

SCRAP
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NEWS

Scrapbook brings history lesson home

By Kathleen E. Moore
Staff Writer

CHICOPEE - Chicopee history buff Tyke Papadopoulos got more than a collection of yellowed newspaper clippings when he purchased a 55-year-old scrapbook from a Ludlow antiques dealer last fall. For \$25, he bought a priceless portrait of another era: a 122-page book containing photos, news briefs and other information about 674 area residents who served in the military during World War II.

"Most survivors of World War II don't want to talk about their experiences," said Edwin Pajak, the veteran's activist who procured the book for the Chicopee Historical Society. "But these clippings; they show you how many people, how many families, were affected by

the war."

In addition to holding a public viewing of the book through the Historical Society on Feb. 17, Pajak has made a copy available to Chicopee Veteran's Agent Emile Rattell. That copy is available for public viewing by appointment.

For World War II veterans like John Strycharz, the book was the perfect way for younger generations to get acquainted with the past. A foot soldier in the Third Division Infantry from 1944 to 1945, Strycharz thinks the public has tended to overlook the heroism that was commonplace among soldiers in the war. By thumbing through the book, he said, people will see that there wasn't just one story about World War II - here there are 674.

"Everyone won the war, not just one or two people. I'm not that important,"

said Strycharz, who received two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart for his service. "If people want to know what it was like, they should look at this book."

Contemporary readers of the book were quickly brought into a different world. On one page, there was a clipping that tells of the story of Max, Mitchell, Joseph and Cyril Lappa, four brothers who left their Chicopee farm to enlist together. Another page showed wedding photos that Spaulding Sports offered free of charge to its employees who were home on furlough from the service. The wartime exploits of General John Stefanik, for whom Stefanik Elementary School was named, were also chronicled with headlines like "Stefanik, of 'Desert Rats' fame, in attack on Nazi shipping fleet."

The clippings also gave a unique

snapshot of the homefront. Weekly photos of fatherless families appeared in the "I've Never Seen My Daddy Club" column. These cheerful portraits of chubby-cheeked toddlers and their mothers were published to remind the public of their many friends and neighbors whose families were separated by the war.

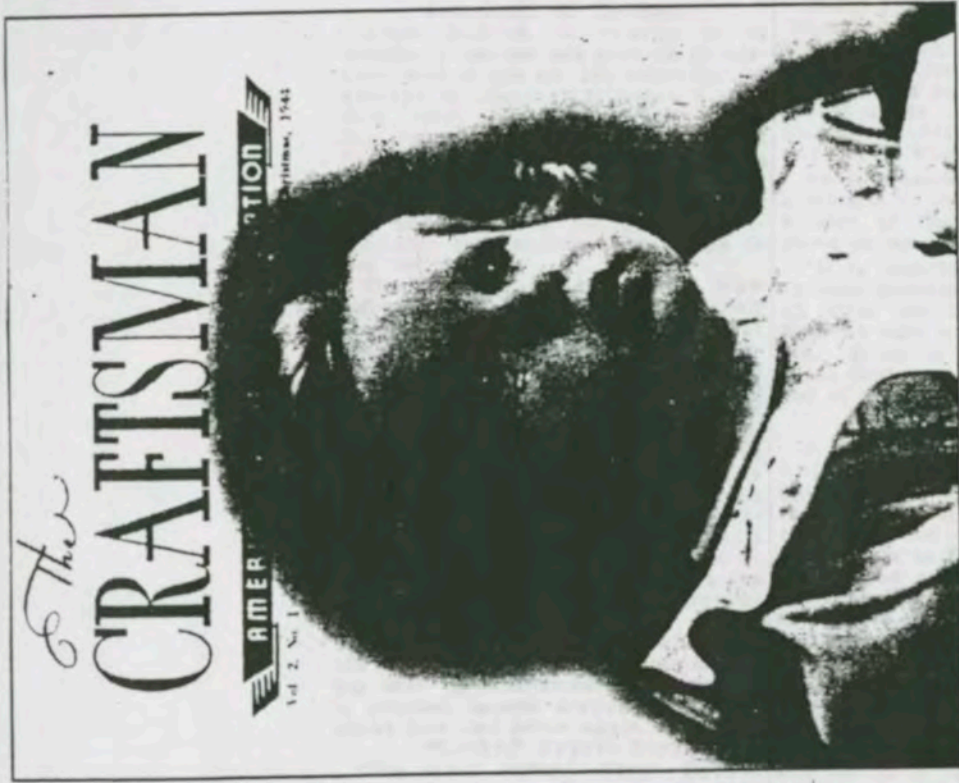
"There are a lot of familiar names in there," said Pajak, as he pointed to names like Edward Ziembra (a former mayor), I. Daniel Hosman (a prominent doctor) and Paul Kozikowski (a reverend). One of those familiar faces, he quickly discovered, was his old friend John Strycharz, whose assignment to Italy was captured in a news brief.

"I called him up and started asking him about Italy," said Pajak. "He didn't know how I knew about it."



Chicopee Register photo by TAMMY LANDON

Chicopee veteran's activist Edwin Pajak is seen here presenting a book full of newscippings from the city's World War II era. The 122-page scrapbook was procured by the Chicopee Historical Society by Pajak in December. Another copy is available for viewing at the offices of Chicopee's Veterans Agent Emile Rattell.



During World War II, the Chicopee-based American Bosch Corporation produced a monthly newsletter, The Craftsman. This cover, issued for the December 1944 edition of the newsletter, honored the many young children who spent the holidays without their fathers who were away at war. The clipping is a part of a 122-page collection of World War II memorabilia that is on display at the Chicopee Historical Society.



This depiction of a forlorn young Army wife is one of the many clippings included in a special scrapbook that has been recently procured by the Chicopee Historical Society. This picture appeared in a 1940s publication with a headline that was all-too-familiar at the time: "Where is your man?"

South Pacific Vets Back Home After Aerial Combat Flights Against Japanese

Lieut Roger J. Sullivan, Pilot, and Tech Sergt Rudolph J. Rypysc, Engineer Gunner, Both of Chicopee Falls, Describe Experiences

With close to 100 missions completed and 710 hours of flying combat time between them, two Chicopee Falls men were home today from the Southwest Pacific area where they claim things are "going well."

The men are Lieut Roger J. Sullivan, 24, son of Mr and Mrs John F. Sullivan, of 42 High street, and Tech Sergt Rudolph J. Rypysc, 25, son of John Rypysc of 54 Pine street. Lieut Sullivan is a pilot and Sergt Rypysc an engineer gunner attached to heavy bombers.

Both men were stationed on the same island, but, outside of living conditions, their experiences were vastly different.

Completed 56 Missions

Lieut Sullivan, a veteran of 11 months of service has been on 56 missions and in the air 360 hours for an average of about eight hours a mission. Most of his work was bombing Jap installations. On the other hand, Sergt Rypysc flew only 36 missions and was in the air 350 hours. Most of his work was done at night against Jap shipping, and his plane is responsible for sending three ships to the bottom.

The men were based on New Guinea, and a typical day in their lives is rising early—for the daylight missions—an hour of briefing, breakfast of powdered eggs and coffee and then the long flight. After bombing the target, the plane turns about and heads for home again. On landing, the men are interrogated on what they saw and did and then they either head for the nearest dice game or turn in. An eight-hour flying mission is equivalent to a full day's work, they believe, and few doubt it.

The night mission is somewhat the same only reversed, Sergt Rypysc said, with the men sleeping during the day. A meal, briefing and then the flight out into the darkness, flying only by instrument. The target is reached, bombs dropped and then about face and home again.

"Lucky," Rypysc Says

"We were lucky," Sergt Rypysc said. "Only once did we run into grief and that was when one of our wings was hit. We limped home safely though."

Lieut Sullivan also had a close call when the hydraulic and electrical system of the plane was shot out. On landing, Sullivan was forced to use all of his skill and the air brakes to bring the plane in—but he did it without event.

Flying can become monotonous, both men agreed, and as for post-war flying both of them turn thumbs

down. "Maybe for a hobby but not for a living," they said in unison.

Quick Trip Home

On the trip back to the states, Sullivan came by plane and it took just a few days. Rypysc came back by boat—a longer trip but more eventful.

While their war experiences naturally stand out in their opinion as being the more important, a close second is the time they spent in Sydney. Here they were able to have the fun and entertainment that the jungle cannot offer.

"Boy, are prices high there!" Lieut Sullivan said. "We paid \$120 a week for a four-room apartment."

Dice and Poker Chief Diversion

Chief diversion of the men on the islands is either shooting craps or playing poker, the men said. It is not unusual for a man to win as high as \$1500 in a night and the next night lose it all to another, they declared. Stakes are high, but there is little else to do with the money.

An interesting angle of the end of a mission is that each man is given a shot of liquor as he leaves the plane on an army order.

"It is American liquor and has it all over anything else for a pick-me-up after the flight is over," Lieut Sullivan said, with Sergt Rypysc adding, "Some of the men just go on those flights to get the snort at the end of the trip."

With Springfield Flier

Both men were at the same base with Staff Sergt Charles D. Donoghue, 23, son of Mr and Mrs Charles S. Donoghue of 683 Sumner avenue, this city, and said that he is now based close to New Guinea, where he is assigned as a radio operator-gunner aboard a bomber. He is expected to return home in November after completing the required number of hours.

Lieut Sullivan is a graduate of Chicopee high school where he was a member of the football team and later attended Northeastern university for three years. Before entering service in April, 1942, he worked at the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company. He wears the Air Medal with two Clusters.

Sergt Rypysc is a graduate of Chicopee high school and worked at the A. G. Spalding Sons company. He has won the Air Medal.

Reaction of both men at returning home after the long period of time in the Pacific is that the youngsters of yesterday are now grown up.

One of the youngsters that Lieut Sullivan saw a change in is his nephew, Roger Bresnahan. The child was just an infant in arms when he left, now he climbs all over the youthful hero and plays with his decorations.

1944 Jap Beaters Talk It Over



Two heroes of the Pacific, Tech Sgt Rudolph Rypysc of 54 Pine street (left), and Lieut Roger J. Sullivan of 42 High street, both of Chicopee Falls, talk over the Jap situation with 15-month-old Roger Bresnahan, godchild of Lieut Sullivan. The two men, both stationed on New Guinea, are home until the end of the month after seeing action against the Japs.

boy said. "I'll just tell her I don't love her."

"Give her a chance," the telephone girl said and put the call through. Tears rolled down the boy's face. When he started to talk his voice was so weak he had to start over.

"Hello, Amy," he said. "I'm home. They brought me home in a plane. I'm fine Amy, honest, fine."

Then, with more bravado, he told her flatly he had lost a leg. He said he would have to talk about their engagement later, when he got to a hospital nearer home. He said he didn't want to hold her to any promises made more than a year ago. And then in a soft voice, he told her not to cry.

When he handed the telephone back to the nurse, there was a strange look on his face.

"She was wonderful," he said. "She said, why didn't I ask the doctor for an artificial leg? Boy, is she brave."

The telephone girl moved on, smiling. The boy's actions were only too familiar to her. The scores of wounded who pour into this hospital base from Europe by plane daily are 90 per cent more worried about their mothers and sweethearts than they are about themselves.

Those who can walk—on crutches or in casts—almost to a man go to the phone booths opposite the admitting center as soon as they arrive they call their mothers first. They rarely mention their wounds. They say "I'm fine. Don't cry, mother."

Later, those who are married call their wives. They customarily attempt to tell their wives what is wrong with them—in a general way. Some say that there is a tough year ahead, convalescing. Others say they will be "as good as new in no time at all."

Those who are critically wounded—with an arm, a leg, or both gone, or who are paralyzed, usually try to break off their engagements. Nurses encourage them to wait, to tell their girls what is wrong and to say they will talk more about it later. The blind, the disfigured, the voiceless and the deaf are handled the most gently. Many of these will need long term, expert care before they are capable of facing their families.

The boys joke about their injuries, but that's among themselves. Most have seen too much death not to be glad they are still alive. One with a paralyzed leg asked a nurse if he would be able to dance now. Sure, she said.

"That's fine," said the boy. "I never could before."

Another explained that he would wait until brother-in-law came home before he telephoned home. The brother-in-law, he said, would tell his sister what was wrong and she would tell his mother.

"It's tough on them at home," he said.

There is no way nurses can prepare any of these boys' families for the news. War department communications state merely that the boy has been wounded. It is left to the soldier himself to give his family the details.

A boy who had lost a foot didn't want to tell his mother "because she sure can cry," He told his girl, however, and she told the mother.

"It just goes to show you can't trust women," he said.

**Team Captains and Officers of Bosch Morning Inter-Department
Bowling League Which Operates Each Friday at 'Rec' Alleys**



Pictured here are the team captains and officers of the American Bosch Morning Inter-Department Bowling league, which holds forth at the Recreation Center alleys on Friday mornings. Fourteen teams comprise the league. Back row, left to right: Ryan, Mercolino, Christokas, Landry. Middle row, same order: Ralph Cicchetti, president; Hayes, Pevzner, Brown, secretary; Caporale, Pruefer, Germaine. Front row, same order: Scanlon, Pettrozoni, treasurer; Rivers, Makara, Benoit, Reed.

Jan. 20, 1944

CHICOPEE WAR HONOR ROLL DEDICATION
FIELD UNION, SPRINGFIELD, MASS., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1943

Dedication of Honor Roll at Chicopee



Springfield Union Photo

Scene in front of Chicopee City Hall yesterday as war honor roll was dedicated.



Springfield Union Photo

Speakers at dedication of Chicopee war honor roll yesterday. Left to right: Mayor Leo P. Senecal, Capt. John R. Agnew, USN; Col. Frank A. Deroir, USA.

HONOR
TION TO
SUNDAY

Chicopee Union Photo
The dedication of the war honor roll was held in front of the City Hall yesterday afternoon. The crowd was large and the ceremony was well attended. The speakers included Mayor Leo P. Senecal, Capt. John R. Agnew, USN, and Col. Frank A. Deroir, USA. The roll itself was a long list of names, and the ceremony was a fitting tribute to the men who served in the war.

Chicopee War

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unsung. While they are performing their duties, we honor them. They represent every aspect of the community and all are fighting for those principles which shall make this country and all for which it stands free to all. We pray that the sacrifices of this war will result in a permanent peace."

Mayor-elect, Edward O. Bourbeau reminded the crowd that Chicopee boys and girls were in this war to make a better world and he promised that if he were mayor when they came back home, they would be greeted with a demonstration of welcome never equaled in the city.

Mr. Granfield introduced several individuals who had been active in making the honor roll a reality. Among these was Henry Tessier, who made the design; John Jamrog of the Board of Registrars, who had the list of names inscribed on the roll; Ernest F. Carlson, of Springfield whose company made the roll. He was presented with a check, for he had done much work without payment. Thomas Wilson, bond drive chairman, was introduced and noted that Chicopee had gone over its quota more than \$1,000,000. President Joseph Wojtesiewicz, president of the Chamber of Commerce, was introduced but did not speak.

The massing of the colors, as planes droned overhead, was an impressive sight, but no more so than that moment when Dr. Patrick M. Moriarty called off the names of those who had died. The list included Joseph A. Gosselin, Joseph T. Tabarowski, John Sullivan, Stanley Barbor, Sigmund Bablik, Ernest A. Chaffee, George J. Czelusniak, Max Gancarz, John J. Garvey, Bennie Grabiec, Richard Hastings, John F. Horak, Matthew E. Kowal, Glenn Kozik, Stanley Kras, Chester Lanczak, Richard Nelcarvic, Raymond P. Shea, Licotte, Walter Swialowski, Walczyk, Harvey L. Wiley, Wilfred Breyare and ne.

Capt. John R. Agnew, USN, former Chicopee surgeon, made one simple statement, namely that the surgeon general will do all in his power to return the men to their homes in the best possible condition.

The principal speaker was Col. Frank A. Derouin, son of the late Dr. Francis X. Derouin. Col. Derouin has recently returned from Iran where he was military attache to the American ambassador.

Col. Derouin took the opportunity to speak of his father who did so much to Americanize and naturalize those of many racial backgrounds in Western Massachusetts.

"No one better than veterans of the last war can realize the significance of this honor roll," he said. "Today we are all bound together in a common cause, regardless of racial background or where we came from. There is no difference between us. We are all loyal Americans."

"America has become great because her people believed in her and worked for her, clearing the forests, struggling as pioneers, expanding and developing her resources, always with one motto in view, freedom, justice, liberty and independence." He spoke of the country's first honor roll in Lexington which bears the words, "Sacred to liberty and the rights of mankind."

He noted that the cost of freedom is sacrifice and today parents, relatives and sweethearts must sacrifice their loved ones to the cause of freedom.

"Here at home, we must emulate the magnificent work of those on the field," he declared. "No matter how hard the struggle, we will emerge victorious. The Chicopee honor roll bears the names of many different racial backgrounds, but all are fighting for one country, one flag and the one idea of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Let us speed them on to peace."

There was a moving moment as three volleys were shot and taps sounded. The exercises ended with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner," led by Miss Gladys Kuchta.

ROLL OF HONOR DEDICATION TO BE ON SUNDAY

Relatives of Men Who Died in
Service to Officiate at
Unveiling

* Chicopee, Nov. 4—Final plans have been made for the dedication and unveiling of the honor roll bearing the names of Chicopee's 4500 men and women in service at exercises Sunday afternoon. Brothers and sisters of the 23 men who died in the war will officiate at the unveiling.

The exercises will open with a parade, which will start promptly at 1:30 at the junction of Springfield and South streets. The line of march will be South to Union, Union to Center, Center to West, West to Exchange, Exchange to Market square, where the parade will be reviewed by Mayor Leo P. Senecal, the board of aldermen, and guests.

Mayor Senecal will give the address of welcome, following opening prayer by Rev John MacPherson. The main speaker will be Col Frank A. Derouin, of the army. Capt John Agnew, of the navy, formerly a practicing physician in this city, will also give a brief address.

The placing of the colors during the unveiling will be done by the William Davitt post 625 and the Charles E. Kennedy post, American Legion.

Rev Edgar Dow Brown will give the closing prayer and the firing squad, salute and taps in memory of men who died in this war, will be sounded by a firing squad.

Chicopee men who died in the service whose names will be starred on the honor roll include: Stanley P. Bator, Zygmund Bublik, Ernest A. Chaffee, George J. Czelusniak, Max Gancarz, John J. Garvey, Joseph A. Gosselin, Bennie Grabiec, Richard Hastings, John F. Horak, Matthew E. Kowal, Gene Kozik, Stanley Kras, Chester Lanczak, Richard J. Nitcavic, Raymond P. Shea, Joe Licotte, John Sullivan, Walter Swialowski, Joseph J. Taborowski, Stanley Walczyk, Harvey L. Wiley and Ralph Yelle.

The singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" will conclude the exercises. Arthur J. Granfield will be master of ceremonies.



Springfield Union Photo

CHICOPEE CHAPLAIN BACK FROM OVERSEAS—Capt. Paul H. Kozikowski, formerly curate of St. Stanislaus Church, Chicopee, is back from overseas on furlough after serving with the famous 1st Infantry Division since he went across in July, 1942. The Franciscan priest is shown at the railroad station with four of his brothers, three of whom are also members of the Franciscan order. In the picture, left to right, D. T. Kozikowski, Chicopee undertaker; Rev. Henry Kozikowski, Jersey City; Capt. Paul, Rev. Julius and Rev. Stan Kozikowski, both of Buffalo. Two other younger brothers, Pfc. Mitchell Kozikowski, now in Panama, and S/Sgt. Ed Kozikowski, on duty in the Philippines, are expected to return home before the end of the year. Capt. Paul went into the Chaplains Corps in March, 1942, and was sent to Ft. McClellan, Ala., going across with an advance detail of the 1st Division five months later. His more than three years in uniform have included 464 combat days, eight campaigns and three invasions from Africa through Sicily to France, Germany and Belgium. He arrived back in this country Oct. 9 at Newport News, Va., on the SS Marine Devil.

Private Breger Abroad

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"You dumb cluck! You hopeless jerk! You blundering idiot! How I wish you knew what I think of you!"

DISTRICT COURT today. Two women neighbors were the complainants.

LETTER CARRIER DIES SUDDENLY

John Duane, 58, Had Worked
Yesterday as Usual



JOHN DUANE

Chicopee, Aug. 4--John Duane, 58, Chicopee letter carrier for 30 years and prominent in the affairs of the Knights of Columbus died suddenly early this morning at his home. He had been on the rounds of his mail carrier assignment in the business section of the city yesterday and was apparently in excellent health.

Duane was born in this city, and was graduated from the Christian Brothers school connected with Holy Name parish. He belonged to the School society of Holy Name parish and the Holy Name society. He was a fourth degree member of Archbishop Williams assembly, and Chicopee council, Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by two sisters, Miss Theresa E. Duane with whom he made his home, Mrs John Hennessey of Chicopee, and a brother, Thomas L. Duane of New York. The funeral will be held Monday morning at his home with services in Holy Name church.

WILLIMANSETT



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM T. MORRISSEY

Were married Saturday in St. Theresa's Church, North Agawam. The bride, formerly Miss Marion Edith Roberts, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roberts of North Agawam. The bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Morrissey of Chicopee, is a second class petty officer in the Navy.

I've Never Seen My Daddy Club 10/26/44



Two more members of the club are enroled with five-month-old Alfred Palmera, Jr., shown at left with his mother, Mrs Gladys Palmera of 32 West street, Chicopee. Daddy is Corp Alfred E. Palmera, who has been overseas since November, 1943. At right is Mrs. Russell Walker, Jr., with her daughter, Patricia, 21 months old, taken at their home at 263 Bay street. Pvt Walker, the father, has been overseas 24 months and is in Italy.

I've Never Seen My Daddy Club

11/4/44



Today's double entry is Saundra Lee Hertz, at left, pictured with her mother, Mrs Charles Hertz of 11 Merwin street, and David Laino, eight months old, who is with his mother, the former Sylvia Jackson of 742 State street. Saundra's daddy is Pvt Charles Hertz and Saundra is 11 months old. David's daddy is Lieut Connie Jack Laino, a prisoner of war in Germany, who was shot down in February over Germany. Pictures of the two babies and their mothers are already in the mails to the overseas addresses.

Waiting for Master Sergeant William R. Smith, at his home at 11 Merwin street, to see the baby, his wife and three sons. William R. Smith, 18 months old, Sergeant Smith has been in England for 21 months.

A double entry in the club today is Sylvia Lee Hertz, 11 months old, left, and David Laino, eight months old. Sylvia is pictured with her mother, Mrs Charles Hertz of 11 Merwin street. David is pictured with his mother, the former Sylvia Jackson of 742 State street. Sylvia's daddy is Pvt Charles Hertz and Sylvia is 11 months old. David's daddy is Lieut Connie Jack Laino, a prisoner of war in Germany, who was shot down in February over Germany. Pictures of the two babies and their mothers are already in the mails to the overseas addresses.

I've Never Seen My Daddy Club

THE SPRINGFIELD

My Daddy Club 10/20/44



Waiting for Master Sergt William R. Ertel, at his home at 1 Meadow street, Ludlow, are his wife, Ann, and their son, Raymond William, 16 months old. Sergt Ertel has been in England for 24 months.

A double entry in the club today is Robert Allen Holcomb, 11 months old, left, and Dennis Boulerville, four months old. Robert is pictured with his mother, the former Olive Clark of 72 Boyer street. His daddy is Duane A. Holcomb, machinist's mate, third class, in the seabees, stationed in the Marshall islands. Dennis is shown with his mother, the former Simone Roy of 8 Perkins street, Chicopee. His dad is Pvt Emmanuel Boulerville, now fighting in Italy.



10-30-45

CHESTER T. SKIBINSKI
For MAYOR

Chicopee Assessors Elect



STEPHEN KLOC



THADDEUS JANIK

Chicopee, Feb. 7—The board of assessors today elected Stephen Kloc chairman of the board. Making his bow as a new member of the board was Thaddeus Janik, who succeeded William Asselin.

BOND RALLY SPEAKER



JOHN R. AGNEW

Chicopee, June 9—Capt John R. Agnew of Springfield, formerly of this city, and now in the naval medical corps, will be principal speaker at the war bond rally climaxing the fifth war bond loan parade in this city Sunday at 1. He will speak from a stand erected in Market square in front of the city hall. City Treasurer Walter Trybulski, master of ceremonies, will introduce the speaker.

Others who will speak during the rally include Mayor Edward O. Bourbeau, Adolph Gawron, commander of the newly established post of World War II veterans, Leonard Blanchette, veteran of the Alaskan theater of war and Thomas Wilson, general chairman of the war bond drive. Rev Eugene Piasecki, pastor of St Stanislaus church, will give the invocation and Rev Florence Donohue, pastor of St Mary's church in Willimansett will give the benediction.

The parade will be in charge of the Kiwanis club which is endeavoring to raise Chicopee's quota of \$3,000, in the fifth war loan drive in 10 days. Charles V. Barry is parade chairman and Armand E. Daviau is parade marshal.

The two-hour parade will include two platoons of WAVES, troops and WACs from Westover field, Davitt post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Kennedy post, American Legion; war veterans of World War II, Polish War Veterans, Massachusetts State guard, Red Cross chapter, Visiting Nurses association, Boy and Girl Scouts, Polish National Youth association, group 2590 in native costumes; Permanent Firemen's association, mounted troops led by Charles W. Bray, Pastime Athletic club, city officials and the police department.

Approximately 10 bands and drum corps, including the Westover field band, will furnish music.

Chicopee industries will participate in the parade by furnishing floats. Industries participating are U. S. Rubber company, F. W. Sickles company, J. Stevens Arms company, J. G. Roy company, Chicopee Manufacturing company, Chicopee Provision company, Springfield Gas Light company, Hampden Brewing company, H. L. Handy company and Taylor Bramley company. Floats will also be furnished by the druggists of Chicopee and the Kiwanis club.

Doctor, Home From Wars, Tells Of Delivering Baby in Bastogne Home During the Furious Siege

Chicopee, Sept. 28—Dr. Bronislaw Gauszka, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Galuszka of 895 Front street, has reached home after four years of service, with two years having been spent in the 4th armored division of the 3d army headed by Gen Patton. He expects to be discharged shortly and may possibly settle in this city, although his plans have not been determined as yet.

Speaking of Gen Patton, he said his men were proud to be Patton's boys and they had great faith in him.

Speaking of service under Patton, the doctor although there were many breakthroughs which meant long runs into Germany, the wounded were evacuated quickly, and brought to

surgery quickly also, with the result that many who would have died survived. He said penicillin and the sulphur drugs also aided in their recovery, but he could not say enough words of praise for the blood and plasma which came from America, saving many men from death by shock. He often regretted whole blood was not marked so the men who often expressed the wish to thank the donors could have done so.

He got as far as Czechoslovakia and there he said he met the Russians. He spoke of delivering a baby in a battle-scarred home during the battle of Bastogne, and said the parents in their gratitude had named the baby Bruno, the diminutive of his name, Bronislaw. He expects to hear from the family and to receive the baby's picture. He also said another pleasant experience occurred in France. A small girl came up to him with a bouquet of flowers and he was surprised to find out when he asked her name that she was Helen Galuska, a Polish refugee, whose parents had fled to France. Helen was equally pleased to find a namesake and came back during the day bearing gifts of chicken and other delicacies which the doctor and his colleagues enjoyed.

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EVERYDAY MOVIES

By Denys Wortman



"I'm so afraid I'll just vote for him from force of habit."

Invasion Flashes

PARATROOP ACTION REPORTED

Madrid, Sept. 3—Reports from the Italian frontier said Allied paratroops had dropped behind several strong Axis coastal positions in the invasion of south Italy.

HEAVY NAVAL ESCORT

Allied Headquarters, North Africa, Sept. 3—A naval communique announced today that Allied cruisers, monitors, destroyers, gunboats and other small craft escorted and supported the Anglo-Canadian landing on southern Italy.

FRANCE PROMISED LIBERATION

London, Sept. 3—Radio Algiers, in its first news broadcast after the announcement of the Allied landing in Italy, said today:—

"This is the French empire at war calling the enslaved people of France. We shall liberate you."

BASE SECURED ON MAINLAND

London, Sept. 3—The Exchange Telegraph agency today quoted Radio Algiers as saying that an Allied spokesman had announced that the Allies had secured a base on the Italian mainland.

INVADERS ADVANCING

Madrid, Sept. 3—Late morning reports from the Italian frontier said today that Allied invasion forces were advancing through south Italy along a vital road in the direction of railroad junctions.

ASKS WELCOME BY ITALIANS

London, Sept. 3—The United Nations radio at Algiers advised the Italian people today to welcome the Allied armies as liberators "in the same fashion as your forefathers welcomed Garibaldi."

FOUR YEARS AFTER WAR BEGAN

The invasion of Italy came exactly four years—to the day—after Great Britain opened hostilities with Germany, Italy's Axis partner. Britain declared war on Germany September 3, 1939. The British 8th army and Canadian units landed on the Italian mainland at 4.30 a. m. today (10.30 p. m. EWT).

PRECEDED BY COMMANDO RAIDS

New York, Sept. 3—CBS Correspondent John Daly reported from Algiers this morning that the Allied invasion of southern Italy was preceded by a number of successful commando and reconnaissance missions during the past few nights.

JAPS GO INTO CONFERENCE

New York, Sept. 3—As the British 8th army swept inland from beaches on the southern Italian mainland today, high Japanese officials went into hurried conference, a Domei dispatch heard by U. S. government monitors indicated.

AXIS GUNS TURNED ON ITALY

Allied Headquarters, North Africa, Sept. 3—Heavy Axis guns which the Germans were unable to evacuate from Sicily were turned on the Italian mainland in pre-invasion bombardment of the coastal area.

PREPARING FOR RETREAT

Stockholm, Sept. 3—German spokesmen already are preparing the Nazi public for possible retreat on the toe of Italy, according to information reaching Stockholm today.

Wartime A B C's For Small Fry

Here is a wartime alphabet, recommended for American small fry in the age of rationing:

A is for Auto, no longer new.
B is for Banana—it's gone, too.
C is for Coffee—just one cup.
D is for Dog Food, poor old pup.
E is for Electrical things—bye-bye.
F is for Canned Fish, scarce and

high.
G is for Gasoline if you can get it.
H is for Hosiery—better get it.
I is for Ice Cream—to hoard it is wrong.

J is for Jackets—they mustn't be long.

K is for Knives—restricted in type.
L is for Lawnmowers and Lead pipe.

M is for Metal, Matches and Meat.
N is for Nylon—gone from our feet.
O is for Oil, but not enough heat.
P is for Perambulators, Plastics and Paint.

R is for Rubber—it just ain't.
S is for Sugar, Silk and Shellac.
T is for Tin, which civilians lack.
U is for Umbrellas, increasingly rare.

V is for Victory, which makes it all fair.

W is for Wool, from black sheep or white.

X is for Xylophones—they've joined the fight.

Y is for Yachts, all manned by the Navy.

Z is for Zoot Suits, too long and too zany.

Along with the Zippers which held in Aunt Janey.

CHICOPEE



BOMBER PILOT — FREDERICK ARMY AIR FIELD, Okla.— Albin Oparowski of 68 Hampden Street, Chicopee, Mass., has joined the world's most powerful air force as a bomber pilot. On Aug. 4, he received his Army Air Forces silver wings and commission at second lieutenant in the impressive graduation ceremony of this twin-engine advanced school of the Central Flying Training Command.

Invasion Flashes

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bombarding the beaches and enemy strong points in northern France.

FRENCH ISLANDS SEIZED

London, June 6—The German Transocean News agency acknowledged today that the Allies had gained footholds on several islands off the coast of France.

NAZIS EXPECT HOLLAND INVASION

London, June 6—The German radio today warned Holland to expect invasion.

"The hour has struck," Berlin said.

"We don't know where the next blow may fall. Prepare yourself for all eventualities.

"Today, tomorrow or at any time Anglo-American troops may attempt to land in Scheveningen or Middelburg.

ALLIED WARSHIP HIT, SAY HUNS

London, June 6—The German Transocean News agency said today that a large Allied warship had been set ablaze in the Seine estuary by artillery fire.

ALLIES WIPE OUT NAZI SHIPS

New York, June 6—A small group of German destroyers was "wiped out" by Allied warships in the preliminary phase of the northern France invasion, a blue networks reporter announced today from London.

NAZIS ADMIT VESSEL SUNK

London, June 6—DNB, German news agency, admitted in a broadcast today that a German vessel had been sunk during violent fighting in the Seine estuary.

HITLER TAKES COMMAND

London, June 6—The military correspondent of Reuter's News agency reported today that Adolf Hitler is taking personal command of all German antiinvasion operations.

Hitler is believed to have moved his headquarters to some place in northern France.

ALLIES FORCE WAY INLAND

DNB, German news agency, said today that Allied troops were fighting 10 miles inland from the coast of Normandy. The broadcast was recorded by NBC.

ALLIES LANDING REINFORCEMENTS

London, June 6—DNB, German news agency, said today that the Allies had landed "further reinforcements" by sea and air in the Seine estuary.



*Sept. 56
Brook*
Brown Photo
MRS. ROGER LARIVIERE

Before her marriage, an event of last week, was Miss Doris Charland of Aberdeen Road

Dec 1943

Doughboy



PHIL ARTHUR

Phil Arthur, popular juvenile with the stock company which spent last winter at the New Holyoke theater

CHICOPEE

First Chicopee Draftee Home



Chicopee, Sept. 28—Anthony J. Stonina, chairman of draft board 51, today welcomed back to Chicopee, Fred Frank Szydlo, the first draftee to be sent into active service from this board. Szydlo was the 110th discharged veteran reporting to the draft board this month. Left to right, Mrs. Stella Kowak, chief clerk of the draft board, Stonina, Szydlo, and Mrs. Rita A. Gogachesky, assistant clerk. Szydlo, who served for two years in the Aleutians with the coast artillery, received his discharge at Fort Jay, N. Y., this week. He was inducted into service February 6, 1941.

Bails Out Over Romania Barely Clears Flames



LIEUT JEROME D. SAVARIA

Sustained for many months of internment in Romania on beans and cabbage soup, First Lieut Jerome D. Savaria, 25, of Chicopee is happy to be eating regularly again although he claims that the Romanian camp to which he was confined "wasn't too bad as prison camps go."

Lieut Savaria who landed in New York with other officers and enlisted men who had been prisoners of Germany and released when the allies took control of things in Romania told today how he had parachuted from a flaming plane after a destructive raid on Ploesti oil fields. He was taken prisoner immediately after landing on August 1 and didn't regain his freedom until the Germans left Romania in a hurry a few weeks ago.

Target Soaring Inferno

In describing the last raid in which he took part he said:
"Other planes had passed over the

SIX CASUALTIES FROM THIS AREA LISTED TODAY

Biggest Battle Loss Continues To Come From Italian Theater

Despite the invasions of Normandy and Saipan, where the war department has reported heavy losses, the majority of casualties in the Springfield area continue



Stanley E. Szpara (Ct.) soldier is now a prisoner of war of Germany and a sixth man from Chicopee Falls was

to come from the Italian theater. Holyoke and Chicopee men were today reported to have been wounded in that area, a Chicopee Falls man missing and a fourth man, from Hadley, killed in action. Word was also received that a Stafford Springs

At Quebec Conference

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Acme Photo
 QUEBEC—Taking time out from important conferences on the conduct of the war, these four Allied leaders pause to pose for photographers. Seated, are President Franklin Roosevelt and the Earl of Athlone, Governor General of Canada. In the rear, are Canadian Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

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Leaders of Allied Victory in Sicily

8-18-43



GEN. BERNARD L. MONTGOMERY

GEN. DWIGHT EISENHOWER

GEN. GEORGE S. PATTON, JR.

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Springfield Union Photo

FOUR VETERANS OF AIR COMBAT who are part of a group touring the 11 states which comprise the Eastern District of the Air Technical Service Command told four large assemblies of American Bosch workers yesterday of what they had personally seen of the might of American production in distant battle zones, and of the importance of each individual worker's contribution to the war effort. Left to right, Capt. Bert M. Twamley, Troy, N. Y., completed 51 missions as pilot of a Flying Fortress in the European and Mediterranean theaters, and has the DFC, Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters, and Presidential Unit Citation with Oak Leaf Clusters; S/Sgt. Robert J. Ellis, Granville, N. Y., completed 35 missions over Germany and occupied France, Belgium and Holland, as gunner in a B-17 unit of the 8th Air Force, and has Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, and Presidential Unit Citation; S/Sgt. William Vogel, Buffalo, N. Y., gunner with the 8th Air Force completed 35 missions over Germany, and has the DFC, and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters; T/Sgt. Salvatore J. Ventimiglia, Rochester, N. Y., engineer and gunner on a B-24 Liberator, flew 42 missions with the 13th Air Force in the South Pacific and the entire unit was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for being the first land-based bomber unit to bomb Jap military installations on Truk.



JAN KIEPURA

Jan Klepura, noted Polish tenor featured in "The

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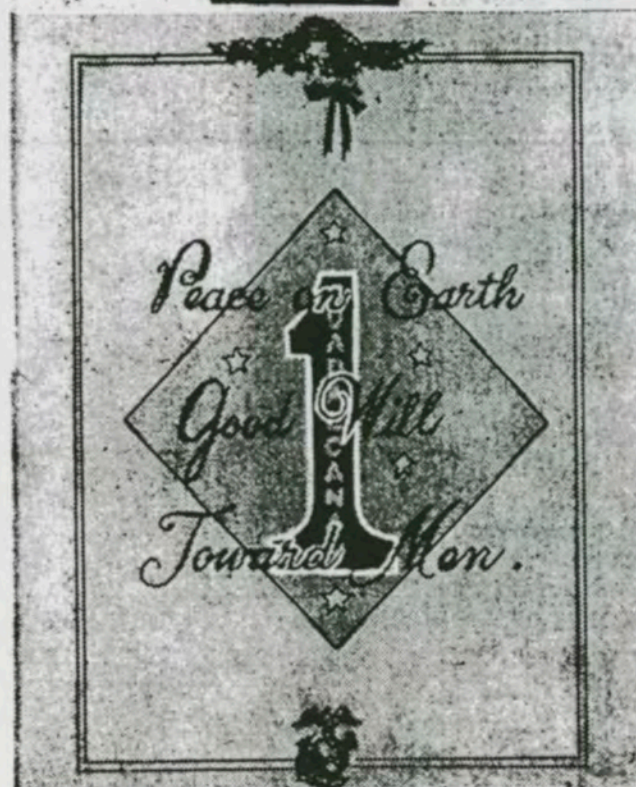
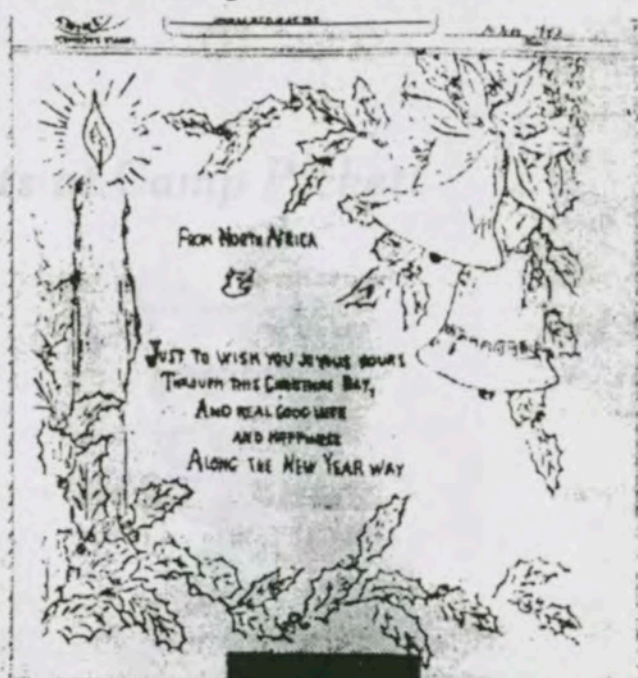
A Baker's Dozen Leave For Devens

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Thirteen men who entered the Army today, including School Committeeman Rene Harnisch of Ward 8, Aldenville; also two Holyoke and one Granby man, were given a send-off party at the Frontenac club this morning. Mayor Leo F. Senecal and Chairman Raymond Bourbeau attended. Rev. Florence Donahue, pastor of St. Mary's church, also were present. Attending the party were, front, left to right: Sylvio Desroches, 651½ High St., Holyoke, Chairman Raymond Bourbeau; School Committeeman Rene Harnisch, 672 McKinstry Ave.; Mayor Senecal, Charles Marion, 55 Whitman St.; Frank Chotain, 39 Samosett St., Holyoke; Richard Dent, 716½ Chicopee St.; second row: Hector Patenaude, 1185 Grattan St.; Herman Authier, Grigley St., Granby; John Gawlik, 31 Columba St.; Armand Groise, 34 Clarendon Ave.; Joseph Labrie, 5 Worthington St.; George Labonte, 1206 Grattan St.; Howard Walker, 312 Montcalm St., and Charles Billiel, 49 Trilby Ave.

Christmas Cards From Boys Overseas



Here are four different types of Christmas cards received here from servicemen overseas. Top left is one from England, top right from North Africa, lower left from Guadalcanal, and lower right from Great Britain.

12-22-43

Training Recruits at Camp Pickett



CORP MARTIN J. TOPOR

Unsung heroes of this war are junior non-commissioned officers, the corporals like Martin J. Topor of Chicopee, a member of the 3d platoon, Co D, 7th training battalion of the medical replacement center at Camp Pickett, Va. To them belongs much of the credit for the rapid training of the new American army.

Corp Topor does not resemble any of the Hollywood versions of the blustering non-com who yells his head off to impress his charges. Today the pattern of the instructing non-commissioned officers is to exercise a firm, quiet type of control that maintains perfect discipline without undue noise.

Starting with new men coming into his platoons, Corp Topor teaches recruits everything from army-style bed-making to the proper method of pitching two-man shelter tents. During drill periods he assumes command of the entire platoon, since

platoon sergeants follow the policy of training junior non-coms for further promotion.

Corp Topor must know his subjects thoroughly to answer and counsel his men. He must fulfill his duties properly in infantry close order drill, medical aid, litter drill, ambulance loading, gas mask drill, organization of the arms, organization of the medical department, transportation of the wounded and many other highly specialized phases of work which is under the supervision of the medical corps.

Corp Topor is the son of Mr and Mrs John Sliwa of 362 Front street, Chicopee. He was inducted into the service last May and received his basic training at Camp Lee, Va. He was graduated from Chicopee high school and was employed as a salesman by the Topor Motor Sales company. He is shown demonstrating a lecture to recruits at Camp Pickett.

Chicopee Brothers in Army, Navy



MAX J. MACIOLEK



JOSEPH W. MACIOLEK

Chicopee, Sept. 22—Max J. Maciolek, son of Mr and Mrs William Maciolek of 267 Center street, is serving in the navy, having enlisted in January, 1938. He is now stationed at Norfolk, Va. His brother, Joseph, is stationed at Fort Kilmer, N. J., having received his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., before being sent to Fort Slocum, N. Y., for three weeks.

SERVES OVERSEAS



1942 WALTER M. PADYKULA

Holyoke, Sept. 21—Sergt Walter M. Padykula, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Padykula of 64 Maplewood avenue, Willimansett, is overseas, according to word received by the family.

He was born in Chicopee and attended Chapin school, Kirby junior high school and worked for some time for Daniel S. Courtney company. He enlisted in 1937 and served in Hawaii for three years. He was recalled to service in March, 1941.



GEORGE J. CZELUSNIAK
In Coast Guard Service

George J. Czelusniak
Having completed the regular "boot" training at the coast guard station, Manhattan beach, N. Y., George J. Czelusniak, son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Czelusniak of 22 White street, Chicopee, has been transferred to the station at Providence, R. I. George is well known in Chicopee as "Corky," having been active as an athlete. He played for the Chicopee Colonels and the American Bosch baseball and basketball teams. He was educated in Chicopee schools and was employed at the American Bosch corporation when he volunteered for service at the Springfield recruiting station.



MARTIN J. TOPOR
Home on Brief Furlough

Martin J. Topor
One way to get from place to place is to walk. That is what Pvt First Class Martin J. Topor did when his unit was transferred from Camp Lee, Va., to Camp Pickett, Va. It was a 42-mile hike, but Martin said he got used to it after the first 10 miles. He is home on a brief furlough before reporting back at Camp Pickett to rejoin his medical unit. Inducted into the army eight weeks ago, he received his basic military training at Camp Lee. He is the son of Martin Topor of 362 Front street, Chicopee. He was graduated from Chicopee high school and was employed as a salesman by the Topor Motor Sales company until he was called to duty.

MEET IN NAVY



John Ryan, right, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ryan of 77 Elm Street, Chicopee, has been graduated from a Navy school at Jacksonville, Fla., and has been assigned to the Norfolk (Va.) air base as a metalsmith. John is a graduate of Cathedral High School and was a baseball player with the Colonels team in Chicopee. With him is Francis Theroux, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Theroux of 251 Fairview Avenue, who went into the Navy, later than John but caught up with him at Jacksonville. Francis is now completing his course there and hopes to be assigned to Norfolk, too, so that they can be together as they have known each other for many years.

