

With The Services

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Vito Montalbo, of 3054 Lincoln street, are serving in the United States Army.



Master Sergeant Rocco Montalbo is an instructor at Camp Robinson, Ark., and Aviation Student Joseph Montalbo is stationed at Tusquehanna University in Pennsylvania.

Upon his induction into the service, Sergeant Montalbo was assigned to Camp Swift, Texas, where he completed his basic training, and was later sent to Fort Meade, Md., and Plattsburg barracks, N. Y.



He is now at Camp Meade on a short tour of duty. He is a former employee of the Kimberly Clark corporation.

Aviation Student Montalbo will complete a year of service in the army and will be assigned to forces tomorrow.

Upon his induction he is sent to Miami Beach, Fla., for basic training and later as a mechanic. Like his brother, he is a former employe of the Kimberly Clark corporation.

Private First Class William Woodcock, son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Woodcock, of 6814 Buffalo avenue, has been transferred to Michigan State college from Majors Field, Texas. He will begin his aviation cadet pre-flight training at Michigan State.

Glady's Kardynal, of 615 Twenty-third street, is now stationed at the Naval Training Station for Women Reservists (WAVES) at Iowa State teachers college, Ames, Ia. She is preparing for the petty officer rating of yeoman.

Thomas L. Hunter, of this city, has been inducted from service in the United States Navy.

Lieutenant Douglas P. Jensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Jensen, of Danborn, N. Y., has been promoted to the rank of captain in the United States Army Air Forces, it was announced recently at an Eighth Army Air Force Fighter Station in England. He entered the service in September, 1940, winning his commission as a second lieutenant in August, 1942. He arrived in

England in November, 1942, participating in the organization of one of the first Thunderbolt groups to operate in England.

Completing one year of service in the United States Army on March 27 will be Private Joseph Macri, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Macri, of 608 Seventeenth street.



Upon his induction into the service a year ago he was stationed at Camp Hood, Texas, where he received his basic training, later serving as a radio operator with a tank destroyer unit. He was then sent to Nashville, Tenn., where his unit participated in maneuvers and at present is stationed at Camp McCain, Miss. He is a former employe of the Kimberly Clark corporation.

Lieutenant John J. Stolz has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" while serving somewhere in England. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Stolz, of 464 Sixth street, and prior to entering the army was a laboratory technician for the E. I. duPont de Nemours and company.

Norman Merkel has completed his basic naval training at the Naval Training Station at Sampson, N. Y., and has been granted leave. Upon his return to Sampson he will be eligible for further training that may qualify him as a petty officer. He resides at 2421 Cleveland avenue.

Army Officer Inspects New York Guard Troops Here



Private John Gerts, Company A, First Battalion, 74th Infantry, New York Guard, breaks his shotgun (above) for inspection by Major R. A. Williams, representing the United States Army Second Service Command, Governor's Island, New York City, as part of the federal check which the local units un-

derwent last evening in the state armory here. Standing behind Major Williams, who is in charge of the military police unit stationed on Grand Island, is Captain Charles B. Wright, commanding Company A.

Photo by Roy G. Crogan, Gazette Staff Photographer



Soldier, Sailor Brothers Meet

Separated since their last meeting here on Christmas Day, 1942, two Falls brothers, Third Class Petty Officer Nicholas A. Ligammari, of the U. S. Navy, and Private Alfred D. Ligammari, of the U. S. Army, held a brief reunion recently somewhere in England, where they are both now stationed. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ligammari, 605 Nineteenth street.

Nicholas, who recently had a 48-hour pass from his ship discovered his brother's whereabouts from the Red Cross and went to his base to discover that he had missed him by five minutes.

He found that Alfred was on maneuvers five miles away and hiked the distance in less than an hour. When he found his brother's company, he was accosted by an M. P. who asked, "Are you looking for your brother?"

Startled by the query, the sailor asked the MP how he knew what he wanted and was told that the two looked so much alike that the

MP, who knew Alfred, recognized Nicholas.

Alfred's commanding officer, when he heard of the meeting, gave Alfred a pass and the two had a pleasant reunion.

