

Pvt. Gingras Convalescing

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

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

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

3-1-45

Sgt. Bob Spearing Wounded In France

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

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

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

3-1-45

Sgt. Alan Babitts Is Given Oak Leaf Cluster

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

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

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

3-1-45

Lt. D. Averill Is Killed In Action

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

Lieutenant Averill, 29, was reported missing in action in a telegram received by his wife from the government on January 25.

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

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

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

3-1-45

Pvt. R. Rutherford Killed In Action

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

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

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

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

3-1-45

S-Sgt. John Ranges

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

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

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

3-1-45

Lt. Charles J. Morris Is Given Silver Star

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

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

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

Lieut. J. Ziegler Killed In Action

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

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

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

3-1-45

Pfc. William Commons In English Hospital

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

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

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

3-1-45

Teaneck Soldier-Artist Wins Prize For GI Art

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

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

3-1-45

Latest Draft List

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

Frederick J. Henning, 349 E. 153rd Street, Bronx, N. Y.; Donald J. Dishar, 294 Hickory Street, Teaneck, N. J.; Robert H. Nattross, 393 Edgewood Ave., Teaneck, N. J.; Warren Witham, 506-30th Street, North Bergen, N. J.; David Yeaton, 305 Edgewood Ave., West Englewood, N. J.; Crescenzo Miele, 256 Englewood Ave., W. Englewood, N. J.; Donald Metzler, 608 Teaneck Rd., Teaneck, N. J.; Richard Brown, 103 Lafayette Ave., Englewood, N. J.

3-1-45

Pfc. William Kornfield Discharged From Hospital

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

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

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

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

3-1-45

Lt. Young Given Fifth Oak Cluster

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England.—With a distinguished combat career of more than 25 missions behind him, First Lieutenant Eugene W. Young, 25 year old Teaneck, New Jersey navigator of the 8th Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress "Gremlin's Hotel," has been awarded the fifth Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" during bombing attacks on Nazi military and industrial installations and in cooperation with Allied ground forces.

The airman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Young of 240 Union Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey. His wife, Mrs. E. W. Young, lives at 200 Salvage Avenue, Teaneck, New Jersey. A graduate of Clifton High School, he was a student at Bergen Junior College. He was employed as a draftsman for Robert Reiner Incorporated of Weehawken, New Jersey before enlisting in the Army Air Forces in January, 1943. He attended navigator's school at Selman Field, Monroe, Louisiana and was awarded his wings and commission in June, 1944.

Lt. Young is a member of the 94th Bomb. Group which was cited by the President for the historic bombing of the Muhlembau aircraft assembly plant at Brunswick, Germany. This group also participated in the Third Air Division England to Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt aircraft assembly plants at Regensburg, Germany, in August, 1943 for which a Presidential Citation was awarded to the entire division.

3-8-45

Lt. James McLaughlin Is Awarded Air Medal

Lieutenant James McLaughlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James P. McLaughlin, of 856 Estes Avenue, Teaneck, was recently awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while serving with the 15th Air Force in Italy.

Lieutenant McLaughlin is a veteran of more than 20 combat missions over Europe.

3-8-45

Purple Heart For Lt. Habel

From the headquarters of the 13th Army Air Force in the Southwest Pacific came the report today that Second Lieutenant Richard T. Habel, son of Mrs. Freda K. Habel, 179 Johnson Avenue, Teaneck, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received while on a flight over the Philippines. He is a bombardier on a B-24 Liberator bomber and has completed more than 80 missions over Yap, Palau, Balikpapan and the airdromes in the Philippines. He has been overseas since July, 1944.

Entering the Army in November, 1942, Lieutenant Habel attended gunnery school at Tyndall Field, Florida and received his bombardier training and commission at Victorville, Calif. His wife, Mrs. Bertha D. Habel, resides in Lowell, Mass.

3-8-45

Lieut. Marvin Lander Is Prisoner In Germany

First Lieutenant Marvin Lander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lander, 170 Sherman Avenue, Teaneck, who had been missing over Germany since December 23, was reported a German prisoner in a telegram to his parents last Thursday.

A graduate of Teaneck High School, class of '41, he entered the Army in March of 1943 and received his wings and commission at Columbus Army Air Field, Miss., in March of last year. He went overseas last September and on December 4 was promoted to first lieutenant. On December 21, two days before he was reported missing, he was awarded the Air Medal.

Prior to entering service, Lander attended Ohio University. While at Teaneck High School, he was a member of the basketball team and was vice-president of the Chess Club.

3-8-45

Corp. Blochwitz Overseas

AT A 12TH AAF B-25 BASE—Corporal Max Blochwitz of Teaneck, N. J., currently stationed at Twelfth Air Force B-25 bomber base, is a sheetmetal worker in the "most efficient medium bombardment group in the Mediterranean theatre. During the past three months his unit has set the bombing efficiency record of 85 percent, referring to the percentage of bombs carried by the Mitchells to the target and actually dropped over the target area.

In addition to its efficiency record, this group also holds theatre claim to the largest tonnage of bombs dropped by mediums on enemy soil since joining the B-25 headquarters nine months ago.

Leaving the United States in November, 1942, this Teaneck serviceman has earned the right to wear four gold overseas stripes on the left sleeve of his uniform. He has been awarded another battle star for his European-African-Middle East theatre ribbon, signifying that he has played an active part in the Rome-Arno campaign since January, 1944.

2-8-45

S/Sgt. Everette Jones

Marine Staff Sergeant Everette R. Jones of Teaneck, veteran of nine months of service in the South Pacific, has now been assigned as an Aviation Mechanic with the service squadron at Newport, Ark. Sergeant Jones participated in battles in Guadalcanal, Samoa, New Hebrides, New Caledonia, the Fijis, and New Zealand.

He wears the Presidential Unit Citation for the First Marine Air Wing, having been in combat on Guadalcanal from October 9 to Dec. 13, 1942, the Purple Heart for wounds received when an enemy shell exploded nearby and shrapnel entered his left leg and right foot. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Halbohn of 764 Cedar Lane, Teaneck.

3-8-45

Gunners Mate Eisgrau

Dwight Eisgrau, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Eisgrau of 331 Crestview Place, Teaneck, is now Gunners Mate 3/c. Eisgrau has been on overseas duty since September of 1944. He has served in France, on the Normandy Beachhead and is now in Southern England.

Petty Officer Eisgrau is a graduate of Teaneck High School. He entered the Naval Reserve on April 3, 1944 and received his boot training at Bainbridge, Md.

3-8-45

1st. Lieut. Edw. Albertie

Edward J. Albertie, husband of Mrs. Edward J. Albertie, 55 Jasper Avenue, Teaneck, N. J., has been promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant.

The local soldier's division is one of the newest on the front of Lieut. General Alexander M. Patch's American Seventh Army.

The 12th Armored Division, commanded by Major General Roderick R. Allen, left the United States with a high reputation earned in its training in the Tennessee Maneuver area and in Texas. Its official nickname is the "Hellcat Division."

Activated on September 15, 1942, at Camp Campbell, Kentucky, the 12th Armored Division's personnel makes it a fighting unit representative of every state in the union.

3-8-45

It's Now Major Brewster

WITH THE 25TH INFANTRY (TROPIC LIGHTNING) DIVISION IN PHILIPPINES.—Captain Charles F. Brewster Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Brewster, 274 Sherman Avenue, Teaneck, N. J., was recently promoted to the rank of Major. He is staff officer in the 35th Infantry Regiment of the 25th (Tropic Lightning) Division now serving on Luzon.

Veteran of almost three years overseas service, Major Brewster has previously seen action on Guadalcanal and Vella Lavella in the Solomon campaigns. For outstanding work on Vella Lavella he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

Before entering the service, the Major was in the gas and electric appliance business with his father in Hackensack, N. J. He plans to return and sell the best appliances in New Jersey.

3-8-45

Capt. Grober In U. S.

Captain Sam Grober, brother of Hy Grober of Teaneck recently flew home from his base in the southwest Pacific after 30 months there with the Engineers Corps. He is now stationed in Charlottesville, Va., where he is taking a course in military government at the conclusion of which he expects to go back overseas. Captain Grober entered the Army 8 years ago and was shipped overseas within 6 weeks. He was commissioned on the field after 4 months overseas.

3-8-45

Now Sgt. Degerick

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, ENGLAND.—The promotion of Frederick W. Degerick, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Degerick, 298 Carlton Terrace, Teaneck, N. J., from corporal to sergeant was announced recently by the commanding general of the U. S. Eighth Air Force.

Sgt. Degerick is assigned to the special service department in the 92nd Bombardment Group, the oldest Fortress group in the Eighth Air Force.

Sgt. Degerick graduated from Teaneck High School and attended Bergen Jr. College for a year and a half. He was employed by the Keith's Men's Shop, Teaneck, as a salesman before entering the Armed Forces in March, 1942.

Sgt. Degerick's wife, Mrs. Carolyn H. Degerick, lives at 111 Cook Avenue, Meriden, Conn.

3-8-45

Sigmund Promoted

A NINTH AIR FORCE TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE BASE, BELGIUM.—John M. Sigmund, who is now serving with the group commanded by Lt. Col. James M. Smalley, as an operations clerk, has been promoted recently to sergeant, according to an announcement from his group headquarters.

From the shores of the Brest Peninsula in France to the Rhineland defenses of Germany, the P-51 Mustangs of Sgt. Sigmund's squadron have brought back vital information, both visual and pictorial, that has been used to plan new missions for the fighter-bombers of the Ninth Air Force and pinpoint enemy strong points for the field guns of the U. S. Ninth Army.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sigmund, 518 Martense Avenue, Teaneck, N. J., Sergeant Sigmund attended Teaneck High and before coming into the Army was employed by the Underwood-Elliott Fisher Co. of New York City as a typewriter mechanic.

3-8-45

West Englewood Dentist Now Serving In England

THE 141ST GENERAL HOSPITAL, ENGLAND.—Captain Donald Culberson, 41, of 414 West Englewood Avenue, West Englewood, New Jersey, a graduate of New York University Dental College, brings 15 years experience to his work of treating battle casualties at this United States Army general hospital in England.

Capt. Culberson entered the Army July 2, 1943, as a first lieutenant and was first stationed at Fort McClelland, Alabama, where he processed troops for overseas duty. He was later sent to MacKall Station Hospital at Camp MacKall, North Carolina, and joined this hospital when it was stationed there. He was promoted to the rank of Captain in May, 1944.

His wife, Ruth, and two children, Sandra, five, and Donald, three, live at the Englewood avenue address. Capt. Culberson maintained an office at 444 Ft. Washington Avenue, Manhattan, New York, before entering the Army.

3-8-45

Teaneck Brothers Meet For First Time During War

Lieutenant John Costa and his brother, Staff Sergeant Joseph Costa, met for the first time since the war at a family reunion dinner this week at the home of their father, Joseph Costa of 365 Beech Street, Teaneck.

Lieutenant Costa has just returned from 10 months in the Pacific area where he completed 45 missions with the 13th Air Force and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for sinking a large Japanese cruiser. A bombardier, Lieutenant Costa is holder of the Purple Heart, the Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Pacific Theater ribbon with 4 bronze stars, and the Philippine ribbon.

Sergeant Costa was granted a special 3-day pass and flew home from Eglin Field, Fla., where he is chief radioman.

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ESCAPED NAZIS; WINS A MEDAL

Sprathoff, Teaneck, Gets Bronze Star

Pfc. Ewald R. Sprathoff of Teaneck, whose father sent him to this country four years ago from Germany to escape the Nazis and who has become an American citizen since entering the Army, has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action in Italy last June.

