

How The Gambier Bay Went To Her Death; Teaneck Yeoman Tells Of Hell In Pacific

Cornered By Great Jap Force, Carrier Fought Till She Could Move No More; Then Foe Shelled Survivors

"After praying as hard as I could, I finally fell asleep, and I doubt if there was a man among us that night who was an atheist."

Frank Conklin Jr., Yeoman 2/c, was describing his reactions following the sinking of the escort carrier Gambier Bay in Leyte Gulf in October. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conklin of 1079 Julia Street, West Englewood, he is home on a 30-day furlough, after surviving the sinking of the carrier by a sizeable Jap task force.

A graduate of the Teaneck High School, class of 1943, he entered the Navy in May of that year and in January, 1944, was assigned to the new carrier and spent the next 10 months in the Pacific, participating in the invasions of Saipan, Tinian, Guam, Peleleu, Anguar, and Leyte.

"It was the morning of October 25, he related, "and we had just gone below after the morning General Quarters. I had gone down to my sack and was in it for a minute before going to chow when the General Quarters bell went off a mile a minute. Putting on the head phones, I tried to find out what was the matter, while all the time I had officers and men urging me to get the dope on what was happening.

FORCE APPROACHING

"In the meantime the lookout saw a squall and it started to rain. Just then a report came up to the bridge that there was a large surface force coming our way from astern about 20 miles away. It was not identified as ours and we all turned our eyes in that direction. Just astern of the last carrier, three plunging spurts of water shot up and we knew we were in for it. More hits started coming all around the other carrier and a plume of black smoke rose from their flight decks. The ship careened off our starboard quarter, in an attempt to outrun the Jap formation which consisted of four battleships, six cruisers and a number of destroyers.

"In the meantime our planes had taken off, loaded with torpedoes and bombs in an attempt to delay the attack. Shells started coming in our direction. One shell or rather a salvo hit on the port bow and a voice came blasting over the squawk box to notify us that water was coming in below and was already up to their knees. The pumps started working, but could not stem the flow of water into our forward engine room. Meanwhile hits were taking us from all directions, as

the Jap formation had spread out. One destroyer off our starboard beam, after laying down a smoke screen, reversed his course and went back into his own smoke, letting go three torpedoes into one of the Jap cruisers, causing confusion on that ship.

"The Japs were using marker shells colored with pink, blue and yellow dye which gave them an idea where to put the next salvo. We were continually being knocked down by the concussion of the shells, and smoke started coming up from all portions of the ship. Our after engine room was knocked out which left us dead in the water. One Jap cruiser was coming in fast astern and another off our port quarter.

SHIP ABANDONED

"Finally the word was passed to abandon ship. I removed the phones when one of the officers told us to go over the side. It was quite a drop from the bridge as the ship was listing heavily to port, and after removing some of the foul-weather clothing, I took a look over the side and snaked it down the line toward the water. Men coming down the lines and ladders were getting splattered by shrapnel and the wounded were having a hard time getting away from the ship.

"Some men still within the hull were trapped as bulkheads and decks were smashed together. The ship was now a picture of fire, smoke and holes and near misses were hitting all around the rafts. Finally from about 200 yards distance, we watched the proud Gambier Bay list heavily for a moment and then roll over bottom up, with one screw still showing. A few moments more and she dove, bow first, the one screw seeming to bid us farewell.

"On the rafts, it was quite another story. Shells still rained about us. The wounded were given preference in the rafts while others were pulled away from the spot where the ship had gone down, in case she should explode under the water. Men with gaping holes in their heads made no sound other than to call a shout of recognition to men on the other rafts.

"We would rather have died than be picked up by the Japs, so we kept quiet and low in the rafts to avoid detection. We had been in the water about 3 hours when it started to rain and rain hard. With what containers and helmets we had, we caught water and drank it, although it had a rust taste. Finally night fell with a mysterious silence and every one started thinking of home, although we had been doing that during the day too. I don't think it once entered our minds that there was no chance of our getting through, although we were all prepared for it, if that was the way it was to be.



Y. 2/C FRANK CONKLIN

SHARKS ATTACK

"At dusk of the second day, every one was awake and raring to go, but there wasn't any place to go. Rations of mail tablets were distributed and we thought that was about the best meal we had ever eaten. The water kegs had been smashed and there was no water. The next day the sun grew hot and we started to burn, and in the afternoon we were visited by sharks. One officer went out in the water to pick up some floating object and was attacked by a shark from behind. The shark took two huge pieces out of his back and he died a few moments later. Many men had already been buried at sea with a few words of prayer and a piece of metal tied to their legs for weight.

"One o'clock the next morning we sighted lights off in the distance. We shot a flare but could see no action. Finally as the lights came closer, we started shooting and yelling, a PC boat came alongside and threw us a line. An arm came down to help me and with one lift, he had me aboard and I was out of Hell and into Heaven. My legs were like water, but the fellow let me go after I assured him I was all right, and then I folded and went down into a neat little huddle. He gave me a blanket, a cigarette and a cup of hot 'Joe'. I finally lay down in a pool of grease and went to sleep. Some time later a fellow put a blanket over me and the next thing I knew it was morning, a golden morning with fear almost gone and a clean white wake breaking a trail behind us."

S/Sgt. Ranges Given Second Oak Leaf Cluster

A second Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal has been awarded to Staff Sergeant John W. Ranges for courage, coolness, and skill while participating in bomb attacks upon war plants in Germany and upon Nazi military defense points and communication lines in support of the Allied Armies in Western Europe.

Staff Sergeant Ranges is a waist gunner on an 8th Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ranges of 1295 Alicia Avenue, West Englewood.

Max Blochwitz in Corsica

A picture received this week by TEANECK POST from a 12th AAF B-25 base on Corsica shows Corporal Max Blochwitz sheet metal man, son of Mrs. Catherine Blochwitz of 804 Teaneck Road, Teaneck, repairing a flak hole received by a Twelfth Air Force Mitchell bomber on a recent mission over German held territory in Northern Italy.

Corporal Blochwitz has been overseas two years and has received the European-Middle East African ribbon with three battle stars.

11-1-44

Seaman 2/C Huls Loses Life In South Pacific

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Huls of Teaneck, have received word from the Navy Department that their son, Seaman Second Class Joseph Francis Huls, 25, was killed in action in the South Pacific. No details were given.

Seaman Huls entered the Navy on January 7, 1943, and received his boot training at Great Lakes training center in Illinois. He went overseas in March of this year and had been in constant action since. The last letter his parents received from him was written three weeks ago.

A former Teaneck High School student and baseball player, Seaman Huls was employed by the Sperry Gyroscope Company in Brooklyn prior to entering service. He is survived by his parents; a brother, George, and a sister, Mrs. Carolyn Geiger of Teaneck.

11-1-44

Enrolled For 9-Week Course
Private Howard Holland, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Holland of 255 Highwood Avenue, Teaneck, recently completed basic training with the Infantry at Camp Hood, Texas, and has been enrolled in a 9-week course for riflemen and grenadiers.

Prior to entering the service, Holland was employed by the Eureka Theater in Hackensack.

11-1-44

HELPS MAINTAIN ALLIED LIFELINE



Ensign Daniel V. Teich, U. S. M. S., is pictured above "taking a bearing" aboard a merchant vessel he has been serving aboard as third officer. He is the husband of Mrs. Virginia Teich, 239 Grayson Place, Teaneck, N. J., and a graduate of the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N. Y., which was established in 1938 to train officers for the Navy and Army. For the past two years Ensign Teich has been serving aboard a merchant vessel transporting arms and equipment to allied forces abroad.

11-2-44

Belvedere in Paratroops

Corporal Francis P. Belvedere, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Belvedere of 287 Herrick Avenue, Teaneck, N. J., has arrived at the Army Infantry post, Fort Benning, Ga. for training as a paratrooper.

Belvedere was selected for training with airborne infantry at Camp White, Ore., where he was chief teletype operator in the Signal Corps.

He was drafted Sept. 24 last year and was routed through Fort Dix to Camp Crowder, Mo., and then to White.

He attended the Palisades Park public school and Junior High School before his family moved to Teaneck. That was years ago when he became a student at the Township's High School.

11-4-44

Lieut. Wm. J. Byrne Listed As Missing

Second Lieutenant William J. Byrne of 570 Winthrop Road has been listed by the War Department as missing in action since a raid over Schweinfurt, Germany on October 14.

William J. Byrne, Sr. is a member of the Teaneck Draft Board and himself a veteran of World War I.

Lieutenant Byrne is a member of the Eighth Army Air Force and received his pre-flight training at Maxwell, Ala.; Primary at Ocala, Fla.; basic at Shaw Field, Sumter, S. C. and advanced training at Turner Field, Albany Ga. where he was commissioned in February of this year.

He is a graduate of St. Cecilia's High School, Englewood, and was a senior at Colgate University, Washington, when he enlisted in the Air Force January, 1942.

11-5-44

Lieut. Joe Boyle Is Awarded Medals For Air Prowess

Joseph J. Boyle of 639 Standish Road, Teaneck, father of Lieutenant Joseph B. Boyle, referred to in the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post as "a red-mustached kid from Teaneck" has received the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters for his son.

Lt. Boyle, co-pilot of the "Dry Martini" which took part in the bombing of the Renault works in Paris on April 4th, is a prisoner of war in Germany. He cracked up in a new ship in the l'Orlent area of France on May 17th last and bailed out behind enemy lines. He has already been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for gallantry and the Military Order of the Purple Heart for wounds. In the raid over Paris, a shell fragment tore through the windshield of his plane and was deflected by the camera through which he peered taking pictures.

