

Lieutenant On Leave
Having been commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Armored Tank Forces, Merrell K. Graham Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Merrell K. Graham Sr., of 378 Winthrop Road, West Englewood, is home on a 10-day leave from Fort Knox, Ky.

Lieutenant Graham, a graduate of Teaneck High School and Peddie School of Hightstown, N. J., enlisted in the Army during his first year at Colgate University in January, 1942. He began his training with the Signal Corps and was later transferred to the Armored Tank Division. On Sept. 27, 1943, he was sent to Officers' School at Fort Knox where he received his commission.

3-2-44

Messina Raised In Navy
Michael V. Messina, 18, of 700 Chestnut Avenue, Teaneck, has been promoted to seaman first class and is now home on a short leave. He will be assigned to active duty upon completing his visit. Messina is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael V. Messina Sr.

His brother, Machinist Mate Second Class Frank Messina, is stationed with the Navy at Norfolk, Va.

3-2-44

Kirchoff Is Raised To First Lieutenant

Lieutenant William Augustus Kirchoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Kirchoff of 130 Griggs Avenue, Teaneck, has been promoted from a second to a first lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers at Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida, where he is stationed with the amphibious training forces.

Lieutenant Kirchoff is married to the former Helen Zues of Trenton and is the father of a son, William John IV, who was born on January 7. On the same day, Lieutenant Kirchoff was made company commander of his battalion. He is a graduate of Teaneck High School, where he was awarded a football scholarship to Bergen Junior College and entered the service in January, 1941.

3-2-44

WORK IS PRAISED



Master Sergeant William J. Zimmerman of Teaneck has received special commendation from his detachment commander, Lieutenant Rudolph Vranich, Engineer Corps, for conditioning and maintenance of electrical equipment, defying both adverse conditions and Aleutians weather. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Zimmerman of 855 Maple Avenue.

3-2-44

COL. ROHR LEADS FORTRESS WING AGAINST REICH

Teaneck Officer Tells Of
Gigantic Attack On
Schweinfurt

SECOND COMMAND

By CORP. JOHN H. SULLIVAN

Army Air Forces
(Former Bergen Evening Record Reporter)
London, Feb. 26 (By Mail)—When B-17 Flying Fortresses of the United States Army Eighth Air Force attacked the Schweinfurt, Germany, ballbearing works for the third time last Thursday, a Teaneck man, Lieutenant Colonel Louis W. Rohr, of 844 Queen Anne Road, led for the second time a Fortress combat wing against that important Nazi target.

Thursday's raid, which maintained an almost continuous assault against the Nazi aircraft industries for the fourth day of the same week, was the second co-ordinated attack in three days from the west and south by heavy bombers of the 8th A. A. F. and the 15th A. A. F., the latter operating from bases in Italy.

The important ME 110 aircraft factory at Gotha was bombed successfully by Liberators of the Eighth A. A. F., while Fortresses of the 8th A. A. F. struck an almost simultaneous heavy blow at rebuilt plants and heretofore undamaged areas at the Schweinfurt ballbearing works. Schweinfurt had previously been damaged severely by Eighth A. A. F. bombers on August 17 and October 15, but had been partly restored and was producing an approximate 40 per cent of its original capacity.

"It was undoubtedly the most successful mission I've flown," said Colonel Rohr. "Everything clicked. Fighter support was beyond description. There were about 100 of our fighters in sight at all times, going in and coming out. The targets were definitely hit, and hit hard."

The bombers were escorted by A. A. F. Lightnings, Mustangs, Thunderbolts and by R. A. F. and Dominion Spitfires, Mustangs, and Typhoons. The American fighters shot down 38 and the R. A. F. shot down one enemy aircraft. Forty-nine Eighth A. A. F. bombers and 10 fighters were missing from this attack.

3-2-44

3 Enlist In Waves

New York, Mar. 2.—Three Bergen County residents have been sworn into the Waves as apprentice seamen in the service's enlisted quota and will soon be assigned to the Naval Training School at Hunter College, the Bronx, for indoctrination.

WEST ENGLEWOOD — Miss Veronica Marie Malone, 1095 Alicia Avenue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Malone.

3-2-44

Lieutenant Leo C. Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Francis of 293 Hickory Lane, Teaneck, and pilot of the 8th A. A. F. Flying Fortress Terry and the Pirates, has been awarded the Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for courage, coolness and skill displayed while participating in 5 separate bomber missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe.

Lieutenant Francis, whose wife, Hilda T. Francis, is also a resident of Teaneck, was employed as a lifeguard at Arcola swimming pool before entering the A. A. F.

3-3-44

2 Teaneck Fathers To Go With Service Contingent

Roy Goddin, Former Bogota Banker, C. W. Miesmer, Tennis Ace, Go Into Armed Force Tomorrow

Two fathers head the list of inductees from Teaneck who enter the service of the Army and Navy tomorrow. They are Roy C. Goddin of 521 West Englewood Avenue, and Charles W. Miesmer of 246 Cherry Lane.

WAS A TELLER

Goddin, well known in Bogota where he was employed at the Bogota National Bank for 6 years as a teller, has lived at the West Englewood Avenue address in Teaneck for 7 years. He has one son, Bruce, who is 12 years old.

Goddin, who has been chosen for Army service, more recently has been the treasurer of a mortgage company in Newark.

Miesmer, who is a construction estimator, is the father of an 18-month-old son, Jackie. The Miesmers have lived in Teaneck for 5 years.

A well-known tennis player in Bergen, Miesmer was at one time No. 1 man at Leola Tennis Club and in recent years was a member of the tennis team at Orland Field Club in Hackensack.

Miesmer is to serve in the Navy. The other inductees from Teaneck's Selective Service Board No. 6 entering service tomorrow are:

Navy

FRED NICEWICZ, 976 Aline Drive.

JOHN HENRY JOHANNSEN, 72 Fairview Avenue.

JOHN HENRY FISCHER, 543 River Road.

BERNARD FRANCIS POWERS, 76 Shepard Avenue.

Army

OLE MYHREN, 48 N. Prospect Terrace.

ROBERT WILLIAM KOCH, 69 Shepard Avenue.

PATSY PATRICK GARRIPOLI, 68 Elton Street.

3-3-44

Klein Commissioned

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

New Haven, Conn., Mar. 4 — Eugene W. Klein, son of Eugene Klein of 49 Cranford Place, Teaneck, has been commissioned a second lieutenant and received his gold bars at the Army Air Forces Training Command School at Yale University. He is now prepared for duty at an advanced flying field where he will be in charge of a crew of enlisted men who are specialists in maintenance.

3-4-44

Zellweger Passes

Course In Army

Private Eugene Ernest Zellweger, the husband of Ruth Clare Zellweger of 35 West Edsall Boulevard, Palisades Park, has been graduated from the Telephone Communications School at the Fort Rustis, Va., antiaircraft Replacement Center.

Private Zellweger, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Zellweger of 25 Intervale Road, West Englewood, is a graduate of Dumont High School and was employed by the Aluminum Company of America, Edgewater, before his induction into the Army last October. He has a 6-month-old daughter.

3-4-44

WINS AIR MEDAL FOR 5 MISSIONS

And Now Easterbrook Has 13 Under Belt

At the same time that Mrs. C. C. Easterbrook of 42 Werner Place, Teaneck today received official word that her son, Technical Sergeant Gordon L. Easterbrook had been awarded the Air Medal for completion of 5 operational missions over enemy territory, she also received a letter from him saying that he had now completed 13 missions.

Sergeant Easterbrook is engineer on a B-24 Liberator bomber, stationed somewhere in England. He is married. His wife, Jane W. Easterbrook, lives at 46 Roosevelt Avenue, Dumont.

He attended Teaneck High School, and was employed by the Bergen Evening Record before he joined the Army Engineers Nov. 10, 1942. He trained at Atlantic City and attended gunnery school at Panama City, Fla. Last November he was sent overseas. The Sergeant has 2 brothers in the service.

William Easterbrook, 17, seaman first class, recently arrived at a naval hospital in California, where he is recovering from fatigue after seeing extensive action in the New Britain area of the South Pacific. He has been in the Navy since last April.

Private First Class Robinson Easterbrook, a photographer in the Marine Corps, entered the service last September. After a recent furlough, he was assigned to an aircraft carrier.

3-4-44

2 Are Commissioned As Bombardier-Navigators

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Victorville, Calif., Mar. 4—Two Bergen County, N. J., armmen have been graduated as bombardier-navigators from this Army Air Base. They are Second Lieutenant Richard T. Habel son of Mrs. Freda K. Habel, of 179 Johnson Avenue, Teaneck and Flight Officer Harold F. Harstedt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gustaf F. Harstedt, of 351 Hillside Avenue, Leonia.

Lieutenant Habel is a graduate of Teaneck High School and attended New York University. He is a member of the Teaneck Athletic Club and at one time managed Teaneck High School's track team to its first championship. He has two brothers in the service, Ensign David Habel, U. S. N. R., and Private Martin Habel with the Army in Alaska.

3-4-44

Leibrecht Is A Sergeant

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Harlingen, Tex., Mar. 4—Promotion of John J. Leibrecht Jr., 23, of Teaneck, N. J., to the rank of sergeant was announced at the Army Air Force Gunners School here today. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Leibrecht of 568 Marlens Avenue and he was graduated from Teaneck High School. Before his enlistment he was associated with the Wright Aeronautical Corporation in Paterson.

3-4-44

Chaplain Bayer Is Now A Captain

Mrs. E. George Bayer of 132 Ayers Court, West Englewood, received word yesterday that her husband, who is stationed at the Aviation Cadet Center at San Antonio, Texas, has been promoted to the rank of captain.