When Private Sprathoff observed that a machine gunner of his section was wounded by enemy fire, he immediately dashed to the gun



PFC. EWALD SPRATHOFF

and took over the position. Although he was completely exposed to hostile fire, he continued to fire into the ranks of the counterattacking Germans and accounted for between 5 and 10 of them.

Sprathoff, whose father was a lieutenant in the German army, made his home with George Orr, 1283 Pennington Road, Teaneck. His brother Eugene, also sent to this country by his father, is now a corporal with the A. A. F. in England. The Sprathoffs have several brothers in the German army and their mother, when last heard from, was still residing in their home town, Bremen, Germany.

Private Sprathoff entered the Army in 1943. From Fort Dix he was sent to Fort Meade, Md., after which he was stationed in Camp Phillips, Kan., where he received his citizenship papers. The 22-year-old soldier went overseas in October, 1943, and participated in the Salerno landing.

Because of wounds received in action, he is now on non-combat duty. Sprathoff is on the Fifth Army front with the 135th Regiment, 34th Red Bull Division.

4-1-45

KILLED IN ACTION



S/SGT. ARTHUR A. WEBER

TRAINED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Sergeant Weber, husband of the former Oliver Getting of Loraine, Ohio, entered the Army in March, 1943 and went to Fort Jackson, S. C. for basic training.

A graduate of Teaneck High School, Sergeant Weber attended New York University and prior to entering service was managing a retail establishment in Ohio. It was while working there that he met and married Miss Getting in 1940.

At Teaneck High School, Sergeant Weber was active in extra-curricular activities, serving as a member of the Senior Student Council, the a cappella choir, and on the staff of the yearbook, "The Hi-Way".

4-3-45

FURLOUGH ENDS



Staff Sergeant Grant A. Hanson, 8th Air Force after completing his missions over Germany has been spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hanson, 715 Cedar Lane, Teaneck. Sergeant Hanson has now reported to Atlantic City for reassignment, where his parents and two sisters passed the week-end with him.

4-3-45

COMMISSIONED



ENS. JAMES A. MCCAFFREY

GETS WINGS

Ensign McCaffrey received his wings and commission in the Naval Air Corps at graduation exercises held last week at the U. S. Naval Air Training Base, Pensacola, Fla. He is now home on a 7-day leave at the conclusion of which he will report for further training at Green Cove Springs, Fla.

4-4-45



LT. CHESTER SHEETS

On December 12, endangered by both friendly and enemy artillery fire, Lieutenant Sheets crossed 3,000 yards of open, coverless terrain to a town in enemy lands. After assisting in the capture of a number of enemy prisoners, he set up his observation post, and the following day, despite direct hits on his observation post from enemy self-propelled guns, he directed artillery fire on the enemy and refused to abandon his post.

Sheets, attached to Battery C of the 629th Field Artillery Battalion, is a graduate of Teaneck High School. Before his induction in February, 1942, he attended Bergen Junior College, Teaneck, and Pace Institute in New York. He received basic training at Fort Bragg, N. C., and was commissioned in Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in August, 1942. Assigned to the 36th Texas Division, he was sent overseas in April, 1943, following which the division was attached to the Fifth Army commanded by Lieutenant General Mark Clark. He was promoted to First Lieutenant in July, 1943.

HIT IN LEG, ARM

Shortly after, he was severely wounded by an artillery shell burst, receiving shell fragments in the left leg and right arm and was returned to the United States. After a year in this country and before complete recovery from his wounds, he requested active service and was flown overseas and assigned to the 104th Division of the First Army just before the battle of the Bulge last December.

Lieutenant Sheets was well known in scholastic and semi-pro baseball in Bergen County. He pitched for the St. Louis Cardinals farm teams in the Florida State League, Mountain State League, and Virginia State League.

4-5-45

Teaneck Airman Is Killed On 3rd Trip Over Germany

Lieutenant Richards Overseas Only Five Weeks;
Four Other Local Residents Fatally Hit.

Second Lieutenant Mervyn L. Richards of Teaneck, formerly of Bergenfield, who was previously reported missing over Germany on August 26, was killed in action on that date, the War Department announced today. The 21-year-old airman, co-pilot of a Flying Fortress, had been overseas just five weeks and was on his third mission when lost.

TEN WOUNDED

Four other Bergen County men are reported dead today; 10 are listed as wounded, and two are German prisoners.

Lieutenant Richards, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Richards, lost his life when his ship crash-landed in the North Sea, his parents learned indirectly. According to this report, only two of the crew, the tail gunner and the turret gunner, managed



LT. MERVYN RICHARDS

to get out of the plane before it went down. They were picked up 50 miles off the English Coast. No details have been received as yet from the Government.

Born in Utica, N. Y., Lieutenant Richards came to Bergenfield with his parents at the age of three months. He was graduated from Bergenfield Junior High School and Tenafly High School and then moved to Teaneck in 1941. He enlisted in the Air Corps in January, 1943, and was commissioned in February, 1944, at George Field, Ill. He went overseas last July.

Mr. and Mrs. Richards received a letter recently from General H. H. Arnold, Commanding General of the Army Air Force, expressing deep sympathy and praising the young man as a hero. The letter read in part:

"Information has reached me concerning the reputation established by Lieutenant Richards in the praiseworthy manner in which he performed his duties. Upon graduation from George Field, where he achieved a superior academic record, he entered into the responsibilities of a pilot with determination and a will to succeed. His friends in this organization will remember the loyalty and courage he displayed and they share with me a keen feeling of bereavement."

Besides his parents, Lieutenant Richards is survived by a sister, Mrs. Beverly Durham of Teaneck.

SHIP HITS MINE

Ensign C. Stuart Littwin of Passaic, 21, a member of the Landing Craft Infantry of the Naval Reserve, was wounded in action on January 12, when his L.C.I. hit a mine in the Pacific and blew up. Three of the 25 men on the craft were killed. Ensign Littwin was on a hospital ship for several weeks, then hospitalized in the Admiralty Islands and is now in the Treasure Island Hospital, California, awaiting further orders.

A graduate of the Mount Herman Prep School, Mass., Ensign Littwin enlisted in the Navy in his senior year in the Pre-Medical School at Hobart College and upon being graduated, entered Columbia Midshipman School. He was commissioned last July and went directly overseas.

Sergeant Frank S. Duda, 25, was wounded in action March 4 in Germany, according to word received by his parents. A graduate of Lyndhurst High School, class of '39, he entered the Army in October, 1942, and trained at Fort Eustis, Va.; Camp Davis, N. C.; Coyne Electrical School, Chicago; Camp Edwards, Mass., and in several other States before being sent overseas. He was with the Field Artillery until last January when he was transferred to the Infantry and sent overseas in February.

Pfc. Robert W. Vogel, 19-year-old Infantryman, was wounded March 2 in Germany and is now in a hospital in England. He suffered shrapnel wounds in his left leg and expects to be in the hospital for at least three or four months. He has received the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Infantry Combat Badge.

Private Vogel, a graduate of East Side High School, Paterson, entered the Army in June, 1943, and following basic training at Camp Croft, S. C., was sent to Yale University under the Army Specialized Training Program. He was put back into the Infantry at Camp Pickett, Va., last spring when this program was discontinued and sent overseas in October.

Staff Sergeant Charles V. Scholz, paratrooper, husband of the former Ruth Wichern of North Hackensack, was wounded in action February 12 on Luzon and last week was flying down back to this country. He is the father of a son, Charles.

IN SERVICE 3 YEARS

Sergeant Scholz entered the Army in July, 1942, and trained at Camp Gruber, Okla., and Camp McCall, N. C. He went overseas last May and has been in New Guinea, Leyte, and Luzon. He was graduated from Hackensack High School and prior to entering the service was employed by the River Edge Post Office. He is the son of Mrs. Fred Scholz of Union City, formerly of 11 Madison Avenue, River Edge.

Private James A. Brennan, 33, has been a prisoner of the Germans since last Thanksgiving Day. He was fighting with the Army Infantry.

Brother of Mrs. Catherine Gneiting of Montvale, Private Brennan entered the Army in March, 1944, and went overseas in October. Although a frequent visitor in Montvale, he lived with his aunt in the Catskill Mountains and was employed in Connecticut.

Information about the other men listed today could not be obtained as their families could not be contacted.



ENS. HERMAN REICHERT JR.

REICHERT MADE ENSIGN IN NAVY

Teaneck Man Graduated
At Annapolis Ceremony

Herman H. Reichert Jr., of Teaneck received his commission in the U. S. Navy as an ensign late last month upon graduation from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. He has now reported for sea duty after spending a short leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Reichert of 692 Penn Avenue, Teaneck.

4-18-45

Scouted Territory

The son of Mrs. Lillian Strickland of 524 Queen Anne Road, Teaneck, Lieutenant Strickland was a member of the liaison party attached to the Provisional Marine Brigade which landed a few minutes after H-Hour under heavy enemy fire and aided in making a reconnaissance of the landing beaches preparatory to the landing of his own battalion. His work enabled the battalion to land and begin operating on the beach over which most of his Division landed.

Lieutenant Strickland participated in the invasions of Leyte and other Philippine Islands and received his field promotion there on March 19.

A graduate of Teaneck High School, he enlisted for a year's service in October, 1940, and was released in October, 1941. Recalled in March, 1942, he received his basic training at Camp Framingham, Mass., and Camp Pickett, Va. He was stationed in Hawaii for 3 months, beginning in March 1944, where he was first promoted to technical sergeant and, shortly thereafter, first sergeant.

4-18-45

FIGHTER, TRANSPORT PILOT

Captain McNamara has been on overseas duty with the Army Air Force in the European Theater of War for some months, serving as a fighter and troop transport pilot. His promotion followed participation in airborne action over Germany. He holds the Air Medal with several Oak Leaf Clusters and a Presidential Citation. He is a graduate of Oakland grammar school, Butler High School and Rider College in Trenton.

Lieutenant Savage has been serving with the Army Signal Corps in Italy for the past 10 months. He entered service during the first draft in 1940 and was stationed in Panama for a year and a half before returning to the United States and receiving his commission at Fort Monmouth in 1943.

Lieutenant Savage is a graduate of Teaneck High School and Pratt Institute, New York City. Prior to entering the armed forces he was employed by the International Radio Laboratories in New York City.

Never Saw Son

Lieutenant Savage is the father of a 5-month-old son, Frederick Leon, whom he has never seen. A brother, Private Robert Donald Savage, is a prisoner of war in Germany. He was formerly a member of the paratroopers.

4-19-45

PROMOTED



LT. EDWARD G. BOTHA

Botha Commissioned

Lieutenant Botha received his commission in the Army of the United States on April 17 upon successful completion of the officer candidate course at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

He entered the Army on Aug. 21, 1939 and served with an anti-aircraft group in the Philippines from 1939 to 1941 and with another anti-aircraft unit in the Aleutians before going to officer candidate school 4 months ago. He held the rank of staff sergeant before being commissioned. Lieutenant Botha is a graduate of Teaneck High School.

Petty Officer Penn is serving with the Navy's Amphibious Forces in England. He has been in that theater since March of 1944. He has been a member of the armed forces since November of 1942.

4-19-45

4-10-45

3 TEANECK MEN

The names of three Teaneck men were included also in today's list: Seaman First Class Edward Joseph Damrose of the Navy is reported dead, and First Lieutenant Frederick Hendrickson and Pfc. Richard F. Wacha, are reported wounded.

Staff Sergeant Robert S. Dalheim, who is reported a prisoner today, is the thirty-second local man from the 106th Division who is now accounted for. Three are still missing.

According to the telegram received by Mrs. Moloney, Sergeant Moloney was killed in action in Germany. No details were given. In service 4 years, Sergeant Moloney received intensive infantry training at Camp Meade, Maryland, following which he was stationed at various camps throughout the country. Prior to being sent overseas he was with the Military Police Transport Unit in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Carroll of Ridgewood received word from the War Department that their son, Pfc. Thomas J. Carroll Jr., 20, was killed in action in Germany on March 16. On April 1 they received word that he was missing.

