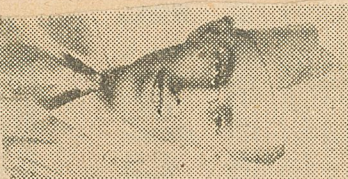


Private Henry J. Jakubowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jakubowski, is receiving his preliminary army training at Camp Howe, Texas. He is a former employe of the Chisholm-Ryder company.

Seaman second class, William L. McCabe, who is stationed at Gulfport, Miss., is spending his leave with his mother, Mrs. William McCabe, of Pine Avenue.

Sergeant Laverne Decker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Decker, of 2238 Pierce avenue, has recently been promoted to the rank with the United States Army Engineers.

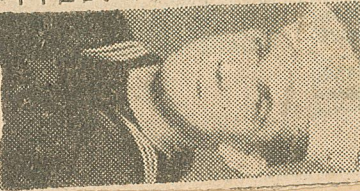
The soldier has served eight months with the Engineers corps in action overseas. Tafe Joseph Sawma, son of Mrs. K. Jacob, of 350 Third street, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army after completion of a course at the Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. He is a graduate of the Niagara Falls high school.



Edward N. Reiter, formerly of this city, is now stationed with the 602nd Engineer Cannonplage battalion at Camp Butler, N. C. He formerly attended the Niagara Falls high school.

Lieutenant Wesley L. Peters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Peters, of 805 Nineteenth street, is now on duty as a student officer at the South Plains, Texas, Army Flying School, where advanced glider students are being trained. He is a graduate of Niagara university and entered flight training at Hondo, Texas, in 1942. He was stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C., previously.

Private, first class, Donald C. Gorrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Gorrow, of 1609 Lockport street, has been graduated from the gunnery school at Fort Knox, Ky. The soldier has been skillfully trained in the use and repair of the weapons of an American armored division.



Joseph Szepezenski has been promoted from the rank of radio man, third class, to that of aviation radioman, third class, at the Naval Training Center at Memphis, Tenn., where he is stationed as an instructor and maintenance man. Formerly of this city, he operated a radio repair shop at 2570 East Falls street.



Edward Szepezenski has completed his course of training as an aviation mechanic at the Amarillo Army Air Field, Amarillo, Texas.

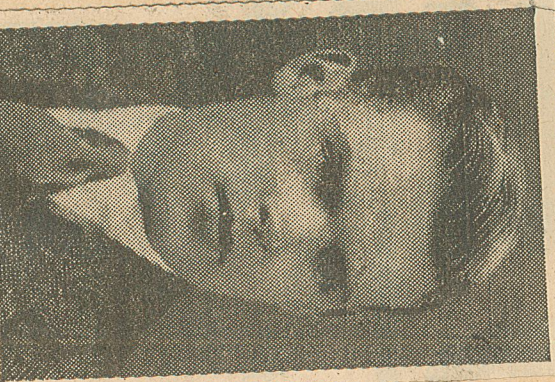
Private William V. Luciani, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Luciani, of 1123 Thirteenth street, and Private Anthony F. Napoli, son of Mrs. Ro-

millde Napoli, of 1520 La Salle avenue, have graduated from an intensive course in airplane mechanics at the Army Air Base at Lincoln, Neb.

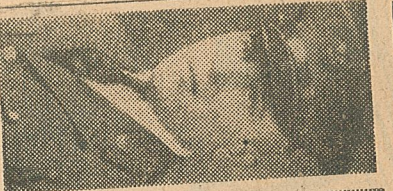
The Marine corps induction and recruiting station at Buffalo, N. Y., has announced that four Niagara Falls youths are receiving training at the Marine Corps recruiting depot at Parris Island, S. C. They are John A. Cowley, of 8730 Mangrove avenue; Richard Manchester, of 535 Twenty-eighth street; George L. Reed, of 535 Fifty-ninth street, and William L. Beales, of 8168 West Rivershore drive.

Alfred J. Arico, of this city, was inducted into the Marine corps at Buffalo yesterday, to join three brothers already in the service of their country. Anthony J. Arico is serving with the Medical corps in England, Joseph V. Arico is with the Coast Artillery in Hawaii and Peter Arico is now at the Naval Training Station at New London, Conn.

Gets Medal



Lieutenant Richard F. Mather, U.S.N.R., who has been awarded the Air Medal for his action in an airplane dive-bombing raid on a Japanese heavy cruiser in the Solomon area.

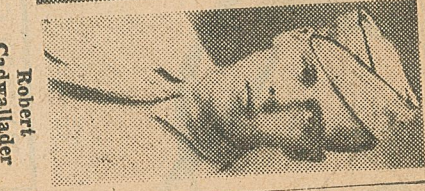


George Cadwallader

Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Cadwallader, of 1822 Lincolnwood avenue, are now serving their country in the United States Army.

Private Jack Cadwallader, now stationed at Gulfport, Miss., has been in the service for the last year and is a former employe of the Auto-Lite Battery Corporation.

Sergeant George Cadwallader, who has been in the army for five years is now stationed in Ha-Jack Cadwallader with the United States Coast Artillery. Staff Sergeant Robert Cadwallader, who also has been in service for the last year, is now stationed overseas, having been transferred from an Alabama camp.



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Among temporary promotions and orders affecting New York officers announced by the War Department today is the promotion of Walker S. Rounds, Corps of Engineers, of 435 Sixth street, from the rank of second lieutenant to first lieutenant.

Lieutenant Rounds is the husband of Mrs. Marjorie Rounds, of the Sixth street address, and was commissioned at Fort Belvoir, Va., last March. He was formerly employed by the Niagara Junction railroad company here.

