

SERVICE BRIEFS



Ethel Brynildsen who resides at 18 Johnson Street.

Nils Peterson, CCM is with the 41st Naval Const. Bn. stationed in Alaska building bases and huts and combating mosquitoes. He enlisted in October 1942 with a rating of carpenter's mate and trained at Camp Allen and Camp Peary both in Virginia. He is the husband of the former

We have had communications also from Charles W. Adams, S 2/C, Pvt. Arthur Nettingham, and Ted. Wojnarowski, Mo. M. M. 1/C who give us address changes and say they like the Plainsman.

And 2nd Lt. John S. Roome, Herbert Rodgers, G. M. 3/C and Cpl. Benjamin S. Nelson write to let us know they find the Plainsman interesting reading. We have address changes also from Pfc. Eddie Sigmund and Pfc. Edward W. Krempa.

HOME ON FURLOUGH since our last issue - A. S. Edwin S. Braun, from Cornell Univ., where he is enrolled in the Navy V-12 program; Cpl. Jos. DeCaro from Camp Crowder, Mo., Pvt. Walter D. Ford from Camp Stewart, Ga. T/Sgt. John A. Hannon from Camp Gruber, Okla., Pvt. Charles Perrette from Camp Ellis, Ill., and Corp. Wm. Short from Deming, New Mex. Corp. Bill was accompanied by his wife Cpl. Elizabeth Short of the WAG. S 2/C Catherine Short of the WAVES was home on a week-end leave to greet brother Bill and his bride.

Pfc. James Wassman Jr., U. S. Marines has seen action on the Pelelieu Island of the Palau group in the So. Pacific, he advised his parents in a recent letter. An artilleryman with the First Division of Marines, he is feeling fine but is kept quite busy.



S/Sgt. Michael Rossi of Westfield Road, is stationed somewhere in the Pacific. Enlisting in June '40 he trained at Ft. Slocum, N.Y. Panama and San Francisco and was at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii December 7th when Pearl Harbor was attacked.

2nd Lt. William T. Winship, of Herbert Ave., has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" while participating in heavy bombardment missions in the 8th Air Force offensive against the enemy over Europe. He's class of 42 SPHS.

Staff Sgt. Robert J. Lambertson, of Fanwood, is an aerial photographer on an AB-24 Liberator Bomber and recently was awarded the Air Medal at an AAF base in Italy.

In May of this year he went on combat flying as a photographer. He made photographs of bomb strikes of his formation, the indisputable evidence which has settled many arguments on what was and wasn't hit in the objective. Among the lively targets he has photographed are Ploesti, Wiener Neustade (Austria), and Toulon, France.

In addition to his Air Medal, Sgt. Lambertson wears the unit merit badge with one cluster and a campaign ribbon with three clusters.

Shortly after he went overseas, Sgt. Bob was interned in a foreign neutral country after a forced landing following a raid over the Balkans. He was held but a short time and later returned to active service.

Home on leave in October, he took an important part in a wedding ceremony at the Scotch Plains Baptist Church when he and Miss Louise N. Hendricks, of Dunellen, were married by the Rev. E. E. Peterson. Our new Chit-Chat Editor has already reported that news in her column.

Jack Millwater is now believed to be 'Somewhere in France with an Ordnance unit.



Pfc. Richard H. Chapman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Chapman, of So. Martine Ave. was graduated from the Peddie School at Hight town in Sept. 1943, and entered OTO at Marysville College, Tenn. When the Army discontinued the program he transferred to the Glider Infantry and is now stationed at Camp Mackall, North Carolina.

S/Sgt. Edward K. Ziesmer Jr. AAF, of 12 Rhoda Place, played an important part in a recently completed shuttle mission to Russia in which planes of the 8th Air Force dropped supplies to the defenders of Warsaw, and went on to complete a 3,800 mile flight and write a new chapter in aerial history, according to a report from an 8th AAF Fighter Station in England. Sergeant Ziesmer serves as a mechanic on P-51 Mustang Fighters in the 355th Fighter Group.

Shortly after taking off for the journey, the force encountered bad weather which lasted almost to Warsaw, the target of the bombers. Four German fighters were destroyed over the Polish capital when 20 enemy planes attacked the force.

Cpl. Robert T. Gordon, a member of the USAAF ground crew, has returned from 19 months overseas service in the Asiatic-Pacific theater and is visiting his wife, the former Isabel La. M. Kuehn of 1910 Westfield Ave.

Pvt. Walter H. Van Hoesen Jr., of 83 Farley Avenue, was seriously wounded in Germany on Nov. 1. In the last letter received by his parents, he wrote he was well and had been thru Belgium, Holland and at that time was stationed in Germany. Walter is graduate of SPHS. His brother, Stephen, S 1/C, is stationed at Norfolk, Va.

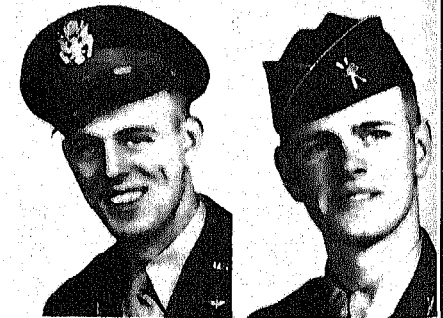


John A. Sikora, of Cooper Road, enlisted in the Navy in March 1944 and after training at the Great Lakes T S in Illinois came home for a ten day leave following which he embarked from a Pacific coast port for service in the South Pacific. John holds a rating of M. M. 3/C.

He is a graduate of S.P.H.S.

Mrs. Harry H. Stocker, mother of Scotch Plains' first war casualty, Harry E. Stocker, F 1/C, who lost his life in the invasion of Guadalcanal, and of T/Cpl., Homer Stocker U. S. Army, on October 31, 1944, was installed as Vice President of the American Gold Star Mothers of the World War, Inc., (New Jersey State). The installation took place at Jersey City. Mrs. Stocker plans to visit the other Scotch Plains Gold Star Mothers as soon as she can.

Ruth J. Bell, 2068 Maple View Ct. writes: "I want you to know how much of a touch of home your paper has brought to my husband in New Guinea and now in the Dutch East Indies. In his last letter Pvt. Bell says: "Please give the Plainsman my new address and tell them to keep sending the paper. It is a treat way out in Boboland."



Lt. Wm. H. Lee Sgt. Robert Lee

Reported missing in action since August 4th in an Allied bombing attack over Romania, Lt. Wm. H. Lee, above, wrote his mother Mrs. Alice Lee of Forest Road, in a letter dated August 31st, that he was safe and but for being a little tired and having sore feet, was feeling fine. His brother, Sgt. Robert Lee was home on furlough from Camp Swift, Texas, when the good news arrived from across the seas. The boys are sons of the late Frank Lee, who was a patrolman on the Scotch Plains police force.