

SERVICE BRIEFS

Pfc. Henry L. Ochse, one of the battling B-----s of Bastogne, has a new address. He's now with Co. D, 206 Parachute Infantry, APO 472 c/o P.M. New York. His letter does not reveal his present location or what prospect the future holds in store for him.

Since we got tied up with this job of getting out The Scotch Plainsman every month, we've learned a lot about Scotch Plains and its people. For instance, we never knew that Johnny Howard, the former welter-weight, and Mike Mannucci were one and the same person until his discharge with 120 points was announced. Johnny or Mike entered the service in January, 1942 and joined the Ninth Infantry Division following training at Fort Bragg, N. C., going overseas in September of that year. He saw action in the battles of Algeria, French Morocco, Naples-Foggia, Rhineland, Sicily, Tunisia and southern and northern France, winding up as a staff sergeant. He's entitled to wear the European-African-Middle East Campaign Ribbon with seven battle stars; the American Defense Service Medal; the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Good Conduct Medal.



Glenden L. Leaver Eugene R. Leaver

Eugene Leaver, a member of the Merchant Marine, was home in July on a 22-day leave from Newport News, Va. Following a tour of duty with the Army Transport Command service. He entered the service in August, 1944, and trained at the U. S. Maritime Service Training Station at Sheepshead Bay, N. Y., and has completed many crossings of the Atlantic.

His brother, Glenden, in service since August, 1943, is now assigned to the Army Air Force at Hobbs Field, New Mexico.



his home with his parents at 221 Cleveland Avenue.

Pfc. Langston W. Booth is with the 15th Marine Depot Co., FMF, 2nd Service and Supply En. somewhere in the Pacific. He became a Marine in August, 1943, and after 4 months of basic training at Camp Lejeune, N.C., was shipped to Hawaii for assignment in December, 1943. He makes



Ben Checchio's mother sent us the above photo of Ben and a Chinese soldier taken 'Somewhere in China' where he is stationed with a Base Unit of the Army Transport Command. Ben's Mom explains that the Chinaman is the fellow in the background. We're always happy to print pictures like these fellows - all you have to do is to send us a good clear snapshot.

Staff Sgt. Sal Checchio is home on a 15-day furlough from Walla Walla, Wash., where he is stationed at the army air base. He's an electrical specialist on a B24 Liberator Bomber. His brother, T/Sgt Louis E. Checchio, was killed in action in France on July 20, 1944.

Just before we go to press with this edition, we learn that Pfc. John F. Marshall of 442 Farley Ave., has received an honorable discharge on points, - 87 of them. He saw action in France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and Germany with the 83rd (Thunderbolt) Infantry Division of the Ninth Army.

It's CORPORAL EDDIE WARSETSKEY now. He's stationed at Keesler Field, Miss. and just wrote his folks of his promotion.



Harold W. Debbie



James J. Debbie



Harvey P. Debbie

M/Sgt. Harold W. Debbie, attached to the 125th AAF-BU, Ftr. Sqdn. H., DAAF, Dover, Delaware, entered the Army on June 13, 1941 training at Fort Belvoir, Va., with the Engineers. He went overseas in August, 1942, seeing service in Belgium, France, England and Germany with the Ninth Air Force. He has been awarded a Presidential Citation for participation in the Normandy invasion and wears three battle stars on his campaign ribbons. He returned to the States in December, 1944, and was then assigned to his present station. His wife, the former Miss Violet Horak of Chatham, makes her home with Harold's parents.

Coxswain James J. Debbie joined up with the Navy in July, 1942. Training at Newport, R. I., he was stationed at Norfolk, Va., and New Orleans, before being assigned to the Pacific where he is now doing duty on an LSD.

Pfc. Harvey P. Debbie entered the Army on January 5, 1943, going first to Fort Dix. He was assigned to a Coast Artillery Detachment stationed at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y.

Pfc. Robert L. Johnson, of 31 Plainfield Avenue, is now at "Tophat" Staging Area, Antwerp, Belgium, awaiting shipment to the U. S. under the Army Redeployment Program. Entering the service on November 19, 1943, he has been overseas one year with the 3137 QM Service Co., having participated in the Battle of the Rhineland. He has been awarded the Bronze Star and Good Conduct Medal and wears the ribbon of the European Theater of Operations.



Corp. Lemuel B. Jenkins, 327783 40, 648th Ord. Amm. Co., Com. Z ETO, APO 228, c/o PM, NY, entered the Army on April 1, 1943 and received basic training at Miss. Ord. Plant, Jackson, Miss., and further training at Herlong, Cal. Overseas since October, 1943, he was stationed

in England until the D-Day invasion of France. He is the son of Mr. Wm. Jenkins of 303 Plainfield Avenue.

In the June issue we told you of the novel means employed by Mrs. Ethel Compton to send musical birthday greetings to her husband, Pfc. Vernon Compton, with the 4th Marine Division in the Pacific.

Again availing herself of the facilities of the new Special Services Section of the Marine Corps, Mrs. Compton despatched a song of her own composition to Vernon on his birthday. He was called out of the audience before his regiment's nightly movie and an accordionist played the piece "While You're Away," to him. We'll bet he was a surprised and highly pleased Marine.