Captain Arnold Arch, of this city, has been graduated from the Chemical Warfare Services advanced course at the Edgewood Arsenal, Md. Gas masks, decontamination, protective clothing, treatment of gas casualties, chemical warfare material and chemical warfare factors were some of the subjects discussed in the course.

William K. McCormick, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. McCormick, of 1035 Eighty-seventh street was graduated recently from the airplane mechanics school at Roosevelt Field, N. Y. He is a graduate of the Lewisville high school and has been in the army since March.

Joseph A. Fiori, son of Mrs. Rose Fiori, of 1541 Pierce avenue, has been promoted to the rank of corporal at the Army Air Base at Grand Island, Neb. He is a graduate of the Trotter Vocational School and has been in the armed service since last March.

Joseph C. Agnello, of the United States Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Agnello, of 2109 Ferry avenue, who is stationed at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va., visited his brother, Corporal Michael S. Agnello, who is stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, recently.

Private Berney J. Gworek, son of Christopher Gworek, of 404 Fifty-fifth street, has been promoted to the rank of private first class with the United States Marines on the Guadalcanal.

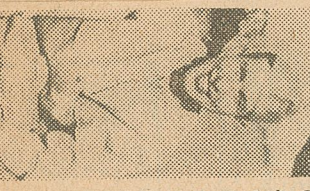
Charles A. Ardus, of 273 Fifteenth street, and William J. Warwick, of this city, have completed their basic training at the United States Naval Training Station at Sampson, N. Y., and have been granted leaves.

With the Services

Seaman second class Richard Abel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Abel, of 1686 South avenue, has been selected to attend a fire-controlman's specialist school at the Naval Training Station at Newport, R. I. He was formerly employed by the Niagara Falls Gas-Gilman Panfold corporation.



Richard Abel



Harold Francois

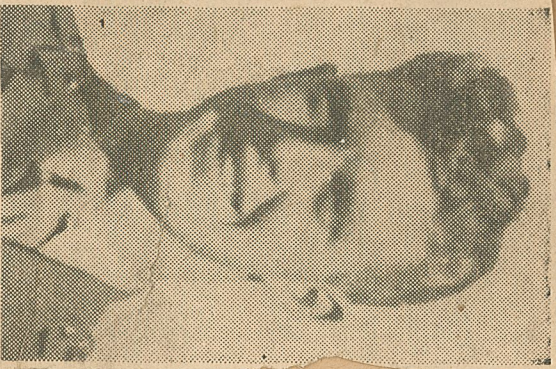
Sergeant Harold L. Francois, son of Mrs. Edna Giggell, of 747 Pierce avenue, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Francois, of 725 Seventeenth street, has been graduated as an aerial gunner at Tyn dall Field, Panama City, Fla., and is now stationed at Keesler Field, Miss.

Corporal George Grier, son of Mrs. Ethel Lasher of 709 Division avenue, was recently promoted to that rank in the United States Army. He received his initial training at Fort McClelland, Ala., and now is stationed in the Hawaiian Islands. He recently received a medal for his proficiency as a machine-gunner.



George Grier

Private W. L. Schuyler, former manager of the collision service of the Falls Garage company, recently received his certificate of qualification in construction and repair work at the Higgins Industrial company at New Orleans, La., and is now serving with the U. S. Engineers overseas. He is the husband of the former Miss Esther Bannach, of this city, and the son of Mrs. B. M. Schuyler, of Albany, N. Y.

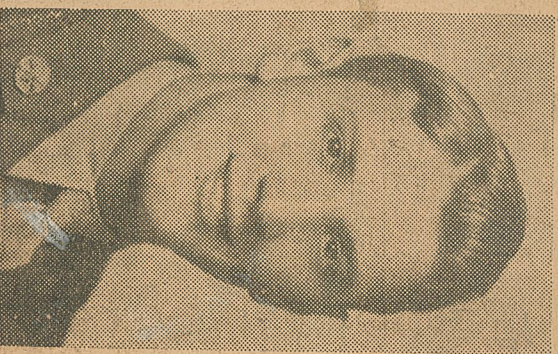


JOSEPH SKELTON
Wounded on Saipan

Falls Marine Is Saipan Casualty

A telegram from A. A. Vandergriff, commandant of the U. S. Marine corps, informed Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Skelton, Sr., that their son, Corporal Joseph Skelton, Jr., was wounded in action on Saipan on June 18. A letter from the Marine revealed that it was a face wound.

Known commonly as "Red," Skelton entered the service from a position in the project engineering department of the E. I. duPont de Nemours corporation in January, 1942. He was trained in San Diego, Calif., and Alameda, Calif., before being sent overseas in October, 1942. He participated in the battles of Guadalcanal, Tarawa and Saipan. A graduate of Gaskill Junior high school and Niagara Falls high school, he now wears the Purple Heart.



KILLED IN ACTION—Sergeant Edward R. Wilson, son of Assistant Fire Chief and Mrs. Edward Wilson, of 420 Tenth street, who had been reported missing in action in France, has now been officially reported by the War department as having been killed in action in France on July 31.

Sergeant Wilson enlisted with the New York National Guard in September, 1940, and left this city with the 174th Infantry regiment for Fort Dix, N. J. Subsequently he was stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., and at other army posts in Oregon and California before being assigned to Fort George Meade, Md., where he left for England and France.