The story of the 15 action filled minutes spent over the Renault works is told by Major Allen V. Martini who writes of Boyle:

"Joe got some excellent shots of the ensuing battle which proved of interest to the Bomber Command. A red-mustached kid from Teaneck who had been a rug salesman, Joe earned his D. S. C. on a raid over Lille in January bringing the ship home after my substitute, Major Tom Taylor was killed."

11-3-44

Marine Capt. W. N. Jones

Marine Captain William N. Jones, 23, of Pomander Walk, Teaneck, New Jersey, has been appointed to that grade from First Lieutenant.

A member of the Marine Corps Reserve for two years, he was commissioned in April, 1942. While serving on Guadalcanal from August until December last year with a Marine artillery outfit, he was advanced to First Lieutenant.

Captain Jones was graduated from Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts, in January, 1942, with a bachelor's degree in science. Previously he had attended Berkshire School, Sheffield, Massachusetts. He is a member of Chi-Phi fraternity.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Jones, live at 5 Mercer Street, Hackensack, New Jersey.

11-6-44

T-Sgt. Geo. Fraser On 'Grocery Run'

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE LIBERATOR STATION, ENGLAND—They called it "Brogger's Grocery Run" when the group commanded by Col. Jacob J. Brogger, of Butterfield, Minnesota, called a temporary halt to bombing the enemy, and took food supplies to the people of France.

T/Sgt. George P. Fraser, Jr., of 108 Munn Ave., Teaneck, N. J., a radio operator gunner, is a member of the group.

Not long before this these same Liberators had dropped bombs on the airfields in central France. But then the field was in the hands of the Germans. When the planes landed, the runway was lined with waiting citizens of the town. Crying "Vive l'amerique" and giving the Victory sign, they greeted our crews. It was the first time the American bombing crew had a close-up of the havoc they had wrought. Buildings and runway were demolished but American engineers had put the runway in order.

One of the American crew members offered a pack of cigarettes to a Frenchman. It was intended as a gift, but the Frenchman would not have it so. The Frenchman thrust a ten franc note upon the giver, and haltingly explained it was not a matter of the note's value. It was both a souvenir and a bond of friendship. There was some more swapping, but no free giving. The crews exchanged cigarettes and sugar out of their rations for peaches.

It was the first time men of this group had landed on French soil. Previously they were greeted by flak and fighters. Now they were welcomed by friends.

11-7-44

Now Lt. Brickner

Otto Brickner, son of Mrs. Emma Brickner of 1235 Kensington Road, Teaneck, an interrogator with the U. S. Army has just been promoted from the rank of Staff Sergeant to that of Second Lieutenant. The campaigns participated in by Lt. Brickner have been in Western Europe.

11-9-44

Tartaglione At Sioux Falls

Private Joseph J. Tartaglione, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tartaglione, of 639 Teaneck Road, Teaneck, has been assigned to the American Air Force Training Command Radio School at the Sioux Falls Army Air Field, S. D., for training as a radio operator-mechanic. Private Tartaglione is a graduate of Teaneck High School where he was a member of the school football, wrestling, and baseball teams.

11-9-44

Sgt. McCaffrey Injured

Sergeant Robert McCaffrey, 23, a veteran of four South Pacific campaigns, suffered blast concussion on September 25 on Peleliu. He is now in a naval hospital somewhere in the Pacific area.

A former Teaneck High School football player, Sergeant McCaffrey was graduated in 1940 and a few months after enlisted in the Marine Corps. He trained at Parris Island, S. C., the Marine base in Hawaii, and at New River, N. C. Sent overseas 30 months ago, he took part in the initial invasion of Guadalcanal with the First Marine Division and also in the action at New Gloucester, New Britain, and the Peleliu.

After Guadalcanal, Sergeant McCaffrey was sent to a rest camp in Australia and while there won a boxing pennant for defeating an Australian heavyweight.

11-7-44



S. Z. U. JOSEPH F. HULS

Seaman Huls died in the South Pacific

11-9-44

Corp. Richard J. Elting

Richard J. Elting, son of Mr. and Mrs. Collins Elting, of 650 Palmer Avenue, Teaneck, received his silver aerial gunner's wings and was promoted to the grade of corporal when he completed the flexible gunnery course for radio man at the Yuma Army Air Field.

11-9-44

Completes Course

Lieutenant Marvin B. Lander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lander of Sherman Avenue, Teaneck, recently completed an orientation course designed to bridge the gap between training in the States and combat soldiering against the enemy in France.

Before entering the Army Air Forces, Lander was a student at Ohio University, Athens, O.

11-10-44

Termed Good Driver

Private Stephen Lukasik of Rochelle Park, a truck driver in the transportation section of an 8th Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress bomber division headquarters in England, has been awarded a Motor Vehicle Driver and Mechanic Badge for ability, technical knowledge, and efficient performance of duties as a driver during a minimum period of three months without an accident or traffic violation.

Private Lukasik, the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Lukasik of 95 Central Avenue, Rochelle Park, is charged with the safe transport to various destinations of military equipment and supplies and of officers and enlisted men engaged in the planning and supervision of A. A. F. bombing attacks on Nazi military and industrial installations.

11-8-44

Reunion In Italy

Two brothers from Teaneck, had a reunion on the Fifth Army front in Italy for two days before one of them left for home on furlough.

They are Private Philip J. Richtscheidt, who is in a reconnaissance unit of the 135th Infantry Regiment, 34th Red Bull Division, and First Lieutenant Edward O. Richtscheidt, pilot of a B-24 Liberator bomber.

Lieutenant Richtscheidt, who has been in the Army two years, has completed his 50th combat mission and has been granted a leave in the United States. He has bombed many installations in northern Italy, the beachhead in southern France and targets in Germany, including Munich.

Private Richtscheidt, who was awarded the Bronze Star for capturing three Germans, has been in the Army three years and has fought throughout the North African and Italian campaigns. In Italy he fought with his unit at crossings of the Volturno River, Cassino, the Anzio beachhead, Rome, Leghorn, Pisa and on the Gothic line north of Florence.

Their home is at 1329 Sussex Road, Teaneck, where their parents reside.

11-9-44

HELPS BOOST BOND SALES

Corporal Harold J. Carmichael of 1287 Beaumont Street, West Englewood, is one of the War Bond purchasers who helped his P-51 Mustang station reach a record-breaking total of \$111,000 in the 8th Air Force Victory Squadron bond drive, surpassing all other groups in the Eighth Fighter Command.

Aiming at an original quota of \$53,000, he and his fellow soldiers members of the fighter group command by Colonel Harold J. Rau of New York, more than doubled that figure in a 5-week all-out bond drive.

Corporal Carmichael, son of Mrs. Lena Carmichael of the West Englewood address, is a clerk in the base finance office and served as non-commissioned officer assistant to the War Bond officer during the campaign.

11-9-44

Teaneck G.I.'s Boast Of Home Even Overseas

By LEONARD LEE

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)
Paris, Nov. 12.—Teaneck must be getting that Texas complex.

It used to be only the Texans who decorated their G. I. field jackets to boast of their geographical origin.

Now anywhere in Europe, however, G. I. field jackets pop up frequently with huge black or white letters painted across the backs: TEANECK!

You run into them in the most unexpected places throughout France, Belgium, Holland, or Germany.

11-10-44

Lt. Mazer Has 100 Missions

An Eight Air Force Liberator Station, England—1st Lt. David B. Mazer, of 1301 Sussex Rd., Teaneck is a navigator in the B124 Liberator group commanded by Col. Albert J. Shower of Madison, Wis., which recently completed 100 bombings missions against enemy targets in the exceptionally brief time of 140 days.

During this time, Col. Shower and his group "showered" over 10,000,000 pounds of high explosives onto enemy targets in Germany and the occupied countries.

This group is a part of a combat wing which was cited by Lt. General Doolittle, Commanding General of the Eighth Air Force, for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty in smashing a bridge of vital importance to the enemy by descending to the extremely low and dangerous altitude of 6,500 feet. Col. Shower led the wing on this occasion.

The group also has the distinction of having the first allied heavy bomber to land in France, when on June 14, Lt. Charles W. Grace of Kalamazoo, Mich. and his co-pilot Lt. Arthur L. Prichard of Onaway, Mich. set their big Liberator down safely on a new fighter landing strip, after the other eight members of the crew had bailed out.

The outstanding bomber in the group is a Liberator nick-named "Witchcraft," which has completed 70 missions without a single turn-back because of mechanical failure.

11-10-44

T/Sgt. Protin Is Given Citation

15TH AAF IN ITALY—T/Sgt. John E. Protin, 28, of 360 White-law Place, Teaneck, N. J., engineer waist gunner, has been awarded the Distinguished Unit Badge as a member of a veteran 15th AAF Liberator Bomber Group which has been cited "for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy."

Commanded by Col. Thomas W. Steed, of Etowah, Tenn., the group received the nation's highest organization award for an attack on the aircraft factories at Wiener Neustadt, Austria, on May 10th.

According to the citation which accompanied the award, "Ground personnel worked feverishly, enthusiastically and with untiring intensity to get all type B-24 aircraft in the best possible mechanical condition to insure the success of the operation . . .

"Adverse weather conditions broke up the wing formation of four groups, forcing two to return to other bases and causing the other group to return without dropping its bombs . . . Despite these adverse conditions and well co-ordinated and vicious attacks by 80 to 90 enemy fighters, the group continued on for a highly successful bombing run, which virtually obliterated the strategic Nazi manufacturing center . . ."