Chaplain Bayer who is on leave of absence from his post as pastor of the Teaneck Methodist Church, DeGraw Avenue, Teaneck, enlisted in November, 1943. He served at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., before being transferred to Texas.

He is a veteran of World War 1 where he served with the Navy. His two children, David, 15, and Catherine Anne, 12, are students at Teaneck High School.

3-4-44



A/C EUGENE V. TIDWELL

Aviation Cadets

Ends 11-Week Course

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Mar. 7—Naval Aviation Cadets Eugene Tidwell of West Englewood, N. J., and George W. Hardie Jr. of Hackensack, N. J., have successfully completed the intensive 11-week course at the Navy Pre-Flight School here. They have been promoted to primary flight training schools.

Cadet Tidwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tidwell, will report to Glenview, Ill., for primary training. He is a graduate of Dwight Morrow High School, Englewood, N. J., class of 1940, where he was a member of the varsity football team.

3-7-44

Lieut. Phillips At Minter Field

First Lieutenant John Donald Phillips, son of Mrs. E. N. Phillips, of 1242 Laurelton Avenue, West Englewood, has reported to the Army Air Force Basic Flying Training School at Minter Field, in Bakersfield, Calif., to take over duties as an administrative and personnel officer at the field's pilot school.

3-7-44

BROTHERS MEET TWICE IN ENGLAND



SGT. WARREN ECKE



PVT. FRED ECKE

Sergeant Warren Ecke and Private Ecke returned the visit. Mr. Ecke, father of the two soldiers, has been employed at a war plant and has not been absent once in the past 3 years. Sergeant Ecke's wife, the former Miss Alice Hansen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hansen of 1145 Stasia Street, West Englewood, is at home with their 2-month-old son. Sergeant Ecke has been overseas since July, 1943, and visited him for the week-end of February 12. The following week—last December.

3-7-44

PROMOTED



LT. LLOYD R. GRAHAM

Graham, In England, Now First Lieutenant

Lieutenant Lloyd R. Graham, son of William Graham, of Beaumont Avenue, West Englewood, has been promoted to first lieutenant in England. He is in an infantry regiment.

Lieutenant Graham was graduated from Teaneck High School in 1938, and entered the service in August, 1942, while still attending Bucknell University. Upon induction he was sent to Hamilton Field, California, where he received his appointment to Officers Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, Va. Shortly after graduation, he was sent overseas where he has been for the past nine months.

3-7-44

Brennan Promoted To First Lieutenant

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

China Air Base, March 9—The promotion of William J. Brennan, husband of Mrs. Margaret H. Brennan of 215 Johnson Avenue, Teaneck, to the rank of first lieutenant was announced recently at headquarters of Major General Claire L. Chennault's Fourteenth United States Air Force. Lieutenant Brennan is a bombardier on a B-24, and as additional duty in his squadron, he serves as special services officer.

He has been in China since October 1943 and has participated in many bombings of Japanese installations in the Orient. While in the United States, he served at Williams Field, Arizona; Hondo, Texas; Salinas, and Blythe, California. Prior to entering the service, he was employed by the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, in New York City.

Richtscheid Arrives At Peterson Field

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colo., March 9—Following the completion of his training in the Army Air Forces Technical Schools, Second Lieutenant Edward O. Richtscheid, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Richtscheid of 1328 Sussex Road, Teaneck, has arrived at this field for assignment to the combat crew training school as a four engine pilot.

3-7-44

HOME, AT TEANECK



Major Arthur Esslinger of 943 Prince Street, Teaneck, who has just returned after 2 years of service in Puerto Rico where he was stationed as an ordnance and chemical warfare officer with the Antilles Air Command. Major Esslinger has joined Captain Stephen S. T. Schoonmaker V. F. W. Post.

3-10-44



ENSIGN R. L. WOLPERT

Ensign Wolpert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. Wolpert, 114 Griggs Avenue, Teaneck, was commissioned March 8 at the Naval Air Training Center, Corpus Christi, Tex. He received his preliminary flight instruction at the Glenview, Ill., Naval Air Base.

3-10-44

TEANECK BOY IS PAUL LUKAS'S GUEST



Private First Class George Passantino of Teaneck, who took part in the Marshall Islands invasion, is shown above with film star Paul Lukas who was host to Passantino at the Hollywood Canteen before he left this country. The marine met Lukas informally on a street in Hollywood, speaking to the actor whom he recognized.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Passantino told of the event in a letter which said he is in good health following the Marshall invasion.

He is with the Fourth Division of the Marines, having entered the service in August of 1942. Passantino trained at Parris Island, S. C., and at New River, N. C., and was

stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., before leaving for overseas duty.

He was graduated from Teaneck High School, where he was cartoonist on the Te-Hi News, school organ. His work on the school paper is now being done by his brother, Matthew.

3-14-44

TEANECK FLIERS ADVANCE IN TRAINING



Naval Aviation Cadets James A. McCaffrey (left) and William Floyd Maxwell Jr., both of Teaneck, have successfully completed their intensive 11-week course at the Navy Pre-Flight School at Chapel Hill, N. C., and have been promoted to primary flight training at the Glenview, Ill., Naval Air Station. McCaffrey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. McCaffrey of 1085 Cambridge Road, Teaneck and attended Teaneck High and Fordham University, where he played football and baseball. Maxwell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Floyd Maxwell of West Englewood and attended Teaneck High and Marshall College before entering the service.

Battle, Gibbons Are Made Majors In Army Promotions

West Englewood, Bogota Captains Are Raised In Rank—Steel, Simon Promoted To 1st Lieutenants

Two Bergen County Army officers have been promoted from captains to majors, it was announced today by the War Department.

Elevated in rank were Leo John Battle of West Englewood and William E. Gibbons of Bogota. Major Battle is in the Engineer Corps and Major Gibbons is at the Officers' Command School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

HAS TWO SONS

Major Battle, the father of two boys, Brendon and Vincent, is stationed at Camp Ellis, Ill. He was inducted into the Army in 1941, but had previously been a member of the National Guard for about 23 years.

After Pearl Harbor, he was sent to the Hawaiian Islands where he remained for 16 months. He was born in West Englewood and attended the Teaneck schools. Following the death of his parents, he resided in New York City and was graduated from a high school there. Prior to his induction into service, he was employed by the Bell Telephone Company in New York City. His wife is the former Jessie Laurie of Richmond Hill, L. I.

William E. Gibbons, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gibbons of 286 Elm Avenue, Bogota, was promoted from captain to major last Friday. He is a student at the Officers' Command School at Fort Leavenworth, Kans.

Two other Bergen County officers were given promotions from second to first lieutenant, it was revealed today.

They are Benjamin Hubbard Steel, Engineer Corps, of 208 Bogert Street, Bogota, and Dr. Morris Leon Simon, Medical Corps, of 402 Ogden Avenue, West Englewood.

3-14-44



S. 1/C J. E. MELOY



CORP. A. R. MELOY



PVT. R. A. MELOY



S. 1/C A. L. MELOY

Saviel Promoted To Captain's Rank

Lieutenant Stanley Saviel, 26, son of Dr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Saviel of 280 Garrison Avenue, Teaneck, has been promoted to captain at San Bernardino, Calif., where he is training with the Dental Corps. Before entering the service, in April of last year Captain Saviel was interning at Englewood Hospital.

His brother, Private First Class Elwyn, 23, is studying at the Pittsburgh Dental College.

3-10-44

MEDAL TO GRAFF

Son Of Fred Graffs Of Teaneck Gets
Purple Heart For Injury

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graff of 284 James Street, Teaneck, received word from their son, Sergeant Harold Graff, 22, who is now serving in Italy with a medical detachment of Antiaircraft Coast Artillery, was awarded the Purple Heart on February 14. He suffered an injured ankle in action.

Sergeant Graff is a graduate of Teaneck High School and was with Brewster Aircraft in Newark before enlisting on July 13, 1942.

3-10-44

Rouault Ordered To Athens, Georgia

Athens, Ga., Mar. 10 — Naval Aviation Cadet Robert Rouault, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rouault, of 915 Prince Street, Teaneck, has completed three months of physical conditioning and ground school work at the Navy Pre-Flight School here, and has been ordered to the Naval Air Station at Dallas, Tex., where he will begin progressive light training to prepare him for a combat unit. Cadet Rouault previously was at the C. A. A. War Training Service School in Conway, Ark.

3-10-44

4 From Bergen Are New Recruits

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Great Lakes, Illinois, Mar. 8—Four Bergen County men, new recruits at the U. S. Naval Training Station here, are receiving instruction in seamanship, military drill, and naval procedure. They are:

TEANECK—John William Karmann, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Karmann, of 89 Park Avenue.

3-8-44

4 MELOY BOYS IN THE SERVICE

Represent Army, Navy, And Coast Guard

Mrs. Rose Meloy of 516 Oritani Place, Teaneck, has four sons in the armed forces, representing the Army, Navy, and Coast Guard.

Seaman First Class Alfred L. Meloy, 22, entered the Navy in October, 1941. He received training at Newport, R. I., and after 5 months duty on a submarine was transferred to a sub-tender. He has seen action in the South Pacific and wears the silver submarine pin.

Private Robert A. Meloy, 18, is with the Field Artillery at Fort Meade, Md. A graduate of Teaneck High School he entered the Army last September 22, last year. He recently completed 18-weeks training at Fort Bragg, N. C.

Seaman First Class John E. Meloy, 20, is now at an aviation mechanics school at the Coast Guard Air Station, Gloucester, Mass. A graduate of Teaneck High School, he enlisted in 1942 and received training at Manhattan Beach, N. Y., the Invasion School at Gloucester, Mass., and the Coast Guard Air Station at Salem, Mass.

