

SERVICE BRIEFS



Howard E. Dinkel Herbert W. Dinkel

One in the Army, the other in the Navy - that is the story of the Dinkel brothers. HOWARD (32302872) Rcn Co., 671 TD Bn., APO 17943, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif., was inducted on May 18, 1942. He trained at Fort Dix, Camp Wheeler, Ga., Fort Knox, Ky. and Camp Hood, Texas, and is now on his way overseas.

HERBERT Dinkel AM 2/C, Box 7, NAS Fort Lauderdale, Fla., followed his brother into service three months later (Aug. 13, 1942). Taking basic at Newport, R. I., he moved on to Jacksonville, Fla., for a course in metal smithing. He is now at Fort Lauderdale after having served 1 1/2 years in the Pacific Theatre for which he wears two stars on his service bar.

Pfc. Albert A. Manner 3d, a paratrooper with a medical unit, was seriously wounded in action in Belgium on January 3d. A member of the 101st Airborne Division trapped at Bastogne, Albert participated in the invasion of Holland before taking part in the Belgium campaign.

His brother, Lawton Manner, MM 2/C is home on a 30 day leave following a year's service in the So. Pacific. Assigned to a cruiser, he saw action in the Marianas, Carolinas and the Western Philippine campaigns and is entitled to wear Pacific and Asiatic Theatres of Operations campaign ribbons with four bronze Battle Stars.



Herbert F. Baehr SK 2/C, entered service in the Navy, Aug. 27th, 1943 at Newark, N. J. Received 8 weeks basic training as A/S at Camp Peary, Va., after which he was promoted to S 2/C. Following a short leave, he went to Davisville, R. I. for advanced training and then went

to Trinidad, B. W. I., where he was put in charge of a warehouse handling spare part replacements for machines and equipment on Caribbean bases with a rating of SK 3/C, being advanced on July, 1944, to SK 2/C. His wife and 21-month daughter Barbara Carol reside at 1 Mountain View Ave. A letter from Herb appears in the "Our Fighting Men" section of this issue.

Pfc. Joseph Puchel, an Army Infantryman, has received the Purple Heart for wounds received in action on Saipan last June 16th. He has sent his parents a collection of war relics gathered in the combat zones in the South Pacific. Included in these are a Jap sword, a Jap flag, several dog tags removed from dead Japs and some Japanese paper money. He writes he is in excellent health and has returned to his outfit in the Marianas.



HONOR ROLL

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

HONOR ROLL ADDITIONS

Abbate, Richard A. Jr.
Burger, Stanley A.
Campbell, Anthony
Clark, Cornelius R.
Di Paola, Thomas
Ewing, James
Fishman, F. C. S.
Gausz, Albert F.
Kitt, Alex
Kitt, George
Kitt, John
Loeffler, Andrew
Loeffler, Robert
Nika, Louis E.
Osnato, Frank
Swetland, Ruth K.
Thompson, Arthur E.
Thompson, Warren
Wilson, Odie L.
Womack, Woodrow

TOTAL NAMES ON ROLL - 624



Donald W. Cowell Petty Officer, third class, HQ Squad, FAW 3, c/o FPO, New York, enlisted in the Navy, July 6th, 1943, and took boot training at Newport, R. I. where he completed training as second best sailor in the company and first in physical fitness. He went

on to Navy Pier in Chicago where he completed an aviation machinist training course, after which he was shipped to Pensacola NAS. He shipped out of Norfolk in August, 1944, for a base in the Caribbean where for a time he was assigned to a plane crew as second mechanic on the skipper's place. The P.O. 3/C is Don's latest rating received recently. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie E. Cowell of 2350 Seneca Road.

Joe Di Prospero writes that he has completed his second combat mission in Holland as a Parachute infantryman. He met his brother Nick in England. John Shults is a member of the same outfit. Joe is taking it easy in (censored) France.



T/Sgt. Olaf T. Larsen (3218661) 1436 Ord. S. M. Co. APO 520, Avn 60 Ser. Cen. c/o New York, went into the Army on Aug. 1, 1941 from Walterboro S. C., going first to Camp Lee, Va. He has been stationed at the Savannah Air Base, Hunter Field, Casablanca, No. Africa and is now at

Foggia, Italy, having gone overseas in April, 1943. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Larsen, live at 179 Madison Avenue, where the family received The Scotch Plainsman over and over again.

Mario Di Prospero, S 1/C, USN survivor of the sinking of the escort carrier USS Block Island in May, 1944, has been granted an honorable discharge from the Navy. Mario returned to this country in July, 1944, and for the past several months has been stationed at the Naval Convalescent Center at Sun Valley, Idaho. It was on the return trip of his third voyage to North Africa on the "baby flat top" that his ship was torpedoed by an enemy submarine.

Lt. William Kitsz writes that he is attached to the same squadron with Les Thompson - two good Scotch Plainsmen together.

Arthur Lavigne writes that his family moved to Scotch Plains after he entered the Navy but that he is learning to know and love the town through the pages of The Scotch Plainsman.

Bill Garland writes that he is back in northern France after a tour of duty in Belgium and England. He sent us a picture and a service biography which we will publish in a future issue. We'd like all you fellows to do as he has done for we want to have a picture and service history of every SP service man and woman.



Corp. Henry B. Blum (42007008) stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., with Co. G, Ordn. 603. His Army training started at Newark, N. J., on July 30, 1941, and he first heard the bugle at Fort Dix following which he went to Camp Davis, N. C., and then on to Ordnance School, Aberdeen, Md., where he is now engaged in personnel work. His home is at 2274 Beechwood Place, where his wife, Harriet, keeps the house fires burning.