The group entered the Italian campaign in January and has since completed more than 112 combat missions over such major Nazi targets as Ploesti, Rumania; Munich, Germany; Steyr, Austria; and Blechhammer, Germany.

11-12-44

Air Medal Is Awarded To Lieut. John Costa

Lieutenant John J. Costa, son of Joseph Costa of 365 Beech Street, Teaneck, serving as a bombardier on a B-24 Liberator bomber in the Southwest Pacific area, recently was awarded the Air Medal in recognition of courageous service to his combat organization, his fellow American airmen, his country, his home, and parents.

He was cited for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific area from June 14 to July 16, 1944.

Lieutenant Costa took part in sustained operational flight missions during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These flights included bombing missions against enemy installations, shipping and supply bases, and aided considerably in the recent successes in his theater of operations.

Costa, overseas since April of this year, is a graduate of Teaneck High School, he entered the service in November of 1942 and was commissioned second lieutenant in December of 1943 at Barspring, Tex.

A brother, Staff Sergeant Joseph W. Costa is stationed with the Army Air Forces at Eglin Field, Texas.

Mrs. Sarver Joins Waves

Mrs. Ethel White Sarver, of 80 Bergen Avenue, Teaneck, today was sworn into the Women's Reserve, Naval Reserve, as an apprentice seaman in the enlisted quota of the Waves.

She is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lorenz of the Teaneck address and the wife of the Staff Sergeant William L. Sarver, now stationed in England with the Army. Mrs. Sarver attended Wilkinsburg, Pa., High School, Eagen's Business School in Hackensack and was employed at Consolidated Film Incorporated in Fort Lee as an office clerk before entering the service.

Mrs. Sarver will soon be ordered to the training school at Hunter College, New York, for indoctrination in the Waves.

Lt. Mazer Gets D. F. C.

AN EIGHT AIR FORCE LIBERATOR STATION, ENGLAND—

1st Lt. David B. Mazer of Teaneck, N. J., has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement in aerial combat." The award was announced recently by Major General William E. Kepner, commanding general of the Second Bomb Division.

Flying as navigator on a B-24 Liberator in the 487th Bombardment Group, commanded by Col. Albert J. Shower of Madison, Wis., Lt. Mazer has participated in 30 bombing missions to Germany and enemy-occupied territory. Many of these missions were accomplished despite fierce enemy fighter opposition.

Before entering the service Nov. 28, 1940, Lt. Mazer was a metallurgist. He is a graduate of Hackensack High School and Colorado School of Mines. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Mazer, live at 1301 Sussex Road, Teaneck.

Besides the D. F. C. just awarded, Lt. Mazer wears the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

11-13-44

Nurse Major Lauds U. S. Hospital Staff

A U. S. ARMY GENERAL HOSPITAL IN FRANCE—Major Marjorie Peto, Army Nurse Corps, whose home is at 1293 Sussex Road, Teaneck, New Jersey, is in command of the nurses comprising the nursing staff of this hospital.

Commenting on splendid service rendered by nurses on this hospital's staff, Major Peto said, "Recently, many of them have been aiding wounded men in tent hospitals only a few miles from the front. Thunder of the guns was so loud at night they slept only a few hours, and then with great difficulty."

"All of them know what it is to live in the field under canvas, eating K-rations and using a steel helmet for a wash basin. Once we moved into France, dresses and nursing uniforms became only a memory. The nurses now wear denim work suits and helmet liners."

"Some of our girls, after long hours on ward duty, still have personal worries in addition to those of their patient worries. The husband of one of them has been killed in action. Many have husbands and fiancés on hazardous duty. Caring for wounded men doesn't help peace of mind any, but they stick to their jobs, in a soldierly manner."

"What satisfaction does an army nurse get? The knowledge that she is using her professional skill and special training where it can most effectively help in bringing the war to a speedy, victorious conclusion. Working in war zones brings a thrill of actual participation in one of the big moments of history that no amount of work at home can give."

"I think one would have to search hard to find a member of the Army Nurse Corps who isn't proud of her organization and the work it does."

While in France, Major Peto has met her nephew, First Lieutenant William Peto, 123 Church Street, Nutley, New Jersey. Lt. Peto who

flies an Army Air Corps "Thunderbolt" has qualified as an ace, destroying five enemy aircraft in combat.

11-12-44

Arthur Miller Graduates

Arthur P. Miller Jr., son of Commander and Mrs. Arthur P. Miller of 379 Winthrop Road, West Englewood, was graduated recently from the Naval Reserve Midshipman's School at Columbia University, New York City, and commissioned an ensign in the Naval Reserve.

Now stationed at Ashbury Park for a month after which he expects to be transferred to Hollywood Beach, Fla., Ensign Miller entered the service in July of 1943. He is a graduate of Teaneck High School, Mount Herman Preparatory School, Massachusetts, and attended Pennsylvania State College where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and the honorary journalism society, Sigma Delta Chi.

Flight Officer De Lafayette

Flight Officer Stanley de Lafayette Jr. of 91 Oak Street, Teaneck, co-pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress, has been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal for "exceptionally meritorious achieve-

11-13-44

Bugler Turns Gunner

Pfc. Raymond C. Anderson, son of John Anderson of 66 Forrest Avenue, Teaneck, has provided the answer to a question that very likely has popped up in the middle of thousands of people, "What does a bugler do in combat?" Here is one answer based on Anderson's experience.

When his outfit went into combat recently in New Guinea he took along a captured Jap bugle. According to Anderson, the last time he saw its owner he couldn't have blown it any way. Shortly after his company had set up their perimeter, a sniper shot one of the machinegunners in his outfit. Anderson pulled the wounded Yank away from the gun and started firing at the enemy. During the remainder of the campaign, he swapped his bugle for the sweeter notes of that heavy machinegun. His buddies chide, "There's one bugler who's gone straight."

Private Anderson has been in the Army since July of 1942 and has spent 20 months in the Southwest Pacific.

11-14-44

Lt. Walter D. Fahnestock Is Awarded the D. F. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Fahnestock of 17 Tryon Avenue, West Englewood, have received word from the War Department that their son, First Lieutenant Walter D. Fahnestock, Jr., has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievements" while participating in aerial flights against the enemy in the North African and Mediterranean theaters of operations.

Lieutenant Fahnestock a B-24 Liberator pilot and assistant operations officer for his group, was wounded by flak last August 17 while on his 31st mission over the Romanian sector. He has since recovered from his injuries and is expected to return to the States in the near future. Fahnestock also wears the Air Medal with several Oak Leaf Clusters.

11-14-44

Latest Draft Call

The following registrants were inducted into the Armed forces from Local Board No. 6, Teaneck, N. J., on November 1, 1944:

NAVY: Henry G. Monehen, 543 River Road, Teaneck, N. J.; Donald T. Oakes, 287 Cherry Lane, Teaneck, N. J.

ARMY: William M. De Marzo, 69 Lenwood Street, Bergenfield, N. J.; Richard W. Schumm, 501 Maitland Ave, West Englewood, N. J.

11-15-44

—Second Lieutenant Winifred G. Riley, daughter of George N. Riley, 541 Maple Avenue, is listed in a dispatch from the U. S. Forces somewhere in France as having prepared hundreds of specialized meals for soldier-patients at a U. S. General Hospital there. The dispatch adds that Lt. Riley's work as staff dietitian has been praised by the commanding officer.

11-15-44

Lawrence Muller Returns Home From Training Camp

After an association with the Army Primary School, Harman Training Center at Bruce Field, Ballinger, Texas, where he was a squadron commander, Lawrence A. Muller has returned to his home in Teaneck.

At the Texas field he supervised the progress of about 700 cadets who were given primary training by the ten instructors in his unit.

A graduate of Teaneck High School, Muller was one of Teaneck's first air students to receive his commercial license and one of the first to solo following his high school course in aeronautics.

He was manager of the Flight Department of the Civilian Pilot Training Program at Bergen College in 1939 and instructed New York University Primary and Newark University Secondary Courses in 1940 at Teterboro Airport.

He and Mrs. Muller left for Texas in 1941.

11-16-44

Lt. Hurrell Promoted

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England—The promotion of Robert P. Hurrell, 22 year old pilot of an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress, from the rank of second lieutenant to first lieutenant has been announced by Colonel Charles B. Dougher of Fresno, Calif., base commanding officer.

He is the son of Gustave A. Hurrell of 80 Johnson Avenue, Teaneck, N. J. Before joining the army he was a bookkeeper for the Chemical Bank and Trust Company of New York City.

McDowell Back In U. S.

First Lieutenant Richard R. McDowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. McDowell of 447 Beverly Road, Teaneck, recently returned to the United States from 5 months of overseas duty with the Army Air Force in the European Theater of Operations.

30 Months In Pacific Area

Techician Fourth Grade George O. Witham, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Witham of 231 Roosevelt Street, Teaneck, arrived in the United States recently after 30 months in the Southwest Pacific area with the Army Air Force.

11-16-44

Pvt. Nelson Graduates

MADISON, WIS., Nov. 3—Pvt. Nelson L. Breuer, son of Mrs. Leigh E. Breuer, 970 Lincoln Pl., Teaneck has been graduated from the AAF

Training Command's aircraft radio mechanics school at Truxax Field where he studied the servicing of radio equipment used on U. S. bombers and fighter plans, it was announced today by the post commander.

Trained primarily as a technician, he also studied defense against chemical warfare, aircraft identification, and deleted AAF subjects designed to fit him for combat duty.