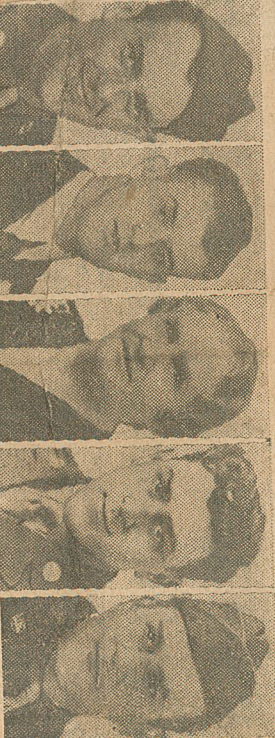
WOUNDED—Private First Class John P. Anich, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Anich, 205 Twenty-second street, is recovering in the 189th General Hospital in France after having been wounded in action recently, according to notification received from the War department by his parents. Private First Class Anich entered the service September 23, 1942, and trained at Camp Maxey, Texas. He has been overseas 22 months and participated in the invasions of Africa, Sicily, Italy and France. He attended Trot Vocational school and before entering the service was employed by the Gilman-Fanfold company.



WOUNDED IN ACTION—Private First Class Paul I. Savenelli, son of Mrs. Mary Savenelli, of 1216 East Falls street, has been wounded in action in France and has been hospitalized somewhere in England. It was stated today in a telegram from the War department to his mother. Savenelli entered the army in March, 1941, and trained at Camp Blanding, Fla., Fort Jackson, S. C., and Fort Benning, Ga., before going overseas.

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One of 4 Brothers in Service Killed



Alfred Joseph J. Miranda, 30, was killed June 16 in an infantry engagement in France, nine days before the death of his father, Jacob Miranda, of 38 Ganson St., North Tonawanda. He attended the Col. Payne School in North Tonawanda and was employed by the Union Carbide Company in Niagara Falls before he was inducted May 11, 1941. His wife lives at 390 Washington St., Salamanca. The other sons of Mrs. Jennie Miranda of the Ganson St. address in New Guinea; Corp. Alfred F. Miranda, 34, with the Signal Corps in Georgia, and Pfc. George Miranda, 26, with an antiaircraft battery in Georgia, and Pfc. George A. Miranda, 21, with an Air Forces ground crew in North Carolina.



ENGAGED—Miss Rose Nasca, whose engagement to Corporal James J. Moses was announced today by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Nasca, of Twenty-fifth street. Corporal Moses, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Moses, of Memorial parkway, is stationed at Atlantic City, N. J.



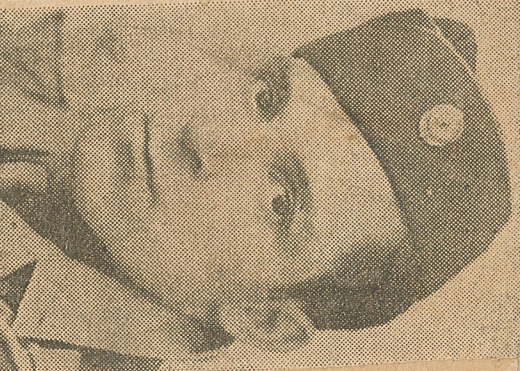
KILLED IN FRANCE—Private First Class Albert A. Fiocco, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Fiocco, of 1028 Fairfield avenue, who was killed in action July 11, according to a telegram from the War department.

Private First Class Fiocco, a former employe of the Modeltown Ordnance plant, entered the service of the country March 10, 1943, and received his training at Camp Forrest, Tenn., and Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. Leaving the country in April of this year, he was stationed in England and then was among those who participated in the invasion of France on July 6. He is survived by his parents and brothers, Ghio Inzli and Anthony Fiocco, and a sister, Anna Marie Fiocco.



KILLED IN ACTION—Sergeant Gasimer Bernat, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bernat, of 2732 Orleans avenue, has been reported killed in action while serving with the United States Army in Italy. He was killed on May 15, a letter from the War department notified his parents.

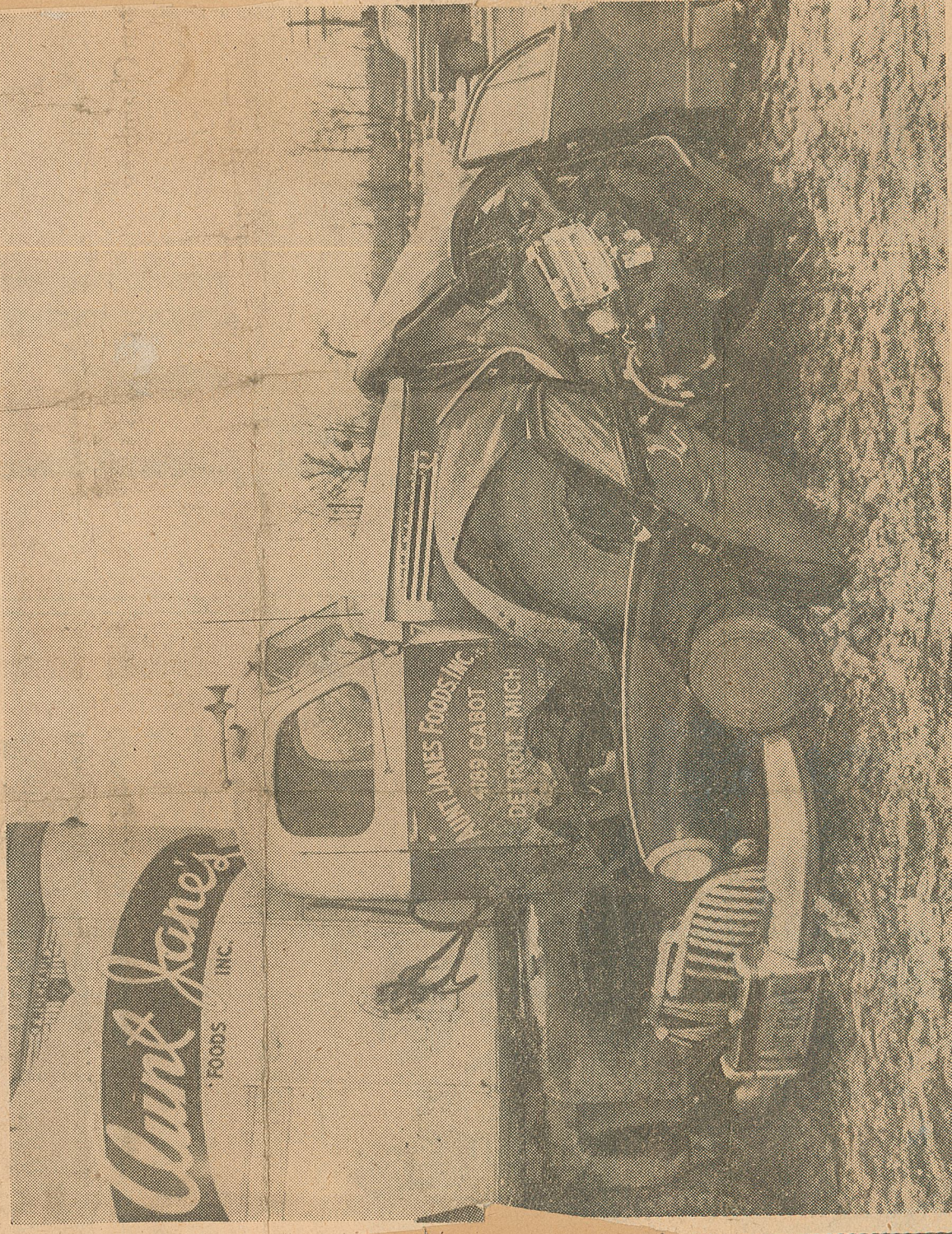
Staff Sergeant Bernat entered the army in February, 1942, and completed his basic training at Camp Croft, S. C. He received additional training at Fort Devens, Mass., Camp Pickett, Va., and Pine Camp, N. Y., before going overseas ten months ago. He participated in the invasion of Africa, Sicily and Italy. A brother, Stephen, is assigned to the hospital unit at Fort Sill, Okla.