He was graduated from Pennington Preparatory School, Pennington, in 1943 and was inducted into the Army immediately following his graduation.

4-26-45

Sgt. Lloyd Kennedy Is Now Reported Missing

Sergeant Lloyd E. Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Kennedy, 443 Maitland Avenue, Teaneck, 20-year-old radio operator on a Flying Fortress, who went overseas in January is now reported missing. Sergeant Kennedy has been missing over Germany since March 21. He was on his sixteenth mission.

A graduate of Teaneck High School, class of '43, Sergeant Kennedy enlisted in the Air Corps while still in school and was called to active service shortly after being graduated.

4-26-45

Now Lt. Don Fraser

New Orleans, La., (Special)—Donald D. Fraser, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. D. Fraser, 292 Queens Court, Teaneck, has been graduated from the Officer Candidate Department of the Transportation Corps School, New Orleans Army Air Base, and has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States.

Lieutenant Fraser attended Teaneck High School. Prior to his induction in March, 1943, he was employed by the Mutual Life Insurance Company, New York.

The officer was assigned to active duty with the Transportation Corps immediately after receiving his commission. The mission of the Transportation Corps is to transport soldiers and war materials to theaters of operations.

4-26-45



ENS. WILLIAM F. MAXWELL

Reports To Georgia

Ensign Maxwell has reported to instrumental school at Atlanta, Ga. He is a graduate of Teaneck High School, class of 1939 and Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., class of 1943 where he was a member of Sigma Pi fraternity and the inter-mural wrestling team.

Ensign Maxwell, a former employee of Bendix Aeronautical Corporation, Teterboro, entered the Naval Air Corps in June of 1943 as an aviation cadet.

4-26-45

DISPERSED GERMANS

On January 1 Pfc. Whitcraft was a member of a forward observation party which directed artillery fire against enemy forces from a post in the town of Rimling, France. Pfc. Whitcraft was posted in a building covering the approach to a vantage post.

During the following night an enemy patrol of 35 Germans, armed with machine guns, rockets and small arms, infiltrated into the town. At a signal from the forward observer, Pfc. Whitcraft and other members opened fire on the patrol with a demoralizing effect upon the enemy which was dispersed. The threat to the American vantage point was thus removed.

Pfc. Whitcraft, whose family moved to the New York address after having lived in Teaneck for about 5 years, enlisted in the Army on December 2, 1942. A Teaneck High School graduate, he was employed at the Wright Aeronautical Corporation in Paterson before entering the service. He has been overseas since last October and, with the 100th Division of the Seventh Army, has seen action in France and Germany.

A brother, Sergeant Paul Whitcraft has been in the Philippines for 3 years. He serves with the Signal Air Warning unit of the 18th A. A. F.

4-26-45

Star Athlete At Teaneck Killed On German Front

Sergeant Crider Was Voted Most Popular Boy In Senior Year—Parents Notified While On Visit

Technical Sergeant William Crider of Teaneck, three-letterman in sports at Teaneck High School and voted the most popular boy in the school in 1939, was killed in action in Germany, it was learned today. The 24-year-old infantryman lost his life last month.

The telegram with the news of his death was forwarded to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Crider this week-end in Washington, D. C. while they were visiting their daughter, Mrs. Rudolph Grahame. They had previously received word that he was missing.

The death of two other Bergen County men, Technical Sergeant Solomon Louzides of Hackensack, and Private Vincent P. Miles of East Paterson, were released today by the War Department in a list which included two other local men missing and four wounded. Letters were received this past week-end from three members of the 106th Division of the First Army who had been missing since the

German counter-offensive last December. They are Corporal Jerome V. De Angellis of Bergenfield; Pfc. Vito Keosy of Hasbrouck Heights, and Staff Sergeant Charles Stuber of Dumont. All are German prisoners.

100TH SCORE

Of the 35 Bergen County men from the 106th, who had been reported missing, 31 have now been accounted for. Two have been reported dead; one wounded, and the rest have been reported prisoners, several of whom have already been liberated.

Reported missing today are Staff Sergeant Henry P. Niemyck of Cliffside Park and First Lieutenant George R. Sands of West Englewood. Lieutenant Sands in a recent letter to his mother and his wife, had wrote that he expected to be home this month or next.

Only Son

Crider, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Crider, was graduated from Teaneck High School in 1939 and was captain of the baseball team that year. He was a letterman in football, baseball and basketball.

A member of the National Guard, he was inducted into the Army 6 years ago and served as an instructor at Fort Lewis, Washington for 3 years. He was sent overseas last August and had recently been awarded the Expert Infantryman's Badge.

Prior to his induction, he was studying engineering in Newark. He is survived by his parents and his sister, Mrs. Grahame, the former Florence Crider.

Lt. Gertrude Beven

Last Friday the 13th was a lucky day for Second Lieutenant Gertrude Beven, 139 Tryon Avenue, West Englewood. She was one of 450 nurses who were graduated from the Army Nurses Training Center at Camp Swift, Texas.

Her recently completed four weeks training course included donning fatigues, field shoes, leggings, and helmet liners, and participating in long hikes and overnight bivouacs, and running an obstacle course.

On the Sunday before her graduation Lieutenant Beven was among the nurses who were guests for tea at the mansion of Governor Coke Stevenson in Austin.

5-3-45

Now Sgt. Blackwood

PYOTE ARMY AIR FIELD, Tex.—The promotion of Corporal Ferris R. Blackwood, of Teaneck, N. J., to the rank of Sergeant was announced today by Colonel A. E. Key, commanding officer of Pyote Army Air Field.

Son of Mr. A. A. Blackwood, of 1140 Sussex Road, Teaneck, he is a former student at Gettysburg College, Pa. He participated in football and wrestling during his three years at college.

Sgt. Blackwood entered the military service September 6, 1942 and came to Pyote Army Air Field a year later.

One Army general hospital in the Mediterranean Theater, which has handled more than 26,000 patients, reduced hospitalization time 30 per cent, by improvising physiotherapy apparatus for arm and leg exercise.

5-3-45

RM 2-c Victor Kelly

Victor R. Kelly, radioman, second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Kelly, Teaneck, N. J., believes that when once a task is started it should be completed. He is a member of the crew of an LST which still is making round trips across the English Channel carrying men and supplies for the Allied Armies. Kelly took part in the original landings in Normandy, and "would like to remain in the English waters until Germany is defeated."

Besides the Normandy invasion, Kelly also took part in the invasions of Africa, Sicily, and Salerno.

Kelly volunteered for the Navy in April, 1942. He graduated from Teaneck high school that year.

5-3-45

Capt. Joseph Pawloski

Marine Captain Joseph A. Pawloski, 294 Washington St., Teaneck, N. J., recently assumed duties as officer in charge of ordnance at the Marine Corps Air Station, Mojave, Calif.

Captain Pawloski has been in the Marine Corps for 18 years. He was at Midway when the United States entered the war and has since served at Guadalcanal, Hawaii and Midway.

Captain Pawloski attended Leona High School, Leona, N. J.

His wife, the former Stella Mae Ricks of Elizabethtown, N. C. lives with him in Mojave.

5-3-45

Major Harris Keck Given Bronze Star

Major Harris S. Keck, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Keck, 370 Warwick Avenue, West Englewood, was awarded the Bronze Star and was cited for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, from June 14, 1944, until December 19, 1944, he served as assistant Regimental S-3 and later as Regimental S-3 in a highly efficient and capable manner. Major Keck made a marked contribution to the operational success of his regiment by aiding in the development of attack plans and checking on the execution of the orders issued.

Attached to the 313th Infantry of the 79th Division, Major Keck has just recently been promoted to a majority.

Major Keck was assigned as one of the first officers when the 79th Division was activated at Camp Pickett, Va., in May, 1942. Following training at Camp Forrest, Tenn. and advanced officer school, he underwent desert training in California.

Major Keck landed in Normandy 3 days after D-Day. He fought down to Cherbourg, then across France to Strasbourg with Patton's Army. He is now with the Ninth Army somewhere in Germany, still with the 313th Infantry in the 79th Cross of Lorraine Division.

5-3-45

Lt. Arthur Levinson

A West Englewood man, Lieutenant Arthur Levinson, is helping to maintain the vital supply line from England to combat troops now in Germany. Lieutenant Levinson, attached to the 31st Air Transport Group, flies C-47 transport planes carrying cargo and evacuating American battle casualties on return flights from front line airstrips.

Lieutenant Levinson, Teaneck High School graduate, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Levinson, 1135 Emerson Avenue, West Englewood. Prior to entering the Army in February, 1943, he was a student at the University of Pennsylvania. He arrived overseas in April, 1944.

Staff Sergeant Thomas P. Nigri, of Bogota, has 18 months of overseas service in the European Theater of Operations to his credit.

At the present time he is serving as a radio mechanic in the 491st Bombardment Group, a component of the Second Air Division.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nigri, 477 Elm Avenue.

5-3-45

Seaman Ethel Sarver

Ethel W. Sarver, Seaman Second Class, is now on duty in the Communications office of the Navy Department in Washington, D. C. She has been stationed there since completion of her boot training February 6. Seaman Sarver is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lorenz of 80 Bergen Avenue, Teaneck, where she lived before enlisting in the Waves.

5-3-45

Skrable's Company Cited

The 21st Chemical Decontaminating Company, with which Private Francis A. Skrable, son of Mrs. Grace Skrable, 195 Oakdene Avenue, Teaneck is serving, was cited for its outstanding performance of duty while in support of the assault troops in Southern France on August 15 of last year. In conjunction with the 3rd, 35th, and 45th Infantry Divisions on the Southern Coast of France, the 21st Chemical Decontaminating Company landed on the beachhead at H-hour on D-Day and released smoke for a three hour period. During this interval, despite the hazard of mines, and machinegun, mortar, and small arms fire directed against the sector, and in the course of which they sustained five casualties, the men of the company showed great courage and determination in carrying out their assigned mission.

Private Skrable has seen service in Africa and has earned four bronze battle stars for service in Sicily, Italy, Southern France, and for the battle of Germany.

5-3-45

To S/Sgt. Keller Award Bronze Star

Staff Sergeant Kenneth W. Keller, husband of Mrs. K. W. Keller, 320 Herrick Avenue, Teaneck, received his decoration for meritorious service near Mount Belvedere, Italy, in February. With the rapid advance of a company into mountainous country made hazardous by a fierce enemy resistance, the problem of supply increased greatly in importance and difficulty. S/Sergeant Keller, under continuous heavy mortar and artillery fire, supervised transportation and personally assisted in carrying large quantities of food, water, and much needed ammunition. His aid in the moving of battalion supplies and his concern in the maintenance of efficient supply lines for his advancing company contributed to the complete success of the operation.

5-3-45

Now Lt. (j. g.) Nelson

Recently promoted Lieutenant Edward W. Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald R. Nelson of 852 Martense Avenue, Teaneck and husband of the former Miss Jane E. Rice of Glen Ridge, has been serving as a Naval Air Corps pilot instructor at Pensacola, Fla., since early in 1944. He entered service in November of 1942 as an aviation cadet and received his commission at Pensacola in December of 1943.

He attended Instrument Flight Instructor's School at Atlanta, Ga.

Lieutenant Nelson is a former member of the Ethan Allen Chapter of the DeMolay in Dunmont and is a graduate of Teaneck High School, class of 1939. Prior to entering the service he was employed as a draftsman at the Wright Aeronautical Corporation, Paterson.

