

Allen Dies In France

Pfc. Edward Allen of Martinsville was killed in Normandy June 25, the third Martinsville boy to die in this war. He was 25 years old.

His wife, Mrs. Agnes Gluck Allen, Neuman's Lane, received a telegram from the War Department stating that he was killed while in action with the Infantry. The couple have a five-months old daughter, Barbara Louise.

Allen joined the Army in Aug., 1941, and went overseas early this year. He attended No. Plainfield Schools and worked for the N. J. Bell Telephone Co. before his induction. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Allen of No. Plainfield.

Allen's last letter was dated June 17 and stated that he was in France and was well.

Pfc. Allen trained at Ft. Jackson, S. C., Camp Wheeler, Ga., and Camp Gordon, Fla. He arrived overseas in January.

NESHANICITE PROMOTED

Raymond Toles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elman Tole of Amwell Rd., Neshanic, now holds the rank of fireman second class in the Merchant Marine.

The Honor Roll DEAD

Robert David Apgar, Seaman /c, of Green Knoll, killed in action, South Pacific, Nov. 13, 1942, aboard USS Juncau.

Sgt. Walter Jacobs, Railroad Ave. Killed July 3, 1943, Needles, Calif., in plane crash.

Pvt. Francis Harear, LaGrange St. Killed in action Aug. 6, 1943, North Africa Area.

Pfc. Philip DeLorenzo, Anderson St. Killed in action, Sept. 9, 1943, Italy.

Pfc. Dominic Baldini, 25 First Ave. Killed in action, Sept. 23, 1943, Italy.

Sgt. Morton Levine, Martinsville, killed in a raid over Munster, Germany, Oct. 10, 1943.

Lt. John J. Gentile, 81 Thompson St. Killed Dec. 29, 1943, in the North Atlantic Area in plane crash.

Sgt. John Nevinsky, Bridgewater Township, killed in action, Jan. 25, 1944, in the Mediterranean Area.

First Lt. Abram B. Granetz, 64 Somerset St., died Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, Feb. 6, 1944.

Staff Sgt. George Bergen, FINDERNE, died March 23, 1944, of wounds received Sept. 8, 1943, at Salerno, Italy.

First Lieut. Alfred Zanoni, 62 W. Somerset St.; died Mar. 20 1944, in So. Pacific Area.

Cpl. Rocco Scarponi, 112 First Ave., killed in action in North Africa Area Apr. 20, 1944.

Cpl. Rocco F. DeMello, 54 Thompson St., killed in action in North Africa Area Apr. 20, 1944.

Seaman 1-c John Mills, Martinsville, killed in plane crash at Beaufort Air Base, S. C., June 2, 1944.

Pfc. Frank P. Esposito, 7 Thompson St., died in Hawaii June 11, 1944.

MISSING

S-Sgt. George Sepesi, 6 Colfax St., missing in action in Italy since May 31, 1944.

Pvt. Michael Kovalick, 2 Railroad Ave., missing in action in France since June 6, 1944.

Lt. Robert Disbrow, No. Branch Station, mission in raid over Europe since June 15, 1944.

Lt. Edward J. Vesely, No. Branch, missing in a raid over Europe since June 15, 1944.

(This box is run as a constant reminder to those on the Home Front of the sacrifice made by our boys on the battle fronts.—The Editor.)

WANT TO VOTE?

New Jersey has probably the best Soldier Vote Law in the nation—every man and woman in uniform can vote if he or his family will only take the time to give the County Clerk his correct address.

Many servicemen have moved since the last canvass was taken and their ballots will be delayed unless they send their PRESENT addresses.

County Clerk Robert Bergen will run a form in next week's issue of the NEWS. Fill it out! Families or friends may supply information and return it to Mr. Bergen at the Court House.

Men are dying for the right to vote—they will if the County Clerk has his correct address.

Under New Jersey law, members of the Merchant Marine, Red Cross, USO are entitled to the same voting privileges as members of the armed forces.

Name Davis Legion Head

Wilfred Davis of Bradley has been elected commander of the Somerset County American Legion. He was one of the organizers of the Raritan Valley Post 280 and served three years as commander, retiring this month.

Commander Davis served overseas in World War I and was wounded, receiving the Purple Heart. He replaces Dr. Joseph L. Kohn of Somerville and will take office in the Fall.