Aerial Gunner Arthur R. Meloy, 23, is training as a radio operator on a B-22 and wears crew wings at Clovis Base, N. M. He entered the Army Jan. 15, 1943, and trained at Miami Beach, Fla., Sioux Falls, S. D., Traux Field, Wis., Smokey Hill, Kas., and Walker Field, Kas. He was recently promoted to corporal.

3-10-44

Mohr Promoted To Warrant Officer

Arthur Mohr, 38, of 267 Herrich Avenue, Teaneck, has been promoted from technical sergeant to warrant officer (J. G.) somewhere in England where he is on duty with the Eighth Army Air Force. He is married to the former Josephine Man of Teaneck. They have two daughters, Heather, 2, and Josephine, 3 months.

After entering the Air Force in August, 1942, Mohr received training at Fort Meyer, Va. He was shipped overseas in July, 1943. Prior to his enlistment Warrant Officer Mohr was manager of the Variety Club at Dallas, Texas.

3-10-44

Becomes Captain At Laughlin Field

J. Robert Mursch, 25-year-old aviation instructor, of 157 Herrich Avenue, Teaneck, has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain at Laughlin Field, Tex., where he is stationed with the Army Air Force.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mursch and was formerly employed by his father at Fearless Moulded Company, Teaneck. A graduate of Teaneck High School, Mursch also attended Bergen College. After entering the Army Air Force in August, 1941, he trained at Kelly Field, Tex.

Mursch is married to the former Marie Runge of West Englewood, who is with him in Texas. The couple have a year old son, Raymond.

3-10-44



LT. LOUIS G. SAN GEORGE

San George Wins Army Promotion

Louis G. San George, 26, of 1231 Longfellow Avenue, Teaneck, has been promoted to first lieutenant somewhere in Italy where he is on duty with Army Field Artillery.

A graduate of Teaneck High School San George was formerly employed as assistant buyer for J. C. Penny and Company, New York City. He entered the Army February 2, 1942, and received his training at Fort Bragg, N. C. Later he went to Fort Sill, Okla., for officer training.

San George is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles San George. He went overseas last August.

3-10-44

Local VFW Installs Major A. Esslinger

Major Arthur Esslinger of 943 Prince Street, Teaneck who has just returned to this country after two years at Puerto Rico was obligated at a special installation ceremony last Friday night as a member of Captain Stephen S. T. Schoonmaker Post V.F.W.

Major Esslinger was stationed at Borenquen Field and San Juan as Ordnance and Chemical Warfare Officer of the Antilles Air Command.

The installation rites were conducted by Commander Francis J. Kelly, assisted by Carl H. Kellgren, Fred Klemm, past commanders and George N. Pettis, chief of staff. Attending were his mother, Mrs. C. A. Esslinger and his wife, the former Miss Jean Fisher of New York City.

Major Esslinger, 31, attended Cincinnati schools and is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he was a Reserve Officer. He took his training at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

His father, who died 2 years ago, was formerly manager of the Ford Motor Plant at Edgewater for 7 years.

His brother, Lieutenant (J. g.) Robert Esslinger, 23, has been in the Coast Guard service for the past 2 years, having enlisted the war was declared. He is now stationed at Wilmington, Calif. He was stationed aboard the Normandie when it caught fire.

He was accepted as a member of the V. F. W. by proxy 2 months ago.

Teaneck Mother Has Four Sons in Service of U. S.

As her contribution to the war effort Mrs. Rose Meloy of 516 Orfanti Place, Teaneck has given four sons to the services.

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BOYLE IS AWARDED BRITAIN'S D. F. C.

Teaneck Lieutenant Honored For
Saving Flying Fortress

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)
London, Mar. —The Eighth Army Air Force command announced here at headquarters yesterday that the Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to Second Lieutenant Joseph B. Boyle of 539 Standish Road, Teaneck, N. J.

Boyle was wounded in a raid over Lille, France. He was copilot of the Dry Martini Jr., a Flying Fortress B-17 bomber whose pilot was killed and another member of the crew wounded. Boyle himself was wounded, but with blood smearing his face, he took the stick of the plane to bring it back to its base.

3-14-44

Teaneck Soldier's Device Doubles Cable-Laying Job

Corporal Richard Burke, 39, of Teaneck, New Jersey, using a quality known as "G. I. Ingenuity", has devised a gadget which has nearly doubled the amount of cable laid by his organization, a signal construction battalion stationed in England.

Known as a "bulb and catcher," the device is similar to those used by telephone companies in the United States, but virtually unobtainable in England.

Cpl. Burke, a welder and blacksmith by trade, made the thing from scrap metal. The instrument is used as part of the process of pulling cable wires through underground ducts. Without it, cable may be pulled from only one direction at a time.

Cpl. Burke's home is with his sister, Mrs. Thelma Engels, at 194 East Fort Lee Road, Teaneck, New Jersey. He worked for the Pequanook Rubber Company before entering the service 18 months ago.

3-18-44

'All's Well' Cables Airman Sullivan

Following upon receipt of news on January 4 that their son Sergeant John L. Sullivan Jr. was missing in action over Germany the filer's parents Mr. and Mrs. John L. Sullivan of 1617 River Road, West Englewood were overjoyed to learn last week that he was safe.

The news came in a cablegram from John himself although the locale of his whereabouts was not disclosed. His message read "Dear Mom and Pop: Am well. Don't worry. See you all soon. Love, John." Nor was his best girl, Miss Hazel Hillyer of 1146 Stasia street, Teaneck forgotten for she too received a cablegram: "Am well. Having a swell time. See you soon. Love, Johnny."

Young Sullivan had not been heard from since he went on a bombing mission on December 30.

Sullivan shipped overseas last October 4 and has been on duty as a gunner since November 20. He is a graduate of Teaneck High School and enlisted in the Army Air Force Jan. 12, 1943. He trained at Tucson, Arizona; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Blythe Field, California.

3-18-44

Lieut. Habel Graduates

Victorville, California Army Air Field's newest aerial fighters, the bombardier-navigator graduates of Class 44-3, are ready for double duty over Europe and the Pacific.

Combining bombardiering and navigation, today's graduates of the Army Air Forces Training Command school, can navigate the ship to the objective, then man the bombsight and release the bomb load.

The bombardier-navigator graduates today included: Second Lieutenant Richard T. Habel, son of Mrs. Freda K. Habel, of 179 Johnson Ave., Teaneck, N. J. Lieut. Habel is a graduate of Teaneck High School and attended New York University. He is a member of the Teaneck Athletic Club and at one time managed Teaneck High School's track team to its first championship. Two brothers are also in service: Ensign David Habel, U. S. N. R. and Pvt. Martin Habel with the Army in Alaska.

3-18-44

Lieut. Fred Wahl In German Prison

Comforting news came to Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Wahl of 76 West Forest Avenue, West Englewood when they learned via shortwave radio from Berlin that their son, Lieutenant Russell F. Wahl, who was reported on January 19 as missing in action is alive and well in a German prison camp. Lieutenant Wahl presumably was shot down in the raid over Kiel January 4.

Lieutenant Wahl was bombardier of a B-17 Flying Fortress known as The Dull Tool. His parents have communicated with relatives of all the other members of the crew and all were accounted for as prisoners of war except the tail gunner, of whom there has been no word.

A graduate of Teaneck High School in 1939, Lieutenant Wahl was in the employ of the Western Electric Company when he enlisted on April 3, 1942.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Wahl were married last October at Walla Walla, Wash., just before he left for overseas duty. Since then he and his crew had participated in a number of raids over Europe. His family had been informed that the whole Air Force group of which his crew was part, had been awarded a Presidential citation.

3-18-44

McCaffrey Helps Sink Jap Cruiser

As co-pilot of a B-24 Liberator, Second Lieutenant Willis R. McCaffrey Jr. of 1085 Cambridge Avenue, Teaneck, had the satisfaction of being a member of a crew of 11 that sent a 5,100-ton cruiser of the Jap navy to the bottom of the South China Sea.

The big bomber delivered three damaging attacks during the hour and 48 minutes in which the crew, by unanimous vote, decided to plaster hell out of the warship regardless of consequences.

On the third bombing run the cruiser sent up the fiercest ack-ack the combat-tested crew ever saw, but the Liberator came through without a scratch.

The heavy plane circled and came in for a fourth assault with its two remaining bombs when the crew-men discovered the cruiser had disappeared beneath the waves—evidently stricken below the water-line by near-misses. Four heavy bombs were laid on the cruiser deck—three on the first two runs.

A graduate of Teaneck High School, where he played both football and baseball, Lt. McCaffrey entered the service in May of 1942 and was commissioned and awarded his pilot's wings at Fort Worth, Texas, in November of last year. He has been overseas three months.

He has two brothers in the service, Aviation Cadet James, with the Naval Air Corps at Pensacola, Fla., and Air Student Donald, in the Navy V-12 Program at Drew University in Madison, N. J.

Decorate Pvt. Ziegfeld

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Private William S. Ziegfeld of Teaneck, New Jersey recently was decorated with the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in action on the Fifth Army front in Italy.

Ziegfeld, radio operator in a battalion headquarters company in the 88th Infantry Division, carried out his assigned task although painfully wounded by shell fire. Carrying his cumbersome radio over mountainous terrain he maintained communications with all elements of his battalion when his radio was the only agency of communication.

"Private Ziegfeld's unselfish devotion to duty has won him the admiration of the entire command and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces," the citation read.

