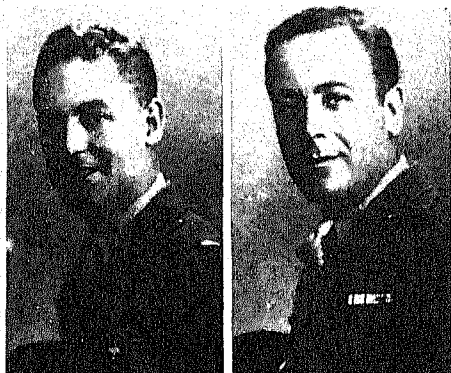


SERVICE BRIEFS

Mrs. Edward Wall of 1529 F. Front Street received more than the usual thrill of battle scenes in the news reel recently while attending a theatre in Plainfield. As the newsreel unfolded, her brother, Pvt. Philip Ottenthal appeared in the role of a surgeon removing a bullet from the back of a Nazi somewhere in France.

By the time he reached southern France, Pvt. Ottenthal was a seasoned veteran, having seen action in the African campaign and at Anzio and Salerno.



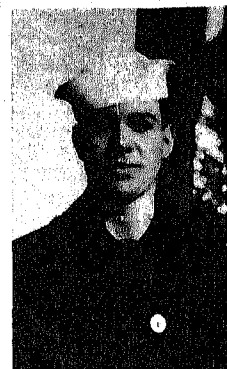
LT. EDW. L. NOVAK SGT. PAUL NOVAK JR.

TWO BROTHERS SERVE WITH MARINES

The two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Novak of Raritan Road met for the first time in three years recently when Lieut. Edward arrived from Cherry Point, N. C., where he is serving with the air group of the Marine Corps, to greet his brother, T/Sgt. Paul J. Novak Jr., recently returned from 22 months in the South Pacific. Paul Jr., accompanied by his wife, left for California at the end of his leave and is now stationed in that state.

Dr. Frankel, former young local dentist, is now Capt. W. Frankel and his address is Co. D - 3rd Med. Bn., APO #3, c/o P.M. New York. He has been in Africa, Italy and is now in southern France with a mobile dental group behind the front lines. Do you remember when as children you RAN to his office over the A & P on Park Ave. from school to be first in line?

Pvt. Archibald Payne is attending infantry training school at Camp Robinson, Ark. He was recently accepted into membership in the New Jersey Sons of the American Revolution.



Edwin S. Braun son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Braun of 227 Victor St. is in training at Cornell Univ. in the Navy College training program. He holds a rank of Seaman. Edwin, a graduate of SPHS, enlisted Dec. 12, 1942 and was last home in June 1944.

William H. Bodine, BM 1/C, son of Mrs. Raymond L. Street of William St. is attached to the USS Cavalier with an address c/o FPO., San Francisco, Calif. In his five years of service on the Navy he has had many exciting adventures. He got out of Singapore the day before it fell to the Japs; took part in the Battle of the Java Sea and made many Atlantic crossings when the submarines were doing their dirty work full blast. On one of those crossings, his boat was torpedoed and he spent eight trying days in a small boat before he and his shipmates were picked up. He was on board the Wakefield when it burned at sea and is now in the Pacific where he has had active parts in the invasion of Saipan and Tinian. To his brother he recently sent a Jap bayonet and a Jap family album with many interesting pictures.

Sgt. Joseph Williams of 525 Park Avenue has been home on a visit with his parents. His wife, former Miss Theresia Raynor of Dunn, N. C., was with him. They have returned to Camp Stewart, Ga.

SL/C Patricia Voorhis has finished a course in anti-aircraft gunnery at the Great Lakes Training School and it now stationed at Treasure Island, California.



2/C P.O. Michael De Cristofaro joined the Navy in August 1941. After boot at Newport, he was assigned on Dec 6th to the USS Savannah and sailed on a good-will tour to So. America, during which he visited Buenos Aires and was initiated a -- TrustyShellback when he crossed the equator.

Returning to Bermuda, he shipped to Iceland for 13 months and then was transferred to Miami and Tampa, Fla. until he boarded the USS Mauna Loa, for combat duty in the Pacific.



Pvt. Marshall De Cristofaro was inducted in the Army on Oct 20, 1943 and received basic training at Camp Lee, Va., with the QM Corps. Within four -- months, he was transferred to Camp Reynolds, Pa., and then went overseas, arriving in -- England in May of this year.

The following month, June 30th, saw him in France. All during this time Marshall enjoyed the company of John Flynn, also of Scotch Plains, but word received recently tells us that they have now been separated.



From the Pacific area comes word that Pfc. Alfred Fiedler has been awarded the Expert Infantryman Badge, attesting to his physical stamina, his proficiency in shooting and all-round infantry training. Alfred was inducted in October 42; trained in Kentucky and Alabama before going overseas from a west coast port this past spring.



Corp. Herman Fiedler, brother of Alfred was inducted December 7, 42. After training with the marines at Parris Island, S. C., he went overseas and is presently some where in the South Pacific. Last year, he was in New Galtonia. Both boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fiedler.

Recent casualties reported by the Navy include Pfc. John Flontas, USMG, of 1634 E. Front Street and Paul Hollowka, signalman 2/C of Old Raritan Road, who were wounded in the Central Pacific.

Pfc. Joseph J. Puchel, of Hunter Ave., was also reported wounded in the Central Pacific.



John P. Decker David R. Decker

Cpl. David R. Decker and Pfc. John P. Decker are sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Decker of 206 Victor Street. David has been in the service since August 1942. He trained at Goldsboro, N.C. and is now stationed with the 3009th AAF-BU at Carlsbad, New Mex. John entered the service in March, 1943, training at Camp Crowder, Mo. He went overseas in June, 1944 and is now reached at GFRS Pool, APO 131 c/o P. M., New York.
