

SERVICE BRIEFS



Thomas P. Reiley



William F. Reiley Jr.



John J. Reiley

Sgt. Thomas Reiley, who as we reported last month, won the Silver Star for gallantry in action, joined the Regular Army in 1937, and after serving three years was released in 1940 only to be recalled in May, 1941. Assigned to the Medical Corps, he completed a training course at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., where he attained a rating of surgical technician. He transferred later to an armored division and trained at Fort Knox, Ky., going overseas in July, 1944.

Not to be outdone by Brother Tom, Sgt. William Reiley, a member of the Second Armored (Hell on Wheels) Division now in Germany, in recognition of meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty was awarded a certificate of merit. Overseas 2½ years, Sgt. Bill entered the service in February, 1942, and trained at Fort Knox, Ky. Before entering the service he had completed a course in aviation mechanics at the Clarence Chamberlain School in Newark.

Staff Sgt. John Reiley, AAF, returned home in January following 30 months service in England, France, Holland and Germany as a member of the ground crew of the Ninth Air Force. At the end of his furlough he was sent to Dayton, Ohio and Rome, N. Y., for special training and later to San Antonio, Texas, for assignment for overseas service again. He entered the service in January, 1942, and spent several months with an observation squadron at Fort Dix and later trained at Dietrich Field, Frederick, Md., and Biloxi, Miss. In less than six months after entering the Army he was promoted to sergeant. He went overseas in September, 1942.

Corp. Harvey Rus, Army Engineers, who suffered a broken leg in combat in Germany, shortly before V-E Day, arrived by plane at Mitchel Field, L. I., recently and has been transferred to a hospital for further treatment.

Sgt. Arthur W. Leitner, assigned to an Army medical detachment in the CBI theatre of operation, is home on a 30-day furlough following 2½ years overseas duty. He is visiting his

brother, Fred G. Leitner of Highway 29, his parents having moved from Westfield Avenue to Media, Pa.

S/Sgt. Janney Nichols of Old Raritan Road, arrived home early in July having flown in from Italy. Janney was shot down shortly before V-E Day while on his 60th mission. With 100 points to his credit, he is looking for his discharge papers so that he may resume his studies at the Univer-

sity of Michigan where he was in his junior year when duty called.

Pvt. Phyllis J. Kauffman, WAC, of Cooper Road, is helping Army surgeons and nurses in the care of wounded soldiers at the Foster General Hospital, Jackson, Miss. After she completes four weeks of training at the Army hospital, she will be qualified as a surgical technician.



Lt. (j.g.) William A. Barber, son of Mrs. Dorothy M. Barber, of 313 Cook Ave. is on active duty with the Naval Air Combat Intelligence in the Philippines, graduate of St. Peters' Preparatory School in Jersey City and from Ohio State Univ., he entered the service

in March, 1942. He trained at Quantico, R. I., and was sent to Honolulu, where he was stationed for 18 months. His tour of duty has also included New Guinea and Leyte.

On Dec. 30, 1943, Lt. Barber and the former Miss Noranne Reiss, of Columbus, Ohio, were married in her home town.

We won't vouch that this incident happened and are passing it along for what it's worth.

A general, returning to camp one evening, couldn't produce any identification. The rookie on guard duty, unimpressed, refused to let him pass through the gates. Finally, the exasperated general bent forward, pointed to the stars on his shoulder and bellowed, "Do you know what these mean?"

"Sure," popped the rookie, "you got two sons in the service."



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