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LT. A. R. ANDERSON

Lieutenant Anderson, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar A. Anderson of 54 Golf Court, Teaneck, was awarded his silver wings and the rating of pilot on March 12 in graduation exercises at the A. A. F. training command advanced pilot school at Spence Field, Moultrie, Ga. Before his enlistment he attended Teaneck High School.

Lieutenant O'Hara was commissioned at Stuttgart, Ark., last Sunday. He now goes on to a transition flying school for further combat training in larger aircraft.

3-15-44



LT. ARTHUR O'HARA JR.

O'HARA, Arthur P. Jr., 217 Grayson Place, Teaneck; to second lieutenant.

3-15-44

HOFFMANN BROTHERS MEET



SGT. CLARENCE HOFFMANN



CORP. ELMER HOFFMANN

Sergeant Clarence J. Hoffmann met his brother, Corporal Elmer L. Hoffman in England recently. It was their first meeting since they were inducted nearly 2 years ago. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoffmann of 1100 Anna Street, West Englewood.

Sergeant Hoffmann received his basic and technical training at the Armored Divisions School at Fort

Knox, Kentucky, and Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He has been overseas since December 1942, having been stationed in North Africa. He took part in the invasion of Sicily. Corporal Hoffmann received his basic and technical training at Camp Croft, South Carolina, and Fort Benning, Georgia. He has been overseas since June 1943, and is serving as a motor mechanic.

3-17-44

Keller New Staff Sergeant

Corporal Kenneth W. Keller of 175 Tryon Avenue, West Englewood, has been promoted to staff sergeant at Camp Hale, Colo., where he is training with the Army Keller is a member of the ski troops.

Gervasi Wins Promotion

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Gervasi of 283 Main Street, Hackensack, have received word that their son, Frank P. Gervasi Jr., who is in the Navy and has been in New Guinea since October, 1943, has been promoted from seaman second class to petty officer, storekeepers third class.

Gervasi enlisted in the Navy and left for boot training at Great Lakes in July, 1943, and at the island base in New Guinea has participated in the physical training program, managing prize fighters.

3-15-44

Julian Hirt, 29,

Is First Lieutenant

Julian Hirt, 29, of 88 Maple Street, Teaneck, has been promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant

with a headquarters company of the Army Signal Corps in Italy. He has been overseas since last March. Hirt is a former Teaneck fireman and a 1933 graduate of Ridgefield Park High School.

His brother, Albert Hirt is pharmacist's mate first class at the Pensacola, Fla., Naval Air Station

3-16-44

Perraud, Teaneck, Colgate Graduate

George O. Perraud Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George O. Perraud, 272 Francis Street, Teaneck, has just been graduated from Colgate University's Naval Flight Preparatory School. He now is to receive flight instruction at Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va. Also graduated with Perraud was Donnell M. Still of Leonia.

3-16-44

TEANECK CIVIL AIR PATROL



Flying is a hobby with Lieutenant Gene Leone of the Teaneck Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol. This C. A. P. unit under the command of Lieutenant Thomas Catchings of Teaneck has been active in training boys from 16 to 18 in preparation for their going into the air services. Lieutenant Leone led the squadron in a flight over this area in which posters on the War Bond drive were dropped.

3-17-44

PFC Sheets Killed In Pacific Sector

The parents of PFC Warren H. Sheets, Marine 21, of 452 Maple Avenue, Teaneck, Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Sheets have been notified by the War Department that their son has been killed in action.

In a letter dated February 9 he wrote that he was in good health and that he had met many Teaneck boys at different camps in the Pacific.

He enlisted in the Marines in June, 1942, and was called for service the following September. He received training at Parris Island, S. C., and was later sent to San Diego, Calif. Sheets was sent overseas in November. He had not been home since his enlistment. It is known that he fought at Samoa and Hawaii.

He was a graduate of Teaneck High School, 1940, and was active in baseball in 1939 and 1940 seasons. He was employed by the Bankers Trust Company, New York City, before leaving for service.

3-23-44

Dickman Trains At Parris Island

Private James J. Dickman of 840 Queen Anne Road, Teaneck, left last week for Parris Island, S. C., where he will receive training as a member of the Marines. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Dickman of Trenton.

Dickman is a graduate of St. Anastasia Grammar School and was in his senior year at St. Cecilia High when he entered the service. He will receive his diploma in June. He had been active in sports while in school.

3-23-44

Kenney, Strunck Wins Promotions

At recent graduation exercises held for Diesel students at the Naval Train School located at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Navy Pier, Chicago, Ill., John F. Kenney, 18, son of Mrs. Florence Kenney, 230 Kamena Street, Fairview, was promoted to fireman, first class.

At the same graduation Harold L. Strunck, husband of Phyllis Strunck, 866 Wyoming Avenue, Maywood, became eligible for the petty officer's rate of motor machinist's mate, third class. He expects to receive this promotion at his next station in Maryland.

Strunck entered the service in November, 1943. He was employed by Wrights Aeronautical Association in Wood-Ridge before his induction.

MacFail Completes Chemical Course

Second Lieutenant Arthur D. MacFail, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. MacFail of 792 Salem Street, Teaneck, recently completed a course in Chemical Warfare Tactics given at Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland.

Lieutenant MacFail attended Columbia University and before entering the Army was a teacher. He received his commission in 1942 after completing training at Officers' Candidate School at Edgewood Arsenal.

3-23-44

WARRANT OFFICER



W. O. FERRARO

FERRARO LEADS BAND FOR ARMY

Teaneck Man In England Wins Promotion

"My story seems like a dream," wrote Louis Ferraro from England. "When I last wrote to you I was a corporal. Pulled out of Special Service to organize the Headquarters Command Band, S. O. S., I'm now a warrant officer and I believe the only one appointed directly overseas."

This letter was written some time ago for since then Ferraro's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrico Ferraro of 841 Ester Avenue, Teaneck, have heard that he has been promoted from junior warrant officer to chief warrant officer. Ferraro tours the English countryside with his 45-piece band, playing at military ceremonies, dances and concerts. Many of the men in the band have played with the New York, Boston, San Francisco, and National Symphony orchestras.

Ferraro is a graduate of Teaneck High School, Bergen Junior College in Teaneck and the Juilliard School of Music in New York City. Before entering the Army in May, 1942, he was a music teacher in the Metropolitan area.

3-23-44

Finishes Basic Flight Course

Aviation Cadet John Franklin Burby, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Burby, 350 De Moti Avenue, Teaneck, has completed his basic flight training at the A. A. F. Pilot School at Gunter Field, Montgomery, Ala. Cadet Burby received his primary training at Carlstrom Field, Fla., and was appointed a cadet in December of 1942.

3-23-44

Ben Daniels Now A Staff Sergeant

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Austin, Tex., Mar. 29—Sergeant Ben Daniels of West Englewood, N. J., has been promoted to staff sergeant at Camp Swift, and is now in complete charge of the X-ray Department at the 110th Evacuation Hospital. He is a dental technician with the Medical Corps and has been in service for two years.

3-29-44

Sgt. Barbara Marks On 15-Day Furlough

Staff Sergeant Barbara Jo Marks of 1351 Dickerson Road, West Englewood, is spending a 15-day furlough with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Marks of West Englewood. Sergeant Marks is stationed at the Murco Air Field which is in the middle of the Mojave Desert in California.

She entered the Wacs Jan. 13, 1943, and took her basic at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Receiving her stripes as Private First Class after completing a course in administration at Denton, Texas, in March, she was then transferred to the Quartermaster Division of Headquarters as a properly clerk in Alpine, Texas. While there she received her grade of Technician Fourth Class and later was made staff sergeant. She was transferred to Selma Army Air Base where she became an Air-Wac and then went on to Los Angeles to take up service with a fighter squadron. She was made company supply sergeant last month.

She is a graduate of West Orange High School and attended Olivet College in Michigan and Bergen Junior College.

While on the West Coast she managed to arrange a visit with her brother, Lieutenant Leonard Marks Jr., who has since been serving in the South Pacific area. He is a graduate of Drew University and was attending Harvard School of Business Administration when he enlisted in October, 1942. He attended officers' candidate school at Camp Davis, N. C.

Sergeant Drew was in her glory when she at first outranked her brother, but her pride deflated after 10 days when he attained his commission. She was a guest on the Breakfast at Sardi's program on Christmas day, a program which was heard by many Teaneck residents.

3-29-44

Kiefer, Teaneck Gets Promotion In England

Charles W. Kiefer Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kiefer, of 305 Locust Street, Teaneck, has been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant somewhere in England, where he is stationed with an infantry regiment of the U. S. Army.

He entered the service in February, 1941 and had been in various camps in the United States before being sent overseas in February 1944. Sergeant Kiefer was graduated from Teaneck High School in 1937.

Deubel Is Graduated

Kessler Field, Biloxi, Miss., Mar. 27—Private William K. Deubel, son of Mrs. Ruth Deubel, 167 Division Avenue, Eastbrook Heights, N. J., has been graduated from the B-

3-29-44

Bennett To O. C. S.

After spending a year in Puerto Rico, Harry B. Bennett, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kohnheiser, 533 Maple Avenue, Teaneck, has returned to the United States to attend Army Air Force Officer Candidate School at Miami Beach, Fla. Private Bennett attended Bergen Junior College and was employed as assistant supervisor of the Paramount Theater in New York City before his induction into the Army in November, 1942.

Prepares For Combat

Lieutenant Irwin L. Dobrow, bombardier of West Englewood, N. J., will soon complete an intensive course in combat flying at the Alexandria Army Air Field, Alexandria, La., and in the near future he will go overseas to a combat area.

