each contestant and then let them go to work on one another."

After the fight, Corporal Pfeifer had a "little snooze" and then saw the movie, Sky Pilot.

Summing up, life in this area in March, 1942, was to Corporal Pfeifer, water purifier with the engineers, "what might be termed a quiet vacation in the summer."

For 19 months after receiving this letter, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Pfeifer of 317 Teaneck Rd., Teaneck, had no more news. When Corregidor fell, they were informed that their son was missing.

Then on Sept. 20 came two postcards from Japan. Mr. and Mrs. Pfeifer were informed by the Japanese Imperial Army that their son is safe, not wounded, and a prisoner in the Philippines.

## Asked for Prayers.

The Corporal added a postscript and signed his name in longhand to each card. He asked his mother "Let Florence (his girl friend) know that I am well. Write through Red Cross." He asked his father "to pray that we may see each other soon."

The 28-year-old youth is one of 244 soldiers held prisoners of war by Japan whose names are released by the War Department for the first time today. He is a graduate of Syracuse University and taught history and physical edu-

cation at Binghamton, N. Y., High School before induction.

Mrs. Antoinette Moralo of 2254 Crotona Ave., the Bronx, who hasn't heard from her son, Private Louis, in two years, first learned that he is a prisoner of the Japs through a short wave broadcast from Tokyo received here on July 13. A local listener who picked up the news about Private Moralo called his family and relayed the information.

The International Red Cross has recently confirmed the fact that he is in a prison camp in Manchukuo.

1-1-44

## 5 Army Officers Win Higher Posts

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)  
Washington, Jan. 3—Promotion of five Bergen County Army officers was announced here today by the War Department as follows:  
TEANECK—Rolin D. Richter, 150 Jasper Avenue

1-5-44

Williams Flexible Gunner  
(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)  
Laredo, Tex., Jan. 5—Corporal Dean M. Williams of 100 Washington Place, West Englewood, N. J., has qualified here as a flexible gunner in the Army Air Force.

1-5-44

Rouault in Training  
(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)  
Athens, Ga., Jan. 5—Naval Aviation Cadet Robert Rouault of Teaneck, N. J., has reported here to the Navy Air Force Pre-flight School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rouault of 915 Prince Street. Rouault was graduated from Teaneck High School in 1941 and attended Villanova College for 3 years. He completed Naval flight preparatory school at Hamilton, N. Y., and was transferred here from the C. A. A. War Training Service School at Conway, Ark.

1-5-44

## Lieut. Ethel Penney At North African Base

Second Lieutenant Ethel M. Penney, 24-year-old Teaneck nurse, is on duty with the Army Nurse Corps at a station hospital somewhere in North Africa.

The daughter of Henry A. Penney of 102 Grayson Place, Teaneck, she was graduated from Teaneck High School in 1937. After 4 years' training at the Lenox Hill Hospital, New York City, she was at the Holy Name Hospital on private duty.

Lieutenant Penney was sent overseas during May of last year and in a recent letter home told of an enjoyable holiday season.

1-5-44

Benning Promoted  
(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)  
Yuma, Ariz., Jan. 5—Joseph F. Benning Jr., of 275 Van Buren Avenue, Teaneck, N. J., has been promoted here to corporal and has qualified as flexible gunner in the Army Air Force.

## Kanthack Promoted

Irvin H. Kanthack, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kanthack of 36 Argonne Court, West Englewood, has been promoted from private first

1-5-44

## BECOMES CAPTAIN



Recently promoted Captain Norman J. Orbe, 27, of 167 Norma Road, Teaneck now at home has orders to stand by for assignment to a Fort Sill, Okla., Field Artillery battery of the Army. His wife is the daughter of former Jury Commissioner Harry Adair of Teaneck.

1-5-44

## IN PACIFIC AREA



Lieutenant Theodore Morgan, U. S. C. G. R., sent Christmas greetings to John Borg, publisher of the Bergen Record, in the form of the above photograph. A former member of the Teaneck Police Department, Morgan was commissioned soon after Pearl Harbor and has been in the South Pacific for many months.

1-5-44

## IRVING AWARDED A FLYING CROSS

### Teaneck Lieutenant Cited In Pacific Area

First Lieutenant William Irving, 28, of 631 Albin Street, Teaneck, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroic effort in completing more than 50 air transport missions in southwest Pacific war area.

A delayed dispatch of the Associated Press related the award had been made by Lieutenant General George C. Kenney, commander of Allied Air Forces in that area, for air transport of supplies and troops to advanced positions often at low altitudes and over mountains in bad weather to destinations within a few miles of the enemy. The dispatch was written last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gordon Irving said their son had been overseas since August, 1942. They read a letter from him December 12 but he made no mention of the honor if it had then been bestowed.

He held a civilian pilot's license. The family moved from Ridgfield Park 17 years ago.

1-6-44



LT. CLYDE A. HOUGHTON  
HOUGHTON, First Lieutenant Clyde A.; 20, son of Mrs. Ethel Houghton, 258 Schley Place, Teaneck.

Houghton, a bomber pilot, is missing in action since January 1 somewhere in the southwest Pacific.

The pilot is a graduate of Teaneck High School and entered the Army Air Force in April, 1942 in his senior year. He returned during June to receive his diploma.

Houghton was graduated from the Alos Air Field School, Victoria, Texas, and was awarded his pilot wings last April. Four months later he was sent overseas. He was commissioned a first lieutenant December 14.

1-6-44

## Johannessen Tells Of Nazi Encounters

Second Lieutenant John E. Johannessen, 22, of 20 Franklin Road, West Englewood, copilot on the 8th Air Force Flying Fortress Coy De-Coy, recently returned to his base somewhere in England from a sharp encounter with German fighters over the target city of Emden, key Nazi seaport, to comment on the Luftwaffe.

"You can't take much away from the German fliers," he said. "If those boys are all washed up, as a lot of people are saying, I'd have given a lot to see them in their prime. But don't get me wrong; with our planes and guns, we can take them any day of the week. All the men will tell you that."

Recounting the Luftwaffe fighter attack on his formation at Emden, he told how twin-engine Nazi rocket planes roared from out of the sun and sprayed the Fortresses with cannon, machinegun, and rocket fire.

"We brought back a few holes," Johannessen reported.

One of the strangest experiences he has had during 23 missions against Nazi Europe was at Emden.

"We glanced over at the ship on our wing where the pilot had been seconds before, there was an empty seat. The copilot had a strained look on his face and the ship was sliding off and down," Johannessen said.

Johannessen holds the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters. He is the son of George J. W. Johannessen of West Englewood. He was formerly an export shipper with Standard Vacuum Oil Company.

1-3-44

# SAILOR 10 YEARS, DAVIES IS 29 NOW

## He Has Sailed Every Sea But The Arctic

At 29 years of age, he has been at sea in Maritime Service 10 years and the other day Lieutenant (J. G.) Thomas J. Davies of 580 Warwick Avenue, Teaneck, shipped on a Liberty ship on a 5-month trip to add to this record.

Until a month ago when he returned to the home of his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert R. Pearson, he had been on the same passenger liner that had been impressed for duty in Maritime Service.

He has sailed every sea but the Arctic. He has crossed the Equator five times. His ship has been bombed by plane and shelled by

submarine. Now, this vessel lays over in drydock.

He has sailed through Gibraltar to Tobruk, through the Mozambique Channel and the Persian Gulf to Bombay.

There was the day he gave his mother a thrill when he telephoned from Buenos Aires in Argentina. On this sea jaunt, Davies's ship did 33,000 miles often without convoy and without a gunmount on deck with which to fight plane or pig-boat.

At Cuba the ship joined a convoy and it was near the Florida straits that a submarine sank one of the ships in the convoy, 200 yards away from his own vessel.

His ship got deck guns and a Navy armed guard, as the gunners are called, in the summer last year. This was for the Tobruk-Bombay trip lasting 7 months and taking in 48,000 miles.

His ship was bombed and afire in the Indian Ocean. Submarines shot torpedoes at its great bulk but missed, came to the surface and shelled it but the ship out-maneuvred every effort to sink it. On this trip, his best friend died in his arms.

Davies came back from this trip for an assignment that took him to sea for another 6 months and he shows today, more service ribbons than he can wear.

He docked at Pearl Harbor a few days before the Japs bombed it. His ship had put in from a voyage that took him to Shanghai, Manila, Singapore, Hawaii and ports in Australia.

When he heard of Pearl Harbor he wired Washington for transfer to the Navy. He had done this once before but the Navy turned him down. For his height he needs a 130-pound belt. He still lacks 15 pounds of it. He tried several more times to snap this read tape and buttressed his appeal with recommendations and references. The Navy men read these letters and replied no-go.

His family has lived in Teaneck on and off for 10 years. Davies was graduated from George Washington High School in Manhattan, and attended a prep school for a year.

His stepfather is commander of Teaneck Post 128 of the American Legion. His mother is president of the St. Joseph's School for Boys Auxiliary in Englewood Cliffs.



LT. (J. G.) T. J. DAVIES

### Graff Is A Sergeant

Harold F. Graff, 22, of James Street, Teaneck, has been promoted from private first class to sergeant technician in Sicily where he is serving Army antiaircraft. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graff enlisted in July, 1942. Overseas he served in North Africa and at Malta. He was graduated from Teaneck High School. A younger brother, Edward, a Teaneck High School student, has enlisted for the Army Air Force reserve program.

### Starts 18-Week Course

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)  
Midland, Tex., Jan. 12—Douglas G. Lawrence of 655 Northumberland Road, Teaneck, N. J., has begun training here as a bombardier-navigator for the Army Air Force. The course runs 18 weeks.

1-12-44

### W. E. Sheard Promoted

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)  
Hamilton, N. Y., Jan. 12—Warren E. Sheard, son of Mrs. Henry E. Sheard of 94 Munn Avenue, Teaneck, N. J., has been promoted to platoon leader with the Bluejacket battalion of the Navy V-12 Unit here at Colgate University. Sheard is a 1942 Teaneck High School graduate and a former Rutgers University student.

1-12-44

### Promoted

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)  
Rlythe, Calif., Jan. 13—William Melz, 20, of 45 Copley Avenue, Teaneck, N. J., has been promoted here from sergeant to staff sergeant in the Army Air Force. He is a radio-man-gunner.

1-13-44

# MARINE KILLED, FLIER MISSING

## Four On Casualty List From This Area

Today's casualty report included a West Englewood Marine killed in action in the South Pacific, a Ridge-wood flier with the Royal Canadian Air Force, missing in action, a Westwood machinist-gunner, once wounded, again wounded in battle in Italy, and a West Englewood bomber-gunner, a prisoner of war of the Germans.