Pvt First Class Thomas Anderson of Camp Pickett, Va., was the guest of his aunt, Miss Mary Linehan, of Walton street, for 15 days.

Miss Margaret Lynch, daughter of

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LIEUT. A. A. GALUSKA
Assistant Naval Surgeon

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Lieut. A. A. Galuska
Friends and associates of Dr. A. A. Galuska, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Galuska of Front street, Chicopee Falls, will be interested to learn he has been given the rank of lieutenant, junior grade, in the navy and he reported at the Newport, R. I., training base to serve at the station hospital as acting assistant surgeon. Lieut. Galuska was recently graduated from Tufts Medical school. Before that he attended Tufts college, Boston. His brother, Dr. Bronislaus Galuska, is a physician at Barre, while another brother, Rev. Wencelous Galuska, has his parish in Brooklyn, N. Y.



FRED E. GOWING
Aboard a Battleship

Fred E. Gowing
Three days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Fred E. Gowing, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gowing of 48 Kensington avenue, volunteered for naval service at the local recruiting office. Now he is a machinist's mate aboard one of Uncle Sam's dreadnoughts, having completed his primary training at Newport, R. I. Letters from him, his mother said, are cheerful and "full of enthusiasm." He attended Forest Park and Trade schools here and worked about a year at Plainville, Ct., before joining up.

AT GREAT LAKES

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1942 FRANK LANCAZAK

Chicopee, Oct. 19—Frank Lanczak, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lanczak of 47 Dwight street, is at the Great Lakes training school. He is a third-class machinist's mate and before joining the navy he was employed at Pratt and Whitney's in Hartford, Ct. He was graduated from Chicopee high school and is a member of the Past-time AC.



1942 RUSSELL E. COOKE

Russell Edward Cooke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Cooke of 226 Pearl Street, has been graduated from the Army Air Force School at Midland, Tex., and is believed by his parents to be among the first bombardiers to be commissioned from this area. He was graduated from Technical High School and Springfield College, studied aviation at Park College, East St. Louis, Mo., and took the CAA course here. He was employed by the Westinghouse company before entering the service.



EDWARD GWODZ
Leaves tomorrow for duty.

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Edward Gwozdz
Another young man who volunteered for service with the coast guard and who will leave for Manhattan beach, N. Y., tomorrow is Edward Gwozdz, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gwozdz of 66 Harwich street, Chicopee. Edward attended Chicopee high school. He is the first man to enlist in the armed services from the Dana S. Courtney company of Chicopee, where he has been employed for more than two years.



LIEUT. PAUL KOZIKOWSKI
Chaplain at Fort McClellan

Lieut. Paul Kozikowski

The youngest of four brothers who are priests, Rev. Paul Kozikowski, OMC, left today for active duty at Fort McClellan, Ala., as an army chaplain. The son of Mrs. Stella Kozikowski of 34 Foster street, Springfield, he attended St. Stanislaus school, Chicopee; St. Francis high school, Athol Springs, N. Y.; entered the order, Franciscan Minor Conventuals, and made his novitiate at Ellicott City, Md.; and completed his philosophical and theological studies at St. Hyacinth's seminary, Granby. He celebrated his first solemn high mass in 1938 at St. Stanislaus church, Chicopee. He remained there as assistant to the Very Rev. Laurence M. Cyman. His brothers, who are priests, are Rev. Henry Kozikowski, Clifton, N. J.; Rev. Julius Kozikowski, Ellicott City, Md.; and Rev. Stanislaus Kozikowski, Buffalo, N. Y. Four other brothers are well known in Chicopee. They are Dominic, local undertaker; Henry, Mitchell and Edmund. Another brother, Adam, lives at Gardner. The only sister is Mrs. Sophie Szczuka.



RICHARD ROBAK
Gets Sendoff Party.



MAX ROBAK
At Gunnery School.

Richard Robak

Friends and relatives of Richard Robak, 27, son of Mr and Mrs Antoni J. Robak of 98 Pulaski avenue, Chicopee, gave him a sendoff party before he left on the 16th for naval duty. For the past year Richard has been employed by the United States engineering department at Westover field as a machinist. He enlisted at the Springfield recruiting station and was given the rating of machinist's mate in the naval reserve. He was graduated from Chicopee high school.

Max Robak

Max Robak, 25, brother of Richard, has been in the army since he was 18 years old, having enlisted on his birthday. A former Chicopee high school student, Max was stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii, for three years and won an honorable discharge. He was hired for a construction regiment to go to Hamilton, Bermuda, and helped build the naval air base. Last August he again entered combat service and was assigned to the flexible gunnery school of the air corps. He is now at Fort Myers, Fla., and expects to win his "wings" as a gunner at the end of this week.



WALTER I. JURAS
Stationed at Fort Jackson

Walter I. Juras

On last April 17 Walter I. Juras, 24, entered the army, and is now stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Harold Juras, 57 Harwich street, city. He was graduated from Kirby junior high school

and was employed by the Turners Falls Power and Electric company. He wrote home that he is "feeling fine and everything is going along okay."

AT FORT JACKSON



THADDEUS GARCZYNSKI, Left
STANLEY WASKIEWICZ, Right

Chicopee, June 16—Mr and Mrs Joseph Garczynski of Lyman road, Chicopee, recently received a telephone call from their son, Thaddeus, who is stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. He thinks that "army life is swell." Before being inducted into the armed forces, Thaddeus was employed as bookkeeper at the American Bosch corporation. His buddy, Stanley Waskiewicz, of Chicopee, is also stationed at Fort Jackson. Both boys are with the artillery.

AT FORT KNOX



JOSEPH BRZEWOWSKI

Chicopee, June 3—Pvt Joseph Brzezowski of Fort Knox, Ky., is enjoying the best of health, according to word received by his mother, Mrs K. Brzezowski of Poland road. Before entering the service the young man was employed by the Westinghouse Manufacturing company.



(Photo by Ponfara)
HENRY LONCZAK
Chose Army Air Corps



(Photo by Ponfara)
CHESTER LONCZAK
Joined the Navy

1942

Chester and Henry Lonczak
Chester and Henry Lonczak, sons of Mr and Mrs Stanley Lonczak of 72 Florence street, Chicopee, left last week to serve with the navy and army air corps, respectively. Chester, 22, went to Newport, R. I., on Friday to start apprentice-seaman training. He attended Chicopee high school, played baseball, and later was employed at the Fisk tire division of the United States Rubber corporation. Henry, 26, a graduate of Chicopee Trade school, had been employed at the Moore Drop Forging company as a mechanic. He left last Wednesday for Fort Devens, but will be sent to Jefferson barracks, Mo., for air corps mechanic training.

NOW IN AUSTRALIA

25



1942

MAX GALASKA

Chicopee, May 19—Pvt Max Galaska, son of Mr and Mrs A. Galaska of 21 Arthur street, is with the troops in Australia. He has been in service for over a year. Before being inducted into the service he was employed by the Berkshire Upholstering company.

COMPLETES COURSE AT ARMY SIGNAL SCHOOL

1942



PVT MEDARD KRZEMINSKI

Chicopee, Sept. 2—Private First Class Medard M. Krzeminski, son of Mr and Mrs Jacob Krzeminski of Gardner road, who enlisted in the army a year ago, has successfully completed a course in teletype maintenance at the army signal school at Fort Monmouth, N. J. The course requires three months' application and study.

Before returning to his army unit, Private Krzeminski is expected to spend several days with his parents. Later he expects to be assigned to the 26th signal platoon stationed at Fort Belvoir, Ill.



STEPHEN SOJA
With Army Air Force

Stephen Soja
A letter a week is the average mail Mr and Mrs Anthony Soja of 24 Hawich street, Chicopee, receive from their son, Stephen, stationed at Camp Beauregard, La. He claims military life is "perfect." He enlisted on January 20, last, at the local recruiting office. On the 15th he turned his 21st birthday. He attended Chicopee schools before getting a job with the United Electric Light company at Chicopee. He resigned to enter the air force.

WITH THE COLORS



LIEUT WALTER CESARZ
Promoted to Next Rank

1942
Good news reached Mrs. Josephine Cesarz of 36 West street, Chicopee, when her son, Walter, 27, let her know he had been promoted from second lieutenant to the rank of first lieutenant. Lieut Cesarz is now stationed at Carolina beach, N. C. He was commissioned an officer last March after completing a candidate officer's course at the infantry school, Fort Benning, Ga. He had served three years in the regular army from 1935 to 1938, then was a member of the National guard for three years before being called up in January, 1941. He was a guard at the Springfield armory before going on active duty.

OFFICER CANDIDATE



1942 PHILLIP GOLDSTEIN

Phillip Goldstein, nephew of Mr and Mrs Isaac Polunsky of 1 Polunsky place, is at the army administration school at Gainesville, Fla., where he was enrolled as an officer candidate a week ago today. When he finishes the three months' course he will be commissioned a second lieutenant.

Holding the grade of technician, fifth class, Goldstein was stationed until his appointment, at Fort Riley, Kan., as a member of the cavalry. He entered the service January 22 and was assigned to Fort Riley after a few days at Fort Devens.

He made his home, with his aunt and uncle and worked as a shoe salesman in Chicopee and Thompsonville, Ct. for seven years before he was



1942 JOHN E. SUTHERLAND

Mr. and Mrs. John Sutherland of 246 Central Street have received a letter from their son, John E. Sutherland, informing them of his safe arrival in Australia. The letter also advised them that after less than a year of service he has been promoted to the rank of master sergeant, highest noncommissioned officer rating. Sutherland was an employee of A. G. Spalding & Bros. in Chicopee and was inducted into the Army last March.

Of his latest advancement he wrote, "I can hardly believe it, but I am going to do the best work possible so that I shall retain this rating." His letter, dated March 5, reads in part: "At last we have ground under our feet. I am located somewhere in Australia and it is a grand country and the people are most friendly. It seems strange to see flowers blooming in March. They have very lovely gardens here with the same kind of flowers that we have at home." At the end of his brief communication, which passed the censor, he tells his parents not to worry a bit about him for, as he says, "I am fit as a fiddle."



HENRY SYDLO
Tank Driver Is Promoted

March 2-1942



MITCHELL CYBULSKI
Was Home On Furlough



1942 STANISLAW J. BOROWIEC
East Longmeadow

Seaman Borowiec went into the navy six years ago. He is the husband of the former Miss Mary C. Devlin, and son of Mr and Mrs Wojciech Borowiec of 62 Chicopee street, Chicopee. He was last heard from by his wife September 26, when he



DONALD F. WELCH

1942



CALVIN J. BISHOP
Month's Furlough Ends

1942

Seaman Promoted

1942 27



Joseph J. Dzialo

Joseph J. Dzialo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dzialo, 46 Fountain St., who enlisted in the Coast Guard in April, has been promoted to seaman 1st class.

After preliminary training at Manhattan Beach Dzialo was sent to the Coast Guard base at Buffalo where he is now stationed. He is an MD and Holyoke High grad and was an active member of the MD A. C.



WILLIAM TARNOWSKI
Training at Great Lakes



EUGENE KORAPOCHI
Has First Furlough Home

William Tarnowski

The navy obtained an experienced automobile body man when they accepted William Tarnowski and gave him a rating of petty officer, second class. His wife will remain at their home, 47 Algonquin street, Chicopee. William left last Thursday for the Great Lakes naval training depot. He is well known in the Chicopee area, having operated the garage formerly called the "Chicopee Auto Body company."

Eugene Korapochi

A warm welcome was given to Pvt First Class Eugene Korapochi, son of Mr and Mrs Frank A. Korapochi of 71 Shaw Park avenue, Chicopee. It was his first visit home since he entered the army last March. Eugene attended local schools and was graduated from Chicopee high school. Before enlisting he was employed by the Berkshire Upholstered Furniture company. He is now stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C.



1942 PHILIP GOLDSTEIN
With Cavalry Unit Now

Philip Goldstein

Horses are not things of the past in Uncle Sam's streamlined and mechanized army. Philip Goldstein, nephew of Mr and Mrs Isaac Polunsky of 1 Polunsky place, this city, will attest to that because he is one of the lucky young men assigned to the only cavalry outfit in the nation at Fort Riley, Kan. Philip was inducted into the army on January 22. He worked as a shoe salesman before that at Chicopee, Thompsonville, Ct., and this city. His buddy, Joseph Gorelli of 18 Allendale street, drafted the same day Philip was, is also stationed at Fort Riley.



RUDOLPH CHAPDELAINE
Awaiting Cadet Order

1942
Rudolph Chapdelaine
For 14 months, Pvt Rudolph Chapdelaine, 24, served with the 10th infantry at Camp Edwards and in the Carolina maneuvers. Now he is on extended furlough, waiting to be appointed as an aviation cadet. The son of Mr and Mrs Orphir Chapdelaine of 121 Chicopee street, Chicopee, he entered the army March 12, 1941. He was graduated from Chicopee high school. Well known in Chicopee, he was recording secretary for the Assumption Drum corps. For eight years before he went into the service he was employed by the Berkshire Upholstering company. He expects to report to the Camp Edwards recruiting station when his orders come through.



1942
FRED F. OLBRYCH
Came Home to See Folks

Fred F. Olbrych
Another army man who came home for 10 days is Pvt Fred F. Olbrych, son of Mr and Mrs Andrezj Olbrych of 23 Miller street, Chicopee. Fred was recently released from the Stark General hospital where he recuperated from an illness for six weeks. He told his family he is "in the pink" now and "raring" to rejoin his unit at Stoney field, Charleston, S. C. His brother, Albin, is being inducted into the army today.



1942
LIEUT JOHN E. NOWAK
Was Home On Furlough

Lieut John E. Nowak
Having completed the officers' candidate course at the armored force school, Fort Knox, Ky., John E. Nowak, 23, son of Mr and Mrs Mark Nowak of 45 Kirkland avenue, Ludlow, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the tank corps and assigned to the 191st armored force. Wearing his gold bars of his rank he came home on a six-day furlough to visit his folks. Lieut Nowak was stationed for a year with an armored force unit at Fort Meade, Md., before being appointed to take the officers' training course. Before enlisting he was employed as a clerk at Rood & Woodbury. He was graduated from Ludlow high school.

KILLED IN SOLOMONS



7-12-1942
CHESTER LANCAK, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanislaus J. Lanczak, of 72 Florence Street, Chicopee, was killed in naval action in the Solomon Islands. The Navy Department reported yesterday, according to a telegram received by the young sailor's parents. Chester would have celebrated his 23d birthday Christmas Day.

He enlisted in the Navy in January, 1941. He attended the Chicopee High School. His elder brother, Henry, is in the Army and is stationed in Tennessee. He was nicknamed "Joe" by his Chicopee friends and was employed as a mechanic.



1942
MICHAEL J. WAJDA

Quartermaster Wajda attended Chicopee high school, was a member of the C.C.C. before he enlisted. His brother, Steve, is serving aboard a submarine. They are sons of Mr and Mrs Joseph Wajda of 17 Rose street, Chicopee Falls.

Michael J. Wajda was promoted to quartermaster, first class, when he was assigned to his new berth, and Randolph M. Orcutt, Jr., electrician's mate, third class, was fresh out of naval training school.

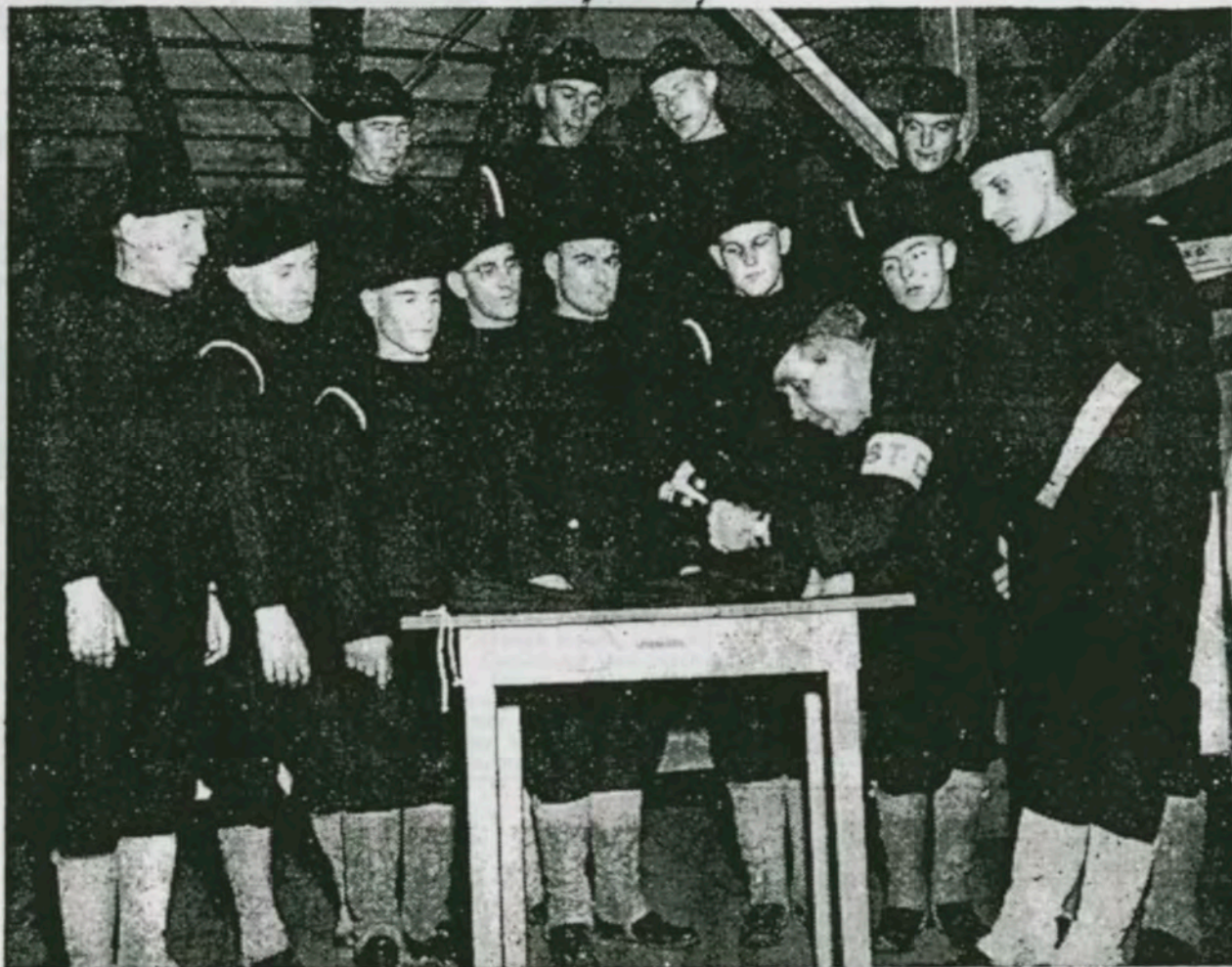
IN ITALY ACTION



JOHN S. STRYCHARZ

Chicopee, Aug. 8—Pvt John S. Strycharz, 21, son of Mrs Pauline Kowal of 36 Wilson avenue, is now serving in the infantry in Italy. He entered service January 4, 1941, and received 17 weeks' basic training in heavy weapons at Camp Blanding, Fla. He spent a 10-day furlough at home before going overseas. He was graduated from Chicopee Trade school and was employed as a toolmaker at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft plant at East Hartford. In a letter home recently he spoke of meeting Lieut-Col Andrew Nowak, brother of Atty Joseph Nowak of this city.

Local, Chicopee Boys Are Shipmates at Newport



Shipmates in the same recruit company at the naval training station, Newport, R. I., are 12 sailors from this city and vicinity. They are shown above receiving instruction in the navy's way of rolling their uniforms and other clothes for stowing in their seabags.

Personal neatness is impressed on the recruits at the beginning of their training. When they compare the pile of new uniforms, hats, socks, underwear, handkerchiefs, extra pair of shoes and other items with the smallness of their seabags, they wonder if

the trick of stowing their belongings is "done with mirrors." Their perplexity is short-lived, however, as they quickly learn that when everything is folded, rolled, tied and stowed to navy regulations, there is room to spare in their sailors' "wardrobe."

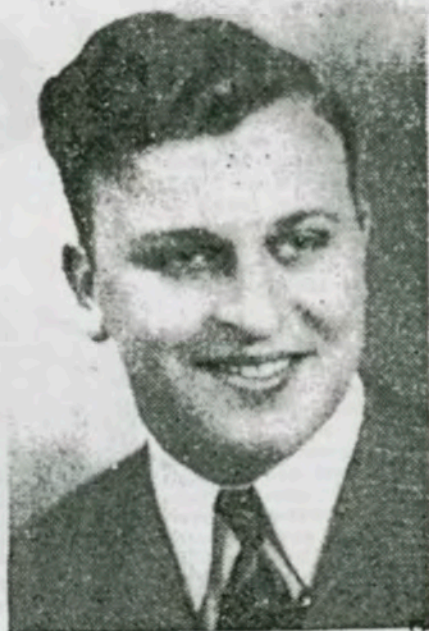
Pictured above in front row, left to right, are: Ralph Alpert, 39, of 403 Carew street, storekeeper, third class; William J. Gazelbrook, 18, of 767 Worthington street; Alexander M. Nuzzolilli, 18, of 91 Washburn street; Roger W. Gundersleeve, 29, of 28 Fresno street, fireman, second class;

Frederick J. Sexton, 23, of 15 Lyman street, fireman, second class; Kenneth W. Erickson, 18, of 115 Wilbraham road; Joseph M. Sampson, 17, of 195 Old Bridge street, West Springfield and Robert Diamant, 23, of 767 Worthington street, scaman, second class.

In the back row, same order, are: Robert L. Shea, 41, of 12 Emmett street, Chicopee Falls; Tadeusz A. Soja, 19, of 58 Hardwick street, Frederick A. Pelczar, 19, of 43 Chester street and Richard P. Herbert, 24, of 243 Center street, all of Chicopee.



STANLEY J. ZAGULA
Was Home On Furlough



GEORGE CAMPBELL

Stanley J. Zagula
son of Mr.
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months of training and is expected
home on a 10-day furlough next week.
On return to duty he will be stationed

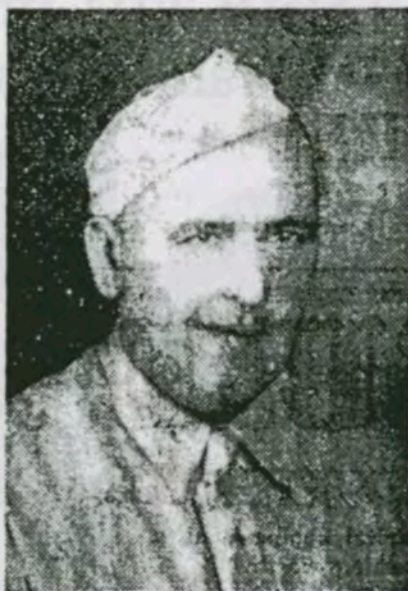
IN CALIFORNIA



PETER MICHONSKI

Chicopee, Dec. 4—Peter Michonski son of Thomas Michonski of St James avenue, who is stationed in Los Angeles, Cal., says in a letter to his dad that he has been through about 24 states since he joined the army. He was born in Chicopee Falls, attended the local schools, and was employed as manager of the White Eagle Bottling company, owned by his father, when he left for the service.

IN CARIBBEAN



WALTER J. SZUMNY

Chicopee, Dec. 11—Walter J. Szumny, formerly in the fruit and vegetable business with his brother, John Szumny, of 160 Florence street, is now stationed in the Caribbean sea with the United States forces. In a letter to his mother, Amelia Szumny, Walter says: "The weather here is fine. I am enjoying army service." Walter has been in the army since April 11.

VISITING PARENTS

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(Photo by Fonfara)

LIEUT LEOPOLD E. OLBRYCH

Chicopee, Feb. 16—Lieut Leopold E. Olbrych, son of Mr and Mrs Albert Olbrych of this city, who was graduated from the officers' candidates school in December and who later attended the special officers' school at Camp Lee, Va., is visiting his parents. He has many medals for marksmanship with machine gun, pistol and rifle and was on the pistol team of his battery.

He enlisted in the regular army in March 1936, and served three years with the fifth infantry in Portland Me. Given his honorable discharge he reenlisted in the regular army and serves in December 1939 and remained on call until February, 1941 when he was recalled to active duty at Camp Edwards.

He became master sergeant as the personnel sergeant major and then applied for a commission, and was sent to the officers' candidates school. He has the American Defense Service medal and was given a good conduct ribbon.



WALTER KRZEMINSKI
With Destroyer's Crew



MEDARD M. KRZEMINSKI
Promoted to Sergeant

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Medard M. Krzeminski, 23, son of Mr and Mrs Jacob Krzeminski of 6 Gardner road, Chicopee, has been promoted to the grade of sergeant, he informed his parents in a recent letter. He enlisted September 19, 1940, in the army signal corps and received most of his training at Mitchel field, Long Island, N. Y. He later attended a signal school at Fort Monmouth, N. J., for three months in 1941, and is stationed at Fort Dix, N. J. Before enlisting he was employed by the First National stores.

Walter Krzeminski

With his brother in the army, Walter Krzeminski, son of Mr and Mrs Jacob Krzeminski of 6 Gardner road, Chicopee, decided the navy was the branch of the service for him. He enlisted January 2, and after apprentice seaman training was assigned to duty aboard a destroyer. After 10 weeks' instruction as a fire controlman, he was given the rank of petty officer, third class. He attended Chicopee high school and Chicopee Trade school and before enlisting was employed by the American Bosch corporation.

Three From This Area In Navy Casualty List



Chester J. Lanczak



Philodor H. Brown

Two sailors and a marine from the Transcript circulation area are listed in the navy's latest casualty list issued today.

Pfc. Philodor H. Brown, 51 Cabot, marine corps, is reported wounded; Fireman 2d Class Chester Joseph Lanczak, 72 Florence, Chicopee, is reported killed; and Seaman 2d Class Armand Gerard Fontaine, 34 Howard, Chicopee, is listed as missing.

The casualty list covers the period from Nov. 16 to Nov. 30.

Pfc. Brown, who joined the marines in January, was among the leathernecks who captured Guadalcanal and Tulagi Islands in the Solomons Aug. 7 and who held Guadalcanal thru some of the bloodiest fighting in history.

A letter to his parents, Mr. and

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Mrs. Mark Brown, written Aug. 20, told them he was on Guadalcanal and remarked "we are giving them a good fight." That was the day that the marines slaughtered all but 30 of 700 Japs who attempted to recapture Henderson Field, the island's important airbase.

Pfc. Brown was born in Holyoke Feb. 7, 1921, attended the Morgan school and worked for the Hampshire Brick Co., before enlisting. He was promoted to private first class after three months training at the marine base at New River, N. C.

Chester J. Lanczak, 23, of 72 Florence St., was killed in action on Nov. 12, according to a telegram received by his mother, Mrs. Anna Lanczak, from the U. S. Navy. No details of the action are given in the telegram, but there were several important engagements with the Japanese fleet in the Solomon Islands at that time.

Chester was a graduate of Chicopee High school, where he was prominent in athletics. He was employed at the Fisk division of U. S. Rubber Co. He enlisted in the navy within a month after Pearl Harbor. He received his basic training at Newport, and also served at Norfolk before he went out with the fleet. He was assigned to a destroyer. He would have celebrated his 23rd birthday on Christmas Day.

He has a brother Henry in the army, now serving at a camp in Tennessee.

in Uncle Sam's Fighting Forces



ALFRED SZCZYGIEL
Was Home for 10 Days



MARYAN J. SZCZYGIEL
Attends Armorer's School

Alfred and Maryan J. Szczygiel
Pvt Alfred Szczygiel, one of Mrs. Sophie Szczygiel's two sons, was home last week on a 10-day furlough. His brother is Maryan J. Szczygiel and their home is at 40 Riverview terrace, Chicopee. Alfred is stationed at Fort Russel, Marfa, Tex., while Maryan is based at the armorer mechanic's school, Buckley field, Col. They think being soldiers is "swell." They attended Chicopee school and were employed at the Springfield armory before they went into the army.



EDWARD JASZEK
Home for 10 Days



TEDDY JASZEK
Was 21 on Thursday

Edward and Teddy Jaszek

Home for the first time in several months Pvt First Class Edward Jaszek, 22, will spend 10 days with his parents, Mr and Mrs Charles Jaszek of 247 Chicopee street, Chicopee. A member of the 104th infantry at Charleston, S. C., Edward put on a soldier's uniform in March, 1941. He was graduated from Kirby junior high school and attended Chicopee high school before he started to work for the Berkshire Upholstering company. He was with them three and a half years before he was inducted. His brother, Teddy, reached his 21st birthday on Thursday at Camp Crowder, Mo. Teddy went into the army October 1. He worked at the Berkshire Upholstering company for two years.

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WALTER TRELA
Visits Parents 5 Days

Walter Trela

After having completed his preliminary training as an apprentice seaman at the Newport, R. I., naval station, Walter Trela, 18, son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Trela, 154 Amherst street, Chicopee, was granted a five-day furlough. Since then he returned to duty at the air station, Quonset Point R. I. Walter enlisted at the Springfield recruiting station in August.



FRANK J. LONCZAK
Finishes "Boot" Training

Frank J. Lonczak

Home for nine days after finishing his "boot" training at Great Lakes, Ill., naval depot, Frank J. Lonczak, 21, son of Mr and Mrs John Lonczak of 47 Dwight street, Chicopee, expects to become an aviation machinist's mate. He will attend the special school when he returns to Great Lakes. He enlisted at the local recruiting station in September and left for training October 1. Frank prepared for his navy machinist's mate career by having worked at the Pratt & Whitney, East Hartford, Ct., plant for two years. He was graduated from Chicopee high school and attended Chicopee trade school.



(Photo by Whalen)
EDMUND J. KOKOSZKA
In Medical Regiment

Edmund J. Kokoszka
After spending the first three weeks of his army career at Fort Devens.

Edmund J. Kokoszka, 22, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Kokoszka of 177 Chicopee street, Chicopee, was transferred to Camp Barksdale, Tex. He is a member of a medical regiment. He attended Chicopee schools and was employed for more than a year at Smith & Wesson before he entered the service last September 26.

Chicopee Falls Brothers and Chum Join Army

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STANLEY MAMULSKI

Chicopee, Oct. 30—Two Chicopee Falls brothers and a friend left today for Fort Devens as members of the army air corps, having enlisted at the Springfield recruiting station early in the week.

The two brothers are Vatzl S. and Mitzi S. Rapa, sons of Mr and Mrs John Rapa of 71 Montgomery street. Their friend is Stanley Mamulski, 23,

son of Mr and Mrs Peter Mamulski of 11 Patrick street, Chicopee Falls.

Vatzl, 27, was employed for the past two years at the American Bosch corporation as a setup man on gear shapers. He attended Chicopee high school. Mitzi, 25, worked for the past six years at the J. Stevens Arms company as a setup man on milling ma-

chines. He went to Chicopee high and Trade schools.

Mamulski, a machinist and setup man on milling machines and grinders, was employed for a year and a half at Pratt & Whitney, East Hartford, Ct., and before that he worked a year at the Van Norman Machine Tool company. He also attended Chicopee high and Trade schools.



STANLEY M. CIECKO
Joins Coast Guard Service

Stanley M. Ciecko
Last Monday Stanley Michael Ciecko, 20, son of Mr and Mrs Louis Ciecko of 30 Stony Hill road, Wilbraham, enlisted in the coast guard service and was sent to Manhattan Beach, N. Y., for training. Stanley was graduated from Springfield Trade school where he pitched for the school nine. He worked for the past two and a half years at the Van Norman Machine Tool company as a machinist.



JOSEPH STRYCHARZ
Stationed in Boston

Joseph Strycharz
Having finished his preliminary training as an apprentice seaman in the coast guard, Joseph Strycharz, son of Mr and Mrs Lawrence Strycharz, 136 1/2 Main street, Indian Orchard, was sent to Lewis Wharf, Boston, as a seaman, second class. On February 1 he will go to New York city to attend the machinist's mates school. Before enlisting he was employed by the Baugh Machine Tool company.



(Photo by Weitzmann)
EUGENE L. GALUSKA
Fought Japs in Pacific

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Wearing the bronze star he had been awarded for active duty at Pearl Harbor when the Japs pulled their "sneak raid" of December 7, 1941, Eugene L. Galuska, 19, a corporal in the marine corps, came home to visit his parents. Mr and Mrs Joseph Galuska of 676 Front street, Chicopee. He enlisted in the marine corps April 7, 1941, was trained at Parris Island, S. C., then went to Quantico, Va., for additional instruction. From there he was assigned to service in the Pacific war zone. "Gene," as he is known, said that he had met the Japs in action and declared that the marines can be depended upon to "show up" the Nips. He was welcomed home by friends and relatives when he arrived. He

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Proud of Their Army Khaki and Navy Blue

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Frank and Alexander Ruckl

Next February it will be three years that Technical Sergt Frank Ruckl, 26, has been wearing a soldier's uniform. Last month his brother, Alexander, 24, entered the armed services, picking the navy. They are sons of Mr and Mrs John Ruckl of 50 Fairview avenue, Chicopee. Both boys went to Chicopee schools, Alexander to Chicopee high school and Frank to Trade school. Frank operated the Chicopee Car Exchange before he answered Uncle Sam's call, while Alexander worked for the A. G. Spalding company. Word from Alexander the other day said he was completing his recruit training at Great Lakes, Ill. Frank is stationed



FRANK RUCKI
Inspects Army Vehicles



ALEXANDER RUCKI
Future Machinist's Mate



JOHN KUTA
Petty Officer, Second Class



ZIGISMUND KUTA
Air Force Mechanic

John and Zigismund Kuta
Mr and Mrs Joseph Kuta of 11 Cowles court, Westfield, are proud of their two sons in service. John is a second class petty officer, holding a machinist's mate rating, while Zigismund ("Ziggie") is training as an aviation mechanic at Cochran field, Macon, Ga. John has been in South Boston, receiving instruction as a machinist. He was graduated from Westfield high school and worked in the Springfield armory. Zigismund completed the course at Westfield Trade school and worked at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, East Hartford, Ct., before he decided to join the army.



(Photo by Gold-Tone)
FRANK MOSKAL
At Jamestown, R. I.

Frank Moskal
Tech Sergt Frank Moskal, 23, son of Jacob Moskal of 30 Gaspee street is stationed at Fort Wetherill, Jamestown, R. I. He enlisted in the service, February 6, 1941.

Shipmate Lauds Heroism Of Chicopee Boy Killed in Solomon Islands Action

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Kudla recalled how happy he and his buddy were when newspapers from home reached them.

"They were usually a couple of months old, but they were welcome just the same. I can picture us now sprawled out on deck gobbling up the news."

He said there is no question that the United Nations have the situation well in hand in the Southwest Pacific. He commended the work of the marines in the Solomons and described them as a "great bunch of fellows." He said he brought back several souvenirs of battle with him.

IN NORTH CAROLINA



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Swol, son of Mr and Mrs Oliver Swol of Clarendon street, has a small daughter, Mary Ann, who was particularly delighted when her daddy came home on a furlough recently from North Carolina beach where he is stationed. Corp Swol married Victoria Bednarz of Chicopee two years ago and their daughter is a year old. Mrs Swol is now employed at the Chicopee city hall. Before entering the army Swol was employed at the Weeks creamery.

Others Serving at Sea



STANLEY KUDLA



ROBERT KUDLA

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Before leaving to join his ship, friends and relatives presented Stanley Kudla with a returning seaman's medal and recently made South America on a tour. He formerly was employed on the Bosch team.

FUNERAL MASS FOR SAILOR

A funeral high mass was held Saturday morning at St Stanislaus church for Second Class Seaman Chester Lonczak, son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Lonczak of 72 Florence street, Chicopee, who was killed in action in the Pacific at the Solomon Islands on November 12. Rev Lawrence Cyman was celebrant of the mass at the main altar and masses were said at the side altars.

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Before leaving for the coast to join his ship, Kudla was feted by friends and relatives at a banquet and presented many gifts.

Stanley Kudla, brother of the returning seaman, is also in the navy and recently made his first trip to South America on a merchant ship. He formerly was employed by the Bosch corporation and played football on the Bosch team.

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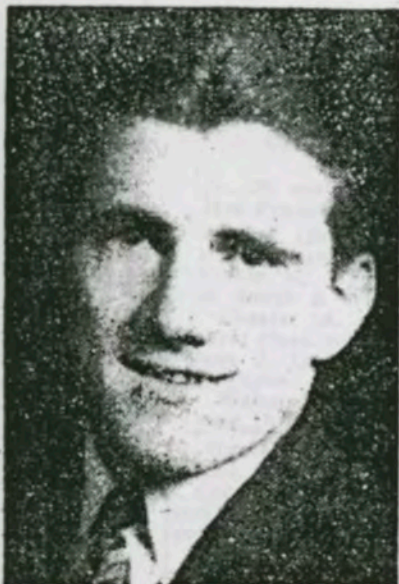
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KILLED IN SOLOMONS



CHESTER LANCAZAK, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanislaus J. Lanczak of 72 Florence Street, Chicopee, was killed in naval action in the Solomon Islands battle. The Navy Department reported yesterday, according to a telegram received by the young sailor's parents. Chester would have celebrated his 23d birthday Christmas Day.

He enlisted in the Navy in January, 1941. He attended the Chicopee High School. His elder brother, Henry, is in the Army and is stationed in Tennessee. He was nicknamed "Joe" by his Chicopee friends and was employed as a mechanic.

Wounded On Guadalcanal



WALTER BODUCH



PHILIDOR H. BROWN

19 Valley Men Listed As Casualties in Two Weeks by Navy, Marines

18th Official Navy Communique Shows Nine Are Dead, Seven Wounded, Three Missing; One of Missing Found

During the period from November 16 to 30, inclusive, 19 men from the Connecticut valley, serving in the navy and marine corps, today were reported as casualties in the 18th official navy department listing. Of the 19, nine are dead, seven wounded and three missing. One of the missing has been found.

The dead include three from Springfield, two from Pittsfield and one each from Indian Orchard, Chicopee and Windsor Locks, Ct. The wounded are from West Springfield, Ludlow, Holyoke, Northampton, Greenfield, Ware and Great Barrington, while the miss-

ing are from this city, Chicopee and Greenfield.

The Dead

The dead were: Pvt. Arthur J. Picard, 24, marine corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Picard, 297 Main street, Indian Orchard.

Pvt. Frank W. Lawton, 18, marine corps, son of Mrs. Gladys Lawton, 7 Piney place, city.

Pvt. First Class John J. Hynes, 24, marine corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hynes, 96 Everett street, city.

Pvt. First Class Francis E. Drake.

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ARMY-BOUND?



JIMMY ORLANDO

MONTREAL, Feb. 22 (AP)—Jimmy Orlando, former defenseman for the Detroit Red Wings, said today he was "trying" to enlist in the Canadian Army.

The former National Hockey League player has been living here with his parents pending an appeal from a four-year sentence for violating the United States Selective Service Act.

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Jr., 26, marine corps, son of Mr and Mrs Francis E. Drake, 255 Mill street.

Lieut (junior grade) Morgan, Wesson, 22, son of Lieut Col and Mrs Victor H. Wesson, former president of Smith & Wesson, inc., Palmer.

Chester A. Lanczak, 22, fireman, third class, son of Mr and Mrs Stanislaus J. Lanczak, 72 Florence street, Chicopee.

Walter S. Gorka, action crumpling man, third class, son of Mrs Josephine B. Gorka, 18 Seymour street, Windsor Locks, Ct.

Corp John P. Collins, marine corps, son of James M. Collins, 298 Wahnah street, Pittsfield.

Amos Fred Pike, fireman, second class, son of Forest A. Pike, 30 Fourth street, Pittsfield.

The Wounded

The wounded were: First Lieut Frederick W. Riggs, Jr., 23, marine corps, son of Mr and Mrs Frederick W. Riggs, 32 Oleander street, West Springfield.

Pvt First Class Walter J. Boduch, 21, marine corps, son of Mrs Anna Boduch, Chapin street, Ludlow.

Pvt First Class Philodor H. Brown, 22, marine corps, son of Mr and Mrs Mark Brown, 51 Cabot street, Holyoke.

Gunnery Sergt Clinton F. Haines, marine corps, husband of Mrs C. F. Haines, 17 Hampton avenue, Northampton.

Pvt First Class Robert F. Handy, marine corps, son of Mrs Cassie Handy, 203 Chapman street, Greenfield.

Pvt Edward G. Pajak, marine corps, son of Anthony Pajak, 21 West street, Ware.

Pvt Richard B. Larkin, marine corps, son of Frederick Larkin, 85 East street, Great Barrington.

The Missing

The missing men were: Armand Gerald Fontaine, seaman, second class, son of Mr and Mrs Emile J. Fontaine, 34 Howard street, Chicopee.

William A. Maloney, 22, seaman, second class, son of Mr and Mrs Joseph H. Maloney, 683 Carew street.

Pvt First Class Alfred G. Gray, 20, marine corps, son of Sergt S. Aubrey Gray of the Springfield marine corps recruiting station and Mrs Gray of 8 Phillips street, Greenfield, was reported missing, but later word from Washington D. C., informed his parents he was safe.

Others in the missing category may have been rescued at sea and landed at isolated spots or otherwise made their way to safety at places from which they have had no opportunity to communicate with United States officials.

Lawton Was Well Known

Pvt Lawton was well known in this area, having been a member of the First Christian church choir. His mother received the last letter from him dated October 22. He explained why he had not written as often as he liked, saying: "You'll know that I'm kind of busy trying to win the war." Speaking of the marine corps accomplishments, he added, "We're doing a darn good job here even if I do say so myself." Then he admonished his mother not to worry.

"Keep your chin up, Mom," he wrote. "Your prayers have been answered to a T." The letter arrived early in November and the navy notification of his loss was received November 30.

Lawton attended Technical high school and was employed at the Springfield Armory until he enlisted at the local recruiting office last January. Like most marines from this area he trained at Parris Island, S. C., and New River, N. C., before he embarked for the fighting fronts.

Picard Prominent in Athletics

Pvt Picard, known as "Cheer" to Indian Orchard people, was prominent in athletics, having played football for the Orchard Tigers and Better Oles. He also played basketball and baseball. He enlisted in the marine corps in September, 1941. His family was informed of his death November 23. Born in Indian Orchard, he attended Myrtle-street school, Technical high and Trade schools. He worked at the Chapman Valve Manufacturing company. Besides his parents, he leaves three brothers, David, in the army overseas, Elmer and Lawrence at home, and four sisters, Mrs Irene Bruso and Mrs Dorothy Nareau of Indian Orchard, and Dora and Florence at home.

On November 22, the parents of Pvt First Class Hynes learned he had been killed in action. Born in Springfield, he went to local schools and was graduated from Technical high school in 1937. In 1941 he was graduated from New York university and was employed in New York city until he enlisted December 8, 1941, the day after Pearl Harbor was attacked. Besides his parents he leaves two sisters, Margaret and Rita, at home.

Drake First Killed in Action

The first marine from this city to be recorded as killed in action was Pvt First Class Drake. His parents were informed by telegram November 23, that he had died at Guadalcanal. He enlisted October 22, 1940, and after "boot" training at Parris Island, S. C., he served with the fleet marine force at Cuba, Puerto Rico and at

other stations along the Atlantic and Caribbean coasts. He returned to the states after a trip to Central America. His last letter was received by his parents October 15.

Lieut Wesson was killed in action aboard a vessel whose name was not disclosed by the navy department when it sent a telegram to Lieut-Col and Mrs Wesson at Berkeley, Cal., where the colonel is assigned to the Anicla Arsenal, near San Francisco. Lieut Wesson was born in Longmeadow December 19, 1918, and attended Deerfield academy. When he was graduated he went to Yale university where he was a member of Davenport college, the Dramat and the naval ROTC. When he was graduated in June, 1941, he was commissioned an ensign and the following September he was called to active duty. He spent three months at Annapolis, Md., taking a communications course before being assigned to his ship. Last June he was promoted to lieutenant, junior grade, and letters from him hinted he had witnessed considerable action. Besides his parents he leaves two brothers, Maj Rufus of Mendon, N. Y., now overseas with an anti-aircraft regiment; Daniel E., of this city, and a sister, Mrs Robert L. Nields of Hardwick.

Lanczak Enlisted January 37

Fireman Lanczak's folks learned that he had been killed in action on November 30. He enlisted at the Springfield naval recruiting station last January 7. He attended Chicopee high school where he played baseball. Until he joined up he was employed at the Fisk division of the United States Rubber corporation. His brother, Henry, entered the army two days after Chester enlisted.

A few weeks ago First Lieut Riggs wrote to his parents that he was recuperating aboard a naval hospital ship and that he had been promoted from second lieutenant. He said he hoped to get back into action before long. He was graduated from Cornell university in June, 1941, and enlisted in the marine corps the next day. He went through the reserve officers' class at Quantico, Va., before he was given a command.

Pvt First Class Boduch has been in the marine corps since December, 1939. He attended Ludlow high school before he decided to volunteer for duty with the "Devil Dogs." He was home just before his unit embarked for the Southwest Pacific area early in May. His mother has not learned the extent of his wounds.

