

SERVICE BRIEFS



No one is looking forward more anxiously to the return of Scotch Plains servicemen and women than Sergeant Jimmy Onato of the Scotch Plains Police Department. We have a mental picture of Jimmy leading the 'Welcome Home Parade' astride his faithful charger 'Spark Plug'.

Joseph Solowe, AAF, stationed on Tinian, has been promoted to Captain. He is a member of the 20th Bomber Division.

Louis DeFrancesco, S lc, is serving aboard an Essex class aircraft carrier in the Pacific.

After eight months service in Italy with the 22nd Air Force, S/Sgt Alex DiPace came home on a 30-day furlough in August and reported back to Greensboro, N. C., for reassignment. A waist gunner on a B-24, he was awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters also a Presidential citation with one Oak Leaf cluster awarded his group.

Way over in China, Ben Checchio has been promoted to corporal. His present job is in the field section of the priorities and traffic office which is responsible for expediting off-loading intra-China cargo and loading aircraft for backhaul to the rear area.

In recognition of outstanding work in moving supplies during the fighting on Luzon, T/5 Arch L. Spencer was awarded a meritorious service plaque. Overseas 26 months, Arch is a clerk with the "Red Arrows", a unit of the Fifth Air Force Service Command.

Another recent furlougher was Pfc Harry L. Paff, a member of the 76th Infantry Division of the Third Army. He saw nine months service in the ETO and received wounds in Germany for which he was awarded the Purple Heart.

Back after two years service in the ETO, Pfc. Eugene Novello is telling his family and friends of his visit in Italy to see his mother, whom he had not seen since he came to this country as a boy.

Thomas J. Anson, electrician's mate, third class, U. S. Coast Guard Reserve, participated in the occupation of Northern Honshu, Japan. He is serving aboard the USS Mills, a C. G. destroyer escort.

Quite a few of the boys have been home on furlough during the past month or so. Herbert Dinkel, aviation metalsmith second class, U. S. Navy, was home on a 14-day furlough from Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Pvt. Anthony Campbell, son of Sheriff and Mrs. Alex Campbell, was home on a week-end pass from Camp Curtissair, Buffalo, N. Y., where he is receiving special training on C-46s. He recently completed aero-mechanics school at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss.

Late in August, Preston Ehmann Jr was home for the weekend from Bethany College, Va., where he was enrolled in the Navy V-5 program. He is now at Swathmore College and expects to make the Varsity football team.

Pfc. Joseph A. Krempa came home on furlough after a 26 months' tour of duty with an air field operations unit of the 13th AAF Service Command in the Netherlands East Indies. He is a refueling unit operator. The 13th, veteran "Jungle Air Force", battled the Japs from Guadalcanal to China.

Raymond E. Brown of Rahway Road was one of the 13,000 officers and men of the 82nd Airborne (All-American) Division chosen to occupy Berlin. He formerly served with the 505th Paratroop Unit; saw action in Italy, Sicily and France, and was later transferred to the 82nd Airborne. He recently sent his parents the Purple Heart awarded him for wounds received while fighting in Southern France.



Pfc. Harry J. Moran entered the Army on August 20, 1943 and received his basic training at Camp Hood, Texas and later at Fort Bragg, N. C., with an artillery unit. Overseas since December, 1944, he has served in the Hawaiian Islands and is now in the Philippines with the 6th Army. His wife, Dorothy, and daughter Joan, live at 1745 E. Second Street.

Young Dick Abbiate is one of our most faithful correspondents. He has written an excellent letter which we will have to hold for a future issue. His outfit is being written up by Life Magazine. The bake shop in his outfit celebrated V-J Day by baking a huge cake 5 feet 4 inches in diameter and weighing 600 pounds.

"Red" Lambert sends us a new address (Co. "D", 109th Med. Bn., APO 34, PM, N.Y.), and writes that he is availing himself of the opportunity to broaden his education by attending the Army university in Italy. (He's now on his way home).

Johnny Long writes from Casablanca that he has applied for discharge and expects to be home soon. He has been promoted to sergeant.

Eddie Ziesmer cabled home that he was heading for the Statue of Liberty on September 28th. He will have arrived home by the time this issue reaches the press.



Sgt. Floyd R. Garrison is now at Casablanca awaiting return to U.S. for permanent assignment. He entered the Army in December, 1942 receiving basic training at Atlantic City and technical training as a Cryptographer at Pawling, N. Y. Overseas training was received at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., following which he went overseas in April 1943. Assigned to an Army Airways Communication, he was stationed at Tindouf on the Sahara Desert.

Don Meyer received his discharge in June and will return to Pennsylvania this fall. His sister, Grace Meyer, is still stationed at Pearl Harbor with the Marines. Brother Stanley Meyer is stationed at Camp Kilmer in the Provost Marshall's office. Stan did Ye Scribe a good turn when he arranged for a meeting with our nephew returning from Italy.

Opl. Alphonse Fantini writes that he is now in Hawaii on the Island of Oahu.

T/5 Stutson F. Brown writes that he is now in Manila after having seen service in France. He describes the experience of going from one side of the world to the other as "rugged".

We felt quite flattered to receive a letter from Miss Gracie Parker, a civilian stationed at the Blytheville Air Field, Arkansas, inquiring as to subscription rates of The Scotch Plainsman. Feeling that she must have rated more than a second look from some Scotch Plains GI who showed her his copy, we told her we'd send it to her free. She insisted on enriching our coffers with a money order though. Thanks Gracie.

Discharges are coming through in such numbers and mail is being returned in such quantities that we're almost going nuts trying to keep our records straight. If your mail is returned to us, we will re-address it to your home and rely on your family to see that it reaches you.

The Fanwood Defense Council has been disbanded as of October 31. We do not know if provision has been made to continue sending The Scotch Plainsman to Fanwood G Is but if not Ye Scribe will scout around for a new sponsor for you Fanwoodians.