### Killed In Action

COURTLEIGH, Private First Class Richard W., 18, son of Mrs. Edna Courtleigh, 637 Briar Cliff Road, West Englewood.

### Prisoner Of War

CASSIDY, Staff Sergeant Donald G., 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Cassidy, 1361 Taft Road, West Englewood.

Courtleigh's mother is in Hollywood, Calif., where she rushed to see her son before he left for overseas last August. Courtleigh shipped out a few days before her arrival.

After entering the service a year ago, the youth received his training at Mare Island, Calif. He is a graduate of Rye, N. Y., schools and is the son of the late William Courtleigh, actor. Mrs. Courtleigh is known by stage fans as Edna Conroy. She is expected home February 1.

Courtleigh has three brothers in service. Stephen who is with the snipers guard of the Army, recently.

Two weeks after the Cassidy family received word from the War Department that Cassidy was missing in action somewhere in the European area, a letter was received from a friend of Donald's stating he was a prisoner of war. The letter was from Lieutenant Arden Young, who had been stationed with their son, and told Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy to be hopeful.

The War Department listed Cassidy as missing in action and has yet to confirm his status as a prisoner of war.

"As soon as the war with Germany has been won," Young wrote, "your son will be returned to you safely. No doubt you have received word from the War Department stating that Donald has been listed as missing in action. However, be hopeful. Although I was not on that particular mission, I was a close friend of Donald's and I want to tell you he is a prisoner of war."

Cassidy entered the Army Air Force November 18, 1942, and received his training as a radio gunner at Sioux Falls. He was sent overseas last August. He was a graduate of St. Cecilia Grammar and High Schools, Englewood.

### The Dead

DEMCHOCK, Aviation Cadet Charles; 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Demchock, 167 Hillside Avenue, Teaneck.

Demchock was killed in the crack-up of an Army Air Force plane at 2:10 o'clock yesterday about a mile from his base at Majors Field, Greenville, Tex.

Demchock was to receive his pilot wings sometime in April. He was a graduate of Bayonne Senior High School and attended Newark College of Engineering. Prior to entering the Army Air Force last February 23, Demchock was employed at the Western Electric Corporation, Kearny.

He received his primary training at Atlantic City and was then sent to Syracuse (N. Y.) University. Later Demchock was transferred to Randolph Field, Texas, and then to Majors Field.

His family was notified of his death in a telegram from the War Department received late last night.

Surviving are his parents, a sister, Virginia, and a brother, Aviation Cadet Frank R. Demchock, 26, who is serving with the Army Air Force at Maxwell Field, Alabama. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of the Volk Colonial Homes, Teaneck, are incomplete.

1-13-44

## Boore, Teaneck, Becomes Captain

William F. Boore, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Boore of 495 Standish Road, Teaneck, has been promoted from lieutenant to captain at Great Bend, Kansas, where he is training with the Ordnance Division of the Army Air Force.

He entered the service in June, 1942, upon being graduated from Lehigh University. Captain Boore is the husband of the former Carol Curtis of Boise, Idaho. His wife is with him in Kansas.

1-14-44

## No Easy Chair; Slippers Will Do

Second Lieutenant John T. Maher of 701 Chestnut Avenue, Teaneck, opened 14 gift boxes and 27 letters in Italy the other day.

He had gone six weeks without a bath, and shaving was a luxury as the troops of his Infantry platoon plodded through knee-high mud.

His clothes dried by the heat of his body.

Some of the gifts were useful in making for comfort, especially the beautiful carpet slippers.

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Two other local men, George O. Perraud Jr. of 272 Frances Street, Teaneck, and Anton Houlik Jr. of 22 Sabina Street, Little Ferry, have been appointed platoon commanders in Colgate's Flight Preparatory School where they have just begun training as aviation cadets.

They formerly served as members of ground crews at Naval Air Stations and are now in training as pilots.

1-9-44

**F. Conklin Petty Officer**  
(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)  
Great Lakes, Ill., Jan. 15—Recognition for petty officer rate was granted here at the Naval Training Station to Frank Conklin Jr., 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conklin of 1079 Julia Street, West Englewood, N. J.

1-15-44

## TELLS EXPERIENCES

**Lieutenant Johannessen Addresses Maywood School Assembly**

Lieutenant John Johannessen of West Englewood, pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress of the Eighth Army Air Force, recently returned to the United States from the European Area after participating in 25 missions, addressed students of the fourth through ninth grades of Maywood School at a special assembly and War Bond rally Friday afternoon.

Lieutenant Johannessen spoke of some of his personal experiences while working with the Eighth Army Air Force from an England base.

1-16-44

## Wounded—Mediterranean Area

**POND, Pvt. Harry M. Jr., husband of Mrs. Harry M. Pond Jr., 136 Ayers Court, West Englewood.**

Private Harry M. Pond reported Saturday as wounded in action with address as 126 Ayers Court, West Englewood, is the husband of the former Miss Virginia Heatley. The Heatley family moved recently to 35-30 Eighty-second Street, Jackson Heights, N. Y.

1-17-44

## Goes To Chapel Hill

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Hamilton, N. Y., Jan. 18—John T. Ingram Jr., of 43 Beveridge Street, West Englewood, N. J., is included among aviation cadets leaving here for the Chapel Hill, N. C., Preflight School, after completing work in the Navy's War Training Service unit at Colgate University. Ingram, who also received training in Colgate's Naval Flight Preparatory School, is a 1940 graduate of Teaneck High School and attended Rutgers University before joining the Naval Air Force.

1-18-44

## Carleton Robb Jr. Expert Rifle Shot

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Camp Santa Anita, Calif., Jan. 19—Second Lieutenant Carlton Robb Jr., of 341 Palisade Avenue, Teaneck, N. J., has qualified here at the Army Ordnance Training Center as an expert rifle shot.

1-19-44

## 4 Begin Studying Aerial Navigation

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

San Marcos, Tex., Jan. 18—Four local men have entered training here at the airbase in advanced aerial navigation for the Army Air Force as follows:  
TEANECK—Arthur F. Austin, 20, 1283 Teaneck Road.

These men must study 18 weeks before they may qualify as navigators with commissions as second lieutenants or flight officers.

1-18-44

# 2 HURT IN ITALY; NAVIGATOR LOST ON GERMAN RAID

**Garfield, Teaneck Men Injured; Heights Flier Missing**

## 1 BACK IN FIGHTING

Two local Army enlisted men today were reported wounded in action and a third missing in casualty lists of the day.

**SCHMALENBERGER, Private First Class Kenneth E., 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schmalenberger, 66 Cherry Lane, Teaneck (Mediterranean Area).**

Schmalenberger first was reported wounded in action somewhere in Italy according to a war department telegram received by his parents. In a later telegram it was revealed he had been released from the hospital and is back on the fighting lines.

After entering the Army last April 9, Schmalenberger received his training with the Infantry at Camp Blanding, Florida. He spent 8 days home in August and went overseas in September. He arrived in Italy on October 15.

A brother, Corporal Elmer Schmalenberger, 24, is with the Army Band at Fort Jay, N. Y.

1-19-44

## Rudin Becomes Sergeant

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Galveston, Tex., Jan. 18—Robert J. Rudin of 1311 Sussex Road, West Englewood, N. J., has been promoted to sergeant at this Army Air Force base. He is a 1940 Teaneck High School graduate and attended Bergen College. At this field he is chief clerk in the Special Services Department.

1-19-44

## Four From Here In Training Unit

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Jan. 19—Four local men have completed the 11-week Navy Pre-flight course here and have been assigned to various primary stations as follows:

TEANECK—Allen C. Miner, 634 Linden Avenue.

Van Zandt and Letlich have been ordered to the Glenview, Ill., Air Station. Ennr and Miner have been assigned to that at Peru, Ind.

1-19-44

## Completes Training

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Ames, Ia., Jan. 19—George W. Caldwell, 18, of 528 John Street, Teaneck, N. J., has been graduated here at the Iowa State College Naval Training School and has received recognition for the petty officer rate of electrician's mate third class.

## Kassel Graduated

Carlisle Barracks, Pa., Jan. 19—First Lieutenant Mortimer H. Kassel of 492 West Englewood Avenue, West Englewood, N. J., was graduated here last Thursday from the Medical Field Service School for doctor duty in the field.

1-19-44

## MISSING



SGT. JOHN L. SULLIVAN

# TEANECK GUNNER LOST IN ACTION

**Sgt. Sullivan Downed In Bomber Dec. 30**

The War Department notified his family Friday that Sergeant John Lawrence Sullivan of West Englewood, 20-year-old gunner on a Liberator bomber, had been missing in action over Germany since December 30.

Also reported today was confirmation by the War Department that Staff Sergeant Michael T. Kulakowski of 220/Springfield Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, still is among the missing in the European theater of operations.

Sullivan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Sullivan of 1617 River Road, West Englewood, said he shipped overseas last October 4 and that he had been on duty as a gunner since November 20.

A graduate of Teaneck High School, Sullivan worked with his father in the butter and egg business. He entered the Air Force January 12, 1943, and was graduated as a gunner sergeant last June 15.

He had his training at Tucson, Ariz., Salt Lake City, Utah, and Blythe Field, Calif.

1-19-44

## N. J. Orbe, Teaneck, Becomes A Captain

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Fort Bragg, N. C., Jan. 19—Norman J. Orbe, 27, of 167 Norma Road, Teaneck, N. J., was promoted here last Wednesday from first lieutenant to captain in Army field artillery. He is battery commander.

His wife, the former Marjorie J. Adair, is a daughter of former Jury Commissioner and Mrs. Harry D. Adair of Teaneck.

1-19-44

# Wave, On Trip To Buy Bond, Called Back For Promotion

Yeoman Florence Skala Wins Citation From Teaneck's Committee For Boosting Campaign

This has been an eventful week for Miss Florence Skala, 21-year-old Teaneck Wave.

## AIDS BOND DRIVE



Florence Skala of Teaneck, yeoman in the Waves, made a special trip home to buy a \$1,000 war bond and make certain her home town received credit for it. She's stationed in Wash-

## WINS SECOND STRIPE

Sunday she came home, wearing the single stripe of a yeoman, third class, for the express purpose of being the first person to buy a \$1,000 War Bond at her bank, the West Englewood National Bank.

Sunday night she received word at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Skala, 37 Intervale Road, West Englewood, to report back to Washington immediately for an examination.