He is the member of a Flying Fortress crew trained by the Second Air Force, which has the task of readying 4-engine bomber crews for overseas duty.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dobrow, 17 West Englewood Avenue, West Englewood, he is a graduate of Teaneck High School, where he was a member of the Student Council and the Rifle Club.

3-29-44

Doran Promoted

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Doran of 1111 Magnolia Road, West Englewood, recently received word that their son, William Robert, was promoted from private to corporal. Corporal Doran entered the Army in September, 1943, and received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

3-29-44

FLIER PROMOTED



Thomas J. Tilson, 20, of 696 Ogden Avenue, West Englewood, who has just been promoted to be a first lieutenant in the Air Forces. He is a Mustang fighter pilot and has been in England since last December.

3-29-44

Lt. Raymond Wild Gets Purple Heart

First Lieut. Raymond W. Wild, Flying Fortress pilot and son of Captain and Mrs. Charles A. Wild, Sr., 363 Woodbine Street, Teaneck, has been awarded the Purple Heart at an th A.A.F. bomber base in England for wounds received during a recent attack on enemy aircraft industries in southwest German.

Piloting the Fortress "Mizpah" (God be with thee and me), on the approach to the target Lieutenant Wild was struck by machine gun bullets fired from an attacking enemy fighter plane. The bullets smashed the windshield, shot the oxygen system out of commission, and wounded Lieut. Arthur Roth of Dubuque, Iowa, co-pilot, in addition to wounding Wild.

Lieutenant Wild, whose wife, Mrs. Ruth Wild, lives at 153 DeGraw avenue, Teaneck, was superintendent of parks in Teaneck before entering the Army Air Forces. He attended Teaneck High school where he captained the baseball, basketball and football teams in his senior year. In addition to his Purple Heart he also holds the Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster for meritorious achievement in participating in ten bombardment missions over Germany and enemy-occupied Europe.

3-29-44

Tilson, In England, Is First Lieutenant

Thomas J. Tilson, 20, of 696 Ogden Avenue, West Englewood, has been promoted to first lieutenant at an air base somewhere in England, where he is on duty as a Mustang fighter pilot.

Lieutenant Tilson has been overseas since December 1943, and has written home of many flight missions over Germany and occupied France. His mother, Mrs. Louis Mettel of the West Englewood address, has received word her son has participated in three flights over Berlin as a flight leader.

After entering the Army Air Force on Aug. 14, 1942, Tilson received his commission at Santa Ana, Calif. He is a graduate of Teaneck High School and was formerly employed at Caron and Carbide Company, New York City.

3-29-44

Berkowitz Gets Another Promotion

Robert H. Berkowitz, husband of the former Reine Megibow, 1375 Hudson Road, West Englewood, who is on active overseas duty, recently was promoted from ensign to lieutenant (1. g.).

Lieutenant Berkowitz is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. He enlisted in the Navy in October, 1942, and received his commission at Notre Dame University in January, 1943.

3-29-44

Major Scott In N. C.

Major Robert H. Scott of 646 Beverly Road, Teaneck, N. J., is now engaged in his new duties at the Antiaircraft Artillery School, Camp Davis, North Carolina.

3-29-44



CORP. WALTER NELSON

Nelson Promoted To Corporal's Rank

Walter Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Nelson of 184 Church Street, West Englewood, has been raised to the rank of corporal, according to word received by his parents.

Nelson entered the Army in January, 1943, when he took basic training for the air force at Miami. He took further training at Camp Logan, Denver, Colorado, before being transferred to the Radar Division at Fresno, Calif. He is now specializing in radar at San Diego, Calif. He is a graduate of Teaneck High School.

3-29-44

Eichler Promoted To Be A Captain

Walter H. Eichler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Eichler of 275 Cherry Lane, Teaneck, has been promoted from first lieutenant to the rank of Captain at Camp Pickett, Va., where he is stationed as supply officer of the 132nd Engineers Combat Battalion.

Captain Eichler entered the service in March, 1942, and received his commission at Fort Belvoir, Va., in October, 1942. Before entering the armed forces, he was employed by the Life Savers Corporation of Port Chester, New York. He is a graduate of the Woodrow Wilson High School, in Weehawken and majored in engineering at the New York University. His wife is the former Muriel Crosbie, of 4 Lincoln Place, Weehawken.



CAPT. WALTER EICHLER

3-29-44

STATE GUARDSMEN ARE DONORS AT TEANECK BLOOD BANK



Major Vincent P. Kane of Tenafly, commanding officer, one of 43 members of the First Battalion, 10th Regiment, New Jersey State Guard, who gave blood Saturday at the Red Cross blood bank session in Teaneck Armory, registers. Flanking him are Sergeant Howard Dinsmore and Lieutenant Leonard Captain. Mrs. F. H. Reader, standing, and Mrs. E. W. Butt, seated, watch Mrs. William H. Fields take down data.



Corporal Seymour Kantrowitz has his temperature taken by Miss Inez Alexander as Mrs. Arthur Klein helps in typing his blood, cluding two who became Gallon Club members—Mrs. Carl Henn. In addition to State Guardsmen, 139 other persons donated in drickson of 304 Edgewood Avenue and John Bander of George Street, both residents of Teaneck. A total of 182 pints of blood was received.



Some of the men talk as they wait to be called for the donation.



Two Guardsmen are shown during the process of letting blood.

—Bergen Evening Record Photos.



Teaneck's Cocktail Kid WRITES TO 'MOM'..

Lieut. Joseph B. Boyle, now in a Nazi prison camp, is one of Teaneck's and the nation's top heroes. Pilot of the famed Flying Fortress "Dry Martini", Joe has been wounded twice, miraculously escaped death many times. He wears the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Military Order of the Purple Heart, with Oak Leaf Cluster. The letter is a photostatic copy, in part, of one sent to his mother whom he told before leaving on his last flight over Germany, "If I'm ever listed as missing, Mom, don't ever give up."

DEAR FOLKS, I TRUST ^{MAY 30th 44} THIS FINDS
YOU ALL WELL-AND UNWORRIED. I'M
IN A PHYSICAL CONDITION AND
WILL STAY THAT WAY. THE RED CROSS
KEEPS US SUPPLIED WITH ALL THE
ESSENTIAL FOOD STUFFS AND THERE
ARE MANY GOOD COOKS AMONG US
WE FIND PLenty OF CONSTRUCTIVE
THINGS TO OCCUPY OURSELVES WITH.
I'M MORE THAN GRATEFUL FOR
YOUR FAITH IN MY SAFEKEEPING.
IT HAS SEEN ME THROUGH- WHEN NIE
STRENGTH OF MY OWN FAITH ALONE
WOULD HAVE FAILED. THERE IS LITTLE
LEFT FOR ME TO DO BUT WAIT AND
PRAY THAT I MAY RETURN HOME
SOON AND FIND YOU ALL AS I LEFT YOU.

I COULD USE SOME CLOTHING IF YOU
CAN SEND ANY- UNDERWEAR-PAJAMAS-
HEAVY SOCKS- GLOVES ALSO RAZOR BLADES.
COMB- ETC- DRAWING TABLET- PENCILS
ONE BAR. MCCASINS OR 100 CIGARETTES-
TELL MAM THE WATCH KEEPS GOOD TIME. ALL
MY LOVE AND TO THE LITTLE Nephew- JOE.

3-31-44

Weidner Completes 11-Week Course

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)
Chapel Hill, N. C., Mar. 30—
Naval Aviation Cadet Richard Ar-
thur Weidner, son of Mr. and Mrs.
Arthur Weidner, 1326 Princeton
Road, West Englewood, has suc-
cessfully completed the intensive
11-week course at the Naval Pre-
Flight School here, and has been
promoted to primary flight train-
ing at the Naval Air Station at
Glenview, Ill.

Cadet Weidner attended Lafay-
ette College, where he was a mem-
ber of the Sigma Nu Fraternity.

3-31-44

Pruett, Teaneck, Wins Commission

Aviation Cadet Samuel Clifton
Pruett Jr., 21, son of Mr. and Mrs.
Pruett of 852 Garrison Avenue, Tea-
neck, will receive his silver pilot's
wings and bars as a second lieuten-
ant soon at Pamapa Army Air Field,
the twin-engine advanced flying
school at Pamapa, Texas.

At alumnus of Teaneck High
School and Lehigh University, Cadet
Pruett was appointed to pilot train-
ing in September, 1943, received pri-
mary flight training at Chickasha,
Okla., and took basic flight training
at Independence, Kan., Army Air
Field.

On completion of his training at
Pamapa he will be assigned to duty
as an instructor or as a combat
pilot.

His mother has just returned
home from Independence, Kan.,
where she visited him for several
days.

3-31-44

David A. Webster Signs For Air Force

David A. Webster, son of Mr. and
Mrs. David Webster, 1218 Sussex
Road, West Englewood, has just met
an Aviation Cadet Board and was
accepted as a member of the Air
Force Enlisted Reserve.

He is a student of Teaneck High
School and has been a chaplain of
the school Hi-Y and treasurer of
the Bergen County Hi-Y for more
than a year. After reaching his
18th birthday he will be called to
active duty.

3-31-44

Teaneck Veteran Of Dec. 7 Lost In Liscome Bay Sinking

Finnell, Who Came Through Pearl Harbor, Fought
At Midway, Reported Missing In Action

He was a sailor who ducked bombs at Pearl Harbor, and
swore an everlasting vengeance. He fought at Midway and
then returned to the States, a flying cadet in the Naval Air
Force. After impatient months he went back—to get re-
venge.

He had his chance, but not for long. Soon word came
home: "Escort carrier Liscome Bay sunk. Aviation Machin-
ist's Mate Second Class Henry J. Finnell, Teaneck, missing
in action."