DIES IN ENGLAND—Private First Class Russell L. Conjerli, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Conjerli, of 714 Twentieth street, who died on April 12, 1944, in a hospital in Appleton, England, as the result of pulmonary edema, according to word received by the War department.

Private First Class Conjerli who had been overseas for the last five months, had been in the service almost two years. He received his training at Atlantic City, N. J., and at Hills Field, Utah, before going overseas. Mr. and Mrs. Conjerli have another son, Private First Class Sam Conjerli, who is stationed at Camp Pickett, Va.

FOR OFFICERS AND CIVILIAN MEN, ETC.



FATAL COLLISION—Mrs. Francine Florio, 28, of 2522 Pine Ave., Niagara Falls, a night club entertainer, was killed when the auto she was driving collided with a tractor-trailer in Route 5, a mile west of Caledonia. The truck driver, a Detroit man, escaped injury. A C-E check will be sent to M. L. Waldron, Main St., Caledonia, for this picture.

Body of Murdered Fan from Barge Canal in Erie

With several bullet wounds in the head and neck, the body of George Meranto, 31, of 635 Twenty-first street, this city, was found snagged to a sunken tree root in the water of the barge canal in the Town of Amherst, Erie county, late yesterday afternoon, and police of Erie county and operatives of the Criminal Bureau of Investigation of the state police at Batavia, N. Y., today were hunting his murderers.

Erie County Medical Examiner Rocco De Dominicis ordered the body to the Erie county morgue for an autopsy and issued a certificate of homicide.

A 14-year-old girl who was engaged in setting muskrat traps was responsible for the finding of the body, Arthur D. Britt, Erie county sheriff, said. She reported having seen a man's coat in the water and police who were summoned brought the body to shore. The spot where the body was found is close to Eliacott creek and the old Niagara Falls boulevard. The place is an isolated one after dark.

Called into the investigation by Erie county authorities, Detective Lieutenant Thomas J. Wasley, of the Niagara Falls police detective bureau, learned from Mrs. Mary Meranto that she had seen her husband late Saturday night when he left his home in Twenty-first

street into the canal. Fitt theorized that the murder was committed at some other spot and the body transported in an automobile to where it was hurled

into the canal.

Local police said that their files showed that Meranto had a long police record. According to the police files, Police Superintendent Martin T. Conidine said, Meranto first came under police notice for the theft of a pair of skates. His record dates from 1930, when he was arrested for petty larceny, and he received a suspended sentence in police court here.

Other charges on which Meranto was arrested, local police said their files showed, were: 1930, robbery, first degree, convicted of robbery, second degree; one year in Monroe County jail; 1934, disorderly conduct, suspended sentence; 1935, Cleveland, assault and robbery, one to 15 years; 1938, paroled to Buffalo parole office; 1940, Niagara Falls, maintaining gaming rooms, \$25 fine.

The investigation of the murder at the scene of the recovery of the body was halted last night by darkness but Sheriff Britt and Amherst police renewed it this morning in the hope of discovery of some incriminating evidence along the canal shoreline.