This morning, she telephoned her parents that she passed the examination, and had added another stripe to her uniform, making her yeoman, second class.

Also this morning, Frederick S. Bayles, chairman of the U. S. Treasury War Finance Committee of Teaneck, gave Miss Skala a citation. It read:

"Miss Skala is to be commended for her recent action in connection with the Fourth War Loan campaign. She especially made a trip home to buy a \$1,000 War Bond in her home town."

1-19-44

# Zemke's Zanies (Remember Them, Teaneck?) Blast Way To The Top As Allies' Crack High-Altitude Fighters

The author of the following dispatch is a former Bergen Evening Record reporter now in England with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. His correspondence is not a part of his official duties.

By LT. LEONARD LEVY

London, Jan. 19.—You probably don't recall the Zemke outfit. It was an Air Force unit that seemed to trip all over itself at the Teaneck Armory back in 1941. It was an all-around outfit that has suddenly untangled to establish itself as the ace fighter group operating against the Luftwaffe.

More than 100 German fighter planes have been shot out of the skies by the pilots of this daffy outfit which had its origin in the Teaneck Armory. The Zemke outfit is the

hard-luck outfit was killed, nine others were hurt.

Those were dark days. Their equipment too was a sad affair. Three old P39's and a few BT14's and PT10's made up the lot of planes.

Then, when it had looked as if the outfit might as well join the infantry, ten new Airacobras came along, and some flying started.

Zemke, who had been a first lieutenant when the outfit was organized, was shipped off for service in England, Russia, and the Middle East, teaching the Allies how to fly these new lend-lease planes. He returned to the States to take over the outfit deep in its doldrums.

The true beginning of the outfit's success story came in July, 1942, when the Army got its high-priority secret weapon, the P47, the Thunderbolt. Zemke's group was selected then as the first to be equipped with the mystery plane.

There were all sorts of stories about the plane. Some said it was better than a Buck Rogers' rocket ship, other said it was worse than a Piper Cub armed with a double-barreled pea shooter. Zemke's outfit tried it, liked it, and was shipped overseas to put it into action here in the European Theater.

way it is known here—a tribute to its former commander, 29-year-old Colonel Hubert Zemke. It is acclaimed now as the top-ranking high-altitude fighter group in the world.

But the old adage about a slow start and fast finish has certainly been given plenty of weight by this outfit. Everything seemed to go wrong at the beginning back there.

The group lost its first man in a plane crash. There were air mishaps. Then one of the outfit's sentries, patrolling the grounds around the Teaneck Armory, shot at a civilian car which failed to stop at his challenge; a Tenafly boy riding in the back seat was killed by the bullet.

A car careening down Liberty Road tore into the rear end of a group formation on the march. One man in this

The outfit came in at an R. A. F. field here one day and gave the British intelligence officer a few bad minutes as he took their names. Zemke, Vogt, Schilling, Goodfleisch, Schiltz, Schreiber, Verhusen — it sounded as if the Luftwaffe had checked in. But then came O'Connor and Weinberg, and the R. A. F. man, they say, sighed with relief.

Ask the men of the outfit to what they attribute their record-breaking performances, and they pat their P-47's, throw a salute to Zemke, and toss in a big dash of what they call the breaks. They cite their big day, last October 4, when they knocked down 17 German fighters in a single swoop.

"We had been flying ahead of one other group most of the time and we'd been getting all the action," one pilot explains. "We got in touch with them one day and asked if they wanted to lead. They led the next trip, and it just happened that the second group formation saw all the action that time. "That," he shrugs, "is the way it goes!"

1-19-44



# Teaneck's Lieut. Amrhein Back From 40 Air Missions

Wears Air Medal, Seven Oak Leaf Clusters Showing  
Participation In Raids On Rome, Beach Points

By LEE BRODERICK

He bombed Rome the two times it was plastered. Once he flew in the leadership of Mitchell Marauders that came in over the Holy City at 12,000 feet.

Now that the 28-year-old Lieutenant John J. Amrhein is back home at 505 Queen Anne Road, Teaneck, these runs over Rome are nothing but two of the even 2-score missions negotiated by his medium bomber all over the underbelly of Europe.

What the bombardier remembers like yesterday and now tries to forget, are the times he had with his barracks roommate, Lieutenant Kenneth Wodenschek of 280 Marlboro Road, Wood-Ridge.

## FAL WAS KILLED

The Flying Fortress pilot and star athlete out of Rutherford High School got orders one day to take off on a bomb run. He came back dead that day, September 25, to his Tunisian airbase.

Bombardier Amrhein was hurt on the second bomb run in October



LT. JOHN J. AMRHEIN

and he was scared, real scared for maybe the first time, he says.

"Splinters of flak tore through the nose of the plane", he said, "tore across my right arm, and scraped my left eye knocking me out for what seemed an eternity but they tell me I recovered in a matter of seconds and went about the business of the target objective."

"Because there is much more to do than to think about yourself, I did not give myself any thought. On the way back I took a look at the hole in the nose, and at my

limp arm, and broke out in a cold sweat. Reaction, I guess."

Amrhein had no cold sweat July 19 the day of the first raid on Rome. His 6-man Marauder came in at 12,000 feet, ran through different flak, and dumped its six 500-pound eggs on the freight yards nearest target objective to Vatican City.

"Everything was as simple as that," he said, "and no different from any other mission except that we had orders to be extra careful about the Vatican. We had a briefing on this run the night before and twice before that. Each time we were cautioned against plumbings the Vatican."

"As we came in at the end of a 1½-hour run, the motors set for 200 m. p. h., I could see the steeples in Vatican City against the sky. The anti-aircraft was not too accurate against us even in the medium altitude. Our ship wasn't hit."

## REMEMBERS JUNE FIGHT

More than once before this the Marauder came through fire with scars, mostly in the area of Castelbantrano in southwest Sicily.

Clear in his mind is the tangle of June 20 in that area where 36 enemy planes fought the invaders.

"By the time we reached the target objective," he recalled, "the enemy had detached the bombers from our fighter escorts and the fighters lay away back. We had to fight off a new wave of planes and plenty of flak. The contact lasted 15 minutes but in that time, two ME 109s came head on toward our plane. We fired and maneuvered."

## HIS PILOT HIT

"Our hydraulic line was shot out and the center flap and landing gear were riddled into disuse."

"Flak tore through the nose and missed me. The pilot got hit in the leg. One of the motors was hit and then began cutting out."

Pumping 50-mm. shells from the machinegun in the nose of the plane, Amrhein had a bit of a scare. "That was the second time I really sweated," he said.

Amrhein bombed Marseilles and Pantelleria; Palermo, Messina, Gela, and other points in Sicily; Salerno and other beach points, and installations in Italy.

He is back with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Amrhein, waiting for January 17 for reports for new assignment at the Atlantic City Redistribution Center of the Air Force. He is a bombardier-navigator.

He wears the Air Medal with seven Oak Leaf clusters and the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

# Drive Book, Torn, Mended, Goes On Across The World To New Hundreds In Army

This is the story of a book donated to the Teaneck Public Library's Victory Book Drive that has traveled half way around the world.

According to a letter received by Miss Virginia Scherzinger, 17-year-old Teaneck High School student, from a soldier at a station hospital in North Africa, the book's yellow tattered pages have been autographed by 239 soldiers and have been mended over and over again.

The writer, Private Jim Greenlies, believes that the book will go through Brenner Pass with the Allied troops "right into Adolph's nuthouse". The book, "The Paper Chase Mystery", by Fielding, mentions the Pass and surrounding territory.

Miss Scherzinger's address was found on the inside cover of the book, placed there when a friend borrowed it several years ago. The young high school student and her mother, Mrs. Louis R. Scherzinger of 185 Grayson Place, Teaneck, had donated 130 such books to the drive.

Private Greenlies wrote the letter October 7. It arrived at the Scherzinger home a week ago.

An immediate reply was mailed. "We would like you to know,"

Miss Scherzinger told the soldier, "just how many more boys will read it."

The letter follows:

"Dear Virginia: A book you gave, 'The Paper Chase Mystery' by Fielding, has found its way to the front. It is now torn and has been rebanded many times. I thought you might like to know I read it as it was handed down. Good books are scarce, and all of us like to dwell in mysteries—makes all the boys forget what they have been through. It seemed coincidental that the story should describe such places as the bobbed runs in the Italian mountains, Brenner Pass, etc. If that book stays with the men now reading it, I am sure its tattered yellow pages will march with the boys through that famous pass into Adolph's nuthouse. The book has been autographed 239 times. Your address was on the cover. I have put my address inside it, and have requested its return to me. I am anxious to see how much further it will travel. All is in our favor. Sincerely, JIM GREENLIES."

A letter was written by Private Edward Farrell of Saratov, N. Y., to the Scherzinger family several months ago. Farrell also found the Grayson Place address in the book

he picked up at Fort Hancock where he was on duty with the Army on a mine planter. Letters were written by Farrell to the Teaneck family every day for 3 months. He is expected to be discharged from the Army, because he was over age, and in these letters said that is so he would join the Merchant Marine. Suddenly after 3 months the flood of letters from Fort Hancock stopped. Letters sent to him were returned marked "discharged".

# LIEUT. HOUGHTON OF TEANECK IS BELIEVED DEAD

Mother Gives Up Hope  
For Flier When Chaplain Writes Of Crash

## LISTED AS MISSING

First Lieutenant Clyde A. Houghton, 20, of Teaneck, reported missing in action since January 1 by the War Department, is believed dead by his widowed mother, Mrs. Ethel Houghton, who yesterday learned from a chaplain at her son's Southwest Pacific base, that the Liberator bomber Houghton was flying was seen to crash.

The Rev. Lewis E. Jellett told Mrs. Houghton in a letter that her son was the commanding officer of a group of planes which went out on a bombing mission.

"As the result of enemy fire, the ship your son was piloting was seen to crash. Several men were observed escaping by parachuting from the plane, but the enemy planes still attacked and shot at the parachutists, who landed in enemy waters," the chaplain's letter said.

## COULD BE PRISONER

"Under very severe circumstances we hope with you that some of them may have been allowed to live and that they were taken prisoners," the chaplain wrote. Mrs. Houghton believes her son stayed at the controls until his plane hit the water, and she no longer holds the hope that he may have been taken prisoner.

Houghton, a graduate of Teaneck High School, enlisted in the Air Force in April, 1942, just 2 months before his graduation date. He received his diploma while in training to be a pilot.

