

SERVICE BRIEFS



Pfc. Peter Cir-ioli, youngest of three brothers, is in training at Camp Breckenridge, Ky. He was inducted March 3, 1943, going first to Fort Bragg, N.C. then to Shreveport, La., and finally to his present location at Breckinridge. He is a graduate of SPHS, class of 1940.



Cpl. John V. Ci-rioli was inducted July 27, 42 went first to Miami Beach, Fla. and successively to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., Carlsbad, N.M. and Kearns, U. Was last home in April, 1944, just before going overseas to New Guinea to serve with the 78th Airdrome Squadron. He

too is a graduate of Scotch Plains High School.



Oresti Girioli was inducted Dec. 3, 1942, training at Santa Monica, Cal., Camp Hulen, Tex., and Fort Bliss, Tex. He received a medical discharge on Sept. 1, 1944, and is now at home. All three are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ci-rioli, of 2015 Westfield Ave.

Two sisters, Emilia and Josephine complete the family.

Lt. Joseph Iarussi, AAF, has been transferred from Olmstead Field, Middletown, Pa., to the AAF meteorology division at Spring Lake, N. J.

William F. Newman, AAF, has been promoted to 1st Lieut. He received his bombardier wings from the AAF Bombardier School at Big Spring, Texas in May 1943.

Pfc. Robert C. Meyer has been promoted to sergeant somewhere in Italy. He went overseas in August, 1943.

Walter J. Wallace also has been promoted to sergeant. He was stationed on Saipan recently as a ground crew member of the AAF.

Lieut. Joseph L. Blotner, AAF, has arrived safely in England.

Lieut. Brian Scully has been promoted to 1st lieutenant at his post at Fort Crockett, Texas.

After recovering from shrapnel wounds received in France on July 26, S/Sgt. Harry Christopher Jr. was reported wounded again in action in the European area. He is a member of a reconnaissance battalion of mechanized troops formerly designated as the Essex Troop and has been overseas 22 months.



Anthony Verini, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Verini of Cook Avenue is a cook man in the Navy serving as a gunner on a merchant vessel. He entered the Navy in June 43 received boot-training at Newport and three weeks after completing his basic course, he went on active sea duty. He attended Scotch Plains High School. In the course of his lengthy travels, he met George Bardolf in Iran and they held an impromptu reunion. He enjoys reading The Scotch Plainsman.

Recuperating from an attack of malaria and yellow jaundice contracted on the Anzio Beachhead early in the Spring, Pvt. William Seal has been at home visiting his parents. At the end of his furlough, he reported to a rehabilitation center at Ashville, N. C.

Cpl. Vincent J. Perrucci and Sgt. Robert C. Meyer have been fighting with the 168th Infantry Regiment, veterans of more than 300 days of combat, in its attempt to breach the Gothic Line in Italy, a Fifth Army press dispatch indicates.

Vincent and Robert have the same APO number as Lt. Albert P. von Block whose death in action we reported last month. If either of these fellows has any knowledge of the manner of Lieut. Block's passing, and if Army regulations will permit your doing so, we will appreciate your communicating with his mother, Mrs. B. H. Borman, RD#1, Plainfield, N. J.



Lieut. Joseph Solowe, of Cooper Road, is stationed in India serving with the AAF. After his enlistment in September, 1942 he was called to duty the following January and attended OTS at Camp Lee Va. and received his commission in July 1943. He embarked for India in February, 1944 and has been there since that time. His wife, Mrs. Irene Solowe, resides with her parents at the Cooper Road address.



Pfc. John Van Neas, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Van Neas of 1910 Westfield Ave., enlisted in the Marines October 20, 1942. He was trained at Parris Island, Quantico and at New River before going overseas May 1st, 1944. He has visited Hawaii, Saipan and Tinian, where in the thick of battle he met Tommy Dineen of Forest Road. John is now back on Saipan. The gruelling gridiron days when John played left tackle for Plainfield High, must seem like a child's play after the Tinian deal.

S/Sgt. Frank DeLano received surprise somewhere in France last month when he drove up to a supply depot and bumped into fellow Scotch Plainsman T/Sgt. William Hoffman.



Roy A. Croag changed his bars recently when he was promoted to 1st Lieut. Inducted in January 1940, he was successively at Fort Dix, Fort Bragg, and Fort OWS in Oklahoma following which he went to Camp Claiborne, La. Roy is a graduate of SPHS and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Croag at 12 Johnson Street. He is now stationed in England.

Cpl. Paul Ferrara has received his following graduation from the Radio Gunnery School at Yuma, Arizona.



Geo. A. Macaulay is attached to the Seabee with a rank of Chief Ship Fitter. He enlisted in Dec. 1941 and went overseas in August of the following year. His home is at 3 Henry St. where his wife of 5 years is staying. Like John of Saipan who works on the Delaware - Lackawanna, George is all a Seabee as is work-work-work.

Lt. William E. Archbold has been made a pilot instructor at Napier Field, Dothan, Ala., where he received his wings, and was commissioned June.