Other officers elected Friday night at the Court House follow:

Senior vicecommander, Ray Rogers, Giles-Biondi Post, 53, Bound Brook; junior vicecommander, Emery Wood, Post 277, Bernardsville; finance officer, J. D. Felsenheld, Somerset Hills Post, 216, Peapack-Gladstone; historian, Clifford Seals, Ball-Kirch Post 265, North Plainfield, sergeant-at-arms, Francis Birkenshaw, Facility Post 225, Lyons, chaplain, Roy Hummwell, Ball-Kirch Post; department executive committeeman, Arthur T. Curley, Facility Post.

OPA Cracks Down On Phony Coupons

TRENTON—Harry Curcio, Frelinghuysen Ave., was among 48 gasoline dealers in the Trenton OPA district to be penalized for handling counterfeit coupons. According to the announcement made by Ralph W. Hackett, District Director, the penalized dealers will lose a total gasoline inventory of 13,515 gallons immediately as a result of the detection of counterfeit coupons equal to that gallonage in their ration bank accounts. Curcio was penalized 300 gallons.

Defends Treatment Of Prisoners

As increasing numbers of prisoners of war reach our shores, discussions of their treatment mounts. A local soldier, Pvt. Rocco Di Paolo of 29 Wall St., is attached to a military police escort guard company at the Prisoner of War Camp, Greely, Colo. His letter to the NEWS summarizes his opinions:

"I'm a guard for the prisoners of war, who must be treated according to the provisions of the Geneva Convention. People believe that these Germans are being treated too softly. (The Italians aren't prisoners any more. They are learning our fighting tactics and want to fight against the Germans now instead of with them. They wear our uniforms with the insignia 'Italy' on the left sleeve.)

"We prisoners of war guards have special training and practically learn the Geneva Convention by heart. All the prisoners do is study that convention and try to outsmart us in every way they can think of. The convention grew out of the sympathy of Jean Henri Dunant, a Swiss philanthropist, had for the prisoners of the Battle of Solferino, fought in 1859.

"The Geneva rules are scrupulously

LOCAL SOLDIERS WITH 77th DIVISION IN GUAM FIGHT

Dobson To Head FINDERNE Firemen

James W. Dobson, Jr., former member of the Bridgewater Township Committee, has been named chief of the new FINDERNE Fire Co., which expects to soon have its first engine ready for community inspection.

Other officers chosen Tuesday night are: Frank R. Olfzewski, assistant chief; Michael F. Bank, captain; Frank E. Gabrielski, first lieutenant; Steve A. Turiak, Jr., chief engineer; Joseph A. Hough, assistant engineer; the Rev. Frederick M. Leonard, Chaplain.

The company met at the FINDERNE Reformed Church. It was announced that the apparatus, which was purchased from the So. Bound Brook firemen will be housed in a garage on the property of Michael Bank on Easton Turnpike. A siren will be installed as soon as a site is chosen.

Fiedler Hurt At Saipan

Tech. Sgt. Thomas F. Fiedler, 58 Quick Ave., was "seriously wounded" during the fight for Saipan, his parents were notified by the War Department. He was a member of the 27th Division, which aided the Marines in capturing the island stronghold.

Fiedler has been in the Army since Jan., 1941, and overseas more than two years. He was in the battle of Tarawa and came through unscathed.

He trained at Ft. McClellan, Ala., and went to Hawaii in Feb., 1942, when he was promoted to Corporal. In June of that year he became a Sergeant.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fiedler. His brother Henry is an MP in the Army and has been in service since Sept., 1942. Henry is stationed in California and recently spent an 18-day furlough at home. Henry left for his camp last Friday, and the telegram concerning his brother's wounds arrived the next day.

Bradley Picks New Pastor

The Rev. J. J. F. Endert, who spent ten years as a missionary of the Moravian Church in Dutch Guiana, was accepted as pastor of the Bradley Gardens Community Church at a meeting of the Classis of Raritan held in the First Reformed Church, Somerville, Monday evening.

The Rev. Peter Stryker, president of the Classis, of Lebanon, presided and the Rev. Garrett M. Conover, stated clerk, of High Bridge acted as secretary. Otto Mai represented the Bradley consistory. The Rev. David R. Evans, Third Reformed Church, is supervisor of the Bradley Church.

