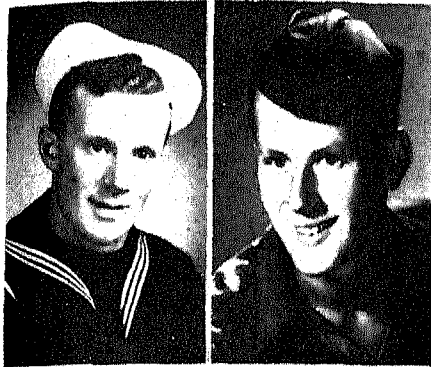


# SERVICE BRIEFS



Albert C. Hopfel Kenneth Hopfel

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hopfel, of 19 Everts Avenue are in the Coast Guard and in the Army. F 1/C Albert C. Hopfel is doing duty now at the US Coast Guard Yard, c/o Maintenance Baltimore 26, Md. He signed up in July, 1942, and received basic training at Curtis Bay, Md., following this with assignments in Hollywood, Fla., Everglades, Fla., Miami and Ft. Lauderdale, Delray Beach and Pompano, all in Florida. Cpl. Kenneth Hopfel, attached to the 109th Ord. Co., APO 464, c/o P.M., New York, joined up in March 1943 and trained at Camp Wheeler, Ga., following which he was sent overseas. He participated in the No African, Sicily and Cassino invasions and was promoted to corporal after arriving overseas.

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Cpl. Charles E. Stoecker, formerly of Lake Avenue, is attached to the 38th Air Group stationed in Italy. Entering service in April, 1942, he went to Keesler Field Miss., for boot and then to Scott Field, Ill for advanced training as radio operator and mechanic,

completing his training at Warner Robbins Field, Ga., before going overseas in December, 1942. Landed at Casablanca, then went to France and finally to Italy where he has been stationed ever since. He is a graduate of SPHS, 1938.

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Sgt. John O'Connor, 32240338, 293rd Joint Assault Sign. Co. APO 70, PM, NY, has been overseas 29 months. After training in North and South Carolina, Rhode Island, New Jersey and California, he spent a year in Iceland returning to the States before going to England, Scotland and Wales. He took part in the "D" Day invasion of France and was then transferred to the Pacific theatre seeing action in New Guinea and the Philippines. A graduate of Holy

Trinity High School, Westfield, in 1936, he is a radio operator in the Signal Corps. He is entitled to wear the ETO ribbon with star, the Pacific ribbon with two stars and will receive the ribbon issued by the Philippine Government. Now attached to 6th Army Headquarters (a good deal for a change), he is looking forward to a rotation furlough.

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Alden L. Lambert son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Leslie Lambert, of Raritan Road, is a litter bearer with the 5th Army in Italy. His unit has supported the 85th "Custer Division" since it went into action along the Garigliano River last spring. As the 85th broke through the Gustav and Hitler lines, the litter bearers found 5 mile treks thru forbidding country a commonplace according to 5th Army reports. The battalion received a commendation from the corps commander. Alden entered service in May, 1942 and has been overseas since Xmas 1943. A graduate of SPHS, he trained at Camp Shelby, Miss. and had desert maneuvers in California.

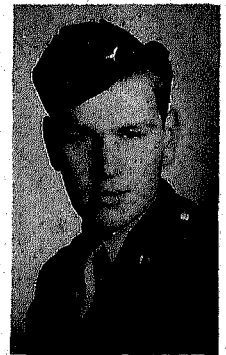
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Lawrence C. Powers



Anna M. Powers



Joseph J. Powers

Staff Sgt. Lawrence C. Powers Jr., AAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence C. Powers of 413 Forest Road, is home on furlough following ten months' service in the European theatre of operations. He will report on June 21 to Fort Dix for reassignment to Great Bend, Kansas, where he will receive B-29 Super Fortress training. An aerial gunner and assistant engineer on a B-24 Liberator bomber, assigned to the 15th Air Force in Italy, Larry has completed 43 combat missions over enemy or enemy-held territory and holds the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and a Presidential Citation awarded his group.

A former pupil in SPHS, where he played varsity football, Larry entered the service in November, 1943; received his basic training at Greensboro, N. C., and won his gunner's wings at the AAF Aerial Gunnery School at Harlingen, Tex. Further training was received at Chatham Field, Ga. He went overseas in August, 1944. He wears the European theatre of operations campaign ribbon with four battle stars, signifying his participation in the battles of Germany, Italy, Roumania and the Balkans and the American theatre of operations campaign ribbon for participating in submarine patrol along the Eastern seaboard while stationed at Langley Field, Va.

Anne M. Powers, yeoman first class, WAVES, is stationed at the U S Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Fla. She entered the service in December, 1944, and received her recruit training at Hunter College in New York City.

Sgt. Joseph J. Powers, AAF, in service about three years, is now stationed at Hondo, Texas, serving as an airplane mechanic instructor.

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Sheldron Coudray Roger Coudray

BOTH WITH THE AIR FORCES. The two sons of Mrs. A. D. Thorne of 529 Park Avenue attended SPHS. Sgt. Sheldon recently came home on leave after serving with the 7th Army Air Force as an aerial engineer and gunner. Besides the Air Medal with several Oak Leaf Clusters, Shel was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. His brother, classified as a pilot, is in training at Napier Field, Ala.

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"Pop" Kitz hailed Van and me the other day as we sat in the car discussing this issue and yelled, "Hey, didn't you know that Bill had been promoted to First Lieutenant?" The family received word of the promotion before Bill did. "Pop" also told us that in the short time Bill has been overseas he has been engaged in 24 missions as pilot of an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress in the 385th Bombardment Group.

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