Nicholas entered the service in October, 1942, and left for overseas duty in September, 1943. Alfred entered the service in February, 1943, and went overseas in November. He was stationed in Africa before going to England.

REUNION IN ENGLAND—Private Alfred D. Ligammari, at the left, and Petty Officer Nicholas A. Ligammari, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ligammari, 605 Nineteenth street, who held a brief reunion recently in England, meeting for the first time since Christmas, 1942.

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Aviation Student Alexander L. Blackwell, of Ransomville, N. Y., has completed his training at the 65th College Training Detachment (aircrew), Syracuse university, and has been transferred to the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, San Antonio, Texas, to be classified for further training as pilot, bombardier or navigator in the Army Air Corps.

Philip Ross was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States upon successful completion of the Officer Candidate course at the Infantry school at Fort Benning, Ga. Lieutenant Ross is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Ross, of 822 Twenty-second street. The new lieutenant was inducted into the army on August 21, 1941 and served with the 50th Armored Infantry, Sixth Armored Division, before going to Officer Candidate school. He held the rank of sergeant before being commissioned. Lieutenant Ross is a graduate of the Niagara Falls Senior high school.

Ready now for aerial combat duty, honor student Sergeant John T. Neuhaus, this city, received his diploma and the commendation of his commanding officer at graduation exercises for his class in aerial gunnery at the Naval Air Gunners school, Jacksonville, Fla. He is one of ten men selected from his class for special honors. Sergeant Neuhaus is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Neuhaus, of 765 Fifteenth street. Before his enlistment in the

Sgt. Neuhaus

he attended Niagara Falls school. He received his early sea-air-nerve training at Parris Island, S. C., and earned his non-commissioned officer rating at Aviation Machinist's school.

Commander E. E. Dolecek, a Pacific battle veteran now serving as commanding officer of the gunnery school, praised the top ranking graduates for their diligence throughout the difficult course.



P. Scaletta

Selected to become an electrical specialist in the navy, Paul Frank Scaletta, 20, son of Mrs. Eleanor Scaletta, 635 Twenty-seventh street, has been enrolled in the special training school for electricians at the Navy Armory, Detroit, Mich.

Charles Cunningham, son of C. Cunningham, of 2

Feller, Cleveland Indian ace, who was on the mound for the Norfolk Naval Station, Bradshaw held the Bluejackets to four hits and gained a scoreless tie against the former Cleveland shutout king.

In civilian life Bradshaw divided his time between two sports—playing baseball in the summer and teaching boxing at the Niagara Falls Y.M.C.A. in the winter.



Sgt. Calvano

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Calvano, 2445 Independence avenue, chose different branches of the service in which to serve their country.

Volunteering his services three years ago this month, Sergeant Joseph Calvano is with the Army Air corps. Sergeant Calvano received his training at Portland, Oregon, and is presently stationed in Seattle, Washington.

Immediately after the Pearl Harbor attack, another son, First Class Seaman John Calvano, volunteered his services to the United States Coast Guard. Seaman Calvano, who was employed by the Kimberly-Clark corporation, is stationed at Wilmington, N. C.

Both young men, who attended local schools, are very well known here.

Western New Yorkers Serve 3 Years Overseas in Engineers



WITH THE U. S. SEVENTH ARMY.—Twenty-three Buffalo and Western New York soldiers are members of the 649th Engineer Battalion which has served in Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. This picture was taken Feb. 26 in a French town and all the men, in their third year overseas, were in good health and spirits. They receive The Buffalo Evening News regularly. Left to right are:

Front row, Joseph Harman, Buffalo; Pic. Albert Zankl, 71 Butler Ave., Buffalo; Lowell Lamont, Eggersville; Tage Carle, Jamestown; John Varga, Lackawanna; Frank Orszulak, Buffalo; Henry Jenkinson, Orchard Park.

Middle row, George Krull, Buffalo; Robert Haines, Buffalo; Wilbur Sherman, Friendship; Herbert Johnson, Lackawanna; John Gagola, Buffalo; Frank Cortese, Niagara Falls; Frederick Jennings, Bliss; Vernon McWilliams, Buffalo. Back row, Theodore Pitiewski, Cheektowaga; Leland Waite, Franklinville; Alcanin Path, Cheektowaga; Corp. Henry J. Tocoy Jr., 6 Navajo Pkwy., Buffalo; Ward Stearns, Airport; Corp. Hubert Leising, East Amherst; Albert P. Lang, 689 Genesee St., Buffalo; Edward Donovan, Niagara Falls.

