

SERVICE BRIEFS



Lieut. Frank O. Henschel, USNR, who has reported to the Naval Air Station at Patuxent River, Md., after a 10 day leave spent with his parents at 348 Park Av. He received his wings as a naval pilot at Jacksonville, Fla. May 8, 1942 and is in the Atlantic Wing of the Naval Air Trans-

port Service. He was graduated from SPHS and attended New York and Columbia Universities. Entered the service in June, 1941.

Frank Kavanaugh's mother writes us that he is listed as missing in action. His brother, Pfc. Lawrence J. Kavanaugh, 31197703, has just had a change of address and is now attached to the 3147 Sig. Srv. Co. APO 885, c/o PM, New York. We pray for more happy news about Frank.

Charles La Fleur's mother writes that he is back in the States again and that after a thirteen months spell in the Pacific he is looking swell. He is going to see that we get a picture for The Plainsman when he comes home on leave. That's a promise, Charlie.

Pvt. J. M. Paola is now at Camp Livingston, La., after an 18 months tour of duty in Alaska patrolling the Alcon Highway. He has been transferred to the Infantry and has met Bob Liana and Fat Delnero at camp. Says they sure look good.



T/3 Sgt. Leroy R. Peek (420066 93) 3539th Ordn MAM Co., APO 587 c/o PM, New York, began his Army career on July 28, 1943, at Newark, N. J., from which point he entrained for Fort Dix. Then on to Dixie, where at the Atlanta, Ga. Ordn School, he took an inspector foremans course.

A year after his induction, Sgt. Peek sailed for England where he is now stationed. His wife and 2-year old son Leroy live at 15 Johnson Street.

Pfc. Anthony W. Capone, of Grant Ave., has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge in France.

Lt. Charles D. Poole, AAF pilot of a B-26 assigned to the Ninth Army Air Force in France, has been awarded the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial combat.

Sgt. Michael J. Stromick and John J. Stromick, MM 3/C, are both in the Philippines, the former with the 490 Service Squadron, the latter with a naval unit.

Dick Brown, of 425 Forest Road, received a medical discharge. He is studying dramatics at the American Academy in New York. His brother, S/Sgt. Robert R. Brown, is the proud poppa of Sharon Anne born March 10th at Miami. Mrs. Brown is the former Christine Perko of Miami.

Feb. 28th saw Ulysses G. Barnes, 243 Forest Road, Joseph J. DiQuollo, 395 Montague Ave., Wilfred L. Gaines, 42 Plainfield Ave., and Angelo J. Perucci Jr., Westfield Ave., report for Army service; and Wellington E. Ford, 259 Jerusalem Road and Floyd W. McCormack, 35 Plainfield Ave. report for Naval service.



Pvt. Victor W. Preussner - 420 11945- GFRS Trk Bn., Co. B, APO 176, PM, NY, entered the Army Aug. 28th, 1943 and went to Engineers Replacement Trng. School at Ft. Belvoir, Va., for 7 weeks basic training and 10 weeks advanced training as a combat engineer following this with a 12

week course in general automotive repair at Atlanta Ordnance Depot, Ga. Went overseas in July, 1944, and is now stationed "Somewhere in France". His wife, Barbara S. Preussner, lives at 206 Victor Street.

Private Lester Bernardo has been transferred to the Infantry and is taking training in France. He says the training is not too tough but it's hard on his poor feet.

Cpl. Charlie Ferguson is in the Philippines in the same outfit with Sgt. John O'Connor of Lake Avenue. They met up in England, took part in the invasion of France, sweated it out for three months in New Guinea and are now having a time in the Philippines. Charlie recently flew up to spend an afternoon with Don Gardener, who is also in the Philippines, and through the Plainsman has located Harry Ochse.



Corp. Howard H. Prunty, AAF, is home on a 30 day furlough following overseas service in New Guinea and is visiting his mother. Back from New Guinea several months ago, he has been confined to the Army and Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Ark., receiving treatment for a

recurrent attack of arthritis. Cpl. Prunty entered the service Aug. 20, 1943 and received amphibious training at Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla. He was transferred to the Air Force shortly after his arrival in New Guinea in July, 1944.



Odie L. Wilson 32, Printer 1st Class, (803729) FPO, San Francisco, Calif., signed up with the Navy on Oct. 30, 1942, Washington, D.C. After training at Norfolk, he sailed November 5, 1944, for Pearl Harbor where he is now stationed. His wife Doris lives at 316 William

Street with their three children Blanche, 4-1/4 years, Bonnie, 1 1/2 years and Lloyd, 6 months.

Gerolamo Rolla, of 220 Pinehurst Ave., has been discharged from the Army and is now at home. Although new to the town, he appreciated receiving the Plainsman while in service.

T/5 Anthony J. Checchio is in southern France. 21 months overseas, he has been in England and has been in some tough spots in France.

Harry L. Christie (S/S Horseshoe War Emergency Tankers, Inc., c/o PM, New York), has been in the merchant marine over two years, making numerous trips to Europe. He's now in the Pacific and while anchored off Leyte, P. I., sighted a YMS on which James F. Devine Jr., former Fanwood postal clerk is serving as Chief Steward. In the Leyte Gulf, native Philippines rowed alongside in their outriggers and he swapped his old shirts and other duds for souvenirs.



Pfc. James Wassman Jr., of 209 William Street, is serving with the 1st Division of Marines in the Pacific. He's SPHS '41 and Union Junior College, Grand Ford, '43, and enlisted Feb. 28, 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 in April, 1944.

T/Sgt. Charles Montross reports the going has been tough and rugged and that as the planes fly toward Germany, he often wonders if Les Thompson is piloting one of them (Not now Charlie, because Les is on his way home on leave.) Addresses given in Service Briefs show that Higgy, DiQuollo and a few others are fighting alongside Charlie's division. Here's hoping you guys get together for a real chin-foat.

Robert B. Gyure, MN 2/C, following a 30-day leave at home after a 17 months tour of duty in the Pacific, is now stationed at the Naval Mine Testing Station at Solomons, Md. He is a Mineman, second class.
