

# SERVICE BRIEFS



Guy R. Hopper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hopper of Martine Ave., was graduated from Cornell Medical College Dec. 23, 1943, where he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine and was commissioned an assistant surgeon with the rank of Lt. (J.g.) in the U. S. Naval Reserve. He was

appointed an interne in surgery in Bellevue Hospital, New York, and at the completion of his internship was called into active service in the U.S. Navy. Lieut. Hopper is now stationed at Sampson, N. Y.

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Sergeant Louis G. Masino, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Masino, of 215 William St. entered the Army through the Westfield board on November 2nd 1942, training at Utah, Kentucky, Missouri, Arizona and Florida. Sergeant Masino is an aerial gunner on a B-17 Bomber and is now stationed at Gulfport, Miss.

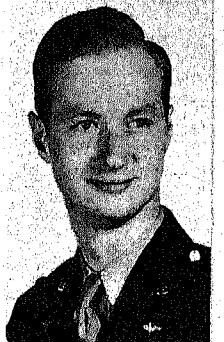
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Sgt. Kenneth Liddane and O/C Oakley Pandick, of Fanwood, met quite unexpectedly at a ball game in Brisbane, Australia, recently.

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Pfc. James Wassman Jr., of 209 William St., is serving with the 1st Division of Marines on Peleliu Island. He's SPHS '41 and Union Junior College, Cranford, '43, and enlisted Feb. 25, 1943, training at Parris Island, S. C., and New River, N. C. He was stationed at Norfolk, Va., and San Diego, Calif., before going overseas last April.

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Lst Lieut. Robert L. Buttle, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Buttle, of 407 Union Avenue, is stationed at Camp Kearns, U. Overseas Repl. Depot, after having served successively at stations in Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, California, Massachusetts and Pa. His wife, Mary Elizabeth Buttle and 18-month old son Harry, are with him in Utah. His brother, 1st Lieut. George M. Buttle is with Chemical Warfare Procurement in Chicago.

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Cpl. Richard E. Steinman, U.S.M.C. Reserves, has received the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in action on Saipan June 19, 1944. According to his wife, - Mrs. Marcella Brucher Steinman, 529 Park Avenue, Cpl. Steinman has recovered from his injuries and has been moved from a hospital to another location in the Pacific for a rest period.

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George W. Keck, S. K., 3/C has been a member of Uncle Sam's Navy since May 31, 1943. While in boot training at Newport, R.I. he was made a D & I instructor, and after boot was made company commander. Went to Africa and on his return to US was promoted to S.K. 3/C and assigned to the

USS Mt. McKinley now Somewhere in the South Pacific. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Keck of Bonnie Burn Road. His wife, Betty Galan Keck, resides at 2376 Mountain Ave.

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F 2/C Dana Barker, USS Cooner, "enjoyed" a bus-man's holiday when he arrived at his Maple Hill home on an overnight pass to find 24 inches of water in the cellar and the kitchen all torn apart for redecorating.

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It's a great thrill to meet an old buddy or school-mate many miles from home and to bend each other's ears with home-town news. How much more exciting even it must be to meet one's brother unexpectedly in a far-off place. And that's just what happened to Fred Meyer of Westfield Avenue, who met his brother Arthur in France recently. We just talked and talked and talked, wrote Fred.

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Cpl. Vincent J. Perrucci, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Perrucci, of 1941 Stansbury Ave., has been in the Army since August 10 1942, when he first arrived at Fort Dix. From there he went to Camp Wheeler, Georgia, and Camp Butner N. G., for his training, embarking for overseas on March 4, 1943. He is now in Italy attached to the Personnel Section of the 188th Infantry.

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Cpl. Larry Powers picked up the telephone the other day expecting to hear an excited Frenchman say 'allo, 'allo!' He almost keeled over when he heard the voice of another Forest Roader, Lt. Billy Lee. They're going to get together as soon as possible and have a real chin-fest. There are enough Scotch Plains boys in the APO 520 area to hold a convention.

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Charles E. Olson S 2/C, is the son of Mrs. Edward Edwards, of 2325 Coles Ave. He is now stationed at the U. S. Navy ATB, Solomon's Branch Washington, D.C. after having trained as a gunner at Fort Pierce, Florida, and at Algiers, La. Charles was home on leave last month.

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Pvt. Walter H. Van Hoesen Jr. who was reported wounded in action in Germany in our last issue, is now recuperating from his injuries in a hospital in Paris. He wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Van Hoesen of 83 Farley Avenue that he suffered numerous shrapnel wounds and a compound fracture of the right leg. He expects to be transferred to a hospital in England within a short time.

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Cpl. Joseph Frusco, stationed at Camp Rucker, Ala., is home on a 15 day furlough visiting his mother, Mrs. Margaret Frusco, and his brother in-law and sister, Patrolman and Mrs. Frank Barone, of Sycamore Avenue, Cpl. Frusco is accompanied by his wife, the former Miss Peggy Malone of Salisbury, Md., and their small son, Joseph Jr.

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Pvt. Richard W. Brown has been in the Army since September 1943. Unlike so many of his nomadic brothers in-arms, Pvt. Richard has "stayed put" at Camp Blanding, Florida, where he is still stationed with the Center Headquarters Co., Sec. 1. He is a brother of S/Sgt Robert R. Brown, both being sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brown of 430 Union Ave.

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S/Sgt. Robert R. Brown wears a 3 years service stripe and a pre-Pearl Harbor Enlistment Ribbon to indicate his long service in the Army. He has seen service at March Field, Cal. Moffett Field, Cal., and Chamute Field, Col. as well as in Puerto Rico and Curacao in the Caribbean. He is now attached to the Base Weather Station, Barksdale Field, La. His wife, the former Christine Perko, resides at 425 Forest Road.

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