Rev. Endert was born in the Netherlands and graduated from Amsterdam schools. After working with his father as a banker for several years, he studied missionary work at the University of Liège and the University of London. He was sent out as a missionary by the Moravian Church to Dutch Guiana where he worked for ten years among the South American Indians. Because of the equatorial climate Mrs. Endert's health failed and she was ordered to a temperate climate. With the present war conditions they were unable to return to the Netherlands, so they took up residence in Nazareth, Pa., where they have been living for the past 10 months. They have three children.

Rev. Endert will be installed as pastor Sept. 14 at the Bradley Church. The program consists of a sermon preached by S. H. Gapp, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of the Moravian Church, of Bethlehem, Pa.; primarius, Bishop Gapp; secundus, the Rev. M. Stephen James, D.D., Professor of Homeletics, of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary; charge to the pastor, Rev. Evans; Secundus, the Rev. M. Eugene Osteraven, Third Reformed Church; charge to the congregation, Rev. James; and Secundus, Rev. Conover.

Marine Joins Basilone

The second Congressional Medal of Honor has been awarded by the Marines—the first went to Sgt. John Basilone, 118 First Ave. It was given to Pfc. Richard Keith Sorenson, 20, of Anoka, Minn.

Sorenson threw himself on a Jap grenade at Kwajalein, saving five comrades from injuries, or death. He was badly wounded and is still at a naval hospital, where he received the Medal of Honor.

Until the award was made to Sorenson, Basilone was the only enlisted man in the Marines to hold the nation's highest award.

A number of local boys are known to be members of the 77th Division which is engaged in reconquering Guam from the Japs. The Division wears the famous Statue of Liberty insignia and made history in World War 1.

The entire county is well represented in the outfit and there are many from Manville, Bound Brook and Somerville. Raritan has at least six in the 77th.

Two other Raritan boys, both of whom trained with the "Old Lady" outfit, are missing the Guam fight. Both were struck down when an ammunition dump blew up at Oahu, Hawaii, in June while the division made its way across the Pacific. They are Pfc. Anthony Stabile, 53 Gaston Ave., who is recovering from serious injuries, and Pfc. Frank Esposito, 7 Thompson St., who was killed.

Those believed to be on Guam are Sebastian Conti, 43 Canal St.; Joseph Amorosa, 29 First St.; Joseph Bernabe, 5 La Grange St.; John Gall, 13 Elmer St.; Rudolf Sabol, 5 Third St.; and Anthony Santora, 69 E. Somerset St.

The 77th gained fame in World War 1 when one of its units was cut off by the Germans and became known as the "Lost Battalion."

The local boys joined the outfit when it was organized at Ft. Jackson, S. C., in the spring of 1942, the men, after intensive tactical indoctrination were sent to Louisiana where they held maneuvers in the swamps and during one period lived on prepared C rations for a month.

When the men packed up from this training they were sure that they were on the way to meet the enemy. But instead they disembarked in Arizona's desert.

The swamps of Louisiana, where the men had been damp for weeks on end, became pleasant memories when the 77th began their forced marches through the Arizona desert.

From Arizona the men were shipped East. Now, they thought, they surely would see action. They did, but it was as practice invaders of the Florida coast in amphibious operations under the direction of the Coast Guard.

Finally the army considered the new 77th ready for the war, and the men were shipped to the West Coast for combat action in the Pacific.

FDR, Truman Backed In County

The Somerset County Democratic Club Monday night discussed plans for the participation in the campaign for the re-election of President Roosevelt with Senator Henry Truman of Missouri, as vice-president.

Frank Ryan, Somerville, who attended the national convention in Chicago, spoke on the convention.

Mrs. Aldona Appleton, deputy clerk in Middlesex County, stated the responsibility of the women this year, when they will cast 52 to 65 per cent of the vote. Other speakers were Andrew D. Desmond, Woodbridge, candidate for Congress, and Frank J. Schubert, Bound Brook, candidate for Freeholder.

Mrs. Emil M. Woerner, Country Club Rd., presided and Mrs. Emily Mayersky, Watchung, sang, accompanied by Mrs. Leonard R. Blumberg of Manville.

Proposals for a picnic were dropped at the suggestion of Angelo Soriano, 67 E. Somerset St. The next meeting will be held August 29.

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Finderne Gob Rescue Hero

A Bridgewater sailor recently played a stellar role in the rescue of a Mexican sailor during the storm off Norfolk, Va. He's Michael Bower, aviation radioman 1-c, of the Coast Guard, who was patrolling the coast when he noticed a medical distress signal flying from a vessel.