5-3-45

S/Sgt. Bill Ricken Gets Silver Star

Staff Sergeant William Ricken, husband of Mrs. W. R. Ricken, Ne Bridge Road, West Englewood, has been recommended for the Silver Star for his action on September 16 of last year, when, during the battle for the Port of Brest, he captured 60 Germans.

He already holds the Bronze Star Medal for evacuating and treating the wounded under heavy enemy shell fire during the Battle of the Bulge. With this award, he was cited for action outside the call of duty for an infantryman.

Staff Sergeant Ricken entered the armed forces in March, 1942. After training at Camp Croft, S. C., and Fort Meade, Md., he went overseas in June 1944.

He is the husband of the former Eleanor Claus of Teaneck. The couple has a daughter, Loretta, 2

5-3-45

Capt. Hurrle Home

Captain Robert F. Hurrle, B-17 bomber pilot, is home on a 21-day leave and visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hurrle at 80 Johnson Avenue, Teaneck.

Captain Hurrle has completed 85 missions over German targets from his 94th Bombardment Group base in England. He has been awarded the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf clusters and has also received a Presidential Unit citation.

5-3-45

Signaler Zwicker Re-enlists

William E. Zwicker, 21, signalman second class, of 672 Martense Avenue, Teaneck, who recently returned to the United States on leave after taking part in naval operations off Japan and at Iwo Jima, has re-enlisted, having completed a 4-year hitch.

5-3-45

S/Sgt. A. Weber Killed in Germany

The parents of S/Sgt. Arthur A. Weber Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Weber, 87 Merrison Street, Teaneck, have learned of the death of their son on March 14 in Germany, while fighting with an Infantry Division of General Hodges' First Army.

Sergeant Weber is the husband of the former Olive Getling of Loraine, Ohio. He entered the Army in March, 1943, and went to Fort Jackson, S. C., for basic training. He was overseas since last September.

A graduate of Teaneck High School, Sergeant Weber attended New York University and prior to entering service was managing a retail establishment in Ohio. It was while working there that he met and married Miss Getling in 1940.

At Teaneck High School, Sergeant Weber was active in extra-curricular activities, serving as a member of the Senior Student Council, the a cappella choir, and on the staff of the yearbook, "The Hi-Way."

5-10-45

T/Sgt. Crider Is Killed in Action

Following up the news that he was missing, the parents of T/Sgt. William Crider, 24, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Crider of 104 Sherwood Avenue, Teaneck have received news from the War Department of their son's death in Germany.

Crider, an only son, was graduated from Teaneck High School and was voted the most popular boy in the school in 1939. He was a letter-man in football, basketball and baseball and captain of the last named team.

A member of the National Guard, he was inducted into the Army six years ago and served as an instructor at Fort Lewis, Wash., for 3 years. He was sent overseas last August and had recently been awarded the Expert Infantryman's Badge.

Prior to his induction he was studying engineering in Newark. He is survived by his parents and a sister, Mrs. Grahmer, the former Florence Crider.

5-10-45

Latest Draft Call

The following registrants were inducted into the Armed Forces on May 1 from Local Board No. 6, Teaneck:

Herbert Hoetzel, 147-50 84 Drive, Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y.; Charles Hiltbrunner, Henry Court, Nanuet, N. Y.; Fred Joseph De Mercurio, 103 Genesee Avenue, Teaneck; Gabriel Surdez, 19 East Edsall Blvd., Palisades Park,

5-10-45

S/Sgt. Keller Is Given Bronze Star

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Staff Sergeant Kenneth W. Keller, 34, of Teaneck, New Jersey, recently was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in combat.

He is serving on the Fifth Army front in Italy with the 85th Mountain Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division.

With the rapid advance of his company into mountainous country made hazardous by fierce enemy resistance, the problem of supply increased greatly, stated the award citation.

Keller, under continuous heavy mortar and artillery fire, labored with tireless effort supervising transportation and personally assisting to carry large quantities of food, water and much needed ammunition. His invaluable aid in the moving of battalion supplies and his great concern for maintaining efficient supply lines for his advancing company were essential in the complete success of the operation.

Keller entered service in February, 1943. His wife, Blanche, lives at 820 Hertick Avenue.

Brigadier General Robinson E. Duff, assistant commander of the 10th "Mountaineers", pinned the medal on Keller.

5-10-45

Brother and Sister Marks Meet In New Guinea Zone

Brother and sister met recently nine thousand miles from home when First Lieutenant Leonard Marks Jr. met Staff Sergeant Barbara Jo Marks in New Guinea at the Headquarters of the Far East Service Command. Lieutenant Marks was enroute to a forward area and contacted his sister during a brief stop-over. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Marks of 1361 Dickerson Road, West Englewood.

The New Guinea reunion marked the first time the Marks had seen each other since December, 1943, when the lieutenant spent his 5-day leave with his sister in Los Angeles.

Sergeant Marks, who enlisted in the War in 1943, has been overseas since last December. She is assigned to the Stock Control Section of the Supply Division, of the Far East Service Command, the organization which requisitions supplies from the United States, and keeps them flowing to all Air Force units in the Southwest Pacific for their musical evenings. Mr. cific.

The Marks family are known Marks sang with the Metropolitan Opera Company. Mrs. Marks accompanies at the piano. Sergeant Marks is an accomplished cellist and Lieutenant Marks plays the cornet. Both brother and sister wear the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with a bronze campaign star.

5-10-45

Pfc Alfred Bonds Is Listed Among Killed

Pfc. Alfred B. Bonds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar T. Bonds Jr., 383 Maitland Avenue, West Englewood, who would have celebrated his twentieth birthday last week, was killed in action November 8 in France, the date he was previously reported missing. He was serving with the 95th Infantry Division of the Third Army.

A graduate of Teaneck High School, class of '43, Private Bonds entered the Army in September, 1943, and following basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., was appointed to Randolph Macon College, Va., for training under the Army Specialized Training Program. When this was discontinued, he was transferred to the infantry and sent overseas last August. His brother, Philip, a former Bergen Evening Record employee, is with the Navy in the Pacific.

5-10-45

Bronze Star Medal For T/4 Matthews

T-4 Alexander F. Matthews was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal by Major General A. C. Gillem, Jr., XIII Corps Commander, in recognition of his determined and efficient actions in operations, while under heavy enemy fire.

In a citation to Matthews, the general commended him, in part, for "... distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 23 February, 1945. While preparing a bridge site for an assault crossing, T-4 Matthews, without regard for his personal safety, continued to work, encouraging his men to accomplish the assigned task. His bravery and devotion to duty contributed to efficient operation of his unit and reflect great credit on the military service of the United States".

A graduate of the Flushing, L. I., High School, Matthews has been in the Army since July 1943, and overseas since September 1944. He served in England, and has fought across France, Belgium, and Holland, as well as in operation through Germany which have brought the corps well into the heart of Germany.

He is the son of Mrs. Ethel Matthews of Little Neck, L. I., and the husband of Mrs. Helda Matthews, 517 Hillcrest St., Teaneck, N. J. They have one daughter, Zandra Vivian, age two.

5-10-45

Boyle Coming Home; Freed At Nazi Camp

Lieutenant Joseph Boyle, of Teaneck, pilot of the Flying Fortress, Dry Martini which set a record for shooting down 10 Nazi planes in 10 minutes, has been liberated from a German prison camp and is on his way home, his mother Mrs. Joseph Boyle learned today.

Holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, and the Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster, Boyle who was known as the "Cocktail Kid" was the first man from Teaneck to be captured by the Germans. He was taken prisoner in March, 1943, while piloting a different ship. His plane was shot down over France and he parachuted to the ground.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boyle, who never gave up hope, received a letter from him shortly after, stating he was a prisoner. The last they heard from him was last November while he was in Stalag Luft 3. Later through reports they learned that his camp had been moved to Stalag 7-A in Mooseburg.

This morning, Mrs. Boyle received a telephone call from Western Union stating that a cablegram from him had just arrived from Paris.

"Paris in the spring," he said, "Am fine and chipper. See you soon. On my way home."

Lieutenant Boyle received the D. F. C. when he brought the Dry Martini home from a raid over Lille, France. Then, co-pilot of the ship, he came in with blood pouring from his face and leg and his pilot dead beside him. He also received the Purple Heart. Later on a mission over Paris, he was wounded for the second time and received the Oak Leaf Cluster.

A graduate of Teaneck High School, he attended Bergen Junior College, and was graduated from Lehigh University in 1939. He enlisted in the Air Corps on Dec. 20, 1941 and was commissioned at Greenville, Miss., in July, 1942. He went overseas the following October.

5-10-45

Rosamond, Teaneck Athlete, Reported Missing In Action

Overseas Only A Month, His B-24 Is Shot Down—
Three Bergen Men Reported Killed

Overseas one month, Sergeant David R. Rosamond of Fort Lee, formerly of West Englewood, a three letterman at Teaneck High School in 1937, is missing in action, the War Department reported today. According to reports received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Rosamond, the 25-year-old radioman has been lost since April 10. His ship, a B-24 Liberator bomber, was brought down over Germany by antiaircraft fire.

DRICHEMONDS GET WORD

Mr. and Mrs. John R. DeRiche-
mond of Ridgewood have received
word that their only son, Seaman
First Class John R. DeRiche-
mond Jr., was killed in action in the At-
lantic Area. Notification reached
them just one week after the offi-
cial announcement of V-E Day.

The War Department reported the
death of two other Bergen County
soldiers today and listed five local
men wounded in the European and
Pacific Areas.

Reported killed in action are Cor-
poral Andrew Bobela of Garfield
and Private Victor R. Tiseo of Fair-
view.

Sergeant Rosamond, formerly of
52 Argonne Court, West Englewood,
was graduated from Teaneck High
School in 1937 and was a letterman
in football, track and wrestling. He
was a member of the band and or-
chestra there and was treasurer for
his senior class. He was also a mem-
ber of the A-Capella choir, and up
until the time he entered the Army
in 1941, was first tenor in the Christ
Episcopal Church in West Engle-
wood.

Sergeant Rosamond was inducted
into the Army on Feb. 10, 1941, with
the Seventh Regiment of the Na-
tional Guard and was sent to Camp
Stewart, Ga., where he served as
field switchboard operator. Later he
became chief operator and had an
opportunity to enter Officers' Can-
didate School or go into the Air
Corps. He chose the latter and was
to be graduated as a pilot with a 96
average in 1943 from Santa Anna,
Calif., when the Government re-
duced its quota of pilots and he was
sent to Bombardier School. Follow-
ing this he was sent to Sioux Falls,
S. D., where he studied radio and
served as an instructor. At the end
of last year, he asked for combat
duty and flew overseas on March 5
of this year.

Prior to his induction, Sergeant
Rosamond was employed by the
American Surety Company in New
York.

S-Sgt. Vincent McCourt

S-Sgt. Vincent G. McCourt, son
of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. McCourt,
97 VanBuren Ave., Teaneck, N. J.,
and husband of Mrs. Edith R.
Mccourt, 124 Pilot St., City Island,
N. Y., is currently at the Redistri-
bution Station, where he will spend
two weeks before reporting to his
new assignment in the United
States.

He was returned recently to the
United States after having served
20 months in the European theatre
of operations, where he served as
a subsistence clerk. He holds the
Legion of Merit, the Good Conduct
medal, the Pre-Pearl Harbor med-
al, and the European Theater rib-
bon with four battle stars.

Colonel Sandler Again Cited

The accomplishments of Lieuten-
ant Colonel Samuel A. Sandler of
1166 Laurelton Parkway, West
Englewood have drawn further
commendation from his superiors
and this week news has been re-
ceived that a letter of commenda-
tion has been sent to the Surgeon
General in Washington by Brig-
adier General J. H. Johnson, com-
manding officer of the Army Ser-
vice Forces Training Center at
Camp Lee, Va.