Brown Wounded on Guadalcanal

Pvt First Class Brown was wounded while fighting on Guadalcanal. His parents were informed in a telegram received November 28, but are anxiously waiting to learn more about it. Brown was born in Holyoke and went to the Precious Blood and Hamilton-street school. He enlisted last January 3 and went to Quantico, Va., for training as well as New River and Parris Island. He worked at the Hampshire Brick company.

When the destroyer Meredith was sunk and news of it was released October 21, Seaman Maloney's father,

Linotype operator for The Republican, learned about it by reaching for a news story to put into type. As soon as he glanced at the name of the vessel he went home to tell his wife that William's ship had gone down. Later they received word that their son was missing. He enlisted September 7, 1941, and spent four weeks at Newport, R. I., before he was assigned to the machinist's mate school at Dearborn, Mich. After 16 weeks he was graduated last June and was sent aboard the repair ship, Dixie. Three weeks later he was given a berth aboard the Meredith, newly commissioned destroyer. He was an alumnus of Technical high school. He will be 23 two days before Christmas.

Last Thursday there was good news from Washington, D. C., for Sergt and Mrs Gray when they were informed their son, Alfred, reported missing, had been found and was safe. He was missing since the 1st. He enlisted at the Springfield marine corps recruiting office, where his father is now stationed as a recruiting officer, February 10. He was said to have been with the first contingent of marines who landed on Guadalcanal August 7.

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On Navy, Marine Corps Latest Casualty List



ARTHUR J. PICARD



WALTER S. GORKA



CHESTER LANCAZAK



JOHN J. HYNES



FRANCIS E. DRAKE, JR.



LIEUT MORGAN WESSON

SGT SERWATKA IS PRISONER OF GERMANS

Chicopee Aerial Gunner First Re-
ported Missing in Mission
From Italy 44

Chicopee, April 14 — Staff Sgt Thaddeus Serwatka, 35, of 16 Florence street, Chicopee, is a prisoner of war in Germany, according to word which reached his wife, Mrs Mary Nowak Serwatka, this morning. He has been in the service 18 months and is an aerial gunner. He was reported missing in action over Italy on February 25. He has two daughters, one 14, the other 6.

In the telegram from the war department, received today, Mrs Ser-



SERG T THADDEUS SERWATKA

watka was informed that as soon as her husband had been placed in a permanent internment camp by the Germans and his address had been learned, she would be informed. It takes from three to four months, usually, before addresses of prisoners of war in Germany are learned, she was also told.

Sergt Serwatka has three brothers in the service. Seaman Eddie Serwatka who is taking his boot training at Sampson, N. Y.; Joseph, seaman, first class, who is with the navy on a destroyer in the South Pacific, and Sergt Stanley Serwatka, who is with the marines in the South Pacific, having served in the Solomons. He has been in the service four years.

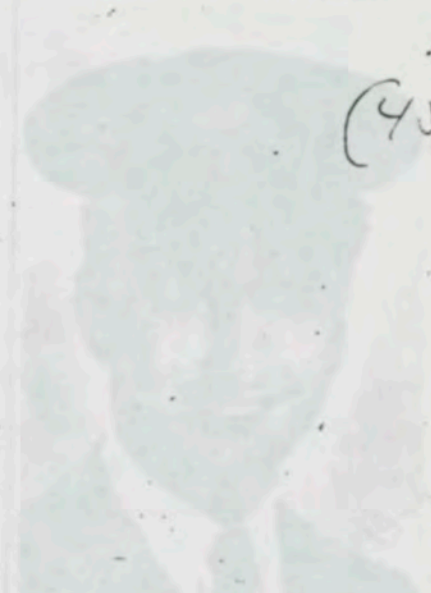
Brothers in Service



STAFF SGT THADDEUS SERWATKA

18—The sons of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Serwatka are members of the U. S. Armed Forces. They are Staff Sgt Thaddeus Serwatka, Seaman Eddie Serwatka, Seaman Joseph Serwatka, and Sergt Stanley Serwatka. Thaddeus is reported missing in action over Italy. Eddie is taking boot training at Sampson, N. Y. Joseph is on a destroyer in the South Pacific. Stanley is with the marines in the South Pacific. The family lives at 16 Florence street, Chicopee.

INFANTRY OFFICER



INFANTRY OFFICER

Charles E. ... is an infantry officer who was ...

TO TRAIN IN ...



TO TRAIN IN ...



TO TRAIN IN ...

Ludlow Brothers in Service



LT. B. P. KOWALSKI



PFC. MITCHELL KOWALSKI

LUDLOW, Jan. 20—Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kowalski of 168 Sewall Street are members of the U. S. armed forces. They are: Lt. Bronislau P. and Pfc. Mitchell Kowalski. Both are graduates of Ludlow High School. Bronislau was employed by Springfield Armory, Mitchell by Westinghouse before entering the service. The former is on a 10-day leave at home after graduating from the Officers' Training School in Aberdeen, Md. He will report for duty at Savannah, Ga., in the Aviation Ordnance division. He was inducted into service in March, 1941, and has been stationed at Ft. Devens, Camp Edwards and Florida. Pfc. Kowalski is in North Africa. He entered the Army in April, 1942, and received his basic training in Alabama. He was then transferred to Camp Edwards. He has been in England, Scotland and Ireland.

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INFANTRY OFFICER



FREDERICK J. SZCZEPANSKI

Chicopee, Dec. 21—Frederick J. Szczepanski, who was commissioned a 2d lieutenant in the infantry a week ago, has left for his station at Florida after visiting his parents. Mr and Mrs John S. Szczepanski of 34 Marion street, for the past 10 days.

He left Chicopee with the 194th infantry in January, 1941, and was advanced to the rank of corporal when he was picked for officer training. He is a native of Chicopee and was sent to Fort Benning. He attended Chicopee high school and Massachusetts Military academy before he was called into service.



ALPHONSE USCZCZ
Army Medical Soldier

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Alphonse Usczez
With a son and two grandsons in the army, Mr and Mrs Jacob Usczez of 200 School street, Chicopee, are proud of their contribution to the war effort. Their son, Alphonse, is a private in the medical department, stationed at Camp Claiborne, La. Before he went into the service he worked at the Springfield armory. Their grandsons are sons of Mrs Joanna Przybyla of 17 Billings street, Williamansett. One of the boys is in the naval air service while the other, Edward Kolodjay, is a sergeant somewhere in the Pacific southwest.

TO TRAIN IN WAAC



APHRODITE VLASTAKIS

Chicopee, Jan. 11—Miss Aphrodite Vlastakis of Ames avenue, who has been accepted by the Women's Army Auxiliary corps, will leave tomorrow for her basic training in the WAAC in Florida. Until recently she was employed as secretary at the American Bosch.

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WALTER S. BOSCH
Ends "Red" ...

Walter S. Bosch

After he had primary training man at the R. L. Walter S. Mrs Stanley I meade avenue, home on a leave folks. He at school. After was promoted officer, third Springfield for three months



JOSEPH ROGALA
Home On Furlough

Joseph Rogala

"I never dreamed I would be a member of a tank crew, tearing along in one of the General Grants, knocking over or climbing whatever gets in the way." That is what Pvt Joseph Rogala, 29, son of Mr and Mrs John Rogala of 39 Railroad road, Chicopee, said when he returned to Western Massachusetts on a 15-day furlough. He is stationed at Camp Cook, Cal. A graduate of Cathedral high school, Joseph worked for six years at the Moore Drop Forging company. He entered the service last April 11 and was sent to Fort Knox, Ky., for 14 weeks of basic training in the armored division. Then he was transferred to Camp Cook.



FRANK GAWRON
Had 15-Day Vacation

Frank Gawron

With Pvt Rogala, making the long trip back East from Camp Cook, Cal., was Frank Gawron, also a private in the armored division. He became a soldier April 11, and like his buddy, was sent to Fort Knox, Ky., before traveling to California. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Zygmund Gawron of 99 South street, Chicopee. He attended Chicopee high school and for two years worked at the F. W. Sickles company. Home for 15 days, he said that a member of a tank crew must be able to take on any of the five jobs inside the land "dreadnought" and handle it like a veteran.

HOME ON FURLOUGH



STANLEY DUDEK

Chicopee, March 16—Stanley Dudek, 21, son of Mrs Katherine Dudek of 58 Shaw Park avenue is enjoying a furlough from the navy and will return to his station at Newport News, Va., Saturday. He has been in the service 11 months. He is an expert gunner and has seen combat. He was graduated from Chicopee high school and worked at the United States Rubber company before enlistment.

Three Bobala Sons Serving Country



SERGT CHESTER P. BOBALA

Chicopee, March 16—Mr and Mrs John Bobala of 31 Ames avenue have three sons in the service, Sgt Chester P. Bobala and Pvt Max T. and Theodore F. Bobala. Chester entered the service first and has just finished his course as crew chief in the air corps at Gulfport, Miss. Before being inducted, he was employed



PVT THEODORE F. BOBALA

at the Fisk Rubber company. Max was next to join Uncle Sam's soldier boys and he is also in the air corps and is attached to a bombardment group seeing duty overseas. In a recent letter he told his parents that he is in the best of health and asked for his friends and former colleagues at the H. L. Handy plant,



PVT MAX T. BOBALA

where he worked before entering the service.

The last to go to war was Theodore, who has just completed his basic training at Camp Blanton, Fla. He has gained 15 pounds in the past three months, he tells his parents, and he thinks that army life must agree with him.

Brothers Reunited Overseas



FRED E. BABESKI



EDWARD BABESKI

Two Southwick brothers, who had seen each other only once in the past 15 years, met again in Scotland before the American invasion of North Africa and for a third time a week after the Yanks landed in Algeria.

In a letter to his mother, Mrs. Pauline Babeski of Point Grove, Sgt. Fred E. Babeski, 23, told about going aboard the troopship, of which his brother, Edward, 32, is junior engineer.

He said that while in Scotland he learned about the troopship being in the harbor and received permission from his commanding officer to go aboard. He met Edward and talked about home. Edward, who went into the merchant marine when he was 17, had met Fred at the home of their

sister, Mrs. Martha Chekovsky, a little more than two years ago for the first time in the 15 years he had sailed the seas.

The meeting was before July 24, 1940, when Fred enlisted in the army at the Springfield recruiting station. A member of an infantry division, he was stationed at Indiantown Gap, Pa., before he came home on furlough last July. Soon after he headed for Scotland.

The brothers saw each other again under Algerian skies a week after the American push. Spotting Edward's ship riding at anchor, Fred again asked for permission to go aboard. The captain granted the request. This time Fred learned that Edward had visited his mother and sister in Southwick just three weeks before.



HENRY M. KROL

Graduating as gunner sergeants of the air forces from the Harlingen gunnery school, Tex., Henry M. Krol, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Krol of 108 Muzzey street, Chicopee Falls, and Leroy O. Gauthier of Granby are ready to take their places with combat teams in the army's biggest bombers.

The two men completed the in-



ALAN LADD

Strycharz Brothers in Service



STANLEY STRYCHARZ



MICHAEL STRYCHARZ

Chicopee, March 2--Stanley and Michael Strycharz, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Strycharz of 15 Miller street, are both in the army. Michael was recently home on furlough and Stanley is expected to visit his folks soon.

Michael recently was graduated

from a glider course at Sheppard field, Tex., and is now at Mixton, N. C., where it is expected he will soon be promoted and assigned to further training. Stanley was recently promoted to corporal at Camp Stoneman, Pittsburg, Cal. Before entering the service he was employed by J. Stevens Arms company.



1942 **MAX KOSIBA**
Misses Friends Here

Max Kosiba
Sergt Max Kosiba, 22, is one marine who lives the life of a civilian in Washington, D. C. His home address is 12 Bertha avenue, Chicopee, though he has been home only for short stays since he entered the marine corps May 12, 1939. He trained at Parris Island, S. C., then put in for duty at the marine corps institute in Washington, D. C., and on July 16, 1939, his wish was granted. After two months he was told to report at the headquarters, marine corps, in the navy department for temporary duty as stenographer. He is now there permanently. Until the war broke out he wore civilian clothes but now wears his uniform always. He lives in an apartment in the Capital and has his meals out. He was last home for a week in September.

IN OKLAHOMA



1942 **JOHN KABELKA**

Williamansett, Dec. 14—Pvt John Kabelka of the army air corps who left for the service several weeks ago has sent word to his brother-in-law and sister, Mr and Mrs Joseph C. Desrochers of Bonner street with whom he made his home until his enlistment, of his recent graduation from the army training center at Michigan college.

Pvt Kabelka who is a graduate of Easthampton high school and who had been employed at the United States armory, Springfield, until his departure for service, has now been assigned to a new post at Will Rogers field, Oklahoma City, Okla.



1943 **FREDERICK J. JENDRYSIK**
First Class Seaman

Frederick J. Jendrysik
First Class Seaman Frederick J. Jendrysik of the coast guard is the son of Mr and Mrs Felix J. Jendrysik of 67 Chicopee street, Chicopee, and is home for 11 days. Frederick enlisted in March, 1942, and received his "boot" training at Manhattan beach, N. Y. On completion he was shipped to the coast guard academy, New London, Ct., where he spent three months. At present he is stationed at Staten island. Before enlisting Jendrysik was employed by the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing company. He was secretary-treasurer of the Cavalier club for two years and was well regarded as a softball player, being a long-distance hitter.



1942 **JOHN S. PRZYBYLOWCZ**
Somewhere in England

John S. Przybylowicz
Corp John S. Przybylowicz, son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Przybylowicz, 35 Wilson avenue, Chicopee, received his basic training at Fort Monmouth, N. J., where he was a member of the signal corps. He is now stationed "somewhere in England." John entered service June 5, 1942. Before that he was a partner with his father in the grocery business. He was graduated from St Stanislaus school and Chicopee high school. He manages to keep in touch with his folks through regular letters as well as an occasional cablegram.



(Photo by Gold-Tone)

1943 **EDWARD J. PRZYSTAS**
Serving in North Africa

Edward J. Przystas
When the army signal corps gets busy in North Africa, Technician Corp Edward J. Przystas, 18, son of Mr and Mrs John S. Przystas of 30 Cochran street, Chicopee Falls, will be with them. He went into the army air corps last May 20, when he volunteered at the local recruiting office. He attended Chicopee high school and was employed at Forbes and Wallace.

IN NEWFOUNDLAND



1943 **EDWARD JANAS**

Chicopee, Feb. 11—Edward Janas, signalman, third class petty officer, son of Mr and Mrs Marcel Janas of 118 Marcel street, Williamansett, is now stationed at Argentia, Newfoundland. His last visit home was on December 22. He was employed at the Stevens Arms plant before joining the army.

Brothers in Navy, Air Corps



FRED PELCZAR



EDWARD PELCZAR

Chicopee, March 22—Edward and Fred Pelczar, sons of Jacob Pelczar of 43 Chester street, are serving their country in different branches of the service. Edward is a private in the air corps and Fred is a member of the naval reserve.

Edward, 20, joined the air corps in October, and after reporting at Fort Devens, was assigned to Camp Luna, N. M., for basic training. He is now serving as a ferry pilot. He attended

local schools and is a graduate of Chicopee Trade school, where he received instruction in automobile mechanics. Previous to his enlistment, he was employed at the American Bosch company.

Fred joined the naval reserve on his 19th birthday, November 10, and received boot training at Newport, R. I. He is now on a warship as a diesel engineer. Before enlisting, he was employed at the Moore Drop Forging company.



(Photo by Hanifan)
JOSEPH CHIVALEK
Home Recently

Joseph Chivalek

Recently home on furlough after completing his boot training at Newport, R. I. Joseph Chivalek, son of Mrs Catherine Chivalek of 67 Beverly street, Willimansett, has returned to

duty and will be assigned to advanced navy training school. He is a rating of fireman, first class, was formerly employed in the Norman Machine Tool company.

ON LEAVE RECENTLY



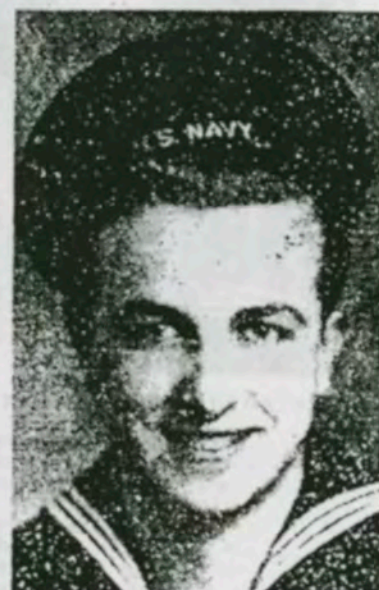
LIEUT ANTHONY B. JACOBSKI

Chicopee, Feb. 13—Lieut J. G. Anthony B. Jacobski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jacobski of 19 S. Main avenue, recently spent a five-day leave at home. He has been in the service since 1923. He is

Cousins Choose Navy Careers



REDOLPH PIROG



WALTER PIROG

Albany, March 20—Two cousins, Chief Petty Officer Rudolph Pirog, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pirog of Main street, Springfield, chose the navy for their branch of service. Rudolph has a head start with nine years in the service already completed.

Rudolph is enjoying a 10-day furlough with his parents and is expected to New London, Conn., shortly. He is stationed in the engineering service. His cousin, Walter, enlisted in the service last August and completed boot training at Newport, R. I., and was later assigned to the Great Lakes training station, Ill., where he is training for a machinists mates rating.

Chicopee Lad Cited for African Heroism



EDWARD MAREK



WALTER MAREK



JOSEPH MAREK

Chicopee, Feb. 11—Pvt Edward Marek, 21, who has two brothers, Walter and Joseph, also in the armed services, today was cited for heroic action in North Africa for helping to save the lives of an American bomber crew whose plane had crashed while taking off.

Carrying down a runway, the bomber came to a stop within 10 feet of the anti-aircraft gunpit. One engine was aflame and gasoline was pouring over the ground. Disregard-

ing their own safety, the anti-aircraft gunners, including Marek, removed the crew to safety, seconds before the plane exploded in flames.

Marek is the son of Mr and Mrs Louis Marek of 19 Blake street, Chicopee Falls, and is a veteran in army service. He is an infantry soldier and his parents said he probably has been in North Africa for some time.

His two brothers, Walter, 18, and Joseph, 20, are both in the navy and have not been heard from for the

past six months.

Pvt Marek has been in the service for three years and was last heard from by his parents at Christmas time when he sent them a sum of money from Panama as a Christmas present. He advised them he would be transferred soon after the holidays to a foreign port.

With his brothers, Pvt Marek attended St Stanislaus school, and was employed in Chicopee prior to entering the service.

Soldier in North Africa Misses Hearing From Friends at Home

Local Man Loses Addresses So Can't Write Till He Hears From Here

Somewhere in Northern Africa Anthony J. Walczak, son of Walter Walczak of 148 Cabot street, Chicopee, is helping the American forces get ready for the Big Push to crush the Nazis and Italian Fascists. But he thinks occasionally of home and friends, wishing some of the people he knew would drop him a line.

It had been simple for Anthony, a corporal in an infantry regiment, assigned to a headquarters company, to write to his friends and ask for mail. But during the invasion he lost the precious book of addresses and save for a few close relatives, he can't recall his other friends' addresses.

But there is an easy solution to Corp Walczak's problem. Take a look at the photograph and if you know him, write a letter to him in care of the 1st Batt. Hdqs. Co., 26th Infantry, A.P.O. #1, c/o Postmaster, N. Y., N. Y.

In his letter to a friend, he said: "I would appreciate if people I knew in Chicopee, Springfield and Holyoke would write. I sure missed Christmas at home, but I am glad to be here to get this issue settled, with the rest of the boys feeling the same as I do. We could use some magazines, especially detective, adventure and sport stories."

Corp Walczak will be remembered by his former coworkers at the Moore Drop Forging company and at the American Bosch corporation. He has been in the army for about four years, enlisting at Southampton, N. Y.

P.S. Corp Walczak is doing his share



ANTHONY J. WALCZAK

on the battlefield. A little ink and paper with some heartening message would be helping him from the home front.

HOME ON LEAVE



WILLIAM HARRINGTON, JR.

Home on leave for nine days from the naval hospital, Chelsea, William Harrington, Jr., is visiting Mrs Elizabeth M. Harrington, Armory street.

A hospital attendant, he is at the Bellevue hospital in New York city, at the Belchertown State and the Newington. He was on duty the night of the tragic Coconut Grove fire and helped the authorities pass all attendant and examinations given him to the navy.

He attended Northampton Armory-street schools and graduated from Central high school. His father, the late William Harrington, was well known in theatrical circles as "Wee Wee" Harrington. He was the late T. F. Harrington, clothier and realtor in this city.

Three Serving From Vlastakis Family

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1943 APHRODITE VLASTAKIS



MICHAEL VLASTAKIS



ANTHONY VLASTAKIS

Chicopee, March 17—Mr and Mrs George Vlastakis of Riverview terrace, Chicopee, have a daughter in the WAAC and two sons in the marines. Their daughter, Aphrodite, or "Data" for short, is completing her basic training for a clerkship in the WAAC in Daytona, Fla., and from all reports life in the WAAC is very pleasant. Pictures of herself and her companions show very happy girls, living a community life in a small tent city not far from the beach.

Their son, Corp Anthony Vlastakis, has seen a great deal of service in combat areas, for he has been in the South Pacific and has been transferred from Guadalcanal to another post for a rest period. Before being transferred to the East, he served with the marines in Iceland. He has been in the service three years. Michael, 17, is stationed at Hingham, and signed up for service in the marines on September 4.



MITCHELL S. CZARNECKI
Transferred to Denver

Mitchell S. Czarnecki
Mitchell S. Czarnecki, 20, son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Czarnecki of 41

Franklin street, Chicopee, has recently been transferred from Miami Beach, Fla., to Denver, Col. He was promoted to private first class with his transfer. He enlisted in the army air forces on March 1 and was formerly employed by the Van Norman Machine Tool company. He is a graduate of Chicopee high school.

Husband and Wife in Service



Rene L. Dubois is a gunner's mate first class in the Navy and has just returned from the Solomons. His wife is a member of the WAMS at Westover Field.

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Five Ludlow Brothers Serve in Different Army Posts



JOHN CYGAN



THADDEUS CYGAN



MITCHELL CYGAN



JOSEPH CYGAN



STEPHEN CYGAN

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Cygan of 96 Cedar street, Ludlow, have five big reasons, namely, Mitchell, 22; John, 25; Thaddeus (Teddy), 24; Joseph, 27; and Stephen, 28, for being interested in the army. Uncle Sam has been developing.

Corp. Mitchell Cygan is "somewhere in Africa" with the invading Yanks. He wrote home that he is "feeling fine and having a swell time. When I get back I'll bring a little Arab with me." He worked at Smith and Wesson before entering the army. He was active in athletics, having played with the Ludlow Orioles.

Pvt. John Cygan enlisted more than a year ago while he was employed at

the Chapman Valve Manufacturing company. He is stationed at Indian-town Gap Military reservation, Pa., and has three medals for accuracy with heavy weapons, pistol and rifle. He was home on furlough not long ago. "I'm with a swell bunch of fellows," he told his folks.

Thaddeus, or Teddy as he is called, is stationed at Fort Meade, Md. A graduate of Ludlow high school, he was employed at the Chapman Valve and Manufacturing company before ball, but the "jumps" he is getting in the quarter-ton jeep he is learning to master has it on jumping center. He wrote home recently, "It's great fun and I like to drive them. I ex-

pect a government license next week." Joseph is also a private, having gone into service last November 2. He is now stationed at Camp Breckinridge, Ky., a member of the infantry. Like his other two brothers, he worked at Chapman Valve.

The last one to enter the service was Stephen. He became a soldier January 15, exactly a year after John had offered his services to Uncle Sam. He worked at Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company before going in. He is now at Camp Bar-clay, Tex., where he is a medical soldier. However, he may be transferred to either the cooks' school or the paratrooper school. "I'd like to be a paratrooper," Steve said.

Paul R. Mierzejewski

Enjoying his first leave since enlisting in the navy is Paul R. Mierzejewski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic J. Mierzejewski of 38 Charpentier street, Willimansett. He enlisted last month, received basic training at Newport, R. I., and on Monday will go to the Great Lakes training school, Great Lakes, Ill., where he will study for a machinists' mate rating. Educated in the Chicopee schools, he was formerly employed by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company.

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Willimansett Man Gets 'Wings' as Army Bombardier



Among the new bombardiers in the army air force, graduated at Kirtland field, Albuquerque, N. M., was Dominick S. Mierzejewski, 25, son of Mr and Mrs Dominick Mierzejewski of 58 Charpentier boulevard, Willimansett, seen in the front of the group. Awarded "wings" of an aerial bombardier and commissioned second lieutenants, Lieut Mierzejewski and other men from Massachusetts await orders for their assignment. The men in second row, left to right, are Lieuts Gregory Bournazos of Ipswich, Arthur B. Crowley of Medford and George Elias of Fall River. In rear row, same order, are Lieuts Philip R. Gibbons, formerly of Natick; Hugh V. Cullinan of Cambridge, Vernon R. McKittrick of Lowell and Ronald F. Ward of Cambridge. A Pittsfield man, Lieut Charles A. Parker, was on a routine flying assignment when the picture was taken.

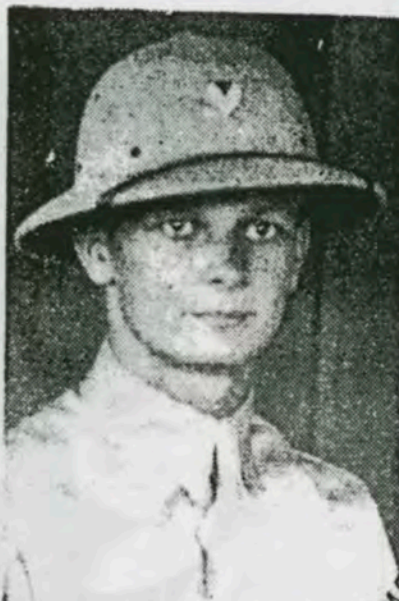
Willimansett, Feb. 8 — Almost a year after he had entered the army, Dominick S. Mierzejewski, 25, son of Mr and Mrs Dominick Mierzejewski of 58 Charpentier boulevard, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the army air forces as a bombardier. Lieut Mierzejewski was graduated from Kirtland field, Albuquerque, N. M., January 23, having successfully

finished the bombardier course. He enlisted January 19, 1942, and was sent from Fort Devens to Camp Polk, S. C., for basic training. Later he was sent to Rhode Island for observation duty and was based at the Hyannis army post.

Appointed as an aviation cadet he was transferred to Nashville, Tenn., for his preflight course in bombardier

training. For additional instruction he trained at Santa Ana, Cal., before going to Kirtland field.

He attended Chicopee high school where he was a member of the Glee club. He worked at the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company and was a member of the St Stanislaus church choir.



STANLEY SZPARA
Home On Furlough

1943

Sergt Stanley Szpara

Home on furlough for 20 days after spending three and a half years in Panama, British West Indies and Dutch Guiana. Sergt Stanley Szpara, son of Mr and Mrs Jacob Szpara of 122 Chicopee street, Chicopee, will be stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss., on his return to duty. He was recently promoted to sergeant.

Stanley Kulis

Stanley Kulis, fireman third class, 20, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Kulis of 14 Palmer road, Three Rivers, is attending Wentworth Institute in Boston after completing indoctrinal training at Newport, R. I. He entered the navy January 18. He attended Palmer schools and the Springfield Trade school and was last employed by the American Bosch corporation. He is now on a 10-day leave with his parents.



1943 (Photo by Messrs) STANLEY KULIS
Completes Boot Training

PRISONER OF WAR



SGT. JOSEPH P. WOISHNIS

FEEDING HILLS MAN LISTED AS WAR PRISONER

1942
Sgt. Joseph P. Woishnis
Well Known as Boxer
in This Area

Two Greater Springfield men, Sgt. Joseph P. Woishnis of 36 Poplar Street, Feeding Hills, and Sgt. Harold Rabinovitz of 816 Sumner Avenue, this city, were officially listed as prisoners of war by the War Department last night.

The Feeding Hills man, widely known to sporting fans in this area as a boxer, was at Pearl Harbor when the Japs attacked on Dec. 7, 1941, but escaped without injury. He was stationed at Nichols Field at the time and was welterweight champion of the division.

Woishnis was particularly well known to Holyoke Valley Arena fans and was considered by sporting au-

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1942 STANLEY P. SOJA
Returns to Duty



Stanley Maslak

company.

Stanley P. Maslak

Naval Aviation Cadet Stanley P. Maslak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Maslak of 223 Springfield street, Chicopee, has completed the course at the navy preflight school at Chapel Hill, N. C. and has been promoted to primary flight training at Bunker Hill, Ind. He attended Chicopee high school and American International college where he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Phi fraternity.

Three Pals Are Now in Marines

1943
Three Chicopee boys who left for Parris Island on Dec. 3, to begin their preliminary training as U. S. Marine recruits have completed this phase and have now been sent to advance training centers. They are in the picture, left to right, Stanley Skaza, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max



Skaza of 35 Moore Street; Edmund Radwanski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Radwanski of 45 Moore Street; Frank Piekroski, son of Mrs. Frank Piekroski of 637 Rimmon Avenue.

Until last week the three boys, all close pals and former athletic stars at Chicopee High School were together but since the initial training period has been completed, Pvt. Radwanski has been shipped to one advance training base and Pvts. Piekroski and Skaza have been sent together to another. Before they enlisted Pvt. Skaza was employed by Stadnicki's bakery and Pvts. Piekroski and Radwanski were employed at the Bausch Machine Tool Co. They are all natives of Chicopee.

MISSING IN ACTION



JOSEPH FRED LONICKI

JOSEPH LONICKI, CHICOPEE, SAID TO BE MISSING

1943
Well-Known Golfer Home in
December From Duty
With Navy

Joseph Fred Lonicki, son of Mrs. Maggie Lonicki of 33 Chicopee Street, Chicopee, was reported missing in action by the Navy Department yesterday, according to a telegram received by Mrs. Lonicki from Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs. The message stated that the sailor "was miss-

Joseph Lonicki

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ing in action in the service of his country."

Enlisted Last Year 1943

Lonicki, one of Chicopee's better known golfers and a member of the YMCA, enlisted in the Navy in June last year and served his boot training at Newport, R. I. before he was assigned to a ship of the fleet. Before he enlisted he worked for the Van Norman Machine Tool and the Stevens Arms Companies. He visited his home last December just before Christmas prior to leaving for active duty with the Navy.

He attended Lawrence School in Holyoke, Chicopee High School and Springfield Civil Service School. He was classed as a seaman, second class. Besides his mother, he has one sister, Josephine E., at home.

Home Again From Foreign Shores

The many friends in our Chicopee factories of Corp. "Doug" Marcus of the United States Marines were glad to see him home for a 30 day furlough in February and March after being under constant fire on Guadalcanal. "Doug" enlisted in the Marines in January, 1942 and his pride in his outfit is unbounded.

"They just can't be licked," he said. We have good reason to agree.

"Doug" is shown in the photograph with his mother, who is the sister of Jerry Douglas, general foreman of our Ammunition Department.

Capt. Luke Smith, navigator, Army Air Corps, gave us a very pleasant surprise in March when he came home



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Rainville



Ryan



Begley



Biernat

HOME ON FURLOUGH



RICHARD DOWEY

Chicopee, April 29 — Pvt Richard Dowe is visiting his home at 42 School street on a 10-day furlough from Fort Bragg, N. C. He has been in the service since Thanksgiving and before being transferred to North Carolina was stationed at New Orleans. His detachment is the medical corps. Since becoming a soldier he has received his final citizenship papers, for he was born in Belfast, Ire., but came to this country when a small child and now makes his home with his cousins, Mr and Mrs William Veigbey. Before his enlistment he was employed at the A. G. Spalding company in this city.



Marcus



McCready



Morrissey

Jan. 1943



CHESTER M. RZASA
Promoted

Chester M. RZASA
The promotion of RZASA from corporal to sergeant at the barracks in Lejeune, N. C. was announced. He and Mrs Barth Lawrence road entering the

he was employed as an upholstering carver.

Chicopee Couple Have Three Sons in Service



ALBERT R. GIGUERE



RAYMOND J. GIGUERE



PHILIP E. GIGUERE

Chicopee, May 21—The three sons of Mr and Mrs Eugene Giguere of 312 Center street, all graduates of Assumption school, are in the armed forces. The boys are Pvt Raymond J. Giguere, 24, Albert R. Giguere, seaman, first class, 18 and Pvt Philip E. Giguere, 20.

Pvt Raymond enlisted on June 25, 1941 and has been overseas for a year. He is the bugler of his regiment and was formerly employed at the Baush Machine Tool company.

Albert enlisted June 18, 1942, in the coast guard and his present where-

abouts are unknown. He was formerly employed at the Western Auto company.

Philip is in the air force and is now stationed at Miami Beach, Fla. He enlisted February 22, and was formerly employed by the Package Machinery company.

Father and Two Sons in Navy



Chicopee, April 28—A good-looking trio of sailors are the three Lynches, father and two sons, who hail from Chicopee. Raymond Lynch, the proud father, is standing in the center of the picture. On his left is Raymond, Jr., and on his right is his other son, James. Raymond Lynch, Sr., was formerly a clerk in the Chicopee postoffice and he is now stationed at the U. S. Naval hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y., as mail specialist. Raymond, Jr., is with the U. S. naval forces somewhere in the South Pacific and James, who was recently home on a short leave from a destroyer, has again put to sea and his present whereabouts are unknown.

1943



(Photo by Fonfara)

EDWARD W. KAPINOS

Home On Furlough

Edward W. Kapinos

Pvt Edward Kapinos, son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Kapinos of 33 Chestnut street, Chicopee, was recently home on a 15-day furlough from Camp Shelby, Miss. He attended local schools and before entering the service he worked for the Meyers Awning company.

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Brothers in Armed Forces

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(Photo by Belkin)
EDWARD A. GWOZDA
Home Recently

Edward A. Gwozda

Edward A. Gwozda, seaman first class of the coast guard, is the son of Mr and Mrs Michael Gwozda of 66 Harwick street, Chicopee, and he was home on furlough recently. He has recently been promoted to quartermaster, third class. He enlisted in February, 1942, and was sent to Manhattan beach, N. Y., and later to New London, Ct., where he is stationed now. Before enlisting he was employed by the Dana S. Courtney company.



(Photo by Weltzman)

EDWIN AND HENRY WILK

Two brothers in the armed forces. Edwin, 24, a member of the Coast guard, and Henry, 23, a corporal in the army, were home on furloughs recently, visiting their parents Mr and Mrs Adam Wilk, of 127 Cass street, for the first time together since they put on uniforms.

Edwin, a seaman, second class, enlisted last March 17 and received his training at Manhattan Beach, N. Y., before being sent to Marblehead and Cleveland, O., and to Fort McHenry,

Baltimore, Md. He is now at Fairport, O.

His soldier brother entered the service last April and saw duty at Fort Devens before being transferred to MacDill field, Fla. He is a member of a topographic unit, having worked for five years at the Richfield Topographic company, Chicopee Falls, before going into the army. He and Edwin were graduated from Technical high school. Edwin worked for five years at the General Baking company.

BECOMES LIEUTENANT



LIEUT PETER M. BURY

Chicopee Falls, April 22—Peter M. Bury, son of Mr and Mrs Matthew Bury of Rich street, was graduated today from the army air forces' advanced flying school at Eagle Pass, Tex., and commissioned a second lieutenant.

He is a graduate of Chicopee high school and prior to enlisting in the army was employed at the J. Stevens Arms company. He entered the service on March 13, 1942, and was stationed at Camp Edwards for 13 months where he was in the infantry. Transferred to Westover field, where he started training in the air force, he was later transferred to Kelly field, Tex., and finally to Randolph field, Tex.



(Photo by Weltzman)

JOSEPH PAZIK

At Fort Jackson, S. C.

Joseph Pazik

Pvt First Class Joseph Pazik, 20, son of Mrs Ballina Pazik of 15 Cassimer street is stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. He entered service December 9, 1942. He is a graduate of Trade school and worked at Van Norman Machine Tool company.



(Photo by Weltzman)

STANLEY SWIESKOWSKI

On Cape Cod Canal

Stanley Swieskowski

Stanley Swieskowski, seaman, first class, 19, son of Mrs Maryan Swieskowski of 593 Chestnut street, has been stationed Cape Cod since he entered the coast guard service on September 3, 1942. He was formerly stationed at Buzzards bay and Sandwich and is now at the coast guard station at Cape Cod canal. He is a graduate of Trade school and was last employed by the Springfield Ordnance

Local Guadalcanal Graduate Paints Vivid Picture of Fight

Says Heroes of Solomons
Were Scared All the Time



CORP HENRY A. GORSKI

Dec. 16 1943
The husky, good-looking marine with a Guadalcanal campaign bar pinned to the tunic of his dress uniform half-smiled as he said, "We were always afraid out there; afraid that the next bullet had our name on it. But we were fighting mad and would push on after the Japs no matter where they went."

Home on a short furlough Corp Henry A. Gorski, 26, nephew of Dr. I. B. Stegura of 216 Springfield street, made his tanned hands tremble to emphasize how the leathernecks in the malaria infested jungles had felt when they went into action. His voice was hushed as though he had been in the habit of talking like that since August 7 when his unit invaded the island and started to wrest it from the enemy.

Fear Always With Them
"Don't let anybody tell you that we ever got over feeling afraid," he went on, his blue eyes glinting and the line about his mouth tightening. "We kept going, though. We knew the folks back home depended on us." But there were times when the incessant tension jangled one's nerves and the raw edge of desperation cut through to the quick. Corp Gorski

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"Stack"

"Let's Go Fishing
for War Bonds"

1943
Stanley Przybyla of the Chicopee factory is not only serving in the armed forces but is buying war bonds in a big way. "Stack" as he is known to his fishing friends had bought \$2,000 worth of war bonds before being drafted into the Army last October. Besides working at our factory for a long time he has also been running a fishing tackle business on the side and when he left for the Army, he turned over to our Personnel Office his entire inventory of fishing tackle, amounting to several thousand dollars with in-

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LOCAL GUADALCANAL

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knew about it. He, too, had lived through those trying hours when death almost seemed welcome as a relief. At those times crazy ideas filtered through the minds of the men.

"One time when we were dug in along a river which led to the ocean, some of the boys thought seriously of building rafts from bamboo and taking off for some South sea island." Gorski grinned at the recollection. "That's the time we dreamed of living a life of peace and quiet away from the hanging of the guns."

Humor Comes to Rescue

But when such mental depressions weighed down the men, American humor cracked the hard shell of doubts. They would shrug off the dread by making inane remarks. "What—live on an island where we can't get beer? Nice cold beer pouring from a bar." And then they would discuss the kinds of beer they liked. What would this marine or that do for a glass of foamy stuff? Could anybody in the group describe how beer tastes?

"Then a Jap sniper would zing a slug at us from a tree and we stopped talking about beer until we nailed him," said Gorski. "The Japs usually were tied high up in the palm trees, branches tied to him for camouflage. When we drilled them, they'd just hang there until we got a chance to cut them down."

"Rumor Factory"

When conversation was lacking somebody would think up a rumor and it would go through the American ranks like wildfire. For instance, the boys talked for days about the rumors that Deanna Durbin and Judy Garland had died. The boys doubted the rumors, but they would talk about it until there wasn't an angle they missed. It was a relief to learn eventually that the stories were untrue.

"Another thing we used to talk about as we huddled in ravines or dug in along creeks and rivers was what the Russians were doing to the Nazis. We tried to compare the Germans to the Japs as fighters, and the general idea was that the Japs were more stubborn, but did not have as good equipment as the Nazis."

When they were spelled by other marines for a few days and went back near Henderson airfield, they would gather around the radios to hear the government broadcasts coming from San Francisco. The radio barely made the voices of the announcers audible, but it was good to

CHICOPEE BOY IN RESCUE OF RICKENBACKER

Believed Horace A. Walker in
Crew of Motor Boats
That Found Him

Chicopee, May 4--We have been told that we may tell our folks at home that we were instrumental in the rescue of Capt Eddie Rickenbacker," says Horace A. Walker, in a recent letter to his parents. Mr and Mrs Horace Walker of 233 Chicopee street. Nothing more was revealed



HORACE A. WALKER

In regard to the rescue of Rickenbacker, but the parents of the Chicopee boy believe that his squadron of fast motor boats was the lucky outfit that found Rickenbacker.

The younger Walker is a radio man, first class, aboard one of the boats, and he has been in the Pacific area for almost four years. He en-

listed four years ago and was wounded once, probably at Midway Island, his people believe. He was not heard from for three or four months after that battle. His letters come once a month now. Boxes mailed him, however, take several months to reach him, and once he received 17 letters from home at one time.

Lucien W. Biernat

Staff Sergt Lucien W. Biernat, son of George Biernat of 31 Austin street, Chicopee, has been assigned to an airfield in England with the 8th air force, where he is in charge of the photography laboratory. He supervises the taking and processing of all still and motion picture film on the airfield. Training for this type of work was taken at specialized schools in this country. He is a graduate of Chicopee high school and Massachusetts State college and was employed as a supervisor by the A. G. Spalding Brothers company.

Chicopee Soldier Gets Solomons Silver Star



FRED AUGUSTYNOWICZ

Pvt First Class Fred Augustynowicz, 22, of Chicopee, has been cited for gallantry while under enemy fire and presented with the Silver Star on Guadalcanal for his part in taking that territory from the Japs.

Augustynowicz in the citation is said to have been a member of an anti-tank unit and while subjected to heavy fire by the enemy continued to man his position until the tank attack was repulsed. The citation was made by Admiral W. F. Halsey.

Pvt First Class Augustynowicz is the son of Mr and Mrs Peter Augustynowicz of 132 Scott avenue, Chicopee. He attended Chicopee schools and was employed at the American Bosch corporation. After Pearl Harbor he enlisted and received his training at Parris Island, S. C., and New River, S. C. He went overseas in July, 1942.

Biernat was served.

Corp Fred Augustynowicz of Scott avenue, who served in the marines at Guadalcanal, and who was awarded the Silver Star medal for gallantry, is enjoying his first furlough in 20 months' service. He is visiting his parents, Mr and Mrs Peter Augustynowicz.



LUCIEN W. BIERNAT



(Photo by Whalen)
CHESTER A. KIDA
Spent Furlough Here

Chester A. Kida

Pvt First Class Chester A. Kida, 21, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Kida of 101 San Miguel street, recently spent a 10-day furlough here and has returned to his base at Stout field, Ind. He is a graduate of Trade school and was employed by the Dempsey Industrial Furnace company until his enlistment October 20. He had the novel experience of being enlisted by

his brother, Staff Sergt Edwin Kida, who was on recruit duty at the time.

FRAN'S COUSIN

JUNE 22, 1943

CHICOPEE FALLS ENTERS MARINES



(Photo by Hanfani)
AL S. NIEMIEC

Chicopee Falls, June 22--Al S. Niemiec, son of Mr and Mrs Stanley A. Niemiec of 35 Dewey street, will leave for service in the United States marine corps tomorrow afternoon. He was educated in the local schools and prior to enlisting was employed at the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing company. He was also formerly employed at the J. Stevens Arms and Tool company.

Chicopee Athlete Meets
Death in Coast Guard



GEORGE J. CZELUSNIAK

CHICOPEE MAN IN COAST GUARD DIES IN ACTION

George J. Czelusniak Enlisted
10 Months Ago; Was Promi-
nent as Athlete

Seaman First Class George J. Czelusniak, 24, of the coast guard reserve, son of Mr and Mrs Joseph W. Czelusniak of 22 White street, Chicopee, has been killed in action, according to a telegram received by the boy's parents last night from Vice-Admiral R. R. Waesche, commander of the coast guard.

The telegram reported that Czelusniak was killed while on active duty and that his body had not been recovered.

10 Months In Coast Guard
Czelusniak had been in the coast guard for 10 months, having entered at the Coast Guard academy at Providence, and three at sea.

Just two weeks ago his family received a letter from him which said that he expected a furlough in July.

Popular in amateur athletics and nicknamed "Corky," he was a catcher for the Colonial baseball team and the American Bosch team. He was a well-known basketball player. Born in Chicopee, he attended the Chicopee high school.

He has another brother in the navy, Wallace, who is stationed in Washington, D. C. Three brothers, Andrew, Leopold and Alfred, are at home. He also has two sisters, Mrs Mary Mroczka and Bertha, who is at home.

PRISONER OF NAZIS



PVT. EDWARD CZUPRYNA

INDIAN ORCHARD COUPLE LEARNS SON IS PRISONER

Pvt. Edward Czupryna Was
in Africa, Is Now Held
by Germans

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Czupryna of 541 Main Street, Indian Orchard, are in receipt of a telegram from the War Department stating that their son, Pvt. Edward, who had previously been reported missing in action was now a prisoner of war in Germany.

They were of the opinion that Eddie had been killed.

Reported Missing

They stated last night that the first telegram from the War Department advising them that their son was missing was received Feb. 14. They knew that he was somewhere in Africa as they had received numerous letters in which he stated he had been in combat with the Axis forces.