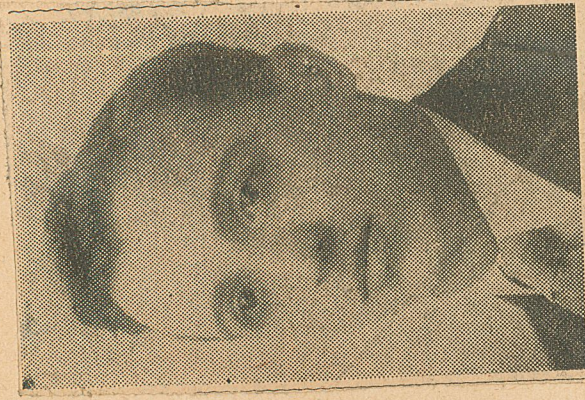
BUFFALO EVENING NEWS—Friday, May 4, 1941

Lt. CMDR. John A. Pino, a former Niagara Falls man who still visits his five sisters and a brother here frequently, has been promoted while on duty at the Navy department, Washington, D. C. He joined the Navy here in 1936.



Lt. CMDR. Pino has a son, Ernest Pino, who is serving with the Navy in Adak, Alaska. The command lives in Arlington, Va.

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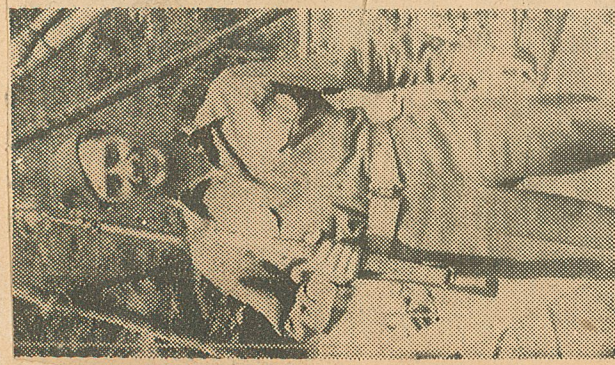


MISSING—A radio operator-gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber based in England, Technical Sergeant Dominic Yocco, of 2807 Highland avenue, was reported missing in action over Germany since July 7. The War department notified his sister, Miss Esterina Yocco, in a telegram.

Sergeant Yocco has received an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and a Distinguished Flying Cross.

Overseas since October, 1943, he had received training at Scott Field, Ill., radio school and Fort Myers Field, Fla., gunnery school.

One brother, Ralph Yocco, has been in the South Pacific since the fall of 1941.



WOUNDED TWICE — Corporal Sigmund S. Hyla, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hyla, of 222 Fifteenth street, has been reported wounded in action, according to an announcement made by the War department.

Corporal Hyla entered the service in February, 1942, and completed his basic training at Camp Croft, S. C., later receiving other training at Fort Devens, Mass., Pine Camp, N. Y., and Camp Pickett, Va., before leaving for overseas service in May, 1943.

He was first wounded while serving with the Seventh Army during the invasion of Sicily, later being awarded the Purple Heart. His latest wounds were received while serving with the Fifth Army at the Anzio beachhead.

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Technical Sergeant Anthony J. Paonessa, 21, of 546 Eighteenth street, recently flew his twentieth combat mission against the enemy in the Mediterranean theater of war as a radio operator-gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber. He is now serving in his fifth month overseas. He holds the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters. A graduate of the Niagara Falls high school, he is a mechanic at the Bell Aircraft corporation plant before entering the army.

Anthony Paonessa in February, 1943. He completed his radio training at Scott Field, Ill., and received his gunner's wings at the Haringen, Texas, Army Air field. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Paonessa, of the Eighteenth street address.

Rocco A. Farino, of this city, has been cited by his commanding officers abroad as a United States destroyer in the South Pacific for "particularly able performance of duty at his battle station in the Battle of the Surigao Straights in which his ship closely engaged the enemy. He materially contributed to the efficiency of his ship in this action."