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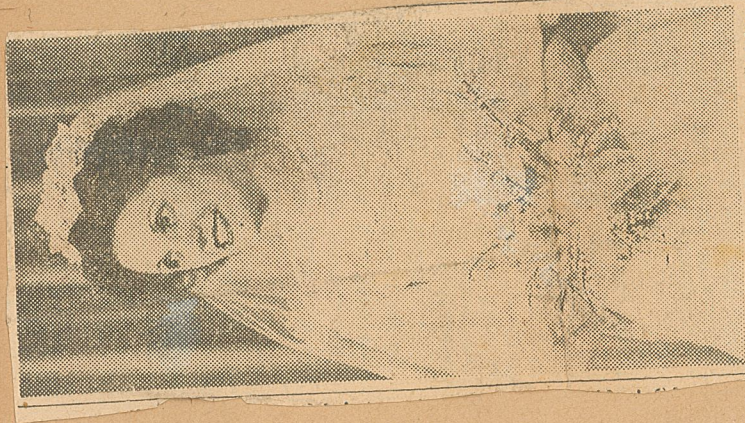
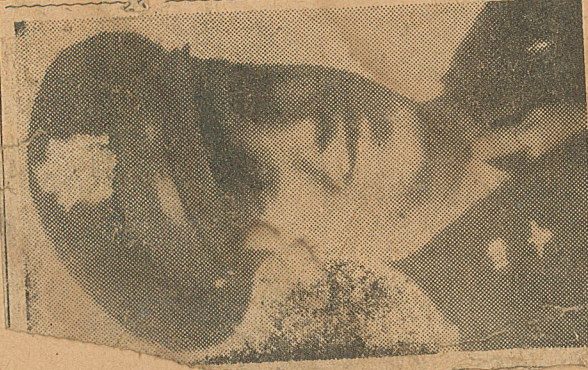


Photo by Morey Englander

RETURNS FROM NEW YORK

—Mrs. Armand Laurenzi and her husband have returned after a wedding trip to New York City. The bride, the former Josephine Marie Fenale, is the daughter of Mr. Ralph Fenale, Memorial parkway, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Laurenzi, Seventeenth street. The couple resides at 362 Memorial parkway.

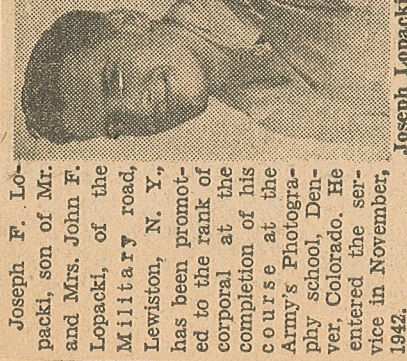


FIRST LIEUTENANT SAMUEL L. CALE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cale, 305 Memorial parkway, who is now reported to be a prisoner of war in Germany after having been reported missing in action over Germany on September 12. Lieutenant Cale is serving with the United States Army Air Forces.



COMMISSIONED—Leonard L. Cassert, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Cassert, of Nineteenth street, who was recently commissioned an ensign in the United States Naval Reserve. He attended Hobart college and Columbia university and before entering the service was a student at Niagara university. He has reported to Little Creek, Va., for further assignment.

With the Services



Joseph Lopacki

Private First Class Kenneth E. Winker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Winker, of 1020 Twentieth street, is now serving with the United States Marine Corps Military Police detail at Oceanside, Calif., after having been transferred from Parris Island, C. C., where he served for eight months.

Earl B. Pasch, son of Otto F. Pasch, of 1663 Ontario avenue, has been graduated from the parent radio school of the Air Forces Technical Training Command at Scott Field, Ill. He is now eligible for service as a member of a fighting bomber crew.

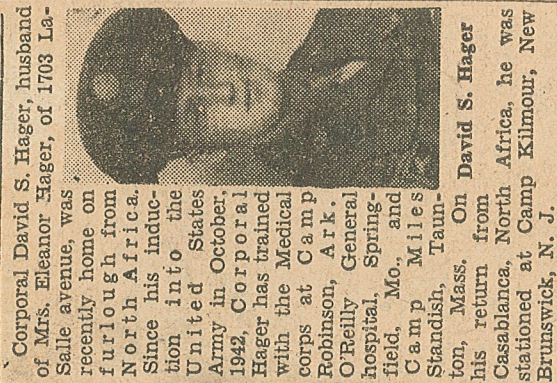
Word has recently been received of the advancement of Sergeant Kenneth E. Feeley to the rank of staff sergeant. He is station somewhere in Alaska and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Feeley, of 311 Ferry avenue.

Corporal Arthur D. Schmitzer, of the Amphibian Tractor Detachment of the United States Marine corps, is home on furlough. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Schmitzer, of 555 Ninth street. Corporal Schmitzer has just completed a new course at the Tractor school and will soon resume his duties at the Marine Base at San Diego, Calif.

Aviation Cadet John W. Cosby, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Cosby, of 8135 West Rivershore drive, is one of a class of cadets taking basic flight instruction at the Independence Army Air Field.

John J. Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Welch, of 1145 North avenue, has successfully completed his primary flight training at the Naval Air Station at Pasco, Washington, and has been transferred to Corpus Christi, Texas, for advanced flight training. He is a graduate of the St. Mary's high school.

John Zachara, formerly of 2902 Grand avenue, is now with the United States armed forces in Persia, and in a recent letter reports that his brother, Joseph, is in the same camp.



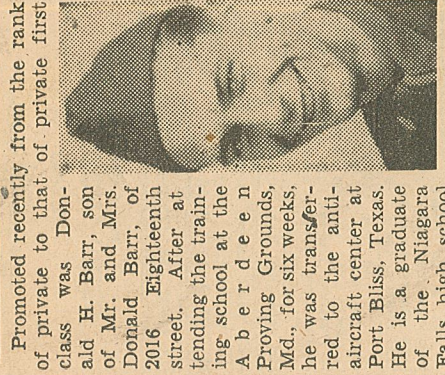
David S. Hager

Corporal David S. Hager, husband of Mrs. Eleanor Hager, of 1703 LaSalle avenue, was recently home on furlough from North Africa.

Since his induction into the United States Army in October, 1942, Corporal Hager has trained with the Medical corps at Camp Robinson, Ark. O'Reilly, General hospital, Springfield, Mo., and Camp Miles Standish, Taunton, Mass. On his return from Casablanca, North Africa, he was stationed at Camp Kilmour, New Brunswick, N. J.