The pilot of Bower's plane landed on the water but the sea was so rough that it was impossible to transfer the ailing seaman. Bower sent a radio message to the Coast Guard station at Elizabeth City, N. C., asking for a heavier plane.

A larger plane responded to the call and reached the Mexican ves-

sel after flying miles off its course to avoid the storm. The plane landed in the comparative calm waters in the wake of the ship and a boat was dispatched to the plane with the ill sailor, Lorenzo Andres Nieto, 26, who was seized with an attack of acute appendicitis.

Nieto was quickly flown back to Elizabeth City, where an ambulance awaited him. He was rushed to a hospital, arriving there about five and a half hours after Bower sent the first call for help.

The hero sailor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Bower of Easton Turnpike, Finderne.

Approve Hospital Project

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Somerset Hospital last evening, it was announced that approval has been received from the Federal Works Administration for the construction of a three-story wing adjoining the present hospital and a new heating plant and laundry. These additional facilities represent, for the most part, the majority of the expansion program for which funds were sought from the community during the early part of the year. It is anticipated that construction will be commenced late this summer or early fall.

Negotiations are proceeding toward the construction of new nurses' home, but as yet definite plans for that part of the project have not been consummated.

The intensive use of the present hospital facilities has been a matter of great concern to the trus-

tees. During the past few months bed occupancy has been at about 20 per cent in excess of the regular capacity. So far, no patients have been turned away from the hospital, but continued operation at such a rate is, in the opinion of the trustees, a dangerous condition. "Therefore, it is a matter of great satisfaction that the approval of the Government agencies have given this substantial increase in bed capacity of the hospital has been made available as promptly as it has, notwithstanding the acute situation as to both materials and manpower in this area," the trustees said.

Robert L. Adams, General Chairman of the Campaign for Subscriptions, reported that more subscriptions are still required to reach the quota of \$500,000 originally announced. To date, the total of the fund is \$484,337.

CHURCH NOTES

THIRD REFORMED:

The Sunday School picnic and supper will be held today at Peter's Brook.

The sermon topic at the Sunday service will be "Life Ever Lasting."

PLUCKEMIN PRESBYTERIAN:

Christian Endeavor meetings will be held Aug. 6 and 20 in the chapel at 7:45 p. m.

The Sunday School has adjourned until Sept. 10.

Divinity Student George Watt will conduct services Aug. 6. The Rev. Joseph L. Ewing will minister until Aug. 20.

CONGREGATION ANSHE CHES-

ED: Special services will be held in

commemoration of the destruction of the Jewish national state and the existence at the hands of the Romans in the year 70. Services will begin Saturday at sundown and Sunday at 8 a. m. and 2 p. m.

Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Herman C. Schick of Milford have announced the engagement of their daughter, Hermine A. Schick to Abram Van Doren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Van Doren of Neshanic. Miss Schick is a student in Trenton State Teachers College.

Honor Roll Report

William Davis, retiring Commander of the Raritan Valley Post, American Legion, has released his report on the Honor Roll erected at Mill Park and expressed the appreciation of the Legion for the cooperation received from the local residents. The business men contributed \$346, the Legion donated \$324, and the expenses amounted to \$840.25. The upkeep is being financed by the Legion.

Contributions were made by Senator Joseph Pralingshuysen, Henry Condo, Supreme Fur Co., Anthony Orlando, Gallagher Coal Co., Liechti Dairy, Raritan Savings Bank, Marvin Saxe, Raritan State Bank, Werner Pruess, St. Bernard's Church, Gamby's Tavern, Raritan Building and Loan, Raritan Woolen Mills, Raymond Soriano, Joseph Pinto, Walter Darrell, David Granetz, David Glaser, J. Cardarelli, Thomas Minetti, Gaburo Bros., O. Zaninelli, S. Fleischer, A. Costa, J. Spinelli, N. Tozzi, C. DeLucia, A. Gottadaro, M. Scarponi, John Valko and Raritan Valley Hardware.

Draft Boards Call 12 For Service

Selective Service in Washington has announced that the Army has reached its manpower goal and future inductions will probably consist only of replacements from the 18 to 26 year group. However, the Navy will call an additional 194,000 men before the end of the year and another 189,000 by June 30 of next year.

The Navy's accelerated manpower program may increase the local draft induction rate, which has been very low in recent months. The latest list is one of the smallest ever announced by the local draft boards, containing only 12 names.