He was one of the most popular boys in his class, had been active in dramatics, was a member of his junior prom committee, of the committee in charge of planning assembly programs, and an active member of the Active Atoms, science club.

He was awarded his pilot's wings last April at Alice Air Field in Victoria, Tex., and sent overseas 4 months later. He was promoted to first lieutenant December 14, and put in charge of a combat squadron.

1-24-44

## FIGHTER ON LEAVE

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Sampson, N. Y., Jan. 24—Seamen Second Class Emil Fichter of 57 South Prospect Terrace, Teaneck, N. J., and Harold Cella of S-124 Cloverdale Avenue, Paramus, have completed basic training here and are on leave.

1-34-44

## Three To Study

### Engineering Work

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 24—Salem Bennfield of 300 Sunset Avenue, Englewood, N. J.; John M. Sanborne of 250 Broad Avenue, Leonia; and Kenneth E. Williams of 1294 Beaumont Avenue, West Englewood have been assigned to the engineering courses of the Army Specialized Training Unit here at Pratt Institute.

1-24-44

1-25-44

# Teaneck Pilot Dies In Crash In Training In Louisiana

Lieutenant Katz Dies Near Hammond Field; Four Listed As Missing In Action

A Teaneck fighter pilot near the end of Army Air Force training for combat died in a Louisiana airplane accident last Friday.

The War Department also confirmed today the missing in action status of four local officers and enlisted men, and announced that two more are prisoners of war in Germany and that still another is among those wounded in action.

## The Dead

KATZ, Lieutenant William; 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Katz, 119 Edgemont Place, Teaneck.

Katz was killed in an airplane accident near Hammond Field, Louisiana, according to a telegram from the War Department received Saturday by his parents. Complete details were not given.

Katz had been a resident of Teaneck for 14 years and was attending Notre Dame when he entered the Army Air Force in November, 1942. He is a graduate of Oxford Academy, Pleasantville, New Jersey. He formerly resided in Ridgefield Park.

The pilot received his primary training at St. Louis, Illinois, and was awarded his wings at Eagle Pass, Texas. He was scheduled to go overseas in a few months. The body will arrive in Teaneck tomorrow under watch of his roommate and close friend.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 8 P. M. in the Volk Colonial Funeral Home. Burial will be Wednesday at 10 A. M. in Hackensack Cemetery. Surviving are his parents and a grandmother, Mrs. Pauline Katz.



LT. WILLIAM KATZ

1-26-44

## FLIER WILL SPEAK



LT. JOHN E. JOHANNESSEN

## DEFENSE CORPS TO HEAR PILOT

Johannessen To Speak At Air Forces Night

Twenty-five bombing missions over Germany as witnessed by a 20-year-old Teaneck copilot, Lieutenant John Johannessen, will be reviewed during Army Air Forces night sponsored by the Teaneck Defense Council tomorrow at Lowell School, Lincoln Place. The program will be given for residents of Districts 9 and 10.

Johannessen has bombed such places as Emden, Bremen, Stuttgart, and Frankfurt in Germany. Paris and Bordeaux in France and Rjukan in Norway. The son of Mr. and Mrs. George Johannessen of 20 Franklin Road, West Englewood, he is now home on leave.

Personnel from Mitchell Field will also be on hand.

Arrangements for the affair are under the direction of Captain Charles A. Wild, E. O. R., senior deputy commander of the Defense Council. Judge Leland Ferry will act as master of ceremonies.

Government combat pictures will be shown.

1-28-44

## ORDERED TO OTHER STATIONS

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)  
Chapel Hill, N. C., Jan. 31—Naval Aviation Cadets Frank E. Engstrom of 1326 Dickerson Road, West Englewood, N. J.; and James E. Allen of Blanch Avenue, Harrington Park, have completed the pre-flight course here and have been ordered to other stations. Engstrom went to Peru, Ind., Allen to Glenview, Ill.

1-31-44

## Lieut. Talbert Completes Course

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Columbus, O., Jan. 31—Second Lieutenant Robert J. Talbert of 180 Sherman Avenue, Teaneck, N. J., has completed a course in depot administration and supply here at the Army Depot. He received his commission in the Quartermaster Corps at Camp Lee, Va., last November 12.

1-31-44



A/C JAMES J. McLAUGHLIN

## Begins Course At Freeman Field

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Seymour, Ind., Jan. 31—Aviation Cadet James J. McLaughlin, 23, of 856 Ester Street, Teaneck, N. J., recently completed a training course at Shaw Field, Sumter, S. C., and has advanced to new Army Air Force training here, at Freeman Field.

He is a Holy Trinity High School graduate and worked for Wright Aeronautical Corporation in Hackensack.

1-31-44

## Buchanan In Florida

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Arcadia, Fla., Jan. 26 — Aviation Cadet John B. Buchanan of 140 Manhattan Avenue, West Englewood, N. J., has reported here at Dorr Field for a phase in his training as a pilot in the Army Air Force.

## Weather Observer

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Rantoul, Ill., Jan. 26 — Private Henry J. Garner of 93 Lees Avenue, Teaneck, N. J., has been qualified here at Chanute Field as a weather observer for the Army Air Force.

## Blackledge Goes To Coast Station

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

San Diego, Calif., Jan. 26—Recently commissioned Ensign Richard Blackledge of 756 Cedar Lane, Teaneck, N. J., a member of the Naval Air Force Squadron Jersey Skeeters, is on the way to this Naval Air Station at the end of leave. He won his wings at the Pensacola, Fla., Air Station 10 days ago.

The Skeeters made up the first unit of Naval Aviation Cadets from Bergen County and was instituted at Navy Day ceremonies in October, 1942.

Blackledge is a graduate of Bogota High School and Bergen College, and attended Newark Institute of Technology. He worked in laboratories of Wright Aeronautical Corporation, Paterson, when he was called up for training last January.

1-26-44

WALNES, Lieutenant Paul A.; son of Mr. and Mrs. Alje Walnes, 253 DeGraw Avenue, Teaneck.

Walnes has been awarded the Military Order of the Purple Heart, his parents were advised yesterday.

Walnes is in Italy had been in a bombing and in water for a long time and is now recovered. That is all his parents know of the injury.

He is in the Army Medical Administrative Corps and left for overseas last August.

1-26-44

## Teaneck Graduate Is An Air Cadet

Donald Stone of 108 West Forest Avenue, Teaneck, has been assigned as an aviation cadet at Beloit College, Wis. He had been stationed with the infantry at Camp Fannin, Tex. He is a graduate of Teaneck High School.

1-27-44

## McKittrick Named To Be A Major

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Washington, Jan. 26—Promotion of Kenneth F. McKittrick of 114 Bogart Street, West Englewood, N. J., from captain to major in the Army Signal Corps was announced here today by the War Department.

1-28-44

# West Englewood Ace Gunner Decorated For 40 Missions

Awarded Air Medal With Seven Oak Leaf Clusters;  
Blasted Pantelleria, Sardinia, Sicily

The 12th Air Force reported out of its Middle East headquarters today that Technical Sergeant Davis L. Connelly of 411 Ogden Avenue, West Englewood, has flown 40 combat missions as a radio gunner on a B-26 Marauder in the Mediterranean area.

## BIGGEST SCARE ON GROUND

The 28-year-old gunner has taken part in attacks on Pantelleria, Sardinia, Sicily, Italy, and France. Since arriving overseas last March, Connelly has been awarded the Air Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious achievement.

"Although there were a lot of fiak and fighters over targets like Naples and some of the airfields we have bombed," he said, "my biggest scare was on the ground. While the 5th Army was fighting for its Salerno bridgehead we were flying two missions a day bombing the Germans in the hills and on one raid, the Heinies' antiaircraft fire damaged our plane. We landed at Monte Corvino airfield and the German artillery was still shelling it. Boy, we left there in a hurry."

Formerly employed by Wright Aircraft Corporation at Paterson, Connelly entered the Army in July, 1942.

## Johnson Promoted To Lieut.-Colonel

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Washington, Jan. 31.—The War Department announced today promotions of George L. Johnson Jr., of 390 Booth Avenue, Englewood, N. J.; and Phillips Thygeson of Dogwood Lane, Tenafly, from major to lieutenant colonel in the Army Medical Corps.

Other local officers were advanced as follows:

First Lieutenant To Captain  
TEANECK—William F. Boore Jr., 495  
Standish Road, Ordnance Department.



T/S DAVIS L. CONNELLY

1-31-44

# Jap-Americans Fight Well, Teaneck Lieutenant Writes

Lt. McLaughlin, Leading Them In Italy, Says They're  
Another Argument Against Race Theories

Second Lieutenant John Francis McLaughlin, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McLaughlin, of 856 Ester Avenue, Teaneck, is one of the officers leading the only Japanese-American infantry unit into combat in Italy. "They're fighting the Nazis with vigor to prove their loyalty to the United States", said the Lieutenant in a letter to his mother.

## LIKES THE MEN

Yesterday was the third anniversary of Lieutenant McLaughlin's entry into service, and he has been overseas since last September. The Japanese-American unit he is leading is made up of men born in the United States of parents of Japanese extraction.

In his letter to his mother, he said, "I'm getting along fine with the Japanese-American boys, Mom. It's funny, but if any one had told me 6 months ago that I'd be leading a platoon of Japanese soldiers into combat, I'd have laughed. But it's true and I'm glad to have the chance."

"The fact that in this battalion we have Japanese-American troops led by white officers and also some officers of their own race is only another point in favor of why we're fighting this war."

"These Jap-American boys, all of whom are from Hawaii, are just as American as you and I. It seems that after Pearl Harbor there was quite a bit of ill-feeling in the Islands against the Jap-American population. To dispel any doubt as to their loyalty to the United States these boys volunteered for the Army, and the 100th Infantry Battalion was formed."

## FIGHT WITH VIGOR

"These boys are now fighting the Nazis with vigor to prove their loyalty to the U. S. and to ease the burden of their families and friends in the Islands. You might call it a crusade on their part."

"For the same reason that we don't bear resentment for Americans of German descent, we can't bear any ill-feeling against these people."

Lieutenant McLaughlin is a graduate of Saint Cecilia High School, Englewood, class of '35. He attended Bergen College and was employed by the North American Life Insurance Company before entering the service. He has three brothers in service, James J., 22, stationed at Freeman Field, Seymour, Ind.; Matthew, 19, Maxwell Field, Ala.; and Owen McGurie, an adopted brother, who is stationed in Hawaii. There is also a sister, Marian, a supervisor at the Hackensack Telephone Company.

