

SERVICE BRIEFS

Cpl. Joe V. Long is playing softball in the New Hebrides and claims his outfit has a pretty good team. Says that they see shows quite often and that they sit right through heavy rains to watch them.

Lt. Charlie Palmer, writing his first but not his last letter to The Scotch Plainsman, is flying "The Big Bird", a C-47 in France. He's been in England, Italy, Africa and even Cairo, finding it all very interesting.

Cpl. William C. Hartmann, of 2360 Channing Ave., 12135320, Grp. Photo. 445th Bomb Grp., APO 520, P M, N Y., entered the Army on August 28, 1942 at Newark, N. J. Training as Armorer at Buckley Field, Col., and Jefferson Barracks, Mo: as air cadet at Arkadelphia, Ark., and aerial gunner



at Kingman Field, Ariz. and Hamilton Field, Calif., he embarked May 1, 1944 for Italy, where he is now stationed attached to the 15th Air Force. He attended Linden High School and Junior College, Roselle, and worked as a Laboratory Assistant before enlisting.

Scotch Plains Fellows figured prominently in the news of awards and citations since our last issue.

Staff Sgt. Alexander A DiPace, waist gunner in an Italian based Liberator group has been awarded the Air Medal;

Staff Sgt. Robert E. Lee has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for participation in combat against the enemy on the Fifth Army front in Italy;

Eugene H. Mann, motor machinist mate, 3rd class, has been commended by Admiral Harold R. Stark for aiding in the rescue of 23 men during the invasion of France;

and Sgt. Edward K. Ziesmer Jr., has been awarded the ribbon of the Distinguished Unit citation.

Rocco Ponzio, former SP cop, is a Sgt. in a Military Police Battalion of the 98th Infantry Division, now stationed in the Hawaiian Islands.



Pvt. Marian E. Gaines entered the service in May, 1944, and was sent to Des Moines, Iowa, for basic training and special instructions in motor transportation. Following her schooling she was transferred to Ft. McClellan, Alabama, where she is now stationed. She is a graduate of S P H S, 1942. Her home is at 42 Plainfield Avenue.

Pfc. Paul DiNizo, of 2046 Westfield Avenue, a member of the 4th Armored Division, was burned about the hands and face when fire broke out in his tank in Germany on March 19th. He is being treated at a hospital in France and is making good progress.

Pfc. Harry L. Paff, an infantryman with the 3d Army, was wounded in action in Germany on March 12th. He suffered shrapnel wounds in his foot and has been moved to a hospital in Luxembourg for treatment. He is anxious to rejoin his regiment to get in on the wind-up.

Pvt. Anthony Perrucci, an Army Infantryman, has been reported missing in action in Germany since March 19th. His brother Pvt. Angelo Perrucci who is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., is home on an emergency furlough and another brother, Pfc. Arthur Perrucci has been overseas 17 months and is now in Germany with an Army Ordnance Unit.



2d Lieut. William F. Cottrell (O-2-63369) enlisted in the Army Air Corps in October, 1942, is a Navigator on a B-29 based somewhere in the Marianas. Bill trained at the University of Vermont; Arcadia, and Fort Myers, Fla; Selman Field, La; Boca Raton, Fla; and Great Bend, Kan.

before going overseas in February, 1945. In the short time he has been overseas, he has already taken part in 7 missions as related interestingly in another section of this issue. Bill's wife, the former Miss Virginia Morgan, resides at 319 Cook Avenue with their 22 months old son, William Jr. Mrs. Cottrell writes that on that 7th mission, Bill's plane, the "LADY LUCK", received 24 holes but landed back at her base in spite of a flat tire and jammed landing gear, a condition Bill modestly omits in his letter to ye editor.

John H. Revett Jr., of 1170 Maple Hill Road, serving in England with the Army Transportation Corps, has been promoted to the rank of captain from that of chief engineer. Capt. Revett participated in the D-Day invasion of Normandy, June 6, 1944 and after several weeks of duty at a French port, returned to England as an aide to the Chief of Transportation. Congrats Cap.

Just before hopping off to answer "chow call", John J. Stromick takes pen in hand to tell us that his copy of The Plainsman goes the rounds of the ship. He's had a change in rating and now puts Mo. MM 3/0 after his name.

To insure his getting his next copy of The Plainsman on the dot, Sgt. Walter M. Dow tells us that he is now stationed at Potterville, Cal. with the 473d AAF BU, Sqdn. A.



Pfc. Conrad J. Kitz, HQ 122d QM Co. (car) Hq UK Base, Com. Z APO 413, c/o PM New York, entered the Army in April, 1943, and trained at Camp Lee, Va. He went overseas in September, 1944, and since then has been in England with the motor transport division of the Army.

His brother, Lt. William Kitz, is a pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress in the 385th Bombardment Group of the 8th Air Force, and another brother, Henry, former SP police officer, has just joined up with the Navy. The boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kitz of Westfield Avenue. Conrad's wife, Miriam H. Kitz, resides at Hurley Avenue, North Plainfield, and is doing a conscientious home-front job at the Midlin Model war plant.

1st Lieut. Les Thompson has flown more than 250 hours during numerous bombing attacks on military and industrial targets in Germany.

Miss Phyllis Kauffman, of Cooper Road, has enlisted in the WAC and is stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. for basic training. Her dad conceived and executed the Christmas greeting on the cover page of our December issue and also made the drawing of Sgt. Osmato miffing that grounder in a late summer issue.

Pfc. Tommy DiPaola's wife stopped me this morning to say that in Tom's advance through Italy with his Ordnance Base Depot Company, he reached the home town of his parents and met for the first time, his 100-year old grandmother. He is the first of the American grand-children to meet her. In the midst of his war duties, Tom spent a never-to-be-forgotten Easter holiday with the little lady. Can't you just picture that happy occasion.



Cpl. Richard E. Steinman joined the Marines in December, 1942, and trained at Parris Island, S. C., and New River, N.C. before going to Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he joined his division. He participated in the invasion of Namur on the Kwajalein Atoll and in the attack

back on Saipan during which he suffered wounds in action for which he received the Purple Heart. At present he is active in the Iwo Jima area with the 4th Marines, 24th Div. HQ Serv. Co. The son of Mr. and Mrs. William Steinman of Union City, he is a graduate of the Union City High School. His wife, Mrs. Marcella Brucher Steinman, resides at 529 Park Avenue.