The men are being inducted under the new rule which puts them into a pool from which the services pick. Thus they do not know what branch of the service they are headed for.

Board 1 has called Joe R. Krasnowski of Neshanic Station and Robert A. Krachum, 36 First Ave. Board 3 has inducted Frederick Adolph Dahms, Woods Road, Belle Mead. They report Monday at the

Free Education Open to Veterans

Discharged veterans in this area whose education was interrupted by induction into the armed services may apply to the Veterans Administration at Lyons for benefits provided by the "GI Bill of Rights". The law also pays for other training under the veterans' rehabilitation program.

Any veteran who served after Sept. 15, 1940, whose service was not honorable, who entered the service before he was 25 or whose education was interrupted, is entitled to a year's training at the expense of the Veterans Administration.

The Administration pays tuition not to exceed \$500 a year and a maintenance pay of \$50 per month for persons without dependents and \$75 with dependents.

Veterans who meet these requirements may apply by letter either to the Veterans Administration here at Lyons or through the school of their choice, according to M. E. Head, manager of the Veterans Administration.

TAKE NOTICE, That a Writ of Attachment has been levied by Lillian Silverman, trading and doing business under the name and style of Lloyd Garment Company, against Bennett Chalk for the sum of sixteen hundred sixty-nine dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$1669.79), and returned to the Somerset County Common Pleas Court on July 14, 1944.

LEONARD R. BLUMBERG, Attorney for Plaintiff Dated: July 19, 1944

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The Rev. Frederick M. Leonard, of the FINDERNE Reformed Church, is sponsor of the club, which was organized as part of the recreation plan for teen-agers in this area.

Andrew Pederson and George Milos will direct the performance and the band of teen-agers which will entertain the audience made up entirely of teen-agers. Norman Winkey will act as master of ceremonies. The program will include Mary and Frances Crisologo, vocal duet; Joseph Needer, accordion solo; Caroline Roller and Mary Crisologo, baton twirling; William Lewis, harmonica solo; Dorothy Gallagher, novelty song; Shirley Hann, piano solo, and Florian Alexander, magician. A comedy by an all-boy cast completes the program. Prizes will be awarded for best performances.

HARDGROVE-KOLBEK

Mr. and Mrs. William Hardgrove of Somerville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elise Lou Hardgrove, to Frank T. Kolbek Jr., motor machinist mate 3-c of the Coast Guard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Kolbek of Poothill Rd. Miss Hardgrove is a graduate of Somerville High, class of '42. Petty Officer Kolbek was graduated from Bound Brook High, class of '42 and attended Rutgers. The engagement was announced while he was on a 12-day leave.

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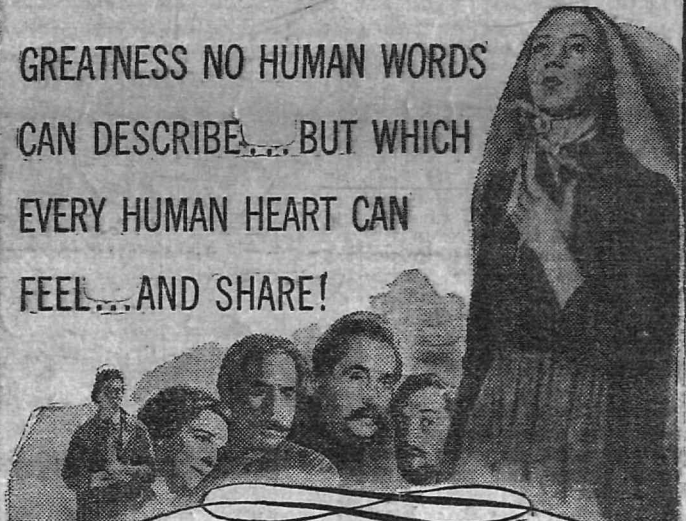
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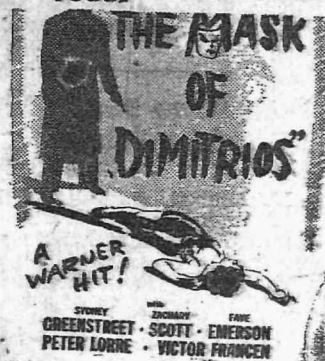
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Lt. Vescovi Is Promoted

The town's top-ranking Naval man, America Vescovi, is headed back to sea with extra braids—he's now a full Lieutenant.