1-31-44

## Plaine Promoted To First Lieutenant

First Lieutenant William M. Plaine, Marine torpedo bomber pilot, recently was promoted from the rank of second lieutenant. At present he is completing training for combat at El Toro Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Ana, California. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Plaine, of 563 Cumberland Avenue, Teaneck. Before entering the service, he attended Newark College of Engineering.

2-9-44

## 5 Are Captains From This Area

The War Department announced today the promotions of Bergen County men from first lieutenant to captain. They are:

**WEST ENGLEWOOD** — John Alexander Moore, Quartermaster Corps, 147 East Forrest Avenue.

2-9-44

## Cadet Foley, Teaneck, Is Air Force Graduate

Cadet John Brian Foley, 18, of 461 Palmer Avenue, Teaneck, has been graduated from the 443 Army Air Force training detachment at King College, Bristol, Tenn., and has received his certificate.

While training he was named chairman of the Board of six honor cadets of the training command which acts as a court of honor among the cadets to hear conduct cases.

Foley, son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Foley of Teaneck, is a graduate of St. Anastasia School, Teaneck, and St. Peter's College High School, Jersey City. At high school he was president of the Marquette Debating Society.

He trained at Greensboro, N. C., before going to Tennessee. He expects to receive advanced training at Nashville.

His brother, Chief George F. Foley, Jr., is a member of the Coast Guard.

2-9-44

## Goes Step Higher At Panama Station

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Quarry Heights, C. Z., Feb. 2—Arne H. Fagerstrom of 65 Bogert Street, West Englewood, N. J., has been promoted here from second lieutenant to first lieutenant on orders issued at headquarters of the Caribbean Defense Command. He is adjutant of a fighter control squadron in the Panama area.

Fagerstrom enlisted in the Army as a private in 1940, and in September, 1942, was sent to the A. A. F. Officer Training School at Miami Beach, Fla. The following December he was graduated as a second lieutenant, and in January, 1943, was transferred here.

Fagerstrom was graduated from Dwight Morrow High School in 1935, and later attended the American Institute of Banking. Before his enlistment he was a clerk.

2-9-44

## Dayrumples Home

Corporal and Mrs. William B. Dayrumples, formerly of Teaneck, are home on a 10-day visit from Camp Campbell, Ky., and are staying with Mrs. Dayrumples' grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pollock, of 577 Kenwood Place, Teaneck.

2-9-44

# Teaneck Will Set Up Fund From Scrap Proceeds For Its Returning Service Men

Funds netted from Teaneck salvage collections sponsored by the Defense Council help to further the war effort in a number of ways, and the newest project to be set up is a trust fund to benefit returning service men and women after the war, Alvin I. Gardner, salvage chairman disclosed today.

At the last meeting of the salvage committee, Gardner said, the group approved his proposal to set aside any substantial amount of money realized from the salvage pickups to establish this service fund. The committee anticipates setting aside \$2,000.

The committee plans to purchase U. S. Government certificates and deposit them in the bank in the care of a board of trustees, Gardner explained.

After the war local veterans will decide how to use the money. Rehabilitation may be one of the projects for which service men and women wish to use the money, Gardner suggested.

Many persons wonder what happens to money made on salvage drives, Gardner said. He listed some of the contributions made by the salvage committee as follows: \$50 to the National War Fund, \$25 to

local Boy Scouts, \$35 to send copies of the Te-Hi News, student newspaper of the High School, to graduates now in the armed forces, and \$25 to the infantile paralysis fund.

Expenses of the salvage committee are the first claim against funds received, then contributions to war agencies are charged against them.

Except for a reserve of several hundred dollars, remaining proceeds will go into the trusteeship fund, Gardner said.

The salvage committee pays for refreshments served to the scrap workers, theater tickets given the High School boys who assist in the drives and running expenses of entertainment for adult workers.

A monthly report of activities is rendered by Gardner to the Defense Council and financial reports are rendered quarterly to the Council and to the salvage committee of which Dr. William Goldin is treasurer.

Other organizations or agencies which collect salvage in the Township retain their own proceeds, Gardner pointed out. These agencies include the Boy Scouts, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Many residents and apartment house owners sell their salvage directly to dealers, he added.

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PHOTO MATE HENDERSON

ST. SGT. TERHUNE



PVT. TERHUNE

2-9-44

Private First Class John Richard Helff of 1367 Teaneck Road, West Englewood, received his bachelor of science degree from the University of New Hampshire at graduation exercises Sunday. His premedical education is completed, and he is studying further at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa. Helff is a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and the Phi Sigma, an honorary biological society. His parents are Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Helff of West Englewood.

2-9-44

## Starts Another Phase In Training

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Hickory, N. C., Feb. 7—Aviation Cadet Wesley A. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Malven C. Miller, of 1142 Emerson Avenue, West Englewood, began the second phase of pilot training in the War Training Service at Lenoir-Rhyne College, where

he will receive flight instruction. Cadet Miller recently was graduated from the Naval Flight Propagatory School at Colgate University. He is a 1942 graduate of Teaneck High School and attended Muhlenberg College before enlisting in the Navy.

# UNCLE, NEPHEWS ARE IN SERVICE

## Soon Henderson, Terhunes Will Be Abroad

It won't be long before Photo Mate Kenneth Henderson of 1099 Alicia Avenue, and his two nephews, Private James and Staff Sergeant Augustus Terhune, all of Teaneck, are on overseas duty.

The uncle is serving with the Navy in the Atlantic, Augustus has been on duty with the Army in North Africa since November, 1942. James recently completed training in Camp Crowder, Mo., and has been assigned to another post. He expects to go overseas soon.

Henderson, 27, attended Teaneck High School and was formerly employed in the advertising department of the International Nickel Company, New York City. He entered the Navy in January, 1943. He received his photographic training in Pensacola, Fla., and was then sent to Advanced Motion Picture School in Anacostia, Washington, D. C.

Augustus, 24, entered the Army with the National Guard more than a year before Pearl Harbor. He received training at Camp Pickett, Va. A graduate of Hackensack High School, he was employed by his father in the Federal Supply Company, Paterson, prior to his enlistment.

James, 21, is a graduate of Hackensack High School. He worked for the New York Telephone Company before entering the Army last May. He attended the Signal Training School as a civilian.

2-9-44



# Everything Happens To Pacific Avenger, But Teaneck Boy Says: 'She's Good Ship'

**Experiences Of Hard-Luck Bomber: Coming Home  
Minus Engine, Landing On 1 Tire, Springing  
Gas Leak, Failing To Drop Live Bomb**

With the 7th Army Air Force in the Central Pacific, Jan. 15 (Delayed)—Sergeant William S. Martin, 22, of Teaneck, N. J., has counted his last minutes in the Pacific Avenger, one of the 7th A. A. F.'s big Liberator bombers, so often that he hopes all that sort of thing is taken care of now for the duration.

As ball turret gunner on the ship, he has sweated through the series of misfortunes that made the Pacific Avenger the hard luck plane of the outfit. At the same time the plane gained a reputation as one that could always come back.

Sergeant Martin's chief regret is that he cannot say certainly that he got the Jap fighter who started it all but there were other Jap planes around at the time and he was pretty busy.

It started on the Pacific Avenger's first bombing raid. The fighters came in after the bombs were dropped and one of them, flying head-on, shot out the right outboard engine.

## SHE STAYED UP

"We thought the plane might crash but she stayed up," he said, "and after a while we got used to it. Two other bombers escorted us home and some of the crew even got some sleep."

With a new engine the Pacific Avenger started on another raid, loaded with bombs and gasoline, only to blow a tire on the runway.

"The crew braced themselves for a crash," explained Sergeant Miller, "and were surprised to find that they were in the air. The pilot, Lieutenant Charles Stults of Chicago, had pulled back on the stick when he heard the tire go and got her off the ground before we lost speed."

There was still the problem of landing again with a flat tire and the plane was sent to a field with a better runway to try it. But officials there were not interested in a crack-up on their strip and finally the Pacific Avenger flew sev-

eral hundred miles to Canton Island's improved and treeless runway.

"They had fire apparatus, crash trucks and ambulances out there waiting for us to kill ourselves," Sergeant Miller said, "and then Lieutenant Stults not only made a beautiful landing on one wheel but amazed every one by taxiing off the runway on the one good wheel and the nose wheel."

"We were met by a man in an asbestos suit with an axe in his hand and a medic with a bottle of whiskey."

## GAS-TANK LEAK

With a new tire the Pacific Avenger started on a third raid and sprung a leak in a wing gasoline tank just after taking off. It completed its mission, however, while the crew prayed that no spark from the engine or enemy incendiary bullets would touch off the fumes that went through the plane. Transfer of gas to other tanks as they were emptied lessened the danger on the way home.

The fourth raid appeared to have been carried out without mishap—until the bombardier, Lieutenant Alphonse Janesko, Hammond, Ill., looked into the bomb bay and found that one of the 500-pound bombs had not gone along with the others to the Jap target.

Even while he looked at it the bomb jarred loose and fell, fused and set for instantaneous detonation. It hit one of the closed bomb-



SGT. WILLIAM S. MARTIN JR.

bay doors, neatly folded it up as if it were paper and took it along to the ocean below where the bomb exploded.

The crew got a windy ride home.

On the fifth raid the Avenger dropped low for strafing and flew through heavy enemy fire to return unscratched and without incident. Ironically, it was on this raid that nearly every other plane in the squadron was nicked by flak.

"She's a good ship and I hope she has had all the bad luck that's coming to her," said Sergeant Miller. "But she certainly has made veterans of us fast."

Sergeant Martin is the son of Mrs. E. W. Martin, 330 Teaneck Road, and is a 1939 graduate of Teaneck High School. He has been in the Army since January, 1940, and got his early experience as a gunner on a Flying Fortress crew. He was an instructor in the 7th A. A. F. gunnery school before joining the crew of the Pacific Avenger.

# Here's A Day In Hangar At Floyd Bennett

**Teaneck Girl Helps  
Our Vivian Over  
Panicky Stage**

By VIVIAN BROWN

Floyd Bennett Field, N. Y., Feb. 12 —A faint scent of roses emanated from the fuselage of a "hell cat" into which I stuck my nose at this Naval air base.

Otherwise, I would never have guessed right off that these Wave grease cuties — patching, checking, and repairing a bomber of a pursuit ship — were former stenographers, salesgirls, or debutantes.

To learn whether all's fair in love and the air Waves, I joined 251 Waves at Floyd Bennett Field for a day.