LITTLE HOPE

So ended the Naval career of the
22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs.
Henry J. Finnell of 315 Sherman
Avenue, Teaneck. His folks have
little hope that he is alive.

3-31-44

Jones Of Teaneck Arrives In England

According to word received by
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones of 20
Argonne Court, Teaneck, from their
son, Thomas, he has arrived safely
somewhere in England and cele-
brated his nineteenth birthday on
the way over.

Private Jones, who attended Tea-
neck High School, enlisted in the
Air Force in March, 1943. He re-
ceived basic training at various
posts throughout the country, Mis-
souri, Wisconsin, California, Texas,
and Colorado. In the letter to his
parents, he wrote that he expected
to complete training as a gunner in
England.

3-31-44

Granted Leave

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)
Sampson, N. Y., Mar. 30—Seaman
Second Class William J. Wrocklage,
of 288 Pleasant Place, Teaneck has
been granted a leave of absence
from this station commencing today
as he completes training here.

3-31-44

TEANECK GROUPS

Small Contingents Leave For Army, Navy Service

Small contingents were sent to Army and Navy induction centers yesterday by the Teaneck Draft Board. Men leaving were:

TEANECK—Stanley Keller, Dwight Biscarra, and Alfred Dahke.
ELSEWHERE—Emil Rieken, Dumont; John Fountain, Fair Lawn, and Harry Churchill, Philadelphia, Pa.

ARMY
TEANECK—James L. Sauvage, Wilbur Swain, Philip Papini, Errett L. Allen, and Werner Lowery.
WEST ENGLEWOOD—Thomas Jennings, John Gregory, Richard Grotenfeld, Robert Schroeder, Edward Peter, and Joseph Moore.

Hohmeister Gets More Training
(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)
Greak Lakes, Ill., Apr. 6.—Frank Charles Hohmeister, 18, 1166 Allica Avenue, West Englewood, recently has been graduated as a torpedo-man from the Great Lakes Naval School, and will be transferred to an advanced school, or a shore battery for further training.

4-6-44



A. R. M. 3/C JACK COURT



P. F. C. C. ROBERT COURT

Court, Of Teaneck, Now In England

Aviation Radioman Third Class Jack Court, son of Mrs. Charlotte Court, 264 Edgemont Terrace, Teaneck, has been stationed in England with the Navy since January, it was learned today.

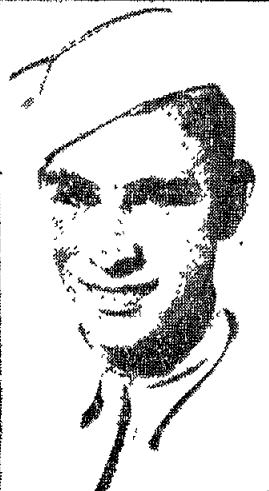
Court enlisted in August, 1942, and received radar and gunnery training at Norfolk, Virginia. Before arriving in England he spent several months in Newfoundland. He attended Teaneck High School where he played baseball, basketball, and football. After leaving school Court played baseball with the Teaneck Red Devils and Porky O'Shea's club in Hackensack. He also played ball at William and Mary College.

His brother, Private First Class C. Robert Court, is stationed at Camp Lejeune, La., with the Marines. He enlisted directly from Teaneck High School when he was 17.

4-5-44



P. F. C. FRANCIS A. SKRABLE



SGT. WOODROW SKRABLE

Skrable Brothers Meet In Africa

Sergeant Woodrow R. Skrable and Private First Class Francis A. Skrable of Teaneck, brothers, bumped into each other recently in a town in North Africa. They hadn't seen one another for 2 years and each had lost track of the other's whereabouts. At the unexpected meeting they discovered they were stationed in camps a mile apart.

Francis had just returned from Sicily to North Africa. He had been overseas since last May with the Chemical Warfare Branch of the Army. Woodrow went to Africa with the Army Medical Corps last April and has been there ever since.

Woodrow entered the Army in May, 1941, and Francis entered a year later. Woodrow, a graduate of Teaneck High School, worked for the Meadowbrook Nursery in Englewood before entering the service. Francis was with the Teaneck Fire Department.

They are the sons of Mrs. Grace Skrable of 195 East Oakdene Avenue, Teaneck.

4-6-44



CORP. WILLIAM GUTHRIE JR.

Corporal Guthrie At Pampa Air Field

Corporal William Guthrie Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Guthrie Sr., 201 Selva Avenue, West Englewood, is now stationed at the Pampa Army Air Field, Pampa, Texas, where he is an instrument specialist.

Corporal Guthrie enlisted in October, 1942, and received training at Randolph Field. He was graduated from Teaneck High School and attended Bergen Junior College in 1940. At both schools he participated in baseball and basketball. He was sports editor of the college paper.

The soldier's father recently was made clerk of the Bergen County Criminal Court. He was the first Commander of American Legion Post 128 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Captain Steven T. Schoonmaker Post 1429, both of Teaneck. He has been a County Past Commander and a State Vice Commander and has been actively engaged in County politics since 1919.

4-6-44

TEANECK AIRMAN SINKS JAP TANKER

Lt. Belanger Tells How Its Bow Came Off And Lifted

Aboard a U. S. Carrier off Palau Islands, Mar. 30 (Delayed) (AP) — Lieutenant Junior Grade Harold Belanger of Teaneck, N. J., a bomber pilot, saw a big Japanese tanker today and went down and planted his bomb.

"The bow came right off and went up in the air," he reported. "It looked as if it were clear out of the water. The whole thing caught fire and sank in a cloud of thick, black smoke."

Ensign Charles Farmer of Maplewood, N. J., piloted one of four fighter planes of the Grim Reapers which drew first blood in the Palau operation. They, with other planes, guarded the surface ships as they approached Palau.

The four American planes closed in on a lone 2-engine Japanese bomber 30 miles astern the American fleet. The bomber crashed into the sea and when the Americans passed over the wreckage a second time the lone occupant, without his pants and clad only in a life jacket, was clinging to a floating tire.

4-6-44

First Bergen County Wave Joins Legion In Teaneck

County Officials Attend Ceremony — Commander Lauds National Rehabilitation Program

Mrs. Mary V. Duby of Teaneck, pharmacist mate third class, became the first Wave in Bergen County to be initiated into an American Legion Post when she was inducted last night at Teaneck Post 128.

Mrs. Duby, who was honorably discharged last November, took her boot training at Hunter College and served at St. Albans Hospital in Long Island and at Newport News. Her husband had served in the Army in 1940 and had been discharged before the United States entered the war.

MEN JOIN TOO

Initiated with Mrs. Duby were Donald F. McMurray, Charles E. Rivers, Donald H. Germain, Cecil A. Roualt, Howard M. Warner, Rocco W. Daire, William J. Walker, Theodore M. J. Paavilainen and Clifford B. Curtis.

County Commander John H. Garlinger of Ridgewood, speaking of the Legion's Omnibus Bill, said that the Legion was proud of its rehabilitation program. He said their plan was to take care of returning service men from the day they return home until they are established in their communities on the same status as when they went away. He told the new members that they were now entitled to wear the Legion button which is a symbol of honor.

Commander Gilbert R. Pearson introduced Ernest Eyer of Fair Lawn, County vice-commander, who said that the Legion will fight for the service men and see that there is no road from the battle line to the bread line.

Charles Davies of Rutherford, organization officer, spoke briefly, as did Vice-Commander William Sclimlaske of Cliffside Park. County

vice-Commander Lester Burns of Bogota said that the Legion must aid in finding employment for the 15 million men who will return from the wars. "Unless a place is found for them in the social world," he said, "we may have an upheaval which will bode no good for any one."

Past County Commander Herbert Ritchings of Bogota told the new Legionnaires that they will get as much out of the organization as they put in.

OFFICIALS INTRODUCED

Introduced were Past County Commander Walter Heebner of Teaneck, Past County President Mrs. Francis Walton, Past County Secretary Mrs. Ritchings, Councilman Henry Delsler of Teaneck and Mrs. Byron Christie, County vice-president, of Garfield.

Mrs. Charles A. Roth, president of the Ladies Auxiliary, presented a donation from the auxiliary towards the building fund.

Accepted by the Post, but not as yet initiated were Oscar J. Miller, Edward T. Finneran, Collins G. Elting, Pierre M. Loddengaard, Clifford C. Pinder, John M. Burns, Patrick E. Scott, Howard A. Bachren, Thomas A. Maurer, John F. Lea.

Dr. J. Dewey Schwarz led the installing team, which consisted of Michael D. Robbins, Clyde Halstead, Edward McDonald, Charles Peter, George Ganzenmuller. Assisting also with the rituals were Robert Rex, bugler, and Mrs. Schwarz, accompanist.

Pearson announced that the paid-up membership of the post was 291 members. William E. Guthrie announced that the annual pilgrimage to Bergen Pines will take place on June 18 and the County dinner will take place at Teaneck Post on May 6.

FIRST WAVE JOINS LEGION HERE



—Bergen Evening Record Photo.
Mrs. Mary V. Duby of Teaneck is shown here as she was initiated into Teaneck American Legion Post 128 last night, the first Wave to become affiliated with the Legion in the County. At left is Post Commander Gilbert R. Pearson, and at right is Senior Vice-Commander Michael D. Robbins.



Y. 3/C RALPH FASSNACHT



SGT. JOHN FASSNACHT

Brothers Meet Somewhere In England

After a year and a half John and Ralph Fassnacht of Teaneck finally got together in England. Sergeant John Fassnacht has been in England a month and a half and through Red Cross channels managed to locate his brother, who has been stationed there nearly two years. Yeoman Third Class Ralph Fassnacht has been in the Navy since August, 1941.

