

SERVICE BRIEFS



Lieut. John H. Staib is stationed in Burma with a Fighter Control Sqdn. He trained at the Mass. Inst. of Tech., then at Drew Field, Fla., AFSAT at Orlando, Fla., and at Bradley Field, Conn. He is a meteorologist and at his present station is a controller of radar

equipment directing fighter interceptor activities against enemy planes. His wife, Mrs. Eleanor M. Staib, and one year old daughter, Barbara Ann, live at 370 Montague Avenue. Barbara Ann, your wife and her mother were all in good health when we met them to get this info, Lieutenant.

Flight Officer J. Donald Shreve, of Fanwood, has completed a brief orientation course at a U. S. Strategic Air Force Station in England and had begun combat flying just before hostilities were ended.

Pfc. James Wassman is at Okinawa assigned to an artillery detachment of the First Marine Division. He has been overseas since April of last year.

Harold C. Higginbotham, radarman 2/C, U.S.N., is home on leave after 28 months active service in the Asiatic-Pacific area. His tour of duty has included New Guinea, Tarawa, Wake, Tulagi, Bougainville, the Gilberts, the Marshalls, the Carolinas, the Marianas and the Philippines. The ship on which he served has been credited with participating in thirteen major bombardments. It shot down nine enemy aircraft, sank an aircraft carrier, a cruiser, a destroyer and four Jap cargo vessels. He wears the Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon with ten battle stars, the American theatre of operations ribbon, the Philippine Liberation Medal and a Presidential Unit Citation.

Johnny Long Jr. seems to have made up his mind to place us eternally in his debt. Somewhere else in this issue we have already thanked him for sending us two copies of his base paper The NAFD BACKLOG. This morning's mail brings a third, the issue of April 30th. We have read and re-read all copies of YANK, The STARS and STRIPES and The BACKLOG which we have received and they have given us a real insight to the news you do get and of the kind that we should supply to fill the gap. Thanks again Johnny, and thanks again to all you other guys.

Sgt. Wallace Shults, of King St., one of four brothers in service, is back in the States after a long spell of overseas service. He expects to be stationed in California for about six months and reports that everything is going along in routine fashion at his new station.

Anthony J. Checchio, now a T/5, sends us a copy of the Nice-Marseille edition of The Stars and Stripes and Jack Millwater a copy of the Mediterranean edition for both of which we are grateful.

Pvt. Herman Wise just received his first copy of the Scotch Plainsman and says "It's tops". He also reports another first, meeting the first of his home-town pals in foreign lands in the person of Ben B. Steward. The meeting must have taken place in Belgium for that's where Ben's last letter came from but Herman keeps the meeting place a secret.

Eddie Hyslip, MM 2/C, writes that he is in Hawaii for a short stay and that he will send us his new address when he is relocated.

Frank Kavanaugh Jr., a prisoner of war in Germany since Dec. 19, 1944, has been liberated. He was with the 422nd Infantry of the 106th Division in the Battle of the Bulge.

First Lieut. Robert Firshing, AAF pilot, home on leave from Europe addressed Community Post No. 209 American Legion recently. His folks have just moved into Scotch Plains, occupying a house on Quimby Lane over in Zone 6.

Holder of the Air Medal with 12 Oak Leaf Clusters and a Presidential Citation awarded his group, and credited with 65 combat missions, Lieut. Firshing told of his experiences while piloting a B-26 "Marauder" assigned to the Ninth Air Force in France.



Ralph B. Caruso Pat B. Caruso Henry A. Caruso Albert G. Caruso

NO FAVORITISM -- TWO IN THE ARMY -- TWO IN THE NAVY

In the Army since January 5, 1943, Sgt. RALPH B. CARUSO is now in the Philippines with an Ordnance Company. He trained at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. and Camp Adair, Ore., before going overseas in March, 1944. The high light of his many fortunate meetings with Scotch Plains boys was the time he met his brother Pat in New Guinea.

Pfc. PAT B. CARUSO is now back in the States serving at Fort Hancock, N. J., after three years overseas, during which time he was stationed at Melbourne, Australia, and Milne Bay, New Guinea, taking part in two major campaigns. His outfit was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. Entering the Army on March 24, 1941, Pat trained at Camp Croft, S. C.

ALBERT G. CARUSO, RM 3/C, is assigned to a destroyer now on duty in the Pacific and has taken part in about every major battle in the Pacific in the past 15 months. He did duty in the Atlantic before shifting to the Pacific and has been in the Navy since April 1, 1943.

HENRY A. CARUSO, CM 3/C, is on duty in the Philippines with the Seabees. Entering the service in January, 1943, he trained at Camp Perry, Va., and at Davisville, R. I.