Depending upon needs of the AAF throughout the world, he may be assigned to an advanced school or to another center as an instructor in radio mechanics.

11-16-44

Local Marine Sergeant Is Commended in South Pacific

A letter marked "Somewhere in the South Pacific (Delayed)" has reached the office and tells of Sgt. Robert William Clements, U.S.M.C., 22, of 361 Morningside terrace being commended by a U. S. Army Colonel for his bravery in volunteering for a dangerous task during a recent ammunition dump fire.

Sergeant Clements and four other members of a Marine unit were commended by the Colonel for volunteering "at my request to assist in moving heavy calibre ammunition that was dangerously near burning and exploding shells. Their courage and fearlessness reflect great credit on themselves and their organizations."

Their actions during a two-hour period when their lives were constantly in danger from flying shell fragments and detonations of ammunition nearby were extremely meritorious.

Sergeant Clements was playing baseball against a Navy team when the gas alarm was sounded because fire was approaching shells. The Marines and sailors

got gas masks and filled them.

The score was 6 to 5 in favor of the Marines when the game was called off. At that time Sergeant Clements said, shells were going off at the burning ammunition dump.

"I thought it was the Seabees dynamiting," Sergeant Clements said. "Then the fragments started coming close. You'd hear a zoom, just like that. Once I said, 'That was too close' and I must have jumped a mile."

"We decided to postpone the game and we piled on trucks to go back to our own area. An MP told us all trucks were being directed to the dump fire so that the men could remove ammunition out of danger."

"That was about 2:30 in the afternoon. We left the main road by the dump and could see it burning in the middle and on both sides. We ducked behind the trucks for safety first and then we all started loading ammunition on to the trucks."

"We were crouching low and when a particularly big one went off, we'd hit the deck, getting the ammunition out as best we could. Boy, those trucks were loaded like they'd never been loaded before."

"That stuff was going off like firecrackers but, after the big fellows, we hardly noticed it. There were a lot of splinters flying around from the ball ammunition, but here wasn't much power. We cleaned a lot of this stuff out and then we were reinforced. So, after a little better than two hours of it, we went back home."

11-17-44

Now Captain Misdeldt

Word has been received from somewhere in France of the promotion to the rank of captain of Edward E. Misdeldt of 127 Oakdene Avenue, Teaneck. Captain Misdeldt has been connected with his present Engineer Battalion since receiving his commission as second lieutenant in April of 1942 following his graduation from Officers Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Captain Misdeldt has served in North Africa, Italy, and now France since April of 1943. He is a graduate of Teaneck High School and before entering the service in March of 1941 was connected with the advertising department of the Hudson and Manhattan Railroad Company.

11-17-44

Terhune Sons Promoted

The two sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Terhune of 147 Herrick Avenue, Teaneck, have been promoted during the past month.

Augustus R. Terhune, serving with the replacement command in Italy, has been promoted to master sergeant. Sergeant Terhune, with 5 years of service in the National Guard and regular Army, participated in the original invasion of North Africa in November, 1942, and has been in continuous service since in North Africa and Italy.

James E. Terhune, a member of the Port Battalion command in Hawaii, has been promoted to the grade of corporal. He recently met and spent a day with his cousin, Quartermaster William Henderson, Submarine Command, who was on his first leave after 18 months of continuous service in all parts of the Pacific area.

11-18-44

—Walter J. Andrews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Andrews, 635 Sunset Lane, Teaneck, has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain, it has been announced by Colonel John F. Guillet, commanding officer of the Bainbridge Army Air Field, Bainbridge, Ga.

A graduate of Teaneck High School, Captain Andrews is a former student of Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken. Entering the Air Force in January, 1942, he is now a flight squadron commander at the local basic pilot school.

—Private Thomas M. Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Turner, of 533 Palisade Avenue, Teaneck, is now in England serving as assistant to the chaplain while awaiting combat duty with a paratroop unit.

11-19-44

Teaneck Corporal Helps War Orphans In England

An Eighth Air Force Fighter Station England Corporal John H. Vreeland, 919 Garrison Ave., Teaneck, N. J. is accustomed to answering distress calls from fighter pilots in battle damaged planes so he responded quickly to a call from an English War orphanage in need of aid in repairing toys for Christmas. With fellow soldiers he spends his off duty hours replaying broken legs on hobby horses, lost wheels on trains and painting bright colors on well scarred toys in order that the small victims of the blitz and and robot bombs may enjoy a true Christmas holiday this year.

Corporal Vreeland and members of his organization have made friends with the children and save their weekly candy rations to share with them. The personal attention of the soldiers has been a great help in aiding the recovering of the children from the shock suffered in the bombing of their homes and loss of parents according to the matron in charge of the orphanage.

Corporal Vreeland is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Vreeland of the home address. He was a student at the Teaneck High School when he entered the army in December, 1942 and was stationed at Orlando, Fla. prior to coming overseas 18 months ago. He is a member of the personnel of a fighter wing control room where he is instrumental in the safe return of pilots from combat over Germany. He is in the 2nd Bombardment Division which is commanded by Major General William E. Kepner.

Lt. Thrum Is Pilot In Unit of Liberator Bombardment

15th AAF in Italy—1st Lieutenant Alvin A. Thrum, 24, of 501 Martense Avenue, Teaneck, New Jersey, is a pilot in the Italian based 454th Liberator Bombardment Group which has been awarded the War Department Unit Citation "for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy." He is authorized to wear the War Department Unit Citation Badge.

Commanded by Col. Horace D. Ayneworth, of Childress, Texas, the group received the nations highest organization award for an attack on the Hermann Goering Steel Works at Linz, Austria, on July 25.

In the words of the citation which accompanied the award, "ground crews worked enthusiastically and determinedly to have their aircraft in perfect mechanical condition to insure the success of the mission.

"The group took off heavily loaded, with maximum tonnage, and, assuming lead of the wing formation, set course for the objective. Their formation was intercepted by approximately fifty aggressive and persistent enemy fighters, and, in the ensuing violent aerial battle, the enemy used rocket guns, 20 millimeter cannon, and machine guns in a desperate attempt to disrupt this vital operation.

"Despite very intense and heavy anti-aircraft fire the gallant crews battled their way through to score many direct hits in the immediate target area, causing destruction and severe damage to the enemy plant and installations."

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11-30-44

Capt. Brewster Of Teaneck Is Awarded Legion Of Merit

Reconnaissance Job At Vella Lavella Helped Make Invasion Easy, Says Army Citation

Captain Charles F. Brewster Jr., 274 Sherman Avenue, Teaneck, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for services at Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands, from August to October of 1943, the War Department announced today.

2 DAYS AHEAD OF LANDINGS

The citation accompanying the award read in part:

"He arrived at the enemy-occupied island 2 days in advance of full scale landings and, in constant danger of being discovered by Japanese troops, reconnoitered proposed objectives and planned an efficient defense system."

"While leading a patrol to intercept enemy troops approaching the advance party's hideout, he personally accounted for 3 of the 27 Japanese who were killed. As a result of his courage and superior reconnaissance, his infantry regiment made a successful landing and accomplished its mission in a minimum of time."

"After the landing operations, he organized and directed reconnaissance patrols along the beaches, established a strategic system of observation posts covering approaches to the combat team's perimeter, and shrewdly evaluated information concerning the enemy."

Captain Brewster, a graduate of Teaneck High School, Mount Herman Preparatory School, and the Packard Business School, entered the armed forces in February, 1941, and received his commission as second lieutenant at Fort Benning, Georgia, in May, 1942. He has not been home on leave since his entrance into the service.

A brother, John, serving as a midshipman cadet in the Merchant Marine, lost his life in the spring of 1942 when his ship, en route to Russia, was lost at sea.



CAPT. CHARLES F. BREWSTER

11-30-44

Parents Hold Out Hope For Missing Airman

Despite official reports that their son, Sergeant Robert T. Finn, was killed in action over Norway on September 9, the parents of the 23-year-old airman, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Finn of 540 Cumberland Avenue, Teaneck, are still holding out hope that he may be alive.

Upon receiving notification of her son's death, Mrs. Finn wrote for details to his Army chaplain, who answered that his plane had not returned to base, and it was assumed that he and his crew had been killed. No details of the mission or of his death were given.

Sergeant Finn was the aerial mechanic on the Liberator, The Jig's Up, whose insignia had been painted by George McManus, the cartoonist.

Entering the Army in March, 1942, Sergeant Finn completed his training at Keesler Field, Miss. He was home on a 21-day leave last January, and went overseas in June. Before entering service he was employed by the New York Central Railroad.

Now Lieut. Bolinder

Robert G. Bolinder, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Harry Bolinder, of 123 Evergreen Place, West Englewood, has been advanced to the rank of first lieutenant at his station in France with a night fighter squadron of the Ninth Tactical Air Force.

11-30-44

SCROLLS GIVEN KIN OF HEROES

Memorial Resolutions Passed By Council

Formal memorial resolutions, in the form of hand illuminated parchment scrolls, were distributed to the families of men of Teaneck who have died in service, over the week-end. The scrolls have a blue backing, hand printed on white parchment, with the Township seal of gold, backed with red, white and blue ribbons. A sample scroll reads:

"Whereas, during faithful and honorable conduct of duty in the armed forces of our beloved country, our friend and neighbor, Warren Harold Sheets has made the supreme sacrifice and departed this life a glorious American hero who died that our nation might live,

And Whereas the Township of Teaneck has been truly honored by an outstanding citizen who made so noble a sacrifice; Therefore be it resolved that the members of the Township of Teaneck on behalf of the people of the Township hereby express their sincere sorrow at the demise of our friend and neighbor and extend to the surviving relatives this evidence of their deep sympathy, and be it further resolved that an attested copy of this resolution be delivered by the Township Clerk to the next of kin as an expression of the condolences and sympathy of the people of Teaneck in recognition of the greatest sacrifice that can be made so that our great country may continue to be the home of a free and independent people."