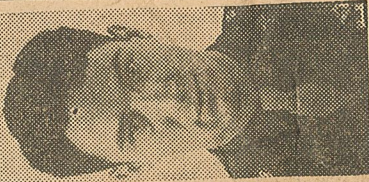
The army's Good Conduct Medal has been awarded to John E. Sharp, son of Earl P. Sharp, of 2452 South avenue, it was announced recently at the Finney General hospital, Thomasville, Ga., where he is a member of the finance department. He is a graduate of the Niagara Falls high school and the University of Buffalo.

Upon recommendation of his squadron commander at a Ninth Army Air Force Service Command base in France, George R. Luch, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Luch, of 1811 North avenue, has been promoted from the rank of corporal to that of sergeant.

Two men of Niagara Falls have received military honors in a new list issued by the office of Brigadier General William H. Turner, commanding general of the Indiana Division, Air Transport Command. They are First Lieutenant Joseph E. Hickey, of Route 1, Wheatfield Farms, and Sergeant Earl W. Lambert, of 2715 Linwood avenue, who have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. The medal was awarded after the men completed 300 hours of operational flight in transport aircraft over the dangerous and difficult India-China air routes, where enemy interception and attack is probable and expected.

The citation accompanying the awards adds: "Flying at night as well as by day, at high altitudes over impassable, mountainous terrain through areas characterized by extremely treacherous weather conditions necessitating long periods of operation on instruments . . . requiring courageous and superior performance of their duties to overcome . . . they accomplished their missions with distinction . . ."

Sergeant James Guido, of this city, will soon complete his training at the combat crew training station, Sioux City, Ia., and will be ready to go overseas to do his part in defeating the enemy, according to a release from headquarters of the Army Air Base at Sioux City, Ia. Sergeant Guido is an engineer on a heavy bomber crew and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Guido, of 1517 LaSalle avenue.



James Guido
army in September, 1940.

Franklin C. Nichols, whose wife, Florence, and mother, Mrs. W. I. Nichols, reside at 1012 Nineteenth street, has completed his training in the non-commissioned officers administration and supply course at the Quartermaster school at Camp Lee, Va.

Private Caroline V. Czaplak, of 2310 Monroe avenue, has been assigned to Hendrick Field, Sebring, Fla., upon the completion of her training at the Third Training Center of the Women's Army corps at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

Sergeant Samuel M. Goldstein, of 707 Nineteenth street, son of Mrs. Rose Goldstein, has arrived in this city after 28 months in the Asiatic Pacific theater of war and Staff Sergeant Mark J. Pirolli, husband of Mrs. Mark J. Pirolli, of 1009 Center avenue, has arrived in this city after 30 months in the Southwest Pacific theater of operations. Sergeant Goldstein is attached to the Air corps and Staff Sergeant Pirolli is assigned to the medical detachment of the army.

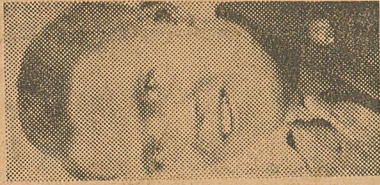


WOUNDED—Private Salvatore Fiorlo, 24, son of Mrs. Grace Fiorlo, of 324 Thirteenth street, has been wounded in action while fighting in Germany. It was learned today in a communication from the War department to his mother. He was serving with the Second Armored Division of the Ninth army. Overseas since May, 1942, the soldier received his military training at Camp Croft, S. C. A veteran of the North African, Sicilian and Normandy campaigns, he had been attaining an enviable fighting record while advancing on to Belgium and Holland and then to Germany, where he sustained his wounds. The communication also informed Mrs. Fiorlo that her son was recuperating at a base hospital in Germany. The soldier was recently awarded the Military Merit award, which he has directed, together, with the Purple Heart award, to his mother. He entered the service in February, 1942.