Charles Coutts, of 520 Thirty-first street has been assigned to the Steward's Mates Training Department of the United States Maritime Service Training Station at Sheepshead Bay, L. I. He was formerly employed by the Electric Boat company of Connecticut as a carpenter.

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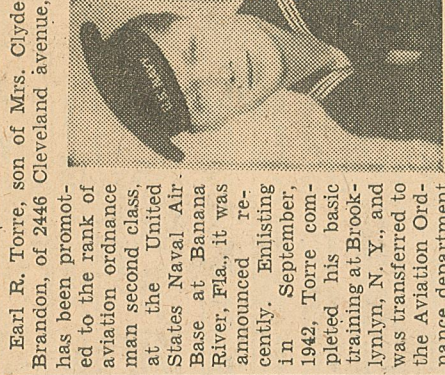
Earl R. Torre

Promoted recently from the rank of private to that of private first class was Donald H. Barr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Barr, of 2016 Eighteenth street. After attending the training school at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., for six weeks, he was transferred to the anti-aircraft center at Port Bliss, Texas. He is a graduate of the Niagara Falls high school and is a former employe of the Wright's Plating company.

Sam A. Scaletta, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Scaletta, of 1806 Niagara street has been promoted to the rank of sergeant with the 228th Chemical company, Chemical Warfare Service, at Camp Sibert, Ala., was announced recently by his commanding officer. Prior to his entry into the armed forces in September, 1942, he was employed as a laboratory assistant by the Electrometallurgical company.

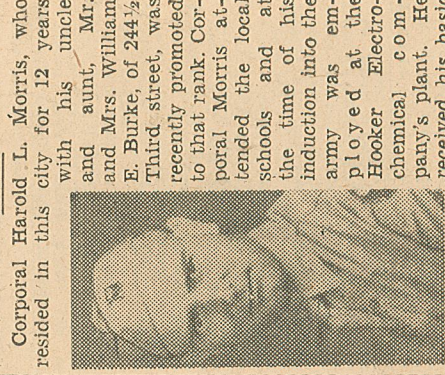
Charles F. Collins, of 124 Sixth street, John W. Stuyvenberg, of 2789 Monroe avenue, and Michael A. D'Apollonio, of 520 Seventeenth street, have been granted leave after the completion of their "boot" training at the Sampson, N. Y., Naval Training Station.

Robert J. Piche and Hugh J. Doy, of this city, have enlisted in the United States Navy. It was announced by the Navy Induction Station in Buffalo, N. Y., yesterday.



Earl R. Torre

Earl R. Torre, son of Mrs. Clyde Brandon, of 2446 Cleveland avenue, has been promoted to the rank of aviation ordnance man second class, at the United States Naval Air Base at Banana River, Fla., it was announced recently. Enlisting in September, 1942, Torre completed his basic training at Brooklyn, N. Y., and was transferred to the Aviation Ordinance department at Memphis, Tenn. He is a graduate of the Niagara Falls high school and was employed at the R. and H. Chemical company prior to his enlistment.

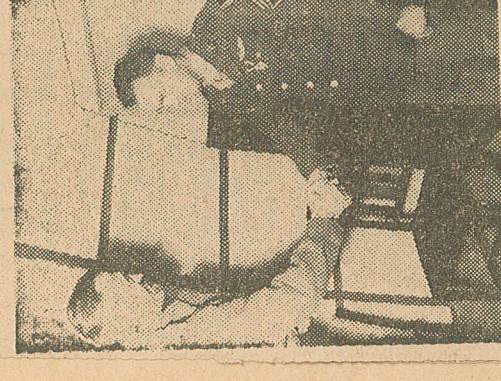


Harold L. Morris

Corporal Harold L. Morris, who resided in this city for 12 years with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Burke, of 244 1/2 Third street, was recently promoted to that rank. Corporal Morris attended the local schools and at the time of his induction into the army was employed at the Hooker Electrochemical company's plant. He received his basic training at Keesler Field and was later assigned to Lowry Field, Colo., and then was sent to Fort Edwards, Mass., to be sent overseas. He has two brothers in the service. Sergeant Kenneth Morris, in Italy, and Private First Class Francis E. Morris, at Camp Dorr, Miss. Corporal Harold and Sergeant Kenneth recently met in North Africa. It was learned from his aunt. The boys are sons of Mrs. Jennie Morris Curtis, of Newark Valley, N. Y.



JACK A. GELLMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gellman, of 2001 Main street, recently received his commission as captain in the United States Army. Only 26 years of age, Captain Gellman received rapid promotions since entering the service on March 5, 1941, and is presently stationed with the Quartermaster corps at Camp Gordon, Georgia. Captain Gellman is a graduate of the Niagara Falls high school and the University of Buffalo and also studied at Niagara University. He was graduated from the Buffalo Law school in June, 1940, and was admitted to the New York State Bar in August of the same year. Before being inducted he was associated with a Buffalo law firm.



Staff Sergeant Stanley S. Stopa

Staff Sergeant Stanley S. Stopa, of this city, is shown above being congratulated by Col. Alfred J. Kessler after he was presented with the Order of the Purple Heart for a wound received in action while serving as ball turret gunner of a bomber over enemy-occupied Europe.

Sergeant Stopa is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Stopa, of 2762 Monroe avenue. Before joining the army he was crane operator for the Vanadium corporation. His father is an employe of the Union Carbide here.

