



Pfc. S. A. Krempa Recuperating

Pfc. Stanley A. Krempa, an Army Infantryman who was wounded seriously in action on Okinawa on April 21, is now recuperating in a hospital in the Hawaiian Islands. He was wounded in the left leg and right arm by shrapnel. He is looking forward to being sent home.

Overseas for more than 3½ years, Stanley also saw action on Makin Island and at Saipan as a member of the 165th Infantry. Previously he had been stationed in Hawaii. He entered the service in February, 1941, and trained at Fort McClellan, Anniston, Ala.

His brother, Pfc. Joseph A. Krempa, AAF, has been in the Pacific area for more than two years. His wife, the former Miss Julia Hodak, resides in Plainfield.

Another brother, Pfc. Edward Krempa, has been overseas for seven months with the 15th Army Air Force in Italy and is now confined to a hospital in Italy recuperating from an infection in his hand. His wife is the former Miss Lillian Culmone of Garwood.

Unit Wins Citation

Corp. John O. Hamlette, of 361 Jerusalem Road, is a member of the 128 Quartermaster Battalion (Mobile) which recently was awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptional difficult tasks, according to an announcement from the Peninsular Base Headquarters in Italy. The corporal has been overseas since February, 1944 and has been stationed in Algeria and Italy.

His brother, Pfc. James Hamlette, is serving in the Pacific area.

T/Sgt. Nicholas T. DiQuollo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donato DiQuollo, and the husband of Mrs. Mary DiQuollo, 368 Cook Avenue, is serving overseas with the 1393d Engineer Construction Battalion in Manila as construction foreman.

Nick has four brothers in the service. Brother Tony is a technical sergeant with an Armored Division in California, John is a staff sergeant with the 333rd Station Complement Squadron in England, Philip is a sergeant with the 206th Engineer Battalion in the Philippines, and Joe is a private stationed in the States.

In addition to the Good Conduct Medal, Nick is entitled to wear the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, two overseas service bars, the Unit Meritorious Service Award, and the Expert Rifle Medal.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Jacqueline Kuett, daughter of Theodore L. Kuett, of No. Arlington, to Frank J. Tuytjens, F 1c, who formerly lived in Scotch Plains with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Budde. Educated in the Netherlands, Frank has been in this country seven years. He enlisted in January and after training at an amphibious training base in Coronado, Cal. was recently assigned to a vessel in the Pacific.

GOOD NEWS

THIS PAST WEEK will go down in history as one of the most momentous in the career of our American nation.

The atomic bomb which obliterated 60 per cent of the Japanese city of Hiroshima not only began a cycle that marked the beginning of the end for Japan but it opened up as well a new source of energy which "may supplement the power that now comes from coal, oil and falling water."

This development marks the beginning of an atomic age if this power unleashed for the destructive operations of war can be harnessed to the problems that face the post war world for the benefit of mankind and its economy.

Close on the heels of the atomic bomb revelation came Russia's declaration of war against Japan. Russia's entry completed the encirclement of Japan and insured the isolation of that country from its desperately needed sources of raw materials.

It was inevitable, unless the war lords were determined to commit national suicide, that these two developments should force the complete surrender of our remaining Axis enemy. That they had decided upon the alternative course was the welcome news blasted from the radios on the morning of August 10th. As we complete this copy for the printer, the reply of the United Nations to Japan's offer of surrender has been speeded on its way.

Local opinion is divided as to whether the Japanese conditional surrender should be accepted or turned down. Whatever developments occur along this line, the end has been reached just three months and a few days after the Nazis threw in the sponge.

We offer our prayer of thanks that our armies have been victorious and congratulate our own service men and women for the parts they played in bringing this about.

The end of the war will not mean the immediate return of all of our soldiers and sailors. It will be the lot of some to become a part of the armies of occupation and it will be years before the last man doffs his uniform for civvies.

And that brings us down to a statement of the future policy of The Scotch Plainsman. This is a service men's paper dedicated to the purpose of bringing news from home to our far-scattered service citizens all over the world. Those of us responsible for its monthly production pledged among ourselves that we would continue it to the war's end. We clarify this now to mean that the paper will be continued just as long as any substantial numbers of service people from Scotch Plains remain in foreign countries. Meanwhile, if we may appropriate a service expression, we will sweat out the remaining issues.

MORE GOOD NEWS CHIT-CHATS COMING BACK

We doubt if anyone has missed our Chit-Chat column more than YeScribe. It was with great disappointment that we received the news two months ago that Vera Clark had severed her connection with the school system and would not be able to continue her column.

Others missed her too and made known that fact to Vera. So she is probably with our next issue, Vera will be back on these pages with her lively gossip. She will not have as many opportunities for contacting the news as she had in school, so it will be up to all you guys and gals at home to pass along to Vera any service news item of interest. She's in the business world now and doing nicely - thank you.

Pfc. Phil Checchio of 1976 Westfield Ave is home on a 30day furlough after nine months' service in the ETO, having taken part in the battles of Northern France, Germany, the Ardennes and Central Europe. He's a brother of Ben, whose picture with a Chinaman is shown elsewhere in these pages.

SCOTCH PLAINS GIRLS VAPORIZE FANWOOD TEAM

A Scotch Plains girls' softball team swamped a Fanwood girls' ten by a score of 24 to 2 on the UCPC diamond recently. It was the first all-girl contest played on the park diamond this season.

Staff Sgt. Merritt C. Adams, 89 Terrill Road, is being processed at Camp Detroit, in the Assembly Area Command near Laon, France. Flight surgeon's assistant with a veteran fighter-bomber group which is being deployed directly to the Pacific area, Merritt has been overseas for 25 months and is authorized to wear the Presidential Unit Citation and the ETO Ribbon.

Seeking reduction in assessment on the island estate of the late William K. Vanderbilt, a bank official appeared before the Dade County (Fla.) equalization board recently and declared that "only \$5,000,000" remained to Mrs. Vanderbilt out of the one time \$35,000,000 fortune.

The government took \$25,000,000. of this and New York State taxes took another \$5,000,000.

If that keeps up, she'll be on relief sooner than we think.

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