The scrolls were delivered to the families of the following men:

John Lewis Becker, John P. Brewster, Donald A. Chambers, Robert W. Cummings, Charles J. Dunschok, Irwin Dobrow, Bruno W. Elze, William J. Garas, Arthur J. Greene Jr., William Kalz, Wm. Lam Metz, Kenneth McConney, John F. McLoughlin, Elmer Muesenberg, Leonard P. Mulligan, George Elias Olson, William W. Platt, Robert Paul Renner, Joseph C. Roberts Sr., Robert Allen Rocketteller, Paul B. Sauter, Robert J. Schweizer, Warren Harold Sheets, Neal Thomas Tckala, Richard P. Varum, Walter Gordon Webb, and Kenneth R. Williams.

The Township will also send official Christmas greetings to all its service men and women. This practice has been followed for the past three years and this year's greeting is a double fold card, printed in green, with a picture of the Teaneck Library on the front and the greetings of the Township Council for the people of Teaneck on the inside fold.

11-30-44

Legion Fetes Lieut. Uhl

A dinner was tendered by the American Legion Post last Saturday night to Lieutenant (jg) Otto U. Uhl, U. S. Navy, 62 Washington Place, Teaneck.

Lieutenant Uhl, home on a 30-day leave, served in the First World War and as a warrant officer was awarded the Victory Medal, Mexico-Yera Cruz Campaign Medal and Yangtze Patrol Medal of 1915-17. He also has the Asiatic Pacific and American Theater medals for this war, and was in action at Guadalcanal, Saipan, and the Marianas.

Garrett Hallenbeck, chairman of the House Committee, was in charge of the supper.

11-30-44

—Air Cadet Albert Fernandez has completed his course at Yale University and has been commissioned a second lieutenant. He was graduated from Teaneck High School and attended Bergen Junior College. He received a B.S. from Columbia University and a Master's degree in chemistry this fall from Yale University. He enlisted in the Army Air Force Ground Crew in a photographer's unit is stationed in Florida.

11-30-44

Q/M Shakerley Is Killed In Action

Chief Quartermaster William Shakerley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Shakerley, 469 Teaneck Road, Teaneck, who was previously listed as missing, is now reported by the Government as having died in action. Shakerley, a member of the Navy, was aboard the U. S. S. Borie which was lost last November in the North Atlantic. He was last seen by his commanding officer boarding a raft.

According to a letter his family had received from his commanding officer, Shakerley had been the last man to go through the ship to see that all the men had abandoned her and had climbed over the side of the ship onto a raft when his commanding officer last saw him.

Shakerley, formerly of North Bergen, was graduated from Emerson High School in Union City and had won the American Legion award for the most outstanding pupil. He was employed by the Baker and Taylor Company in New York and at night attended New York University where he was constantly on the dean's list. He was a member of the Naval Reserve 4 years prior to entering active service in November of 1940. He served in the Caribbean area for 3 years and then went into the North Atlantic area.

Before the Borie was sunk, Shakerley was among the crew which had been awarded the Presidential Citation for the sinking of a German submarine.

Besides his parents he is survived by a brother, Private Richard Shakerley, serving with the Army engineers in the European area and a sister, Mrs. Joseph McCann of Teaneck.

11-30-44

Lt. Maupai Comes Home

First Lieutenant Eugene Maupai, son of Mrs. Carl Maupai of West Englewood, was injured while in action in France, August 17 and was hospitalized in England until just last week when he was sent back to this country. Now receiving treatment in the Halloran General Hospital in Staten Island, Lieutenant Maupai will be able to come on week-ends.

Although the War Department listed him as wounded, what actually happened was that while out on patrol somewhere in France the traversing mechanism on a tank gun caught his hand and smashed it. He has been awarded the Purple Heart.

Lieutenant Maupai, a native of North Bergen, was graduated from the Memorial High School in West New York. He was graduated from Rutgers University in 1940 with a Bachelor of Science degree and also as a second lieutenant in the Army Reserve. He entered active service in December of 1941 and went overseas last June.

Mr. and Mrs. Maupai have a two-and-a-half year old son, Eugene Jr.

11-30-44

Master Sgt. Chadwick Gets Legion of Merit Award

SIXTH ARMY GROUP, FRANCE—Master Sergeant Stanley J. Chadwick, 182 Larch Avenue, Teaneck, New Jersey, was awarded the Legion of Merit, fourth highest United States Army award, at a ceremony at Sixth Army Group headquarters in France. Lt. General Jacob L. Devers, Commanding General, Sixth Army Group, made the presentation.

The citation read in part: "For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa and Italy from 1 March to 15 July 1944. As Chief Radio Repairman and non-commissioned officer in charge of technical operations, Master Sergeant Chadwick through his endless study, experimenting and radio apparatus, contributed greatly toward the development of an improved Radio Printer System of Communication. During the Italian Campaign, Master Sergeant Chadwick assisted in the establishment of communications from the Anzio Beachhead to Headquarters, Fifth Army. After this circuit was completed and when it was later deemed necessary to furnish direct communication from Fifth Army to various divisions working in VI Corps, Master Sergeant Chadwick, by his keen judgment and ingenuity and sound knowledge of his profession, devised means whereby the circuit was extended through a central switching device direct to the divisions concerned.

Latest Draft Call

The following registrants were inducted into the Armed Forces on Dec. 1, 1944, from Local Board No. 6, Teaneck, N. J.:

Navy: Russell D. Malool, 122 W. Forest Ave, West Englewood, N. J.; John R. Blood, 173 Morrison Street, Teaneck, N. J.; Joseph C. Seigh, 639 Johnson Court, Teaneck, N. J. Army: Willard Hansen, 35-1st Ave, Westwood, N. J.; Maurice Cutler, 85 Van Buren Ave, Teaneck, N. J.; Roy F. Hettenbach, 350 Sherman Ave., Teaneck, N. J.

M-Sgt. Norman Bagley

15TH AAF IN ITALY—Master Sgt. Norman E. Bagley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Bagley, Seal Harbor, Me., is serving as an aircraft inspector with the Bombardment Group, which recently was awarded a second War Department citation for outstanding performances in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations.

He is now authorized to wear an oak leaf cluster on his Distinguished Unit Badge. This second citation was for the daring and successful attack on the Concordia Vega Oil Refinery at Ploesti, Rumania. The first was for an attack on the railyards at Bucharest, Rumania, during which 40 enemy aircraft were destroyed.

At Ploesti, despite an unusually heavy smoke screen which had caused other units of the attacking force to seek alternative targets, it stayed in its course and dropped its bombs on the refinery with exceptional, devastating accuracy. Three bombers of the group were lost to the heavy anti-aircraft fire of the enemy.

The twice-cited group is commanded by Lt. Col. Jack L. Randolph of Fort Worth, Texas. It has made more than 175 attacks against widespread targets in the crumbling Nazi empire.

Sgt. Bagley's wife, Jacola Bagley, lives at 166 Larch Ave., Teaneck, N. J.

12-4-44

Second Lieutenant Eugene W. Young, 25-year-old navigator on an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress, has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement during heavy bombing attacks on Nazi military and industrial targets and in support of Allied ground forces. The award was presented at an Eighth Air Force Bomber Station in England.

The flyer is the husband of Mrs. Vivian Young, of 200 Salvage Avenue, West Englewood, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Young of Clifton. Before entering the Army Air Forces he was employed as a draftsman by Robert Reiner Incorporated.

12-4-44

Major S. Sandler Given Promotion

Camp Lee, Va.—Samuel A. Sandler of 1166 West Laurelton Parkway, Teaneck, New Jersey, has been promoted from major to lieutenant colonel at the Army Service Forces Training Center, Camp Lee, Va., it has been announced by Col. James H. Johnson, commanding officer of the huge Quartermaster training installation. Col. Sandler is director of the center's consultation service.

A veteran of World War I, he was commissioned in February, 1943, as a major in the Army's medical corps, and was assigned to Carlisle Barracks, Pa. He then went to Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, and to the Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga., before being assigned to Camp Lee. He has been on duty at the ASFTC since June, 1943.

A neuropsychiatrist and psychoanalyst, before entering the service, Col. Sandler was attending neuropsychiatrist at the Christ Hospital, Jersey City; North Hudson Hospital, Weehawken, N. J.; and Hackensack General Hospital. At the County Hospital of Bergen County, Bergen Pines, N. J., Col. Sandler was a neuropsychiatric consultant, and he was a member of the courtesy staff in the Neurologic Institute, New York City.

At the ASFTC Col. Sandler's duties are many. As director of the Consultation Service, he is a staff officer to the commanding officer, psychiatric consultant to courts-martial and discharge boards, consultant in neuropsychiatry to various clinics, and is personal consultant and instructor for officers and men of the ASFTC in matters of personal adjustment.

Born in New York City, Col. Sandler was graduated from the University of Denver with A. B. and M. A. degrees in 1922 and 1923. He received his M. D. degree from the University of Kansas in 1929 and in 1930 received the Certificate of Neurology from the Post-Graduate Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania.

12-7-44

COMMISSIONED



ENS. FRED A. BUSCHNER

Frederick A. Buschner was recently graduated from the midshipman school at Columbia University and was commissioned an ensign in the Naval Reserve. He will now report to Norfolk, Va., for further instruction as officer on a destroyer.

