

# SERVICE BRIEFS



Corp. Joseph C. Del Negro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Del-Negro, 425 Cook Avenue, entered the service on August 20, 1942, and was stationed at Camp Davis, N. C., Camp Stewart, Ga., Camp Gardener, Ga., and Orlando, Fla., as well as Fort Jackson, S. C. He is attached

to the Signal Corps as a radio operator and linesman. He attended SPHS.

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Aviation Cadet Herbert L. Mattox, of 449 Farley Ave., has completed his basic flight training at the AAF Pilot School at Gunter Field, Montgomery, Ala., and has been transferred to Turner Field, Albany, Ga., for advanced training. He received primary training at Lodwick Field, Fla.

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Eddie Connolly, of 345 Cook Ave., has been promoted to Chief Machinist's Mate and is now in Miami instructing on sub-chasers. He was home on a 20-day leave a month or so ago. His brother Jim is now in England - a gunner on a merchant marine vessel.

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Pfc. Alfred S. Quarles is stationed in Belgium with the 3217 QM Service Co. Entering service in Apr. 1942, he trained at Camp Campbell Kentucky, before going overseas in April, 1943. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal in November, 1944, while in England. His home is at

303 Plainfield Avenue.

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Cpl. Ben B. Steward has been transferred to the 3868th QM Trk. Co., APO 228, c/o PM, New York, stationed at Liege, Belgium. Writes that he has had a letter from "Les" Thompson and that the last letter he wrote to Ted Baranoski 'bounced back' marked 'hospitalized.' There's a story about Ted somewhere else in this issue.

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Pfc. James Strond is sweating it out in France with the 818th ATC, APO 562, c/o PM, New York. He met a fellow Scotch Plainsman recently in the person of Ernest Johnson.

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Following a leave at home, Edwin S. Braun, of Victor Street, has been reported to the U.S.N.R. Midshipmen's School at Columbia University, New York City.

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Pfc. Mike Perrette, veteran of two years' service in Alaska, is spending a 14-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Perrette at 529 Hunter Avenue. He has been serving as a cook with the Fourth Infantry while in Alaska.

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George W. Keck, SK 3/C, is home on a 30-day leave from Okinawa following a years' active duty in the Pacific area. He saw action at Peleliu, Anguar, Leyte and Okinawa and wears the African-European-Asiatic Campaign Ribbon with four battle stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one battle star and the American Theatre bar. He reports to Philadelphia early in August for reassignment.

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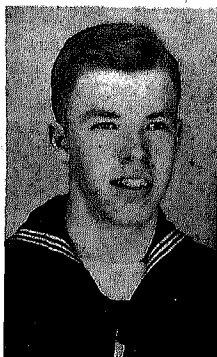
Richard W. Bittle Robert J. Bittle

A graduate of SPHS, 1943, Corp. Richard Bittle entered the service in July, 1943, and received his basic training at Miami Beach, Fla. Following successful completion of a course in radio gunnery at Yuma in February, he was awarded his gunner's wings. After completing a furlough recently, he reported back to his Yuma base for reassignment.

Robert Bittle, seaman second class, entered the service in November, 1944. Following recruit training at the Naval Air Technical Station at Memphis, Tenn., he was transferred to Norman, Okla., where he is now in the second phase of his training as a naval aircrewman. He was attending SPHS when he entered the service.

Dick and Bob are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Bittle, of 1961 Bartle Avenue.

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Alvin F. Bender, USN, seaman 1st class, entered the service in November, 1943, and received his recruit training at the Naval Training Station at Sampson, N.Y. After completing further training at an advanced torpedo school at Norfolk, Va. he was assigned as a torpedoman

aboard a destroyer. A graduate of John Adams High School, New York City, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin K. Bender, of 2383 Longfellow Avenue.

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A member of the 101st Airborne Division trapped at Bastogne, Pfc. Albert R. Manner, 3rd, a paratrooper with a medical unit, suffered severe shrapnel wounds in the back and was confined to a hospital several months. He has recovered and returned to his outfit.

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Sergeant John A. Hannon enlisted in the Army in October, 1942, and was called to active duty March 15, 1943, training at Ft. Jackson, Miss., Camp Maxey, Tex., Sanka Anita, Calif., Camp Polk, La., Camp Livingston, La., Ft. Smith, Ark. and Camp Gruber, Okla. He completed an eight weeks' course in Administration and Army Personnel Records at Santa Anita, and went overseas for Oahu, Hawaii, on April 10th, 1945. His wife and three year old daughter, Marcia Jean live at 411 Evergreen Blvd.

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Donald Finter, of Coles Avenue, a recent graduate of SPHS, has begun recruit training at the U. S. Naval Training Center at Sampson, N. Y.

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Herbert H. Rodgers, gunner's mate second class, U. S. N., is home on 30-day leave from the ETO. Assigned to a PT boat, Rodgers recently completed 14 months' overseas service, including participation in the Normandy invasion, liberation of the Channel Islands and other operations at LeHavre and Cherbourg. He will report to the Brooklyn Navy Yard early in August to rejoin his unit.

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Sgt. John J. Di Quollo has been stationed in England with the AAF as a member of a ground crew. In the service since Jan. 6, 1943, he has been overseas since last October. His wife, the former Miss Julia Kasar, and their two young sons, John and Carl, make their home with his

parents at 368 Cook Avenue. Three brothers are also Army sergeants, T/Sgt. Anthony with a mechanized cavalry outfit in the Pacific; S/Sgt. Nicholas, Engineer Construction Battalion, and Sgt. Philip, who until recently was stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif.

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Air Cadet Andrew Scanlon has been transferred from the University of Georgia, at Athens, Ga., to Bunker Hill, Ind., for pre-flight training under the Navy V-12 program.

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Corp. Paul Ferrara, of Westfield Ave., is home on a 30-day furlough after serving for the past six months as a radio operator-gunner on a Flying Fortress in Europe.

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Sgt. Joseph Puchel, T/Sgt Gene Vqdopia (Joe's cousin), Donald Finter and Lt. Joseph Blotner were recent luncheon guests of the Fanwood Scotch Plains Rotary Club at the Maison Billia on Terrill Road.

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