

SERVICE BRIEFS

Sgt. Oreste Cirioli, of 2015 Westfield Avenue is home on furlough from Fort Bliss, Texas. He entered the Army in December, 1942. His brother, Cpl. John Cirioli, is overseas, and another brother, Pvt. Peter Cirioli, is at Camp Brackenridge, Kentucky.

Pvt. Paul Di Nizo, son of Mr and Mrs. Philip DiNizo of 2046 Westfield Ave. has completed his basic training at the Armored Replacement Center at Fort Knox, Ky., preparatory for combat duty in an armored unit. A graduate of SP High School where he was a member of the orchestra and the swing band, The Moonglowers, playing the saxophone. He entered the Army in September, '43

Pvt. William Seal, of Mountain Ave. telephoned his parents early this month from the Stark General Hospital at Charleston, S. C., to tell them of his arrival there from a hospital in Naples. He is waiting to be transferred nearer home for treatment. Pvt. Seal recovered from a shrapnel wound in the hand, received at Anzio, only to fall victim to malaria and he is now undergoing treatment for that malady.

Following graduation in June, 1943, from Scotch Plains High School, he was inducted into the Army and went overseas in November. Just prior to his illness in April, he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

Sgt. Frank J. Bardolf, who also has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal as well as the American Defense Ribbon, is stationed at an advanced base in Italy. He is a waist gunner in a 15th Army Air Force Flying Fortress, and has been overseas since the first of June.

Before entering the service in January, 1942, he was employed by the Mack Truck Company in Plainfield. He trained first for the infantry and armored forces and then transferred to the Airforce, attending gunnery school at Kingman Field, Ariz. He was last home in March.

His brother, Pfc. Daniel Bardolf, is with the Army Air Force ground crew at Sedalia Field, Mo., and another brother, Staff Sgt. George Bardolf, is in Iran.

Pfc. Paul Ferrara, of 2032 Westfield Avenue, recently was graduated from the Radio Army Air Force Training Command School at Scott Field, Ill. He is now training at the AAF Gunnery School at Yuma, Ariz. He is a graduate of Scotch Plains High School and had attended the State University of Iowa for two years before entering the service in May, 1943.

Lt. George Bray has been confined to a bed at Great Neck, L.I. for an attack of pleurisy.

Elmer W. Ulrich, - aviation metal-smith l/c, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fette, of 314 Pearl Place, after completing a course of training at Olathe, Kansas. He left early in August for the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in Illinois where he will be reassigned to active service.

Ulrich enlisted in the Navy in June 1940, and was assigned to the Naval Air Station at Pearl Harbor in January 1941, and took part in action there on December 7th, 1941. After two years there he was returned to this country and has been attending officers training schools.

Postmaster Thomas says that his son Jim enjoys the Plainsman and supplies us with a corrected address to insure his receiving it regularly.

Pvt. Alexander J. Alexy, of Mount St. Anthony, has graduated from Armored Tank School at Fort Knox, Ky., as a skilled tank mechanic.

Pfc. Joseph Puchel, of Hunter Avenue, was seriously wounded in action on Saipan Island on June 16th, according to word received by his parents from the War Department. Pfc. Puchel, who entered the Army in February, 1941, served with the Infantry in Hawaii for several months. He attended Scotch Plains High School and trained at Ft. Mc Clellan, Ala. He was last home in December, 1942, just before going overseas.



Sgt. Dominick De Cuollo

Pvt. Louis Mason has returned to Camp Ellis, Ill., after spending a ten day furlough with his sister, Mrs. James Hamlette of Jerusalem Road.

The population of Scotch Plains has been increased through the birth of a baby girl in July to Pvt. and Mrs. Herbert L. White.

Petty Officer Herbert W. Dinkel Avn. Metalsmith, 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dinkel, of 224 Byrd Avenue, has arrived home on a 30 day leave after serving a year and a half in the South Pacific. He will report back for duty at Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla. on August 15th. His brother Howard is with a Tank Destroyer Battalion at Fort Knox, Ky.

Sgt. Harvey Rue has been transferred to Camp Houze, Texas. He is now with the Engineers.

S/Sgt. Robert Wade is at home until August 25th after being stationed at the Panama Canal for four years. Bob will go to a replacement center at Miami, Fla., at the end of his furlough.

Pfc. Robert Larrivee is now stationed at the Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco, California.



Lt. Joseph L. Blotner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blotner, of 410 Union Ave. was commissioned a second Lt. and awarded his silver wings as an aerial bombardier upon his graduation recently from the advanced bombardier school at Kirtland Field, N.M., where he was stationed

for 18 weeks. Previously he received his aerial gunners' wings at Los Vegas, Nev. He is a graduate of S.P. High School, Class of 1940, where he was captain of the debating team. He attended Drew University and was manager of the baseball team there. He was accepted as an aviation cadet in October, 1943.

Lt. Charles Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair of Maple Hill Farms has left with his wife for Seattle from where he expects to be shipped to the South Pacific area.

We are proud to add to our increasing roster of WACs and to our Honor Roll the name of Charlotte Ferris of Stoughton Avenue, who, for services rendered her home with Mr. and Mrs. Isem Neal.

The family of Pfc. Walter R. Franklin reports that he is now in Italy and that he has met his Scotch Plains neighbor, Pfc. William Westbrook.

Cpl. Edward Seabon is now located in New Guinea together with Cpl. Jim Johnson and Cpl. Howard H. Prunty. Cpl. Seabon has informed his friends that he is now a Tech. Sgt.

Cpl. Richard E. Steinman, of 529 Park Avenue is a cook with the Marine outfit that invaded Namur on the Kwajalein atoll sometime ago. Ordinarily he and his fellow cooks work with all modern gadgets, but when the outfit landed on Namur there was no food and most important, no pot in which to cook.

The first problem was solved by requisitioning stores which the Japanese left behind in their hurried flight and the second by finding in the ruins of a large foundry a large cast - iron rice bowl, fully a yard across the top and half an inch thick. Hot meals were prepared "ala Namur" with this improvised equipment, proving army cooks are ingenious.