A stocking cap, sweater and jacket like brother mechs wear are all part of the feminine regalia. The trousers are close-fitting and hip-snuggly. In a few hours, I learned that no one really cares about your hips, except possibly yourself. This makes the necessity of bending, lifting and scrambling aboard ship a lot easier.

"Most of us have forgotten about girdles," pipes a petite blonde. She believes her hips are slimmer because of the Wave physical education program, which includes exercise and posture development.

Pretty Emma Smithers, a Teaneck, N. J., girl whose only experience with tools was in a Victory Garden last summer, had "carburetor trouble" at first. "I'd get all mixed up in jets and valves," says she.

Today, she showed me with the ease of a veteran mechanic how to disassemble a hydraulic pump.

Most of the girls agree that the only difficult hurdle is the first day.

2-12-44

## Teaneck WAC Sees Service Overseas With Bomber Unit

The first Teaneck Wac to see overseas duty has been heard from. She is PFC Marjorie Snook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Snook of 70 Englewood Avenue, West Englewood, and is engaged in doing administrative work with a Bomber Command in England.

In a letter to her parents Private Snook paid tribute to the excellent work being done by the English and American Red Cross; the English for the many privileges extended to members of the United Service Forces and the American, for the hospital, social and recreational centers.

Private Snook recently attended a reception for members of the United Nations forces at the Mansion House in London. The affair was given by Lord Mayor and Lady of London.

A graduate of Raye Grammar School, N. Y., and Rutherford High School she also attended Rutherford Business School. Prior to her enlistment in February, 1943, Private Snook was employed as a secretary in the foreign department of New York Trust Company.

## RIX AT CAMP LEE

Sergeant Carl E. Rix of 1091 State Street, West Englewood, is now taking a course at the Quartermaster School for Non-Commissioned Officers in Advanced Administration at Camp Lee, Va. He recently completed training at New Orleans where he had been stationed 18 months with the Headquarters Detachment. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rix of West Englewood.

2-10-44

## Borie To Chicago

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)  
Chicago, Ill., Feb. 12 — Seaman Second Class Andre Borie of 83 Ayers Court, West Englewood, N. J., will attend a naval radio technician's school here for 1 month, and then he will be ordered to another school for 11 months to further his training. Seaman Borie was home on a 7-day leave visiting his wife the former Miss Audrey Grimm after completing boot training at the Naval Training Station in Newport, R. I. He entered the Navy in December.

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## FIRST OVERSEAS



Pictured above is Private First Class Marjorie Snook who is the first Teaneck Wac overseas. She is with a bomber command in England.

2-12-44

## Arcara Wins Promotion To Be Sergeant

Tony Arcara, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Arcara of West Englewood Avenue, West Englewood, formerly of Ridgefield Park, has been promoted to sergeant in Italy where he is in the Army Air Forces with headquarters and headquarters squadron.

A V-mail letter received just before Christmas informed his family of his advancement to corporal, and the latest letter with news of his new promotion reached his family just before the sergeant's birthday Saturday.

A graduate of Ridgefield Park High School, Arcara entered the Army in August, 1941. A year later after taking training at various camps in this country, he was shipped overseas and since then he has been stationed in England, North Africa, Sicily and now in Italy.

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## NAME SELECTEES

Teaneck Calls Up Group To Report Wednesday Morning

The following Teaneck registrants have been selected for Naval service and ordered to report to Local Board No. 6 at 717 Cedar Lane, Teaneck, at 7:30 A. M. Wednesday: Herbert P. Johnson, William W. Robertson, Walter D. Carlson, Jack Lee Pindar, Thomas C. Browne, Edwin A. Dinnisen, Orazio Boscarino.

James Duffy has been selected for the Army and will report to Local 6 at 8:30 A. M. February 22.

2-16-44

## MISSION Praised

Army, Navy Certificate Given For Release Of Teaneck Minister

An Army and Navy certificate was presented to the Metropolitan Lutheran Inner-Mission Society Sunday in ceremonies held in the Mission chapel in New York City, in recognition of its patriotic services in releasing its former executive, the Rev. Edward J. Kroencke of Darton Terrace, Teaneck, lieutenant colonel, to serve in the armed forces.

The Rev. H. C. Albrecht, Naval Reserve chaplain who saw service at Albu and Kiska delivered the sermon at the presentation, which was made by Major Arthur Serne, Army chaplain and friend of Lieutenant Colonel Kroencke. The certificate was received by the president of the Society's board of trustees, Walter H. Allen.

Lieutenant Colonel Kroencke is chief of chaplains in the South Pacific theater of operations, based on New Caledonia.

Attending the ceremonies from Teaneck were the chaplain's wife and his two sons, David and Noel; the Rev. Albert P. Stauderman, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, West Englewood, and Mrs. Stauderman, William Halfman, who served as deacon when Lieutenant Colonel Kroencke was Mission Society executive, and the Misses Doris and Olga Bendix.

2-16-44

## 5 From Bergen At Great Lakes

Five Bergen County men have entered the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois and are receiving instruction in seamanship, military drill, and Naval procedure. They are John Louis Haik, of 49 Court Street, Hackensack; Robert George Gripenburg, 174 Lenox Avenue, and Ernest Edward Oakes, of 22 Prospect Street, both of Dumont, and John Stuart Miraglia, of 82 Ayers Court, West Englewood.

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## Miss Cathie Joins Air-Wac Service

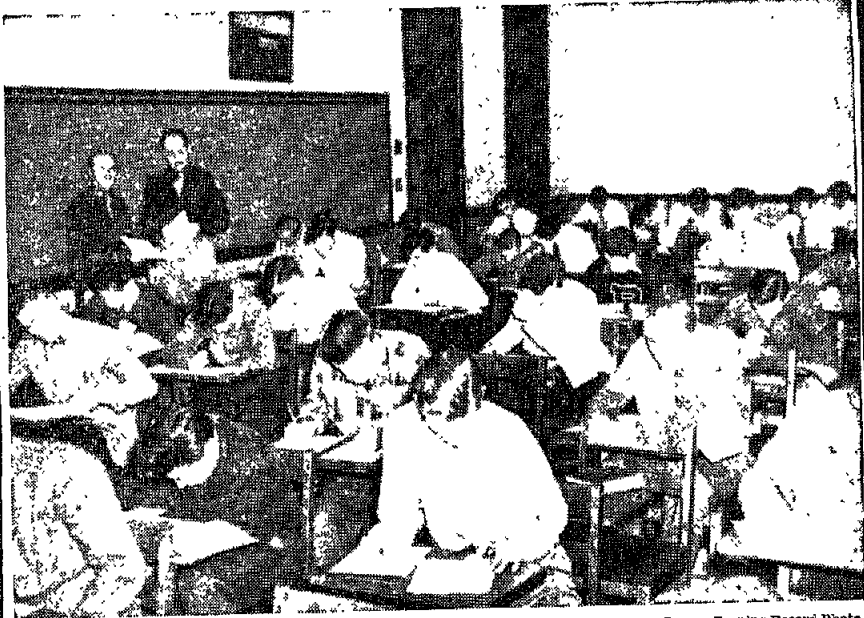
Miss Jean L. Cathie, daughter of Mrs. Lucy A. Cathie of 302 Rutland Avenue, West Englewood, has enlisted in the Air-Wacs. After an orientation course at a W. A. C. base, Miss Cathie will be assigned to duty in the Air Forces.

2-16-44

Sergeant Harold J. Kroog, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kroog of 1308 Hudson Road, West Englewood spent the week-end at home visiting his parents. Sergeant Kroog is stationed at the New Castle Army Air Base, Wilmington, Del., with the Ferrying Squadron.

2-16-44

## 97 BOYS HERE TAKE AIR CADET SCREENING TESTS



—Bergen Evening Record Photo.  
Captain E. C. Tobin of the Army Aviation Cadet Examining Board Staff and Cadet Officer Walter Lane of Teaneck Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, stand by the blackboard and watch 97 boys from Bergen County working on a 3-hour screening test for enlisted reserve of the Army Air Cadets. The examination was the first in Rutherford sponsored by the C. A. P.

2-16-44

## 97 Boys Take Screen Test For The Air Corps Cadets

17-Year-Olds Who Pass Will Be Eligible For Military And Preflight Training

Screening examinations for the Army Air Corps Cadets enlisted reserve were taken by 97 Bergen County boys at Rutherford High School yesterday afternoon under auspices of Teaneck Squadron, Civil Air Patrol. The 17-year-old boys who took the test were asked to answer 250 questions in a 3-hour examination designed to test their general knowledge and intelligence.

Those who receive a passing grade will take the physical examination for the Air Forces. As enlisted reserve personnel each boy will be awarded silver wings and can join the Civil Air Patrol Cadets for military and preflight training. He stays with the C. A. P. until he becomes 18 when he enters an Army Air Cadet school.

### LANE IN CHARGE

Cadet Officer Walter Lane of Teaneck Squadron was in charge of the test, assisted by Captain E. C. Tobin of the Army Aviation Cadet Examining Board Staff and Wac Technical Sergeant Agnes Boule.

Major Smith, N. J. Wing Commander of the C. A. P., said the test, first given in Rutherford under C. A. P. sponsorship, was one of the numerous recruiting and training activities being carried out by that organization in co-operation with the Army.

"As enlisted reserve personnel of the Air Forces," he said, "these boys are headed for an aeronautical education valued at \$30,000. This education they receive free. Upon completion of studies, they will be commissioned officers of the U. S. Army."

Towns represented at yesterday's test included Rutherford, East Rutherford, Wood-Ridge, Hackensack, and Teaneck.

Boys of 17 unable to take the screening test yesterday, Lane said, still can arrange to be examined at the Aviation Cadet Examination Board in Newark by interviewing him Friday night at 7:30 in Rutherford High School gymnasium.

## TEANECK CORPORAL KILLS CLOSE FRIEND

Strickland Accidentally Shoots Cook, Croft Office Says

Camp Croft, S. C., Feb. 16.—While preparing to go on guard duty, Corporal Frank W. Strickland, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Strickland, of 1271 Longfellow Avenue, West Englewood, accidentally shot and killed a close friend, Private Joseph Lucchesi Jr., 19, of Landsville, N. J. This announcement was made by the Camp Croft public relations office today.

The announcement said a service revolver held by Strickland, accidentally discharged in the Mess Hall where Lucchesi was a cook. The boy died shortly afterward in the station hospital.

Strickland's father is a former Teaneck councilman.