Sergeant Fassnacht entered the Army on March 23, 1943, and trained with the Army Signal Corps

at Camp Crowder, Mo., and Fort Ord, Calif. He is married to the former Muriel Krals of 840 Ester Avenue, Teaneck. Prior to his induction he was employed with the National Credit Office in New York City.

Yeoman Ralph Fassnacht's home is at 99 Fulton Avenue, Jersey City. He was formerly with the National City Bank in New York. He is a graduate of Lincoln High School.

Crash Into Burmese Jungle Described By Teaneck Pilot

Indian Troops Carried Echwald, Injured When Zeros Attacked His Transport, To Safety

Lieutenant Walter Echwald, Teaneck High School graduate, told today how he put a transport plane into a dive to escape a Jap Zero, crashed in the North Burma jungles, and seriously wounded was carried 4 days to safety by Ghurka troops of the Indian Army.

NO ESCORTS

Back in Teaneck on sick leave from the Coral Gables Hospital, Fla., Echwald in an interview with High School Principal Charles L. Steele related experiences while flying with the Army Transport Command, attached to the 14th Air Force in China, and the 10th Air Force in India.

For more than a year he has been supplying the Allies and the famed Flying Tigers with equipment. "It was seldom that we had an escort while flying cargo over the Himalayas, a tough mountain range between India and China," explained Echwald. "Once we were making a run from India to Northern Burma when we were attacked by 11 Zeros. Although we had a small flight of fighters with us, two of the Japs managed to get through. One of them got on the tail of my right wing man, who immediately dropped his wings and flaps to slow him up. The Zero still traveling at a terrific speed from his dive, whizzed past and crashed into the peak of a mountain before he could pull up. I guess that's the only transport ever to receive credit for downing an enemy plane."

He went on by saying the remaining enemy fighter maneuvered for a head-on attack. "We wouldn't have a chance if he got through as we carry no guns, so I put her in a dive and pulled out at tree-top level. After the air speed dropped, we crash-landed in the jungles. When I tried to climb out of the wreckage I realized for the first time that I had been hit. Blood was pouring from my leg and an examination revealed a .50-caliber slug embedded in the flesh. We were carried 4 days by Ghurka troops of the Indian Army who witnessed the engagement while patrolling that section of the jungles."

Since his rescue from Burma, Echwald has suffered three attacks of malaria and is now under treatment at the Coral Gables Hospital.

He entered the Army in 1940 after being graduated from Teaneck High School, where he participated in music and the school's aviation program. It feels wonderful to be home, he said, adding "When I look back at some of the experiences we had, it seems like a bad dream, but I'm still eager to get back to active duty as soon as they give me the green light."



LT. WALTER ECHWALD

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Teaneck Brothers Meet In England

Two Teaneck Brothers, Private First Class Frank and Corporal James Limone, met recently in England after a separation of two years. They were able to contact each other and make arrangements to meet through the Red Cross.

A third brother, Private First Class Carmen Limone, is with a tank destroyer unit in Italy. He managed to get together with Frank a year ago in Africa.

Frank has been overseas two years. He is 27.

James, 24, is on duty with a ground crew in the Army Air Force. He has been in England for two months. Carmen, 26, entered the Army three years ago and has been overseas since last August.

The three boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Limone of 892 Palisade Avenue, Teaneck. They all attended Teaneck High School.

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TWO TEANECK BROTHERS IN SERVICE



SEAMAN 1/C TOWLE



P. F. G. TOWLE

Mrs. Anna Towle of 261 Degraw Avenue, Teaneck, has two sons in the armed forces.

Seaman First Class Raymond Towle, 18, is serving as a radioman somewhere in the Pacific. He was graduated from Radio School at Charleston, S. C., and later trained at Noroton Heights, Conn.

Private First Class Robert Towle is on duty with the field artillery as cannoner on a tank somewhere in England. He is 20.

His twin brother, Ralph Towle works at Bendix Aviation Corporation. Ralph recently was rejected from the Army because of a pierced eardrum.

4-10-44

3 Fliers Here Given D. F. C. For Success On Bomb Raids

Oppenheimer Of Teaneck, Johnson, Bogota, And Pohlod, Garfield Honored In England

First Lieutenant Kenneth H. Oppenheimer, Staff Sergeant Andrew Pohlod and Second Lieutenant Edwin R. Johnson were among ten New Jersey members of the United States Army Eighth Air Force awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the War Department announced today.

25 MISSIONS HIS RECORD

Lieutenant Oppenheimer of 987 Richards Court, Teaneck, husband of the former Miss Beryl Barnes of Flushing, L. I., was awarded the Cross after having completed 25 bombing missions over Europe. Oppenheimer holds 2 ratings, having qualified both as bombardier and navigator.

It was as a navigator that he participated in raids in the B-17 Flying Fortress Loma Lee. After a particularly successful raid over Germany, the crew were publicly commended by Winston Churchill, General Arnold and Ira C. Eaker. During all operations both crew and bomber escaped without a scratch.

Born in New York City, he is a graduate of Stuyvesant High School and City College of New York. At the time of his enlistment in January of 1942, he was connected with the Empire Trust Company of New York.

Lieutenant Oppenheimer recently left for reclassification at Atlantic City after a 4-week leave at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Johnson of 309 Larch Avenue, Bogota, said that they had received no formal notification of honors for their son but that a letter reached them Monday from an Army paper seeking data about the young man.

Four months ago the Johnsons got word from the War Department that Lieutenant Johnson was safe after having been reported missing while flying over Germany. He had previously been aboard the Sleepy Time Gal bomber.

Johnson, 21, will be in the service two years next June. He is a graduate of Bogota schools.

Staff Sergeant Andrew Pohlod, one of the three Bergen County Eighth Air Force men to be awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross is a resident of 57 Spring Street, Garfield.

4-11-44

TEANECK CADETS HOLD PARENTS' NIGHT, MILITARY REVIEW



Teaneck Squadron 221-4 of the Civil Air Patrol held a Parents Night and Military Review Wednesday night in the auditorium of School 2. Here Major Milton Volee of Teaneck (left) and Freeholder Frank A. Leers, also a Teaneck resident, are shown with Lieutenant T. C. Catchings of the Squadron.

—Bernie Evening Record Photo

Duckie Did Just That To Japs On Tanker; Mother Reads All About It In The Papers

Dive-Bomber Belanger (Salmon) Reports In Letters Only 'Little Cruises' Around Pacific, Which Seems To Be Masterful Understatement

Bombing a Japanese tanker was just another experience in the life—already packed with thrills—of Lieutenant (J. G.) Harold Belanger Salmon of Teaneck. Lieutenant Belanger, known as Duckie Salmon to his friends at Teaneck High School, is the son of Mrs. Margaret Belanger Salmon of 520 Oritani Place.

PLEW WITH STORMS

The pilot of a dive-bomber, he recently was reported as blowing up a tanker off the Palau Islands. He has been stationed in that area since January of this year. Although the press dispatch reported him as saying "The bow came right off and went up in the air", letters to his mother, Lieutenant Belanger speaks only of "little cruises" which he and his gunner take together.

Lieutenant Belanger got his first taste of what was to be one of the biggest jobs of his life, when as a member of Boy Scout Troop 92 in Teaneck in 1936 he took his first flight with Arthur Storms, aviator. He and three other scouts were awarded the trip for winning a contest for progress in scout work.

An honor student for 4 years at Teaneck High School, he was the youngest boy in the 1937 class. He was 15½. He was winner of the point contest in Troop 92 in the previous year. A cheer leader during 1936 and 1937, he also played the slide trombone in the school orchestra.

After graduation he lived with his step-father in New York, while attending City College of New York, where he completed a 5-year course

in mechanical engineering in 4 years. He was 19 when he was graduated; a member of the honor society, Tau Beta Pi. He won intramural titles in boxing at the college in 1938 and 1939 and was a member of the military reserve 1938 to 1940, attaining the rank of sergeant.

While a student at the college he also was associate editor of the "City College Vector", published by the School of Technology. He was a member of the Society of American Engineers.

An ardent ski enthusiast, he was a member of the New Jersey Ski Club of Hackensack and spent all his spare time outdoing all his friends on the ski runs.

VIEWS ON MARRIAGE

Prior to enlistment he was employed by a manufacturing company at Bristol, Conn. He entered the Navy as an aviation cadet in May, 1942 and took his boot training at Atlanta, Ga., where he made his first solo flight in July of that year. He became an ensign while stationed at Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 9, 1943.

After Jacksonville he was sent to Lee Field, Fla., for advanced train-



LT. HAROLD B. SALMON

ing and then to the Navy Base at Seattle, Wash. He left from there October 23 to go to Hawaii and was there for 2 months before going into combat.

The flyer, who is 6 feet 1 inch tall, has dark brown hair and eyes, says of marriage:

"It's a great institution, but I like this too much to risk some one else's life with mine."

But then, he's just 22!

Croonquist Trains At Sheepshead Bay

Technical Sergeant Perry Croonquist, who recently completed a course in deck training at Sheepshead Bay, visited his brother, Police Sergeant R. Croonquist of 514 Kenwood Place, Teaneck, yesterday. He left today for reclassification to a ship's crew at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Sergeant Croonquist entered the Army Sept. 16, 1940, as a member of the 104th Engineers stationed at Teaneck Armory. He left with a combat engineering company for service in the Aleutians, where he was stationed for 18 months. He served in both major engagements of the islands.

Upon his return to the United States in October last year he was transferred to an Engineers Port Repair Company.