Ensign Buschner is a graduate of Teaneck High School and attended Rutgers University prior to entering the Navy V-12 program at Cornell University in July of 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred P. Buschner of 193 Shepard Avenue, West Englewood. His brother, Lieutenant Paul C. Buschner, pilot of a B-25 in the Army Air Forces, recently left for overseas duty.

12-7-44



SGT. CARL G. WIDMAN JR.

WIDMAN A SERGEANT

Carl G. Widman Jr., who has been serving with the Army Air Force at a base in England since December, 1943, recently was promoted to sergeant.

Sergeant Widman was inducted into the service in January, 1943, and received basic training at Miami Beach, Fla., and advanced training in Texas, Utah, and Nebraska.

Widman is a graduate of Teaneck High School, class of 1942, and was employed by the Standard Business Machine Company in New York City before entering the armed forces.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Widman of 312 Briarcliff Road, West Englewood.

12-7-44

Anzio Communications Exploits Win Sgt. Chadwick Army Citation

Master Sergeant Stanley J. Chadwick, of 183 Larch Avenue, Teaneck, has been awarded the Legion of Merit by Lieutenant General Jacob L. Devers, commanding general of the Sixth Army Group at headquarters in France, for his part in the establishment of communications from the Anzio Beachhead to Fifth Army headquarters during the Italian campaign and for other outstanding services.

The citation accompanying the award reads in part:

"As chief radio repairman and non-commissioned officer in charge of technical operations, Master Sergeant Chadwick through his endless study, experimenting and rebuilding radio apparatus, contributed greatly toward the development of an improved printer system of communication."

The sergeant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd F. Chadwick, of 192 Cedar Lane, Teaneck, is married to the former Miss Mildred Earle of the Larch Avenue address.

A graduate of Bogota High School, he attended New York University and was graduated from the Radio Institute in New York City. Prior to entering the service in May of 1942, Chadwick was employed by the Civil Service Radio Corporation at Newark. He received his basic training at Fort Meade, Maryland, and specialized radio studies at Fort Monmouth. He has been overseas since February, 1943.



M/SGT STANLEY CHADWICK

12-12-44

Teaneck Sergeant Given Citation

In a citation to Sergeant Edmund J. Marchese of 67 Copley Avenue, received by his mother Mrs. Mary Marchese from his unit commander it was disclosed that he had stood in front of the anti-aircraft gun to make sure his gun crew would not fire on American planes.

The citation read: "I wish to commend you for your conduct as chief of section while American aircraft were committing hostile acts on territory already in American control and occupied by American troops."

"Your bravery in standing in front of your gun, realizing that the members of your own gun crew had received confusing orders by telephone to open fire, and ordering your crew not to fire unless the pilot leaned out of the cockpit and yelled Heil Hitler, displayed superior qualities of leadership under very trying circumstances."

"Your competence and ability to remain level headed as demonstrated in this and former trying situations gained for you the highest respect and esteem of the officers and enlisted men of this organization."

Sergeant Marchese's wife, Marjorie, lives at present in Union City, with their 6-month-old daughter whom he has never seen. Little Linda Ann, her mother declares, looks just like her daddy. Before entering service in February, 1942, Marchese owned his own dairy business in Union City. Born in New York City, he lived for 28 years in Union City, graduating from Emerson High School.

12-14-44

Capt. Wm. Jones Returns

Captain William Nicholas Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Rand Jones of Pomander Walk, Teaneck, has just returned from 2½ years duty in the South Pacific.

Jones, a graduate of Berkshire Prep School, in Sheffield, Mass., entered the Marine Corps while a senior at Amherst College. A member of the First Marine Division, he was at Guadalcanal in August, 1942, New Guinea, Cape Gloucester in December, 1943, and in September of this year took part in the invasion of Peleliu.

After a 30-day leave at home he will report to Quantico, Va., for reassignment.

Now Lt. Frank Gardner

Frank Gardener, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Gardener of 669 Ramapo Road, Teaneck, a member of a graduation class of the Army Air Forces Training Command School at Yale University, was commissioned a second lieutenant, recently upon the successful completion of a course in photography. Rated as a technical officer, he is now prepared to assume duties with a tactical unit of the Army Air Forces, according to Colonel Raymond J. Reeves, Commanding Officer.

Lieutenant Gardener received his Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry from New York University and entered the armed forces in November of 1942. He has been stationed at Atlantic City, Chanute Field, Illinois, Turner Field, Georgia, and San Antonio, Tex.

12-14-44

P. O. Markey On Leave

Ray Markey, Petty Officer Second Class of 107 DeGraw Avenue, Teaneck, has returned home on a 30-day leave after 21 months of active service as radioman aboard a destroyer with the Seventh Fleet in the Pacific.

Markey is a veteran of twenty engagements with the Japs, including the battles of Surigao Straits and Leyte Gulf, for which his ship's company received the Presidential Citation. In the last battle they were attacked by Jap planes 40 times in 8 days.

Markey also participated in the landings at Kiska, Alaska, the Admiralties, Rendova, Halmahira, Cape Gloucester, Shoutens and Sansapore, New Guinea. His destroyer is credited with sinking and downing three Jap planes, two Jap cruisers and one destroyer.

Before joining the Navy, Markey was employed by Kuhn Loeb and Company of New York City. His brother, John, is with the Merchant Marine now on Atlantic convoy duty.

Pvt. H. O'Neil Graduates

The Army Air Forces Training Command has announced that Private Harold E. O'Neill Jr., of Teaneck was graduated from the Department of Armament at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo.

Private O'Neill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. O'Neill of 278 Herrick Avenue, Teaneck and attended Dickinson High School, Jersey City. He entered the service Oct. 30, 1943.

12-14-44



LT. DUDLEY A. TREMBLE

Dudley A. Tremble, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland N. Tremble, of 315 Johnson Avenue, Teaneck, was graduated recently from Selman Field, Louisiana, where he received his navigator's wings and commission as second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces.

Following a 10-day delay en route, spent at the home of his parents, Lieutenant Tremble reported to Plant Park, Tampa, Fla., to await the organization of his crew.

Tremble is a graduate of Teaneck High School where he was a member of the football team and entered the service in August of 1943 as an aviation cadet.

12-14-44

Seaman Second Class William A. Muller, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Muller of 124 Bogart Street, West Englewood, is attending radio school at the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Memphis, Tenn. Muller, a graduate of St. Cecilia's R. C. High School, Englewood last June, enlisted in the Navy in October. He played baseball with the Cresskill Royals and the Junior League of Teaneck.

12-13-44

—Frank E. Engstrom, 20 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Engstrom of 1326 Dickerson Road, West Englewood, has been commissioned an ensign and received his wings as a Navy pilot at the Flight Training Station, Pensacola, Fla.

—Private Howard D. Holland, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Holland of 255 Highwood Avenue, Teaneck, has been transferred from Camp Hood, Texas, an infantry post, to Sheppard Field, Texas, an Army Air Force base.

Holland is a graduate of Teaneck High School.

12-14-44

Cadet McLaughlin Grads.

Former Aviation Cadet Matthew Thomas McLaughlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James P. McLaughlin of 856 Ester Avenue, Teaneck, was recently graduated from the A. A. F. Pilot School at Moody Field, Ga., and appointed a flight officer with the rating of Army pilot.

Flight Officer McLaughlin, a graduate of Holy Trinity Grammar School and High School in Hackensack, entered the service as an aviation cadet in May, 1943.

A brother, Lieutenant James McLaughlin, is pilot of a B-24 Liberator with the 15th Air Force in Italy, and another brother, First Lieutenant John McLaughlin, died of wounds received in action in Italy on October 5.

12-14-44

How The Gambier Bay Went To Her Death; Teaneck Yeoman Tells Of Hell In Pacific

Cornered By Great Jap Force, Carrier Fought Till She Could Move No More; Then Foe Shelled Survivors

"After praying as hard as I could, I finally fell asleep, and I doubt if there was a man among us that night who was an atheist."

Frank Conklin Jr., Yeoman 2/c, One destroyer off our starboard was describing his reactions following the sinking of the escort carrier Gambier Bay in Leyte Gulf in back into his own smoke, letting go October. The son of Mr. and Mrs. three torpedoes into one of the Frank Conklin of 1079 Julia Street, Jap cruisers, causing confusion on West Englewood, he is home on a 30-day ship.

The Japs were using marker shells colored with pink, blue and yellow dye which gave them an idea where to put the next salvo. We were continually being knocked down by the concussion of the shells, and the smoke started coming up from the engine room was knocked out which left us dead in the water. One Jap cruiser was coming in fast astern and another off our port quarter.

"It was the morning of October 26, he related, 'and we had just gone below after the morning General Quarters. I had gone down to my sack and was in it for a minute before going to chow when the General Quarters bell went off a mile a minute. Putting on the head phones, I tried to find out what was the matter, while all the time I had officers and men urging me to get the dope on what was happening."

FORCE APPROACHING

"In the meantime the lookout saw a squall and it started to rain. Just then a report came up to the bridge that there was a large surface force coming our way from eastern about 20 miles away. It was not identified as ours and we all turned our eyes in that direction. Just astern of the last carrier, three pluming spurts of water shot up and we knew we were in for it. More hits started coming all around the other carrier and a plume of black smoke rose from their flight decks. The ship careened off our starboard quarter, in an attempt to outrun the Jap formation which consisted of four battleships, six cruisers and a number of destroyers.