Edward enlisted in the Army Jan. 16, 1942, and after a brief stay at Ft. Devens was transferred to Camp Croft, S. C., where he was assigned to the armored unit. He was later sent to Ft. Knox and sailed for foreign service around Christmas and first landed in England and from there went to North Africa.

Two other sons of Mr. and Mrs. Czupryna are in the Army, Stanley and Frank, who are serving in camps in this country.



WALTER J. STEC
In Army for Two Years

Walter J. Stec

Pvt. Walter J. Stec, son of Mrs. Margaret Stec of 70 Marion street, Chicopee, is stationed at Stoney field, Charlestown, S. C. He has been in the service for over two years. A graduate of Chicopee high school, he entered the service soon after his graduation.

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Brothers, Brother-in-Law All Serving Uncle Sam

April 2, 1943



JOHN KONICKI

Chicopee, April 2—Mr and Mrs. Walenty Konicki of 10 Cabot street have four sons and a son-in-law, Pvt First Class Edward Stolar, in the armed forces. Their sons are John, Eugene, Stanley and Edward Konicki. Two of the boys are in the army and two in the navy.

Pvt John Konicki, 24, is in the army air corps and has been stationed at last July. He has been stationed at



EUGENE KONICKI

Atlantic City, N. J., Lincoln airbase in Lincoln, Neb., and received his diploma as an airplane mechanic at Santa Monica, Cal. He is now stationed in Missouri. Before induction he was employed at the Berkshire upholstery company.

Eugene, radioman, third class, 22, enlisted in the navy January, 1942. After his "boot" training at Newport, he was listed in the navy radio school at



STANLEY KONICKI

Noroton heights and is now aboard a cruiser somewhere in the Pacific. He was graduated from Chicopee high school and prior to his enlistment was employed at the Berkshire upholstery company. Stanley, seaman first class, 21, enlisted in the navy October 3, 1942 and received his boot training at Great Lakes and later was assigned to a merchant ship. He is now somewhere in the Atlantic. He was



EDWARD KONICKI

graduated from Chicopee high school and was employed at the Moore Drop Forging in Chicopee.

Edward, aviation ordnance man, third class, is 19, and enlisted in June, 1941. He also received his "boot" training at Newport and was later graduated from the aviation ordnance school at Jacksonville, Fla., and is now stationed at Treasure Island in California. He was graduated from



EDWARD STOLAR

Chicopee high school and was employed at the Jorczak pharmacy. Pvt First Class Stolar, 24, is the husband of Stella Konicki. He was inducted into the army March 28, 1942 and is a member of the field artillery. He is stationed in Louisiana. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Alexander Stolar of South Belchertown and attended the Belchertown high school and was formerly employed at the Van Norman Tool company.



WILLIAM S. KOQUT
William S. Koqut, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Koqut of 36 Wyman Street, Chicopee, is serving with the United States Marine Corps at an advanced training base. He attended Chicopee High School and prior to enlistment was employed as a tool-maker.



MILTON J. SWIATKOWSKI
Stationed in Rhode Island

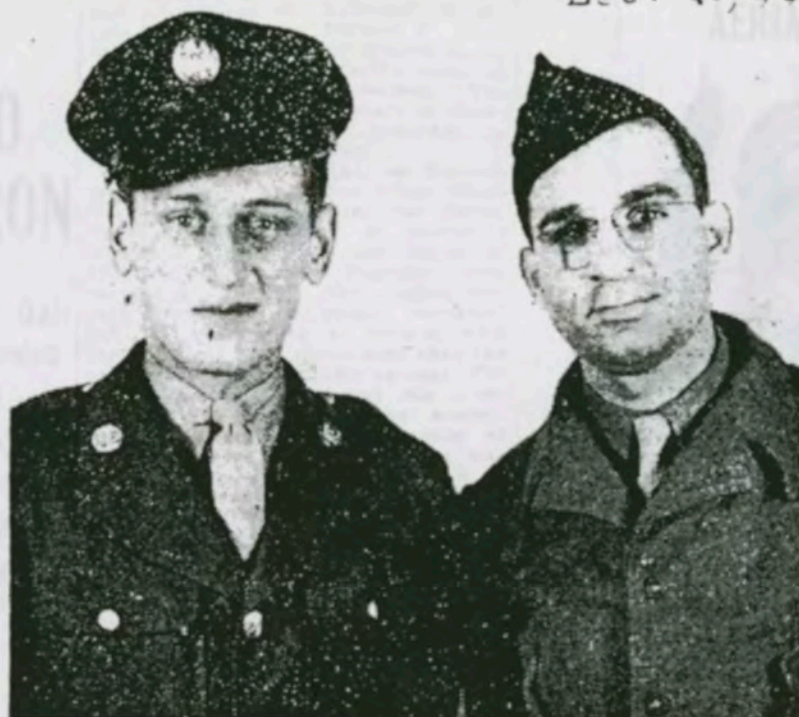
Milton J. Swiatkowski, 20, pharmacist's mate third class, is at Camp Endicott, Rhode Island, after a transfer from the Newport naval hospital.

He is the son of Mrs Catherine Swiatkowski of 22 North street, Three Rivers. A graduate of Palmer high school, he was formerly employed at the Keith and Hogan pharmacy. When in high school he was manager of the state championship baseball team of 1939 that defeated Norwood high school in the Boston playoffs. He has two brothers, Walter and Frank, who are in the army.



CASIMER KOLODZIEJ

Left for Devens
Casimer Kolodziej, 24 son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Kolodziej of 977 Piper road, West Springfield, recently entered the service and is at Fort Devens. He attended West Springfield high school and was employed by the Springfield Machine and Foundry company.



REUNION IN ENGLAND—When Fred J. Michon, technician fifth grade, (left) a son of Mrs. Josephine Michon of 216 Chicopee Street, Chicopee, was assigned to an 8th Air Force Fighter station in England, as a fire-fighting expert, he found a fellow Chicopee serviceman already there. T/Sgt. Lucian W. Biernat, (right) son of George Biernat of 81 Austin Street, has been stationed with the fighter group as a camera expert and administrative specialist at the photolaboratory section of the station. Their glowing accounts of what a fine place Chicopee is to live in has aroused considerable interest among the men at the station.

Three Kos Brothers Serving Their Country



WALTER C. KOS

Chicopee Falls, May 27 — Three brothers, Andrew S. Kos, Walter C. Kos and Vincelaus S. Kos, sons of Mrs. Catherine Kos and the late John M. Kos of 4 West Main street, are serving Uncle Sam.

Pvt. Andrew S. Kos is at Camp Blanding, Fla. He was inducted into the army November 23, and was recently awarded a medal for target shooting. He was well known as a newsboy, covering a large route for the Springfield Newspapers. He is a



1943 ANDREW S. KOS

graduate of Chicopee Trade school and prior to entering service was employed by Gilbert and Barker company.

Pvt. First Class Walter C. Kos is also at Camp Blanding, Fla., and was inducted on the same day as his brother. He is a sharp shooter with the Garand rifle and formerly was a newsboy with his brother. He is well known in athletic circles and is a past president of the Dodger A.C. He attended Chicopee schools and



VINCELAUS S. KOS

was employed by the J. Stevens Arms company.

Vincelaus S. Kos, fireman, second class, enlisted in the navy last September and has seen action in the Atlantic. He was with the fleet invading Africa and has been there twice visiting the Rock of Gibraltar and Casablanca. He is serving aboard a destroyer and is now somewhere on the high seas. He attended Chicopee high school and worked for the Bay State Tool company.

SILVER STAR AWARDED TO PVT GAWRON

Chicopee Soldier Cited for Gallantry in Rescuing Wounded Man On Guadalcanal

Chicopee, June 3—Pvt First Class Adolph M. Gawron of 153 Center



ADOLPH M. GAWRON

street, who entered the army two years ago and took part in the Guadalcanal campaign, has been awarded

the silver star for gallantry in action by Lieut-Gen Millard F. Harmon, commander of the United States forces in the South Pacific area, at the direction of the President. The local youth, who is secretary of Gawron Brothers Provision company, is in an infantry regiment.

The citation states that on November 20, 1942: "Pvt First Class Gawron volunteered to enter the enemy lines with one other to rescue a wounded soldier reported lying in front of the lines. Together they carried a stretcher over rugged terrain 600 yards into enemy territory, but on attempting to return with their patient they discovered that the enemy had cut off their retreat. Pvt First Class Gawron and his companion circled around the enemy, waded through a quarter mile of waist-deep, shark-infested ocean water, and carried the wounded man on the stretcher above their heads back to safety."



FRANCIS K. BAJOWSKI
At New London, Ct.

AERIAL GUNNER



MARYAN A. PIELA

Chicopee, June 7—Maryan A. Piel, son of Mr and Mrs A. M. Piel of 16 Grape street, learned to shoot everything from a BB gun to aerial machine guns in a course he has been graduated from at Dingen army air field, Tex. He received the silver wings of an aerial gunner on his graduation and will take advanced training before further assignment.

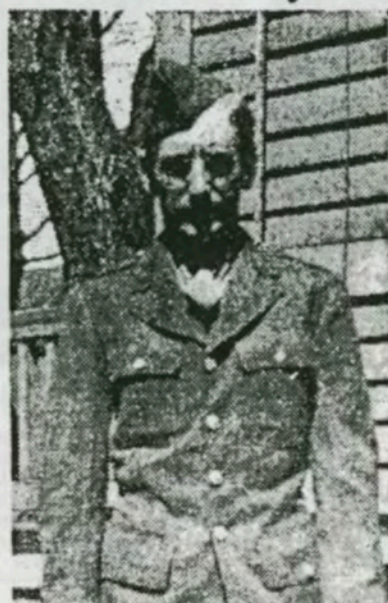
PREFLIGHT CADET



FRANCIS WOJTOUOS

AMHERST, June 12—Francis Wojtowski, 21, son of Mr and Mrs Teofil Wojtowski of 1000 Maple Road, who enlisted in the army on March 15, has just completed basic training at the Army Air School, Sheffield, Mass. He is a preflight cadet at the Army Air Field, Hill, N. C. Capt. Wojtowski is one of the town's first graduates of the high school to be employed by the Army Air Corps. He is listed as a preflight cadet.

Steck Boys Serving in Army



STANLEY STECK

Chicopee, June 7—Pvt First Class Stanley Steck and his brother, Stanley Steck, sons of Mrs Marguerite Steck of 70 Marion street, are in the army.

Walter is stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., with the infantry and has



WALTER J. STECK

been a soldier for more than two years. He was formerly employed at the American Bosch corporation. Stanley is with the medical corps at Camp Barkley, Tex., and he entered service in March. He was also employed at the American Bosch corporation.

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Brothers in Army and Navy "43



CAPT CHESTER PASTERNAK



SEAMAN ALFRED PASTERNAK

Chicopee, June 23—Mr and Mrs Joseph F. Pasternak of 33 Van Horn street have two sons in the service. Chester, who is but 22 years of age, was recently promoted to captain and it is believed that he is one of the youngest men in this area to hold that rank. He is now stationed with the army on maneuvers in Tennessee, and is adjutant in his battalion. Their other son, Alfred, 20, is at the gunners' mates school in Newport, R. I. He is a seaman, second class.

Capt Pasternak was graduated from Chicopee high school where he was

a member of the Pro Merito society. He entered service January 16, 1941, as a corporal with the 104th regiment of the National guard. Prior to entering upon active service in the army, he was employed at the Chicopee Manufacturing and was a student at Northeastern university.

Seaman Pasternak was graduated from Chicopee high school and worked at the Bosch before entering service in March this year. He was interested in athletics and was a member of the Chicopee high school baseball team while a student at the school.

Both in Service



PVT RAYMOND J. MORIN



MISS MARGARET MORIN

Chicopee, Aug. 28—Miss Margaret Morin, 20, daughter of Mr and Mrs Emile Morin of 96 Front street, has joined the marines and is awaiting orders to report for basic training. She attended Assumption school and Chicopee high school and has been

employed at the American Bosch corporation.

Her brother, Pvt Raymond J. Morin, has been in the service for the past four years and has seen service in England and North Africa. He is now in Sicily.

CAPT HOSMAN TELLS OF LIFE AT ARMY BASE

Former Chicopee Doctor Finds Steel Helmet Has Many

Uses

There are more uses for a steel helmet than as protection for the head, Capt I. Daniel Hosman, former Chicopee doctor now located as commanding officer of a station hospital at an air base somewhere overseas, writes to friends here explaining that it has been used as an egg and food basket, foot bath, wash basin for clothes and the bath and even as a pan for cooking or frying eggs.

In his letter, Capt Hosman tells of the heat and insects in the area in which he is located. "It is impossible



CAPT I. DANIEL HOSMAN

to keep one's shirt dry even when sitting in one place," he writes. "Perspiration flows freely even when inactive. Many of the insects and animal life are of a type which I have never seen before."

Capt Hosman was recently transferred to his present base. He received his medical training at Carlisle, Pa., where he took the regular and two advanced courses. He excelled in public speaking and the teaching of military medical subjects while there and subsequently during his command. He left his private practice of medicine and surgery after Pearl Harbor and in early December of 1942 while serving overseas he received an injury which resulted in his being in a hospital for seven weeks with a plaster cast on his leg. He is now fully recovered and able to walk without crutches or a cane.

Chicopee Boys With War Trophies



Home after front-line action in Guadalcanal, Pvt John Ziembra (left) and his brother, Corp Francis, are shown viewing trophies of the war with their mother. Japanese money, flags and other trophies were part of their "booty." *July 2, 1943*

Brothers Serving in Army



STEPHEN P. PIUSZ

Chicopee Falls, July 31—Aviation Cadet Stephen P. Piusz, 21, and Corp Walter Piusz, 23, sons of Mr and Mrs Peter Piusz of 17 Sunnymead avenue are both in the army.

Cadet Stephen is stationed at Selman field, La., where he is receiving training. He was formerly at the classification center, Nashville, Tenn. He entered the service on January 21, and is a graduate of Chicopee high school and attended Massachusetts



WALTER PIUSZ 1943

State college. He worked at J. Stevens Arms company prior to entering the service. He has been on furlough and left today to return to his base.

Corp Walter Piusz is stationed at Cherry Point, N. C., having been transferred from Jacksonville, Fla. He entered the service April 26, 1942. A graduate of Chicopee high school he was formerly employed at the Fisk Rubber company.

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SEES JAPS BEATEN BY JULY OF 1945

Chicopee Marine Back From Guadalcanal Fight

Pfc. Theodore J. Wanat, the son of Mrs. Helen Wanat of 280 Grove Street, Chicopee Falls, proved too good as a United States Marine for his Japanese opponents to trick into exposing himself to any of their chicanery in battle and he shot the fight out of 10 during more than six months on Guadalcanal. The Chicopee Marine was in Maj. Gen. Vandergrift's original force that took the sultry jungle island from the sons of Nippon.

Invalided Home

But where the Japanese were unsuccessful, the dive bombing mosquitos of the jungle put the Chicopee Falls Marine temporarily out of the war. He has been invalided home, the victim of a malarial attack. He is now in Chicopee for a 30-day furlough after which he will report to the San Diego Hospital for a final checkup on his recovery before he is assigned to new duties.

Pfc. Wanat has been in the Marines for a year and a half. He took part in the major battles on the Guadalcanal front at Metomica River and later at the Tenu River campaign and he wears the South Pacific ribbon with two stars to show for this service. He is also decorated with the ribbon significant of the citation given the 1st Division of the Marine Corps by President Roosevelt in recognizing the heroic and successful maneuver that proved the first step in the task of rolling back the Japs. Wanat and his companions have an estimate that this will take two years and according to his prediction Japan will haul down its colors by the end of July, 1945.

Heavily Fortified

Based upon reports that fliers brought back to Guadalcanal, Pfc. Wanat said that the Japanese base at Rabaul in New Britain is heavily fortified and will require a major effort to capture.

While in Guadalcanal the Chicopee boy was not too homesome for home town friends. He listed Joseph and Stanley Ziembra of Chicopee Center, John Kapinos of Front Street, Max Banas of White Street and Tony Kitkos of Front Street who were with him in Guadalcanal. So far as he knows none was injured or the victim of malaria.

Japs at Guadalcanal

While the Jap bullets did not get him, the jungle malaria did. He will report to the San Diego Hospital for a final checkup before he is assigned to new duties.

Wanat wears the South Pacific ribbon with two stars to show that he took part in major battles on the Guadalcanal front and he wears another ribbon given him by President Roosevelt for rolling back the Japs.

Chicopee boys who were in the jungles included Joseph and Stanley Ziembra, John Kapinos, Max Banas and Tony Kitkos. The Ziembras have also arrived home on furloughs. And the others were well when he last saw them.

Five Chmura Brothers Now in Services

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THOMAS CHMURA



MM2/c MICHAEL CHMURA



CORP. STEVE CHMURA



PFC. BRUNO CHMURA



SGT. THEODORE CHMURA

When Thomas Chmura reports to

NOW A SERGEANT



SERG T STANLEY J. KALINOWSKI

Agawam, July 28—Sergt Stanley J. Kalinowski recently notified his parents, Mr and Mrs Stanley Kalinowski of 98 Walnut street, North Agawam, of his promotion from the rank of corporal to sergeant. He is 24 and has been in the service since December 15, 1941.

Graduating from Scott field, Ill., May 29, 1942, he is now a radio operator in the air force. A popular member of his graduating class, year 1937, he was manager of the football team during his senior year and also participated in hockey.

Kalinowski was one of the seven fliers cited recently for meritorious achievement by Lieut-Gen George C. Kenney, commander in chief of the 5th air force. Before his enlistment into the air force he was an employee of the Bond bakers.

A younger brother, Edmond, 23, enlisted in the coast guard on June 13, 1942, and is now a student at a school where he is specializing in batteries. He is also a graduate of the Agawam high school in the class of 1939 and while in school, played on the football and basketball teams. His wife is the former Alice Hapday of West Springfield.

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William I. Hambro
William I. Hambro, 23, son of Mr and Mrs Benjamin F. Hambro of 162 Prospect street, has recently completed his boot training at Sampson, N. Y. He is the husband of Mrs Hilda Hambro of 9 Bayonne street, with whom he recently spent a seven-day leave. He is a graduate of the High School of Commerce and has a brother, Lieut Harold E. Hambro, who is stationed in Seattle, Wash.

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WILLIAM I. HAMBRO
Completes Boot Training

Brothers in Sicily and the Pacific



STEPHEN JAMROZ 1943



CHESTER JAMROZ

Chicopee, Aug. 6—Corp Stephen Jamroz of Chicopee, is in the thick of the battle now going on in Sicily. for a letter to his mother, Mrs. Agnes Jamroz of 15 Union street, gives an interesting glimpse into the recent invasion of the island. He writes that although thousands of boats were in operation, it never, at any time, felt like an invasion, until they hit. They entered Sicily through the back door and things were kind of hot for a couple of days, but everything is all right now. There were a few moments when he wondered what it would be like to be a prisoner of war, but they were just a few moments.

The second day, they saw a couple of planes shot down over the hills, and the movie producers would have paid plenty for those shots, he said.

He was born in Chicopee and educated in the local schools. He was

called into the service in April, 1942, and received his training at Fort Monmouth, N. J. He was a sign painter by trade and was employed as a salesman at Balakier's before entering the service. After receiving his basic training as a member of the signal corp at Fort Monmouth, he was sent to Ireland, then to North Africa.

His brother, Seaman H. S. Class Chester Jamroz, is a gunner's mate out in the Pacific. He was born and educated here in Chicopee and enlisted in the U. S. navy in December, 1941. He received his boot training at Newport, R. I., after which time he was sent out in the Atlantic on his ship. Although his present whereabouts are unknown, except that he is out somewhere in the Pacific, he writes that everything is fine. Before enlisting, Chester was employed by the U. S. Rubber company, Fisk tire division.

WEARS NAVY CROSS



CHESTER ZYMROZ

MAY BE FIRST IN CITY TO GET NAVY HONORS

Chester Zymroz Has Distinguished Cross for Courage at Africa Landing

Chester Zymroz, machinist's mate first class, U.S.N., arrived in Springfield yesterday on a 10-day leave with the Distinguished Navy Cross marking him as reportedly the first local man to have won this honor. He is the son of John Zymroz of 315 Chestnut Street.

Morocco Landing

The Navy Cross was presented Zymroz, a Navy veteran of seven years' service, because of special duties performed in traditional Navy manner while under fire as a member of a Commando landing party in the occupation of French Morocco last November.

The citation reads in part: "For extraordinary heroism and distinguished service in action while attached to a Navy demolition party during the assault on and occupation of French Morocco from Nov. 8, 1942, to Nov. 11, 1942."

"On the night of Nov. 9, 1942, Zymroz was a member of a demoli-

HOME ON LEAVE



(Photo by Harlan) 43

EDWARD J. ZNOJ

Chicopee, Aug. 7—Edward J. Znoj, son of Mrs. Anna Znoj of 122 Broadway, has finished his boot training at Sampson, N. Y., and is spending a seven-day leave with his family. He is a second class seaman and his next assignment will be in Philadelphia at the navy yard.

AERIAL GUNNER



CHESTER R. PEZDA

Chicopee, Aug. 9—Pvt First Class Chester R. Pezda, son of Mr and Mrs Vincent Pezda of 21 Clover street is now stationed at Keesler field, Miss., where he is training as an aerial gunner after completing his basic training at Miami Beach, Fla. He entered the service in April and was formerly employed at the Moore Drop Forging company.

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Ludlow Cygans Doing Their Share



CORP. MITCHELL CYGAN



CORP. THADDEUS CYGANS



PFC. JOHN CYGAN

FIVE BROTHERS ARE IN SERVICE

One of Cygans Took Part in Invasion Drives

LUDLOW, Aug. 22 — Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Cygan of 96 Cedar Street have a service flag with five stars. One of the sons, Corp. Mitchell Cygan, is located in North Africa, after taking part in both the North African and Sicilian campaigns. All five are well known here, taking active part in the athletic and social life of the town, particularly during their days at Ludlow High School.

Corp. Mitchell was here, as were his other brothers, and all attended the Ludlow schools. He was inducted April 19, 1942, and received his preliminary training at Camp Edwards and Ft. McClellan, Ala. He was employed at Smith & Wesson.

Corp. Thaddeus was employed at Chapman Valve before entering the service June 15, 1942. He received his training at Ft. Meade, Md., and is a jeep driver. He is now on maneuvers in Virginia.

Pfc. John Cygan is 26 and was also employed at Chapman before entering the service on Jan. 15, 1942. He was trained at Ft. Knox and is now at the Indian Gap Reservation, Pa.

Pfc. Joseph was also employed at Chapman, entering the service Nov. 2, 1942. He is located at Camp Breckinridge, Ky., where he is training as a sniper.

Pvt. Stephen is the youngest of the group, just having turned 21. He was employed at Westinghouse and has been in the service since Jan. 15, 1943. He is in Texas with a hospital unit. He has been over in England several times.



PFC. JOSEPH CYGAN



PVT. STEPHEN CYGAN



HENRY PRUCHAL
Completes Training

Henry Pruchal, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pruchal of 35 Ames avenue, Chicopee, has completed his basic training with the marines and will now attend an advanced training school. He attended Chicopee high school and was formerly employed by the American Bosch corporation. He



THEODORE J. ADAMCZYK
Spends Furlough

Theodore J. Adamczyk, who is stationed at Marianna, Fla., is spending a 15-day furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Adamczyk of 33 School street, Chicopee. He enlisted on October 20, 1942, and was formerly employed as a grinder at the Moore Drop Forging Company. He attended Chicopee high school.

Sgt. Marszalek of Indian Orchard Tells About Invasion of Sicily

**Sends 12-Page V-Mail Letter
Hit Island and Pursued
Describing How Forces
Enemy Despite Dive
Bombers**

From Northern Sicily comes a 12-page V-Mail letter from 1st Sgt. Mitchell J. Marszalek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Marszalek of 27 Weston Street, Indian Orchard, in which a first hand view is given of the Sicilian invasion. For the first three days after landing, according to the writer, "we couldn't catch up to the enemy as no sooner would we get to a hill where they were, we would find them going back of another hill, to get away from us."

Tip off of Invasion

Landing on the west coast of Africa, at a port in French Morocco, Sgt. Marszalek traveled through Algeria and Tunisia, viewed the site of the African campaign and then "took a boat ride after numerous but dry preparations of all sorts. I knew about three days prior to our sailing just where we were to attack on the invasion for I helped our battery commander sort out maps."

"A few days prior to our sailing we again were supposed to have been dead, the third time we had been so announced by a woman announcer from Berlin whom we have nicknamed 'Bull S-Betty from Berlin' during her description of a nuisance bombing of the port where we were supposed to land. We saw uniforms of enemy prisoners. One time as many as 20 bomb divers came as usual from out of the sun and bracketed our ships before being driven off by an avalanche of gunfire."

After going ashore the men started in pursuit of the enemy moving so fast that they were always three days ahead of schedule and wrecking damage at every step, "shellacking one city with our artillery from one end to the other with over 4000 rounds. That pasting kind of put the fear of God into many for from then on the cities were cleared sooner."

"I guess everyone gets to be a firm lover of peace after the first lambasting. I'll wager a bit of worried-

ness sets into all. When bombs are dropped and you can see them, it's OK, but when you see pin points getting larger and larger by split seconds, it's high time to follow your feet's wishes and get your pants somewhere in the furrows of Mother Earth—a clod of dirt is a mountain and a pebble a ledge.

"One morning the Hun thought they would do some work at dawn, so they flew over our position, which was a natural for cover and shelter against dive bombers which can only



SGT. MITCHELL MARSZALEK

back, is not so easily forgotten. Yes, not until one has seen action does one know what war is, but even then, everyone is anxious to keep moving in just for the sake of end-

ing. They were not well enough acquainted. Around two weeks ago on the front line having broken their end without previous announcement. Miss from Matanzas, Tex., took place before her and the show, who is acquainted.



**STANLEY J. SWOL
Two Years in Service**

Stanley J. Swol

Pvt First Class Stanley J. Swol has been in the service for two years and while spending a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr and Mrs Felix Swol of 11 Maple Street, Chicopee,



**THEODORE J. ZOMBIK
Completes Training**

(Photo by Weitzman)

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MERCHANT MARINER



(Photo by Steiger)

WALTER J. FIJAL

Chicopee, Aug. 10—Walter J. Fijal, son of Mr and Mrs Louis J. Fijal, who is with the merchant marine, recently enjoyed a furlough with his parents at 106 Front Street. Prior to his enlistment he was employed with his father at his garage on Gilmore Street and he also worked at the Westinghouse.

KILLED IN ACTION



RICHARD J. NITCAVIC

Chicopee, Aug. 16—Parents of Pvt First Class Richard J. Nitcavic of 297 Chicopee Street, Williamansett, were notified of his death in North Africa today.

Theodore J. Zombik

Theodore J. Zombik, 29, seaman second class, son of Mr and Mrs Vincent Zombik of 39 Chicopee Street, Chicopee, is stationed at Simpson, N. Y. He entered the service June 15 and was formerly employed at the Armory. A graduate of Chicopee high school, he was active in sports and played football with the Chicopee AA. He has two brothers in the service.



HENRY BOBEK
In South Pacific

Henry Bobek
Corp Henry Bobek, son of Mrs. Valerja Bobek of 53 West street, Chicopee, is stationed in the South Pacific where he has been for the past two years. He was stationed at various camps throughout the country before being transferred overseas. He attended St. Stanislaus school before entering the service.

HOME ON FURLOUGH



(Photo by Weltzman)
MICHAEL J. MAZIARZ

Pvt Michael J. Maziarz, 26, of 979 Dwight street, son of Mr and Mrs Walter Maziarz of 42 Chester street, Chicopee, is stationed at Camp Pickett, Va., and is at present home on furlough. He entered the service April 22 and received his basic training at Fort Devens. A graduate of Chicopee high school, he was employed by Gosselin's dairy before entering the service. He has a brother, Corp John A. Maziarz, in the army stationed at Fort Myers, Fla.

MERIT AWARD PROPOSED FOR CHICOPEE MAN

Sergt E. W. Stefanik Did Duty
Despite Danger, Citation Reveals

Chicopee, Aug. 31 The award of the Legion of Merit has been recommended for Sergt Edward W. Stefanik, son of Mr and Mrs Walter Stefanik.



SERGt EDWARD W. STEFANIK

anik of 11 Polaski avenue, for meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period of April 5 to May 11.

As communication sergeant he established and maintained communications for his battery under all conditions, the proposed citation states. On many occasions wire had to be laid at night in blackout, with heavy traffic on the streets and many times he exposed himself to enemy shellfire and hostile bombing in order to repair the system.

He has been overseas in North Africa for eight months and his family has heard from him regularly.

CHICOPEE SOLDIERS SHIVERED DURING VISIT FROM GEORGIA

Chicopee, Sept. 15—Three Chicopee men found Chicopee a pleasant place to return to, but "it's cold up here" was their complaint before they returned to Camp Stewart, Georgia, after a recent furlough at home. The men included Pvt Walter Wajda of 33 Emerald street, former linesman at the Chicopee Electric Light; Pvt Leo Sullivan of 29 Center street, fullback with the Chicopee A. A. last season; and Pvt William Millette of 333 Hampden street, former park athlete. The men, all members of the anti-aircraft artillery, like army life, but will be glad to settle down at home when the war is over. Wajda, who is 36 years old, and known as "daddy" to the youngsters in camp, has put on 15 pounds in six months. He is a member of the signal corps.

KILLED IN ACTION



MATTHEW E. KOWAL

CHICOPEE SAILOR, MATTHEW KOWAL, KILLED IN ACTION

Had Been in Merchant Marine Service Since Last October

Mrs. S. K. Kowal of 12 Sobieski Street, Chicopee, was notified Saturday afternoon that her eldest son, Matthew Edwin Kowal, 23, had been killed in action. It became known yesterday. No details were in the telegram.

Kowal, a graduate of Chicopee Trade School, entered the Merchant Marine service last Oct. 7 and had been to many distant lands, including Russia. In recent letters to friends he had stated that he expected his next trip would be to Sicily.

Besides his mother, he leaves three sisters, Mrs. Nellie Medura, New York City; Mrs. Josephine Partyska and Mrs. Adele Domeracki, both of Chicopee, and three brothers, Walter, Alfred and Stanley, all at home.

Chicopee Soldiers Killed in Sicily



PFC. ZIGMUNT K. BUBLIK

Parents of two Chicopee soldiers have been notified by the War Department that their sons were killed in action during the invasion of Sicily. It was learned last night. Although censorship forbids announcement of specific numbers, the report of these deaths brings the Chicopee list of killed and missing in the Sicilian campaign to a total greater than casual-



PVT. MAX GANCARZ

ties of Chicopee soldiers on all other fronts in the war.

Pvt. Max Gancarz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gancarz of 236 Exchange Street, Chicopee, and Pfc. Zigmunt K. Bublik, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Bublik of 94 Prospect Street, Willimansett, were the boys an-

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Chicopee Soldiers

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nounced as dead. Pvt. Gancarz was killed July 10 during initial landings, according to War Department word to his parents. Pfc. Bublik was killed in action in Sicily, the official announcement stated, but no details were given.

Pvt. Gancarz had served in the Army about a year and two months. He was born in Chicopee and attended Chicopee schools. Besides his parents in Chicopee, he leaves a sister, Mrs. Bertha Vitarele of 18 Frederick Street, Westfield; a brother, Frederick of Thorndike, and two sisters, Mrs. Rose Nowak and Mrs. Stella Carderopolli of Springfield.

Bublik was graduated from Chicopee High School where he starred in baseball. He attended Ohio State University where he received a degree in air conditioning and refrigeration engineering. During his vacations he worked for the American Writing Paper Co., Holyoke. He enlisted in the Army in 1941 and received his training in several camps in this country before he embarked for foreign duty in North Africa.

Besides his parents he leaves one sister, Genevieve of Chicopee. His mother is seriously ill in Providence Hospital, Holyoke.

Comes to See Men Who Made Her



Battle-scarred veteran of bombing missions, ship sinkings and other aerial warfare, the Hellcat and its crew will land at Westover field tomorrow to bring greetings from the fighting front to men and women on the production lines at American Bosch and Moore Drop Forging company. Markings on the plane show missions, ships sunk and Nazi planes downed.

WILLIMANSETT BOY KILLED IN SICILY BATTLE

Parents Advised of Death of Pvt
Z. K. Bublik, in Army
Since Feb. 1942

Willimansett, Aug. 28—Mr and Mrs Anthony Bublik of 94 Prospect street have been notified by the war department that their son, 24, First Class Zigmunt K. Bublik, 94 Prospect street, has been killed in action in Sicily.

He is a graduate of Chicopee high school and has been in the service since February, 1942.

LIEUT WALTER CESARZ GIVEN PROMOTION

Chicopee, Sept. 8—Walter Cesarz, son of Mrs Josephine Cesarz of 88 Chestnut street, has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain at Camp Gordon, Ga., where he is stationed. He was home on a short furlough recently and has returned to his camp.

Capt Cesarz entered the Army in September, 1940, as an enlisted man and was promoted to sergeant before attending officer candidate school. He was commissioned after being graduated. He is a graduate of Chicopee high school and was formerly employed as a guard at the Armory. His brother, Pvt First Class Chester Cesarz, is receiving his basic training at Las Vegas, Nev.

Lost at Sea



ERNEST JOSEPH BOUTIN

CHICOPEE SEAMAN REPORTED MISSING IN ITALIAN THEATER

Parents of Ernest Boutin Notified in Navy Message — Believed Aboard Rowan, Sunk Week Ago

Chicopee, Sept. 18 — Ernest Joseph Boutin, 18, seaman (fc), USN, was reported missing in action in a telegram received today by his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Boutin of 243 Chicopee street. According to his father, Seaman Boutin was serving aboard the destroyer Rowan, which was reported yesterday by the navy department as sunk last Saturday by an underwater explosion in Italian waters.

The telegram, like the navy department's announcement, carried no details. Signed by Rear-Admiral Randall Jacobs, chief of naval personnel, it reported the Chicopee boy "missing following action in the performance of his duty and in service of his country."

Parents of the missing youth yesterday received a letter from him, postmarked Wednesday at New York city, in which he indicated an expectation of returning to this country soon. He has been home twice since enlisting, the second time early in March.

Seaman Boutin enlisted at the age of 17 in July 1942. At almost the same time two of his brothers also entered service. At present a brother, Gilbert, is serving as second class pharmacist's mate overseas, and another brother, George, is second class storekeeper with the coast guard, stationed at Buzzards bay.

Born in Chicopee November 13, 1925, the missing seaman attended Assumption school here and Cathedral high school in Springfield. He was employed by the Springfield Armory before entering the navy.

Besides his two brothers in the armed forces, he has two other brothers.

IN CALIFORNIA



(Photo by Brown)
JAMES E. SULLIVAN, JR.

James E. Sullivan, Jr., 17, seaman, second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Sullivan of 128 Belmont avenue, was recently home on furlough after finishing his boot training at Norfolk, Va., and Davisville, R. I. He entered the navy June 18 and prior to his enlistment he was employed at the Armory. He is now stationed in California.

WILLIMANSETT RETURNS TO DUTY



EVALINE RZEZNIKIEWICZ

Willimansett, Sept. 11 — Petty Officer Evaline Mary Rzeznikiewicz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rzeznikiewicz of 100 Bonner street, has now returned to her post at the Naval Veterans' hospital at Chelsea following a brief leave with her parents here.

Petty Officer Rzeznikiewicz who was sworn in the naval service at Boston received her basic training at Hunter college, N. Y., having later been assigned to her present station.

CHICOPEE FALLS RETURNS TO DUTY



WALTER K. STACHOWICZ

Chicopee Falls, Sept. 9 — Pvt. Walter K. Stachowicz, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stachowicz of 81 Walnut street, has returned to his duties at Fort Wayne, Ind., after being the guest of his parents for five days. He is attached to the air corps. Prior to entering the service, Pvt. Stachowicz was graduated from Chicopee Trade school and worked at the Springfield Armory. He has been previously stationed at Chanute Field, Ill., and Miami Beach, Fla.

MISSING IN ACTION



PFC. HENRY J. KOBAK

CHICOPEE MAN IS ON "MISSING IN ACTION" LIST

SEP. — 1943

Pfc. Henry J. Kobak, 25, Paratrooper, Joined Army in 1941

Telegram from the commanding

Three Chicopee Brothers Serve in Army



JOSEPH J. KUMIEGA



STANLEY KUMIEGA



PETER KUMIEGA

Chicopee, Sept. 9 — Three sons of Mrs. Telka Kumiega of 73 Park street are in the army as privates. They are Pvt. Peter Kumiega, Pvt. Joseph J. Kumiega and Pvt. Stanley Kumiega. Pvt. Peter, 27, is in the air forces, stationed at Gila Bend, Ariz. He en-

tered the service on August 19, 1942, and received his basic training at Keesler field, Miss. He is a graduate of Chicopee Trade school. Pvt. Joseph, 21, is also in the air forces, stationed at Hunter field, Ga. He entered the service March 22 and received his

basic training at Miami Beach, Fla. Prior to his induction, he was employed at the Fleming foundry.

Pvt. Stanley, 19, is in the infantry division and stationed at Fort McClellan, Ala. He entered the army May 19 and was formerly employed at the Turners Falls Power station.

RETURNS TO DUTY



JOSEPH D. TATRO

Chicopee, Sept. 15—Pvt. Joseph D. Tatro of 130 Exchange street has returned to his duties at New River, N. C., marine base after spending a furlough at his home.

PVT ADAM LONEZAK GIVEN PURPLE HEART

Chicopee, Sept. 15—Pvt. Adam T. Lonezak, has written his mother, Mrs. Mary Lonezak of 95 Chicopee street, that he has been awarded the Purple Heart for injuries received in action during the Sicilian campaign.

Announcement of the injuries was received by Mrs. Lonezak from the war department, but a subsequent letter from her son indicates that by now he may be fully recovered and released from the base hospital in North Africa where he was taken.

NOW IN ENGLAND



FRANK J. OKSENIK, JR.

Holyoke, Sept. 9—Pvt. Frank J. Okseniak, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Okseniak of 265 Sargeant street is now stationed in England with the air forces. He enlisted in December, 1941, and received basic training at Barksdale field, La., before going overseas. He is a graduate of Holyoke high school and was formerly employed at the armory in Springfield.

Walter Kupiec, well known golfer of this city, is now in England with the fighting forces. He is a member of the city's golf team, and was formerly a member of the Franconia golf team. He got his start at the Oxford Country club.

Seriously Wounded In Sicilian Fighting



FRANK J. BOREK

Seriously wounded during the invasion of Sicily, Pvt. First Class Frank J. Borek, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Borek of 14 Wesson street, North Wilbraham is at a field base hospital in North Africa.

His family received a telegram from the war department and a letter from the wounded soldier.

In his letter, Borek admonished the family not to worry about his condition, but to let him know he is to be in the hospital for at least two months recuperating from the wounds received. He did not give any details of the battle in which he was hurt. The date of his injury was given by the war department as August 16, just a few days before the fall of Sicily.

Borek attended St. Mary's school in Indian Orchard and Springfield Trade school. He was employed at the Moore Drop Forging company before his enlistment. He went overseas on June 3.

RESCUED FROM SEA



LT. EDWARD M. PRAISNER

CHICOPEE FLIER IS SAVED AFTER CHANNEL PLUNGE

Lt. Praisner on Fortress That
Is Forced Down Into
Water

AT A U. S. BOMBER BASE IN ENGLAND, Sept. 17 (AP). Ten crewmen of the Flying Fortress Kathy Jane were forced down in the Channel and spent 19½ hours in wave-tossed dinghies too close to the Nazi-held French shore to fire signal flares before being rescued, it was disclosed today.

The Kathy Jane was over France returning from a raid on Stuttgart when one of the engines quit.

Sgt. George E. Pratt, waist gunner, of Belmont, Mass., destroyed a JU-88.

In Chicopee rails

Lt. Edward M. Praisner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Praisner of 878 Front Street, Chicopee Falls, received his second lieutenant's commission and his wings as a bombardier in the Army Air Force last January at the Roswell Army Flying School, Roswell, N. M. Before he enlisted in the Air Corps he worked for the Monsanto Chemical Co. He was graduated from Chicopee High School and Pennsylvania State College.

Third Class Machinist Mate Emile Baron was the recent guest of his brother-in-law and sister and Mrs. Walter Oporowski of Nonotuck avenue, for a day.

John Morris, the marines is now stationed at Quantico, Va.



ALBIN OLBRYCH
Is Army Mechanic

Albin Olbrych

Pvt Albin Olbrych, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Olbrych of 1013 Miller street, Chicopee, wrote his family this week to inform them he is stationed at Camp Lee, Va., where he is training as an army auto mechanic. He was recently married and Mrs. Olbrych, after spending several weeks in Virginia, has returned to her home in Chicopee.



(Photo by Weitzman)

JOSEPH KUMIEGA
Had Furlough Here

Joseph Kumiega

Pvt Joseph Kumiega, 21, son of Mrs. Telka Kumiega of 73 Park street, Chicopee, is stationed at Hunter field, Ga. He entered service March 22 and received his basic training at Miami Beach, Fla. He was last employed at the Flaming foundry. He has two brothers in service, Peter and Stanley, both in the army. He was last home on furlough the first of the month for 15 days.



THEODORE W. TENZAR
At Miami, Fla.

Theodore W. Tenzar

Training as an apprentice seaman at the naval air station in Miami, Fla., is Theodore W. Tenzar, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tenzar of 1158 Piper road, West Springfield. He enlisted July 17, received his basic training at Newport, R. I., and was assigned to the air station following a short leave at home recently. He is a graduate of West Springfield high school.

Lieut. Walter Cesarz, son of Mrs. Josephine Cesarz of 1013 Miller street, has been promoted to 1st Lt. at Camp Gordon, Ga., where he is stationed. Capt. Cesarz entered the army in September, 1940, as an enlisted man and was promoted to sergeant before attending officer candidate school. He was commissioned after being graduated. He is a graduate of Chicopee high school and was formerly employed by the Springfield armory.



EDWARD J. PRUCNAL
With Atlantic Fleet

Edward J. Prucnal

When he enlisted in the navy in December, 1941, following the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor, Edward J. Prucnal, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Prucnal of 35 Ames avenue, Chicopee, said he wanted action. His wish has been answered—today he is aboard a destroyer in the Pacific and without doubt has had his part in the navy's clashes with the Japs. Edward is a gunner's mate third class, a position that should give him a good deal of satisfaction whenever the shooting starts. His ship is doing convoy duty and as one of the "men behind the guns" he and his buddies must see to it that Japs attacks on vital supply ships and troop transports are successfully beaten off. A graduate of Chicopee high school, he formerly was employed by the Bausch Machine and Tool company.

Victims of Automobile Accident

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MISS IRENE L. FIFE



MRS CLAIR KOSIK



PVT GENE KOSIK

Miss Irene L. Fife, 15, and her brother-in-law, Pvt. Gene Kosik, 29, were killed and Mrs. Claire Kosik, 21, was seriously injured today in an automobile accident at Bowling Green, Va., while en route to Camp Croft, Va. Mrs. Kosik and Miss Fife are sisters, the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Fife of Central street, Sheridan circle, Chicopee Falls.

Eugene J. Kozik Military Funeral

The military funeral of Eugene J. Kozik took place yesterday morning at the Maziarz funeral home. Chaplain P. M. Meikle of Westover Field officiated. Honorary bearers were Corp. Leo Leary, Pvt. Nick Saella, Frank Cain, Clayton Williams, Dominick Cornelius and Walter Szarek. Active bearers were Sgt. Thomas Rosser, Staff Sgt. Alton Weis, Sgt. Charles Dean, Sgt. Francis Gautreau, Master Sgt. Sylvester Bowen and Pvt. Russell Leighton. A military escort headed by Corp. Bruno DeProto accompanied the body to Notre Dame Cemetery where a firing squad fired a volley over the grave.

MILITARY FUNERAL FOR PVT E. J. KOZIK

A military funeral for Pvt. Eugene J. Kozik who died in an automobile accident at Bowling Green, Va., Monday will be held at the Lawrence A. Maziarz funeral home Friday morning.

Pvt. Kozik was born and raised in Chicopee and prior to his induction in the army had helped his father in his milk business. Besides his wife, Mrs. Claire Kozik, he leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Kozik and a sister, Mrs. Jane Fife, all of Chicopee.

CHICOPEE GIRL STILL CRITICAL

Chicopee Falls, Aug. 15.—The condition of Mrs. Claire Kozik, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fife of Central street, Sheridan circle, remained unchanged at a local hospital today. She is still in critical condition.

Mrs. Kozik was injured in an accident at Bowling Green, Va., with her husband and a few minutes later Eugene Kozik, and her sister, Miss Irene Fife were killed.

his bomber command.

The military funeral of Eugene J. Kozik was held from the Maziarz funeral home this morning. Chaplain P. M. Meikle officiating. A cortege headed by Corp. Bruno DeProto escorted the body to Notre Dame cemetery where the firing squad delivered a volley. Honorary bearers were Corp. Leo Leary, Pvt. Nick Saella, Frank Cain and Clayton Williams. Taps were sounded by Corp. Edward Centosant. Active bearers were Staff Sgt. Thomas Rosser, Pvt. Ronald Leighton, Staff Sgt. Alton Wein and

Mrs Kozik Still Unconscious Seven Weeks After Accident

Chicopee, Oct. 5.—Mrs. Eugene Kozik, who was seriously injured in a motor accident in Virginia seven weeks ago, still remains unconscious in a hospital at Frederickburg.