He was married one month ago to the former Bessie Jo Dams of Lanham, Md., where she is making her home.

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Jacobi Of Teaneck Wins Air Medal

Lieutenant George W. Jacobi of Teaneck has been awarded the Air Medal after completing 50 bombing missions against the enemy in North Africa and 298 hours of combat flying.

The veteran bombardier received early training at the Victorville Army Air Field, California, and was graduated and commissioned in September of 1942. He is the son of Joseph A. Jacobi, 72, Sheppard Avenue, Teaneck.

4-14-44

Algarotti Returns From Overseas Duty

First Lieutenant Robert A. Algarotti, Signal Corps Observer from Teaneck, is visiting his home after several months in the North African theater of operations.

Algarotti and his unit received a letter from President Roosevelt, complimenting them on their efficiency at the message center which handled the President's message at Cairo and Teheran.

Lieutenant Algarotti has been in the service for 5 years, and has seen duty in Casablanca, Tunis, Sicily, and Cassino. He is a graduate of Fort Monmouth, where he will return April 29 to instruct in Signal Corps tactics.

He is the son of Mrs. Frank Algarotti of 131 Johnson Avenue, Teaneck. His brother, Private Henry S. Algarotti, is serving with a tank destroyer unit in England.

4-14-44

Soup Stevenson Wins First Class Rating

Campbell (Soup) Stevenson, former Teaneck High School athlete, recently was promoted to private first class at a Ninth Air Force Base in England.

Stevenson was born in Englewood, but attended Teaneck High School, where he starred in football and baseball. He was chosen for All-County in each sport.

He is the husband of Mrs. Bettie Jean Stevenson, of 1010 Teaneck Road, Teaneck.

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Teaneck Flier Gets D. F. C. After 25 European Missions

This Navigator's B-24 Battled 25 Nazi Fighters For 30 Minutes Before P-38's Arrive

After completing 25 combat missions over Fortress Europe, First Lieutenant Thomas F. Noethiger, of Teaneck, navigator on a Liberator bomber, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievements in aerial flight.

ON LONGEST FLIGHTS

Noethiger navigated the famous "Flying Wolves", B-24 bomber, through some of the most spectacular and longest missions in aerial history. During one of these flights, three of the four superchargers on his plane were rendered inoperative. They were forced to drop from formation, and turn back before reaching the target. A few minutes later the plane was attacked by 25 German fighters. For 30 minutes the lone Liberator fought a desperate battle until a squadron of P-38's came to the rescue. Although the heavy bomber suffered a terrific beating, and was riddled with enemy shells and bullets they were able to reach their home field.

During the course of his 25 missions, Lieutenant Noethiger's plane has also delivered powerful blows on Wiener Neustadt, deep in Austria, while serving with General Edward J. Timberlake's famed "Ted's Traveling Circus", operating from North Africa.

In addition to his recent award of the Distinguished Flying Cross, the young navigator also was awarded the Air Medal and Clusters last fall. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Noethiger, 302 Hickory Street, Teaneck. After graduating from Teaneck High School, he attended Manhattan Prep for three years, and participated in track contests at both schools. In January, 1942, he enlisted in the air force. After interrupting an engineering course at New York University he commenced flight training at Kelly Field. He received his wings and commission at Hondo Field, Texas, in April, 1943, and was transferred to a base in England.



LT. THOMAS F. NOETHIGER

4-15-44

Jensen, Teaneck, A First Lieutenant

An eighth A. A. F. Liberator station, England—Second Lieutenant Albert Jensen, of 141 South Street, Bogota, has been promoted to first lieutenant. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Jensen.

Lieutenant Jensen has received a second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal, for exceptionally meritorious achievement, while participating in five separate bomber combat missions over enemy-occupied Continental Europe. "The courage, coolness, and skill displayed by Lieutenant Jensen upon these occasions, reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States" according to the citation.

Assigned to a veteran outfit in the European theater of operations, Lieutenant Jensen participated in bombing missions over Ludwigshafen, Kiel, Bremen, Berlin, and other important industrial targets in

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GET WINGS

Two graduates of Teaneck High School recently received their pilot's wings after completing flight training at Marianna Army Air Field, Marianna, Fla. James E. Wachter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Wachter of 635 Martense Avenue, Teaneck, was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and Thomas E. Hixson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Hixson of 260 Kinderkamack Road, North Hackensack, received his commission as a Flight Officer.

Lieutenant Wachter and Flight Officer Hixson entered the Army Air Forces last year as aviation cadets. They received their primary and basic flying training at various training fields in the Southeast.

4-20-44



Gloria Houghton of Teaneck, N. J., tells what it's like to sit there in the pilot's seat of a bomber. Her sweetheart is a side gunner with the AAF and her brother, a pilot, is missing in action after being shot down New Year's Day over Rabaul.

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LT. EDWARD W. SMITH

Lt. Smith, Teaneck, Is Awarded His Wings

Lieutenant Edward Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Y. Smith, 635 Chestnut Avenue, Teaneck, was awarded his wings at Chandler Field, Ariz., after completing Pilot Training with the Army Air Forces Training Command.

Ed was originally commissioned in the Infantry, and chose to receive his flight training the hard way. As a student officer, he was subject to the same course as any flying cadet, with the same restrictions and discipline.

Lieutenant Smith is now prepared to enter his final stage of combat training at a transitions school. There he will be instructed in advanced aerial tactics, and will indulge in many hours of night and day formation flying, in order to learn the importance of perfect timing.

4-21-44

Lieutenant Hurlie Home On Leave

Second Lieutenant Robert P. Hurlie is spending a 15-day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gustave A. Hurlie of 80 Johnson Avenue, Teaneck, while awaiting the arrival of his crew at Tampa, Fla.

Lieutenant Hurlie recently was graduated as a pilot from Hendricks Field, Sebring, Fla. He entered the Air Force as an aviation cadet in March of 1943 and received primary training at Maxwell Field, Ala.

Hurlie, 21, was elected to the National Honor Society while attending Teaneck High School. Before he entered the Army he was connected with the Chemical Bank and Trust Company in New York City.

4-17-44

Joins Women Marines

Charlotte Grace Gordon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gordon of 45 Jasper Avenue, Teaneck, was sworn in as a member of the United States Marine Corps on April 17. She will report for basic training at Camp Lejeune, New River, U. C., within the next few weeks. Miss Gordon is a graduate of Teaneck High School and was employed by the Mutual Life Insurance Company before her induction into the Marines.

4-24-44

Bogota Athlete Shot Down In Fight Over Dodecanese

War Department Says His Plane Was Strafing Nazi Convoy When Hit—One Motor Burst Into Flames

Second Lieutenant Dudley Thorne of West Englewood, bombardier navigator of a B-25, has been reported by the War Department as missing February 1 over the Dodecanese Islands off the Coast of Turkey. According to word from other men in his squadron, Thorne's plane was strafing a German convoy as they entered Port Alargo Bay on the Island Leros. One motor burst into flames and his ship dropped

down.

THORNE, Second Lieutenant D., 25, husband of Mrs. Marilyn M. Thorne of 398 North Forest Avenue, West Englewood. (Mediterranean Area)

Mrs. Thorne, the former Marilyn Maxwell of Teaneck, still holds hope that her husband is safe. "He has too much to live for," she said. The couple have a seven-weeks-old daughter, Barbara Lynn.

Thorne enlisted in the Army in April, 1941, and trained with the Tank Destroyers at Camp Livingston, La. He was later transferred to the Army Air Force. He received his commission and wings at Roswell, N. H., where he was married to Miss Maxwell in February, 1943. Thorne received advanced navigation and combat instruction at Greenville, S. C. He has been overseas since September, 1942.

A graduate of Bogota High School and Horace Mann, N. Y., Thorne also attended Syracuse University. During school he was active in all sports and is a well known athlete in Bergen County.

4-29-44

Missing in Action

FRANCIS, First Lieutenant Leo C. Jr., 31, husband of Mrs. Hilda Francis of 168 Prospect Avenue, Maywood. (Over Germany).

In England Since '43

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Francis of 293 Hickory Street, Teaneck, received the word that their son is missing over Germany. He was a Flying Fortress pilot and had been stationed in England since July, 1943.

On August 16, 1943, Francis, who was then pilot of the Terry and the Pirates, was confined to a base hospital with pneumonia when his ship was lost. Five of the plane's crew members are prisoners of war.

Francis holds the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. He has 21 combat missions to his credit. A graduate of Teaneck High School, Class of '40, he enlisted in the Army Air Force in January, 1942, and received his commission at Moody Field, Ga., the following December 18.

His wife, the former Miss Hilda Rosner, lives with her parents at 168 Prospect Avenue, Maywood. The couple have a 4-month-old daughter, Leslie.

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PINCE BOYS JOIN FATHER IN MARINES



Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo
Lieutenant William Pince of the Marines, who worked in the composing room of the Bergen Evening Record until he went into service back in 1917, is shown here with two of his sons, William and Frank, who just joined the Marines. Lieutenant Pince is brother of Frank Pince of West Englewood. This picture was taken at the Naval Hospital at San Diego, Calif.

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Hatch, Teaneck, Moved To Kansas

Francis J. Hatch, son of Mrs. Marie A. Hatch, 311 Queen Anne Road, Teaneck, recently commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces, spent a short leave at home before going to Dodge City Army Air Field, Kansas, for a 9-week postgraduate course at the B-26 Marauder pilot school of the Army Air Forces Training Command.

Lieutenant Hatch was employed at a Wright Aeronautical Company plant in Paterson and was a student at Bergen Junior College until December, 1942, when he enlisted in the Army Air Force.

Lieutenant Hatch's wife, the for-

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