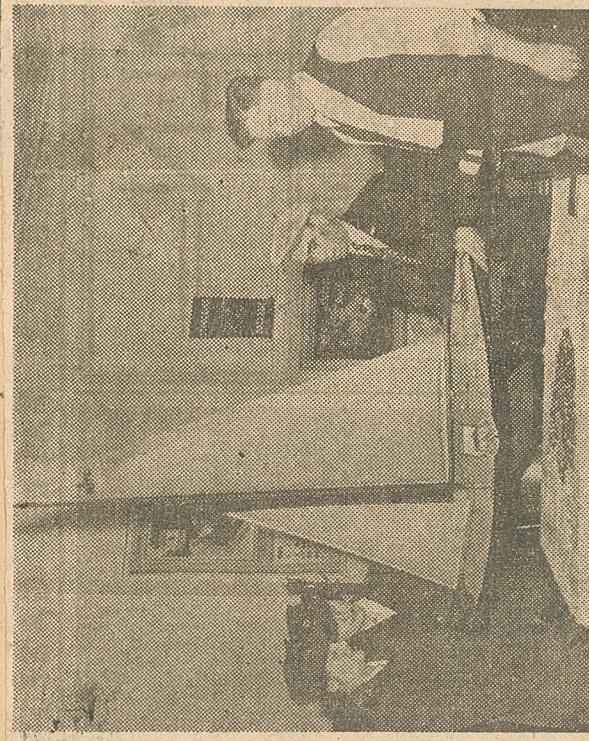


Photo by Frank O. Seed

HE WANTED TO HELP HIS "BOYS" IN SERVICE, so Stephen Winkiewicz, who operates a restaurant at 102 Twenty-fourth street, suggested that his customers toss their odd change into a sailing craft model, the funds to be used to purchase cigarettes to be sent to the men who have entered service from the neighborhood.

Then Stephen got a better idea. Why not give it to the Niagara Falls Red Cross chapter, which, in turn, would pass it along to the boys anyway? That is what he elected to do and, in the photo above, the ship is being emptied of its monetary cargo, which included several bills. The total amount turned over to the Red Cross was \$89.30.

Those in the picture are, from left to right: Mrs. Russell Coddington and Mrs. Glenna Henderson, of the Red Cross Motor corps; Bert Seaward, 541 Fifty-sixth street, who made the model, and Proprietor Winkiewicz.

Falls Marine Is Wounded in Action



Charles Powley

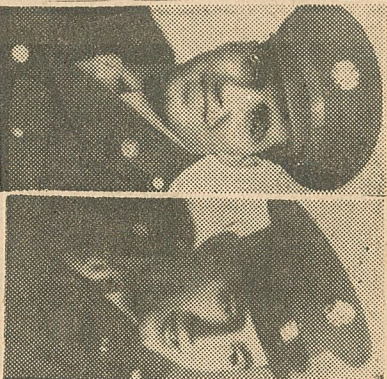
Private Powley enlisted in the Marine corps on his seventeenth birthday and completed his basic training at the marine base at Parris Island, S. C. He was later sent to Lakehurst, N. J., and then to New River, N. C. He has been overseas for the last 17 months. He is a former student at the South Junior high school, leaving his studies in April, 1941, to serve his country.

In a recent letter to his family, young Powley wrote that he had suffered wounds and was now safe in a hospital corps station removed from the battle area. His letter was written by a navy hospital corpsman.

The youth is a former clerk at Eddy's market.



With the Services



Raymond Fadel



Robert Fadel

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fadel, of 1010 Ontario avenue, have four sons serving their country, all in the U. S. Army.

Private Raymond Fadel, after being graduated from the radio school in Madison, Wisconsin, is now taking an advanced course in radio at the Boca Raton Field, Florida. Prior to his entering the service in September, 1942, he was employed by the Carborundum company.

At present stationed in Oakland, California, is Sergeant Happy Fadel, who enlisted in the Army Air corps in February, 1941. He was formerly an employee of the International Furriers, of this city.

Staff Sergeant Roy Fadel is at a post "somewhere in Alaska." He was a member of the National Guard and left for military service with the first regiment in September, 1940. While attending Troop Vocational school, he was a popular athlete on the football team.



Now stationed at Camp Swift, Texas, is Sergeant Robert Fadel, who entered the service in February, 1943. He is a graduate of the Niagara Falls high school, where he was a member of the football team. Before entering the army, he was employed by the Carborundum company.

John A. Chiodo, electrician's mate third class, who was home recently on a 10-day furlough, has returned to his post at Quonset Point, Rhode Island, where he is assigned to the carrier aircraft service. After entering the service last September he secured his basic training at Newport, Rhode Island. Electrician J. A. Chiodo, who is the son of Mrs. Francis Rodriguez, 254 Twelfth street, attended Troop Vocational high school. Prior to his entrance into the service, he was an employe of the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works.

Harold L. Dinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd E. Dinger, 160 Eighty-first street, has reported to Hobart-William-Smith colleges, Geneva, N. Y., where he will enroll in the Officers' Training school of the USNR, having enlisted several months ago.

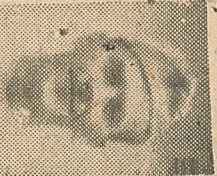
Aviation Cadet Francis K. Hosie, son of Mrs. Letha Thomas, of 1400 Hyde Park boulevard, has arrived at Freeman Field, where he will continue his pilot training. When he completes the rigorous nine-week program, he will receive his silver wings and be commissioned either a second lieutenant or a flight officer.

Seventeen-year-old enlistees in the navy included Cecil A. Whitmore, Robert E. Irving, Sam Biscula and Edward E. Whitworth, all of Niagara Falls. Peter Rao, of this city, enlisted in the Maritime service.

Michael Swaha, formerly of 417 Eighteenth street, has been promoted to first lieutenant from second lieutenant. He is stationed at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland.

Private David S. Klaunder, whose local address was 320 Buffalo avenue, has reported to the "Star" Center at the College of the City of New York as a candidate for admission to the Army Specialized Training Program. The City College Star Center is one of several in the country organized by the army to select, test and assign qualified soldiers to universities all over the country giving specialized instruction in such fields as engineering, foreign languages and psychology.

