

# SERVICE BRIEFS



Cpl. Patrick Frusco, who was with the First Division, U. S. Marine Corps through twenty two months at Guadalcanal, Namur and other now famous battle arenas in the South Pacific is at his home on Hunter Ave. on a 30 day furlough, which he will spend with his parents, except for trips which he will make to families of comrades unable to come home at this time.

Pat's experiences included two invasion landings and other hard fighting, and he escaped without a scratch. In his four months at Guadalcanal, he contracted malaria and, his weight dropped from 172 to 120 pounds.

Enlisting in the marines the day after Pearl Harbor, Pat trained at Parris Island. He was home for a short visit over Mother's Day, 1942.

"It sure is great to be back with the folks, and the South Pacific seems far away", declared the veteran who expects to serve as an instructor after his furlough. He referred only to Namur and Guadalcanal, but the Presidential Citation for the First Division, with which he served continuously, attests to the fact it routed the Japanese on the Tulagi, Gavuto and Florida islands.

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Thomas J. Anson, attached to the Coast Guard Station, - at Manhattan Beach, N. Y., was home on leave recently.

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2nd Lt. John S. Room is now stationed at Bolling Field, Washington, D. C.

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Capt. Alden de Hart arrived home for a few days in July. He is still stationed at Ft. Thomas, Ky., -- with the Transportation Corps.

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John S. Christensen, Lt. Comdr. U. S. Coast Guard Reserve, has followed the sea for many years gaining valuable experience which stands him in good stead in his present capacity.

During World War I, he served a hitch in the U. S. Navy following which, for twenty years, he sailed the seven seas as deck officer and master. During this period he also served as Master on vessels operating on the Yantze Kiang River between Ichang and Chungking, China.

He has a master's license qualifying him to operate ships of unlimited tonnage on any ocean. He is now attached to the Third Naval District in New York, Merchant Marine Inspection, covering the inspection of merchant vessels and all life saving equipment.

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Mrs. E. Hoffman writes to inform us of a change in her husband's APO number; that he is now stationed in New Guinea with Army Ordnance and enjoys reading news from home. His new address is Cpl. Emil Hoffman (32925193) 3018, OBAM Co., 141st OBAM Bn., APO 322 c/o P.M. San Francisco, Calif.

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Sgt. Donald F. Meyer whose wounding in the Normandy invasion was reported in our previous issue, is back in the United States for hospitalization.

Within four hours after being wounded, he was on the operating table in France and 24 hours later was back in a hospital in England. He arrived in the U.S. after a remarkably short trip via air transport.

His left arm was broken and cut with shrapnel and he was injured in the leg. He said he had been doing light tasks at the hospital before coming home.

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Pfc. F.W. Frost came home on a 10 day leave from Fort Riley, Kansas. Many an oldtime officer in the mounted services envied him his G. I. cavalry boots. He was in process of changing station to Ft. Ord, Calif.

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Pvt. Chester Bondaiczuk writes home that he is now allowed to say he is in the Aleutians. U.S.O. shows seem to be his only amusement in a drab and desolate countryside.

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A big moment on a little island developed when some lucky marine produced a portable victrola and a perfect record - Harry James giving out with "One O'Clock Jump". The island was Saipan and this timely piece of news comes from Bill Nichols of Old Raritan Road who went in with the 4th Division of Marines to do a little cleaning up. We have a feeling that the victrola traveled on with the division to Timian.

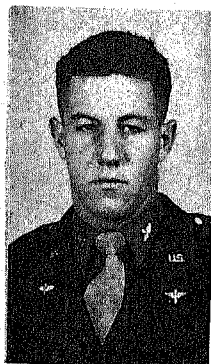
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Janney Nichols finished radio school and is now awaiting a permanent assignment in that field with the Air Forces in Italy. His letters leave no doubt that there has been war over there and he is not impressed with the ruins of Pompeii which, compared to some modern cities, are not ruins at all.

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Lieut. Eddie Isaacs was home on a three day leave recently.

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Lt. J. V. Lansing

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Sgt. Chester D. Rumsey of 417 Forest Road, is stationed in England with the Military Police Ninth Air Defense Command. He entered the service in July, 1943 and trained at Miami Beach Fla., and Camp Barkeley, Texas; and went overseas in March of this year.

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Robert Lambertson, of 361 Terry Road, Fanwood, is again in active service after internment with some of his buddies in a foreign neutral country. As a radio electrician he was a member of the crew of a B-24 Liberator Bomber which was forced to land when the plane developed engine trouble. Robert entered the service in May, 1942, and saw action in the Sicilian invasion and at the Anzio beachhead.

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Staff Sgt. Nicholas Di Quollo, 368 Cook Avenue, has been seeing active service for the past five months with the Engineers Corps in the South Pacific. He entered the Army in March 1943, and received his sergeant's stripes on his birthday, Oct. 15, 1943.

Three other brothers are in the service, - Cpl. John with the Army Air Forces in England, Sgt. Tony in Kentucky and Sgt. Philip in California.

Sergeant DiQuollo's wife, the former Mary Del Negro and his young son Nicholas Jr., reside with his parents in Scotch Plains.

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Lieut. George M. Buttle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson M. Buttle of 407 Union Ave. was promoted recently to the rank of 1st Lt. A graduate of SP High School and of Rutgers University, he is assigned to the Internal Security Branch of the Chicago Chem. Proc. Dist.

He was graduated from the U. S. Army Chemical Warfare Service OGS School at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., in January, 1943 and was then commissioned a 2nd lieutenant.

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Cpl. Bernhard K. Kuehn has fully recovered from injuries suffered while on maneuvers and is home on a 30 day convalescent furlough from Fort McClellan, Ala. where he was an instructor in cadre.

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Pfc. Roy Kurre, of Zone 6, has completed a course of gunnery training at Tyndall Field, Panama City, Fla. and was home for a short time recently while enroute to Lincoln, Neb., where he will receive further training. He has served as a flight instructor at Danville, Va., and Randolph Field, Texas. His wife now resides in Crawford.

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Around the corner from Kurre's home is the residence of Lt. Joseph Solow on Cooper Road. Lt. Solow has been promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant while serving with the AAF in India. His brother, Sgt. Norman, is with the AAF in Hawaii.

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Jack Keyes of Elizabeth Avenue was inducted into the Navy on August 15.

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Pvt. Elmer Nolan, of South Avenue was home on furlough after finishing his basic training in the Field Artillery at Fort Bragg. He left on August 6th for the Engineers Corps in Texas.

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