Colonel Sandler, who was sta-
tioned at Camp Lee from June 8,
1943 to February 26, 1945, was
commended for establishing and
operating a Mental Hygiene Unit,
later designated as "Consultation
Service."

The commendation read, in part:
"In this capacity, he displayed an
initiative and understanding of the
many and complex problems in-
volved, which contributed material-
ly to the successful operation of
this training center."

"It is believed that the Unit or-
ganized by Lieutenant Colonel
Sandler at this Center is one of the
finest and most efficient of its
kind in the Army today. His effi-
ciency, loyalty, and conscience de-
votion to duty, mark him as an
outstanding individual in the field
of military psychiatry."

Colonel Sandler will be remem-
bered in Bergen County for his
work with former Judge Walter J.
McIntyre in Bergen County Crimi-
nal Court before entering the
service.

He practiced in Hackensack and
Jersey City and was associated
with Hackensack Hospital and
Christ Hospital in Jersey City.

Colonel Sandler entered the
Army February, 1943, as a Major.
According to his wife, Mrs. Ruth
Sandler, Sandler's present where-
abouts is not known. Until several
days ago he was stationed at Fort
Ord, Calif.

The Sandler's have two children,
Lewis, 8, and Susan, 6.

"Lt. Harder I Presume?"

WITH THE FOURTH IN-
FANTRY DIVISION OF THE
7TH ARMY—Escorted by a Yan-
keard, the German officer stepped
into a kitchen which was serving
as headquarters for the 12th In-
fantry Regiment's PW interroga-
tors.

"Lieutenant Harder, I pre-
sume," said 1/Lt. Otto Brickner
of Teaneck, N. J., addressing the
German. "Have a seat; we've
been waiting to talk with you for
ten days."

The German was astounded.
"But how do you know my name?"
he asked.

Brickner explained that he not
only had his name but also knew
his company, regiment, the color
of his hair and eyes, his height
and weight. Previously taken pris-
oners had given a complete de-
scription of their CO.

Sgt. Alan Babitts Is Given Second Cluster

A second Oak Leaf Cluster to his
Air Medal has been awarded to
Sergeant Alan Babitts, 22, Tea-
neck, New Jersey, for "meritorious
achievement. . ." while partici-
pating in bombing attacks on military
and industrial targets in Germany.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Babitts,
43 Bogert Street, Teaneck, he is a
graduate of Jamaica, L. I., High
School. Prior to entering the AAF
in March, 1943, he was an instru-
ment mechanic at the Rome, New
York, air depot. He received his
aerial gunnery wings at Las Ve-
gas, Nevada, in May, 1944.

Kennedy On The Mend

Pfc. John Paul Kennedy, 19, son
of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Ken-
nedy, 598 Ramapo Road, Teaneck,
who is now recuperating in a hos-
pital in England, was wounded in
Germany on April 15. The young
soldier wrote his parents that he
was operated upon in an evacua-
tion hospital in Germany and is
doing well.

Private Kennedy was graduated
from Holy Trinity High School in
June, 1943, and the following Sep-
tember was inducted into the Ar-
my. He was sent overseas last Sep-
tember with the 104th Division of
the first Army and holds an In-
fantry Combat Badge and the Pur-
ple Heart.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have two
other members of the family in
service, Lieutenant Agnes Kennedy
Mooney in France with the Army
Nurses' Corps, and Ensign James
E. Kennedy aboard an L. S. T. in
the Pacific. Another daughter, Miss
Ann Kennedy is a recreation work-
er with the American Red Cross at
Mitchell Field, L. I.

Now Ensign Dehlsen

Ensign Paul Von Dehlsen, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Von Dehlsen of
504 Linden Avenue, Teaneck and
husband of the former Miss Brun-
ton of Teaneck, received his com-
mission recently at graduation
exercises held at the Cathedral of
St. John the Divine in New York
City. He was graduated from the
U. S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's
School in New York.

After a 9-day leave at his home,
Ensign Von Dehlsen reported to
San Francisco, Calif., to await
further orders. He entered service
in July of 1942 and served on an
L. S. T. as a quartermaster in the
European Theater for 14 months
before becoming a midshipman.

Ensign Von Dehlsen was affili-
ated with the Railroad Loan Com-
pany in New York City before
entering service and is a graduate
of Pace Institute and Teaneck
High School.

Corp. Emil Ryan Given First Overseas Stripe

AT A 12TH AAF C-47 BASE
IN ITALY—Corporal Emil Ryan,
husband of Mrs. Frances Ryan,
222 Hemlock Terr., Teaneck, New
Jersey and the son of Mr. & Mrs.
John Ryan, 298 Fabry Terr., Tea-
neck, N. J., has received his first
overseas stripe after completing
more than 6 months overseas
with a veteran troop carrier.

Corporal Ryan is an airplane
group of the 12th Air Force,
mechanic. The work of his group
includes the flying of ammu-
nition, arms, food and personnel
up to the front lines, the air eva-
cuation of the wounded, and dur-
ing invasions, the towing of glid-
ers carrying airborne infantry,
and the dropping of paratroopers
behind enemy lines.

Capt. Fritog Now Heads Redistribution Center

FRITOG, Arthur Charles, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Fritog of
242 Cherry Lane, Teaneck.

Captain Fritog is deputy com-
mander of a squadron at the Army
Air Force Redistribution Station
at Atlantic City.

He entered service on May 7,
1942, and received his commission
as a pilot at Douglas, Ariz., on
Aug. 30, 1943, and left for overseas
duty in April of 1944. Captain
Fritog completed 36 combat mis-
sions as pilot of a B-17 Flying
Fortress with the Eighth Air Force
in England in November of 1944.
He wears the Distinguished Flying
Cross with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters and
the Air Medal with 3 Clusters.

Captain Fritog is a graduate of
Kingston (N. Y.) High School and
a former employee of the R. J. Rey-
nolds Tobacco Company in Yorkers.

Pfc. Lewis Whitcraft Is Given Bronze Star

Pfc. Lewis N. Whitcraft, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis N. Whitcraft, 40 Sutton Place, New York City (formerly of Englewood Avenue, West Englewood, has received the Bronze Star.

On January 1 Pfc. Whitcraft was a member of a forward observation party which directed artillery fire against enemy forces from a post in the town of Rimling, France. Pfc. Whitcraft was posted in a building covering the approach to a vantage post.

During the following night an enemy patrol of 85 Germans, armed with machine guns, rockets and small arms, infiltrated into the town. At a signal from the forward observer, Pfc. Whitcraft and other members opened fire on the patrol with a demoralizing effect upon the enemy which was dispersed. The threat to the American vantage point was thus removed.

Pfc. Whitcraft whose family moved to the New York address after having lived in Teaneck for about 5 years, enlisted in the Army on December 2, 1942. A Teaneck High School graduate, he was employed at the Wright Aeronautical Corporation in Paterson before entering the service. He has been overseas since last October and, with the 100th Division of the Seventh Army, has seen action in France and Germany.

A brother, Sergeant Paul Whitcraft has been in the Philippines for 3 years. He serves with the Signal Air Warning unit of the 13th A. A. F.

5-17-45

Oak Leaf Cluster Given Lt. Renault

108th GENERAL HOSPITAL, FRANCE—First Lieut. George E. Renault, Jr., of Teaneck, New Jersey, has been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart for shrapnel wounds received in Holland on October 10, while directing the construction of a bridge under enemy artillery fire. He has returned to front line duty.

Lt. Renault was awarded the Purple Heart in September for wounds incurred during the fighting in France, and at the same time was commended for gallantry in action when he secured in spite of heavy enemy fire, vital information needed in the construction of a bridge. He also holds the Bronze Star for meritorious conduct in the battle of Chartres.

Before entering the Army, Lt. Renault, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Renault, 1614—77th Street, North Bergen, New Jersey, was an architect in New York. He studied at New York University. His wife, Gladys V. Renault, lives with her mother, at 481 Beverly Road, Teaneck.

5-17-45

Radioman Edward Cramer

Edward Cramer, Aviation Radioman Second Class, U.S.N., of 873 Belle Avenue, Teaneck, New Jersey, has returned from a tour of duty in the Pacific where he served a squadron of the Navy's carrier-based HELLCAT fighter-bombers attached to Air Group Four.

The Teaneck bluejacket and his mates were in the thick of the intensive pre-invasion blows which reaped the Philippines for recapture by our ground forces.

Air Group Four's four months of Pacific action was climaxed by its participation in recent raids on Tokyo. Its crews also struck tellingly in Manila Bay, Formosa, Leyte, French Indo-China and the Pescadores Islands, destroying more than 200 Jap planes. They sank, or probably sank, five destroyers and two destroyer escorts and damaged 11 other destroyers and five destroyer escorts in addition to their numerous hits on enemy merchant ships.

5-17-45

Now 1st. Lieut. Clark

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER STATION, ENGLAND

—The promotion of Warren A. Clark of Teaneck, N. J. from second to first lieutenant has been announced recently at his Eighth Air Force fighter station. The 22-year-old P-51 Mustang pilot participates in strafing, dive-bombing and bomber escort missions spearheading the allied drives in Germany.

Lt. Clark, a member of the 361st P-51 Mustang Fighter Group, wears the Air Medal for his meritorious service on numerous combat missions over the Reich. He is the son of Mrs. Mary B. Clark of 93 E. Lawn Drive, Teaneck, N.J.

5-17-45

Captain Grimes Weds In England

Early in 1944 while stationed in England with the 101st Evacuation Hospital Unit, awaiting the D-Day invasion, Captain Robert R. Grimes, 84, of Teaneck, was the first American soldier to answer the call of short-helped British hospitals and volunteer to serve with British nurses and doctors. He was then assigned to Steppinghall Hospital, Stockport, England.

It was there that he met Dr. Vera McMullen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. McMullen of London, a British civilian doctor.

When D-Day finally came, Captain Grimes left Steppinghall Hospital and was with the forces to land on Normandy. He has served since then in France, Luxemburg and Germany. Recently he received a leave to England, where, it was announced this week, he and Dr. McMullen were married.

Captain Grimes, well-known in Teaneck, where he practiced for 10 years before entering the service, had his office at 985 Teaneck Road and 455 Queen Anne Road. His bride is now attached to the Royal Victoria Hospital at Bournemouth, Hampshire, England.

5-17-45

Fireman Robert Jensen

Robert Mecum Jensen, 18, fireman, second class, USNR, Teaneck, N. J. arrived at the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va., on March 28, to undergo training for duties aboard a new destroyer of the Atlantic Fleet. He recently completed a period of training at Purdue University, LaFayette, Ind.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Jensen of 210 Lees ave., Teaneck, he has a brother, Richard, 20, a fire-controlman, second class in the Navy. Before enlisting in the Navy, Jensen attended New Utrecht high school in Brooklyn.

5-17-45

Corp. Max Blochwitz

WITH A 12TH AAF B-25 GROUP IN THE MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE—Serving as a sheet-metalworker for his squadron, Corporal Max Blochwitz of Teaneck, N. J., is a member of a 12th Air Force Mitchell bomber group which has been fighting over the Italian Alps in the greatest aerial campaign in the Mediterranean theatre: the Battle of the Brenner.

5-17-45

Lt. Seifert Gets 3rd. Oak Cluster

HQS. TENTH AIR FORCE IN BURMA—Award of the third Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal to First Lt. George J. Seifert, 264 Churchill Road, Teaneck, N. J., has been announced by Maj. Gen. Howard C. Davidson, Commanding General, Tenth Air Force.

A pilot for the 80th Fighter Group of the Tenth Air Force that operates against the Japs in the India-Burma theater, Lt. Seifert has been in the armed forces 33 months, having served the past 18 months in this theater of operations.

He has to his credit 150 combat missions and 395 combat flying hours.