Her father, Eli Fife, left today to go to Virginia to be with his daughter.

He has been there for some time and her condition has not improved much time in Frederickburg. Her daughter's husband and Irene were killed.

CHICOPEE GIRL, SOLDIER KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

Irene Fife, 15, Pvt. Kosik Were
In Party Bound for
Camp Lee

Chicopee, Aug. 16.—A planned vacation trip for a 15-year-old girl ended in death today when Miss Irene Leah Fife, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Fife of Central street, Sheridan circle, and her brother-in-law, Pvt. Gene Kosik, 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kosik, of 14 Myrtle street, were killed in an automobile accident at Bowling Green, Va.

Seriously injured in the crash and in a hospital there are Mrs. Claire Kosik, 21, wife of the soldier, and Mrs. Mildred Dube, the latter of Fall River.

The car operated by the Chicopee man hit a parked truck that was not visible as there were no lights showing, police at Bowling Green said. The truck was parked near an airport.

The party left the city yesterday afternoon at 2 for Camp Lee, Va., where the Fife girl was to have spent a three-week vacation with her sister and brother-in-law.

The fourth member of the party is the wife of a soldier stationed at Camp Lee and was being driven back by the local soldier.

Ironically the dead girl was to have taken the train to Virginia when an unexpected furfouch made it possible

Soldier and Sailor On Furloughs



FRANK CZOP



WILBERT MATTHIUS

Chicopee, Sept. 10—Pvt Frank Czop has completed his basic training at the bomb disposal school at the Aberdeen Proving grounds in Maryland and is visiting his wife at their home on Wayside avenue. Mrs Czop's son, Seaman First Class Wilbert Matthius, is also on furlough and is spending 15 days with his mother. He is stationed at Sateo Island, N. Y., and has seen active duty. Before enlistment he was employed by the Worthington Pump corporation.

DIES OF WOUNDS



STANLEY F. KRAS

Stanley F. Kras, son of Mr and Mrs John Kras of 3 Coolidge road, Chicopee died of wounds received in an air attack by Nazi planes on his ship and was buried at sea according to a telegram received by his parents recently. The young man was a gunner's mate, third class and entered the service in September, 1942. He was a well known athlete in Chicopee playing football and baseball with the Sand Hill Eagles.

MAJ EDWIN C. KISIEL

Chicopee, March 10 -- Edwin C. Kisiel, son-in-law of Assessor and Mrs Tadeusz Janik of Northwood street, has been promoted to major. He is a West Point graduate and has been with a coast artillery unit in the South Pacific for three years. Shortly before leaving for overseas, he married Adelle Janik who is making her home with her parents for the duration. Maj Kisiel's parents reside at Ware.

LIEUT SAVARIA WRITES FROM PRISON CAMP

Chicopee, Oct. 8—Mr and Mrs Oswald Savaria of Nonotuck avenue received their first letter from their son, Lieut Jerome Savaria of the army air corps yesterday. Once he was reported a prisoner of the Germans.

The young man's letter which came through the International Red Cross, told his parents that he was in good health and was being treated well by his captors.

Previously Lieut Savaria had been reported missing in action.

SERVING OVERSEAS



ALFRED E. PALERMA

Chicopee, Jan. 8—Pfc Alfred E. Palerma, son of Mr and Mrs Dominic Palerma of Dwight street, Chicopee, is now overseas. He entered the army in November, 1942, and his wife, the former Gladys Miras, lives at 32 West street.

KILLED IN ACTION



SEAMAN R. H. HASTINGS

CHICOPEE NAVY MAN LISTED AS DEAD IN ACTION

Seaman R. H. Hastings Is Killed in Pacific Fight With Enemy

Seaman 1/c Richard Henry Hastings, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Hastings of 51 Austin Street, Chicopee, was killed in action against the enemy in the Pacific war area, according to a telegram received by his family from the Navy Department late yesterday afternoon. He had been in the Navy for more than three years and had not been home on furlough since he enlisted Aug. 16, 1940.

Was on Destroyer

Seaman Hastings served on a destroyer, the same ship to which he was assigned when he finished boot training and on which he lost his life. His ship left Pearl Harbor two days before the Japanese sneak attack and during subsequent months he saw active service in many sea battles in the Pacific area. In one of his letters at the time he wrote that the war is not as tough as it is cracked up to be, but it is "plenty exciting."

His family received a letter from him Sept. 5 in which he said he had met with an accident and suffered injuries to his face. He enlisted in the Navy with a friend, Seaman Hal Weeks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Weeks of 29 Stearns Terrace, Chicopee.

Hastings attended Chicopee High School and worked for his father in Hastings News Room, 2 Center Street, Chicopee, for about a year before he enlisted in the Navy. He was a golf enthusiast and a member of the Chicopee Federated Church.

Besides his father and mother he leaves three sisters, Mrs. Charles H. Gray, Mrs. Lester J. Moss and Eunice, all at home, and two brothers, Joseph E. Hastings of Enfield, Conn., and James E. at home.

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Three Olbrych Brothers in Armed Forces



CORP FRANK OLBRYCH



CORP FRED OLBRYCH



PFC ALBIN OLBRYCH

Chicopee, Sept. 28—There are three service stars on the service flag in the window of the home of Mr and Mrs Andrew Olbrych of 25 Middle street, for they have three sons in the service. Two are corporals and one is a first class private.

Corp Frank Olbrych, who is 33, is at Camp Kilmer, N. J., and is in the ordnance department. He attended the local schools and before entering the service, worked at the Storms

and Page plant. He is married and lives at 2 Charles street, Chicopee Falls. He has a son, Frank, Jr., who is eight years old.

Corp Fred Olbrych, 26, who is stationed at Camp Campbell, Jr., returned to his duties yesterday after a furlough at his home. He attended the local schools, and was employed at the Fisk Rubber company before entering the service.

Pvt First Class Albin Olbrych, 22, is in Atlanta, Ga., in the motorcycle repair school. He is married and his wife was Claire Fournier. When he completes his course he hopes to have a furlough so that he can see for the first time his infant son, who was born last Sunday. He also attended the local schools and was employed at the Westinghouse before joining the army. He was active in basketball while in civilian life.



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(Photo by Merin-Baliban)
CADET AUGUST S. GALUSKA

Chicopee, Nov. 4—Naval Aviation Cadet August S. Galuska, son of Mr and mMrs Joseph Galuska of 676 Front street has successfully completed the course of training for the navy preflight school at Chapel Hill, N. C., and has been promoted to primary flight training at the naval air station, Perry, Ind. He is a graduate of Chicopee high school and after three months of primary training he will go into his advanced training after which he will receive a commission and his wings.



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CAPT EDWIN C. KISIEL

Chicopee, Jan. 13—Capt Edwin C. Kisiel, husband of Mrs Adele Kisiel of 12 Northwood street, recently spent a 15-day leave in Sydney, Australia, according to a letter received by his wife. He has been on active duty in the Southwest Pacific for 23 months and at the present time is battery commander of an anti-aircraft unit in New Guinea. He is a graduate of Ware high school and the U. S. Military academy at West Point.



(Army Air Corps Photo)
SERGT CHESTER C. CESARZ

Sergt Chester C. Cesarz, son of Mrs Josephine Cesarz of Chicopee, has completed his training as armor-gunner with a heavy bombardment group of Liberator bombers, at the army air base, McCook, Neb. Sergt Cesarz is a graduate of Chicopee Trade school and was employed at Perkins Machine and Gear company before entering the air corps last March. He is married to the former Germaine Gendron of Butler street, Springfield.

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Borys Family Now H



CHESTER J. BORYS



STEPHEN J. BORYS



"That's their service tag—thay

Holyoke, Nov. 4—Stephen J. Borys, 18, son of Mr and Mrs John J. Borys of 153 Nonotuck avenue, Chicopee, has left for boot training at Parris Island, S. C. Before enlisting last month, he was employed as a clerk at Millettes Cigar store in Chicopee.

Stephen has three brothers in service. Chester J. Borys, 21, joined the marine corps in March, 1943 and received boot training at Parris Island, S. C. He was transferred to Washington, D. C., and is now stationed at the Presidents' camp in Maryland. Before enlistment, he was employed at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft in East Longmeadow as a plater.

Max J. Borys, 23, who enlisted in the navy in January, received his boot training at Newport, R. I. He has been to Casablanca twice and also at Gibraltar. He is now stationed in Boston. He was formerly employed as machinist at the Perkins Machine and Gear company of West Springfield.

After enlisting in the army infantry in February, 1941, Fred J. Borys, 25, was stationed for a short time at Camp Edwards. He was then transferred to Camp Pickett, Vt., and later to Pine camp, N. Y. He has taken part in the major battles of the African campaign, the invasion of Sicily and is now in Italy. Before going in to the army, he was employed by his father, John J. Borys, who was in the painting business.



(Photo by Fontana)
BASIL M. FERRIS
Commissioned

Basil M. Ferris

Basil M. Ferris, son of Mrs Michael Ferris and the late Michael Ferris, former Chicopee merchant, received his commission as a first lieutenant in the dental corps after graduation from Temple Dental university, Philadelphia, Pa. Lieut Ferris has been assigned to Carlisle barracks, Pa., for six weeks' training and will then transfer to Columbus, O.

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LIEUT JOSEPH F. FURTEK

Chicopee, Jan. 25—Joseph F. Furtek, son of Mr and Mrs Felix S. Furtek of 79 Park street, Chicopee, has received the commission of second lieutenant in the army corps of the military police, following his graduation last Tuesday from the candidate school at Fort Custer, Mich.

Lieut Furtek served for 11 months in the Panama Canal zone. Before entering the service, he practiced law in Chicopee and was a member of advisory board 51.

Chicopee Man Killed On Italian Battlefield



FREDERICK J. BORYS

Sergeant Frederick J. Borys, 26, son of Mr and Mrs John Borys of 153 Nonotuck avenue, Chicopee, was killed in action in Italy sometime this month, according to a telegram received from the war department yesterday.

Twice wounded while in battle, Sergeant Borys had been awarded the Purple Heart, which he sent home to his parents.

He has three brothers in the service. Pfc Chester Borys, stationed with the marines at Washington, D. C., Max J. Borys, seaman, second class, in the Pacific, and Pfc Stephen Borys, who is in the Atlantic area. He also leaves another brother, Frank Borys of Williamsett.

Before he entered service, Sergeant Borys worked with his father as a painter and decorator.

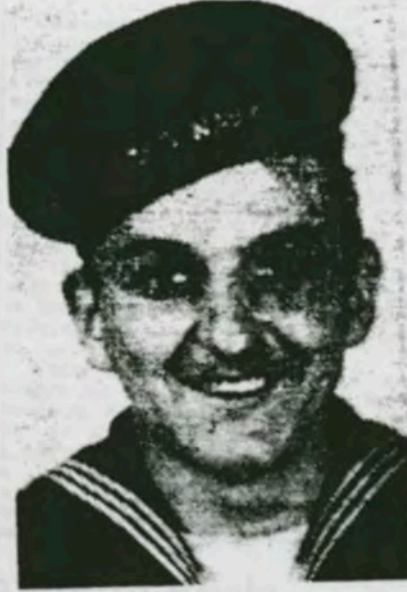
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Three Koziol Boys in Uniform



CORP STANLEY KOZIOL

Chicopee, Jan. 13—Mr and Mrs Anthony Koziol of 63 Bonnevillie avenue have three sons in the service. Corp Stanley Koziol, who is serving with the engineers at Pikeel, Va., was graduated from Chicopee high school and entered service on February 15, 1941.



EDMUND F. KOZIOL

Edmund Frank Koziol, carpenter's mate, first class, stationed at Camp Parks, Cal., returned to his station recently after a 30-day furlough. For 13 months he was stationed at Dutch Harbor, Alaska. He is a graduate of Chicopee Trade school and has been



CORP CHESTER J. KOZIOL

in the service since June 14, 1941. Corp Chester J. Koziol, who has been in the service since June 22, 1942, is stationed with the coast artillery at Camp Stuart, Ga. He was employed at the Fisk Rubber company before entering service.

Doctors Serving Uncle Sam



(Photos by Fonfara)

CAPT BRONISLAUS GALUSZKA

Chicopee, Dec. 8—Mr and Mrs Charles Galuszka of 893 Front street have two sons in the service. They are Capt Bronislau Galuszka, and Lieut (Jg) Albin Galuszka. Both are physicians.

The young captain is serving in the medical corps as field surgeon at Camp Bowie, Texas. He was graduated from Chicopee high school in 31 and received his bachelor of science degree at Tufts university in 35 as a Phi Beta Kappa member. He held the Commonwealth fellowship Tufts medical school for four years and received his medical degree in 39. He was an interne at the Rhode Island hospital for two years and later was resident surgeon at the Providence hospital. In 1942 he left his practice in Barre and was commissioned a first lieutenant.



LIEUT ALBIN GALUSZKA

He received his promotion to captain a few months ago.

Lieut (Jg) Galuszka was graduated from Chicopee high school and Tufts. He was active in sports while at high school and in college and was captain of the basketball team at Tufts in 1938, the year he was graduated. After attending the platoon leaders' class, marine corps, in Quantico, Va., he was commissioned a second lieutenant and then entered Tufts Medical school, from which he was graduated in 1942. He was appointed to his present rank in the naval medical corps in 1942 and interned at the Naval hospital in Newport, R. I. He also attended the naval medical school at the naval medical center in Bethesda, Md., where he did post-graduate work in tropical medicine. At present he is on duty with the fleet marine force at New River, N. C.

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(Photo by Weitzman)
JOSEPH TOMASZEWSKI
Stationed in Texas

Joseph Tomaszewski

Pfc Joseph Tomaszewski, 23, son of Mrs Mary Tomaszewski of 259 Center street, Chicopee, is stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky., after being transferred from Fort Knox, Ky. He entered service June 4, 1941 and previously worked at the Moore Drop Forging company. He has two brothers in the service, William in the army stationed at Fort Riley, Kan., and Edward in the navy stationed at Sampson, N. Y.

Sergt Wegrzyn Finds American Girls Prettiest in the World

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Chicopee, Feb. 11—American girls are the prettiest in the world according to Sergt Kasmer Wegrzyn of 6 Chestnut street who returned last night on a 30-day furlough after serving overseas as a member of the ground crew of the Hell's Angels Flying Fortress. The plane will tour the war production plants this spring.

Wegrzyn was 18 months in England and has been with the crew of the big bomber since October 1942. In all the ship completed 48 missions over enemy territory and never had to limp home because of mechanical failure. It also had 18 German planes to its credit.

While in England Wegrzyn and others of the buddies visited Edinburgh, Scotland, and found it much like an American city. Wegrzyn met a beautiful Scotch girl, Esther Little, and brought her picture back home with him. However, he said today he was still fancy free.

Wegrzyn visited the city hall this afternoon where the mayor had ready for him large banana split which the young soldier said in a letter to his sister was the first thing he wanted.

Souvenirs from abroad included some seashells for his sister, Maxine, who is a shell collector and a seed bracelet for another sister.

Hell's Angels arrived at Oklahoma last week where crew was given a rousing reception. From there Wegrzyn flew to Dayton, O., and returned home.

He is the son of Mr and Mrs W. Henry Wegrzyn.

He enlisted in the air corps in August, 1940, one year after his graduation from Chicopee high school. He was stationed for some time at Westover field and later completed a course at the Curtis Wright Technical institute.

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"Hell's Angels" Crewman Rests



On furlough after 17 months overseas duty, during which he helped keep the Flying Fort "Hell's Angels" in trim for 48 missions over enemy territory, Staff Sgt. Kasmer Wegrzyn relaxes while Mom pours another cup of coffee for his late breakfast.

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HERO SPEAKS AT BOND RALLY

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Chicopee, Feb. 11—Sergt Kasmer Wegrzyn of the Hell's Angels ground crew will be the principal speaker at a bond rally sponsored by the Massachusetts Women's Defense corps in the city hall auditorium tonight with Mrs Albert Boutin, Jr. recently appointed assistant to Tom Wilson, chairman of the War Finance committee, in charge. Mayors Edward Bourbeau, Walter Szelata, president of the board, Rev Florence Donoghue and Tom Wilson will be present.

Exhibitions in drilling will be given by the Massachusetts Women's Defense corps under Sergt Rita Cartier and by the State guard. An entertainment will be given by pupils of Miss Eunice Meehan and prizes donated by Chicopee merchants will be given to buyers of bonds.

Sergt Wegrzyn arrived home last night after an absence of two years.



SEAMAN WALTER PADYKULA

Chicopee, Feb. 19—Seaman Walter Padykula, son of Mr and Mrs Walter Padykula of 20 Miller street, has been in the navy for 17 months, recently returned from foreign duty, and is now stationed at the naval air station at South Weymouth. Prior to joining the service, he was employed at the Armory in Springfield. He has four brothers in the service.

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CHICOPEE NEWS

PVT. JEDZINIAK INJURED IN SOUTH PACIFIC ACTION

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Chicopee Marine May Have
Participated in Battle
of Tarawa 1944

The U. S. Marine Corps in its latest casualty release lists Pvt. John M. Jedziniak, 22, of 189 South Street, Chicopee, as among the injured. A telegram revealing that the Chicopee Marine was injured somewhere in the South Pacific was received by his brother, Max, Dec. 20.

Injuries Not Revealed

There was nothing to reveal where Pvt. Jedziniak was injured or how serious the injury is. He is now in a Navy hospital somewhere in the South Pacific, according to a letter sent to Max by some one at the hospital but part of the letter has been censored.

It is thought likely that John may have taken part in the battle of Tarawa when heavy casualties were experienced by the Marines. John enlisted in the Marines in June, 1942, and was sent to Parris Island and then New River, S. C., for his preliminary and advanced training. He was moved overseas first to Britain and then to New Zealand before he participated in the engagement that resulted in his injuries.

He was a popular amateur sports figure in Chicopee and was the pitcher on a softball team that represented the Wigwam Restaurant in 1940 in a tournament for the state championship at Boston. He also excelled in football and baseball.

He is a graduate of the Chicopee Trade School and worked for some time at the Brightwood plant of the Moore Drop Forging Co. before he entered the service. Besides his brother, Max, employed by the Western Massachusetts Electric Co., he has another brother, Pvt. Walter Jedziniak, with the Army at a Georgia base. He has a sister, Henrietta, who resides with his brother, Max. Both parents are dead.

WOUNDED IN ACTION



PVT. JOHN M. JEDZINIAK

Field, will be presented tonight, the first showing to be at 8.30 at Theater No. 2 and the second showing to be at 9.30 in the Service Club. Admission to servicemen, WACS and their guests will be free.

Men McAtee will be master of ceremonies, introducing the following variety acts that constitute the show: The Woodson Sisters, in acrobatic and tap dancing; Beede Dornell, jitterbug rhythm songstress; Helen Denison, ballet and interpretive dancer, and Reed and Dean in a comedy instrumental musical act. Al Friedman, pianist, will be accompanist.

After the performance at the Service Club, the Westover Band will remain to play for dancing.

SAFE IN ENGLAND



PVT THOMAS A. ANDERSON

Chicopee, Jan. 19—Word has been received by relatives of Pvt. Thomas A. Anderson that he has arrived safely in England, where he is attached to a combat engineering unit. Prior to his departure for service he was employed at the A. G. Spalding company where he was active in the athletic association. He is a nephew of Miss Mary Linehan of Walton street, with whom he made his home, and of Daniel Linehan, an employee of the water department.

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Naval Hero of Battle of Midway Returns Home for Furlough

Chicopee, Jan. 26—Among Chicopee's several heroes who returned on furlough from battle recently is Chief Radioman Horace Allan Walker, son of Mr and Mrs Horace Walker of Chicopee street, who fought and was wounded in the battle of Midway island.

Chief Radioman Walker has been on duty in the South Pacific until recently and has seen plenty of action, on a PT boat which is part of the Mosquito fleet which took part in the rescue of Eddie Rickenbacker. He still carries in his right arm shrapnel he received during the battle of Midway island, the wound healing with the shrapnel in it.

Members of this fleet have been cited several times for bravery in action. It took part in the battles of the Solomon islands, the New Hebrides, as well as in the battle of Midway island.

Walker entered the navy in the spring of 1939 after graduating from Chicopee high school and immediately was assigned to radio.



HORACE A. WALKER



EDWARD W. MIDURA 1944

Chicopee, Feb. 14—Silver pilot's wings and a commission as second lieutenant have been won by Edward W. Midura, 24, son of Mrs. Aniela Midura of 333 Hampden street at La Tufts army air field, Ohio. He is a

Three Chicopee Brothers Serving in Army



BENEDICT STOKOWSKI
(Photo by Fonfara)



THADDEUS STOKOWSKI
(Photo by Fonfara)



HENRY STOKOWSKI
(Photo by Fonfara)

Chicopee, Dec. 14—Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Stokowski of 124 Cabot street are serving in the army. They are Pvt. Benedict Stokowski, Pvt. Thaddeus Stokowski and Pvt. Henry Stokowski.

Benedict entered the service in June

and received basic training at Camp Edwards where he is still stationed with the anti-aircraft artillery. Thaddeus was inducted December 22, 1942, and received basic training in field artillery at Camp Shelby, Miss., and later volunteered for the paratroop-

ers and trained at Fort Benning, Ga., and is now stationed at Camp MacKall, N. C. Henry was inducted in May, received his basic training in New Orleans and is now serving with a transportation unit.

All three were home on furlough together last month.



(Photo by Fonfara)
PVT EDWARD GULA

Chicopee, Dec. 10—Pvt. Edward Gula, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gula of 32 Front street, has returned to Camp Ellis, Ill., after spending a 12-day furlough with his parents.



PFC MAC CZEPIEL

Chicopee, Dec. 10—Pvt. Mac Czepiel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Czepiel of Wheatland avenue, has returned to Camp Barkley, Tex., where he is attached to an armored tank division. He took part recently in the maneuvers in Tennessee. He has been in the service since April 13, 1942, and was employed at the Berkshire Upholstery company prior to induction.

RETURNS TO STATION



WILBERT MATTHIEUS

Chicopee, Dec. 13—Wilbert Matthieus, seaman, first class, has returned to his station at Staten Island, N. Y., after a short visit with his mother, Mrs. Frank Cnop. While here he was honored at a party in the home of his uncle, Max Koto-wicz, and was presented with a gift of money.



Stephen S. Cichonski

Stephen S. Cichonski
Tech. Sgt. Stephen S. Cichonski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cichonski of 513 Front street, Chicopee, has been in the army for 18 months. He is now stationed in England with the 5th air force as a crew chief. He last worked at the H. L. Handy company.



Jendrysik Brothers in Navy



FREDERICK J. JENDRYSIK ⁴³ CHESTER JENDRYSIK

Chicopee, Oct. 18—Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Felix J. Jendrysik of 67 Chicopee street, Frederick J., 25, seaman first class, and Chester E., 19, seaman second class, are doing their bit for Uncle Sam in different branches of the navy.

Frederick, older of the two, enlisted in the coast guard on March 15, 1942. He received his "boot" training at Manhattan beach, N. Y. Then came a series of assignments at various camps and finally convoy duty. He is now awaiting further orders at New York. Before enlisting he was employed at Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company.

Chester picked the naval construction battalion, better known as the seabees, as his branch of the service and enlisted on June 8, 1943. After completing his "boot" training at Camp Peary, Va., he received advance training at Camp Endicott, R. I. Then came a 10-day leave, which he enjoyed at home. He is now attending advance technical classes at Camp Parks, Cal. Before enlistment he was employed at the Jendrysik's stores.

Both boys were actively engaged in social and athletic clubs before enlistment. Fred was secretary-treasurer of the Cavaliers SAC, while Chet, then known as Chet Jay, was editor of the Cavalier, weekly newspaper.

TO BE HONORED



JOSEPH LEZON ⁴³

Chicopee, Nov. 22—Joseph J. Lezon, organist at St Stanislaus church who has been inducted into the armed forces, will be honored at a farewell party, given by the St Theresa choir at the church in the parish auditorium tomorrow night at 7.30. Joseph Korabliowski, president of the choir, will be in charge of arrangements and will be assisted by other members of the choir. Organist Lezon will enter service December 1.

Brothers Send Ideal Gift Home



MARYAN J. SZCZYGIEL ¹⁹⁴³ ALFRED C. SZCZYGIEL

Chicopee, Dec. 27—It was only a picture of two men in uniform but it made the difference between a merry holiday and a sorrow for Mrs. Sophie Szczygiel of 10 Riverview terrace, because it was the way her two sons chose to wish her the seasons greetings jointly.

The two men are in England and hadn't seen each other for 18 months until one day in the Red Cross club one of the men heard his name called and found his brother comfortably seated on one of the lounge chairs

greeting him. The reunion was all that it should have been for two brothers and they decided to make it complete by having their photo made together to be sent to their mother.

The two brothers are Pvt Maryan J. Szczygiel and Sgt Alfred C. Szczygiel. Maryan has been in the service since August, 1942 and is an armorer mechanic. Alfred is with a chemical battalion and has been in the army since June, 1942. Both were employed at the Armory before entering service.

HOME ON LEAVE



Nov. 12 (Photo by Weitzman) JAMES E. PIKE 1943

James E. Pike, 22, coxswain, is home on leave for 15 days at present, his first trip home in 13 months during which he has been on convoy duty on the Atlantic. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Pike of 836 Liberty street and entered the service July 10, 1942. He received his training at Ellis Island before setting out to sea. A graduate of Technical high school he last worked at the General Fiber Box company.



SGT. JOHN J. GWOZDZ

SPRINGFIELD AND CHICOPEE SOLDIERS D

Pvt. G. B. Hebert, Pvt. J.
May, Sgt. J. J. Gwozdz
Killed in Action

The names of two Springfield soldiers and of one Chicopee soldier were included in a list of 331 United States soldiers who were reported killed in action in the Mediterranean theater of the war, according to a War Department official casualty list released in Washington yesterday.

The Springfield men were Pvt. Gabriel B. Hebert of 76 Mill Street and Pvt. James W. May of 151 Monroe Street. S-Sgt. John J. Gwozdz of 80 Springfield Street, Chicopee, was the third name on the list of local men.

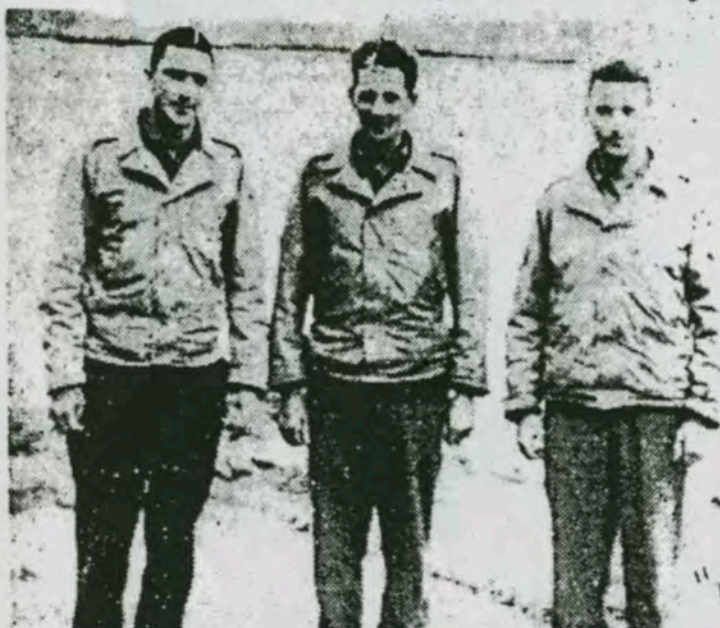
After West-Side Wedding



Dec. 2, 1943

Tech Sergt Stanley J. Kalinowski of the army air force and his bride, the former Priscilla G. Davis, daughter of Mr and Mrs Carlisle A. Davis of Boulevard street, West Springfield, are pictured following their marriage this morning in St Thomas' church, West Springfield. The bridegroom recently returned from duty in New Guinea, where he served as radio gunner on a Flying Fortress. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Kalinowski of 96 Walnut street, North Agawam.

Meet 'Somewhere in Italy'



Chicopee, June 21—Three Coolidge-road brothers met recently "somewhere in Italy." They are, left to right, Lieut Fred Stopa, who is in the signal corps, and Pvt Morris Stopa and Corp Medrick Stopa, who are in the medical corps. All three are in different outfits and they



MAURICE P. STOPA

Pfc. Maurice P. Stopa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Omfry Stopa of 46 Coolidge Road, Chicopee, and husband of the former Viola Parylak of Indian Orchard, has been serving in Italy for the past year in the Medical Corps. He recently held a reunion in Italy with his two brothers, Lt. Fred and Sgt. Medrick. A graduate of Chicopee

Come In and Have Your Picture Taken

WILL JOIN NAVY



Our Personnel Department is delighted to take photographs of Spalding men, who visit our Chicopee factory, when home on furlough. We use our regular badge camera for this purpose without, of course, the identifying numbers.

Among our recent callers have been:

Gifford Kenyon, seaman, second class, Norfolk, Virginia.

Donald Kenyon, private, first class, Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi.

(Gifford and Donald are grandsons of Jack Kilpatrick, foreman of our Forge Shop. They were both employed in our machine shop before entering the service.)

Private Floyd Hayden, Military Police, Camp Devens, Mass. He is the

son of Larkin Hayden of our Wood Working Department and was employed in our Stringing Department before entering the Army.

Frank Stronczek, seaman, second class. He is a former employee of our Shipping Department.

Harry Rickaby, corporal, United States Army, Camp McClelland, Alabama. He is a former employee of our Small Arms Department.

William Cosman, corporal, Signal Corps, United States Army, Red Bank, N. J. He is a former employee of our Electrical Department.

John S. Saczawa, sergeant, United States Army, Camp Ellis, Illinois.

Alex J. Rucki, M. M., second class, United States Navy, Norfolk, Virginia.



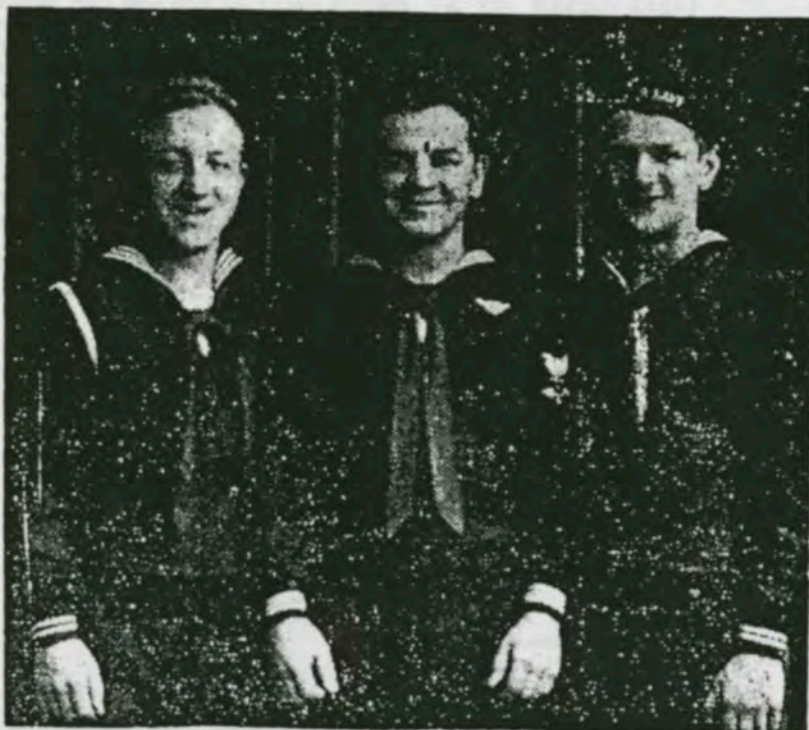
DR. KENNETH S. FLETCHER

DR. FLETCHER TO GET NAVY COMMISSION

Chicopee Medical Examiner
Will Report for Duty
March 13

Dr. Kenneth S. Fletcher, Chicopee medical examiner, a well-known Hampden County physician, has been approved for a commission as lieutenant-commander in the U. S. Naval Reserve and has been instructed. If he accepts, to report for duty at Boston Naval Base on March 13. Dr. Fletcher announced that he will accept and will report as required after first having some minor dental cor-

Three Boys in Service



Chicopee, Feb. 24—Three sons of Mr and Mrs John Lonczak are in service, and all three are in the navy. Left to right, Frank, machinist's mate, second class, is stationed at Quonset Point, R. I., and Joseph and Fred, twins, have just completed boot training at Camp

son, N. Y., and are home on 16-day furloughs



Stanley P. Maslak

Naval Aviation Cadet. Maslak, son of Mr and Mrs Maslak of 165 South Street, was among those 200 who completed technical training school at Annapolis, Me., recently. He is a graduate of Chicopee high school and an international college.

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CYRIL LAPA



MAX LAPA



MITCHEL L. LAPA



JOSEPH LAPA

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lapa of 51 Lorraine Street, Chicopee, have four sons in the armed forces.

The eldest, Pfc. Max Lapa, 29, is with a signal battalion in the Aleutian Islands. He is a graduate of Chicopee High School and previous to entering the service was employed at the East Hartford plant of Pratt and Whitney. He has been in service 21 months, has been out of the country 21 months and was in Alaska four months.

Pvt. Joseph Lapa, 23, is home on a 15-day leave. He is with the airborne glider troops at Camp Polk, La. and was on maneuvers. He has been in the service 18 months and previously worked at the Berkshire

Upholstering Company, East Springfield. He attended Chicopee High School.

The two others are 19-years-old twins. Pfc. Cyril Lapa is with a Coast Artillery antiaircraft unit at Camp Pickett, Va. Pfc. Mitchell Lapa is in an engineer's battalion on maneuvers in West Virginia. Both were graduated from Kirby Junior High School and worked at the American Bosch plant before entering the service. They have been in about nine months.

The four haven't been together in 18 months. Max has seen action in the Aleutians and his family thinks he may have left there recently for further action in the Pacific area.

IN ENGLISH HOSPITAL



LIEUT HENRY BALICKI

Chicopee, July 27—Lieut Henry Balicki of 336 Front street, seriously injured in combat in France, the 6th has been removed to a hospital in England, according to word received by his wife. Before entering service Lieut Balicki worked at the American Bosch as an engineer.

LIEUT HENRY BALICKI

Chicopee, Jan. 13—Mrs Henry Balicki of Front street has received word that her husband has been promoted to first lieutenant. He was wounded during the invasion of France and was in the hospital until recently when he returned to duty. When last heard from he was at Luxembourg.

His brother, Tech Corp John Balicki, was wounded in France on December 4 and is now in a hospital in England, where he is getting better, according to word sent home recently. The boys are the sons of Mr and Mrs Joseph Balicki of Nonotuck avenue. John Balicki is married also. His home is in Westfield.



LOUIS GUZIK

Louis Guzik

Pvt Louis Guzik who is attached to the quartermaster corps and stationed in Italy is the husband of Mrs Alice Guzik of 71 Florence street, Chicopee. He entered service in March, 1943 and was last employed at J. Stevens Arms company. He was stationed in Virginia before being transferred overseas.

AWARDS GIVEN NINE SOLDIERS

Fliers and Ground Troops
Win Recognition



THADDEUS WEWIORSKI

Recently awarded Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal were the following local men now at an Eighth Air Force Bomber Station in England: S/Sgt. Armond Mitchell, 2d Lt. John B. LeRoy, Jr. (first cluster), Sgt. Thaddeus Wewiorski (fourth cluster), S/Sgt. Donald W. Bowen (third cluster), and 2d Lt. John Woodford (Oak Leaf Cluster).

Sgt. Wewiorski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Wewiorski of 391 Center Street, serves in a B-17 bomber that was named the "Beezlybub," named that because none of the crew could agree on how to spell "Beelzebub" meaning the devil, that has been based in England and done its share to level Germany's industrial facilities. He is a radio operator and waist gunner. He also wears the Presidential citation for taking part in the pathfinding shuttle flight from England to Africa and return to bomb Italian and German targets. He was employed by the Van Norman Machine Tool Company before he entered the service in July, 1943, and received his wings in May, 1944, at Yuma, Ariz.



CHESTER W. LEMANSKI



THADDEUS WEWIORSKI

Thaddeus Wewiorski
Sergt Thaddeus Wewiorski, 28, son of Mr and Mrs Thaddeus Wewiorski of 391 Center street, Chicopee, has been awarded the Air Medal at an 8th air force base in England. He is radio operator and gunner on a Fortress. Prior to joining the air force in July, 1943, Sergt Wewiorski was employed by the Van Norman Machine Tool company. He received his wings last May at Yuma, Ariz.



MAX KWASNIK
Wounded

Pfc Max Kwasnik, 24, son of Mrs Anna Kwasnik of 47 Abbey street, was wounded while fighting on the road to Rome, his mother has learned. He fought at the Salerno and Anzio beachheads before joining the Allied forces making the drive on the Eternal city. Now hospitalized he has been awarded the Purple Heart. He last worked at the Bausch Machine and Tool company. He has two brothers in the navy, both petty officers, Stanley and Walter.
Read Guinness of Worcester

Chester W. Lemanski
Chester W. Lemanski, 18, seaman, second class, nephew of Mrs Anna Kwasnik of 47 Abbey street, Chicopee, is stationed somewhere in the Pacific. He last worked at the Armory.

SGT. KRZEMINSKI AGAIN IS FREE

Third Chicopee Prisoner Is
Freed in Romania

Sgt. John J. Krzeminski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob of 6 Gardner Road, who had been reported missing in a raid over Romania on June 21, has cabled his parents from Italy that he was among the 1100 evacuated from Bucharest after Romania had switched to the Allied side.

Sgt. Krzeminski had arrived in Africa only six days before he was as-



SGT. JOHN J. KRZEMINSKI

signed as a top turret gunner to one of the Liberators that took part in the raid over the Ploesti oil fields. The news is that he had been returned to Allied base in Italy and accounts for all three of the Chicopee fliers who were made prisoners of Romania, since the Ploesti oil fields became a target for theAAF.

Previously, Lt. Jerome Savaria and S/Sgt. Philip Rurak had sent cablegrams announcing their return. Savaria and Rurak took part in the first raid on the Ploesti oil fields on August 1, 1943, and had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, and have also been cited by the President and Gen. H. H. Arnold for the unusual success of this mission.

SERGEANT JOHN KRZEMINSKI-

Chicopee, Oct. 23—Sergt John Krzeminski, 21, son of Mr and Mrs Jacob Krzeminski of 6 Gardner road, is spending a furlough at his home. He was just graduated from the gunnery school in Las Vegas, Nev. receiving his aerial gunner's wings there. He will return to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he will be assigned to a bombardment crew. Prior to his induction in March he was employed at the Dana S. Courtney company in brook of Jenness street, Mrs Vin. Chicopee.



PVT. ADAM T. LONCZAK
ADAM LONCZAK
HOME ON LEAVE
Has Had Much Fighting Ex-
perience Overseas

Adam T. Lonczak, private in an infantry unit that has fought with the 5th Army from Africa to a point north of Naples in Italy, and one of four soldier-sons of Mrs. Mary Lonczak, 25 Chicopee Street, a widow, reached home Tuesday night for a 20-day leave for his first home-coming since he went overseas in April, 1943.

His tunic bears the ribbons of the Purple Heart, the European-Mediterranean theater with battle star, American Defense, and the infantry combat badge as well as two overseas stripes on his sleeve. He was twice wounded in battle, once during the invasion of Sicily and once at Anzio Beach where he spent a large time in fox holes on the narrow beachhead where German artillery barrages and bombers made life precarious.

A bomb splinter struck Pvt. Lonczak in the back at Anzio and three companions were killed and five others were injured by the same burst. Later while in the Anzio Beach Hospital, he escaped further serious injury when it was bombed by Nazi planes.

Pvt. Lonczak reached his home at a happy time for his mother. Two others of her uniformed sons were already home on leave. Pfc. Michael Lonczak is stationed at Alberta where he serves at an air base used by the Ferry Command doing duty in the dispatching section of the operations detail. He has made his first trip home in eight months. Another son, Corp. Edward, who has just completed his final training before he is sent overseas as a gunner on a Flying Fortress, is up from Texas.

The fourth son, Sgt. Stanley, a radio operator serving as a liaison "non com" with signal section of an amphibious assault team of planes and landing boats in the Central Pacific has sent word he doesn't expect to get home for a long time.

Pvt. Adam will be home for 20 days, after which he will report to Camp Butler in the South for further duty.

WOUNDED 'VET' HOME ON LEAVE

Adam T. Lonczak Twice Hurt
In Mediterranean Action

Chicopee, Aug. 10—Adam T. Lonczak of 25 Chicopee Street has come home on his first furlough since he went overseas in April, 1943. Wounded twice in action in the Mediterranean theater, he wears the Purple Heart, with cluster, the infantry combat badge and two overseas stripes. He was wounded while fighting in Sicily and at Anzio beachhead.

He is the son of Mrs. Mary Lonczak, who has three other sons in service, two of whom are also home on leave. They are Pfc. Michael Lonczak stationed at Alberta, Can., where he is with the Ferry command, and Corp. Edward Lonczak, stationed in Texas, who recently completed training as gunner on a Flying Fortress.

Their brother, Sgt. Stanley is a radio operator, serving as liaison man with the signal section of an amphibious assault team of planes and landing boats in the Pacific.



8-10-44
ANN GULCH ANDREW WILK
Killed

McEwain company.
Killed in France

Mrs. Mary Kos of Chicopee Falls has received word that her cousin, Pfc. Wilk was killed June 20 in France. He served with an infantry unit. Besides his parents, Mr and Mrs John Wilk of Poland he leaves a brother who was recently reported wounded in France and is in a hospital in England. He was last employed at J. Stevens Arms company.



Wounded June 1942
Pfc. Domin, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Domin was wounded in the Pacific according to a letter he wrote his parents. He was in the battle of Tarawa and is believed to have been wounded at Saipan. He has been in service since October 5, 1942. He last worked as a market garden distrib-



JOHN S. SKURKA
Stationed at New River

4-11-44

John S. Skurka

"Join the marines—and feel great," is the advice of Pvt. John S. Skurka, 25, son of Mr and Mrs Vincent Skurka of 50 Jones Ferry road, Chicopee. He enlisted at the local recruiting office on January 11, last, and went to Parris Island, S. C., for his preliminary training. He is now stationed at New River, N. C., receiving advance instruction. He attended Chicopee schools and was employed as a truck driver-mechanic when he decided to enter the marine corps.



ALFRED J. GARCZYNSKI
At Torpedo School

4-11-44

Alfred J. Garczynski

Mr and Mrs Joseph Garczynski of 22 Lyman road, Chicopee, received a letter from their son, Thaddeus, now stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. He was sent to Fort Jackson from Fort Devens and will get his basic training there. He was employed as a bookkeeper at the American Bosch corporation before he was inducted into the army. Another son, Alfred John, is now at the torpedo school at Norfolk, Va. A son and daughter-in-law, he enlisted at the local recruiting station. Alfred worked as an inspector at the J. Stevens Arms company before he joined the army.

Rudy, Theodore and Henry Chapdelaine

Mr and Mrs Prophir Chapdelaine of 121 Chicopee street, Chicopee, have four sons in service. Pvt Theodore Chapdelaine, 33, has been in the army a year. He is with an ordnance unit and is stationed in England. He last worked at the Springfield Armory. Corp Maurice Chapdelaine, 30, is somewhere in France with the army. He was last employed at the Armory. Pfc Rudolph Chapdelaine, 27, is in New Caledonia. He entered service in March, 1941 and up to that time worked for the Berkshire Upholstering company. Pvt Henry Chapdelaine, 21, is in England with the artillery and last worked at the Moore Drop Forging company. He has been in the army 16 months.



RUDY CHAPDELAINE



FRANK R. WASUTA
With Marines

Frank R. Wasuta

Corp Frank R. Wasuta is a member of the third marine wing where he is an instructor in aircraft assembly and repair. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Zachary Wasuta of 5 Delaney avenue. He enlisted in the marine corps May 24, 1943, in Richmond, Va., and received basic training at Parris Island, S. C., and advanced training at Cherry Point, S. C. He was employed by the Pennsylvania Central Airlines at the Washington airport before entering service.



THEODORE CHAPDELAINE



HENRY CHAPDELAINE



WALTER F. BARON

Walter F. Baron
Flight Officer Walter F. Baron, son of Mr and Mrs Joan Baron of 6 Lawrence road, Chicopee, has been commissioned and awarded the silver wings of a military pilot at Blytheville, Ark. He is a graduate of Chicopee high school.



HENRY W. WEGIEL

Aviation Cadet Henry W. Wegiel, stationed at Eagle Pass, Tex., is spending a furlough at home with his mother, Mrs. Alice Wegiel of 377 Main Street, Indian Orchard. He has completed his basic and preflight courses, and will be assigned to advanced navigation training after returning from his furlough. His older brother Lt. Walter Wegiel, is a bombardier now serving with the Air Force in the Western Front area of Europe.



