

# SERVICE BRIEFS

Wm. H. Oline writes from 328 College Avenue, Grove City, Pa., that he has been discharged from the Army and has completed veterinary school. He is associated there with another doctor gathering some practical experience in his new profession. He describes The Scotch Plainsman as "a swell, newsy paper" and thanks us for keeping him in touch with his friends and old school-mates.

Flore Checchio wrote us a letter after he returned to Camp Shelby, Miss., at the end of his 30-day furlough. He says those thirty days were the shortest in his life but he has happy recollections of visits with some of his old buddies when he was home.

John Irby writes from India to say that he has been promoted to sergeant and that he appreciates the prominence we gave his two letters in the July issue. He has been awarded the Bronze Star for being under enemy fire while clearing some jungle with a bulldozer for a fighter strip. He also has a Mechanic's Medal and the Good Conduct Medal as well as the Asiatic campaign ribbon.

Richard Bittle is now at the Lincoln Army Air Field at Lincoln, Neb. and writes that he hopes The Scotch Plainsman will be continued for a long time yet. "It is a swell paper and a wonderful informer of hometown news and gossip", he writes.

Ben Steward writes that he is at a processing camp in France waiting for transportation home.

October 12th was the date Vincent Ferrucci expected to board a boat in Italy for his return trip to the US.

The Army is still taking 'em in and during the last month or so Felix J. Bruno, 2047 Prospect Street, and Nicholas Mancini Jr., 408 Westfield Road, were inducted in to the Army through Local Board 4 (remember it, fellows?). At the same time, Miss Mildred Mattox, 449 Farley Avenue, and Miss Roberta Reid, 2421 Hill Rd. enrolled in the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps and began training at Mullenberg Hospital. Other local enrollees in the Cadet Nurse Corps are Miss Hulda Romm, 343 Henry Street, who is training at St. Luke's Hospital in New York City, and Miss Betty Young, 32 Coles Avenue, who is at the Jersey City Medical Center. The girls are all 1945 graduates of SPHS.

Lawrence A. Palmer has completed his recruit training at Sampson, N Y and has been home on leave.

Edwin S. Braum of 227 Victor St., was commissioned an ensign in the US Naval Reserve following graduation from the last class of the Midshipmen's School at Columbia University. Impressive graduation exercises were held in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City.



Cyril, better known as "Bud" Poling, is now stationed at Shoemaker, Cal. having finished his training at Sampson, N. Y. Bud attended SP HS, played varsity football three years and was president of the Student Council in his senior year. He worked as life guard at Manasquan. He entered Colby College at Waterville, Maine, where he played varsity football and basketball before entering the Navy.

Men are being discharged faster than we can keep up with them but that's okay with us and we suppose with you guys too. To our increasing list must be added the names of Pfc. John Bantle, Cpl. Renato DiLeo, Pvt. William M. Foxx, T/Sgt. Alexander Muir Jr., Sgt. Wm. F. Reiley Jr. and Pfc. Charles F. Rose, all of whom have been discharged during the past few weeks.

After a furlough, Harvey Rue has returned to Camp Pickett, Va., for further treatment for a broken leg.

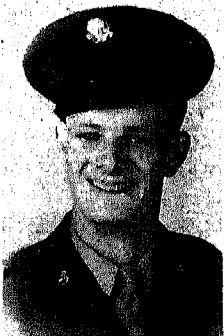
Sgt. Henry E. Bluhm was granted an honorable discharge from the Army in October at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. He will return to his former position as principal of School One. Hank and his wife reside at 395 Montague Avenue.

He joined the local school system in 1931 and before being appointed principal of School One was a member of the faculty of SPHS.

Cpl. John Iler, of Fanwood, is at home on a 45-day furlough from service in the ETO. He wears the ETO campaign ribbon with five battle stars for participation in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, the Ardennes and Central Europe. He also holds the Good Conduct Medal.

John phoned us at our office to express appreciation for the many copies of The Scotch Plainsman he received while overseas and we expressed our deep appreciation for his phone call. We have an interesting letter from John which we will publish in a future edition.

Mrs. Johnson, of Fanwood, phoned us this morning (November 11th) as we were working on this edition of The Plainsman, to say that her son, Wilbur J. Johnson, S 1c, USN looked up Charles Perrette in a hospital at Okinawa after reading of his confinement in The Scotch Plainsman. They talked about their school days, particularly of the times when they played football together. Wilbur said that it was hard to tell whether he or Charlie got most out of the visit.



Wilbur C. McDede



Donald McDede



Lawrence C. McDede

The ARMY, NAVY and the MARINES are represented in the McDede family of Morse Avenue. PFC. WILBUR C. McDEDE, the eldest of three brothers, has been in the Army since December, 1942. He trained at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and Camp Maxey, Texas. Just before going overseas in May, 1944, he was stationed at Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas. He is now stationed in Assam, India, with a general hospital unit. While in India, he has tended the Merrell Marauders. Born in Scotch Plains, he attended local Grammar and High Schools. Although younger than his brother, S/Sgt. Donald Mc Dede is older in point of service than Wilbur, he having joined up with the Marines in July, 1942. He took boot training at Parris Island, S. C. and New River, N. C., and attended Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, Fla. Before going overseas, he was serving at Marine Air Station at Quantico, Va. as Hydraulic Technician. He is now at Oahu, T. H. where he has been stationed since April, 1945. The third brother, LAWRENCE C. McDEDE, Seaman First Class, enlisted in the Navy in May, 1944. He shaped up for boot training at Sampson, N. Y., following which he was assigned to Philadelphia and Portsmouth, Va. Serving as a gunner on the aircraft carrier SHANGRI LA, he has been to Trinidad, Hawaii, Guam, the Marshalls, and took part in the invasion of Okinawa. Wilbur and Lawrence also were born in Scotch Plains and attended Scotch Plains Grammar and High Schools. The boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. McDede of Morse Avenue.