"In the meantime our planes had taken off, loaded with torpedoes and bombs in an attempt to delay the attack. Shells started coming in our direction. One shell or rather a salvo hit on the port bow and a voice came blasting over the squawk box to notify us that water was coming in below and was already up to their knees. The pumps started working, but could not stem the flow of water into our forward engine room. Meanwhile hits were taking us from all directions, as

The Jap formation had spread out. One destroyer off our starboard beam, after laying down a smoke screen, reversed his course and went back into his own smoke, letting go three torpedoes into one of the Jap cruisers, causing confusion on the ship.

"The Japs were using marker shells colored with pink, blue and yellow dye which gave them an idea where to put the next salvo. We were continually being knocked down by the concussion of the shells, and the smoke started coming up from the engine room was knocked out which left us dead in the water. One Jap cruiser was coming in fast astern and another off our port quarter.

SHIP ABANDONED

"Finally the word was passed to abandon ship. I removed the phones when one of the officers told us to go over the side. It was quite a drop from the bridge as the ship was listing heavily to port, and after removing some of the foul-weather clothing, I took a look over the side and snaked it down the line toward the water. Men coming down the lines and ladders were getting splattered by shrapnel and the wounded were having a hard time getting away from the ship.

"Some men still within the hull were trapped as bulkheads and decks were smashed together. The ship was now a picture of fire, smoke and holes and near misses were hitting all around the rafts. Finally from about 200 yards distance, we watched the proud Gambier Bay list heavily for a moment and then roll over bottom up, with one screw still showing. A few moments more and she dove, bow first, the one screw seeming to bid us farewell.

"On the rafts, it was quite another story. Shells still rained about us. The wounded were given preference in the rafts while others were pulled away from the spot where the ship had gone down, in case she should explode under the water. Men with gaping holes in them made no sound other than to call a shout of recognition to men on the other rafts.

"We would rather have died than be picked up by the Japs, so we kept quiet and low in the rafts to avoid detection. We had been in the water about 3 hours when it started to rain and rain hard. With what containers and helmets we had, we caught water and drank it, although it had a rust taste. Finally night fell with a mysterious silence and every one started thinking of home, although we had been doing that during the day too. I don't think it once entered our minds that there was no chance of our getting through, although we were all prepared for it, if that was the way it was to be.

SHARKS ATTACK

"At dusk of the second day, every one was awake and raring to go, but there wasn't any place to go. Rations of malt tablets were distributed and we thought that was about the best meal we had ever eaten. The water kegs had been smashed and there was no water. The next day the sun grew hot and we started to burn, and in the afternoon we were visited by sharks. One officer went out in the water to pick up some floating object and was attacked by a shark from behind. The shark took two huge pieces out of his back and he died a few moments later. Many men had already been buried at sea with a few words of prayer and a piece of metal tied to their legs for weight.

"One o'clock the next morning we sighted lights off in the distance. We shot a flare but could see no action. Finally as the lights came closer, we started shooting and yelling, a PC boat came alongside and threw us a line. An arm came down to help me and with one lift, he had me aboard and I was out of Hell and into Heaven. My legs were like water, but the fellow let me go after I assured him I was all right, and then I folded and went down into a neat little huddle. He gave me a blanket, a cigarette and a cup of hot 'Joe'. I finally lay down in a pool of grease and went to sleep. Some time later a fellow put a blanket over me and the next thing I knew it was morning, a golden morning with fear almost gone and a clean white wake breaking a trail behind us."



Y. 2/c FRANK CONKLIN

12-17-44

Capt. Everett in U. S.

MIAMI, FLA., Jan. 20—Flown across the ocean in a giant ATC plane, two New Jersey warriors have arrived from overseas duty at Air Transport Command's Army Air Field and today were clearing this Caribbean hub on the last lap of their homeward journey.

Capt. George T. Everett, 23, 184 Grayson Place, Teaneck, has served 24 months in the Caribbean area and has just returned from Ecuador where he has been stationed with a Weather Squadron. Before entering the service, Capt. Everett was in the exporting business. He is the son of Mr. Samuel H. Everett, Teaneck.

T/Sgt. Ira D. Dorian, 28, Cranford, has served 22 months in the Asiatic-Pacific theater and has just returned from India. The former lawyer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Dorian, with whom he lives at 28 Hamilton Ave.

12-18-44

Sgt. Olson Killed In Air Crash In England

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Olson of 155 Bogart Street, West Englewood have been advised by the War Department that their son Sergeant George E. Olson, 28, was killed November 13 at Rhineston Norfolk, England when the plane on which he was a gunner made a crash landing upon its return from a mission.

He enlisted in the Army Air Forces in October, 1942. He was a graduate of Teaneck High School, and before entering the service he was employed by the Wright Aeronautical Corporation in Paterson.

His two younger brothers, Eugene Victor and Harry, are in the Army. Eugene Victor is with the Air Forces in Colorado, and Harry is stationed with the Coast Artillery at Fort Myers, Del.

Bowker Passes Course

George E. Bowker, 18, of 1095 avenue, Teaneck, is now recognized as a qualified striker for the petty officer rating of aviation machinist's mate, third class, after his recent graduation from the Naval Training School, for aviation at the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Navy Pier, Chicago. Bowker was sent to the specialty school on the basis of his boot training test scores which indicated an aptitude for aviation training.

Air Cadet Hagopian

Aviation Cadet Vanig V. Hagopian of 82 Amsterdam Avenue West Englewood, N. J., has arrived for officer training at the Army Air Force Technical School Seymour Johnson Field, N. C. He was a photo-engraver until last August 7.

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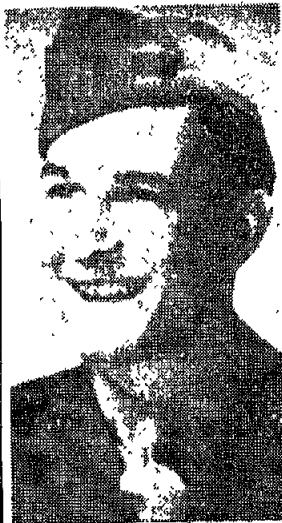
COPILLOT CITED

Second Lieutenant Alfred R. Anderson, of 54 Golf Court, Teaneck, co-pilot of a B-24 Liberator bomber, has been authorized to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge and one Bronze Cluster as a member of a veteran Liberator group which twice has been cited by the President of the United States for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy.

Graduating from Teaneck High School, Anderson entered the Army on Nov. 27, 1942. He received his flight training at Spence Field, Georgia, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant in March, 1944. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson, live at the Teaneck address.

12-16-44

BACK FROM PACIFIC



Captain William Nicholas Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Rand Jones of Pomander Walk, Teaneck, has just returned from 2½ years duty in the South Pacific. Jones, a graduate of Berkshire Prep School, in Sheffield, Mass., entered the Marine Corps while a senior at Amherst College. A member of the First Marine Division he was at Guadalcanal in August 1942, New Guinea, Cape Gloucester in December 1943 and in September of this year took part of the invasion of Peleliu. After a 30 day leave at home he will report to Quantico, Va., for reassignment.

12-19-44

Lieut. Robert Semkin

Lieutenant Robert J. Semkin, son of Mrs. Semken and the late Harry Semkin of 68 Garden Street, West Englewood was graduated recently from the University at a communications officer in the Army Air Force and is continuing his studies at Boca Raton, Fla.

He is a graduate of Hackensack High School, class of 1939 and attended Pace Institute in New York City prior to entering the Army in November of 1942.

12-20-44

Teaneck Marines Promoted

Cherry Point, N. C. (undated) —Two Teaneck Marines have been promoted one rank at the Marine Corps Air Station here.

Staff Sergeant Ernest G. Lorenzen, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lorenzen, 501 Beverly Road, promoted from sergeant, is on duty in the assembly and repair department at this station. He was formerly employed by the Bendix Aviation Corporation in Philadelphia, Pa.

Private First Class James M. Pike, of 98 Cherry Lane, promoted from private, is on duty with the commissary department. He formerly managed a restaurant in New York City.

12-20-44

Simmons Now in Texas

BIG SPRING, TEXAS — Aviation Cadet William E. Simmons has just reported for duty at the Big Spring Bombardier School, of the AAF Training Command, it was announced by Colonel Ralph C. Rockwood, commanding officer of the school.

A/C Simmons is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Simmons, 118 Ayers Ct., Teaneck. After graduation from St. Peter's Prep. School in Jersey City, he attended New York Univ. in N. Y. City.

The Big Spring Bombardier School, one of the world's largest bombing colleges, graduates a new class of precision bombardiers every 4 weeks. The intensive 24 weeks course qualifies these airmen for their appointment as officers in the Army Air Forces. They also receive the shiny new wings of rated bombardiers.

Many hours of class room instruction in the use of the famous Norden bombsight, coupled with weeks of practice bombing over targets on the rolling West Texas range country, have fitted each graduate to become that important member of the crew upon whose ability and accuracy rests the success of each bombing mission. His performance in the many theatres of war has already earned him the title of that "hell from heaven" man.

12-19-44

Sgt. John W. Stein

Sergeant John W. Stein, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stein of 190 Park Avenue, Teaneck who has been in the Marine Corps 3 years and is a veteran of major battles on Guam and Bougainville. Entering the service shortly after graduation from Teaneck High School, he has been on overseas duty for the past year and a half.

Another brother, Edward, is serving as an instructor in the Marines at Quantico, Va.