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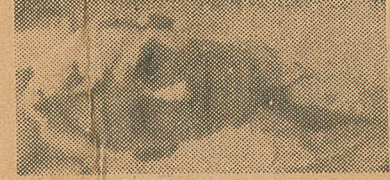
Delton H. Gehr, husband of Mrs. Elnor Gehr, of 2210 Cleveland avenue, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant and has been awarded the army's good conduct medal. He is now serving with the army engineers somewhere in England. He is the son of Mrs. Pearl Gehr, of 1339 Michigan avenue, and prior to his induction into the army last February, was employed at the International Graphite Company's plant.



Delton Gehr

Private First Class Harvey Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams, of 239 Second street, has been assigned to the Air Transport Command as a radio operator, it was learned today.

Kenneth D. Schwarz, son of Mrs. Jessie Schwarz, of 808 Niagara avenue, has been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant according to an announcement from the headquarters of the Thirteenth Army Air Forces in the South Pacific.



Staff Sergeant Schwarz is a chief clerk in one of the offices of the Thirteenth. He was company clerk in the New York State Guard prior to his induction into the army. Kenneth Schwarz and was employed at the E. I. duPont de Nemours and company plant in time of study and chemical warfare work.

Private George T. Trader, husband of Mrs. Veronica Trader, of street, has been graduated England.

from specialist's school at Camp Stewart, Ga., after completing a course in telephone communications. He is now eligible for further assignment. During his training he was awarded the Expert Marksman's medal.

Mrs. Adeline Colucci has received word that her husband, Dominick Colucci, who is serving with the Navy Construction Battalion, now stationed in Scotland, has been promoted to the rank of a second class petty officer.



Colucci entered the navy in April, 1943, receiving his loot training in Camp Petry, Va. He later was transferred to Camp Endicott, R. I., and from there was assigned overseas. Prior to entering the navy he was an employe of Wright and Kremers, Inc. He was a bricklayer.

Private Patrick J. Flanagan, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Flanagan, of 526 Niagara street, has reported to Biloxi, Miss., to begin his pre-aviation cadet training. He is stationed at Keester Field.

Promotion of Gervais Baillio, Jr., of this city, to the rank of technical sergeant was announced recently at Mitchell Field, Long Island. Formerly laboratory assistant at the Union Carbide and Carbon research laboratories here, he is now chief assistant to the Base Intelligence officer at Mitchell Field. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gervais Baillio, of 712 Augustus place.

Private Walter T. McGeady, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McGeady, of 1607 Eighth street, has been promoted to the rank of private first class while serving with the United States Army forces somewhere in

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MARRIED AT WHITEHALL—
Mrs. Henry N. Foster, who before her marriage on April 5 was Frances Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Young, of Third street. Staff Sergeant Foster is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Foster, of Clemons, N. Y. The ceremony was performed in Our Lady of Angels church, Whitehall, N. Y., with the Rev. Thomas Mc- Bride officiating.