LT. WALTER F. WEGIEL
(Missing) 4-22-45

LOCAL MEN ARE MISSING, SAVED

Ranger Freed From German Camp; Sergeant Wounded

Varying fortunes of war were contained in news of servicemen released yesterday. One boy, a Ranger, was liberated on Friday, the 18th; another soldier was wounded in Germany March 31, and an Indian Orchard flier was reported missing over Germany on March 21.

Lt. Walter F. Wegiel, son of Mrs. Alice Wegiel of 377 Main Street, Indian Orchard, was reported missing over Germany March 21. Mrs. Wegiel



GEORGE TARNOWSKI
Promoted

George Tarnowski

The promotion of George Tarnowski, son of Mr and Mrs John Tarnowski of 56 Foss Avenue, Chicopee, to quartermaster, second class, has been announced from his base somewhere in the Pacific. He enlisted in the navy in November, 1942, and has been in the Pacific area for the past seven months. Prior to his enlistment in the navy he served in the merchant marine.



PETER CIOSEK

Aviation Student Peter F. Ciosek of 65 Chicopee street has returned to Bryan, Tex., after spending a furlough with his parents, Mr and Mrs Frank Ciosek. He entered service in December, 1943. He received his basic training at Gulfport, Miss., and college training at Rock Island, Ill.

Peter F. Ciosek

Aviation Student Peter F. Ciosek has returned to Bryan, Tex., after spending a 14-day furlough with his parents, Mr and Mrs Frank Ciosek of 65 Chicopee street, Chicopee. He entered service in December of last year and has been in aviation training since that time. He received basic training at Gulfport field, Miss., and college training at Rock Island, Ill. He is a graduate of Chicopee high school and last worked at the Pratt and Whitney aircraft corporation.



CORP. JOSEPH S. ROGALA

TRIO OF LOCAL MEN WOUNDED

Corp. Rogala, Pfc. Larkin
and Pvt. Apts Casualties

The names of three Springfield men were among several hundred names released by the War Department yesterday, of soldiers wounded in action in the European theater of the war.

Pvt. Charles W. Apts, son of Mrs. Marguerite Apts of Magazine Street, Pfc. Richard L. Larkin, son of Mrs. Alice L. Larkin of 50 Forest Street, and Corp. Joseph S. Rogala of Weston Street, Indian Orchard, were the local men wounded in action against the enemy.

Corp. Rogala was wounded Dec. 17 in Germany, according to his wife, Mrs. Wanda (Kawa) Rogala. He was a gunner in a tank unit and suffered wounds shortly after the huge German drive started. He is at present confined to a hospital in England but advises his wife that he is convalescing, having suffered burns about the face and eye. He is the son of John Rogala of Chicopee and entered the service in April, 1942. He went overseas in February, 1944, and has seen much action since arriving in France shortly after D-Day. His wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kawa.

ORCHARD MAN DIES IN ACTION

Corp. J. S. Rogala Killed in
Germany, Army Reports

Corp. Joseph S. Rogala of Weston Street, Indian Orchard, was killed in action April 8 in Germany, according to a telegram from the War Department received by his family yesterday. Wounded in Luxembourg last Dec. 17, he was hospitalized in England and then rejoined his tank unit. He was a gunner and, according to his wife, Mrs. Wanda (Kawa) Rogala, was wounded during the big German counterattack late last fall. He then suffered burns about his face and eyes.

He entered the service in April, 1942, and went overseas in February, 1944, and had seen much action after arriving in France right after D-Day. Besides his wife, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kawa, and father, John Rogala of Chicopee, he leaves two sisters, Mrs. Mary Swinski and Miss Ann Rogala and a brother, Stanley Rogala, all of Chicopee.



WALTER KOWAL

Walter Kowal

Walter Kowal, seaman, second class, of 12 Sobieski street, Chicopee, is now in France, according to word received by friends and relatives. He worked at the Moore Drop Forging company before entering service. His brother, Matthew, with the merchant marine, died at sea early in the war.



Leo L. Borowiec

Sgt. Leo L. Borowiec, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Borowiec of 4 E. street, Chicopee, is an armorer's worker in a Liberator bomber of the 8th air force in England. He recently completed 100 missions against enemy targets. He is a graduate of Chicopee high school and has two brothers in service. Mr. Edward, petty officer, is stationed in Rhode Island.

FIGHTS IN PACIFIC



STANLEY BRZEZOWSKI
Chicopee, Jan. 23—Pfc Stanley Brzezowski, son of Mrs Catherine Brzezowski of 2 Poland road, Chicopee, is among the many Chicopee boys fighting with the armed forces in the Southern Pacific. He is attached to the anti-aircraft battalion. His brother, Sergt Joseph Brzezowski, was reported missing in action in Belgium on December 22.



JOSEPH BRZEZOWSKI
Missing 1-23-45

The Rhyme Box

Lonely Journey

I went on a lonely journey,
The day you went away,
I packed up my dreams of the future
And departed without delay.

The trip was long and weary
And filled with many a care,
With prayer, hope and courage,
I paid the costly fare.

When you returned safely home,
You reimbursed the entire fee,
Since the time you went away
And I began my lone journey.

Westfield.

ANON.

PURPLE HEART VET ADDS TAXI LINE



(Forbes and Wallace)
HENRY H. THORN

Chicopee, Oct. 4—Henry H. Thorn, wounded veteran and former Anzio raider, plans to begin a taxi service in this city as soon as cars are available. He has been granted a license to conduct a taxi service with stands at Exchange street, Chicopee, and Main street, Chicopee Falls.

Thorn wears many medals, including the Purple Heart. His wife was Alma Howard, a Chicopee girl, whom he met as a teacher in his home town of Warwick. After their marriage he moved here. He is senior vice-commander of the Davitt post, VFW and a special police officer.



CAPT. BRONISLAUS GALUSZKA
FROM PARIS BY PLANE—NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (AP)—Nineteen Army doctors, part of the 1600 medical officers being returned to the United States from Europe to help relieve the shortage of civilian doctors, arrived at La Guardia Field tonight aboard an ATC C-54 transport plane from Paris. Among those arriving was Capt. Bronislaus A. Galuszka, 895 Front Street, Chicopee Falls, Mass.

Plans for Vets' Welcome



ROBERT KUDLA



HENRY H. THORN

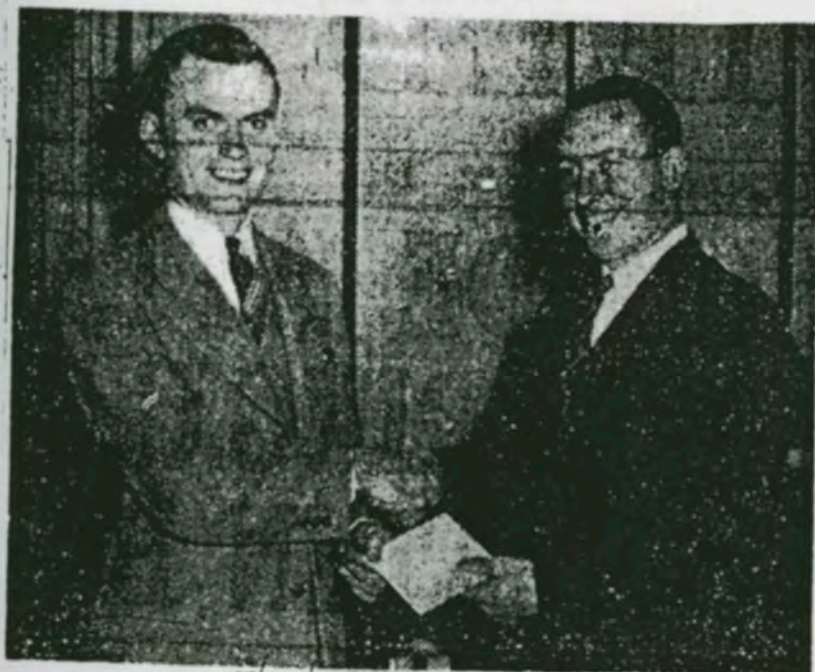
Chicopee, Nov. 16—One thousand sandwiches have been made for the welcome-home party to be held for veterans tonight at 8 in St Stanislaus parish hall on Front street. There will be dancing, entertainment and refreshments. Vic Curley's orchestra has donated its services. Moly Mallowski will entertain, assisted by others.

The only admission charge will be a discharge button and for the man home on leave his uniform. Guests may bring wives or sweethearts.

The following committee is in charge: Henry Thorn, chairman;

Robert Kudla, cochairman; Joseph Keating, Arthur Granfield, Patrick Griffin, Dr. P. M. Moriarty, Edward Ponzek, Albert Morin, Edward Jasienski, Rene Plouffe, and Conrad Ritchott.

The following committee has been appointed by Mrs John Keyes, President of the Women's auxiliary: Mrs R. A. Anderson, Mrs A. Morin, Mrs W. Boisvert, Mrs D. McClure, Mrs G. Millette, Miss Mary Linchan, Mrs N. Morneau, Mrs St Cyr, Mrs J. DeForge, Mrs J. Yergeau, Mrs A. Moreau, Mrs O. Lebeau, Mrs E. Cooney and Mrs F. Morin.



BOSCH AGENT HONORED—Wallace Kennedy, left, retiring business agent of the American Bosch UE Union, CIO, who is leaving to enter the armed forces, is shown being presented a purse by A. J. Stemmer, member of the union's executive council, at a get-together in his honor held last night at the union hall. He was also presented an identification card as a...

Springfield Union Photo

D DAILY NEWS, SPRING

THE DAY

LEAVES AIR FORCE



LIEUT DANIEL MATYSIEWICZ

Chicopee, Aug. 9 — Lieut Daniel Matysiewicz, son of Adolph Matysiewicz of the Cocoanut Grove restaurant, has been honorably discharged from the army air corps. With his wife, he is living at his father's home on Grape street. Lieut Matysiewicz flew 79 successful missions over enemy territory and had several narrow escapes from death.

Speaking of the atomic bomb, which is wrecking such havoc in Japan, he said it would take 2000 bombers to do the work of one atomic bomb. He said also that the area destroyed by the new bomb reached in square miles from the Chicopee City hall to the Arch on Main street, Springfield.

DECEMBER 16, 1944

Novel Greeting



This Christmas greeting from Corp Benoit DesRosiers of this city shows that he was in the British Isles in 1942, went to Africa in 1943 and has been in Italy this year.

JAP WEAPONS ARRIVE TODAY ON NAVY TOUR

Visit War Plants to Boost
Morale and Cut
Absenteeism

Two navy trucks, loaded with captured Japanese weapons and with American fighting equipment, arrived in Springfield today for a two-day visit to this city's largest private industrial plants, American Bosch and Westinghouse.

The U. S. navy mobile combat exhibit started its tour here at the Chicopee plant of the American Bosch corporation this morning. It stopped at the Bosch main plant later in the day and will go to Westinghouse tomorrow.

Japanese machine guns, shells, floating mines, torpedoes and other types of weapons are in the exhibit.

Veterans Tell Stories

Lieut Herman Stein and three assistants, all veterans of, fighting in various theaters of war, accompanied the exhibit to Springfield, to tell of their experiences and urge renewed war production efforts on the part of workers.

The unit is traveling throughout New England as a part of an industrial morale campaign to cut absenteeism in war plants under navy contract.

Traveling with Lieut Stein are James Brewster, gunners' mate first class; Genie Henderson, aviation technician, and Joseph Marcey, boatswain's mate second class.

Henderson and Brewster have taken part in almost every major naval action in the Pacific and Marcey took part in the amphibious landings at Fedala, Bizerte, Tunis, Sicily, Salerno and Anzio.

Pacific Vet Tells of Battle



James Brewster, gunner's mate, first class, tells of his experiences in the South Pacific as the U. S. navy mobile combat exhibit stops at the Chicopee plant of the American Bosch corporation. Brewster's foot rests on a captured Japanese torpedo, one of the scores of captured Jap weapons in the exhibit. 4-14-44

CANDIDATE



WALTER S. OLBRYCH

Chicopee, Nov. 1—Walter S. Olbrych, candidate for school committee, an employee of the J. R. Hastings newsroom in Chicopee for the past 17 years, has given much thought to the responsibility he must assume if elected, he says in a statement issued today. He promises to work in the best interest of public education. If elected, Olbrych resides at 175 Gilbert avenue, Chicopee.

Edmund A. Pinciak

Edmund A. Pinciak, seaman, first class, son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Pinciak of 137 South street, Chicopee.



(Photo by Reiken)

EDMUND PINCIK

Veteran of tanker service in the Pacific, is now spending 15 days at home with his family and will then report to New Orleans for assignment to a ship. A graduate of Trade school, he was employed by the Baldwin Locomotive Works before joining the navy September 18, 1941. He is trained at Sampson and Norfolk and the armed guard school and at New Orleans before going on sea duty.

UPPED BY ARMY



CAPTAIN HENRY BALICKI

Chicopee, June 5—Mrs Henry Balicki of 336 Front street has received word that her husband, Lieut Henry S. Balicki, who is stationed with the army of occupation Nuernburg, Ger., has been promoted to captain.

Captain Balicki, who has been in service for five years is in charge of a Polish labor battalion policing Nazi war prisoners in Nuernburg. He was wounded twice during the push into Germany. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Balicki of Nonotuck avenue, whose sons, Peter and John also served in the present war, returning home since the war ended.

WILLIMANSETT SOLDIER DIES IN NO. AFRICA

Pvt First Class Nitcavic Gave
Life for Country On
July 13 1943

Notified that their son, Pvt First Class Richard J. Nitcavic, 23, whom they have not seen since he entered service in the infantry on February 3, 1942, had been killed in action in the North African area, Mr and Mrs Leo Nitcavic of 397 Chicopee street, Willimansett, learned that his death had occurred on July 13.

Pvt Nitcavic was a graduate of Chicopee high school and attended Northeastern university following a course of study that would have enabled him to enter the service as an aviation cadet but he was inducted before completing the course. He was stationed at Fort Devens, Camp Croft, N. C., Camp Pickett, Va., and Camp Pine, N. Y., before going overseas. He had not been home on furlough during the time he trained in this country.

He is survived by his parents and a brother, Leonard who is in the navy and has not been at home during the two years he has been in the service. Three sisters, Catherine, Alice and Elaine also survive.

Before entering the service he was employed by the New England Container service and was a member of the First Congregational church of Chicopee.

CHICOPEE NEW

MEETS CHICOPEE BOYS IN FARAWAY PACIFIC

Chicopee, June 9—Seaman Joseph C. Fredette of the U. S. N. armed guard, son of Mr and Mrs Joseph H. Fredette of 28 Cabot street, has written to his parents that he recently met two of his former Chicopee buddies in the Pacific. The trio held a reunion aboard Seaman Fredette's visiting ship.

The Chicopee men were Boatswain's Mate Jack Hurley, son of Mr and Mrs A. Hurley of Sheridan circle, Chicopee Falls and Corp Stanley J. Brezowski of Poland road. It marked the first time they had seen each other in three years.

Seaman Fredette was home several months ago on a 30-day furlough, after 16 months in the European theater of war. He is now serving as a gunner aboard a Liberty ship.

AIR VET RECEIVES HIS 5TH OAK LEAF

Chicopee, June 9—Tech Sergt Thaddeus Wewiorski, Flying Fortress radio operator and gunner, has been awarded the fifth Oak Leaf cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in 8th air force bombing attacks on vital German industries and military installations.

Tech Sergt Wewiorski is the son of John Wewiorski of 391 Center street. He was employed by the Van Norman Machine Tool company prior to entering the army in July, 1943.

CAPT CHARLES GRAY LEAVES U. S. ARMY

Chicopee, Nov. 27—Capt Charles H. Gray of 61 Austen street, who has been with special service group conducting athletics and recreation in the Pacific, has been honorably discharged. He was stationed for almost two years at Saipan. He was 57 months in the service. Previous to entering the service he was with the Springfield Institution for Savings.

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CHICOPEE NEW

HOME ON FURLOUGH



WALTER J. SPIEWAK

Chicopee, Aug. 7—Pvt Walter J. Spiewak, husband of Mrs Wanda Spiewak of 15 Marion street, is spending a 10-day furlough at his home. Serving with the infantry as a rifleman, he has completed training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and after his furlough will report to Fort Meade, Md. Son of Mr and Mrs John Spiewak of South street, he is a graduate of Chicopee high school and was employed by American Bosch as a stock clerk before joining the army in March.

Her Prayers Answered, She's Safe in Dad's Arms



San Francisco, Cal., March 17—'I've been praying for you, daddy.'

With those words little Patricia Calyer, whose mother died while her "daddy" was in a Jap prison camp on Luzon, greeted her father, Lieut. Col Peter Calyer for the first time in three years. Patricia's great big kiss was worth waiting for, he said.

KILLED IN ACTION



JOSEPH F. LONICKI

Chicopee, March 10 — Joseph F. Lonicki, 23, seaman, second class, has been reported killed in action. News of his death was told to his mother, Mrs. Magradina Lonicki of 33 Chicopee street, a few hours before she died last night.

SAILOR PROMOTED



STANLEY E. RZEWNICKI

Stanley E. Rzewnicki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rzewnicki Sr., of 216 Exchange St., Chicopee, and a member of the crew of the USS Missouri, has been promoted to the rank of chief petty officer, second class, in the intercommunications division, according to word received by his parents. He is a graduate of Chicopee High School and entered the Navy in September, 1918. He has served overseas in Korea, Japan, Sweden, Norway, England, France and Cuba. At present he is stationed at Portsmouth, Va.

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WESTERN MASS. BOYS, PRISONERS OF JAPAN, DEAD

Sgt. Woishnis, Once a Boxer,
and Pvt. Polidora Vic-
tims of Disease

Next of kin of two Western Massachusetts soldiers have been notified by the War Department that it has received word through the International Red Cross that their sons had died of disease in Japanese prison camps where they were being held captive since the fall of Bataan and Corregidor. It was learned last night.

Well Known as Boxer

Staff Sgt. Joseph P. Woishnis, well known as a boxer in this area, who escaped injury when the Japs attacked Nichols Field in the assault on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941, died on an unstated date in a Jap prison camp. He was officially listed as a prisoner of war Feb. 7, 1943.

Woishnis was welterweight champion of his division at Nichols Field, Hawaii, and prior to enlisting in the Army was particularly well known to Holyoke Valley Arena fans and sporting authorities as a very promising welterweight in this area. He was graduated from Agawam High School and was employed by the American Bosch Company at one time. He was the son of Mrs. Fannie Woishnis of 56 Poplar Street, Feeding Hills, and had a brother Carl, an aviation mechanic in the Army Air Forces, and a second brother, Vitro, employed by the Van Norman Machine Tool Company.

Pvt. Louis Polidora

Pfc. Louis Polidora, son of Antonio Polidora of 31 Colchester Street, died of disease in a Jap prison camp some time after his capture on Corregidor May 5, 1942. Details were lacking, but it was known that Polidora was a member of a Coast Artillery unit stationed at Manila when war with Japan broke out and it is presumed he fought his way through the Battle of Bataan before escaping to Corregidor where he was finally captured and imprisoned. He had a brother, Dominick, in the Navy, who was stationed at Pearl Harbor aboard a battleship Dec. 7, 1941.

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SGT. JOSEPH P. WOISHNIS



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Four Brothers in U. S. Service



JAN CURYLO



WALTER J. CURYLO



FRANK W. CURYLO



JOSEPH H. CURYLO

Chicopee, Nov. 27—Mr and Mrs Joseph P. Curylo of Bertha avenue, Chicopee, have three sons in the armed forces. A fourth son, Frank, was recently discharged from the navy, where he held the rank of aviation electrician's mate, second class. Frank entered the service August 18, 1943, and received training in electrical engineering at the University of Minnesota. Stationed for a time at Jacksonville, Fla., he was transferred to Hawaii, in 1944. He married Janina Twarog and they have a son, Frank David, three.

His brother, Walter, chief aviation pilot, enlisted in the service August 15, 1940, and after boot training at Newport, R. I., was sent to China for three years, serving on various units of the U. S. fleet. He received flight training at Pensacola, Fla., and transferred to Kaneohe Bay, Oahu, on December 7, 1941. He saw duty in a patrol squadron of PBY's in the South Pacific, returning to this country in 1943. After that he tested planes in San Diego, and is now stationed at Moffett field, Cal. He married the former Cecelia M. Brach. They have one son, James, born at Kaneohe Bay on December 15, 1941.

Another brother, Jan, is a boatswain's mate, first class. He received boot training at Newport, R. I., and was stationed for a time at the Philadelphia navy yard. He transferred to the navy air station at Anacostia, D. C., in 1940. In 1943 he was transferred to San Diego amphibious training school and then was sent overseas. He made landings at Cape Cretin and Alexishafen, where he was injured by the land mine. He served also with the heavy equipment operator at Hollandia, New Guinea. He was overseas 23 months. He is to be assigned to the East coast for duty. He arrived home on furlough in time for Thanksgiving.

A fourth son of the Curylos, Joseph H. Curylo, seaman, first class, enlisted in the service March 4, 1944, and received boot training at Sampson. He was assigned to the destroyer, U. S. S. Quick and made several trips in the Mediterranean theater

operations, making landings in Italy and North Africa. After V-J day his ship was assigned to the Pacific. At present time he is in Pearl Harbor where he met his brother Frank a few weeks ago.

COMPLETES BASIC



PVT. WILLIAM S. STARZYK, JR.

Chicopee, April 15—Pvt. William S. Starzyk, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Starzyk of 81 Center St., has completed his basic training at the Medical Replacement Training Center in Camp Pickett, Va.

A native of Springfield, the 21-year-old soldier, prior to his induction last November, served as an apprentice embalmer and funeral director at the Starzyk funeral home. Pvt. Starzyk attended both the Holy Name and St. Stanislaus Grammar Schools, Cranwell Prep at Lenox and graduated from Cathedral High School in 1951. He also attended the Holyoke Junior College for a year.

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Korea Vet in AF Draft-Proof

1953



From the Inchon landing north to the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea, Sgt. Leo A. LaRose fought through the most miserable part of the war. But now his draft board has asked the Army recruiter to fill out a questionnaire as to his status. The World War II veteran figures he's about as draft-proof as they come, as he shows where he fought in Korea.

FACES ASSIGNMENT



PVT. GEORGE M. SIMONICH

Chicopee, Feb. 7—Pvt. George M. Simonich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simonich of 5 Grandview St., recently finished basic training at the Medical Replacement Training Center, Camp Pickett, Va.

MOTHER DIES KNOWING SON DEAD IN WAR

Mrs. Magdalena Lonicki Told of
Boy's Death in Italian
Fight

A few hours before her death at the Springfield infirmary last night Mrs. Magdalena (Zubuck) Lonicki of 33 Chicopee street, Chicopee, was told that her son, Joseph F. Lonicki, 28, who has been missing in action is now known to be dead.

Although the family has known about his death for some weeks the information was withheld for fear

that the news would cause a serious relapse.

Lonicki, seaman, second class, was a member of an armed guard crew aboard a merchant ship which was torpedoed and sunk off the northern coast of Italy. He had been in the service since January, 1943, and lost his life within seven months after his enlistment. He attended Chicopee schools and had been employed at the J. Stevens Arms company.

Mrs. Lonicki, widow of the late John Lonicki, died after a short illness. She was a native of Poland and came to this country 35 years ago settling in Chicago. She was a member of the Polish National Alliance, group 711, and the Krolowa Jadwiga society of Holy Mother of the Rosary school.

Her funeral will be held at the Rypso funeral home on Carew street, Springfield, followed by services at Holy Mother of the Rosary church, Bell street, Chicopee. Burial will be in Holy Mother of the Rosary cemetery, Chicopee.

Florists Flooded With GI Orders From Overseas for Roses, Orchids

Springfield servicemen overseas and at camps in this country are beseeching local florists by telegram and letter with requests for red roses and orchids as Christmas gifts for their mothers and best girls. Just why these two flowers should be singled out for special attention probably will remain a mystery, but red roses and orchids it is and price is no object.

According to Frank Page, State-street florist, who has been swamped for the past 10 days with servicemen's orders for red roses, both orchids and roses always have rated high with young men as floral tributes, and this year in particular, with fighting men far from their family hearthstones, flowers best convey the loving messages which their voices cannot speak.

Because of this unprecedented demand for red roses and orchids, civilian supplies of these luxurious blooms will be sharply curtailed, although according to Page, there are plenty of other roses in Christmas stocks, including a new and beautiful pink rose which will be used largely to fill civilian orders requesting red roses.

Orchids Still Tops

Orchids still remain in first place with younger women and an orchid corsage at Christmas is about the most luxurious gift any girl can receive. Because of their long lasting qualities, if kept under proper refrigeration, Christmas orchids may well keep into the New Year.

Supplies of other flowers are somewhat lower than last year, due primarily to manpower shortages and lack of heating fuels for greenhouses. There will be some carnations, chrysanthemums, snapdragons, gardenias and varied colored roses and an adequate supply of potted begonias and azaleas. While poinsettias are not shown in the profusion of former years, there are still some available and local florists have received from the south new supplies of holly and mistletoe. Large pine cones, measuring 10 and 12 inches, come from California to be incorporated into Christmas window and table decorations.

With demands for Christmas flowers far exceeding the limited local supplies, it is imperative for civilians to order their holiday posies within the next few days or be resigned to

undecorated homes for the Yuletide season, florists warned.

Hospital flower orders will be an important part of the florists' Christmas deliveries and it is anticipated that many local shops will be obliged to close early Saturday, the 23d, as present stocks are not expected to withstand the siege of late-minute buying.

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Clason, Wojtowicz Meet in Italy

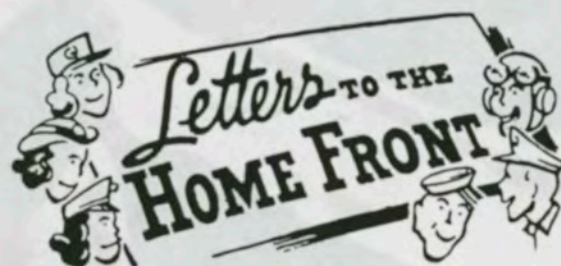


Chicopee, Aug. 27—Representative Charles R. Clason, while in Rome area in Italy, had the opportunity to greet two Massachusetts boys at the Red Cross club. One of the soldiers was former Alderman Chester Wojtowicz of 79 Saratoga avenue, Chicopee. Wojtowicz served on the local board six years. Left to right: Clason, Pvt Leo Bradley of Brookline and Wojtowicz.



"I didn't understand before."

For the Man in your Heart
who isn't in your Arms tonight!



Things move fast these days. Only six months ago Pvt. Charles B. Crean was a familiar figure delivering stationery and working out of Dept. 911. Today, Chucky is "somewhere in Europe." In a letter just received in Dept. 911 he says that he is enjoying the Army and wishes to be remembered to all of his friends at American Bosch. Good luck, Chucky, and write again.



Here's another first for American Bosch. Anthony Bednarz, MoMM-2/c, formerly of Dept. 18, was in the first invasion wave and the first boat that landed on Guadalcanal.

Also, this same boat was equipped with a Superior engine, an American Bosch fuel injection pump and nozzles. What does he think of American Bosch equipment? "Best in the world," he says. Tony knows because he is the Motor Machinists' Mate, whose job it was to keep the engine running smoothly. A fifteen-day furlough gave him his first opportunity since he joined the Navy, three years ago, to visit friends in the plant. Even though he has traveled all over the world and crossed the equator from both sides, Tony has just one gripe. He has never seen a Hula Hula girl.

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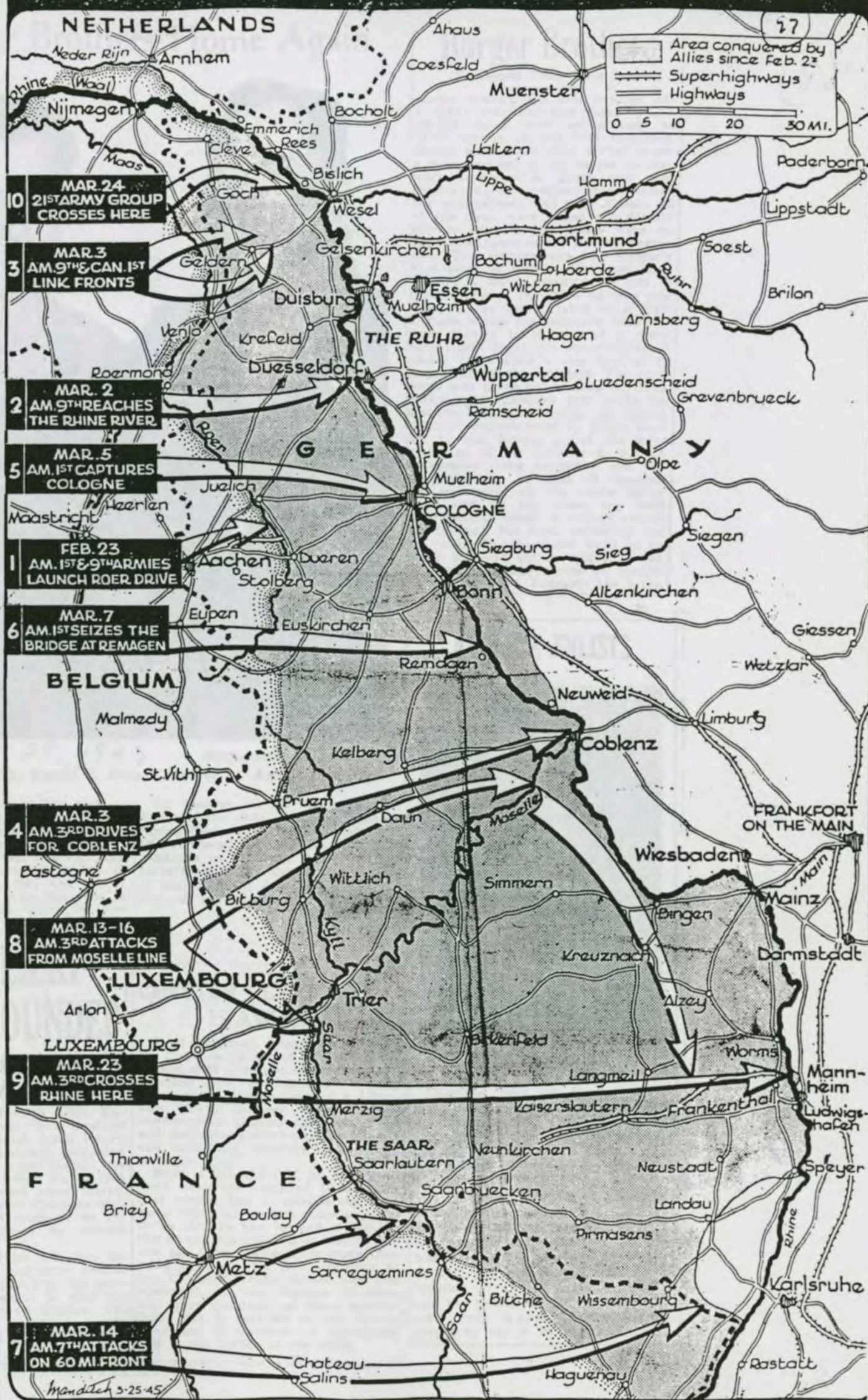
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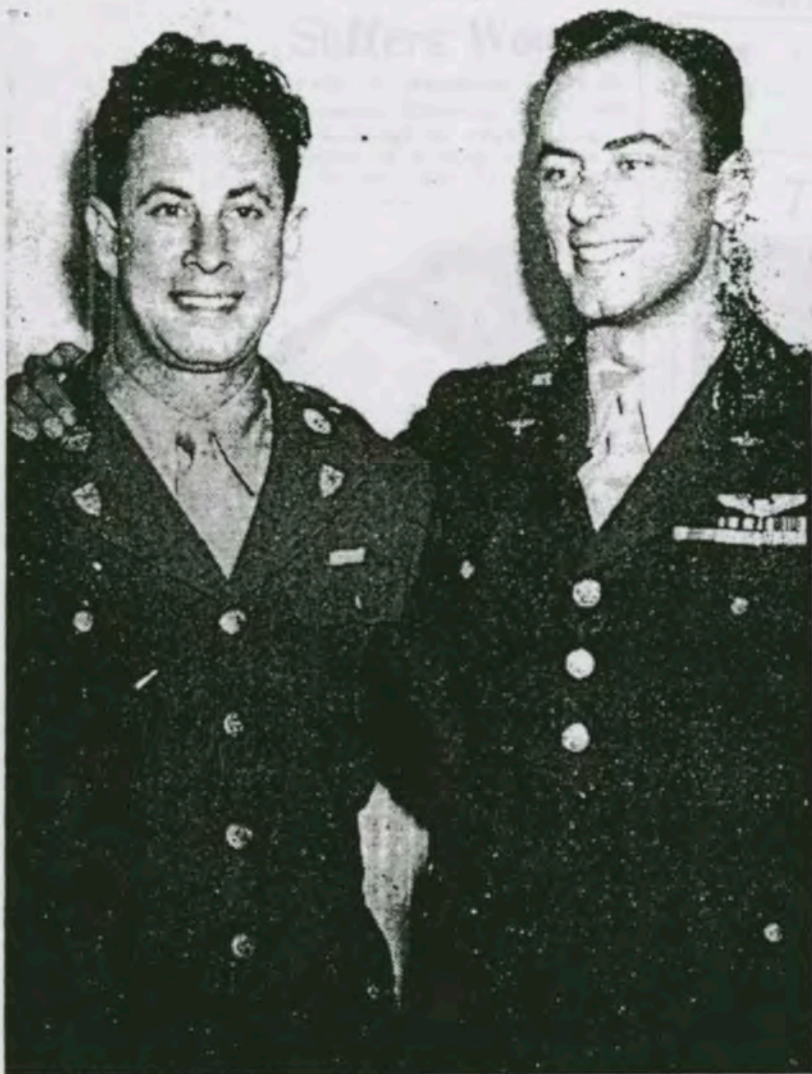
We're working hard so your
Daddy can be home next Christmas.

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Burger Brothers Home Again



April 28, 1943

Springfield Union Photo

Left to right: Pfc. Harold E. Burger and 1st Lt. Arthur L. Burger.

It was a joyous event last night as the two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burger of 331 Trafton Road met at home for the first time since Oct. 31, 1941. The two brothers are Pfc. Harold E. Burger, stationed in the infantry at Augusta, Ga., and 1st Lt. Arthur L. Burger who has just returned from active duty in New Guinea.

Lt. Burger is the holder of the Army Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Airman's Medal and two campaign ribbons. He arrived in Australia in February, 1942, and was transferred to the New Guinea theater of operations in July. On his second day of arrival he was already in

LIEUT BALICKI BADLY WOUNDED

Seriously Injured in Action in France, Wife Told

Chicopee, July 26—Mrs. Lucy Balicki of Front street has received word that her husband, Lieut. Henry Balicki, has been seriously wounded in action in France. Lieut. Balicki has been in the service since March 1941 and has been overseas since March. He was graduated from Chicopee high school and was an engineer at the American Bosch when he entered service.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Balicki of 13 Nonotuck avenue and he has two brothers in the service. Sergt. John Balicki is with the antiaircraft division in France, and Staff Sergt. Peter Balicki is in the air corps, stationed at Hungert field, Savannah, Ga.

CHESTER CEZARZ IS AWARDED DFC

Staff Sergeant Chester C. Cezarz, the 22-years-old son of Mrs. Josephine Cezarz of 88 Chestnut Street, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross at an Italian base of a Liberator Heavy Bomber Group by the commanding general for meritorious and courageous service on many long and hazardous missions over enemy territory.

Reports indicate that he has flown more than the required 30 missions that entitle him to consideration for home leave but he has volunteered to finish out the war instead of seeking the leave. He enlisted in March, 1943, and has been overseas for more than eight months. He is a graduate of the Chicopee Trade School and was employed by the Perkins Machine and Gear Company of West Springfield. He is married to the former Germaine F. Gendron of Springfield and is the father of one child.

Burger Brothers

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active combat. His first mission was a flight over Jap-held Buna. Plummeting down from an altitude of 15,000 feet in his fast P-39 Airacobra, Burger's squadron chose for its target a large number of Jap barges as they were transporting goods and men from anchored transport ships. Before the engagement was over almost all of the Japs were wiped out despite intense ack-ack fire. There were no Jap air support to the landing operation. This engagement was Burger's first taste of combat with the Japs.

After a bit of coaxing he told of the experience in which he won the Army Silver Star. Flying at a high altitude along the northern coast of New Guinea on what was a mere operational flight, his squadron of 12 planes came upon a Jap fleet of 12 Zeros and 15 dive bombers. The command was given out to drop the belly tanks, extra gasoline fuel tanks below the ship, and engage the enemy although outnumbered by better than two to one. Burger pulled the lever to let go of his belly tank, but an unexpected thing happened. His motor started to go dead. It coughed and sputtered, all the while losing speed and all the while the Japs were getting closer. A million things ran through his mind including the last thing that he would want to do—turn back. In the meantime all but his wing man had moved on toward the enemy planes. Suddenly the dying

ATHLETE ENLISTS



STANLEY RZEWNICKI

Chicopee, Sept. 16—Stanley Rzewnicki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Rzewnicki, Sr., of 111 School St., has enlisted in the Navy for a three-year term and is now stationed at the Great Lakes Training Station in Illinois.

A prominent athlete, Rzewnicki was a member of the Chicopee West End Athletic Club, starring in football, baseball and basketball. He also was class orator in the class of 1946 at Chicopee High School. He was a member of the Pro Merito Society and the Young Mens Holy Name Society. Prior to enlistment he was employed by the F. W. Sickles & Co.

Peter Michonski Suffers Wounds

Pvt. Peter T. Michonski of 43 St. James Avenue, Chicopee Falls was seriously wounded in France Aug. 1 as a member of a tank unit. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas



PVT. PETER T. MICHONSKI

Michonski, his father being the proprietor of the White Eagle Soda Company of Chicopee Falls. His last letter home was written on July 19. He went overseas at Christmas time with an armored tank division and was one of the first tank groups to join the invasion Army. He is a native of Chicopee and began his military service Feb. 6, 1941.

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Two Brothers Serve Country



ANDREW J. WINIARSKI

Chicopee, Oct. 24—Mr and Mrs John Winiarski of 63 Granville avenue have two sons in the armed forces.

Pfc Andrew J. Winiarski is now serving with the army of occupation in Germany and Frank J. Winiarski,



FRANK J. WINIARSKI

seaman, second class, has completed his boot training at Sampson, N. Y., and was recently home on a seven-day leave. Both brothers were employed by A. G. Spalding company before entering service.



Official U. S. Navy Photo

ENLISTS IN WAVES—Miss Jane H. Frodema, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Genevive Frodema of 44 Coolidge Road, Chicopee, will leave Springfield this noon to begin her "boot" training in the WAVES at the Naval Training Station, New York City. Prior to entering the WAVES, Miss Frodema was employed at the supply depot at Westover Field. She is a graduate of Chicopee High School. Her brothers, Frances and Eugene, are seeing service in the Navy.



Joseph Boberek

Frank Boberek

Walter Boberek

Max Boberek

Boberek Brothers

Four sons of Wojciech Boberek of 54 Cabot street, Chicopee, are in service, three in the navy and the fourth in the army. In the navy are Joseph, 20, stationed with the Pacific fleet; Max, 19, in the Mediterranean; and Walter, 23, who just completed his boot training at Sampson, N. Y. The army man is Frank, 25, who is stationed in England. Prior to entering service all were employed by the United States Rubber company, Fisk division and all are charter members of the Pastime Athletic club. 5-16-44

CHICOPEE NEWS OF THE DAY

Three Stanek Brothers Serving Overseas



ADAM STANEK



JOHN STANEK



WALTER STANEK

Chicopee, July 10 — Mrs. Anna Stanek of 17 West street has three sons serving Uncle Sam overseas. Pfc Adam Stanek, 20, entered the service in May, 1942. He is now in Corsica, after having seen action in

North Africa, Sicily and Italy. Before entering service he had been employed at the Westover air base.

Sergeant Walter Stanek, 26, entered the service in November, 1942, and is stationed in France. He was employed in civilian life as a mechanic

at the Fisk Rubber plant.

Corp John Stanek, 24, entered the army in July, 1942. He is stationed in England as an MP and was employed at Westover before entering service. All three boys attended local schools.

Where Allies Invade Italy

Sept. 4, 1943



BRITISH AND CANADIANS
ATTACK ITALIAN TROOPS
ACROSS MESSINA STRAIT

Acme Photo

"Our first foothold in Europe has been established," a dispatch from 8th Army Headquarters in Sicily announced, after an amphibious assault across narrow Messina Straits landed British and Canadian troops on both sides of Reggio Calabria, in Southern Italy.



SGT. ALBAN W. WANAT

CHICOPEE MEN ARE CASUALTIES

Mroz Killed, Wanat Hurt,
Piendel Missing

Chicopee men in the 10th Infantry, many of them Co. F members, are being listed as casualties now that the regiment is in the thick of the Saar fighting with Patton's Third Army. Mr. and Mrs. John Mroz of 25 Emerald Street have been notified that their son, Pfc. Stanley Mroz, 39, was killed in action on Nov. 23. He is one of three sons in service. A brother, Ernest,

ADDS TO RECORD



CAPT. JOHN STEFANIK

CHICOPEE FLIER IN FIRST RAID ON YUGOSLAVIA

Stefanik of "Desert Rats"
Fame in Attack on
Nazi Shipping

AN ADVANCED BASE IN ITALY, Oct. 20 (Delayed) (AP) — The American "desert rats," who have fought the German air force from Egypt to Central Italy, carried the air war into Yugoslav territory today in support of the patriot forces.

"Inland Passage"

U. S. fighter-bombers, for the first time in history, attacked enemy shipping in the "inland passage" between two German strongholds along the Dalmatian Coast, Split and Zara.

Swooping down with bombs and machine gun fire, the raiders from a veteran P-40 outfit, commanded by Col. Arthur G. Salisbury, Sedalia, Mo., wrecked one enemy power boat and damaged five others during two strong offensive patrols.

Although today was a big day in the history of Salisbury's "desert rats," it did not touch their performance of last Palm Sunday when they destroyed 74 German JU-52 transports and escort fighters in a sizzling ambush off Cape Bon, Tunisia.

Of the pilots who took off from the aircraft carrier Ranger in the South Atlantic, flew across to Africa and a month later began engaging Messerschmitts above El Alamein, seven are still with the outfit.

They include Capt. John J. Stefanik

PLANS READY FOR MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

Maj John Stefanik to Be Main
Speaker at Holiday
Observance

Chicopee, May 24—Final plans for the observance of Memorial day have been completed, Arthur J. Granfield, general chairman, announced today. Maj John J. Stefanik, Chicopee's ace flier, now stationed in this country, will be the main speaker at the exercises to be held at the monument at the high school. Mayor Edward O. Bourbeau will give the address of welcome and the invocation will be given by Rev John MacPherson, with Rev Edgar D. Brown giving the closing prayer.

The Memorial day parade will



MAJ JOHN J. STEFANIK

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assemble at the Veterans' quarters in Chicopee Center at 1 and the parade will start promptly at 1.30. Line of march will be from Center street to Market square, where exercises will be held at the honor roll. The parade will then proceed to the monument at the high school.

In the line-up will be combined veterans' organizations, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, World war II veterans, Polish veterans, Gen Henry M. Lawton camp, United Spanish War Veterans; Chicopee division, Massachusetts state guard, women's corps of the state guard, auxiliary policemen, Westover cadet corps and junior WACs, Chicopee Community Nursing association, Federal Labor union No. 14969 of Chicopee Falls, Polish National alliance, branch 702 of Chicopee; Polish National Home association, Inc., of Chicopee, Boy and Girl Scouts throughout the city.

The program for decoration of the graves in all sections of the city in the morning will be as follows, with the Veterans of Foreign Wars in charge of decorating graves in Chicopee Center and the American Legion in charge in Chicopee Falls, Aldenville, Willimansett and Fairview. Chicopee Center, 7.30, assembly at the Veterans headquarters on Center street 8. services at Polish Veterans home honor roll: 8.30, Chicopee-street cemetery: 8.45, Davitt Memorial bridge 9, tablets at city hall: 9.30, Maple-grove cemetery: 10, Calvary cemetery where exercises will be in charge of Msgr John F. Conlin: 10.30, Holy Rosary cemetery: 11, Fairview cemetery, with Rev Edgar D. Brown of Grace Episcopal church in charge.

The American Legion will visit East-street cemetery, St Patrick's cemetery, St Rose de Lima cemetery, Deady Memorial bridge, monument in Fairview, exercises at the monument in Willimansett, parade from the monument to Willimansett honor roll where exercises will be held.

Flier Gives Medals to Mother

DECEMBER 6, 1943



Maj. John Joseph Stefanik presents the medals he was awarded to his mother, seated in the chair, while his fiancée, Miss Emily K. Kwolek of Chicopee, and his sister, Miss Nellie Stefanik, gather around. Maj. Stefanik named his P-40 fighter-bomber the "Emily K," as a tribute to his fiancée.