2-16-44

## Levinson Of Teaneck Awarded Commission

Lawrenceville, Ill., Feb. 16.—Arthur S. Levinson, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Levinson of 1185 Emerson Avenue, West Englewood, N. J., received his wings and commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces here and he has left for home on a 10-day leave.

Lieutenant Levinson is a graduate of Teaneck High School and enlisted in the Air Force while he was a student at the University of Pennsylvania. He was called to service in February, 1943, and received basic training at Miami Beach, Fla. He attended Transylvania University in Lexington, Ky., for his college training and at Nashville, Tenn., he was classified as a pilot.

He received his pre-flight training at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala.; primary training at Clarksville, Miss.; and basic at Greenville, Miss.

He was graduated here from the Advanced Twin Engine School, George Field. He awaits further orders.

2-16-44



LT. ARTHUR H. LEVINSON



P. O. EDWIN C. SHIELDS

## 3 SHIELD SONS WIN PROMOTIONS

### Residents Of Teaneck Out Of Country

Their three sons in service received promotions almost simultaneously during January, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Shields of 284 Farrant Terrace, Teaneck, have learned.

George D. Shields Jr., 23, the eldest, now in Italy with the Fifth Army has been advanced to sergeant, he has informed his parents. He took basic training at Camp Stewart, Ga.

Twenty-year-old Edwin Shields is now a second class petty officer on a battleship somewhere in the Pacific theater of war. He took boot training at the Newport, R. I., Naval Training Station and then attended the Henry Ford Naval School in Michigan.

Promoted to third class petty officer was Roger D. Shields, 17. He is on duty with the Atlantic fleet. He was a boot at Great Lakes, Ill., Naval Training Station.

The family has lived in Teaneck for 19 years, (and the brothers attended the local high school.

2-17-44

### Baldwin Is Slated For a Promotion

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Great Lakes, Ill., Feb. 17—Fireman First Class James G. Baldwin, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Baldwin of 100 Park Avenue, Teaneck, N. J., has been recognized as eligible to qualify for the rating of machinist's mate third class at graduation exercises held here for service school students.

Baldwin was selected for specialized training on the basis of recruit training aptitude test scores. Active duty orders await him.

2-17-44

Other promotions announced today:

From Major To Lieutenant Colonel  
WEST ENGLEWOOD — Joseph Stanley Bedford, Infantry, 1391 River Road.

2-17-44

### Hagopian Enters Yale Cadet School

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 17 — Vanig V. Hagopian, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Hagopian of 32 Amsterdam Avenue, West Englewood, N. J., has entered the A. A. F. Training Command School at Yale for aviation cadet training in aircraft maintenance engineering. On successful completion of the course he will be commissioned a second lieutenant and assigned to active duty.

### Lieutenant Smith Studies Flying

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Marana Army Air Field, Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 17—First Lieutenant Edward W. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Y. Smith of 635 Chestnut Avenue, Teaneck, N. J., has completed the basic flying training course at this field and has been graduated.

Lieutenant Smith, who attended Teaneck High School and New York University, will be sent to an advanced flying school to complete the last phase of his cadet training, after which he will be awarded his silver wings as a pilot in the Army Air Corps.

Before entering the Air Corps Lieutenant Smith was employed by Standard Oil of New Jersey. He is a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity.

2-17-44

### West Englewood Cadet Gets Advanced Training

Following two overseas trips, Cadet Midshipman Henry W. Fredericks, of 1160 Margaret Street, West Englewood, has been assigned to the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N. Y., for advanced training.

Cadet Fredericks' first trip was a fairly uneventful one to Casablanca, but on the second trip to Algiers, he took part in the landings with American invasion troops.

He is a graduate of Teaneck High School, class of '39 and before enlisting in October, 1942, was employed by the Electric Marine Manufacturing Company in Hoboken. He attended the New York Trade School at night.

2-17-44

### Fluhr, Hatch Complete Basic Flight Training

Majors Field, Texas, Feb. 17—Aviation Cadets Francis J. Hatch, son of Mrs. Marie A. Hatch, 311

Queen Anne Road, Teaneck, and Julius C. Fluhr Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius C. Fluhr, of 330 Sylvan Avenue, Leonia, have completed their 9 weeks of flight training at the basic pilot school here.

Cadet Hatch has been transferred to the Frederick Army Air Field in Oklahoma for advanced training and Cadet Fluhr advanced to the Alice Army Air Field, Victoria, Texas.

2-17-44

### 4 From Here Are In Air-Wacs

Four Bergen County girls, members of a company of Wacs, arrived in North Africa recently and have been assigned to an Air Force, and will now serve as Air Wacs in the Mediterranean theater. They are:

TEANECK — Technical Sergeant Jayne C. Kraft, daughter of Charles Kraft, of 600 Chestnut Avenue.

2-18-44



CORP. G. J. ROUSSEL

### Roussel Graduated

Harlingen Army Air Field, Tex., Feb. 12—Corporal Gustave J. Roussel, of 87 Highgate Terrace, West Englewood, was graduated as an aerial gunner from Aerial Gunner School of the Army Air Force here. Along with his diploma, he received his pair of Aerial Gunner's wings.

2-12-44



SGT. ANTHONY ARCARA

### Arcara Advanced To Sergeant Rank

Sergeant Anthony Arcara of West Englewood Avenue, West Englewood, has been advanced to that rank in Italy where he is stationed with the Army Air Forces headquarters squadron. A graduate of Ridgfield Park High School, Sergeant Arcara is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Arcara, formerly of Ridgfield Park.

2-12-44

## WOUNDED



PRIVATE ROBERT BELL

### Wounded In Action

BELL, Private Robert; 22, son of Mrs. Benjamin Bell, 10 Trinity Court, West Englewood (Italy).

Bell was reported by the War Department slightly wounded while on duty with the infantry somewhere in Italy, January 11. His mother has received several letters from him in which he said he was at a Station Hospital presumably in Italy.

A graduate of New York schools, Bell was formerly employed by the Winton Market, New York City. He entered the Army Dec. 16, 1942, and trained at Camp Phillips, Kan., and in Tennessee. Bell was ordered to overseas duty in November of last year.

2-12-44

Private Stephen Uhl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Uhl of Ayers Court, West Englewood, has reported to Camp Meade, Md., to await orders for further duty with the Infantry. He completed basic training at Camp Croft, S. C., 2 weeks ago and spent a 10-day furlough at home. His father is with the Seabees in the Southwest Pacific.

2-22-44

### 3 At Sub School

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

New London, Conn., Feb. 27—Three more local Navy men have completed basic training at the submarine school here for duty with undersea fighters. They are:

**WEST ENGLEWOOD**—Victor E. Kinon, seaman, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Kinon, 289 Edgewood Avenue; graduate of Holy Trinity High School, Hackensack.

**TEANECK**—Robert William McEllen, seaman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McEllen, 182 Intervale Road; graduate of N. E. Catholic High, Philadelphia, also Calvin R. Woods, quartermaster, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Woods, 187 Oakdene Avenue; graduate of Teaneck High School.

2-22-44

### Middlemas At Biloxi

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., Feb. 22—Private Robert Christian Middlemas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon A. Middlemas, 128 Bogert Street, West Englewood, is beginning medical and psychological tests, classification, and training here. This processing is designed to determine his qualifications as a preaviation cadet.

2-22-44

Private First Class George L. Erick Jr. of 175 Pinewood Place, West Englewood, has been awarded the blue star for excellence in studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he is enrolled in the Army Specialized Training Program. He was graduated from Teaneck High School and attended New York University for 2 years.

Mrs. Hugh McGowan Jr. of Garrison Avenue is spending a few days in Hyattsville, Md. Her husband, Captain McGowan is in India.

Corporal John P. Kane, of 1444 Remselaer Road, West Englewood, returned to Camp Luna, N. M., after an 18-day furlough at home. Upon his return to camp, he was promoted to sergeant in the camouflage division of the Air Corps.

A dinner party was given in honor of Staff Sergeant and Mrs. C. A. Renz Jr., who were recently married in Tampa, Fla. The bride is the former Miss Elsie May Land of Kokomo, Indiana, and Staff Sergeant Renz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Renz Sr. of 1171 Margaret Street, West Englewood. After spending several days here the couple have left to visit the bride's parents in Indiana before returning to Drew Field, Fla., where Sergeant Renz is stationed with the Air Corps.

2-24-44

### Emerson Soldier Completes Training

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Seymour Johnson Field, S. C., Feb. 26—Private Samuel A. Pope, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Pope, of Randolph Avenue, Emerson, has completed his five months course in aircraft maintenance and repair at this base and has been graduated as an aircraft mechanic from this station of the Army Air Forces Training Command.

A new arrival at the Aviation Cadet Pre-Technical School at this station, is Aviation Cadet Albert J. Fernandes, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Fernandes, of 656 Mildred Street, Teaneck.

2-26-44

### Cadets Move On

Athens, Ga., Feb. 25—Two Naval Aviation Cadets from the Hackensack, N. J., area, have completed 3 months of physical conditioning and ground school work at the U. S. Navy Preflight School here. They have been ordered to Naval Air Stations to begin progressive flight training preparatory to joining a combat unit.

They are Robert W. Miller, 1270 Teaneck Road, West Englewood, who transfers to the Naval Air Station, Dallas, Texas.

2-26-44

### Maurer Is Home

Coxswain Gerald V. Maurer, 21, U. S. N. R., son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Maurer, of 12 Lerome Place, West Englewood, attached to the U. S. Naval Armed Guard Center at New Orleans, La., has just returned from sea duty as a member of a naval gun crew, assigned to an American merchant vessel. He joined the Navy in November, 1942, and during his recent 6 months at sea, visited ports in South America. He had previously been in England, Africa and the Caribbean. While on a trip last January, his convoy lost seven ships during a submarine attack in the North Atlantic. He was graduated from Teaneck High School and before enlisting, was employed by the American Woolen Company in New York. After a short leave at home, he will be assigned to another Navy armed guard crew.

2-26-44

### Treaner Will Go To Navy College

Port Hueneme, Calif., Feb. 25—Charles F. Treaner, seaman second class, of the 101st Navy Construction Battalion stationed here, has received orders to report to Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va., for further transfer to a collegiate institution where he will be enrolled in the Navy's V-12 program. Treaner was one of 5 men successful in the recent competition for selection in examinations given enlisted men to determine those qualified for officer training. He will attend a Navy-approved college for 2 years following which, if successful, he will be appointed to a commissioned rank. Treaner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Treaner, of 77 Franklin Road, West Englewood.