12-20-44

Posthumous Award To Capt. Charles Barrie

WITH THE FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION ON LEYTE—Captain Charles J. Barrie, Jr., of Teaneck, New Jersey, has posthumously been awarded the Silver Star decoration for gallantry in action at Caidan on Leyte Island.

Son of Mr. Charles J. Barrie, Sr., 260 Queens Court, Teaneck Captain Barrie was awarded the medal by Major General Verna D. Mudge, commanding general of the First Cavalry Division.

The citation awarding the decoration reads: "While moving through chest deep swamps, the leading platoon of Captain Barrie's troop was suddenly fired on and pinned down by the enemy, located in a well concealed position on a hillside. Seeing the predicament of his troop, Captain Barrie, with total disregard for personal safety, moved forward to the position, and while under constant fire, organized and directed the fire of his weapons on the enemy position until he was killed.

"The courageous leadership displayed by Captain Barrie inspired his men and enabled them to destroy the enemy and permitted the advance of the squadron to its objective," the citation concludes.

12-20-44

Lieut. Lander Is Reported Missing

"A Flying Fortress, piloted by Lieutenant Marvin Lander of Teaneck, was shot down over Kaiserslautern, December 23 in a raid at the peak of the German offensive. Lander's plane was attacked by enemy fighters as it neared the target and his radio operated message the squadron leader that the craft was leaving the formation."

Thus reads the report from the Bomber Base in Europe containing information about First Lieutenant Lander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lander, 170 Sherman Avenue, Teaneck who is reported missing.

The report continues: "All crewmen are listed as missing in action except the navigator, who bailed out over friendly territory and now is recovering in a hospital. Some others of the crew were seen parachuting into Germany about 40 miles east of Luxembourg in the area southwest of Koblenz. Headquarters could not say if Lander landed among them. A bomber which crash landed a mile north of Wolfingen, Germany, has been identified as Lander's plane.

Lieutenant Lander, a graduate of Teaneck High School class of '41, entered service in March of 1943 and received his wings and commission at Columbus Army Air Field, Miss., in March of 1944. He went overseas last September and on December 4 was promoted to first lieutenant and then on December 21, two days before he was reported missing, was awarded the air medal.

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

12-20-44

Lt. Rose Castelli Now On Ledo Road

ALONG THE LEDO ROAD—Rose Edith Castelli, sister of Dr. Rudolph Castelli of 718 Palmer Ave., Teaneck, has been stationed overseas in India for the past sixteen months, according to information received recently from the India Burma Theater of Operations. A 1st Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps, Miss Castelli is assigned to a hospital unit located along the Ledo Road which U. S. Army Engineers are building from India through Burma toward China.

A graduate of the City Hospital School of Nursing, Miss Castelli was employed by the New York City Department of Hospitals before entering the Army. She went on active duty as a 2nd Lt. more than 27 months ago. After being inducted in New York City, she was sent to Camp Claiborne, La.

Miss Castelli and other nurses stationed in the same area along the Ledo Road are doing their jobs well under trying conditions. Their tasks are made doubly difficult by the monsoon rains which pour down for more than six months out of the year, and by the heat, mud, and malaria mosquitoes. Their living quarters are crude bamboo bashes at the edge of the jungle, without luxuries and without most of the conveniences of civilization. Despite all this, the care which sick and wounded American and Chinese soldiers receive in the hospital is among the best that the Army has to offer.

12-20-44

Lt. Fred Wolf in England

First Lieutenant Frederick G. Wolf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick G. Wolf Sr., of 987 Grace Terrace, Teaneck, is Assistant Air Corps supply officer with an 8th Air Force Service Command sub-depot bomber repair unit stationed in England.

He was graduated from the Valley Forge Military Academy in 1940 and then attended Junior College at the Valley Forge Military Academy. Prior to his entry into the military service, April, 1942, he was a bank clerk at the Chase National Bank, New York City. He has been stationed in the European Theatre of Operations 13 months.

His wife, Mrs. I. C. Wolf and daughter, Charlotte Louise, live in Wayne, Pa.

12-25-44

Alfred Bossler Promoted

Alfred T. Bossler, son of Mrs. Edith H. Cohn of 440 North Street, Teaneck, was recently promoted to technician, fifth grade, in the U. S. Army. His wife, Mary, resides at the same address with his mother.

Prior to entering the service Corporal Bossler was a sales representative in the New York City office of the American Mutual Liability Insurance Company of Boston. He has been a member of his company's motor pool for over a year and drives the ration truck for the kitchen. Recently he was among the few in his company that received the Motor Vehicle and Mechanic Qualification Badge, with Driver W. Bar which is a War Department award for outstanding drivers with meritorious records. He had previously been in the supply section of his company.

Pvt. Donald Hill Graduates

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 12—Pvt. Charles Donald Hill, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hill, 565 Mildred St., Teaneck, has been graduated from the AAF Training Command's aircraft radio mechanics school at Traux Field where he studied the servicing of radio equipment used on U. S. bombers and fighter planes, it was announced today by the post commander.

12-25-44

Gets Medal With Clusters

MITCHELL FIELD, N. Y., Dec. 21—For exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in more than fifteen separate bomber combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 1st Lt. Leo C. Francis, Jr. of 293 Hickory Street, Teaneck, was awarded the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters during an award ceremony held here today in the post theatre.

His wife, Mrs. Hilda Francis, accepted the award in behalf of Lt. Francis, from Lt. Col. George S. Boylan, assistant to the assistant chief of staff of operations and training, First Bomber Command.

Troops of the 110th AAF Base Unit formed a guard of honor while the 581st AAF Band played during the ceremony.

12-25-44

Staff Sgt. Thomas Price

Thomas J. Price, 22, son of Thomas J. Price of Pomander Walk, Teaneck, tail gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber, has recently been promoted to the grade of staff sergeant.

Sergeant Price began his Army career in December, 1942, and after graduation from flexible gunnery school at Pueblo, Colo., arrived in Italy August 15 of this year.

He was graduated from West Chester High School and attended West Chester State Teachers' College and Wesleyan University, where he was active in wrestling, swimming and basketball.

Since his arrival overseas, Sergeant Price has participated in numerous attacks on such important targets as enemy airdromes, oil refineries, railroad yards, and bridges in Germany, France, Rumania, Hungary, Italy and Austria.

Sergeant Price has two sisters in the service, Captain Marion Mitchell in the Women's Army Corps and Miss Helen Price, serving with the Red Cross.

12-25-44

Sgt. Berger Now In Italy

15th AAF IN ITALY—Sgt. Harold P. Bergen, Jr., son of Mr. Harold P. Bergen, Sr., of 715 Cedar Lane, Teaneck, N. J., recently arrived in Italy and is now a member of Colonel Paul L. Barton's target busting group operating out of Italy. He is a gunner aboard an AAF B-17 Flying Fortress.

Sgt. Bergen is a graduate of Teaneck High School where he was a member of the soccer and wrestling teams. He entered the AAF in October of 1943 and won his wings as an aerial gunner at Tyrdall Field, Florida, on March of 1944.

Prior to coming to the Mediterranean theater, Sgt. Bergen, spent four months in the European theater where he flew several combat missions over enemy occupied Europe.

12-25-44

Boytes Gets Bronze Star

WITH THE 29th DIVISION IN GERMANY—Warrant Officer (JG) Lee W. Botyos, of 531 Spring Street, Teaneck, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement. He is a signal officer in the administrative section of this division.

Invading the Normandy coast on D-Day, the "fighting 29th" has been in scores of battles and three major campaigns. The division has been overseas for more than two years. Mr. Botyos is the son of Mrs. Agnes Botyos of Teaneck.

The text of the citation: "From June 18 to October 20, 1944, while serving in the dual capacity as Signal Officer for the administration center and as Division Cryptographic Officer, WO Botyos' service has been characterized by unusual force, initiative, devotion to duty, and great capacity of technical ability. Despite signal handicaps which have arisen due to location of the administration center to the main axis of signal communications, WO Botyos, nevertheless, has always established communication with all necessary units most efficiently and quickly. By the exploitation of ingenious methods, WO Botyos many times simplified and improved his signal net by establishing hook-up communication with adjacent units in very short time, maintaining communications with advanced channels which otherwise would have necessitated the laying of new lines."

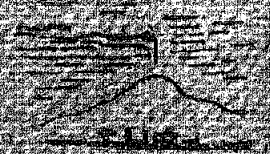
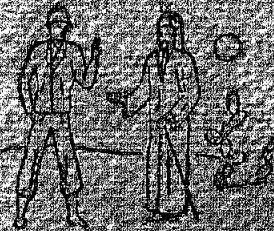
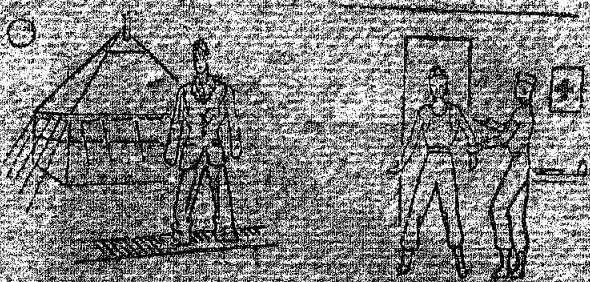
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*Christmas
Greetings
from all in Teaneck*

Another year has passed. By another Christmas you may be home with us again. Until then we are together in the communion of our thoughts and prayers. To each and every one of you is sent a cheery greeting this Christmas from all in Teaneck.

*Teaneck Township Council
1944*



For Better, Dearer, or Longer

Which ever you are

Our old fashioned Merry Christmas

Or you cover the sea

for a while longer