The promotion came while the 34-year-old Annapolis officer was resting from six months of strenuous Pacific duty aboard a destroyer in the Central Pacific which saw much action. He served in the Solomons area and took part in the occupation of the Marshalls. His ship also played a stellar role in the air strategy aimed at the Jap bastion at Truk. His last action was at Hollandia, where his ship helped bombard the base before General MacArthur's men stormed ashore.

Lt. Vescovi, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Vescovi, 99 Anderson St., writes from the West Coast that he is going to serve aboard a heavy cruiser. "It's a ship of fame and my wish is that I may live up to her traditions and bring more honor to her and may the work which I might contribute hasten the end of this truly world war," he writes. "I appreciate the NEWS very much and at sea there is nothing like the hometown paper to bring particular joy to a strenuous cruise."

Lt. Vescovi spent a year in the Marines and then went to Annapolis in Sept., 1939. He was an honor student at the Academy and was graduated 42nd in a class of 115, despite the fact that he had to preparatory school training and only three years of high school. He went on Pacific duty in July, 1942. He is Raritan's only Annapolis graduate.

GI's, French Kids Keep Barber Busy

Key words of French children of the Cherbourg Peninsula are "Gum Gum," according to Pfc. Ralph J. Stramaglia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Stramaglia of 45 First Ave. The two English words have replaced former pleas in French and sign language although these were also successful with American soldiers.

The local fighter is performing mother service for the youngsters of Normandy—he is cutting their hair. Stramaglia, who in civilian life wielded the shears in Maurice Lipoma's barber shop here, arrived a France from England soon after D-Day. He went to work with his scissors immediately and remarked that those Yanks certainly needed haircuts. The little French boys, though, needed tonsorial attention even more.

Two other Stramaglias are also in khaki. Frank, who donned uniform last October, is in Attu with the Coast Artillery while Cpl. James has been stationed in California.

Tunisia, Sicily Vets Now Fighting On French Soil

WITH NINTH DIVISION IN FRANCE—Many New Jersey doughboys are in the Ninth Infantry Division which helped liberate the Cherbourg Peninsula.

Before coming to France they were awarded the newly-created Combat Infantryman Badge by Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, Division Commander. The awards were made in England shortly before D-Day. The Ninth landed on the beaches with early elements of the invasion and was one of the first to enter Cherbourg.

Among those who wear the award of the topnotch foot soldier are Pfc. Frank Russo, 28 Gaston Ave., and Cpl. Anthony Godino of North Branch.

Russo joined the Army in Jan., 1941, and trained at Ft. Bragg, N. C. He went through the entire Tunisia campaign and later fought in

Taylor In England BACK FROM OVERSEAS

Sgt. Richard Taylor of the Marines is spending a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Y. Taylor of Neshanic. He is with the Marine Engineers, stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

He is one of three brothers in service. Arthur is a Sergeant with the Mechanized Cavalry in England. Wilson, a twin brother of Arthur, is a Navy storekeeper at Baltimore.

Richard enlisted in Mar., 1942, and took boot at Parris Is., N. C. Then he went to the Marine Institute at Washington and later to Quantico, Va. Arthur was the first son to go into service early in 1942 and went to Pine Camp, N. Y. In Oct., 1942, he became payroll sergeant of his battalion. Wilson was inducted Sept. 9, 1943, and went to the Covington Naval Base at Baltimore. All three are graduates of Somerville High.



Pfc. Daniel Carnevale is now at Ft. Dix after 27 months with the Infantry in the British West Indies, and probably the only person who really appreciated the recent heat waves. He's used to temperatures of 130 degrees.

Carnevale, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Carnevale, 17 First Ave., has been in service since June, 1941, and trained at Camp Croft, S. C., and Camp Blanding, Fla., before going to B.W.I.

BARRACK BAGS

Here is a roundup of the recent activities of Martinsville boys:

Seaman 2-c Fred C. Goddard is back in California after a 15-day leave at home with his wife on Neuman's Lane. He has been in blue since Sept. 9, 1943.

A broken thumb is keeping Pvt. Kenneth Peterson confined at Breckinridge, Ky. He was hurt during a boxing match. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peterson.

Visiting home is Pvt. Donald C. Waldron of Ft. Riley, Kansas. He's with the mechanized cavalry and will report to Camp Polk, La., at the end of a 10-day furlough. He's been in service since Feb. 10 and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Waldron.