Dec. 6, 1944

Maj. Stefanik of Chicopee Home on Surprise Visit

Flier Has Won Numerous Awards for Heroic Service in Mediterranean War Area

Wearing the gold oak leaves of a major on his shoulder straps, John Joseph Stefanik, son of Mrs. Mary N. Benakis of 275 Fairview Avenue, Chicopee, arrived home late Saturday night in a surprise visit from North Africa where he has fought as a member of the famous 66th Squadron of the 67th Fighter Group for 18 months from El Alamein to Italy.

He was promoted to the rank of major on Nov. 22, his 25th birthday, and four days later was granted a 30-day leave home. He flew home from North Africa in the same ship that took Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, to Moscow for his famous Three-Power conference with Eden and Molotov that paved the way for the meetings of Stalin, Churchill, Roosevelt and Chiang Kai-shek just ended in the Mediterranean Area.

With him the youthful major brought to his mother the Silver Star,

Maj. Stefanik

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the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal, awarded him for courageous, distinguished and gallant actions that piled up in a kaleidoscopic career of air fighting until he has been credited with having won the Air Medal 16 times over and the Distinguished Flying Cross twice.

"Jake," as he is best known in Chicopee municipal circles where he left a typewriter and account books in the city auditor's office to start training as an aviation cadet in April, 1942, has taken part in every important battle in the Mediterranean area since he was a part of the famous desert air force that was in support of the English 8th Army. His first contact with the enemy began at El Alamein where Montgomery turned the tide on Marshal Rommel's Afrika Korps and the "Desert Fox" began a series of retreats that finds the Nazi forces now being slowly pushed back on Rome in Italy.

He was a part of the group of fighter pilots who were ferried with their P-40's to North Africa aboard the aircraft carrier Ranger and he moved into action against the enemy for the first time when he took off from the broad deck of that famous "flat top."

Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Brereton, commanding general of the Ninth Air Force, pinned the Silver Star on Stefanik's tunic in a review at a base on the border between Tunisia and Tripolitania. He held the rank of captain then and was commander of the 66th Squadron as a part of Col. Arthur Salisbury's 67th Fighter Group that has been cited frequently as one of the outstanding fighter groups in the entire Air Force.

"There could be no finer group leader and officer in any Air Force," is Maj. Stefanik's tribute to a man he also calls one of the most courageous and cool fighters he has met.

As a first lieutenant he took part in the Palm Sunday destruction off Cape Bon in Tunisia when the American and British fliers destroyed

more than 80 huge German Junkers and Messerschmidts that military intelligence later revealed were carrying mostly Nazi Luftwaffe pilots and Vichy French officials.

"There were more than 130 enemy planes in the air and I have every detail of that battle burned in my memory but I couldn't tell you that there was one thing that I did through use of my reason. I moved by instinct. It most certainly was proof of the value of the exacting training we went thorough in preparing for the real thing," Maj. Stefanik said.

One Nazi pilot in an ME 109 and his bravery stands out in "Jake's" mind. This pilot from 5000 to 6000 feet went into a power dive from the top cover of the enemy to break up a fighter group he was flying with. The high pitched whine of his engine hurtling down on them was their warning. He dove straight towards the middle of the group. The Yanks held formation until he was almost on them and then split into two waves swinging away from him. He pulled out of the dive and started his climb just as 15 planes swung back into formation and he was blasted to bits in the cone of fire that centered on him from the 15 pilots he sought to destroy.

Maj. Stefanik got three of the huge Junkers in the Cape Bon battle and believes he got a fourth but he couldn't claim credit because he did not see it destroyed.

At Gabes in the African desert he knocked down a German Messerschmidt, and he believes he destroyed at least one other in the retreat of the Nazis from El Alamein.

Maj. Stefanik Gets Award



Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Brereton, commanding general of the 9th Air Force pins the Silver Star on the tunic of Maj. John J. Stefanik at a North African air field.

Maj. Stefanik's fighter group was primarily a unit formed in support of ground troops. Their P-40s functioned as fighter pilots, ground straffers, dive bombers and low level vertical bombers. "Our mission was to destroy the enemy on the ground. The planes we got were incidental and were those shot down when we were engaged by the enemy air craft," he said.

He has no recollection of how many trucks, field pieces, ammunition, fuel and supply dumps he has destroyed but a citation sent out by a public relations officer from one of the command posts qualified the number officially by the laconic report, a "hell of a lot of troop carriers, ammunition and tank trucks and other ground vehicles."

After the forces of Rommel and Von Kesselring were finally wiped out as a fighting corps at Tunis and Bizerte, "Jake's" group was reorganized as part of the combat command of the 9th Air Force.

Then began a career of destroying enemy shipping. He took part in strafing and bombing of many ships in the Mediterranean waters. He sank one 250 foot barge with a 500-pound bomb and a second barge of equal length just went "phut" when he dove down and hit it fore and aft with two 250-pound bombs that landed square in the center. When he pulled out of his dive and swung to determine the damage he had caused all that remained was pieces of wreckage tossing in the sea.

He was in the force of fliers that hit Lampedusa and Pantelleria from the air when the Allies gave Italy a foretaste of what was to happen in Sicily. He bombed and strafed Italian and Nazi troop movements, machine gun nests and artillery locations while the American, British and Canadians were landing in Sicily. He was in the air cover at Salerno. Later when that beachhead was ours he met a wealthy English woman writer who was trapped in her villa in the hills above Salerno. She told "Jake" that her villa shook steadily for two days and a half without let up as huge guns, bombs and mines reverberated during this engagement.

In Yugoslavia, Col. Salisbury's fighters with "Jake" among them repeatedly destroyed transport of the Nazi. In one town he saw bombs he dropped destroy a whole train just pulling from a terminal. Another time he was part of a group that blasted another train from the rails.

The Chicopee flier is reluctant to tell of his exploits. He makes admissions that he took part in this engagement and that only after being pressed. He is fearful that his accounts will be looked upon as boasting.

The numerous citations that add up to the Silver Star, the Flying Cross and the Air Medals as published in official orders, however, reveal that his record has been outstanding.

Maj. Stefanik came through his 18 months of fighting without injury. Explosive shells have hit his ship; one blew a hole in the side of his cock pit just behind his back. His gasoline tanks have been punctured and he got back with only quarts to spare. His radiators have been punctured repeatedly and forced landings have resulted. There have been other accidents, one in which his plane crashed in a dust cloud headed another, while the lava dust of Mt. Etna obscured all vision and both pilots escaped although the ships went up in flames. His very first encounter in the air was with nine Italian Macchis and he came out undamaged and the Macchi pilots dispersed as other Allied fliers moved into the fray.

There have been other moments that stand out in the Chicopee boy's mind. He saw the famous Isle of Capri and never expects to find one more beautiful. After the surrender of Italy a ranking Italian officer kindly loaned

"Jake" a smart Italian Fiat touring car and he used this to see much of Italy that had been safely occupied. It was ferried to Capri by a genial boatman to aid in travelling all of the roads of the island. Grateful Italians have presented him treasured gifts, some of them 16th Century flint lock pistols embossed with silver. Wine, fruit, nuts and other Italian delicacies were offered by glad hearts to the men on rest tours.

In Africa, the Chicopee boy saw the blue and white Nile from the air and noted that only its banks produced growing things. He saw the Pyramids and Sphinx from the air. He flew the length of the Suez Canal, but he visited Nazareth on foot with a pilgrimage of American fliers and was disturbed to find it unkempt and ugly. Much of the allure of Kipling's Khartoum was destroyed when he saw the straggling little village of huts and a few government buildings.

He was over Lake Chad in Africa and flew the route taken by the famous Fighting French under Gen. Jacques Leclerc that marched some

1500 miles over open, blustering desert to reach Tunisia in time to help drive the Nazis from this French colony. For a time during the Mediterranean campaign preceding Sicily, he and his squadron was based on Malta. The havoc created by the Nazi bombers was terrific about the air fields and forts but the brave garrison of Malta was "terrific too." They repaired what the Germans destroyed almost as fast as it was destroyed.

Maj. Stefanik expects to be home until Dec. 31 when he will report back to active duty. He said he does not know what future assignment will be his. Until the 31st he hopes to spend as much time as possible with his mother, his sister, Nellie, and his fiancée, Miss Emily K. Kwolek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Kwolek of 97 Bonnevill Avenue, Chicopee.

The way news spread of "Jake's" return and the scores of people who packed into his home during the day indicated that for the first few days at least he will be kept busy greeting friends.

Sept. 5

THE SPRINGFIELD



LT. JEROME SAVARIA



SGT. PHILIP RURAK

Chicopee Fliers Released As War Prisoners in Romania

Two of three Chicopee fliers who were prisoners of Romania were among the 1100 who were flown in B-17's from Romania to an Italian air base, according to cablegrams received by their parents yesterday. The parents of the third boy were still awaiting news last night.

Lt. Jerome B. Savaria, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Savaria of Nonotuck Avenue, Chicopee, cabled his parents that he was safe and sound, relieving the tension that has gripped his parents since August, 1943, when a War Department telegram revealed he was missing in action after the initial raid on the Ploesti oil fields in Romania Aug. 1.

S-Sgt. Philip Rurak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rurak of 140 South Street, who took part in the same raid, has also cabled his parents that he is back with his own forces and is also safe and well.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Krzeminski of 6 Gardner Road had not heard up to last night whether their son was

among those who had been flown back to the Italian base. Krzeminski was reported missing over Romania on June 24 of this year.

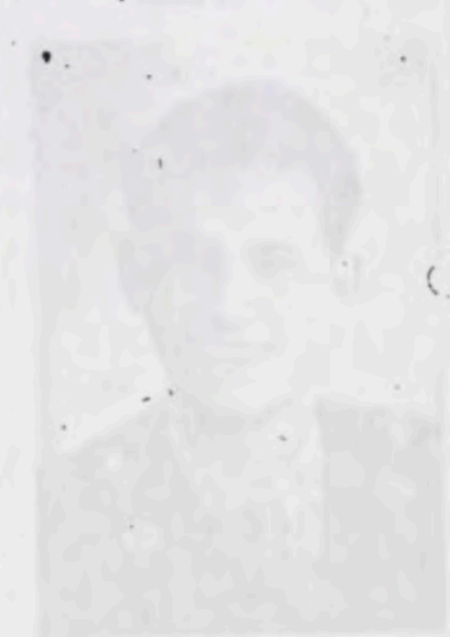
The parents of all three, subsequent to the report that their sons were missing, received notice that their boys were prisoners of war of Romania and had received their freedom when Romania switched to the side of the Allies.

The fathers of Lt. Savaria and Sgt. Rurak were each presented Distinguished Flying Cross medals at Westover Field as they acted as proxies for their sons, who were known at the time to be prisoners. Gen. Henry H. Arnold, in command of the American Air Force, declared that more than 30 per cent of the Axis oil supply had been destroyed by the Ploesti raid and that it would shorten the war by at least six months, and he designated it as the greatest air raid up to that time. The Fortresses flew in at treetop level to drop their bombs,

Nazis Murdered 1000 Romans,

LUDLOW PRIVATE
LISTED MISSING
Louis T. Capeau Was Fight-
ing on French Front

Louis T. Capeau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis T. Capeau of 100 Westover Street, was listed as missing in action on the French front. He was reported missing on June 24 of this year.



Louis T. Capeau

PEE NEW

LEAVES FOR DEVENS



EDWARD HAJEC

Chicopee, Aug. 8—Chicopee boys fighting overseas include 19-year-old Pvt. Edward Hajec, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hajec of Chestnut street. Pvt. Hajec received basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

Prior to his induction he was employed at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft corporation at East Hartford. He is a Trade school graduate.



TEDDY WEGRZYN

Chicopee, March 28 — Teddy Wegrzyn, 18, son of Mrs. Anna Wegrzyn of 225 Fairview avenue, left Friday for Fort Devens to train for aviation cadet. He was graduated last year from St. Francis college. Before leaving for camp yesterday he was the breakfast guest of Rev. Eugene Piasiecki, pastor of St. Stanislaus church.



EDWARD F. HAJEC

PFC. E. F. HAJEC
REPORTED DEAD

Chicopee Man Is Listed as Killed in Action

Pfc. Edward F. Hajec, 20-years-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hajec of 15 Chestnut Street, was killed in action in Germany on March 21, according to a War Department notice to his parents. He was serving with the 9th Army. Hajec had been reported missing in action on two previous occasions and he had also been reported wounded in action.

He went overseas in July, 1944, after joining the Army in the previous February. He saw action in France, Belgium and Holland. Before he was called into service he was employed by the Smith & Wesson Co., after graduating from the Chicopee Trade School.

He leaves his parents, a brother, Fred, and six sisters, Mrs. Sally Kemple, Mrs. Joseph Straczek, Mrs. Helen Los, Genevieve, Cells and Dolores, all

NOW IN GREECE



HENRY A. LAPA

Chicopee, June 14—Henry A. Lapa, seaman 2c, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lapa of 51 Lorraine street, is serving abroad the USS Helena which at present is in Greece.

Entering the service in January of this year, Seaman Lapa received his boot training at Bainbridge, Md. He is a graduate of Chicopee high school. At present, he is training for aviation machinist's mate. Prior to enlisting, he was employed at the New England Container company, Willimansett.



PVT. LOUIS T. GAGNE '44

LUDLOW PRIVATE
LISTED MISSING

Louis T. Gagne Was Fighting on French Front

LUDLOW, Aug. 10—Mrs. Sophie (Sufina) Gagne, of Parker Street, has received a telegram from the War Department informing her that her husband, Pvt. Louis T. Gagne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gagne of 2 Cedar Street, is missing in action as of July 14. He entered the service Dec. 1 of last year, being sent to England, May 16. The communication from Washington said he was in action in France.

Born in Ludlow, Pvt. Gagne attended the local schools and graduated from Springfield Trade School. Before induction, he was employed in the mechanical department of the Ludlow Manufacturing and Sales Corp. He was married on Nov. 12, 1940, to the former Sophie Sufina and they have a daughter Alice. Pvt. Gagne has a brother, Sgt. Alfred Gagne, also in the service, stationed in Georgia.

(Photo by Gold-Tone)
JAMES SCIBELLI
Recently at Home

1944

Draftees Feted On Induction



Chicopee, March 21—Keeping up a tradition begun at the start of selective service, Mayor Edward O. Bourbeau is shown presenting pre-induction gifts to two men who left today with the Chicopee draft quota. Left to right, are: Mayor Bourbeau, Alderman John K. Rusin, and Ernest F. Barrus of 31 Harvey street, Springfield, father of six girls, the oldest of whom is 10 and the youngest three months.

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PUBLICITY MAN ¹⁹⁴⁵



(Photo by Fonfara)
ANDREW S. KOS

Chicopee, Oct. 8—Andrew S. Kos, recently discharged from the service, has been appointed public relations officer of Chicopee post of the AMVETS. Kos was employed by the Springfield Newspapers for five years, first in the composing room and later in the press room, before taking a job at Gilbert and Barker Manufacturing company of West Springfield, where he is now employed.

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HOME ON FURLOUGH



LIEUT ROBERT MORIARTY

Chicopee, Aug. 30—Lieut Robert Moriarty, of the navy, son of Dr and Mrs P. M. Moriarty of Center street, who has been in service in the South Pacific for three years, is spending a 21-day leave at his home. He last came home on leave a year ago. His assignment is aboard a battleship.

He was graduated from Cathedral high school and St Michael's college. Chicopee boys whom he met in the South Pacific area include Lieut John Corridan, Lieut Charles Barry and Raymond Lynch.

FLYING RADIOMAN



JEROME F. TREHEY

Pfc Jerome F. Trehey, formerly employed at the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company as a turret lathe operator, is now a flying radio operator with the ferry and transport service of the air service command in England. He is the son of Mrs Flora M. Trehey of 108 Chicopee street, Chicopee, and his wife, Mrs Ethel M. Trehey, lives at 85 Sterling street, this city.

Pfc Trehey enlisted as an aviation cadet in September, 1942, and he attended radio school at Sioux Falls, S. D., before going overseas.

WOUNDED ON LUZON



JOSEPH J. NIEDBALA

Chicopee, March 23—Pfc Joseph J. Niedbala, 26, nephew of Stanley Niedbala of 162 East Main street, was wounded in action on Luzon on February 8, according to the war department.

FORMER PALS ENJOY LEAVE HERE TOGETHER

John J. Buteau of Navy and Albert R. Giguere of Coast Guard Recall Old Times

Chicopee, Aug. 3 — John J. Buteau, 24, gunner's mate, third class, son of Mrs. Corinne Buteau of 112 West street, has returned to duty today after spending a five-day leave at home most of the time with a former companion, Albert R. Giguere, 20, seaman, first class, in the coast guard, who is on 30-day leave.

Buteau, assigned as one of a gun crew on a Liberty ship, was torpedoed in July of last year but went directly into service again and has seen action against German bombers. His guns helped to drive the raiders away from the convoy. He is a graduate of Assumption and Trade schools and last worked at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft corporation. Entering service in September, 1942, he trained at Newport, R. I. He has been on duty in both the Pacific and Atlantic.

Giguere, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Giguere of 312 Center street, is a graduate of Chicopee high school and worked for the Western Auto company before entering the coast guard June 18, 1942. He trained at Manhattan beach and on his first cruise was in the Caribbean area.

The boys were guests at a party held by friends recently.

Renew Old Acquaintances



Chicopee, Aug. 3 — John J. Buteau, 24, gunner's mate, third class of 112 West street, left, and Albert R. Giguere, 20, seaman, first class of 312 Center street renewed old acquaintances this week when both were home on leave. Buteau, who was torpedoed in July, 1943 successfully completed another voyage without incident other than chasing away German planes while Giguere a coastguardsman has returned from Caribbean action.

'Hero of Pacific Action Home After Seven Tough Campaigns

Chicopee, Feb. 3 — Machinist's Mate Robert Kudla, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kudla of 23 Abbey street, has arrived home with seven battle stars as decorations for combat service in the Pacific. A member of the crew of a destroyer, nicknamed "The Baby," Kudla took part in the battle of Guadalcanal when Chester Lonczak of Chicopee and Henry Lachapelle of Whitinsville were killed.

"The Baby" was credited with sinking a cruiser, a destroyer, and disabling a battleship in the battle of Savo Island. As a member of its crew, Kudla took part in the capture and defense of Guadalcanal, the invasion of Guadalcanal, the third battle of Savo Islands, Villa gulf action, Treasure and Bougainville action, at Truk, Gilberts, Marshalls and Marianas campaigns.

On his return to this country he was sent to Sun Valley for medical treatment at the naval hospital there and came home on an honorable and medical discharge.

He was a member of the crew of "The Baby" for two years, and his ship is still fighting the Japs. It led the cruiser San Francisco and the rest of Rear Admiral Dan J. Callaghan's task force into the battle of Savo Island, November 12, 1942. As the fleet was marshaling for attack, the crew of "The Baby" saw



ROBERT KUDLA "45"

the destroyer Lafferty disappear when hit with a salvo from Japanese craft.

Besides seeing service in the Pacific, Kudla also served with the Mediterranean naval units and was one of the first American taskforces which brought reinforcements to the island of Malta.

His ship took 16 Japanese out of the water after a cargo vessel had been sunk in the Pacific. One of them told the crew that the "Americans could take Saipan, but not Pearl Har-

bor." Among them was a Japanese educated in this country. He said he was satisfied to be taken prisoner by the Americans.

Trips ashore were made by the crew at Australia and New Hebrides. The Australians were well liked by the Americans, Kudla said. He also paid tribute to the friendly natives for the great assistance they are giving the Allies.

Kudla will be speaker at a meeting of the Holy Name society of St Stanislaus church Monday night. During his talk he plans to pay tribute to the Red Cross, the USO, for their work for servicemen and to the Polish Veterans for their boxes and "smokes." He will also praise the patriotism of Boy Scouts for salvaging waste paper.

Chaplain, Former Chicopee Priest, Wins Awards for Gallantry

For his work with troops in North Africa and Europe, Chaplain Paul H. Kozikowski of the chaplains corps, former assistant pastor of St Stanislaus church, Chicopee, has been cited for the Silver Star and Bronze Star Medal.

"Constantly exposed to intense enemy fire, Chaplain Kozikowski risked his life to administer first aid, evacuate casualties and provide spiritual solace for the mortally wounded during one of the more decisive battles of the North African campaign. Chaplain Kozikowski's gallantry was of great comfort and inspiration to the officers and men of his battalion," his citation reads.

Son of Mrs Stella Kozikowski of 36 Webster street, he attended St Stanislaus school in Chicopee, and St Francis high school at Athol Springs, N. Y. Accepted into the Franciscan order, he studied at Ellicott City, Md., and completed his philosophical and theological studies in Granby where he was ordained by Rt Rev Thomas M. O'Leary. He was serving as assistant pastor of St Stanislaus church in Chicopee when war was declared and immediately applied for duty as a chaplain. He went overseas in the summer of 1942.

He has two brothers in service.



REV PAUL KOZIKOWSKI

Sergt Edmund, who has received the Bronze Star medal in the Pacific and is now in the Philippines, and Pfc Max J. Kozikowski, stationed in Panama.

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Prisoner of Romanians Returns Home to Tell of 'Awful Food'

Chicopee, Oct. 3—Staff Sergt John J. Krzeminski, 22, son of Mr and Mrs Jacob Krzeminski of 6 Gardner road, who was released from a German prison camp in Romania when that country capitulated, arrived home today on a 30-day furlough.

Krzeminski, who was taken prisoner when his plane was shot down on June 24 during a bombing raid on the Ploesti oil fields, returned to this county a week ago for rehabilitation.

Meals Terrible

Unable to describe all of the details of his imprisonment in a camp near Bucharest, he said the treatment was "as good as could be expected under the circumstances." He said the chief trouble at the prison camp was that the food was "terrible."

"We got one or two meals a day," he said, "consisting of a thick, unappetizing soup." He said he lost considerable weight during his internment.

Krzeminski and his comrades were released from the camp August 30, when the Romanian government surrendered. The men were flown to Italy and then returned to this country.

Wounded in the face by a piece of flak during the bombing raid, Krzeminski was awarded the Purple Heart when he was liberated. The mission in which the bomber was shot down was his 19th combat flight.

He entered the service 18 months ago, and was awarded the Air Medal for participation in a number of coastal missions prior to going overseas. He was later awarded the Oak Leaf cluster to that medal for combat service.

Also liberated as the result of the Romanian withdrawal from the war was Staff Sergt Philip A. Rurak, 25, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Rurak of 140 South street. Rurak is due to arrive home this week.

On First Ploesti Raid

Sergt Rurak was assigned to the first daring Ploesti raid in June, 1943, only five days after arriving overseas. First reported missing in the flight, he was later discovered to be a prisoner. For his part in the raid, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross at special services at Westover field in December.

Rurak, a gunner on the Liberator, entered the army in April, 1942, and went overseas in June of last year.

CHICOPEE

LT. JOHN LECH

WINS AWARD

Gets Bronze Star for Action
in Pacific Area

Lt. John S. Lech, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lech, of 31 Exchange Street, who has been in Army service in the South Pacific for the past 20 months, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service, he has told his parents in a recent letter. Beyond saying he received it for "meritorious service," he gave no details of the incident which brought him the award. He had previously been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Lt. Lech went into service with the 104th Infantry on March 7, 1941, and later was chosen for officer's training and sent to Ft. Benning, Ga. When commissioned a second lieutenant he was assigned to the 27th National Guard division. He was with that division when it took Makin Island in 72 hours, against a greatly superior force of Japs. He was later with his unit in the battle of Saipan and it was in that



LT. JOHN S. LECH

campaign that he won the Bronze Star. Lt. Lech is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Lech whose other children include four daughters.

Many Chicopee residents will recall him as the second drum major of the Polish Falcon Drum Corps and one of the skilled baton swingers of Chicopee. He was an honor student and graduate of Chicopee High School and was employed at the Moore Drop Forging Co. plant in Springfield.

Joyous Christmas Assured



Joy is reflected in this unusual photo of Rudolph Foze, gunner's mate, third class, his wife, the former Flora Pearson, and their daughter, Christina, two months old, because Gunner Foze returned recently from France to see his daughter for the first time and to spend the Christmas holidays at home. Just a few days before Foze returned home, Mrs. Foze made arrangements for Christina to join the "I've Never Seen My Daddy club" but his return from the war front cancelled the membership. The family live at 85 Putnam circle, Lucy Mallary village.

HOME ON FURLOUGH



CORP WALTER TYBURSKI

Chicopee, Feb. 14—Corp. Walter Tyburski, son of Mrs. Nellie Tyburski of 12 Canal street, is spending a 15-day furlough at his home. He has been in service two years and is stationed at McKinney, Tex., where he is in the medical corps. Prior to entering service, he was employed at the Springfield Armory. A family reunion in his honor will be held at his home Sunday.

Wounds Fatal



PVT KAZIMIR M. JANIK

Pvt Kazimir M. Janik, son of Michael Janik of 127 Exchange street, Chicopee, died in France September 8, according to a War Department telegram received here yesterday by his father. Mr. Janik had not been previously notified that his son was wounded, and the telegram did not mention the cause of death. Pvt

Combat Engineer



Pfc. F. J. Kolnacki

Pfc. Frank J. Kolnacki, 23, son of Mrs. Marianne Kolnacki of 139 High St., returned to Camp Gordon, Ga., Friday, Oct. 8, for reassignment, after a 15-day furlough following 11 months of training as combat engineer at camps in Georgia and at Tennessee maneuvers. *Oct. 8 - 1943*

He is stationed with an engineering reconnaissance outfit which tours ahead of main forces testing roads, bridges, and other installations, making emergency repairs on them when possible.

Kolnacki was born in Holyoke and attended the Mater Dolorosa school. He worked for the Transcript as a pressroom employe from 1936 to 1939, then going to Hinsdale, N. H., to work for the A. C. Lawrence Co., until his induction last Nov. 4.

Fewer enlisted men are being accepted for the various Officer Candidate schools, since the need of commissioned personnel for a rapidly expanding Army has been largely met.

Easthampton Air Gunner Home After 50 Missions



SGT. STANLEY DZIALO

Easthampton, March 10—Staff Sgt. Stanley Dzialo, aerial gunner in the army air forces who has completed his 50 missions in North Africa and Italy, has been visiting his father, Edward Dzialo of 4 Holyoke street. He was scheduled to go to an army air forces rest center in New Jersey tomorrow for a month's stay, but while

RETURNS TO DUTY



CORP FRANK J. YOPAK

Chicopee, Sept. 5—Corp. Frank J. Yopak, son of Mrs. Anna Yopak of 43 Middle street, Chicopee Falls, has returned to his base at Reno, Nev., after spending a 15-day furlough at home.

He was inducted into the army on March 22, 1943, and received his basic training at Miami Beach, Fla., and was graduated from the airplane mechanic school at Gulfport field, Miss., and later transferred to Buffalo, N. Y., for specialized training in Curtis Commando C-46. He was stationed temporarily at Nashville, Tenn., also and then sent to Reno, Nev., where he is at present serving as engineer aboard a C-46.

Prior to his induction he was employed by the Perkins Machine and Gear company in West Springfield. His brother, John, is in the navy and is stationed at Sampson, N.Y.

KILLED IN ACTION



LIEUT. LEON W. SZETELA

Chicopee, Dec. 18—Lieut. Leon W. Szetela, son of Mrs. Klara Szetela of 402 Springfield street, was killed in action in the Peleliu islands in the Pacific on November 22, according to a telegram received by his mother today.



SGT. RINO P. RICARDI LIST OF MISSING

Fails to Return From Attack on Germany

Staff Sgt. Rino P. Ricardi, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo Ricardi of 89 Middle Street, has been reported missing by the War Department, according to word received by his parents. He was on a bombing mission over Germany when he failed to return.

Sgt. Ricardi enlisted in the Army Air Forces Oct. 10, 1942, and was an aerial engineer and gunner. He was formerly employed at the American Bosch Company.

CHICOPEE MAN KILLED WAITING TO COME HOME

Corp Joseph E. Ogorzalek, in
Redeploying Group, Dies
In France

The tragedy of war has struck the family of Mr and Mrs John Ogorzalek of 118 Front street, Chicopee, who, awaiting the arrival of their son, Corp Joseph E. Ogorzalek, from the European theater, where he had served 16 months, yesterday were notified that he had been "killed in France." No information on the manner in which the serviceman, due for redeployment to this country, met his death was divulged.

Joseph E. Ogorzalek

Awaiting transportation back to the United States under the army's redeployment plan, Corp Joseph E. Ogorzalek, son of Mr and Mrs John Ogorzalek of 118 Front street, Chicopee, and a veteran of 16 months' service in the European war theater, was "killed in France," according to a war department telegram received yesterday by his family. No details of the manner in which he met his death were disclosed. A member of the 172d field artillery battalion of the veteran 1st army, he saw action in the battles for France, Belgium and Germany, and was in the battles for Cologne, Duren, Aachen and the crossing of the Rorh, Rhine and Elbe rivers. A native of Chicopee, he graduated from Chicopee high school and worked at the Stevens Arms plant before entering service December 23, 1942. Besides his parents, he leaves one brother, Chester Ogorzalek, at home.

WOUNDED IN FRANCE



EDWARD JASZEK

Chicopee, Nov. 22—Pvt Edward Jaszek, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Jaszek of 249 Chicopee street, was wounded in action in France on the 8th. He entered service March, 1941. He was employed by the Berkshire Upholstery company prior to enlistment. He has two brothers in service. Ted is with the Allied army in Belgium and Frank is with the navy in the South Pacific.

News of Women In Service



MISS EVELYN M. CYRAN

Miss Evelyn M. Cyran, daughter of Mr and Mrs Joseph Cyran of 24 Chicopee street, Chicopee, was graduated this week from the Springfield Hospital School of Nursing, and has filed application for enlistment in the army nurse corps.

2 CITY FLIERS RELEASED FROM ROMANIA CAMP

Lieut Savaria and Sergt Rurak
Held Since Ploesti
Oil Raids

Chicopee, Sept. 5—Telegrams from two Chicopee fliers released as war prisoners in Romania were received yesterday. Mr and Mrs Oswald Savaria of Nonotuck avenue received word that their son Lieut Jerome Savaria is safe and well. Mr and Mrs Peter Rurak of 140 South street learned that their son, Staff Sergt Philip Rurak was safe and back with his own squadron. Lieut Savaria and Sergt Rurak took part in the initial raid on the oil fields of Ploesti August 1, 1943 and have been prisoners of war in Romania ever since. Their Distinguished Flying Cross medals were presented to their fathers at Westover field, when Gen Henry H. Arnold, who presented the medals, said 50 per cent of the Axis oil supply had been destroyed by the Ploesti raid which would shorten the war six months.

No word has been received as yet by Mr and Mrs Jacob Krzeminski of 6 Gardner road concerning their son, John, who was reported missing over Romania on June 21, 1943.

SERVING IN EGYPT



PVT LEOPOLD OLBRYCH

Chicopee, Oct. 23—Pvt Leopold Olbrych, son of Mrs Caroline Olbrych of Milton street, is now stationed in Egypt. He was educated in Chicopee and was employed in the F. W. Sickles company.

ARRIVES IN FRANCE



PVT STANLEY DUREJ

Chicopee, March 29—Durej, son of Mr and Mrs Durej of 37 Pulaski street, arrived safely in France word recently reaching him. He entered the service last year and is with a field artillery unit. He is now employed at the Westinghouse and Manufacturing company.

CHICOPEE FALLS

Invasion Flashes

30,000 PARATROOPERS LAND

Naples, June 6—In a special invasion extra, the army newspaper, Stars and Stripes, reported today that 30,000 Allied paratroopers have landed in France to spearhead the massive operations now under way there.

80-MILE FRONT—NAZIS

London, June 6—The German radio, in a late summary of Allied landing operations, reported this afternoon that the spearheads went ashore along an 80-mile front "with Paris as their objective."

NAZIS REPORT SEA FIGHT

London, June 6—The German Transocean News agency said today that a battle was in progress in the English channel north of Le Havre between German naval units and Allied forces attempting to make a landing.

AT LEAST TWO BEACHHEADS

New York, June 6—Allied troops "have set up beachheads at at least two points, and Allied formations are moving inland," the British radio said today in a broadcast heard by CBS.

CHERBOURG SEEN TARGET

London, June 6—The Nazi-operated Paris radio said today that "It now has become clear that Eisenhower is concentrating his efforts on the capture of Cherbourg."

OUR TANKS DRIVE INLAND

London, June 6—DNB, German news agency, acknowledged today that Allied tanks had penetrated several kilometers between the town of Caen and Isigny on the Normandy peninsula.

LIGHT PARATROOP LOSSES

London, June 6—Casualties among Allied airborne troops descending on France have been light, supreme headquarters, Allied expeditionary forces, announced today.

NAVY BLASTS SHORE

London, June 6—Allied headquarters announced today that more than 640 naval guns in calibers ranging from four to 16 inches are

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6-15-44 Chester R. Pezda
Chester R. Pezda, son of Mr and Mrs Vincent Pezda of 21 Clover street, Chicopee, has been promoted from private, first class, to corporal. He is an airplane mechanic in an organization receiving schooling in combat technic at the Harvard army air field, Neb. Before entering service he was a machine operator at Moore Drop Forging company. He was trained for his army duties at airplane mechanic school, Keesler field, Miss., and San Diego, Cal.

Salesman Permitted To Change His Name

Because his name is subject to misspelling and mispronunciation, John Charles Wojtasiewicz, Chicopee salesman, today obtained permission in probate court to become legally known as John Charles Vyce. Amelia Wojtasiewicz also changed her name to Mildred Vyce. Feb 1944

More Than 4000 Ships, 11,000 Planes Storm Northern France; Glider, Parachute Troops Land Behind Enemy Lines in All-Out Bid

By International News Service

The allied invasion of Western France—The long-awaited and oft-predicted second front—surged to points "several miles inland" today, carrying even into the streets of the city of Caen, less than ten and a half hours after the onslaught was announced at 3:32 a. m.

A late summary of operations by Prime Minister Winston Churchill and by the supreme headquarters of Gen Dwight D. Eisenhower's allied expeditionary forces brought out these high spots this afternoon:

American, British and Canadian troops have surged "several miles inland" against resistance weaker than was anticipated and with losses lighter than expected.

The first of a series of four or five major obstacles standing in their path has been liquidated.

Air-borne troops now are well-established and succeeding waves are experiencing "very much less loss" than was predicted.

Bridges and other strategic points have been captured and Nazi coastal batteries blasted into submission by allied bombers and warships.

History's greatest aerial onslaught, in which 10,000 tons of explosives were dropped by 31,000 fliers between midnight last night and 8 a. m. today paved the way for the land forces. Naval units which took the vast forces across the rough channel waters suffered very light losses, also.

German resistance now is stiffening and heavy fighting is awaited once the Nazis are able to concentrate on the main invasion areas.

Even while these points were being highlighted in Allied pronouncements, enemy broadcasts jammed the airwaves with a profusion of assertions all indicating that the 11,000 Allied planes, 1000 ships and thousands of ground troops had caught the coastal defenders momentarily off-guard. According to the Nazis, the Allies are swinging a vast fighting arc around the Cherbourg peninsula and allegedly are seeking to take the port of Cherbourg itself.

The Luftwaffe, too, went into hiding during most of the time, refusing to venture forth to tackle the Allied aerial umbrella which was estimated conservatively to outnumber it by at least three to one. An Allied fighter pilot returning from six hours of patrols over the channel, during which he failed to sight a single enemy aircraft, called the sky operations "boring as hell."

London observers predicted the Red army will start a new offensive in a few days to match the Western invasion; a possibility about which Nazi sources chattered even while fighting raged in the last sector of Romania. Allied armies in Italy gained another five miles north of Rome. In the Southwest Pacific, five more Japanese ships, including two destroyers, were sunk or damaged by Allied fliers in an attack on the enemy base at Truk.

HARTFORD BOUT ON

The boxing bout between Featherweight Champion Willie Pep and Julie Kozon, slated for Hartford tonight, will go on as scheduled, according to word received here this afternoon.



FRANK W. PATLA



CARL S. MASZTAL



JOSEPH MASZTAL



STANLEY MASZTAL

Frank W. Patla, Carl S. Joseph and Stanley Masztal

Three brothers and their brother-in-law are in the armed forces, three of them on overseas duty and one now in this country after returning from foreign service. Stanley W. Masztal, machinist mate, first class in the navy, saw action in the recent invasion of the Philippines and is serving aboard a combat vessel. He was employed at the Worthington Pump corporation before entering service. Joseph F. Masztal, coxswain in the coast guard is married to the former Jeanette Gluntz of Richmond Hill, N. Y., and he has a daughter Sandra Joan. He has served on Atlantic patrol and is now stationed in Boston. He worked at the Continental Bakery before entering service. Carl S. Masztal, baker, third class at the naval air station in Hawaii is married to the former Stella Janas of Willimansett and they have a son Carl Lawrence. The two brothers Carl and Stanley, recently met in Hawaii. Carl also worked at the Continental Bakery before entering service. Sgt. Frank W. Patla of the army is serving overseas in Italy. He is married to the former Victoria Masztal of 11 Bertha avenue, Chicopee and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Patla of 25 Bertha avenue. He has been overseas since March.



JOSEPH RUSCIO
Wounded

In Rest Area After Guadalcanal Duty



Pvt. Stanley Janocha

Pvt. Stanley Janocha, nephew of Mrs. Mary Laptas of Lyman St., writes from the South Pacific he is taking it easy with his medical battalion after combat duty on Guadalcanal.

Born in Poland, and without word from his parents since the fall of 1939, he states he is anxious to get the war over so he may obtain first-hand reports on his relatives. Before his induction in 1941 he was a bakery superintendent at Bixon's Bakery in Chicopee Falls.

WILLIMANSETT AWARDED AIR MEDAL AND THREE CLUSTERS



STAFF SERGT WALTER F NIEMIEC

Willimansett, July 26—Staff Sgt. Walter F. Niemiec, 30, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Niemiec of 180 Ingham street has taken part in 48 combat missions over enemy territory and has been awarded the Air Medal with three clusters. He entered the air forces March 1, 1943 and received

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Posthumous Medal
Awarded M'Donald

ALDENVILLE

FRONT-ST. MAN
WINS PURPLE
HEART AWARDWalter Majeowski Wounded in
Sicily, Now in N. Africa
HospitalAldenville, March 27—Another boy
from this section who will have plenty
of tales to tell his grandchildren
is Pvt Walter Majeowski, 22, son of
Joseph Majeowski of 230 Front street.

WALTER MAJEOWSKI

Chicopee, who was wounded during
the invasion of Sicily and whose Purple
Heart award was received here
this week by relatives.Pvt Majeowski, who has been overseas
for 18 months, was in the North
African campaign and is now once
again in North Africa, where he is
confined in a hospital. He has been
in service two years, serving with the
infantry. Until leaving for duty he
was employed in defense work in
Springfield and attended St Stanislaus
school and Chicopee Trade
schools.His brother, William Majeowski,
was given a medical discharge from
the army. Pvt Majeowski also has
two sisters, Mrs Arthur Asselin of 40
Kaveney street, here and Mrs William
Denny of Bond street, Springfield.The Order of the Purple Heart
awarded posthumously to Petty Officer
George J. MacDonald, Jr., who
lost his life at sea on Feb. 3, when
the transport Dorchester was tor-
pedoed en route to Greenland, was
received yesterday by his mother, Mrs.
Adele M. Parker of 84 Audubon
Street.

Hinsdale, N. H.

Word of Local Soldier.

A letter written to Rev. Thomas W.
Cushing, rector of St. Joseph's church
in Hinsdale from Capt. Richard W.
Gregoire, chaplain, is as follows: "This
short letter containing good news of
one of your parishoners, Staff Sgt. Jo-
seph Kolnacki, is written sometime
around Easter from somewhere in
Iran."We have approximately 700 Catho-
lics in this area. These men are do-
ing a wonderful job as American sol-
diers and a praiseworthy job as Catho-
lics. This incessant heat which saps
the physical and moral strength of
men is something real, and along with
this we are stuck in the middle of a
desert. Soon we will have the com-
bination of heat, dust and flies with a
few mosquitos and sand fleas thrown
in. In spite of these physical and
moral hazards, I am proud to report to
you that your parishoner is over-riding
these handicaps and setting an ex-
ample which should make you feel
proud."Most of the men are conveying
goods over this serpentine, mountain-
ous route with its 1,121 curves of
more than 30 degrees, on every other
Sunday. During the week these men
pick up the last mass. Lent saw at
least 500 attending the week-day
masses, beads and stations.

"Please drop your parishoner a line."

Staff Sgt. Kolnacki entered the
service April 3, 1941, and has been
overseas 16 months. While in Hins-
dale he made his home with his sis-
ter, Mrs. Joseph C. Pelis, and he
was employed at a local paper mill.
His brother, Corp. Tech. Frank Kol-
nacki, is stationed at Camp Gordon,
Ga.

April 1944

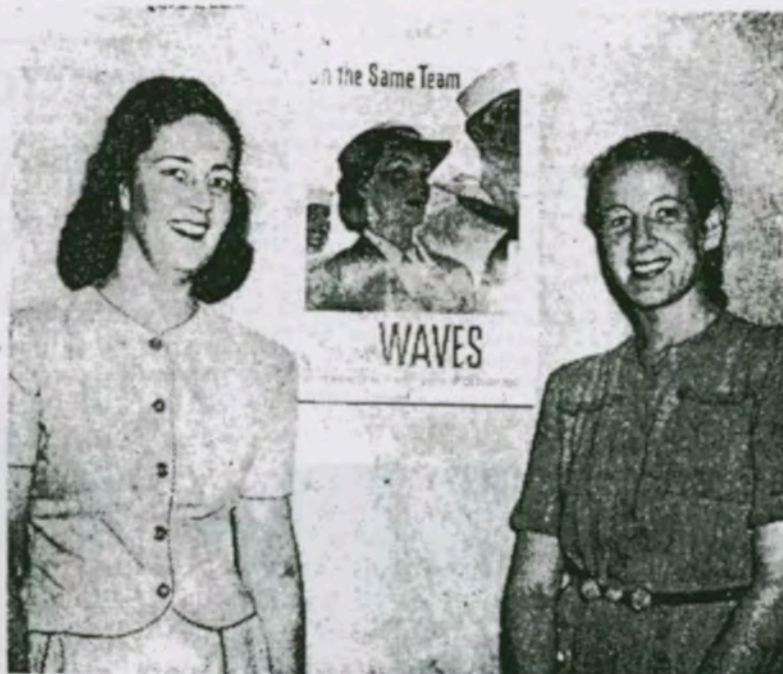
CHICOPEE MAN
DIES IN ACTIONPfc. Edward J. Dobek Was
Fighting in LuxembourgPfc. Edward J. Dobek was killed
in action in Luxembourg on Jan. 24,
according to a telegram from the
War Department received yesterday
by his mother, Mrs. Mary Dobek of
23 Railroad Row, Chicopee.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dobek,



PFC. EDWARD J. DOBEK

Pfc. Dobek went into the service on
March 27, 1941, and had been active
in the continental invasion in France.
He was graduated from Chicopee High
School and had lived all his life in
Chicopee. Before entering the service
he was employed at the Fisk Rubber
Company.He leaves besides his parents, two
sisters, Mrs. Raymond Lazoski of
Chicopee, and Adele, at home; two
brothers, Corp. Fred Dobek in France
also, and Pvt. Joseph Dobek in Cali-
fornia; and three nieces.LANCZAK GETS
PURPLE HEART
POSTHUMOUSLYMarch 1944
Parents of Seaman Killed in
1942 Receive Medal
From GovernmentThe Purple Heart, awarded to Sea-
man Chester Lanczak, who was killed
in the Solomons area when the aux-
iliary ship, Starlight, was sunk Nov.
13, 1942, has been received by Mr.
and Mrs. Stanislaus Lanczak at their
home at 72 Florence Street. Lanczak
was one of the early casualties and
was aboard the Starlight when it was
attempting to tow an American cruis-
er that was struck by torpedo bombers
of the Japs.He entered the Navy before Pearl
Harbor and was one of the first Chi-
copee boys to see action in the South
Pacific. A brother, Henry J. Lan-
czak, a machinist technician is with
the Army at a Tennessee base.



Aug. 25, 1945

Official Navy Photo

Miss Yvette D. Senecal (left), and Miss Mona M. Senecal, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Senecal of Olivine Street, Willimansett, were recently sworn into the WAVES as apprentice seamen. They enlisted at the Springfield Navy Recruiting station.

Senecal Sisters Join the WAVES

Adding their names to the ever increasing honor roll of Western Massachusetts Women in the WAVES, Miss Yvette and Miss Mona Senecal, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Senecal of Willimansett, were recently sworn into the service as WAVES apprentice seamen. They are nieces of Former Mayor Leo Senecal of Chicopee, now "occupied" with Allied Military Government duties in France. Mona was employed by her uncle for four years prior to his entering the AMG. For some time she has been employed by A. G. Spalding & Bros. Yvette has been employed in the Soldiers' Relief office, Chicopee.

