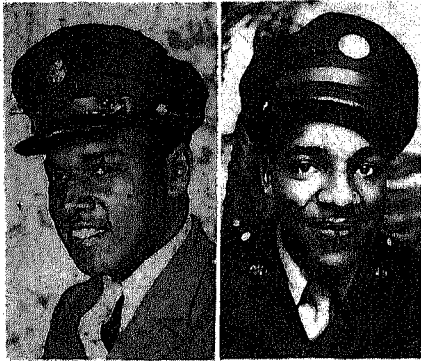


SERVICE BRIEFS



James A. Johnson Robt. L. Johnson

Cpl. James Johnson (329225099) is attached to the 825th Amph. Trk. Co. APO 72, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif. joined the Army in June 1943 through Westfield and trained at Camp Atterbury, Ind. and Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla. where he was promoted to corporal. He went overseas in June, 1944, and is now in the Philippines. Pvt. Robert L Johnson (42018817) 3137 QM Serv. Co., APO 511, c/o PM, NY., has been in the Army since November, 1943. He received all his training at Fort Devens, Mass., went overseas in June 1944 and is now in England.



Cpl. Walter E. Johnson (42018776) 542d Port Co 507th Bn., APO 765 c/o PM, NY, a third Johnson brother, has been in the Army since November 1943. Trained at Indiantown Gap, Pa. and at the Army Base at Boston, Mass. before going overseas in May 1944. He is now in France. The

three boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson of 31 Plainfield Ave.

S/Sgt. Bob Lee sent us a copy of the May 8th issue of The Stars and Stripes, Mediterranean edition, with a massive headline announcing "It's All Over Over Here." We'll be happy when a similar announcement is made in the other theatre of war. Thanks Bob, we enjoyed it.

Also on Luzon is Sgt. Wistar Shreve who is with the Field Artillery. Both he and John Lansing were stationed in New Guinea before going to the Philippines.

Flight Officer J. Donald Shreve Jr. whose letter appears elsewhere in this issue holds a presidential citation with two clusters awarded his group and a bronze battle star for participation in the battle of Germany.

Lieut. Comdr. Mathew E. Thompson is at his home on a 30-day leave after 18 months in the EFO. His ship and crew participated in the Normandy invasion and in the Army build up that followed. As a highly specialized Navy craft, the ship is equipped to offer major repair jobs to all types of small craft and minor jobs for any ships afloat. It is being refitted at Norfolk in preparation for action in the Pacific.

Pfc. Frank Kavanaugh Jr., of Fanwood, liberated in May from a German prison camp, is home on furlough. He is in good health but lost considerable weight while confined in Stalag 4 near Dresden, Germany, from which he was released by American forces. He saw for the first time his son, Frank Kavanaugh 3rd, born January 25th, a few weeks after Pop Kavanaugh was reported missing in action.

Staff Sgt. Roy H. Kurre, a gunner on a Guam-based B-29, has been promoted to that rank from sergeant and also has added an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal for meritorious achievement in bombing attacks over Japan.

A release from the Fifth Air Forces Service Command, Philippine Islands, reports that Staff Sergeant Michael J. Stromick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stromick, Hunter Avenue, is a member of an organization recently commended by 5th Air Force's Maj. Gen. Ennis C. Whitehead for skillful defense of an advanced air base against infiltrating Japanese troops in the Philippines.

The letter of commendation praised the men "for their ingenuity, bravery and courage," and stated, "although your primary training and mission is not direct ground combat with the enemy, officers and men demonstrated unquestioned qualities of leadership and fighting that will result in the utter extermination of the Japanese."

Mike Stromick is an Airplane Mechanic with a unit of the 5th Air Force Service Command, which supplies maintains and repairs 5th Air Force fighters and bombers.

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