Falls Soldier Is Wounded in Action



Private First Class Stanley S. Labus, son of Mr. Martin Labus, of 224 Fifteenth street, has been wounded in action in Italy, his father has been informed by the United States War department. He was wounded on November 16. He has won the Purple Heart award.

A member of the 157th Infantry Regiment, he received his basic training at Camp Croft, S. C., and later trained at Fort Devens, Mass. Pine Camp, N. Y., and Camp Pickett, Va., before being assigned to overseas duty. Prior to his entering the armed forces in February, 1941, he was employed by the Carborundum company.

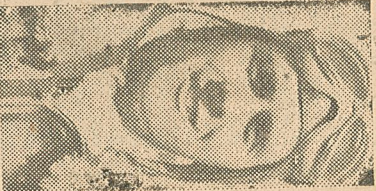
Private First Class Labus has two brothers serving in the United States Navy. Henry L. Labus, petty officer third class, is stationed at Portland, Me., and Edward M. Labus, seaman second class, is with the fleet somewhere in the Pacific.



With The Services

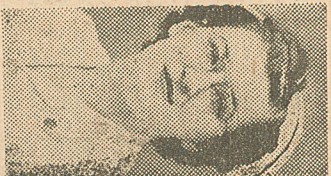
Peter W. Allen and Joe B. Aust, Jr., of this city, have enlisted in the United States Navy, it was announced yesterday at the Buffalo Naval Induction Station.

Ward Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dean, of 529 Fourth street, has recently been graduated from the Secondary Flight School of the United States Army Air corps at Racine, Wis., and is now attending the Cross Country Flight school at Mansfield, Ohio. This is his third step in the flight instructor's course of the Army Air Forces. He enlisted in the army in December, 1942, volunteering his services with the Army Air Corps Ferry Command. He is a graduate of the Niagara Falls high school and was a head usher at the Strand and Cataract theaters.

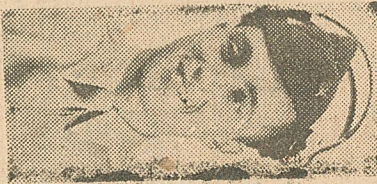


Ward Dean

Cadet Leslie W. Hodge, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hodge, of 206 First street, has completed his advanced training at the basic flying school at Courtland, Ala., and has been transferred to an advanced flying school for the final period of his pilot training in the United States Army Air corps.



Ensign Mary Gal has received her orders to report tomorrow to the United States Naval Training Station at Sampson, N. Y., where she will be assigned to duty. Enlisting several months ago as a member of the Navy Nurses' corps, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Gaj, of 416 Twenty-third street. She is a graduate of the Edward J. Meyer Memorial hospital, Buffalo.

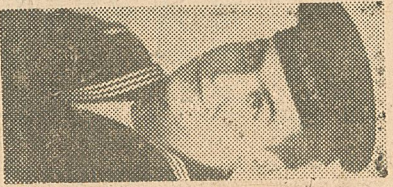


Second Lieutenant Kenneth L. Hutzel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hutzel, of Sanborn, N. Y., was one of 107 New York state residents who were among those who were commissioned officers of the United States Army Air corps and were awarded the silver wings of the military pilot at graduation exercises at the Blytheville, Ark. Advanced Twin Engine Flying Training school.

He was an aluminum worker in civilian life and qualified as an aviation cadet in September, 1942.

Aviation Cadet John Harrison has received his gunner's wings at graduation exercises at Fort Myers, Fla., and has returned to Selman Field, Monroe, La., where he will continue his navigator's course. Upon completion of the course he will be commissioned a flight officer or a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States. He is a former employe of the Aluminum Company of America and is the husband of Mrs. Kay Harrison, 2745 Grand avenue.

Sergeant A. J. Grizani, of Niagara Falls, was the tail gunner on Torokina Airfield on Bougainville Island in the Solomons, it was learned yesterday from an Associate Press dispatch from within normal reach of enemy-held Rabaul.



Roy LaForge

Roy H. LaForge, husband of Mrs. Placida LaForge, of 705 Sixteenth street, recently spent a seven-day furlough at his home. He recently completed his basic naval training at the United States Naval Training Station at Sampson, N. Y., and is now assigned to duty at Norfolk, Va., where he is receiving further training.

Bernice M. Mittelsteadt, of this city, has enlisted in the Women's Army corps and will be given a general assignment and Jeannette Gawaski has enlisted in the Air-WACs, it was announced yesterday at Buffalo.

JOE BAX V. RITES

Here's some excerpts from a letter written to this column from Joe Bax, former manager of the Johnnie Ryan baseball team: "I can't tell you exactly where I have been but I can tell you where I have been and what I've seen as long as it doesn't pertain to military secrets. I arrived in North Africa (date censored). Thus I spent Christmas on the high seas. I've done work that took me to Algiers, Oran, Tebessa and Tunisia. Algiers is a very large and beautiful city. In most of these places the American soldier is the most-liked among the Allies. Begging is an art and a profession and also a general nuisance when the children at it continually when American soldiers are around. Give my regards to the Municipal Baseball league officials and players and wish them a successful season for me."



Walter Mardon

Two brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Mardon, of 1230 Calumet avenue, chose different branches of the armed services, but both arranged to be home on their first furlough together recently. Walter Mardon, seaman second class in the United States Navy, recently completed his basic training at the Sampson, N. Y., Naval Training Station after entering the navy in August. John A. Mardon, private in the army, now an ambulance driver with the Medical corps at Keesler Field, Miss., entered the service last December. Seaman Mardon is a former employe of the Niagara Falls Gazette.