Their brother, Robert Senecal, motor machinist's mate, first-class, recently received the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for extraordinary heroism "somewhere in the South Pacific," while a member of a submarine crew. Robert, a veteran of over eight years naval service, has been where the fighting has been the "thickest" since the outbreak of hostilities with Japan and Germany.

The Senecal sisters didn't enlist in the WAVES because their brother became a hero, but for the last year they had the thought in mind continually, then finally they both agreed that their part in this war should be played in the WAVES. Neither Yvette nor Mona expect to receive any medals for heroism in the WAVES, but after the war is won, both of the girls feel that they will have a lot of satisfaction in knowing that they had a part—a definite part—for they were WAVES.

Both Yvette and Mona belong to the Catholic Girl's Junior League and the Westover Riding Club. Yvette served sometime as a nurse's aide at the Holyoke Hospital in Holyoke. Both young women were junior hostesses in the local USO unit.

The Senecal sisters will leave for their "boot camp" training in the WAVES some time next month.

Meets Uncle Overseas



THEODORE KOZAKA

Chicopee, May 15—Pfc Theodore Kozaka, son of Mrs Anna Kozaka of 50 Springfield street, has arrived in the United States and is now at Thomasville, Ga., for treatment, after several months' overseas service.

A former employe of Gilbert & Barker, he joined the army in February, 1944, and left for overseas duty last year with the 94th infantry division. He was wounded in January and



PETER KOZAKA

awarded the Purple Heart. He also holds the Good Conduct medal, Combat Infantryman's badge and the European theater ribbon with three battle stars.

While recuperating in England, where he also donated a pint of blood, he met for the first time his uncle, Lieut Peter Kozaka, a veteran of 22 years of service in the Polish army.



National)

MRS. STANLEY CHRZAN,
Nee Frances Sondej.

CHICOPEE REPORTS GUZEK HAS BEEN FREED

Newsman's Story Leads Others to Be Hopeful



PFC. FRANK A. GUZEK

An overseas reporter of the Chicago Daily News reporting a list of American soldiers formerly missing in action and successively made prisoners of war by German troops has revealed that Pfc. Frank Guzek of 35 Ames Avenue, Chicopee, the husband of the former Adele Cygan has been freed by American troops that overran the German prison camp in their Berlin-bound offensive.

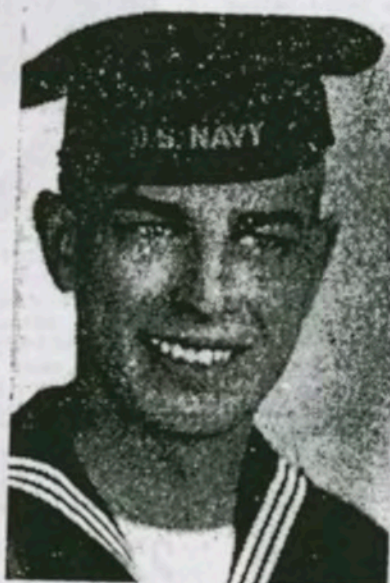
Pfc. Guzek, the News reports, has been returned to American lines and is now at an Army rest center for physical check up and briefing to obtain any military information he may have gained during his time in German hands. He was said to have escaped injury but had lost weight as a result of lack of adequate food.

The Chicopee soldier, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Guzek of 385 Center Street, Chicopee, was listed as missing on Jan. 21 in Germany. Mrs. Guzek had received no word from her husband since the initial telegram reporting he was missing. He had been overseas for nearly six months when he was captured and had fought through the major part of the campaign to free France and was with troops that were breaking over the German border at the time of his capture. A brother, Corp. Stanley Guzek, is in the Air Force.

Said to have been in the same unit as Pfc. Guzek and listed missing at the same time were Pfc. Hillard Aronson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Aronson of 859 Sumner Avenue, and Pvt. Walter Lazarek, husband of the former Jean Wisniewski, of 6 Coleridge Street, who are thought to have possibly been captured and released, also.

Aronson, who entered the service two years ago and received basic training at Camp Hood, Tex., was trained in the ASTP program at the University of Florida, but transferred to the infantry when the program broke up. He went overseas last July. His parents were notified on Jan. 21 that he had been reported as missing in action in Germany.

Pvt. Lazarek went overseas at the same time as the other two boys and was with Guzek a great deal. The two young men being close friends. Mrs. Lazarek said last night that if she does not hear a message, she will probably hear from Guzek on what happened to her husband, as they were often together. Lazarek went into the service in February, 1944, training at a camp in Mississippi. He went overseas with the other two in July, 1944, and participated in the invasion, being listed as missing in action in Germany on Jan. 21. No word has been received by the family since the War Department notice.



ROBERT F. NICKERSON

Robert F. Nickerson, 17, seaman, second class, has completed basic training at Sampson, N. Y., and is now home on leave. He will report back to Sampson next week for further assignment. A graduate of Technical High School, he was employed by Westinghouse prior to entering the Navy. He is the son of Mrs. Anna Nickerson of 2142 Main Street.

South Pacific Marine Mails Engagement Ring



Eileen McCarthy



R. J. Mandeville

One of the happiest moments in a girl's life comes when her husband-to-be places an engagement ring on her finger.

But Miss Eileen McCarthy was just as happy when she received the engagement ring through the mail from the South Pacific.

"It's just what I would have chosen myself," she said after the shock of the

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1 Cecil Francis brother on right
NGFIELD, MASS.: FRIDAY, JUNE 8.

SERVE ON TRANSPORT



MICHON AND KOKKALIS

Coast Guardsmen Phil Michon (left) machinist's mate, third class, of 216 Chicopee street, and Nicholas Kokkalis, radioman, second class, of 14 Wentworth street, both of Chicopee, are serving aboard a coast guard-manned troop transport that has been ferrying American troops home from the European war theater. Both graduates of Chicopee high school.



CAPT. E. J. ZIEMBA

Chicopee, Feb. 25—Edward J. Ziemba, local attorney, has been made captain at Atlantic City where he is judge advocate with the air force personnel distribution command. Capt. Ziemba, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ziemba of 121 Church street, practiced law in this city and Springfield and was city auditor in Chicopee, member of the school committee and assistant state attorney general.

HOME FROM BRAZIL



Chicopee, Jan. 23—T-5 Harold Petluck, son of Mr and Mrs Louis Petluck of 147 Farnsworth street, has returned from 26 months of service in Brazil. He is attached to the medical division. At the close of his 21-day furlough, he will return to Fort Devens for reassignment.

AWARD PIROG FLYING CROSS

Ball Turret Gunner Was Previously Decorated

Chicopee, Aug. 22—A Distinguished Flying Cross, for achievement over Nazi Europe in aerial combat, has



SERGT WALTER J. PIROG

been conferred on Staff Sgt. Walter J. Pirog, 19, son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Pirog of 26 Bertha avenue.

Sgt. Pirog, ball-turret gunner of a Fortress, and formerly a lathe operator at the Van Norman Machine Tool company, has totaled more than 20,000 miles in flights against enemy objectives on the continent. He previously won the Air Medal, with three oak leaf clusters. His group holds a presidential citation for its attack on Nazi industries last October and was

ROCKVILLE (CT.) PARATROOPER DIES IN ACTION

Four Servicemen Are Reported Wounded; Three Missing; One Prisoner

One Greater Springfield man is reported killed on the battlefield, four wounded, three missing and one is



THEODORE KOZAKA
Wounded

listed a prisoner of Germany on the casualty list compiled through telegrams received by next of kin.

Frank Siedlik

Pfc Frank Siedlik, 19, of Franklin street, Rockville, Ct., was killed in Belgium, January 4 according to word received by his parents, Mr and Mrs Joseph Siedlik. He was listed missing a week ago. A resident of Rockville for eight years he entered service in August, 1943 and received his wings and boots as a paratrooper at Fort Benning, Ga. He leaves his parents, two brothers, Sgt. Stanley and Bradley and two sisters, Ellen and Josephine.

Theodore Kozaka

Pfc Theodore Kozaka, son of Mrs Anna Kozaka of 50 Springfield street, Chicopee was wounded in Germany, January 4 according to a government telegram. He entered service in February, 1944 and went overseas last July. He is a graduate of Chicopee Trade school and last worked at the Gilbert and Barker company. His wife, the former Anne Swol, and their 28-month-old daughter, live at 31 Coolidge road, Chicopee.

wound in his arm.

Edward Gonet

Pfc Edward J. Gonet, originally listed missing in action, was killed in Belgium January 14, his widow, Mrs Irene (Mazlars) Gonet of Chicopee street, Chicopee, has learned. He had been in service a year and overseas about seven months. He was a graduate of Chicopee high school. Besides his wife he leaves his parents, Mr and Mrs Louis Gonet of Chicopee Falls.



SGT. P. J. KEMPCZYNSKI

CHICOPEE MAN WINS AWARD

Sgt. Peter J. Kempczynski Gets Silver Star

Sgt. Peter J. Kempczynski, the son of Walter Kempczynski of 53 Chestnut Street, Chicopee, a paratrooper, is one of 10 officers and 49 enlisted men who have been singled out for the Silver Star award for gallantry in action, according to a War Department announcement.

Sgt. Kempczynski won his honors as a part of a group of paratroopers who dropped behind Japanese lines at Lae, New Guinea, and hastened the fall of that New Guinea base by effecting a junction between American and Australian troops. He was injured in the action and has already been awarded the Purple Heart.

A letter received from the Chicopee soldier this week indicates he has just completed a 15 days furlough in Australia where he had a "fine time." He is fully recovered from his injuries, he has written. Kempczynski has been overseas for one year and in service four years, enlisting in February, 1940. He is a native of Chicopee.

GIVE FAREWELL PARTY TO CHESTER WOJTOWICZ

Chicopee, July 29—More than 150 city officials and friends attended a farewell party at the Cavalier club last night in honor of former Alderman Chester W. Wojtowicz, who has been inducted into service and will leave for basic training August 2.

Acting as toastmaster for the event was Alderman Edward L. ... with speakers including members of the board of aldermen, City Clerk Arthur Balthazar, School Commissioner Max Suchy and Assessor Stephen Kline. The guest of honor was given a purse.



WALTER J. PIELA

Pfc. Walter J. Piela of 13 Luther Street, Chicopee, is shown in the act of packing a parachute at a base somewhere in Italy. A trained technician, Pfc. Piela is a veteran of more than 15 months' overseas service.

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WED IN LOS ANGELES



SERGT AND MRS ALFRED ANDERSON

Chicopee, Jan. 25—Miss Ann Nawracaj, daughter of Mrs. Valeria Nawracaj of 31 Ames avenue, became the bride of Staff Sgt. Alfred Anderson of Los Angeles, Cal., recently in St. Vincent's church in Los Angeles. Miss Alice Anderson, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor and Mrs. Irene Conant and Betty Conant, his sister and niece, were bridesmaids. Alfonso Perello was best man. The bride's mother went to Los Angeles for the ceremony. The couple are making their home in Los Vegas, Nev., where he is with the air forces. He just returned from overseas duty.

Italy.

Wounded in Italy

Szpara, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Szpara of 122 Chicopee street, was wounded during action in Italy, according to a war department telegram they received. He had been in service since November, 1939. A brother, Henry, is in the marine corps, stationed at Parris Island, S. C.

A memorial service was held here.

REPORT STANLEY BOBOLA WOUNDED

Pvt. Stanley C. Bobola, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bobola of 31 Ames Avenue, serving with the infantry in France, was listed on Army casualty lists just released as among those injured in the initial invasion of Normandy. His parents reported he spent 8 weeks in an Army General Hospital and they believe he is now back in action.

He is one of four sons in service, all on active fighting fronts. Sgt. Chester is in the Pacific area and may be with MacArthur's forces in the Philippines. Corp. Max is with the Air Force serving aboard a bomber operating with a unit from Italian bases. Corp. Teddy is in the infantry and his last letters indicate he is now fighting in Germany. All four boys are natives of Chicopee and attended Chicopee schools.

WALTER LINEHAN 1944 IN ENGLISH HOSPITAL

Chicopee, Nov. 20—Police Chief and Mrs. Francis Linehan have received word that their son, Sgt. Walter Linehan, has been transferred to a hospital in England. Sgt. Linehan had his right arm and two fingers on his right hand broken during the drive against Germany. He is married and has an infant son. His wife was formerly Grace Lyons. He is a member of the 26th division.

TARNOWSKI GIVEN 44 MEDICAL DISCHARGE

Chicopee, Nov. 27—William Tarnowski of 47 Algonquin street, recently received an honorable medical discharge from the naval hospital at Portsmouth, N. H. He enlisted on October 8, 1942, and served overseas for a year, participating in the North African campaign. His brother, George, also of the navy, recently returned to this country after serving 20 months in the Pacific battle area.

August.

Walter A. Swol

Sgt. Walter A. Swol, member of the 104th infantry was killed in France November 16 according to information received by his parents. He was in service four years and went overseas in August. He leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wojciech Swol of 229 Clarendon avenue, Chicopee, a brother, Raymond, in the army and a daughter besides his wife, Mrs. Victoria (Bednarz) Swol of 41 Railroad row.

HENRY MOKRZYCKI 45 ENDS BOOT TRAINING

Chicopee, May 10—Henry J. Mokrzycki, 17, seaman second class, has arrived at the naval training station at Norfolk, Va., for training in duties aboard a destroyer of the Atlantic fleet. He has just completed boot training at Sampson, N. Y.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Mokrzycki of 109 Wilson avenue, he attended Chicopee Trade school and was employed at Springfield Armory before joining the navy. He has two brothers in service, Edward, 19, seaman first-class, now in the Indian ocean, and Pfc. Philip, 24, with the army in Germany.

Pvt. Joseph S. Karpowicz, 31, was killed in France August 9, his widow, the former Mary Urdzella of 96 Traiton road, Chicopee, has learned. He was a native of Worcester and attended schools there. Before going into service in December, 1942, he worked at the American Steel and Wire company in Chicopee. He went overseas in February. He leaves his widow, a 22-month-old son, Joseph; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ignacy Karpowicz of Worcester; a brother, Frank, and two sisters, Mrs. Stella Gorkaitis and Mrs. Anne Bonovito, all of Worcester.

Linehan on Leave

Pvt. Thomas Raymond Linehan, one of the three servicemen sons of Police Chief and Mrs. Francis A. Linehan of Stearns Terrace, has arrived home on a leave to extend to Dec. 18 from his Air Force base at Ajo, Ariz. Pvt. Linehan has been in service for three years and is serving as an armorer with his unit.

West Worcester, Dec. 11-29-44

WINS PROMOTION AT IRELAND BASE

Chicopee, March 28—Stanley J. Replenski has been promoted from corporal to sergeant somewhere in northern Ireland, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Tekla Replenski of Nonotuck avenue. He has been overseas since August. He was a trouble shooter at the American Bosch corporation prior to entering the service.

FRANK E. DOMIN 44 WINS PURPLE HEART

Chicopee Jan. 27—The Purple Heart was recently awarded to Pfc. Frank E. Domin of 31 Chicopee street at Quonset Point, R. I., where he is stationed with a marine detachment. Overseas nearly three years, the marine was wounded at Tarawa.



JOSEPH STASIOWSKI

Joseph Stasiowski, gunner's mate third class, of 29 Bertha Avenue, Chicopee, mans his battle station as a member of a gun crew aboard a Coast Guard-manned destroyer escort operating as a unit of the Atlantic Fleet.

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EMIL L. NOWAK

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Corp Emil L. Nowak, son of Casper Nowak of 17 Idelaney avenue, Chicopee, was graduated last week from the army air forces flexible gunnery school at Laredo, Tex. He is now qualified to take his place as a member of a bomber combat crew. With his diploma he received the wings of a gunner.

Anthony Sienko

AY, FEBRUARY 26, 1944

PEE NEWS

SENDOFF PARTY SET FOR W. F. BOBEREK

Chicopee, Feb. 26—Walter F. Boberek will be feted by the Pastime Athletic club at a sendoff party in the club's quarters tomorrow at 10. Boberek will leave Monday for the navy.

He is the son of William Boberek of 54 Cabot street. Three other brothers are also in service, Frank W., with an army engineer unit in Africa; Max J., serving with the navy in the South Pacific, and Joseph T., also with the navy.

All four brothers are members of the Pastime club and all of them, prior to entering service, were employed by the Fisk division of the United States Rubber company.

Wounded GI Shows Artificial Leg



(International News Photos)

The Honorable Richard Wood (left), son of Lord Halifax, British ambassador to this country, is shown examining the artificial leg worn by Sgt Adolph Stadnicki of 163 Saratoga avenue, Chicopee, at the Thomas M. England General hospital, Atlantic City, N. J. Stadnicki's leg was made for him by a Canadian fellow-prisoner in a German prisoner-of-war camp. The limb was manufactured from a biscuit tin and odd bits of wood, metal and rubber. Wood himself lost both legs above the knee while serving as a lieutenant with a British tank corps in North Africa.

4-10-45



Richard T. Moriarty, gunner's mate, third class, of the navy, and his bride, the former Barbara A. Bertrand, are shown leaving Our Lady of Sacred Heart church where they were married this morning by Rev Leo Shea. The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Bertrand of North Chatham street.

ket bench.

Henry Pruchal, son of Mr and Mrs John Pruchal of Ames avenue, has completed his basic training with the marines and will now attend an advanced training school. He attended Chicopee high school and was formerly employed by the American Bosch corporation. Another son of Mr and Mrs Pruchal is in the navy.

Mrs Catherine Dudek has been informed by her son, Joseph, that he is at present enrolled in the naval training school for radiomen on the campus of Miami university, Oxford, O.

Theodore J. Adamczyk, who is stationed at Marianna, Fla., is spending a 15-day furlough at his home as guest of his parents, Mr and Mrs Joseph Adamczyk of School street. He enlisted on October 20, 1942, and was formerly employed as a grinder at the Moore Drop Forging company. He attended Chicopee high school.

FAIRVIEW 43

Fairview, July 21—Chester Bury of Blanchard street is convalescing at Providence hospital, Holyoke, where he recently underwent an appendectomy.

Mr and Mrs Ralph Batchelor of Ann street have as their guest for the summer vacation their granddaughter, Miss Doris Batchelor of Springfield.

Mrs. John Rusin of 10 Midway Place and Mrs. Louis Guzik of 71 Florence Street are spending a two weeks' vacation at Greenville, Pa., where they are the guests of Pvt. Louis F. Guzik and his relatives there.

Theodore J. Zombik, seaman second class, is stationed at Sampson, N.Y. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Vincent Zombik of Chicopee street. Seaman Zombik is a graduate of Chicopee high school, where he was an outstanding athlete, and prior to entering the service was employed at the Springfield Armory. He has two brothers in the service. 8-21-43

ALS REUNITED BY ARMY FURLOUGHS

Chicopee, Aug. 21—Two boyhood friends, well-known in Chicopee, whose paths led in different directions only when they entered the army, are reunited this week since both have received furloughs at the same time.

Second Lieut Dominick ("Murph") Mierzejewski, son of Mr and Mrs Dominick Mierzejewski of 58 Charpentier boulevard, is now a bombardier on a B-24, stationed at Lincoln, Neb. Staff Sergt Rudolph J. Pasterczyk, son of Mr and Mrs John Pasterczyk of 617 McKinstry avenue, is a member of an ordnance company, stationed at Camp Gruber, Tex.

Lieut Mierzejewski entered the army as a private in January, 1941, and was stationed with observation squadron at Hyannis. On July 27, 1942, he was accepted as an aviation cadet and attended school at Santa Ana, Cal., and Albuquerque, N. M. He received his commission January 23. He was formerly employed at Westinghouse.

A former toolmaker at Stevens Arms, Sergt Pasterczyk enlisted in the army reserve in October, 1942, and was called to active duty as a technician 5th grade in January. He was stationed at the Red River ordnance depot at Texarkana, Tex., later being accepted for training at the Chrysler tank school at Detroit, Mich. He is a graduate of Chicopee Trade school.

Recently citizens of Chicopee discussed raising a fund to send newspapers to the men in service but the project was dropped. The announcement of the drive, included in one of the issues of Yank magazine, pleased Pfc Max J. Lapa, a native of Chicopee so much he dashed off a note to The Daily News approving the plan.

His letter follows:—

"I am serving with the armed forces somewhere in the Aleutian islands. The other day as I was reading a Yank magazine I ran across a little article which told of Chicopee starting a \$30,000 drive to send the city's 4500 servicemen and women their favorite newspapers.

"I think that's a very good idea. I have lived in Chicopee for 23-years and I have been reading The Daily News ever since I can remember and I am sure that everyone in the service would appreciate a home paper.

"Being overseas ten months now I haven't seen a home town paper during that time. And we don't get much news as radios are scarce and so are newspapers. I know that it will be appreciated by every man and woman that's serving the country.

"We overseas know that everything that can be done by the people back home is being done. And we 'dog faces' are doing the same.

"Many thanks to the people of Chicopee." 2-19-44

WOUNDED CHICOPEE 1944 GOB BACK ON DUTY

Chicopee, Jan. 12—Soundman Third Class Raymond Lynch, Jr., stationed in an advance base in the Southern Pacific, who was reported seriously wounded, is back on duty after being hospitalized for several weeks because of a leg injury. His mother, Mrs Raymond Lynch, alarmed at news received from a friend in the Pacific by a soldier at Westover that a Chicopee boy, named Raymond Lynch, has been wounded in action, cabled to her son Friday and was reassured immediately by a reply that he had recovered.

Lynch's father, Raymond, Sr., served nine months as mail specialist at the naval hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y., during the present war, before being released to return to his duties as clerk in the Chicopee Center post-office. Another son, James, 19, is a rangefinder aboard an Atlantic destroyer, and has participated in action in North Africa, Italy and Sicily.

Is Wounded in Sicilian Battle

Pvt. Adam T. Lonczak, son of Mrs. Mary Lonczak of 55 Chicopee Street, Chicopee, has been injured in Sicily, according to a telegram sent to his mother by the War Department. Mrs. Lonczak, however, has since received a letter from her son which indicates he may have fully recovered and been released from the base hospital in North Africa where he was taken.

Pvt. Lonczak in his last letter revealed he had been awarded the Purple Heart for injuries received in action. He is sending it to his mother for safe keeping, he said. He had nothing much to say of his injuries except that he had been hurt in battle and would soon be out of the hospital.

Donatuck avenue.
Miss Eleanor Moran, a member of the WAC who is stationed at Fort Devens, spent a brief furlough at her home on Springfield street. 7-24-43

THREE CHICOPEE FRIENDS HOME ON FURLOUGHS

Pvt Benny Wahl Returns After Being Wounded in Action On Guadalcanal 43

Chicopee, Nov. 12—Three Chicopee boys, who were buddies before they entered service are all home on 10-day furloughs. They are Sergt Chester Bobola, Pvt Joseph Dudek and Pvt Benny Wahl.

Bobola, son of Mr and Mrs John Bobola of 31 Ames avenue, is home for 10 days from Moody field, Valdosta, Ga. He has been in the service since April 1942 and his last visit home was eight months ago. He was employed at the Fisk Rubber company before entering service.

Dudek, son of Mrs and Mrs Stanley Dudek of 5 Kendall court, is also making a 10-day visit at home. He is stationed at Camp Greenwood, Miss., and has been there since January. He has been in service 19 months and worked at the Fisk Rubber company prior to enlisting. He was graduated from the local Trade school, as was Sergt Bobola.

Wahl recently returned home after service in the South Pacific. He fought at Guadalcanal, and on other islands in the Pacific. He was wounded in action and has the Purple Heart.

Bobola and Dudek told the Daily News reporter yesterday, they were on their way to see the movie, "Guadalcanal Diary," in hopes that they might see some buddies in it.

FAREWELL PARTY

Chicopee, Aug. 16—The Chicopee Pastime club yesterday held a farewell party for Joseph J. Poremba, who leaves for service in the navy tomorrow. The navy recruit was presented with a gift by Stanley Tokarski, president of the club, and in making the presentation speech, Tokarski said that the club now had 82 members in the service.

Rep Edward Lysek, who was among those present, showed movies of the recent stocking of Bemis pond with fish. Other short films were also shown. 7-16-43

HOME ON FURLOUGH

Chicopee, Aug. 16—Corp Carl Topor, son of Mr and Mrs Walter Topor of William street, Chicopee Falls, is spending a furlough at his home. He has been in the service 13 months and is stationed at Love field, Dallas, Tex., as aircraft mechanic. He returns to camp the latter part of the week.

Janik was graduated from Chicopee high school and worked for the Westinghouse company in East Springfield before entering the service in August, 1943. He went overseas last May and was attached to a tank battalion. Besides his father he leaves one sister, Miss Helen Janik, at home.

Mr and Mrs Andrew Olbrych of Miller street have received a letter from their son, Frederick, who informs them of his promotion from first class private to corporal. Mr and Mrs Olbrych have three sons in service.

GIVEN SENDOFF 42

Chicopee, Aug. 17—A going-away party for Andrew Makuch of Wilson avenue was held last night at the Palais D'or. The guest of honor left this morning for training with the navy following his induction last week.

The party, arranged by Joseph Kreja and John Nickasz, was attended by many friends. Rep Edward Lysek served as toastmaster and presented a purse to the new navy recruit in behalf of his friends.

RETURNS TO HOSPITAL 43

Chicopee, Aug. 17—Chester Nowak, son of Fireman and Mrs Edward Nowak of Northwood street, has returned to Charleston, S. C. He will not return to active duty, however, but will be readmitted to the general hospital there for further medical care as a result of having broken his leg in an accident on duty.

SEDOFF PARTY FOR FIREMAN SKIBINSKI

Chicopee, July 28—Members of the Chicopee fire department and friends will hold a send off party in honor of Fireman Chester A. Skibinski of 186 Chicopee street at the Cavalier club on Chicopee street in Willimansett tomorrow night. He will leave for the service Aug 3. Skibinski is the brother of Chester Skibinski, chairman of the Massachusetts industrial labor board. Since his appointment to the Chicopee fire department he has been stationed at the Willimansett street fire house and has been chauffeur for Chief Albert Bunyan.

HENRY J. JASZEK 44 GIVEN PROMOTION

Chicopee, Feb. 1—Pvt Henry J. Jaszek of the marine corps reserve, son of Mr and Mrs John Jaszek of 184 Chicopee street, has been promoted to private, first class, at the training center at Camp Elliott, San Diego, Cal., according to word received here today.

Pfc Jaszek, who will be 22 on March 25, was graduated from Chicopee high school, where he played basketball and baseball and captained the basketball team for two years. He enlisted in the marine corps at the Springfield marine recruiting office last July. He was a student at American International college at that time.

Kazmir M. Janik, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Janik of 127 Exchange street, has entered the armored replacement training center at Fort Knox, Ky., for a course of training which will last 15 weeks. He will be classified at the completion of the course and probably sent to an armored school.

Miss Margaret Dunn of Sunny-meade avenue was the guest of Miss Pauline Baker of Old Springfield road for a week.

Word has been received that Pvt Michael J. Maziarz of 979 Dwight street, son of Mr and Mrs Walter Maziarz of 42 Chester street, is now stationed at Camp Pickett, Va., and is on furlough at the present time. He entered the service on April 22 and received his basic training at Fort Devens. He is a graduate of Chicopee high school and was employed at the Gosselin dairy before

Social, Personal News in Chicopee

Chicopee, July 3—Sergeant Alfred Szczygiel of 48 Riverview terrace is spending a 14-day furlough as the guest of his mother, Mrs Sophie Szczygiel.

Third Class Firecontrolman Walter Kryzeminski of Gardner road, is spending a brief furlough at his home. He has been a member of a destroyer crew. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Jacob Kryzeminski.

Pvt Edwin J. Michalski of Florence street has been transferred to Camp Crowder, Mo., for a radio operators' course.

William Morrissey, seaman, second class, spent a few days with his parents, Mr and Mrs Michael Morrissey of Walton street. Chief Petty Officer Curtis Weaver of Detroit, Mich., was a guest of Morrissey during his brief furlough at home.

Edward J. Wladerek of 483 Springfield street was promoted to the rank of sergeant at Fort Adams, R. I., where he is serving in the Harbor Defenses of Narragansett bay. Sergeant Wladerek is a graduate of Chicopee high school, where he was a star athlete.

JAKE STEFANIK 8/10/43 KNOCKING 'EM OUT

Further news has come from Capt. John "Jake" Stefanik, pilot of a P-40, in the Mediterranean Area. He reveals that his squadron of dive bombers has sunk a 5000-ton enemy supply ship in the Messina Straits region.

"Jake," former city auditor's clerk, who has been a year and a month in the African and Italian campaigns, and a recognized "ace" flier, reports no counter enemy air action except at night. He is flying over Sicily at present and has partaken in many ground strafing attacks against motor convoys with considerable success.

In the army and is stationed at Fort Meyers, Fla.

Pvt First Class Al Niemiec, son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Niemiec of 38 Dewey street, has finished his boot training at Parris Island, S. C., and has qualified in marksmanship. He will be now transferred to New River, N. C. He is a graduate of Chicopee high school and prior to entering the service was employed at the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing company. Niemiec last night returned to his duties, after being the guest of his parents for 10 days.

Chicopee, March 28—Mrs F. Lobudek of 23 Gilmore street been notified that her son, Pvt Walter F. Lobudek, 21, has been killed in action in Italy. He has been overseas six months. He was graduated, Chicopee Trade school. Beside mother, he leaves a sister, Ly

To John Sutherland, formerly of our Chicopee warehouse office, on his rapid and well-deserved advancement in the U. S. Army through the non-commissioned ranks to a lieutenantancy since he joined the service in March, 1941. John, who in a year and a half had advanced from private to warrant officer, was chosen by his captain and his colonel for the first officers school for American troops in New Caledonia. The school lasted 45 days—a month and a half of intensive, deadly earnest study and practice—and John was one of the few men in his class who made the grade.

Norman Cartmill, SK&C, U.S.N.R., (Chicopee Accounting Department) writes from Rhode Island: "It always gives me a feeling of great pleasure to show my sailor friends the 'Sportsman' and to say, 'Now there is the company that made that football you and I were playing with this noon time'."

Harold Loewel, technical sergeant, Tank Destroyer Battalion, (Chicopee Warehouse Office) writes from Texas: "I appreciate getting the 'Sportsman' with regularity. The last copy and the 'Shoot' war book both reached me while I was out in the field and 'Shoot' particularly was of great interest, not only to the men but to many of the officers. It was a great piece of work, and one that I took a great deal of pride in; in fact, I'm still bragging about it."

John Ryan, naval aviation metal-smith, 3d class, was a shipper in our Chicopee warehouse prior to his joining the Navy. His father, John, senior, has been with Spalding at Chicopee for 22 years.

Pfc Douglas Marcus, Marine Corps, now in the South Seas, is from our Personnel Department in Chicopee. Doug writes us, characteristically, "I've eaten so many coconuts I never want to see one again. One thing that gets us kind of mad is that we have nights here that are really beautiful, and not a woman around to show them to. I received *The Sportsman* the other day and it sure looked good. Just like old times."

Pfc Albin Olbrys, son of Mr and Mrs Olbrys of Miller street is spending a seven-day furlough at his home. He is stationed at Camp Phillips, Kansas City. 2-18-44

TWO GROUPS TO LEAVE FOR ARMY

Registrants From Board 51 to
Entrain Saturday and
Monday 1942

Chicopee, Oct. 19—Two groups of inductees are slated to leave Chicopee Saturday and Monday from draft board 51. The boys will be feted by the city fathers at a breakfast at 3 the morning they leave, at the Wigwam restaurant on Exchange street, not far from the Chicopee junction depot.

The lists of men departing for camp on Saturday and Monday follow:—

Leaving Saturday: Joseph Felix Furtak, Thomas Francis Skiba, Frank W. Kiczek, Charles Henry Dean, Stanley Adam Golba, John Wonczo, Francis John Dziedzic, Walter John Pudlo, George Anthony Falzarano, James Robert Shea, Stanley Michael Przybyla, Peter Antoni Morytko, Bronislaw John Demski, Edward Francis Zimany, Stephen Michael Kozol, Eugene Frank Balicki, Leo Walter Balicki, Ernest Leo Gellinas, Andrew John Weislo, George Raymond St. Pierre, Walter Michael Kijak, Frank Peter Cyran, Clair Leslie Pastore, Stanley Olsnowski, Edward Mitzie Kruzel, Louis Dreyfus Bolvin, Jr., Alexander Anthony Jozefiak, Alphonse John Usczcz, Michael Henry Patla, Robert Stanley Milner, Stanley Marczyk, Charles Louis Pyzik, Raymond Francis Tutty, Anthony Charles Kietyka, Paul Michael Ferris, John Joseph Chmiel, Bronislaw Francis Forsy, Fred Joseph Vinarski, Kazmir, Martin Chmura, Valtor Joseph Dupont, Max John Kozikowski, Aszero Raymond Mason, Edward J. Ziembka, Bernard Francis Pettengill, Ferdinand Francis Kuzminski, Alphonse Walter Labak, James Emerson Coulter, Stanley Joseph Sunde, Patrick Joseph Corrigan, James Francis Veale, Edward Kulig, Andrew Wilk, Joseph Alphonse Gellinas.

Leaving Monday: Thomas Frank Blazejewski, Raymond Joseph Letendre, Max Czech, Normand Ulric, Donald Edgar Martin, Walter Stanley Rzasa, John Thomas Glogowski, George Stanley Adrian, Roger Labonte, Harvey Grennon, George Eugene Beauregard, Joseph Edward Boudreau, Francis Nelson Goyette, Joseph Jurkowski Jurgens, Joseph John Strempeke, Bruno Joseph Carriere, Joseph Alfred Mathieu, Walter John Jamroz, Joseph Walter Szpakani, Walter Swlech, Wilfred Joseph Thomas, Gustave Joseph Alexander, William Joseph Provost, Stanley John Barus, Harry Hill Atkinson, Jean Beaulieu, Anthony Max Gazda, John Chlason, George Francis McNeil, Henry Walter Groszek, Walter Thomas Krawiec, Rene Charles Page, Edward Max Nowak, Patrick Bernard Dee, Nathan Nathaniel Handy, George Etienne Bouchard, Henry Joseph Maczka, Romeo Emile MaBarre, Theodore Joseph Patnaude, Max Walter Ferus, Edward Irene Lussier, John Joseph Wojcik.

Edward Blicharz

Corp Edward Blicharz, son of Anthony Blicharz of 182 Chicopee street, Chicopee, has arrived at the technical training school, Scott field, Ill., where he will receive an intensive course in radio operating and mechanics to fit him as a member of a bombing crew. During his training period he will be tested for special types of work and upon graduation he will be sent to more advanced centers for additional instruction.

MORE MEN CALLED BY BOARD 51 FOR INDUCTION EXAM

Chicopee, Aug. 14—Ten boys have been called for physical examinations by draft board 51 for induction into the service. This is the second call by this board this month. The men summoned for their physicals include: Stephen Ignacy Kapinos, Amherst street; Wilson Henry Fredette, 22 Reed avenue, Chicopee Falls; Thomas Alfred Anderson, 21 Walton street; Rene Leopold Joseph Maclure, 520 Main street, Athol; Joseph Baird, 15 Lyman street, Springfield; Frank Anthony Michalski, 33 Casino avenue; Max Michael Krychta, 268 Center street; Franciszek Janik, 39 Abbey street; John Anthony Simonich, 457 Granby road; Edward Rybeyk, 31 Grove street, Chicopee Falls; John Andrew Slewback, 102 Muzzy street, Chicopee Falls.

4 INFANTRYMEN COMMISSIONED

Springfield and Chicopee Men
Complete Course at
Fort Benning

Four men from Western Massachusetts, including two from this city and one each from Chicopee and Chicopee Falls, today were second lieutenants in the infantry, having successfully concluded the office candidate course at Fort Benning, Ga., and were commissioned at graduation services.

The two Springfield men are Lieuts Alfred Rodman Lor, son of Mrs Edna M. Lor of 329 Central street, and Kenneth James Foscitt, son of Mr and Mrs William H. Foscitt of 112 Santa Barbara street. The others are Lieuts John A. Martineau, son of Mr and Mrs F. J. Martineau, 63 Middle street, Chicopee Falls, and Henry Stanley Balicki, son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Balicki of 13 Nonotuck avenue, Chicopee.

Lieut Lor entered the army in October, 1940. He attended Technical high school. Lieut Foscitt was inducted into the army March 4, 1941, and attended the High School of Commerce. He held the grade of first sergeant when assigned to the school.

Lieuts Balicki and Martineau attended Chicopee high school. The new officers were all members of the 104th infantry of the Yankee division.

MISS MARY BUJNICKI MARRIED TO SOLDIER

Holyoke, Aug. 11—Mr and Mrs Paul Bujnicki of 291 Elm street announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary, to Walter Michalski, son of Mr and Mrs Zygmund Michalski of 37 Florence street, Chicopee, Saturday at Mater Dolorosa church. Rev Leonard Pakulski was celebrant and performed the nuptial ceremony. The couple were attended by Jean Volkotis and Jerry Galacki. The bride was born in Holyoke and educated at Holyoke high school. The groom is a graduate of Chicopee schools and is a member of the 104th infantry at Camp Edwards.

Henry Lanczak

Mr and Mrs Stanley Lanczak of 72 Florence street, Chicopee, have heard from their son, Henry, 26, now stationed at Camp Croft, S. C. Henry enlisted on January 21, last, and was sent to Fort Devens. After being classified, he was ordered to his present post to begin training as an air force mechanic. Having had plenty of mechanical experience at the Chapman Valve company and the Moore Drop Forging company, he expects to get along easily. His brother, Chester, 22, is serving in the navy, having enlisted on January 26 at the local recruiting office. Chester had been employed at the Fisk tire division of the United States Rubber corporation. Henry was graduated

from Chicopee Trade school while Chester attended Chicopee high school.

Mr and Mrs Stanley Lanczak of Florence street are entertaining their son, Pvt Henry Lanczak, who is stationed at Camp Forest, Tenn. He was employed at the Moore Drop Forge plant before he enlisted in the army. He attended the local Trade school.

Home on Furlough

Pvt. Raymond "Sky" Linehan, son of Chief and Mrs. Francis A. Linehan of Stearns Terrace, is home on furlough for 15 days, his first since he was inducted in Sept. 1942. "Sky" who is at Gila Bend Air Base in Arizona where he is assigned as an armorer just missed out on a chance for gunnery school.

During the week end Pvt. Linehan and his brother, Edward, an able bodied seaman in the Coast Guard

and stationed at Providence, had their first reunion since Pvt. Linehan's induction. A third brother, Francis is also in the Army.

Stanley P. Soja 1943

Stanley P. Soja, seaman second class, son of Mrs Katherine Soja, of 94 Bell street, Chicopee, has resumed his duties at Davisville, R. I., after visiting with his mother. He was formerly stationed at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va., before going to his present station. Soja attended Chicopee high school where he was a prominent athlete and before enlisting worked at the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing company.

Bourk Arrives In Pacific Area

Mr. and Mrs. Philip A. Bourk of 12 LeClair Terrace have received word that their son, Pvt. Philip L. Bourk, member of an ordnance unit of the Army has arrived in the southwest Pacific where he will function as a specialist in small arms maintenance. He is a native of Aldenville and graduated from Cathedral High School, Springfield. Before going to Aberdeen, Md., for his preliminary training he was employed for two years at the Springfield Armory in the manufacture of Garand and other small arms. He entered the Army last May. Pvt Bourk was a skilled roller skater and took part in a number of exhibitions at rinks in this vicinity, excelling in fancy skating.



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LIEUT JANE H. PAJAK

Lieut Jane H. Pajak, army nurse corps, daughter of Mr and Mrs Walter Pajak, of 49 Pajak street, Chicopee Falls, has been promoted to first lieutenant at Wendover field (Utah) air base. She was home recently on a 21-day furlough.

Lieut Pajak is a graduate of Chicopee high school, Fanny Allen hospital, Winooski, Vt., and trained seven months at Wesson Maternity hospital. She entered the army April 19, 1943, and was stationed at Westover field for 10 months prior to her assignment to Wendover. 4-4-45

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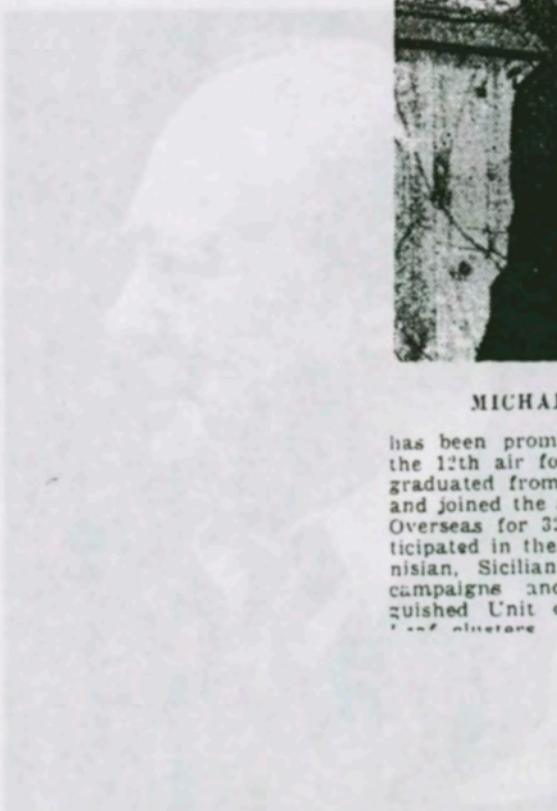
MICHAEL HARASIK

has been promoted to sergeant with the 12th air force in Italy. He was graduated from Chicopee high school and joined the army in January, 1942. Overseas for 32 months, he has participated in the Egyptian-Libyan, Tunisian, Sicilian, Italian and French campaigns and wears the Distinguished Unit citation and two Oak Leaf citations.

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Minister Churchill and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek had concluded a long session in Cairo yesterday in a meeting with Premier Stalin in Iran, and OWI reports were broadcast to Europe regarding the story again and again last night.

May They Not Be Tied

The three nations met on one occasion in a tent in the shadow of the Pyramids, and the OWI reports indicated that they were "tied" in a way that was not to be broken.

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It was said that the conference would be continued for some time.

A telephone call to the New York Office of War Information stated the information that the conference was continued for some time.

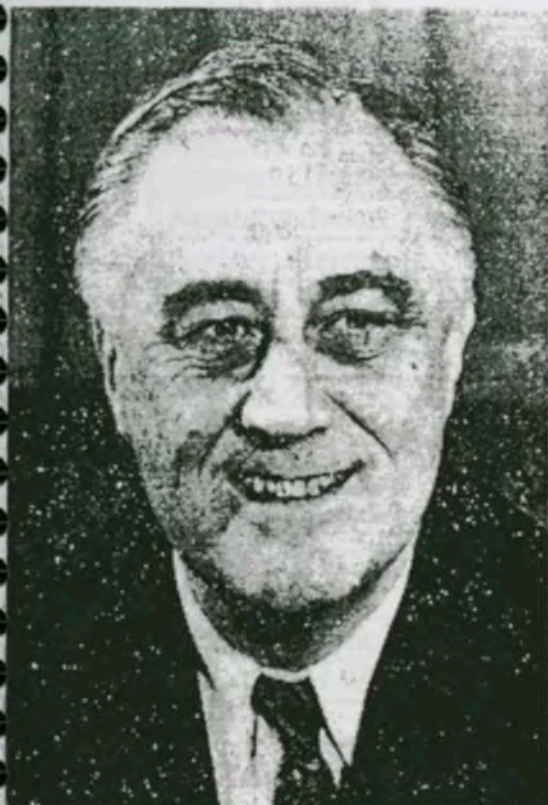
Have They Reached

Some have said that the three nations have reached a point where they are "tied" in a way that was not to be broken.

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Allied "Big Four" May Meet in Iran



FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT



WINSTON CHURCHILL



JOSEF STALIN



CHIANG KAI-SHEK

SESSION IN IRAN TO FOLLOW CAIRO TALK, IS REPORT

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Leaders Are Expected to Tell Allied Demands

By The Associated Press

A Reuters dispatch from Lisbon said President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek had concluded a long session in Cairo preliminary to a meeting with Premier Stalin in Iran, and OWI short-wave broadcasts to Europe repeated the story again and again last night.

Say They Met In Tent

"The three statesmen met on one occasion in a tent in the shadow of the Pyramids," said the OWI transmissions, beamed out since 12.30 p. m. yesterday in English, French, German, Italian and other languages to friend, foe and neutral alike.

"During the conference Cairo was cut off from communication with the rest of the world. Roosevelt and Chiang Kai-shek, who was accompanied by Mme. Chiang Kai-shek, traveled to Cairo by plane, while Churchill traveled by sea."

It was said that "a communique agreed on after the Cairo conference will be published later this week."

A telephone call to the New York Office of War Information elicited the information that the broadcasts were authorized by the Office of Censorship after the Reuters dispatch — duly cleared by the British censorship through London — was received from Lisbon yesterday morning.

Davis Raps Reuters

Elmer Davis, OWI chief, said in Washington that the OWI broadcast the Reuters report because it "already was all over Europe" and, at the same time, he criticized Reuters for handling the story.

He said that DNR, the German news agency, "and virtually everybody else" had circulated the Reuters report and that OWI felt "it should give its customers something, too."

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