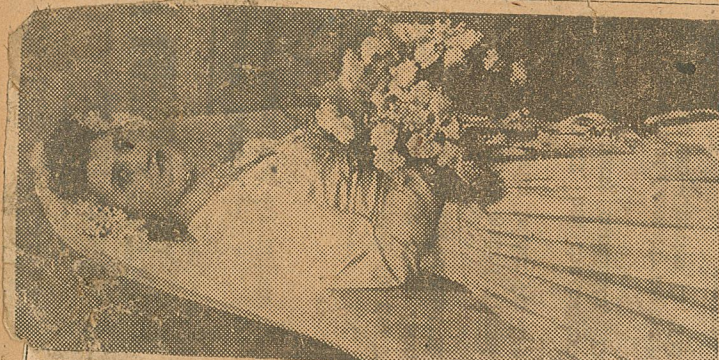
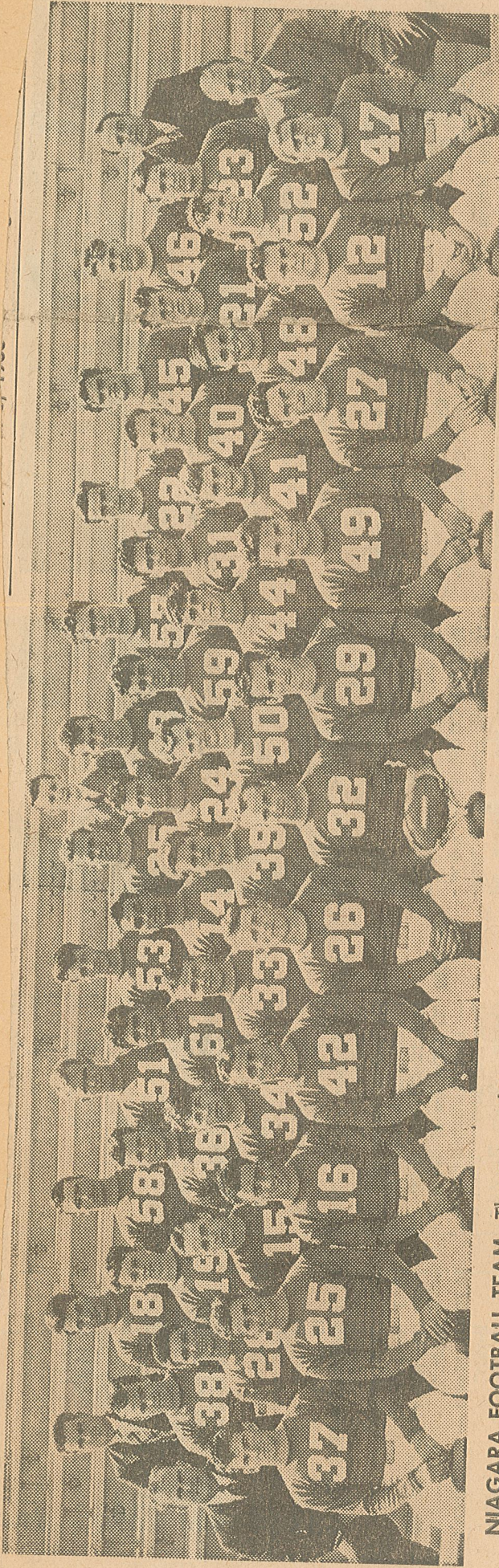


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CHARMING BRIDE—Mrs. Jack C. Pieroni, the former Miss Carmella Marrone, whose marriage to Private Pieroni was solemnized at St. Joseph's church October 7. Mrs. Pieroni is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Marrone, of Fairfield avenue, and Private Pieroni is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pieroni, of Seventeenth street.



ENGAGED—Miss Palma Marie Coppola, whose engagement to Mr. Elmer James Melone, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Melone, of Grand avenue, is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Coppola, of South avenue.



NIAGARA FOOTBALL TEAM—These are the members of the 1939 Niagara University football team, coached by Joe Bach. In front row from left are, Joseph Melinovich, Gerald Verbic, Rocco Spadaccini, Steve Korach, Roman Piskor, Capt. Alton Caisse, Dan DeSantis, Hank Aloia, Curt Bristol, Joseph Winko, Ralph Meierer. Second row, same

order, Coach Bach, Joseph Terzi, William Flaherty, Paul Senko, Tullio Pavan, Richard Haese, Arthur Wagner, Charles Holland, Larry Yurkonis, Thomas Hockswender, Gerald O'Hanlon, Assistant Coach Art Strout. Third row, Albert Gutknecht, Andrew Druggan, Patsy DeBise, Paul Colosi, Gabriel Chiodo, Bernard Dennis, John Haas, Mich-

ael DiPaolo, Robert Garriety, Eddie Cloutier, Joseph Traska. Fourth row, Freshman Coach Tom Beningo, Larry Manesiotis, Vincent Gaiami, John O'Laughlin, Edward Beckes, Harry McAninoti, Manager James Keimurroy, Tony Vivada, Art Deremer, Thomas Cahill, Maurice McGrath, Carl Garlock, Trainer Leroy (Tiny) Dippery.



WIN CITY TITLE — Finelli's basketball team was the winner of the 1928 city championship. Members of the team included, seated from left, Joseph Capizzi, Fritz Filicetti, Peter Aubert and Joe Flori. Standing

from left are Anthony Finelli (sponsor), Lil Villani, Tony Russo, Dick Del Zoppo, Vito Amendola, Vincent Maialo. — Photo submitted by Joseph Capizzi.