Recently the group was awarded the Presidential Citation which reads in part: "... the 80th Fighter Group is hereby cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy on the 27th March 1944. On that date a formation of 15 bombers escorted by 25 fighters attempted a bombing attack on a large oil refinery in Assam, India. Due to the alertness, courage, and skill of the pilots of the 80th Fighter Group, not a single bomb was dropped on Allied installations."

Lt. Seifert is a graduate of Union Hill High school and attended New York University.

5-17-45



LT. MARGARET ROEMER

Fla. Now spending a 21-day leave at the home of his parents, he will report, at the conclusion of his visit to Corpus Christi, Tex., for further training.

Ensign Osmond is a graduate of Edgewood High School and the Academy of Aeronautics at LaGuardia Field. He entered the Navy in September of 1943 with the V-5 program at Colgate University.

LT. ROEMER COMMISSIONED

Lieutenant Roemer received his commission at the First Women's Army Corps Training Center at Fort Des Moines, Ia., on May 26. She entered service in April of 1943 and received her basic training at Camp Ruston, La.

Lieutenant Roemer is a graduate of Teaneck High School and attended Columbia University. Before enlisting in the Women's Army Corps she was an employee of the Prudential Life Insurance Company in Englewood.

Before attending Officer Candidate School, she was assigned to Camp Kilmer as secretary to the post adjutant.

5-25-45

WOUNDED



Corporal Kenneth Barend, son of Mrs. Joseph Barend, 1228 Sussex Road, West Englewood, who was wounded April 15 in Germany just before crossing the Rhine River, is now in the Hal-loran Hospital in Long Island. A member of a Tank Battalion with the Third Army, Corporal Barend is a veteran of 9 months of combat duty. He was at Metz, Brest, and the Rhine and his company was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation for its work at Metz.

5-26-45

RECAPTURED when he made his escape from an Italian prison camp after capture in December, 1942, Lieutenant William Mikolasy of Teaneck has been liberated from a German prison camp.

Lieutenant Mikolasy, navigator on a B-26, was shot down over Bizerte and was recaptured a few weeks after his dash for freedom.

5-31-45

Teaneck Man Sees Nazi Sub Give Up

Coast Guardsman William J. Mosher, Petty Officer third class, of 423 Forest Ave., Teaneck, N. J., was a member of the crew of a Coast Guard Manned Destroyer Escort which accepted the capitulation of the first Nazi sub to surrender in this war.

While protecting a convoy off the Azores, the DE came upon the U-873 in the early morning hours of May 11. Surfacing the sub commander said he was surrendering in compliance with orders of Grand Admiral Doenitz. Upon the Nazi ship, the crew of the DE found a stupid, sullen crew, an enormous amount of filth, and an ill stocked galley. Precautions were taken to make it impossible for the Germans to scuttle the ship, and a prize crew was left aboard to bring the captive ship into the Portsmouth Navy Yard.

The crew of the sub had destroyed all confidential papers, and secretive equipment. There were still three torpedoes aboard ready for firing. All members of the German crew were seasoned veterans of submarine warfare, and many of them wear the iron cross. There were 59 men and eight officers.

After the submarine had been brought safely into Portsmouth, the German skipper, Kapitaneitnant Fritz Steinhoff, committed suicide by slashing his wrists. The remainder of the crew were interned in this country.

This action was the first in this war in which a German Submarine surrendered to an American ship without a shot being fired.

5-31-45

Corp. Evelyn Zahn

With the U. S. Supply Forces in France—Corporal Evelyn J. Zahn of Teaneck makes use of her civilian training as a textile designer in preparing statistical graphs for the Communications Zone supply base.

Recently a group of government officials from Washington, on an inspection tour, used her charts in making a study of supply problems.

5-31-45

Now Lt. Robert Walnes

WITH THE 858TH ORDNANCE H.A.M. CO. OF THE SEVENTH ARMY IN GERMANY—2nd Lt. Robert U. Walnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Walnes, 253 DeGraw St., Teaneck, New Jersey, was recently given a direct commission in the Army of the United States.

5-31-45

Margaret Marie Roemer Commissioned By WAC

FORT DES MOINES, IA.—Lt. Margaret Marie Roemer of West Englewood, N. J., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Roemer of 720 Roemer Ave., is one of the newly commissioned officers. Lieutenant Roemer is a graduate of Teaneck High School, Teaneck, N. J., and attended Columbia University in New York, N. Y. Before enlisting in the Women's Army Corps, she was an employee of the Prudential Life Insurance Company in Englewood.

Lieutenant Roemer took basic training in Camp Ruston, La., in April, 1943. Before attending Officer Candidate School, she was assigned to Camp Kilmer, N. J., as secretary to the post adjutant.

5-31-45

Flies First Air Mission

WITH A AAF B-25 GROUP IN THE MEDITERRANEAN THEATER—Flying as a member of a B-25 Mitchell bomb group, Sgt. J. Elting of Teaneck, N. J., has flown his first combat mission against an enemy target in northern Italy, assigned as a radio operator and gunner. He trained at Scott Field, Ill., radio school and Yuma, Ariz., gunnery school before leaving for overseas duty in March, 1945.

Sergeant Elting has taken his place with a B-25 bomb group that has been participating in the famous "Battle of the Brenner" in northern Italy. This intensive and continuing air operation is bleeding frontline German troops in Italy of supplies by slashing the Brenner railway line. His group and other 12th Air Force units have also blocked other important transport routes in Italy, besides bombing fuel, ammunition and supply dumps.

The radioman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Elting, live at 850 Palmer Ave., Teaneck, N. J. He is a graduate of Teaneck High School which he attended before entering the army, February, 1943.

5-31-45

Wife Learns Lt. Mikolasy Among Liberated Prisoners

The wife of Lieutenant William Mikolasy of Teaneck, the former Margaret Flannery of 575 River Road, Teaneck has learned that her husband is among those liberated in Germany.

Lieutenant Mikolasy, when he made his escape from the Italian prison camp, was hidden out for several weeks with some of his crew but was later recaptured and sent to Stalag Luft 1 in Germany where he was liberated. The last letter received by his family was in December of 1944. Lieutenant Mikolasy is the father of a son, William Jr., 2.

5-31-45

Library Has Scrapbook Of Teaneckians In War

The Teaneck Public Library now has an exhibit a scrapbook of newspaper articles, about Teaneck men and women in the service all over the world, from the Navy man in a PT boat to the G. I. Jane in the mud in Italy. One Teaneck WAVE, Ensign Mary Elizabeth Birch, in the pursuit of her duties danced with the Duke of Windsor: a soldier, PFC George Passantino, met Paul Lukas in Hollywood. Many of these servicemen and women have rubbed elbows with the famed warriors of our time. There are feature stories on the heroes, the ones who make the headlines, but the scrapbook is trying to record the loyal service of all the articles, including many newspaper photographs, are mounted in the book by date. Any extra material which might be added to such a collection would be welcomed by the library.

An exhibit of pamphlets and books on the rehabilitation of the returning veteran will be on display throughout the next month in conjunction with the scrapbook. A list of this type of material helpful to both the veteran and his family has been compiled and will be distributed through local organizations.

5-31-45

Pvt. Anna Kelley Is Taking Basic Training

Pvt. Anna M. Kelly of 470 Beverly Rd., Teaneck, N. J., is taking basic military training at the Third WAC Training Center here as a member of one of the newly organized WAC medical companies.

Basic training includes a course of instruction in the fundamentals of army life, military customs and courtesies, army orientation, physical training, map reading, the Articles of War, supply, and army administration.

On completion of the training she will be assigned to the Enlisted Women's Technician School to be trained as a medical technician or a medical clerk.

Pvt. Kelly is the daughter of Mrs. A. R. Roche of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Prior to enlistment in the Women's Army Corps, she did volunteer nurses aide work for the Red Cross. She made her home with her husband, Lloyd R. Kelley in Teaneck.

5-31-45

Cadet Burgess Graduates

Among Cadets to be graduated from the United States Military Academy in June is Robert C. Burgess, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Burgess of 1466 Essex Road, West Englewood. He is a graduate of Teaneck High School, West Point from former Representative and received his appointment to tentatives Frank C. Osmer Jr. He will be commissioned in the field artillery.

5-31-45

M-Sgt. Theodore A. Spies

WITH U. S. ARMED FORCES ON NEW CALEDONIA—Among the more than 1,000 service men and women enrolled in the "University of the South Pacific," first Army overseas educational institution of its kind in the world, is Master Sergeant Theodore A. Spies Jr., son of Mrs. Ida N. Spies of 990 Palisade Avenue, Teaneck, N. J., who is enrolled in the school's course of Political and Economic History of the U. S. Chief clerk of the publications section, Adjutant General's office, headquarters, New Caledonia Island Command, Spies entered the service in June, 1942, and has been overseas since September, 1942. He was a member of the original task force which set up Army headquarters in the South Pacific.

Before entering the service Sgt. Spies was an actuarial clerk for the New York Life Insurance Co. He is a graduate of the Baldwin High School and attended both the City College of New York and New York University, where he studied mathematics.

5-31-45

Sgt. Tom McLaughlin

The promotion of Thomas J. McLaughlin from Corporal to Sergeant was recently announced by Col. Albert J. Shwoer, commanding officer of the 467th Bombardment Group, "somewhere in England".

Sgt. McLaughlin, a radio operator-gunner on one of this group's Liberator bombers, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. McLaughlin Sr. of 873 Queen Anne Rd., Teaneck, N. J.

Prior to entering the Army on November 11, 1942, Sgt. McLaughlin was enrolled in a pre-law course at Notre Dame University.

The 467th Bomb. Group is part of Major General William E. Kepner's Second Air Division.

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BERGEN EVENING RECORD, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 1944

DEMPSEY SAVES INJURED SOLDIER

He Shoots 2 Nazis, Then Gives First Aid

First aid, for Pfc. John Dempsey of Teaneck, means more than just the rules in the Red Cross book.

While treating a stricken soldier at Anderlach, Germany, where he was serving in the line as a rifleman, Private Dempsey was confronted by two enemy soldiers who advanced with drawn weapons.

The Teaneck man immediately threw himself upon the ground between the wounded man and the advancing soldiers. He shot and killed both, then continued to administer aid to the wounded American.

For his prompt and efficient action which resulted in saving the casualty's life and his courage in coping with the enemy, Private Dempsey has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

A member of the 63rd Armored Infantry Battalion of the 11th Armored Division at the time of the action, Private Dempsey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Dempsey of 1173 Overlook Avenue, Teaneck.

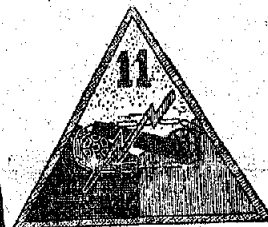
Before he was inducted in November, 1942, he was employed at the Gair Paper Mills in Bogota.

Decorations to other local service men include:

CITED



PFC. JOHN DEMPSEY



(Thunderbolt)

11TH ARMORED DIVISION

On way across English Channel when Von Rundstedt launched his winter counteroffensive. Next day, 24 hours later, the Thunderbolts rolled into action astride the vital Neuchateau-Bastogne highway. Spear-headed drive across the Kyll river. Drove on to the Rhine. First American unit to enter Austria. Captured Linz on the Danube. Prisoner total was 76,229 — an average of 600 a day.

Lt. Bob Bolinder Is Given Citation

A member of the 422nd "Green Bats" Night Fighter Squadron which has been cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy during fighting in the Ardennes Salient, and now authorized to wear the unit Presidential Citation ribbon, is 1st Lt. Robert G. Bolinder, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Bolinder, 123 Evergreen Place, West Englewood.