2-25-44

### Goldin In New Mexico

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Carlsbad Army Air Field, Carlsbad, N. M., Feb. 28—Aviation Cadet Milton Goldin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Goldin, 934 Queen Anne Road, Teaneck, N. J., has reported at this Army air field, where he will

receive advanced flight training in high-level bombardiering and dead-reckoning navigation.

During the 18 weeks' training course Cadet Goldin will study under simulated combat conditions. He was employed as a bookkeeper by Mr. S. Goldin, 316 Washington Street, Hoboken.

2-28-44

### Dellabough Transferred

Private Grant B. Dellabough, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Dellabough of 881 Queen Anne Road, Teaneck, has completed his basic training in Infantry at Fort Benning, Ga., and has been transferred to Randolph-Macon College, Va., as an engineer-cadet under the Army Specialized Training Program.

2-28-44

William F. Moore Jr., of 496 Stan-dish Road, Teaneck, has been advanced from first lieutenant to captain in Army Ordnance.

2-28-44

### Jermain Discharged

Aviation Cadet Donald Jermain of 139 Johnson Avenue, Teaneck, has received a physical disability discharge from the Army Air Forces and is expected home within the next few days. He is now at the Lovell General Hospital, Mass.

2-28-44

### Edwin Plettnier

#### A First Lieutenant

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla., Feb. — Edwin Plettnier of 193 Selva Avenue, West Englewood, N. J., has been commissioned a first lieutenant in the Army Transportation Corps and has reported here for duty.

He was a sergeant-major in France in the last war and in 1926 served as the first adjutant of the Captain Stephen T. Schoonmaker Post 1429 of Veterans of Foreign Wars in Teaneck.

2-28-44

William J. O'Brien Jr., of 67 Summit Street, Ridgefield Park; and Samuel C. Walker of 645 Tilden Avenue, Teaneck, have been promoted from first lieutenant to captain. O'Brien is with the Army Air Force, Walker, Field Artillery.

2-28-44

Second Lieutenant John Francis McLaughlin, 27, of Teaneck, is one of the officers leading the only Japanese-American infantry unit into combat in Italy. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McLaughlin, live at 855 Ester Avenue, Teaneck.

2-28-44

## Teaneck Wac With Bomber Force Praises Work Of The Red Cross

Private Teaneck Wac overseas, Private First Class Marjorie Snook, City, is doing administrative work with a Bomber Command somewhere in England.

After several months overseas duty Private Snook in a recent letter to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Snook of 70 Englewood Avenue, West Englewood, gave special praise of the fine work being done by the English and American Red Cross; the English, for the many privileges extended to members of the United Service Forces and the American, for the hospital, social and recreational centers.

Private Snook recently attended a reception for members of the United Nations forces at the Mansion House in London. The affair was given by Lord Mayor and Lady of London.

A graduate of Raye Grammar School, N. Y., and Rutherford High School she also attended Rutherford Business School. Prior to her enlistment in February, 1943, Private Snook was employed as a secretary in the foreign department of New

York Trust Company, New York City.



P. F. C. MARJORIE SNOOK

2-28-44



# Flier's Mother Buys First Red Cross Star: Teaneck Gets \$464 Toward \$30,000 Quota

Mrs. Ethel Houghton, mother of Lieutenant Clyde Houghton, Liberator pilot still listed as missing in action after battling the Japs in the South Pacific theater, purchased the first star to be placed on the campaign service flag as the Teaneck Red Cross War Fund drive officially opened at a rally last night in the Washington Irving School auditorium.

The campaign flag, studded with 3,000 stars representing Township men and women in the armed service, will serve as a barometer in the drive. Progress of the campaign to reach a \$30,000 goal will be noted as the stars, each one worth \$10, are covered with tiny Red Crosses.

Two hundred and sixty-four dollars had already been donated before the rally opened last night, and Alvin I. Gardner, last year's drive chairman and head of the Defense Council's salvage committee, added \$100 contributed by the salvage committee and \$100 donation was made by Dr. Barnett S. Bookstaver, Township Health Director.

Phil Snelder, pharmacist's mate first class of the Coast Guard, veteran of several South Pacific en-

agements, and Technical Sergeant Davis Conley of the Army Air Forces, holder of the Air Medal and 7 Oak Leaf clusters, were the featured speakers.

Both expressed deep appreciation of the comforting aid rendered by the Red Cross.

Snelder was aboard an LST invasion ship when Bougainville was invaded. He told how a formation of Jap bombers swooped down out of the dazzling sun and let go at the ship. The first bomb hit the gasoline supply; roaring flames burst forth.

The explosion knocked the ship's doctor and Snelder to the deck. As soon as they picked themselves up they saw a Marine with half a leg blown off and half an arm gone; they carried him down into the improvised sick bay.

The second bomb struck the ammunition dump and then all Hell broke loose, Snelder related; there was danger from their own ammunition as well as the enemy's, and the ship became a raging inferno. Orders were given to abandon ship but the gunners refused to leave their posts as they continued to pound the Japs. Some of

the wounded men stubbornly turned down medical aid.

Later the Jap Zeros roared over the beachhead to strafe wounded Americans with .25 caliber machinegun bullets. The less seriously injured men rolled over on their wounded buddies to protect the bodies of their friends, Snelder said.

After they were evacuated, the boys spent 8 or 9 days leaping into muddy foxholes, with five or six boys crowded into one hole in mud oozing up to their knees. The hapless man on the bottom would yell: "Get your foot out of my mouth!"

Foxhole fare consisted of dog biscuit and canned meat, and the menu was varied occasionally by passing the meat first and then the dog biscuit, Snelder remarked.

Later the Red Cross did everything in its power for the boys, Snelder said; it provided cigarettes and shaving kits and notified the families of the boys who were safe.

There are just three things the fighting men want the folks back home to do, according to Snelder; buy War Bonds, donate blood, and keep writing. The boys faces light up and they forget how tired they are when mail call is sounded, he declared.

Sergeant Conley, a Teaneck resident home on furlough after completing 40 missions in the Mediterranean and North African theaters,

As the Marauder makes the bomb run, he recounted, nervous tension mounts but once the plane heads described the routine of a dawn attack—the target, supply lines in Northern Italy.

away from the target the men relax. Hot coffee and doughnuts, served by the Red Cross girls, are a God-send on returning from night raids, Conley declared, andiced tea is welcome on completion of daylight assaults. Iced tea is doubly welcome when the men emerge from the blistering Sirocian winds which range around 150 degrees Fahrenheit and burn one in the shade.

At every post where the Sergeant was stationed there was always some type of Red Cross club, no matter how small, to provide a few moments of relaxation with books and music.

Introduced by Chairman James P. Birch of Teaneck Branch, Edmund G. Farrell, drive chairman, addressed the workers. A roll call of district captains and workers was taken by the regional directors,

Arthur A. Kron, Ross E. Hewett, Harold Schnare, and J. F. Segelke. The Coast Guard quartet, comprising Seaman First Class Allan Harrington, Robert Grcason and Herbert McGreay and Boatswain's Mate First Class Don Johnson sang. A moving picture, "Seven Keys" was presented to explain effective sales methods.

All introduced were:

Mrs. Edward W. Clarke, vice-chairman of the Township Branch; E. Gerold Clark, Northern Valley Chapter War Fund chairman; Richard de la Chapelle, vice-chairman of the Chapter; the local executive committee of Mrs. H. D. Patton, vice-chairman; Mrs. Robert L. Outley, Mrs. William C. Rowe, Mrs. Herbert Slack, and Mrs. J. Vollmer; Godfrey Shubin, treasurer; Martin Wright, publisher; Stanley B. Wiley, industry and labor; W. G. West, supplies; C. L. Seewright, display, and Mrs. J. G. Kelly, headquarters.

## REVIEW LANDING IN GUADALCANAL

### 3 Speak At Marine Corps Night At Teaneck

The story of the Marines landing at Guadalcanal and of actual face-to-face combat with Japanese was told by three men who know at a special Marine Corps program arranged by the Teaneck Defense Council in Longfellow School last night.

Two of the men were Teaneck residents, Lieutenant Charles F. Schlenker, Marine Corps, of 129 Ayers Court, West Englewood, and Lieutenant Arthur Hill, Army, of 17 West Englewood Avenue, Teaneck. Also speaking was Corporal Richard L. Shaw, Marine Corps, of New York, who holds a Silver Star for gallantry in action while laying a vital communication line in Guadalcanal.

The Japs stubbornness and total disregard for the life of their fellows was related by Schlenker, who told how an unarmed Japanese soldier was sent down into the Marines front lines to lure the Americans into range of a machinegun nest. Stories were told of enemy men who although dying grasp hand grenades to their bodies so that when they are turned over the grenade explodes.

Township Attorney Donald M. Waesche was master of ceremonies, Paul A. Volcker, Township Manager was guest speaker. William Davis, chairman of the Local Defense Council also spoke.

**Cadets At Greensboro**  
Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 26—Four pre-aviation cadet candidates from Hackensack, N. J., and vicinity have arrived at Basic Training Center No. 10, of the A. A. F. Training Command.  
While attached to this station they will take medical, written, and co-ordination tests to determine whether they are qualified for pilot, bombardier or navigator training.  
The cadet candidates are Private Robert C. Bennett, son of Mrs. J. Bennett, 161 Main St., Hackensack; Private John C. Brennan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Brennan, 568 Oregon Avenue, Cliffside Park; Private Harold L. Schnare, son of H. C. Schnare, 486 Claremont Avenue, Teaneck; and Private Warren V. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Jones, 97 Windsor Road, Tenafly.

2-26-44



LT. EDWIN N. BAUR

## BAUR GETS WINGS AS MARINE FLIER

### West Englewood Man Is Commissioned In Fla.

Edwin N. Baur, 24, son of Mrs. Elsa Baur of 1233 Beaumont Avenue, West Englewood, has been given his wings of gold and commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve, following completion of his flight training course at the Naval Air Training center at Pensacola, Fla.

Lieutenant Baur will be an instructor at one of the Navy's operational training centers.

Lieutenant Baur entered the service on Jan. 13, 1943, as a V-5 cadet in the Marine Air Corps. He was at Lancaster, Tex., at Athens, Ga., for his pre-flight school at University of Georgia, and had his primary training at Olathe, Kas. He was transferred to Pensacola, where he received his commission and wings on March 10.

Before entering the service, Baur was a teller at the West Englewood National Bank. He was graduated from Teaneck High School, where he was president of the Te-Eds, and played on the basketball team.

2-28-44