Two local boys—Robert Wilde and Louis F. Geschwinder—ended two years of service on Saturday. Wilde, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wilde, Washington Valley Rd., and is now at Palm Springs, Calif., with the Ferrying Command. Geschwinder is a Sergeant in the Transport Command at Dallas, Texas. He's a flight engineer and the son of Henry Geschwinder, Sr., Neuman's Lane.

Wins Silver Bar After 16 Missions

Lt. Kenneth S. Valis of Hillsborough has completed his 16th bombing mission over Europe and has been rewarded with a promotion to First Lieutenant. The flying officer is the son of John Valis, Belle Mead Rd. He has two brothers in service. Cpl. Harold is overseas and Donald, a Seaman 2-c, is at sea.

Sicily. He is a cook and has been overseas since Sept., 1942. He fought in Gafsa, and El Guitar and later helped boot the Nazis out of Tunis and Bizerte. On May 16, 1943, he wrote that he had received a campaign ribbon for his Tunisia fighting.

His brother Louis was inducted Sept., 1942, and was last reported in England. Louis is with the medics.

Godino has been in service since Jan. 16, 1941. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Godino, 44 New York Ave., and one of three brothers in the Infantry. He and his brother Angelo went through the Tunisia and Sicily campaigns. He was last reported in England, while Angelo wrote he was at Anzio. The third brother, Louis, is at Camp Gruber, Okla. Louis was inducted Oct. 19, 1942, and Angelo on Apr. 24, 1941. Anthony is married and his wife lives at 90 Maple St., West Orange.

The Ninth Division started its overseas career in North Africa when it fought its way through Maknassy and became the first infantry unit to enter Bizerte. Later the Ninth fought in Sicily with Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Seventh Army. Elements landed at Palermo on Aug. 2, 1943, and fought through the center of the island, helping the First Division capture Troina and later to defeat the Germans at Randazzo.

Serves In Air Force NAVY!

A letter from Sgt. Thage C. Jensen, stationed in Cedar Keys, Fla., brings word that the Bradley man is serving in the Army's navy. Primary job of his detachment, which is located on the Gulf of Mexico, is saving the lives of fliers forced down in the Gulf. These Air Force sailors also salvage planes, train crews in air-sea rescue work and repair and maintain bombing targets.

Jensen, who lived at 116 Pine St., plays a culinary role. I am stationed here as mess sergeant," he writes. I get food for over 60 men and supply food for two crash boats with 12-man crews. I also have to go out with one of our two 83-foot boats on crash calls.

"I have been receiving the NEWS

for some time and meant to thank you sooner but the days go so fast that I can't keep up with them. I am so very glad to get the paper, as it makes me feel at home to read what is going on there.

"Right now I am only smoking cigarettes and reading magazines as I am in bed with a heat rash. Again thanks a lot and I hope to continue getting the NEWS weekly."

Jensen and his fellow nautical GI's operate just as if they were off the Italian coast or a small island in the Pacific. Their working costume is blue denim slacks, blue shirts and white navy caps. Sgt. Jensen's brother, Marinus, is also a sailor but he is serving more conventionally in the Navy.

Invader Gets 'Hot' Welcome In France

The fighting in Normandy is going well and the "American boys are doing a great job," writes Pvt. John Pellegrin of Ffinderne. He added that the French gave the Yanks a "warm welcome." John landed in France on D-Day.

Pellegrin is with an anti-aircraft unit behind the lines. He has been in service since July 8, 1943, and trained at Ft. Eustis, Va., and Ft. Dix and then went to England. He reached his 19th birthday Feb. 1 and celebrated in England.

He is a graduate of Ffinderne School and Bound Brook High and was employed at Bakelite before going into service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Pellegrin.

Soldier Engaged To British Girl

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Joan Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis, Barking, Essex, England, to Staff Sgt. Edwin G. Gibson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gibson, 54 E. Somerset St.

Miss Davis received her education in Essex. She is serving with the Women's Land Army somewhere in England.

Staff Sgt. Gibson is a nose gunner on a B-24 liberator. He has been in England since October and completed a year of overseas duty June 3. He is a graduate of Somerville High, class of '39 and was employed by the Warwick Textile Corp., Bound Brook prior to enlisting in the Air Forces, Sept., 1942. The wedding will take place next month.

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