A graduate of Teaneck High School and former student at Newark College of Engineering, Lieutenant Bolinder is a veteran of 42 night combat missions and is credited with the destruction of four enemy aircraft. The West Englewood pilot joined the Army in April, 1942, following employment with the Sperry Gyroscope Corporation at Brooklyn, N. Y., then sailed overseas one year later.

He has served in England, France, Belgium and Germany, and as a personal pilot to a brigadier general in Germany. He is the possessor of the Air Medal with nine Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters.

6-7-45

Lt. Weiland Serves As Airmen's Librarian

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER STATION, England—

First Lieutenant Frederick A. Weiland, whose wife, the former Miss Lee Strom, lives in Dumont, N. J., fighter squadron supply officer when the Eighth Air Force's 357th Fighter Group daily blasted the Luftwaffe, has been appointed supply officer and librarian of the P-51 Mustang base's post war school in connection with a base-wide educational program.

The library, feature source of this station's program, was low in equipment three months ago when Lt. Weiland discovered a large empty building on the base.

"We had to dig drainage ditches and procure equipment—desks, lamps, lounge chairs and books, here and there," the former aircraft mechanic and physical instructor said.

"Men who are taking one or two of the school's on the job or classroom courses need the quiet of a library and its technical books," Lt. Weiland said. "We are open from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m., six days a week."

Lt. Habel's squadron broke away from the main formation and circled the men as they parachuted into the water, dropping life rafts and machine-gunning sharks as they sent out an SOS for the Catalina rescue plane.

"We were in the water only a few hours before the Catalina came," said Lt. Habel, "but we never did find our navigator, radio operator and one waist gunner. We made later searches, too—but no luck."

6-10-45

Habel Jumps From Blazing Bomber

"Between the devil and the deep blue sea" has only one meaning for Lt. Richard T. Habel, Teaneck, N. J., B-24 bombardier.

The devil was a burning Liberator bomber. The deep blue sea was a wide expanse of Southwest Pacific waters 600 miles from base.

"Under those conditions we chose the sea," said the son of Mrs. Freda K. Habel, 179 Johnson Ave., Teaneck, now at AAF Redistribution Station No. 1 to receive a new assignment after completing 30 missions as a lead bombardier. "And it wasn't much of a choice, not with sharks cavorting around."

It all started during a bomb run on a Jap airdrome on Negros Island in the Philippines, when the same flak barrage which gave Lt. Habel a head wound knocked out the plane's hydraulic and electric systems and blew a big hole in one of the main gasoline tanks.

"The leaking gas caught fire in the waist of the plane," said the lieutenant, "we fought it until our extinguishers were empty and stayed with the bomber as long as possible to cut down our distance from base."

A scant 30 seconds after the crew bailed out the plane blew up.

Promote Arthur MacFail To Rank of Captain

Arthur Donald MacFail, former Teaneck High School English teacher, has been promoted to captain in the Chemical Warfare Service at Ellington Field, Texas, the War Department announced today.

Captain MacFail is a graduate of Teaneck High School and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Columbia University. He entered service in January of 1942 and received his commission in 1943 upon completion of officer candidate school at the Edgewood Arsenal, Md. A brother, Pfc. George MacFail, is with the Army Air Forces at Tyndall Field, Florida.

6-14-45

M-Sgt. Weber Gets Legion Of Merit

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Master Sergeant Edwin H. Weber of Teaneck, New Jersey, recently was awarded the Legion of Merit Medal for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services August, 1943, to September, 1944, in North Africa and Italy from

As a photo lithographic expert in Engineering Headquarters, Fifth Army, Weber rendered invaluable services in supervising the preparation of map stocks and topographic supplies for the invasion of Italy, stated the award citation.

Upon arriving on the Italian mainland, Weber with very little assistance, established and operated a portable photo lithographic plant, simultaneously training personnel in its operation. This relieved the burden of work on Fifth Army topographic units.

Weber's wide knowledge and technical skill was so outstanding that he was called upon by a Base Section to assist in the coordination of topographic supply. His outstanding services reflect great credit upon himself and the Corps

6-10-45

Corp. Fulton Back From Pacific Area

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Cpl. Robert A. Fulton of 301 Locust St., Teaneck, N. J., has reported to the AAF Redistribution Station No. 1 here after 34 months of service overseas in the Asiatic-Pacific theater of war.

Cpl. Fulton served as an auto mechanic while overseas.

Before he leaves the Redistribution Station for his next Air Force assignment, the corporal will be examined by doctors and interviewed by personnel specialists to determine where he can best fit in the AAF set-up and aid the war effort. While here, he will have an opportunity to go golfing, fishing, and horseback riding and indulge in many other sports and recreation activities. In these surroundings he relaxes easily after his overseas tour and leaves here in top shape for his next assignment.

Cpl. Fulton is the son of Mrs. Ethel Kearney who resides at 301 Locust St., Teaneck.

Entering the service in 1942, the corporal underwent training at Fort Dix, N. J. prior to his shipment overseas.

6-14-45

S-Sgt. Daly on Furlough

Staff Sergeant Joseph Daly, Marine Corps, of 1364 Princeton Road, West Englewood, has arrived home on a 30-day furlough after serving in the Pacific theater of operations for two and a half years, having been stationed on Guadalcanal and New Zealand. Upon conclusion of his furlough Sergeant Daly will report to Hart Island, New York, for reassignment.

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Now Lieut. Olander

Lieutenant Lawrence V. Olander, husband of the former Miss Elsie Joyce Muschett of 17 West Englewood Avenue, West Englewood, and son of Mrs. Lydia Olander of 32 Hunting Drive, Dumont, is serving with the Twentieth Army Air Forces in the Marianas as a mess officer. He has been on overseas duty since January.

Olander, father of a year-old son, Karl, entered service in July of 1942 and received his commission on April 1, 1944, upon completion of Officer Candidate School at Miami Beach, Fla. He is a former employee of Huson and Sons, a lumber firm in New York City and a graduate of Teaneck High School and the New York Business Institute.

6-14-45

Sgt. Robert Raetz Given Air Basketball Trophy

Sergeant Robert F. Raetz of 27 Bogert Place, Teaneck, received a gold trophy awarded his unit's basketball team, after Raetz scored the winning field goal for the A. A. C. S. team, in the last 30 seconds of play. Presenting the award was Colonel Marlowe W. Merriek, Commander of A. P. O. 602 and A. P. O. 418.

Sergeant Raetz is captain of the championship Army Airways Communications System Group team from British Guiana which defeated teams from British, French, and Dutch Guiana at an invitational basketball tournament.

The Teaneck Sergeant is assigned with the 73rd A. A. C. S. Group and has served overseas with that organization for 26 months.

6-14-45

Corp. Paul W. Anderson

Fifth Air Force, Philippine Islands—Bombing missions have become an every day occurrence, but when an unarmed transport plane bombs Jap installations, that is news.

Corporal Paul W. Anderson of Teaneck was the aerial engineer on the C-47 transport which recently performed the first combat bombing mission in the Southwest Pacific area credited to this type plane. The mission was adjudged to be highly successful by the Fifth Air Force.

The aircraft dropped incendiary bombs on one of the Philippine islands causing numerous fires and explosions. The bombs, rolled out the door, were of unusual size which made it impossible for bombers to perform the mission.

A member of the 317th Troop Carrier Group, known throughout this theater as the "Jungle Skipper", Corporal Anderson has served in the Southwest Pacific since June 1943. He took a prominent part in the paratroops at Tagatay and Corregidor.

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P-O Forscutt Home

Petty Officer first class Henry A. Forscutt of 10 Fycke Lane, Teaneck, has arrived home on leave after 18 months during which he participated in the Marshall Islands campaign, New Guinea and Hollandia operations, the Marianas conquest, and the two battles of the Philippines.

Forscutt wears the American Defense bar, the Good Conduct bar, the Philippine liberation bar with two battle stars, and the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with four battle stars.

A graduate of Leonia High School, he was president of the Leonia Blacksheep Athletic Club. He has a brother Robert, a student at Teaneck High School.

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A graduate of Leonia High School, he was president of the Leonia Blacksheep Athletic Club. He has a brother Robert, a student at Teaneck High School.

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S-1c Roy Nelson on Leave

Seaman First Class Roy Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nelson of 45 Orchard Street, West Englewood, arrived home recently on a 20-day leave. For the past 18 months he has been in the Pacific on a heavy cruiser. He and his brother Arthur, who was medically discharged from the Army after he was wounded in Italy, met for the first time in two and a half years.

6-14-45

Teaneck Brothers In Hitler's Nest

The Lampe brothers of Bogert Street, West Englewood, held an unexpected reunion recently at Berchtesgaden, scene of Hitler's former mountain retreat, where Technical Sergeant George Lampe, 32, is at present stationed as an interpreter at the police station.

Staff Sergeant William Lampe, 26, walked in on his brother while on a 3-day pass from Munich, his current station, and the boys enjoyed three days together in the Bavarian Alps, including a climb up the mountain where Hitler's hideaway was located.

Technical Sergeant George, attached to the '01st Airborne Division, participated in the Battle of the Bulge, for which his unit was awarded a Presidential citation. He has been in the Army four years. He is a graduate of Englewood High School.

Staff Sergeant William, a Teaneck High School graduate, has been overseas since January of this year, and in the Army for a year and a half. He wears the Good Conduct bar and the Army Air Corps and a half. He wears the Good of Mr. and Mrs. George Lampe of the Bogert Street address.

6-14-45

Corp. Fulton Back From Pacific Area

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Cpl. Robert A. Fulton of 301 Locust St., Teaneck, N. J., has reported to the AAF Redistribution Station No. 1 here after 34 months of service overseas in the Asiatic-Pacific theater of war.

Cpl. Fulton served as an auto mechanic while overseas.

Before he leaves the Redistribution Station for his next Air Force assignment, the corporal will be examined by doctors and interviewed by personnel specialists to determine where he can best fit in the AAF set-up and aid the war effort. While here, he will have an opportunity to go golfing, fishing, and horseback riding and indulge in many other sports and recreation activities. In these surroundings he relaxes easily after his overseas tour and leaves here in top shape for his next assignment.

Cpl. Fulton is the son of Mrs. Ethel Kearney who resides at 301 Locust St., Teaneck.

Entering the service in 1942, the corporal underwent training at Fort Dix, N. J. prior to his shipment overseas.

6-14-45

Hero's Medals Given To High School As Memorial

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Sheridan of Lamoine Avenue, Fort Lee, have presented to the Teaneck High School, the Purple Heart, Distinguished Flying Cross and Presidential Citation Medals, posthumously awarded to their son, Staff Sergeant William R. Sheridan Jr., as a permanent memorial to their son.

Sergeant Sheridan, graduate of St. Anastasia's School and Teaneck High School, was a waist gunner, on a B-24 Liberator bomber on the first hedgehopping bombing of the Ploesti oil fields in Romania on August 1, 1943. First reported missing in action, it was later learned that he had been killed when his plane was shot down.

The Sheridan family formerly made their home in Teaneck.

6-14-45

Sgt. Robert Ratz Given Air Basketball Trophy

Sergeant Robert F. Ratz of 27 Bogert Place, Teaneck, received a gold trophy awarded his unit's basketball team, after Ratz scored the winning field goal for the A. A. C. S. team, in the last 30 seconds of play. Presenting the award was Colonel Marlowe W. Merrick, Commander of A. P. O. 002 and A. P. O. 418.

Sergeant Ratz is captain of the championship Army Airways Communications System Group team from British Guiana which defeated teams from British, French, and Dutch Guiana at an invitational basketball tournament.

The Teaneck Sergeant is assigned with the 73rd A. A. C. S. Group and has served overseas with that organization for 26 months.

6-14-45

Promote Arthur MacFail To Rank of Captain

Arthur Donald MacFail, former Teaneck High School English teacher, has been promoted to captain in the Chemical Warfare Service at Ellington Field, Texas, the War Department announced today.

Captain MacFail is a graduate of Teaneck High School and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Columbia University. He entered service in January of 1942 and received his commission in 1943 upon completion of officer candidate school at the Edgewood Arsenal, Md. A brother, Pfc. George MacFail, is with the Army Air Forces at Tyndall Field, Florida.

6-14-45

M-Sgt. Weber Gets Legion Of Merit

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Master Sergeant Edwin H. Weber of Teaneck, New Jersey, recently was awarded the Legion of Merit Medal for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services August, 1943, to September, 1944, in North Africa and Italy from

As a photo lithographic expert in Engineering Headquarters, Fifth Army, Weber rendered invaluable services in supervising the preparation of map stocks and topographic supplies for the invasion of Italy, stated the award citation.

Upon arriving on the Italian mainland, Weber with very little assistance, established and operated a portable photo lithographic plant, simultaneously training personnel in its operation. This relieved the burden of work on Fifth Army topographic units.

Weber's wide knowledge and technical skill was so outstanding that he was called upon by a Base Section to assist in the coordination of topographic supply. His outstanding services reflect great credit upon himself and the Corps of Engineers, concluded the citation.

Sergeant Weber's wife, Barbara, lives at 527 Cumberland Avenue, Teaneck.

6-14-45

BOMBERS DOWNED

Ensign Walter J. Brauer, U. S. N. A., of 569 Maple Avenue, Teaneck, a Navy fighter pilot based aboard a big Essex-class aircraft carrier operating in the Western Pacific, recently shot down three Japanese dive-bombers during a single furious air battle northwest of Okinawa.

Ensign Brauer knocked down the three Japs during a scrap in which 12 Chance-Vought Corsairs destroyed 22 of a flight of about 30 enemy craft. Two American planes went down during the fight, but both pilots were rescued.

The Jap flight, which included a number of Kamikaze suiciders, was headed to attack our sea and ground forces at Okinawa when it was intercepted by the 12-plane combat air patrol of carrier-based Navy and Marine Corsairs.

In the ensuing fight, Ensign Brauer sent two Val and one Judy dive-bomber spinning in flames into the Pacific.

These Jap planes were among 74 shot down during two weeks off Okinawa by the Navy pilots on Ensign Brauer's carrier. In addition, the Marine fliers aboard shot down another 10 enemy planes.

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Captain Raymond Hosbach To Be AAF Instructor

Captain Raymond C. Hosbach, son of Mr. R. Hosbach, 166 Van Buren Ave., Teaneck, completed the course of training at the two-engine unit of the AAF Instructors School (Central) located at Blackland Army Air Field, Waco, Texas, on June 12, 1945. As a graduate of the flight instructors course, he will be assigned to duty at the Army Air Forces Training Command installation to pass along the knowledge gained in combat to new pilots in training.

All pilots attending the six-week Instructors School are combat returnees who are bringing the voice of experience from combat into the AAF flying schools as the AAF Training Command standardizes its flight training methods.

6-21-45

Pfc. Robert W. Koch

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Private First Class Robert W. Koch, son of Mrs. Matilda M. Stoll, 69 Shepherd Avenue, West Englewood, New Jersey, rifleman, has been cited by the 849th "Kraut-killer" Regiment of the Fifth Army's 88th "Blue Devil" Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy in Italy.

Standards for the badge are high. The decoration is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proved his fighting ability in combat.

6-21-45

SHOWS CATCH TO THE MAJOR



S/Sgt. Edgar A. Hursey, (left), Cromwell, Ind., of the Fort Logan Convalescent Hospital's rest camp, Colorado, shows his catch for the day to Maj. George W. Washburn, (right), Teaneck, N. J., commanding officer of the detachment of patients, as they stand in snow 10,500 feet up in Colorado's Rockies.

6-27-45

BROTHERS MEET



Corporal Frank Pappalardo and Corporal Paul Pappalardo met at the former's camp in Rehaw, Germany. They spent 3 days together talking about home and their last meeting 2 years ago in the California deserts.

Corporal Paul Pappalardo participated in the Battle of the Bulge, Battle of Germany, and the Battle of Central Europe. He wears the theater ribbon with 3 battle stars and also the Presidential Citation. He is now stationed in Schwanenstadt, Austria with the 11th Armored Division of the 3rd Army.

Corporal Frank Pappalardo participated in the Battle of the Rhine, the Battle of Bastogne, and the Battle of Central Europe. His division, the 9th Armored, was the first to cross the Rhine. He wears the theater ribbon with 3 stars, one bronze star, the Presidential Citation, and the Combat Infantry Badge. He is now stationed in Rehaw, Germany.

The Corporals' parents live at 10 Hamilton Road, West Englewood.

6-27-45

Bronze Star Medal Given Three Residents Of Bergen

Kenny, Teaneck, Helped Rescue 15 Casualties Under Intense Enemy Mortar Fire

A Bronze Star Medal has been awarded Technician Fourth Grade Robert G. Kenny of Teaneck for heroic achievement in action in February in the vicinity of Auersmacher, Germany.

6-HOUR JOB

Member of a medical detachment's litter squad, Kenny assisted in the evacuation of 15 casualties during a period of six hours, under intense enemy mortar and artillery fire.

After evacuating one wounded man from a minefield, he obtained engineer personnel to clear paths to the other wounded men in the field.

T/4 Kenny was graduated from Teaneck High School in 1938; he studied for three years at Allegheny College as a pre-dental student and interrupted his studies at the Temple University College of Dentistry in 1943 to enter the Army.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Kenny, 606 Standish Road, Teaneck.

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T/4 ROBERT J. KENNY



ENSIGN JOSEPH W. ROHN

Ensign Rohn received his commission in the U. S. Naval Reserve early this week at the University of Virginia. While a member of the training corps at the University he received several honors and awards for excellence in diverse activities. Rohn was a member of Theta Delta Chi fraternity and was his chapter's treasurer and later its president. Other activities included intramural athletics and membership on the Pistol Team. He was also squad leader of his unit and a guide party officer. He majored in economics.

Ensign Rohn is a graduate of Teaneck Junior High School and the Englewood School for Boys where he was captain of the varsity football team in 1941.

He has been assigned for further study at Harvard University in the Naval School of Communications.

6-27-45

Draftees To Be Dinner Guests At Casa Mana

Teaneck Military Service Committee will give its monthly dinner to the July contingent of inductees leaving for military service at the Casa Mana, Cedar Lane, Teaneck, tomorrow at 7 P. M.

Those leaving for service include John J. Weir Jr., 286 Francis Street; Minor L. Bishop, 1361 Dickerson Road; Joseph H. Cavaliere, 37 Sackville Street; George K. Gregory, 375 Warwick Avenue; Raymond J. Widman, 578 Red Road; William P. Brockmeier, 43 Franklin Road; Frank J. Rostle, Jr., 563 Cumberland Avenue, all of Teaneck, and Alfred J. Mangini of Dumont, and Howard M. Phillips of Detroit, Mich.

6-27-45

KRONCKE HOME, TELLS OF WORK

Colonel Of Chaplains On 45-Day Furlough

Col. Edward J. Kroncke, Chaplain, U. S. Army, 958 Darien Terrace, Teaneck, addressed the convention of the Atlantic District of the Missouri Synod of the Lutheran Church at Concordia College, Bronxville, this week.

A veteran of the First World War, Col. Kroncke was a National Guard chaplain and inducted into the Regular Army in 1940. Before entering service, he was secretary of the Metropolitan Lutheran Inner Mission. He has lived in Teaneck for the past 15 years.

Col. Kroncke has just returned from 2 years in the South Pacific, where, in his capacity as Chief of Chaplains, he flew more than 100,000 miles and in 2 years has had only two days leave and three for illness. Under his jurisdiction at the beginning of his activities were 300 chaplains, the number increasing until there were more than 1,000.

He told the audience that not before, but after the battles, the G. I.'s crowd the chapels giving evidence that their religion is deep and lasting. The chaplains in his command averaged 29 to 31 services a month and over the week-end hold as many as 12 services. He said that four to five chaplains a month, during the campaign of 1943 were sent home because of battle fatigue.

Col. Kroncke is home on a 45-day furlough. He said his next destination is unknown.

Colonel Kroncke will be the guest speaker at the 11 o'clock service tomorrow at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Teaneck, and describe his experiences and work.

6-30-45

PARACHUTE EXPLOITS WIN HERZIG HONORS

Former Teaneck Resident Has Lots
Of Pacific Medals

Staff Sergeant Jack A. Herzig, son of Mrs. Olivia Beetha, of Union, formerly of Teaneck, is serving with the 503rd Parachute Regiment in the Philippine Islands.

A graduate of Teaneck High School, class of 1939, Sergeant Herzig enlisted in Company B, 104th Engineers, of the New Jersey Na-



JACK A. HERZIG

tional Guard Feb. 18, 1939. When the National Guard was federalized in September, 1940, he went to Fort Dix for training and was transferred to Company E, 194th Engineers at Mitchel Field, L. I., Jan. 2, 1942.

He applied for parachute duty, and June 1, 1942, was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia, for training. He received additional training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and on Oct. 20, 1942, went overseas with the 503rd Parachute Regiment.

He holds the Purple Heart, a Presidential Unit Citation, the Paratrooper's Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with an arrowhead and two stars; the Asiatic Pacific Ribbon, with an arrowhead and star; and the American Defense and Good Conduct Ribbons.

Sergeant Herzig received a letter of commendation for destroying a Japanese machinegun nest in Dutch New Guinea July 10, 1944. He formerly lived at 1077 Belle Avenue, Teaneck, and was employed as draftsman at the White Construction Company, New York, prior to entering service.

6-30-45

Crawls Over Flat Terrain To Get Lines Open For Advanced Troops

A bridgehead had been established on April 3 across the Neckar River, which contributed materially to the near Heilbronn, Germany, when Private Donald G. Heyliger was instructed to contact a forward observer party which had become isolated from the main body of troops.

Crawling over flat terrain which offered no protection from intense artillery and sniper fire, Private Heyliger, who hails from Ridgefield Park, succeeded in reaching his objective and after informing the observer of the location of communication facilities, he returned by the same hazardous route to his unit.

"He thus at great risk made pos-

sible the direction of artillery fire which contributed materially to the repulse of the enemy counter-attack and assured the continued advance of our troops," read the citation.

Private Heyliger's address here is 188 Teaneck Road, Ridgefield Park. Other decorations:

Bronze Star

PERAGOLA, Sergeant Vincent J., 370 East 24th Street, Fair Lawn.

HUGH, Sergeant Edwin C., husband of Mrs. Evenden Hugh, 337 Briardcliffe Road, West Englewood, PECOADO, T/5 James H., 182 North Main Street, Lodi.

Sergeant Hugh was cited "for meritorious valor while the Unit (an Infantry Special Service Platoon) was under heavy enemy shell fire" during the Battle of the Bulge in December, 1944.

The platoon was stranded in the town of Vervieres, Belgium, the week before Christmas. The men were completely surrounded by the enemy on all sides with the exception of a small opening in the North.

After 5 days of constant bombardment, they were able to make a breakthrough on the night of December 21. Sergeant Hugh was credited with getting his men and equipment through to safety without a loss.

The formal award was made to him in Paris last month at the headquarters of the Ground Forces Reinforcement Command.

6-30-45

PENNEL DECORATED IN GERMANY



Corporal Howard A. Pennel, 575 North Street, Teaneck receives the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement from General Jacob L. Devers, commanding general of the 6th Army Group at a ceremony in Heidelberg, Germany. Corporal Pennel is serving with the 68th A. A. A. Gun Battalion.

6-30-45